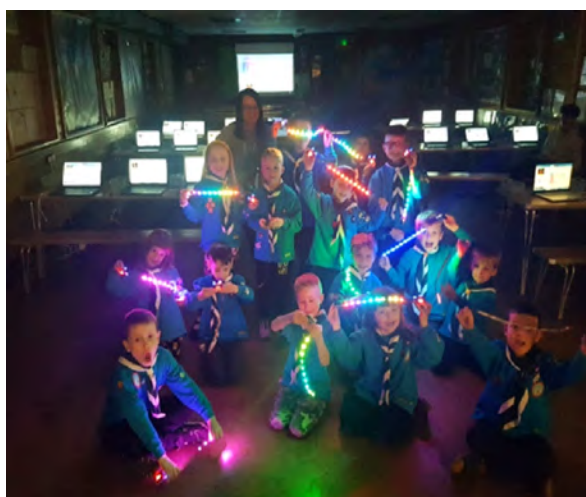


## Annual Report 2025



Integrity

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## Foreword from the Chair

It is my honour to introduce our annual report for 2024-25. The year has been a challenging one for the Scout Group with having to deal with the financial headwinds caused by the cost-of-living increases and the bedding in of the new structures for Scouting introduced by the Scout Association.

We have all felt the pain of the price increases to energy, insurance, water charges and rents over the last three years in our household budgets and the scout group has not been immune from these and we have seen our fixed costs for running the Scout Group more than double in that period. We had been putting off raising our 'subs' for a number of years but this year, after a very long period of stable subs, we had to make an increase to help us balance our budget and deal with those rising costs. We still believe that we offer outstanding value for our members, our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and we work hard to put together a programme of events and activities that are fun but also stretch, challenge, educate and broaden our members' horizons.

It has been a year of transition for the Group from the previous structure of command and control exercised collectively by the Group Leaders and ex-officio members who made up the Group Executive Council, to the new Trustee Board structure. To better align with Charity Commission regulations the Scout Association has separated operations (the day-to-day activities of the Group) from the strategy, compliance and financial management responsibilities. Operational matters are dealt with by a new Group Leadership Team with the help of our Group Lead Volunteer and the collective governance of the Group which is now the responsibility of independent Trustees. The Trustees are elected or confirmed by the Scout Council which is made up of all parents and guardians of the children attending scouting at our AGM. It is a big change and there have been challenges along the way in making the new system work. In particular establishing a good connection between Trustees and the Leaders is something we need to keep working on.

The Group has operated without a dedicated Treasurer for the last year but at the time of writing this report, we are getting closer to recruiting a new Treasurer for the group and I know that this will make a big difference to the running of the Group. We would also like to find younger people to bring on board as Trustees.

Scouting today is in competition with so many other things that boys and girls develop an interest in as they get older and we face the challenge of doing things that will retain their interest in a social media dominated world for young minds.

Finally, 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 produced by the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Staplehurst Scout Group. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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	
Serena Hoadley		
Warren Carter		
Martin Ralph		
Martin Heasman		
David George		14 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 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.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and four 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 these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. The Group also has additional insurance for non-member adult helpers.

### 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. This year, for the first time in over ten years, the Trustee Board raised the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, to ensure a balanced budget could be achieved.

### 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 carrying out 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 14 Squirrels between four and six years old and we have a long waiting list of children wanting to join. 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 section when full capacity is reached in the current section. We are determined to find ways to cater for the numbers of children who would like to join us. We have three Squirrel adult leaders, Lindsay Oakes, Donna Elliott and Mandy Hallet and three adult helpers and one young leader doing a DoE award. Contact via [staplehurstsquirrels@gmail.com](mailto:staplehurstsquirrels@gmail.com)

### **Beavers**

There are 22 beavers between the ages of six and eight. We have three adult leaders, who double up to lead both Squirrels and Beavers in a superhuman effort. As is the case with Squirrels, this section can grow if we can find more volunteers to become leaders. Contact via [staplehurstbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:staplehurstbeavers@gmail.com)

