



ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

1st Upton St Leonards Scout Group



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Charity Commission

Registered with the Scout Association – unit number 10016255

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Our Year on a Page

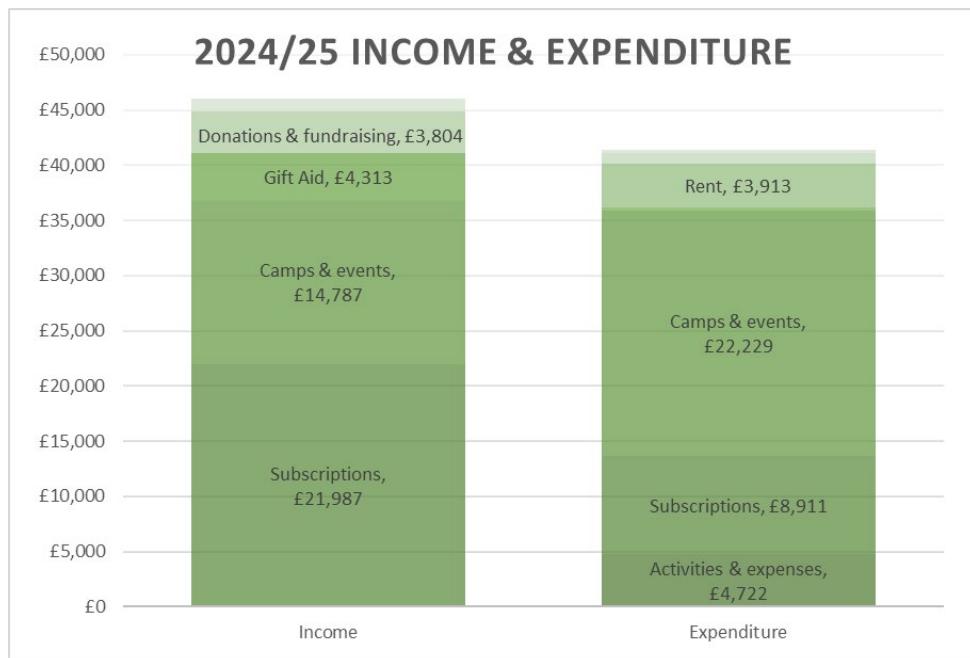
128 Youth Members¹

20 Leaders, Assistants & Young Leaders¹

7 other adults in Governance and Management roles¹

14 Residential Experiences²

2077 Badges Awarded²



1. Membership figures as of 31 January 2025 – Youth Members up 5 on the previous year. Leaders, Assistants & Young Leaders up 8, Other adults up 1.
2. During the period 1.4.24 - 31.8.25

Group Overview

This report is officially in respect of the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 August 2025. During this period we have made several adjustments behind the scenes as we have adapted to the changes required by the Scout Association's Transformation programme. In particular, we have reduced the number of leaders on the Trustee Board which is now more focussed on governance and oversight rather than the planning and delivery of the programme.

The Trustee Board has continued to work on its strategic plan focussing on the four strands of recruitment of volunteers and young people, improving governance, supporting the programmes delivered to the young people and enhancing our image in the community.

Our annual accounts are set out in the format prescribed for small charities like ours by the Charity Commission and have been checked by our Independent Examiner. They show a small surplus over the period, the Group having made operating losses for the last three years.

While the individual sections have followed their own programmes we also held a successful social event in conjunction with last year's AGM, supported the Village Show in September, took part in the Upton St Leonards Remembrance Day service at the village war memorial and organised our own St George's Day celebration at Prinknash Abbey due to the Cathedral being unavailable.

Once again, we would like to thank all our volunteer leaders, helpers and trustees who have worked so hard to plan and deliver excellent programmes for our young people throughout the last sixteen months. We look forward to another year of exciting Scouting ahead.

Matt Dymock

Chair

Paul D. Trott

Group Lead Volunteer

Squirrels

Our Squirrel Drey has now stabilised at around 18 members which we find to be the best number for this age group in our building.

