

Annual Report 2026



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Foreword from the Chair

It is my honour to introduce our annual report for 2025-26. My thanks go to all our members – that's you, the parents and carers who send your children to scouts and put their trust in us to do the best we can to make scouting both an adventure and a learning experience.

With so much competition for the minds of young people and children these days, Scouting has to keep evolving to make itself relevant in today's changing world. This means establishing and delivering a wide range of programmes to cater for young children from 4 years old to young people of 14.

For those of you that have been able to attend our Annual General Meeting I hope you will take the opportunity to give us feedback and tell us what we do well and how we can do it even better and also tell us the things that you think we need to be better at. Your feedback is important to us. This annual report details all the necessary statutory information which we are obliged to include as a registered charity but read on and we do include a summary of the great things that our Leaders have put on for our members this year.

I would like to thank my fellow trustees for all their help and support to the Scout Group during the year and especially to our new Treasurer, Chris, who had done a great job looking after our money. Talking of money, we have managed to balance our books this year after having a few years of subsidising our costs from our reserves. This is largely due to the increase in subs we had to impose last year, and we do know that put a burden on all our members' family budget and so we thank you all for your continued contributions this year.

You will see in the report we have received £10,000 from our District which was part of the distribution made from the sale of the Benenden Scout hut following the closure of that Group. We are saddened to lose a Scout Group in the District, and this does underline to us the continued hard work and dedication needed from all our volunteers – particularly our Leaders – to keep a Scout Group going. None of us can take anything for granted when it comes to the effort required to make a Scout Group successful. The money received, by the way, is called restricted funds, meaning that we must spend the money on projects such as refurbishments and major repairs rather than on subsidising our running costs.

In the coming year we must prepare our Group to move to a new District under a project called Re-Draw devised by Kent County Scouts to make districts more efficient and have a larger scale of operations. As a consequence, our current District, The Weald, will be merging with Tunbridge Wells District and the Groups in the Weald will be dispersed to other Districts. Staplehurst Scout Group, however, will join the Maidstone West district and then eventually a combined Maidstone West and East District. What will this mean for our members? Well, we hope a much larger District will result in many more events and activities being planned and more opportunities for exciting new experiences.

Finally, and most importantly, on behalf of myself and all the Trustees, I would like to thank all our Leaders, Young Leaders, Adult Helpers and all the parents that come along on the parent roster to ensure we can do great things in scouting. Special thanks are always reserved to our Leaders who give up their time and use their imagination and inspiration to put together wonderful programmes for all our Scouts. I know that they will tell you that they have a lot of fun doing this so why not come and join us and help grow scouting in Staplehurst.

Bill Best, Chair

Reference and Administration details

This is the annual report for the period 1st April 2025 to March 31st, 2026, produced by the Trustees of the 1st Staplehurst Scout Group. The 1st Staplehurst Scout Group is a registered charity in England with a charity number of 308225.

The address of the charity:

Staplehurst Scout Centre
Nicholson Walk
Staplehurst
Tonbridge
Kent
TN120JZ

The charity trustees who manage the charity are:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
William Best	Chair and Treasurer	
Chris Hutchinson	Treasurer	
Serena Hoadley		
Warren Carter		
Martin Ralph		
Martin Heasman		
Sue McLaughlin		

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.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our governing document

The 1st Staplehurst Group is governed in accordance with the documents of 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 (POR) of The Scout Association.

The Group is constituted as a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the PORs 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 all charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and five other Trustees and meets regularly throughout the year. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. The 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 give young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment.

The Group would request the use of the Cathy Lamb Centre and or the Staplehurst Youth Club and other local Scout Groups buildings, property and equipment. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with some of these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fundraising.

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income.

Reduction or loss of leaders.

The group is totally reliant on volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group. The group has a waiting list to join some sections and to maintain the correct ratio between adult leaders and child members, new leaders are required, or new sections need to be formed meeting on different days of the week.

Reduction or loss of members.

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

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 local rules for cash handling and for approval of expenditure. The group maintains a risk register and has comprehensive insurance policies in place to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting.

We are here to put together exciting and challenging programmes for young people. We are fully inclusive and open to boys and girls of all abilities. The number and calibre of our leaders is paramount to us conducting our objectives.

We want scouting to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to our community.