### **Cubs**

We have 11 Cubs, and the section is growing as more Beavers progress through scouting. Cubs are between the ages of 8 and 10.5. We have four adult leaders, Adam Best, Nes Johnson, Edwin Burnham and Frances Best with two young leaders in support. Contact via [eaglecubs@staplehurstscouts.org.uk](mailto:eaglecubs@staplehurstscouts.org.uk)

### **Scout Troop**

Scouts are between 10.5 and 14.5 and we have 5 Scouts in the section. The Scout Group continues to rebound from the impacts of lockdown and has a new exciting programme to grow the troop. We have four adult leaders, Edwin Burnham, Mark Jeffery, Neil Emberly and Stan Hussey. Contact via [scouttroop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scouttroop@hotmail.co.uk)

# Financial Review

## In Summary

Our income for the year to March 31 2025 amounted to £13,286 excluding use of reserves (£14,245 in 2024)

Our expenditure was £18,022 (£13,863 in 2024). Increased rent, energy, capitation, and insurance costs continue to put pressure on our finances. The Group decided at the beginning of the year to use £3,531 of reserves to balance the budget but there was still an overspend at year end of £978. This deficit was largely due to not collecting Gift Aid during the period and will be met with existing reserves. Increased costs mentioned above, and the exceptional cost of tree maintenance in and around the Scout Centre also contributed.

Cash in our current account at the end of the reporting period stood at £10,366 and our savings account after interest stood at £12,072, bringing our total reserves to £22,592 including £154 cash in hand. (£27,193 in 2024).

The gift aid application for subscriptions taken in 24/25 has not yet been submitted.

Full Income and Receipts Accounts are at appendix 2

After a lengthy period of over 10 years in not raising subs, the Trustees have reluctantly decided to raise subs paid by members. Subs have increased for the next year by £1 per meeting and will now be £4.50 per meeting (£3 for Squirrels). Sibling discounts will continue. This will increase our revenue by £3,500 over a full year and enable the Group to produce a balanced budget for 2025/26. The balanced budget contains a measure of additional fundraising which we think is manageable and in line with previous years money raised through fundraising.

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 Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 15 months' running costs of approximately £15,000.

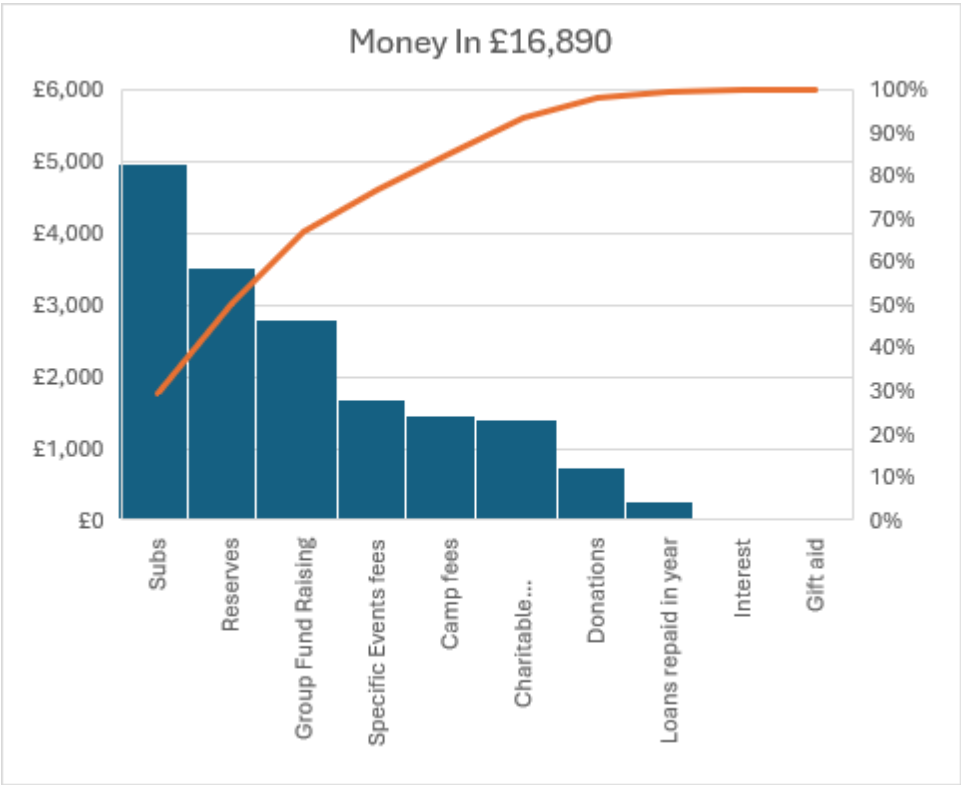
The Group has maintained a higher-than-normal reserve through fund-raising efforts and donations received. We also hold a slight premium on reserves because of the aged nature of the internal and external fabric of the Scout Centre. Our financial statements and accounts have been produced on a receipts 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.