During this time we have followed a varied and active programme including visits from a speaker from the Canals and Rivers Trust, finding out about aircraft and air travel, trips to the 270 climbing centre, Cranham camp site, behind the scenes at Tesco, Crickley and Robinswood Hills and Primrose Vale farm shop and pick your own.



They also took part in a canoeing session in Cheltenham, planted flowers for the church and enjoyed lots of games, crafts and stories. The Squirrels took part in 2 sleepovers and “Discover” in Cirencester Park with other Squirrels and Beavers from across the county.

During the period, 7 Squirrels moved on to Beavers and 14 new Squirrel Scouts were invested. They also earned 46 Challenge badges, 220 Activity badges, 59 Staged badges plus 11 Chief Scout’s Acorn Awards, the top award for Squirrels.

The Squirrel Drey is led by Isabel who has been supported by Rishona, Libby, Hazel, Sophie, Emma and Keira with regular help from a rota of parents.

We look forward to welcoming more children into our youngest section and support them as they progress into Beavers and beyond.

BEAVERS

The Beaver Colonies have around 20 members each and have been pleased to welcome former Squirrels and direct entrants on both evenings.

The Beavers have had a busy time including visits to the fire station, Robinswood Hill, the Climbing Warehouse and 270 climbing centre and St Leonard’s church.

They also went on a torch walk and had a visit from the Police Community Support Officers. The Beavers had 2 sleepovers at Cranham and they too took part in “Discover” in Cirencester Park.



The Colonies are led by Rosemary and Isabel, assisted by Ally and Emma and some great Young Leaders and willing parents.

During the period, 33 new Beaver Scouts were invested and the Beavers earned 141 Challenge badges, 390 Activity badges and 126 Staged badges plus 10 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards.

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Both Cub packs have enjoyed a busy year of activities including orienteering around Gloucester Docks, a visit to the fire station, tubing at the ski centre, a behind the scenes visit to HSBC bank and lots of outdoor activities in preparation for 2 pack holidays at Cranham and Cowley and an Outdoor Challenge camp at Eastcombe.



The Cubs also attended the "Evolution" events in Cirencester Park in both 2024 and 2025.

The Cubs have also earned a stack of badges including 147 Challenge badges, 275 Activity badges and 179 Staged badges while Theo Tiffney, Jacob Pope, Thomas Morgan, Rory Gorick, James Knowlton,

Jacob Mack, Jeremi Marland and Elliot-Mae Leach gained their Chief Scout's Silver Awards.

Rosemary continues to lead the Monday Pack, while Rishona has taken over the Tuesday Pack. They are supported by Paul, Teresa, Sophie, Jai and Ally and our Young Leaders.

Scouts

The Scout Troop remains very strong. The Scouts take an active part in planning their programme and nominating their Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders.

The summer of 2024 was dominated by preparations for and attendance at the Essex Jamboree when our Scouts enjoyed camping with 8,000 other Scouts and Guides from around the world. However, during the period they also enjoyed a range of other activities such as tubing, trails around the village, cooking, air activities, Parliament Week, a fire station visit, wide games and a service project at Cranham, a visit to the SARA lifeboat station, and climbing at 270. In addition to the Jamboree, the Scouts also took part in “Strategy” in Cirencester Park in 2024 and 2025, visited Paccar Scout Campsite in Buckinghamshire and had their 2025 summer camp at Beaudesert Activity Centre in Staffordshire.



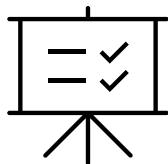
The Troop has regularly taken part in the Cotswold Marathon when hundreds of Scouts, Explorers and adults race across the local hills at night in winter conditions. The Scouts did particularly well in 2025 when two of our teams came joint second in the Bronze class, picking up a trophy each. Benjamin Thurston, Ethan Langley and Milo Dymock won the “Male” trophy for the fastest all male team and Eirwen Morgan, William Amos and Zack Sammon won the “Di Large” trophy for the second fastest mixed team. Our third team of Ollie Moss, Daniel Elston and Theo Tiffney came 6th in the Bronze class, out of 54 teams.