The Values of Scouting

We try our hardest to uphold the fundamental values of Scouting. Our Scouts Group is guided by these values:

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 come together to enjoy what they are doing and have fun. To take part in activities indoors and outdoors and to learn by doing and getting involved. We learn to

take responsibility and make choices and stand by these. We strive to undertake new and challenging activities and to live by the Promise we make.

Our Section Leaders

The Trustees would like to put on record their thanks for the hard work, dedication and commitment of our volunteer leaders who make Scouting in Staplehurst happen. Nothing can happen without the help of volunteers, and the Trustees are committed to giving the support the leaders need to make this Group what it is.

Everything we do hinges around the programmes we put together, and each section has put together a report which highlights some of the events and activities we have undertaken in

the past year. You can see this in the next section of this report and the Trustees think that this is the most important part of our report!

Achievements and Performance

The group runs four different sections based on the age of the Children. A summary of activities and achievements can be seen in appendix 1 of the report.

Squirrels

There are 22 Squirrels between four and six years old and we have eliminated our waiting list of children wanting to join with the help of Trustees helping at meetings. To grow this section, we need more volunteers to join us and become leaders so that we can meet the strict criteria on adult to child ratio needed for safety and safeguarding. If we can find new leaders, we can grow the section or even look at starting a second drey when full capacity is reached in the current section.

We have two Squirrel adult leaders, Lindsay Oakes & Donna Elliott, three adult helpers and one young leader doing a DoE award.

Contact via staplehurstsquirrels@gmail.com

Beavers

There were 24 beavers between the ages of six and eight attending and some of these have moved up to Cubs. We have two adult leaders, who double up to lead both Squirrels and Beavers in a superhuman effort. There are also four Young Leaders active in the Beaver section. As is the case with Squirrels, this section can grow if we can find more volunteers to become leaders. We are grateful to all of the parents of children in the colony that help on a rota basis each week as well.

Contact via staplehurstbeavers@gmail.com

Cubs

We have 20 Cubs, and the section is growing as more Beavers progress through scouting. Cubs are between the ages of 8 and 10.5. We also progress our older Cubs through to the Scout Troop. We have four adult leaders, Adam Best, Ness Johnson, Edwin Burnham and Frances Best with two adult helpers Cerys Butler & Casper Byhurst in support.

Contact via eaglecubs@staplehurstscouts.org.uk

Scout Troop

Scouts are between 10.5 and 14.5 and we have 8 Scouts in the section. We have three adult leaders, Edwin Burnham, Mark Jeffery, and Neil Emberly, plus one young leader in support.

Contact via scouttroop@staplehurstscouts.org.uk

We need more volunteers



BECOME A YOUNG LEADER!
HELP US LEAD THE ADVENTURE!
JOIN STAPLEHURST SCOUTS!



OUR SECTIONS:
SQUIRRELS, BEAVERS,
CUBS & SCOUTS

 **STAPLEHURSTSCOUTGROUP**  **WWW.STAPLEHURSTSCOUTS.ORG.UK**

GAIN NEW SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN! APPLY TODAY!

Financial Review

In Summary

Our unrestricted income for the year to March 31, ²⁰²⁶, amounted to £14,873 (£13,286 in 2025)

Our expenditure was £14,475 (£18,022 in 2025). The seemingly unending increases in rent, energy, and capitation charge costs continue to put pressure on our finances. Nonetheless, the Group is able to report a slight surplus on unrestricted funds over the period of £398.

During the period, the Group was in receipt of a conditional grant from the Weald District Scouts of £10,000. This is included as restricted funds in our accounts as the money must be used for project improvements to our facility and not for the running costs of the Group.

Unrestricted cash in our current account at the end of the reporting period stood at £5,468 (£10,366 in 2025) and our savings account after interest stood at £27,347 (£12,072 in 2025). The Treasury has made better use of the interest account in this period adding £279 in interest payments to our funds. The savings account also includes £9,850 of restricted funds.

Our total cash balance at the end of the period stood at £32,840 (£22,592 in 2025) including £25 cash in hand.

The gift aid application for subscriptions taken in 24/25 has been submitted but the payment from HMRC is still outstanding. The gift aid application for subscriptions taken in 25/26 will be submitted soon and we expect to see both gift aid claims included in our accounts for 2026/27. We expect this to be worth around £1,500 to the Group.

Full Income and Receipts Accounts are at appendix 2.

The Trustees set about achieving a balanced budget for the period after a period of subsidising running costs from our reserves. This was achieved mainly through the increase in subs for the year and we thank all our members for supporting us and paying the extra subs. We know that wasn't easy in the current economic climate, but it has allowed us to stabilise the finances of the Group.