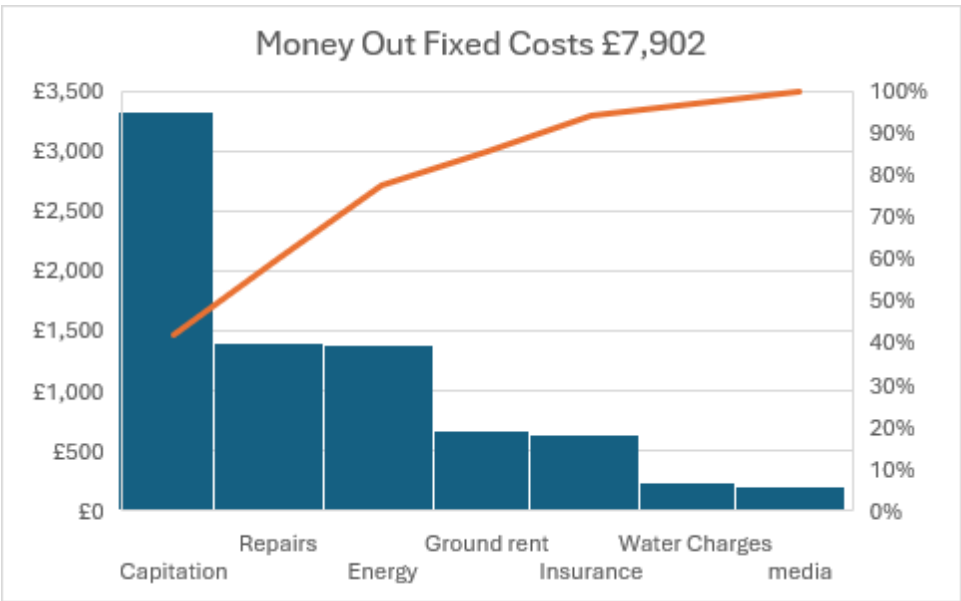
The Group has entered preliminary discussions with our lease holder, Kent County Council, regarding obtaining a long lease or lease purchase of the land we currently occupy. We believe that additional security on our lease is necessary to be able to start raising funds for the rebuilding of our current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



# Breakdown of revenue and expenditure



Notes, including use of allocated reserves and interest on savings account





**Total expenditure for the year £18,022**  
 Budget deficit £978

## Declaration

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

Signature

Full name

WILLIAM BEST

Position held.

Chair and Trustee

Date

13 July 2025

# Appendix 1. Talk about having fun!

## From the Squirrels Team

What an amazing year to be a Squirrel! In February 2025 Staplehurst Squirrels turned 2 and we have upped our numbers from 12 Squirrels to 18 due to a long waiting list of lots of excited Squirrels wanting to join! We also welcomed 3 fantastic, uniformed leaders!



