Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026
	(period start date)		(period end date)
Charity Name		**11th Folkestone**	
Charity Registration Number		**285558**	

Registered Address:
The Shepway Close Centre
Shepway Close
Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5SJ
Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 5 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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    - Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
    - Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others
    - Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live
    - Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes
    - Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

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    - enjoy what they are doing and have fun
    - take part in activities indoors and outdoors
    - learn by doing
    - share in spiritual reflection
    - take responsibility and make choices
    - undertake new and challenging activities
    - make and live by their Promise.

Public Benefit Statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £4000.

The Group held designated reserves of approximately £4000 against this at year end. Additional undesignated funds were held at the year end to support future plans for the development of the Scout Group and replacement of capital equipment in the next financial year.

Investment Policy

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

The Group does not hold sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using mainstream banks and approved financial institutions

Activities of the Scout Group to meet our charitable aims

Included in the section reports.

Trustees for the year:

Steve Fairfax – Chair
Craig Ward – Group Lead Volunteer (to 31/08/2026)
Alistair Sutton
Amanda Sutton
Joshua Crockford
Tony Hogben - Treasurer