

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	East Goscote Scout Group
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	1020955
HQ Registration Number	10015585

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. 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 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: - 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
Summary of the main activities in relation to the purpose and objects	Progressive Training Program
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.
You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: Policy on grant making	Not required

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	A Squirrel Drey was successfully opened in April 2026. We finished the year with an in year deficit. There was an increase in one off costs to kit out the Drey and increase storage. A rise in members across the group resulted in increased Annual Subscription costs and significantly more badges were presented.
You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • Achievements against objectives • Fundraising activities • Contribution made by volunteers	The number of volunteers has increased with the opening of the new Drey and some Young Leaders turning 18. The retention of adult leaders remains high. As is the quality of Scouting being provided.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	The charity's finances are not in as robust a position as previous years. Costs relating to the opening of the new Squirrel Drey have been incurred before we have received an income from the new members. Cost of living rises have increased the cost of utilities & venue maintenance.
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	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, excluding designated funds, a sum equivalent to 3-6 months running costs, circa. £4,500 - £9,000. The Group held reserves of £6,415 at year end, of which £3,522 is designated. This leaves free reserves of £2,893 which falls below the window of 3-6 months. The Trustees are aware of this shortfall and have plans in place to increase this over the coming years.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The charity's reserves are small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The charity has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.
A description of the principal risks	A sudden reduction in income due to loss of members means serious consideration will need to be given to the future of the Group.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity's governing documents are those 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.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.

Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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 10 Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustees, and 3 co-opted Trustees) and meets 11 times a year. The Trustee Board is supported by a Board Administrator. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required; • Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board; • Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate;

	- Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; - Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; - Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.
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Plans for future periods

Plans for future Periods	Stabilising the financial future of the Group. Fundraising campaign to fund roof replacement, rear fencing and compound creation.
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Reference and administration details

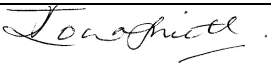
Principal Address	Correspondence Address: 4 Chestnut Way, East Goscote, Leicester, LE7 3QQ
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	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Sarah Haywood	Chair	
2	Dawn Manning	Lead Volunteer	
3	Sarah Webb	Treasurer	
4	Phillip Bott		
5	James Hubbard		
6	Leo Taylor		
7	Philippa Hubbard		
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature		
Full name	Sarah Town-Smith	
Position held	Acting Chair	
Date	16th September 2026	

East Goscote Scout Group
Final Accounts 2025- 2026

	2025-2026	2024-2025
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Income		
Donations	1,260.00	265.00
Events - Beavers	772.78	133.00
Events - Cubs	265.20	117.00
Fundraising	2,797.35	3,068.64
Gift Aid	1,339.47	3,167.97
Grants	0.00	750.00
Membership Fees	10,551.40	7,873.30
Rearsby Scouts	193.08	0.00
Refund	40.00	0.00
T-Shirts & Hoodies	101.55	78.47
Transfer from Petty cash	125.00	351.75
Year End Adjustment	0.00	4.67
Expense		
Activity Equipment	2,438.90	28.99
Admin	642.56	590.80
Badges	1,458.13	496.65
Bank Fees	455.02	328.97
Broadband	261.51	270.15
Camping Equipment	128.00	794.99
Cleaning	1,261.78	1,445.02
Events	249.23	375.18
Events - Beavers	646.75	223.25
Events - Cubs	0.00	117.00
Events - Squirrels	120.00	0.00
First Aid	185.27	34.59
Fundraising	816.46	1,020.33
Furniture	523.20	0.00
HQ Statutory Maintenance	470.09	403.50
Insurance	1,076.04	990.18
Licences	379.44	333.84
Meetings	0.00	100.15
Meetings - Beavers	182.24	76.81
Meetings - Squirrels	77.22	0.00
Membership Costs	2,986.50	2,291.90
Petty Cash to Sections	978.72	500.00
Rent	732.32	732.32
T-Shirts & Hoodies	0.00	499.72
Training	7.95	305.76
Transfer to Petty cash	25.00	351.75
Transport	230.00	210.00
Uniform & Neckers	466.72	60.00
Utilities	2,092.41	1,741.00

Venue Maintenance	712.00	193.30
Year End Adjustment	0.00	4.67
Account balances		
East Goscote Scout Group	6,386.29	8,544.29
Petty Cash	29.22	28.85
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	8,573.14	7,284.16
Total income	17,445.83	15,809.80
Total expenditure	19,603.46	14,520.82
Net income	-2,157.63	1,288.98
Account balance carried forward	6,415.51	8,573.14
Designated Funds		
Annual Membership	500.00	
SATC	480.00	
Minibus excess	300.00	
Rent & Service Charge	427.00	
Insurance	583.00	
Rear Compound	1,000.00	
Total Designated Funds	3,290.00	
Restricted Funds		
Welfare Fund (<i>Formerly Deprivation Fund</i>)	232.00	
Total Restricted Funds	232.00	
Unreserved Funds	2,893.51	
Total Funds	6,415.51	