We have had a super busy 12 months; we got selected out of 800 other Squirrels dreys to take part in the pilot new Squirrels You Shape badge. The Squirrels really thrived with this special badge where the Squirrels take the lead. As a group, the Squirrels chose to look at our village and build a cardboard village. The children looked at what we have in our village and then what they would love to see in Staplehurst including a zoo, space launch site, a BIG cake shop, a space rocket shop and a crocodile crossing!

The Squirrels took part in lots of different activities about water safety, how to keep safe at the beach or pool side and who to call in an emergency. We had a visit from the RNLI who showed us the warning signs at the beach, how to stay safe and what the RNLI do to help people. We even got to try on different clothing and equipment!

In the past 12 months they Squirrels have taken part in two Squirrel Sleepovers at the Scout hut. The Squirrels love going on adventures! We went on a hike to the Wimpy fields with our teddy bears looking for birds and bugs! We enjoyed finding out what animals were in our frozen eggs, helping to chop vegetables for dinner and making our own lunch! We had fun learning how to put up our tent, working together. And Squirrels just love building dens! We made a giant den using lots of sheets, giant pegs and tables. We then used torches to play with the Duplo bricks and look at our books in our dens.



The Squirrels enjoyed learning about Bees, taking part in the Kent Scouts BIG Buzz badge. One of our Squirrel's grandads is a beekeeper, and he came in to visit us with his beehive. He explained how we can look after the bees and what their important job is! At the end we all enjoyed tasting some yummy honey!

The Squirrels have enjoyed going to the Rare Breeds farm for our Kent Squirrel Scouts annual trip. We have taken part in two SQUIRRELS GO NUTS! Annual get together at

Lower Grange Farm where the Squirrels get to have a go at rock climbing, archery, soft axe throwing, Cave bus, Fun bus, flying planes just to name a few! And we get to meet 200 other Squirrels and make new friends! We had a blast at the Scout Group Christmas Pantomime trip – Oh yes, we did! And lastly a trip to Leeds Castle, exploring the grounds, using our maps and a compass to find our way.

We Pride ourselves on our full attendance for The Remembrance Day parade and St. George's Day. The Squirrels sat beautifully in Church and wore their uniform with Pride and a massive smile on their face.

The Squirrels took part in the following Fundraising activities – Pag packing at Sainsbury's, Christmas Market, making cakes for our "Make A Wish UK" fundraiser and then the Walkathon in Fancy dress! Also making Scarecrows for our Autumn fundraiser! We had a massive food collection For the Staplehurst Community Kitchen. We asked the Squirrels to help fill up one basket with donations, but they went above and beyond helping to fill four big baskets! And for this, Staplehurst Squirrels Won the Kent Scouts Community Project Highly Commended Award!

## From the Beaver team

Looking after our environment and our planet is very important to the Beaver scouts. We spent a whole term learning about the dangers of plastic pollution in our oceans, how it affects the sea creatures and what we can do to help! We made posters to tell everyone about the dangers, and we enjoyed doing some litter picking in our own sea. We looked at different rubbish and in teams, we worked out which bin they should go in. We looked at endangered animals and how the pollution is affecting them. The Beavers then went litter picking with their families over half term to help keep our village and wildlife safe and clean.

We have been super lucky and had a couple of visitors over the past 12 months including U Can Too with Su. We got to use a laptop each to create coding to make patterns with LED lights! We also had the RNLI, a local Beekeeper and a Fantastic Chinese workshop! During the workshop, the Chinese teacher taught us traditional Chinese fan dancing, Chinese Parasol dancing and the traditional Chinese Dragon dance! Then we put on a show of all the different dances together! The leaders then put on an amazing yummy Chinese lunch where we got to use chopsticks to eat with! Then an afternoon full of crafts and fun where we got to make dragon masks, twirling snakes and to learn how to write Chinese characters!



We love learning new skills in Beavers. The Beavers loved our Bike night where one of our lovely dad's took the time to show the Beavers in small groups how to fix a tire and how to care for their bike. We also learned about road safety. Then we had fun riding our bikes around an obstacle course and taking part in a big bike race!