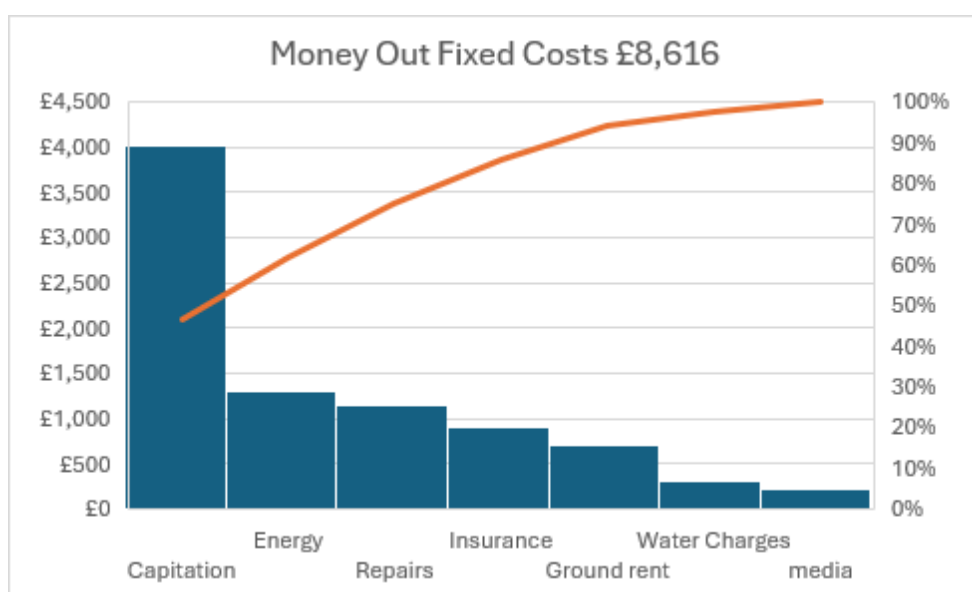
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustees consider that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months' running costs of approximately £15,000. We do maintain a slight premium on reserves because of the aged nature of the internal and external fabric of the Scout Centre.

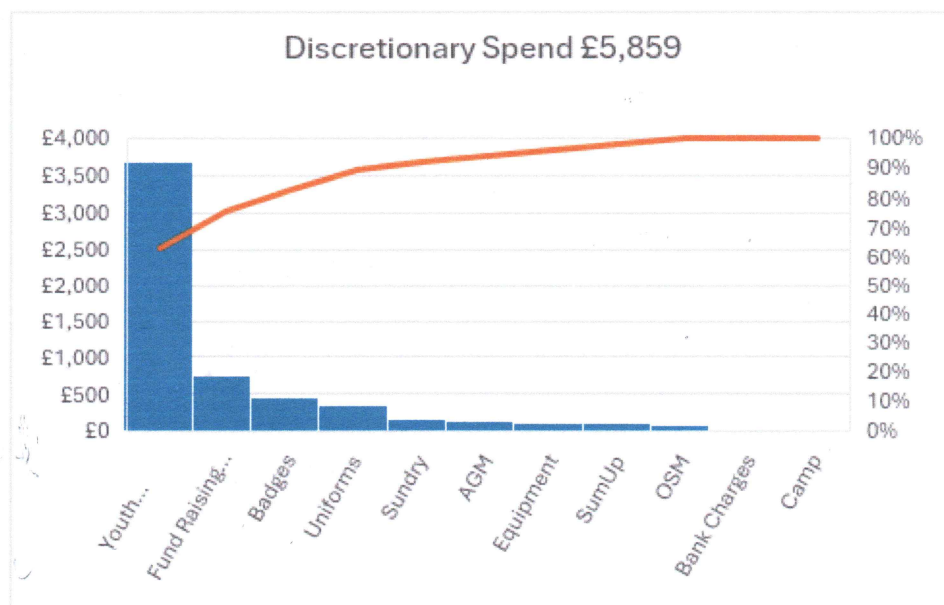
Our financial statements and accounts have been produced on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the guidance from both The Scout Association and the Charity Commission.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is small and consequently does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy for the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only a mainstream bank (Lloyds). The Group holds a portion of its cash in a 32-day notice interest account. This is kept under review throughout the year.