Badges in the Scout Troop are much harder to come by but that hasn't prevented the Scouts earning 63 Challenge badges and 98 Activity badges during the year with Ethan Langley, William Amos and Milo Dymock each achieving 10 Hikes Away and Ethan and Milo clocking up 35 Nights Away. Zac McKenzie, Joseph Klassen and Milo also successfully completed their Chief Scout's Gold Awards during this period which is a fantastic achievement.

Rosemary also leads the Scout Troop assisted by Colin, John, Lorraine and Mark.

1st Upton St Leonards – Aims and Support

Our aims for the year ahead are:



- To increase the number of young people and volunteers
- To make the Group's communications more engaging
- To continue to be an integral part of the local community through weekly meetings, more social events and improved communications

We are grateful for all of the support that you give to us.

There are some simple ways that you could help with fundraising, at little or no cost.

- Gift Aid monthly subs payments
- Recycle used printer cartridges
- Use the Easyfundraising scheme
- Join the Gloucester Lottery

These really do make a difference, contributing over 10% of our income in 2024/25.

Scouts could not run without the efforts of the voluntary leaders and helpers. There are many ways that you can get involved: becoming a leader, being involved with our social/fundraising events, helping to develop new communications channels or joining our Trustee Board

If you would like more information, please contact the Group Chair, Matt Dymock

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1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

Objectives

The principal objective of the group continued to be that of the continued promotion of scouting.

Officers and trustees

The officers and trustees who held office during the year are as follows:

R. Amos	Treasurer
M. Blake	
M. Dymock	Chair
P. Fleckney	
C. Sharpe	Treasurer
R. Steward	
P. Trott	Group Lead Volunteer

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

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

M. Dymock
Chair

R. Amos
Treasurer

Date 21/1/26

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1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

OF THE 1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1st Upton St Leonards Scout Group (the Group) for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

As the Group trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Group's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Tanya Hartley ACMA CGMA
Bulley Farm
Churcham
Gloucestershire

1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

Income	31st August 2025	31st March 2024
	£	£
Subscriptions	21,987.21	13,166.20
Gift Aid	4,312.71	2,215.65
Camps/fun days and events	14,787.04	11,542.90
Donations (easyfundraising & cartridges)	89.12	341.85
Fundraising	3,715.00	7,945.57
Gloucester Lottery	386.00	268.50
Interest Received	428.27	34.63
Sundry (uniforms/sweets/nutty badgers)	<u>318.10</u>	<u>386.75</u>
	46,023.45	35,902.05
 Expenditure		
Camps/fun days and events	22,228.55	15,111.89
Fundraising	218.95	648.07
Section expenses/activities	4,722.44	3,583.81
HQ/County/District subscriptions	8,911.00	7,714.00
Insurance	340.64	487.48
Hall Rental	3,913.00	2,788.09
Sundry	101.00	-
Uniforms/badges	<u>951.76</u>	<u>1,603.77</u>
	41,387.34	31,937.11
 Net income/(expenditure) for the year	<u>4,636.11</u>	<u>3,964.94</u>

1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST AUGUST 2025

Current Assets	31st August		31st March	
	2025	£	2024	£
Current Account- Lloyds	4,253.21		3,844.49	
Savings account- Lloyds	31,463.90		27,035.63	
Top Up Cards	325.90		575.78	
Cash float	49.00			
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		36,092.01		31,455.90
Represented by:				
Opening bank balances:				
Current Account- Lloyds	3,844.49		27,241.40	
Savings account- Lloyds	27,035.63		-	
Top Up Cards	575.78		249.56	
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		31,455.90		27,490.96
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	4,636.11		3,964.94	
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