We all enjoyed the Nerf Night – requested many, many times by the Beavers!!!! We took part in the Kent Scouts BIG Buzz challenge badge, learning all about Bees, how they help our environment, how they make honey, a visit from a beekeeper and making 2 big bee hotels! We made Christmas cards for all the residents of Sutton Valence Care home because not everyone has families, and it can be a lonely time for some people, so we spread the Beaver Joy!

Looking at trips we have made, we had a great local trip to the Buttercups Goat sanitary, a group trip to a Pantomime, and our amazing trip to London! We enjoyed travelling by train and seeing some of the sights of London on our way to the London Aquarium. Afterwards we enjoyed our picnic lunch by the River Thames enjoying the sunshine and watching the street shows!

Our Summer camp was at Buckmore Park. We had a great time exploring the forest on a hike, building dens, soft axe throwing, archery, rock painting, bug hunting and having a go on the Slackline! And that was just day 1.



The Beavers chose what they wanted to do to raise money for Make A Wish UK. They held a vote, and the winning idea was to make cakes and invite the people of Staplehurst to a cake sale – where we raised £300. We then held our first (of many), Walkathon – fancy dressed. We raised a whopping £1,100! We also had 2 Christmas stalls, bag packing and a charity Scarecrow competition. For all our amazing fundraising and hard work and dedication, Staplehurst Beavers and leaders won the Kent Fundraiser of the year 2024!

We pride ourselves on attendance for the Remembrance parade and St. George's Day. 22 out of 24 attended, smartly dressed and wearing their uniform with pride, and so they should!

## From the Cubs Team

It's that time of year when we get together and write our report, and it's at this point we discover just how busy the Cubs have been over the last year. As always, we would like to start by saying a big thankyou to all the Cubs, parents and leaders for your support and hard work in making cubs what it is. Over the last year we have said farewell to some older Cubs, and welcomed new Cubs who have swam up from Beavers and some new to scouting.

Last summer saw the Cubs attend our annual camp, with the theme being Olympics - handy for us that the Olympic committee kindly arranged it at the same time as our camp! We camped at a site we have used before, in Sevenoaks, which has a lovely hall, field and wood all essential for a good camp. The Cubs got to take part in rifle shooting, angel axe throwing, bouldering, and human hungry hippos, with the cubs laying on skateboards trying to collect plastic balls in laundry baskets.

We took the cubs on a 'little' 6-mile hike which happened to coincide with the hottest day of the year. The cubs reward, apart from spending lunch time in a park, was our traditional water slide, which answered the cubs' questions 'why have we bought our swimming costumes and there's no swimming pool.' The Cubs and helpers all enjoyed making use of the water slide. During the camp, the cubs did many activities which earned them badges, well you can't do an Olympic themed camp without completing the Athletics badge, that went alongside the other badges that take the length of their Cub journey to earn.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Staplehurst Transits who very kindly 'lend' us a small lorry & driver free of charge each year to take & return our equipment from camp each year.

On our return to Scouting in September the Cubs had a go at soft axe throwing indoors, celebrated international talk-like-a-pirate day, (it's the 19<sup>th</sup> of September in case you want to celebrate as well!). The Cubs took part in science experiments, learnt about fire safety and enjoyed a cardboard box maze - also a leader's favourite. We taught the cubs how to make & throw paper airplanes and danced in the dark with glow sticks stuck on to look like skeletons.



In the darker months we are able to play the Cubs all-time favourite game, Submarines. Basically, it's a game played in the dark where the Cubs have to get from one end of the hall to the other to blow a whistle, they can hide behind obstacles whilst leaders periodically shine torches trying to name the Cub, we even had a Cub bring two wigs with her to stump the leaders.

We had a visit from a Cub pack leader in New Zealand, and it was fascinating to learn about scouting down under. Shared learning like this is what makes scouting so special.