The Group continues its lengthy and arduous discussions with our lease holder, Kent County Council, regarding obtaining a long lease or lease purchase of the land we currently occupy. We believe that additional security on our lease is necessary to be able to start raising funds for the rebuilding of our current facility.

Breakdown of revenue and expenditure





Total expenditure for the year £14,397
 Budget surplus of £398

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signature

Full name William Best

Position held. Chair and Trustee

Date

25/06/2026.

Appendix 1. Talk about having fun!

From the Squirrels Team



The Staplehurst Squirrels have been super busy over the past 12 months!

Some of our Squirrels took part in our Jungle sleepover this year. We made bubble snakes; we loved the Jungle tuff tray! We had fun making animal shadows and playing Jungle BINGO! We helped to prepare dinner, learnt how to set up our tents and how to make our bed for the night. So many new skills learnt.

In Squirrels we love going on trips! In the past 12 months we have visited Leeds Castle, Growing Concern, Bupa Care Home, Group trip to the Pantomime, Squirrels Go Nuts at Lower Grange Farm, family trip to the Wimpy Fields and at Christmas we joined the Beavers to a trip to Iden Manor Care Home where we met the lovely residents, sang Christmas songs and handed out Christmas cards and care packages.

The Squirrels took part in our Circus Skills badge! We learnt how to spin plates, twirling, the Ring of Fire, and juggling. The Squirrels put all their new skills together and with the Beavers, put on a fantastic circus show for our parents and families.

We had lots of fun during our Local Superhero's badge work. We started off with a Squirrel natter to work out who our Superhero's in Staplehurst are. We then made a big tree, and, on each leaf, we drew a picture of all our hero's. We really enjoyed listening to the Super Potato story book and making our own Super Potatoes! We had a couple of the volunteers from Staplehurst's Community Fridge visit us. They told us how they help people and how to not waste food! The following week we made a large food collection to donate to this wonderful charity.

During the spring of 2026 we took part in the Ruby Robin award. We learnt about different bird calls, how to attract birds to our garden and we made mug bird feeders & bird cakes to hang in our garden and the scout garden. We then spent an hour bird watching at home and kept a count of how many different birds we all spotted. Nutkin taught us a new game that made us giggle with laughter... Human Hungry Hippos! We worked in small teams to collect as many balls as possible using only rope and a Dolly Trolley! We had a full turn out for our St. Georges Day Parade. We held our own parade rather than joining the whole Weald group in 2025. We marched with pride through the village and together renewed our Squirrels promise. Over the past 12 months we have handed out 6 Chief Acorn awards, our top award!

Nutkin



From the Beaver team



The Beavers planned their own Community project for the year. After lots of debating and voting it was decided that they were going to build a bug hotel for the area the scouts use at the Wimpy Fields. They wanted to make a safe space for wildlife. The Beavers also made some wooden hanging bird tables & bird feeders. Some Beavers went at weekends to add more food to the feeders and added more sticks to the bug hotel. A small group of Beavers gave up their Saturday morning to learn more about cultivating the indigenous wildlife and how to encourage animals to thrive in the area. Others spent time litter picking the whole area of the Wimpy Fields! Looking after our environment is very important to us.



The Beavers summer camp was at Bexon Lane Campsite. We went with a Space theme this year. We made flying rockets, rode Space buggies and chased an alien! We created moon creators, went star gazing and sang Christmas Songs around the campfire. Yes, the Beavers choose to sing Christmas songs in summer! We made planet pizzas for dinner, made galaxy sensory bottles and role-played NASA Mission Control Centre. This is just to name a few activities!

Who doesn't love a good story?! And combined with an adventure trip out 'The Stickman Trail' at Bedgebury was a fantastic day out. We explored this huge place, looking for special clues to help Stickman find his family and for us to create our very own stickman at the last clue! We had fun den building with sticks and climbing the giant spider web. We explored the different play areas and made a giant bird's nest.

The Squirrels and Beavers do a lot of Fundraising during the year. Here are just some of the things we have taken part in - bag packing at Sainsbury's, Scarecrow competition, a stall at the Staplehurst Summer Fete and Christmas Market. We also combined our love of Lego building and fundraising together! We also hosted our first special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. It was so lovely to see so many children and mummies and nannies attend. In total the Squirrels and Beavers raised a massive £2,200 during the past year!

We spent a whole term learning different Circus Skills for our Circus badge. We learnt how to juggle, spin plates and twirling. We learnt different movements for the Ring of Fire and had fun clowning around. On our last session the Squirrels and Beavers put on a fantastic Circus show for our families. This was completely child led!