In January it was very fitting to celebrate national 'do nothing day' (16<sup>th</sup> January- if you want this for your place of work) where we asked the Cubs what they wouldn't do and their lists were longer than all the leaders put together, we taught the cubs essential skills how to make a hot drink, ironing and rolling their cub scarf and how to change a duvet, surprisingly this was the cubs favourite task. The Cubs planned and ran games, made pancakes, made cakes & flowers for our Mothering Sunday afternoon tea, which will be back next year bigger & better.

A new activity which due to popular demand we have already repeated is Camp doughnuts cooked on the fire pits, as always, we know any activity involving food & fire is a big hit with Cubs.



The Cubs Celebrated St Georges day at Lordship wood for an activity day which they enjoyed



thoroughly. The Cubs also supported the 5K and 10K fun runs again this year providing brunches for runners and spectators and earning some welcome funds for the Scout Group as well.

We have plans in place for this year's summer camp which you will hear all about in next year's report.

And finally, if you like the look at what you've just read come along and join us. We are always looking for new members to join us.

## From The Scout Troop team

The year to date has been an interesting one for the Scout Troop 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 against the operational and financial headwinds of a lower membership than we would like.

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.



Our section currently stands at 5 scouts in the troop, with more likely coming up from Cubs before Christmas. Our currently low numbers has resulted from a number of causes, in part few young people joining during the group as a whole during the pandemic which is now working its way through scouts, a reduced network effect for encouraging new joiners as a result of our smaller cohort, worryingly a seeming increase in the pressure on young people from schools, historic disruptions to running our

programme, and more broadly poor 'cut-through' in awareness of scouts amongst the relevant portion of the village population.

As hopefully relayed by our recruitment poster we have been strongly focusing on making the programme the best which we can, since the last report we have (in no particular order) the scouts have been able to: Go climbing, try blacksmithing on different occasions (making hooks and nails), shoot air rifles and threw axes while on camp, build a catapult with pioneering, fundraised for the air ambulance and the group when delivering Christmas cards on the scout post, built a wood-fired oven, made woggles, cooked pancakes on fires, made a Lego stop-motion animation, hiked back to Staplehurst from Headcorn, made a sleigh out of recycling and a couple of pallets, played many games, worked on making mallets using a

break bench, scavenged many items to spell out 'Staplehurst Scouts' in different materials on the school field, and far more besides!

On the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 the leaders participated in the Staplehurst commemorations marking the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, holding section colours at the ceremony alongside the guides.

Our summer camp this last year was at 4<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (St. John's) Scout Group's HQ, alongside the Staplehurst cubs, as it has now been for some time, which went very well. Our thanks to all who helped make the camp possible. The scouts had the opportunity to shoot air rifles, throw axes, boulder, forge hooks, cook soup on the fire, enjoy games and competitions, and hike out through a quarry while they were camping. As the space permitted it we were able to site the scout's sub-camp a distance from the cubs, with a nearby fire altar so as to give them greater differentiation which is always at risk when mixing the two sections. Our next summer camp shall also be alongside the cubs, this time at Shepherd Park scout camp site.

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. We always think it is important to take part and to do our part to remember those who laid down their lives for our country, our allies, and freedom. It is particularly pertinent now as a large-scale war rages in Europe.

At Christmas we undertook the traditional scout post delivery service, with the scouts taking the, at times, awful weather in stride, on one occasion returning with more scouts than they had left with, having requested their friends come out to help them. In between rounds and after they were amply warmed with hot chocolate and other 'vittles'. Through their efforts they raised £550, £250 of which was donated to the Kent, Surrey, and Sussex Air Ambulance with the rest going to group funds.

For St. George's day we joined with the district for a fun-day Lordship wood, where Staplehurst leaders ran a base of branding wood with branding irons for the squirrels, beavers, cubs, scouts, and explorers in attendance.



Some of the leaders, along with Martin Ralph (former scout leader and current trustee) spent some time sanding and then oiling Sergeant Fitzgerald's bench in Fitzgerald Close to smarten it up and prevent it from deteriorating. Sgt. Fitzgerald lived and worked for four years in Staplehurst prior to signing up, dying at 19 when the liberator bomber he was crewing disappeared while trying to re-supply Italian partisans north-east of Genoa.



# Staplehurst Scout Group (Charity 308225)

## Receipts and payments account

Version 2.0

01 April 2024

31 March 2025

For the year from	2024	To	2025
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### Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar</b>		
Membership subscriptions	4,985	5,707
Donations	743	5,225
Camp charges	1,449	1,117
Gift Aid	-	1,197
Other similar income	250	124
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>13,370</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fundraising and tickets sold (gross)</b>		
Scouts Christmas Post	539	480
Cubs Fun Run Brunches	270	95
Scouts Crockery smash	-	300
Charitable Fundraising	1,400	
Scouts archery	25	
Section ticket sales and fund raising	1,670	
Group Fund Raising	386	
Group Christmas Raffle	1,569	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,859</b>	<b>874</b>
<b>Scout hut income</b>		
Other Scout hut income		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>13,286</b>	<b>14,244</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>13,286</b>	<b>14,244</b>

# Staplehurst Scout Group (Charity 308225)

## Receipts and payments account

	1/4/2024		31/3/2025
For the year from	2024	To	2025

### Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
Charitable Payments	1,675	290
Youth programme and activities	2,983	1,085
Adult support and training	-	505
Rent	672	344
Water and Sewerage	245	230
Electricity and Gas	1,383	1,205
Insurance	647	477
Repairs and Renewals	1,410	1,150
Materials and equipment	1,866	2,483
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	1,629	798
Uniforms	-	1,818
AGM and trustee expenses	466	31
Capitation	3,332	3,045
Subs Refund	-	18
Social Media and Website	212	212
SumUp card transaction fees	49	26
OSM	125	
Badges	1,080	
Other	127	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,901</b>	<b>13,717</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
Fun Run and Christmas Raffle	121	147
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>18,022</b>	<b>13,864</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases.</b>		-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,022</b>	<b>13,864</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,736</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>27,194</b>	<b>26,812</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,592</b>	<b>26,902</b>



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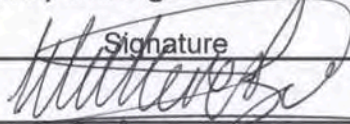
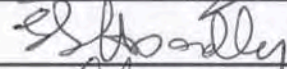
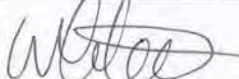
## Receipts and payments account

For the year from	1/4/2024 2024	To	Year ended 31/3/2025 2025
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### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/3/2025 Unrestricted funds £	31/3/2024 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	10,366	26,872
Bank Account Savings Account	12,072	
Cash/Floats	154	30
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>22,592</b>	<b>26,902</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments Savings Account	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's</b>		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>22,592</b>	<b>26,902</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature  
  
  


Print Name  
 WILLIAM BEST Chair  
 SERENA HOADLEY Treasurer  
 WARREN CARTER Trustee

# Appendix 3 Scrutineers Report to the Trustees

LT700005 – Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees (July 2019)

## Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

### 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 2025

#### 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 on pages 1 to 3

#### 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: 2nd June 2025



Not the end but the beginning

Joining in

# FOR ANYTHING PREPARED

Climbing, making, camping, helping, bellringing, playing, blacksmithing, volunteering, fundraising, art, firelighting, pioneering, archery, quadbiking, air rifle shooting... just some of the things we've done in the past year. Whatever you like doing, Scouts make it happen.

Staplehurst Scouts offers fun, adventure and skills for life to girls and boys aged 10½ - 14. We meet 19:30 to 21:30 at the Scout Centre on Nicholson Walk, Fridays during term-time.

If you are interested, please join us for a meeting and see what it is all about!

<https://staplehurstscouts.org.uk/>  
[scouttroop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scouttroop@hotmail.co.uk)

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