During the autumn term the Beavers took part in The Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Award. This is the first time any section at Staplehurst Scout group has taken part to complete this very important badge. We had a visit from the Staplehurst Emergency Help Team who explained where the emergency meeting points are in our village and how they help our community in different types of situations. We learnt how to make a Grab bag and what important items are needed, planned our escape route at home and what to do in an emergency. Who do we call? What information is needed to tell the operator? We also made sure we knew our home address! We ended this fantastic and very important badge with a trip to the fire station in Maidstone.



We have so many great things planned for 2026 including taking part in the KSS Mission badge, a Beaver trip to Leeds Castle and a trip to Bedgebury with the Squirrels, taking part in the new Room on The Broom trail! We also have planned a fancy-dress Walkathon to raise money for a local charity that the Beavers will choose. Let's see if we can beat what was raised in the 2024's Walkathon, £1,400 for Make A Wish UK!

This year the Squirrel Scouts turn 5 and the Beavers are 40! To celebrate the Squirrels will be set 5 challenges and the Beavers have already started their 40 challenges. We have just posted 40 birthday postcards to 40 different Beaver groups around the UK. We are planning to end with a massive party!

Lightning

From the Cubs Team



Eagle Cubs continue to grow steadily, with young people moving up through the sections, families moving into the village, and new members joining Scouting. This continued growth reflects the strength and appeal of the Cubs section within the Group.



The Cubs continue to follow a balanced and engaging programme, designed to support their development and guide them towards achieving the Chief Scout's Silver Award, the highest award available in the Cub section.

Throughout the year, we have continued to challenge the Cubs in a variety of ways while keeping the programme fresh and enjoyable. Activities have included games, badge work and the development of practical new skills. We remain committed to a youth-led approach, and the Cubs continue to play an active role in shaping how the programme is delivered.

We also continue to enjoy several established highlights within the scouting year, including popular activities involving food, fires and submarines, all of which remain firm favourites with the Cubs.

A growing tradition within the Pack is to mark the end of the school year with a giant game of hide and seek at Angley Woods, which continues to be a memorable occasion for all involved.



Since the last AGM, the Pack has also taken part in its annual Cub Camp, this year at a new site for us, Shepherd Park in Faversham. Activities included archery, soft axe throwing, cooking on fires, a duck hunt, and a range of other challenges and games. Fire cooking remained especially popular, and the Cubs also greatly enjoyed the opportunity to see who could launch a tennis ball the furthest. Thank you to Staplehurst Transits who each year transport our equipment back and forth for camp.

During this term, we have also spent several weeks focusing on communication skills, including active listening. This is an area we will continue to develop as part of the Cubs' wider personal growth.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Trustees and to our dedicated team of volunteers for their continued support throughout the year. Without their commitment, we would not be able to provide the high standard of Scouting experienced by the Cubs.

Vanessa & Frances

Eagle Cubs

From The Scout Troop team



The year to date has been an eventful and good one for Staplehurst Scouts, as we continue to provide what we hope and believe is a varied and interesting programme for our scouts and to make ourselves useful in the community.



The main, fairly historic, event has been our switching to meeting on Thursday after Cubs rather than on Friday evenings when we resumed in September after the summer holidays, this has proved to be a major and fairly unalloyed success for the troop, and should also provide a smoother transition from Cubs to Scouts for those who shall come up.

We continue to be very well supported by adult and young leaders, both within and without the section – having received invaluable support and assistance from the trustee board, other sections' leaders, district, and county. My thanks go out to everyone who has helped to deliver our scouting programme in Staplehurst, an excellent demonstration of one of the core principles of scouting, when we work together for the collective benefit.

While well supported, there is always much that could be done with more help and many

hands make light work, so should you be interested in helping out with scouts or the group please let us know!

Currently we have 3 adult leaders and 1 young leader.

Our section currently stands at 8 scouts in the troop, with 7 new scouts having joined the group over the period since the last report, of whom 5 were new to scouting, and 2 from other groups. This is slightly reduced from the peak of 10 concurrent number of members during the year given recent ageing-out of some scouts. We are expecting to have up to 3 cubs joining during Summer Term, and up to another 3 by Autumn term.

As such we predict we shall have ≥ 11 scouts for Summer Term, and ≥ 13 for Autumn Term, which shall return us to numbers equivalent to 2024, with most of the residual demographic effects of the pandemic on the group now having passed the re-establishment of regular flows of cubs up to scouts should start to even out the spread of ages within the troop.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining scouts please get in touch, we currently do not have a waiting list, and potential scouts may come and try it out to see if they like it for free and without any commitment first.

In the autumn, we joined some groups in Maidstone for a weekend camp at Hamlet Wood, which was well enjoyed by those scouts who attended from the groups. We organised to join the Cubs for the summer camp at Shepherd Park Scout Activity Centre, however as happened none of the scouts were able to attend, so we did not have a summer camp this year. Next year's summer camp with the Cubs shall be at Bexon Lane camp site.

For remembrance this year the scouts created a display of silhouettes, along with poppies from the Cubs, placed at the parade near to the traffic lights which seemed to be well received. Then as usual we paraded with the village on Remembrance Sunday, our thanks to everyone who paraded, and to those who organised the parade and associated road closures.

At Christmas there was the traditional scout post-delivery, raising money for group funds, our thanks goes to the scouts who helped deliver the cards, Pat our postmistress for organising the collection and sorting of the cards, the business for hosting the collection boxes, Frances for providing very welcome victuals for the scouts, and finally those who sent cards via the scout post.



STAPLEHURST SCOUT GROUP (Charity 308225)

For the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Receipts and Payments	Unrestricted 2025/26	Unrestricted 2024/25	Restricted 2025/26	Restricted 2024/25
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	7276	4985		
Donations	600	743	10000	
Camp Carges	928	1449		
Gift Aid				
Events	1992			
Other Income		250		
	<u>10796</u>	<u>7427</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>0</u>
Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fundraising				
Christmas Post		539		
fun run brunches		270		
Archery		25		
Christmas Raffle		1569		
Other Fundraising	3798	3456		
	<u>3798</u>	<u>5859</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
scout income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Investment Income	<u>279</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Receipts	<u>14873</u>	<u>13286</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>0</u>

STAPLEHURST SCOUT GROUP (Charity 308225)

For the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Receipts and Payments	Unrestricted 2025/26	Unrestricted 2024/25	Restricted 2025/26	Restricted 2024/25
Payments				
Charitable Payments		1675		
Youth Programme and activities	3675	2983		
Training		0		
Rent	702	672		
Water and Sewerage	301	245		
Light and Heat	1311	1383		
Insurance	913	647		
Repairs	1157	1410		
Equipment	114	1866	150	
Stationery				
Camp Costs		1629		
Uniforms	353			
AGM and trustee expenses	147	466		
Capitation	4020	3332		
Social Media	212	212		
Card charges	102	49		
OSM	97	125		
Badges	464	1080		
Sundry (floats)	158	127		
Fundraising	737	121		
Bank Charges	12			
Total Expenses	<u>14475</u>	<u>18022</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess Income (Expenditure)	398	-4736	9850	0

STAPLEHURST SCOUT GROUP (Charity 308225)

For the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

	31st March 2026	31st March 2025
Assets and Liabilities		
Bank Current	5468	10366
Bank Deposit	27347	12072
Cash	25	
Floats	0	154
	<u>32840</u>	<u>22592</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted		
BF	22592	27328
this year	398	-4736
CF	<u>22990</u>	<u>22592</u>
Restricted Funds		
BF		0
this year	9850	0
CF	<u>9850</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Funds	<u>32840</u>	<u>22592</u>

Signed William Best Chair and Trustee Date



09/06/2026

Signed Christopher Hutchinson Treasurer and Trustee Date



9/6/2026

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1st Staplehurst Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2026

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out in this report.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

signed.....

Name: Karen Shepphard

Address: 89 Bathurst Road, Staplehurst, Kent, TN12 0LH

Date:

Joining in - come and join us



Scouts
UK
Staplehurst Scouts Group

JOIN **STAPLEHURST** SCOUTS!

FUN • ADVENTURE • SKILLS FOR LIFE



SQUIRRELS (Ages 4-6)
- Fun, Explore, Games!



BEAVERS (Ages 6-8) -
Friends, Badges, Activities!



CUBS (Ages 8-10½) -
Challenge, Outdoors, Teamwork!



SCOUTS (Ages 10½-14) -
Adventure, Skills, Camping!

JOIN THE ADVENTURE TODAY!
Start your journey with us!
VOLUNTEERS ALSO WELCOME!

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