

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From : April 2024

To : April 2025

Charity name: Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18)

Charity registration number: 1207074

Charities Principal Address: The Scout Hut
Areley Common
Areley Kings
Stourport
Worcestershire
DY13 0NB

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<i>To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.</i>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19 Scouting requirement	<i>The balanced programme provides a framework for the progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the ages of 6 to 25. It involves helping young people to grow through six tailored programme zones: Community, Global, Beliefs and Attitudes, Outdoor and Adventure, Creative Expression and Fit for life. We are guided by these values; integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation.</i>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18 Scouting requirement	<i>The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit (Jan 2017 format) has been downloaded and reviewed by the WF18 Trustees The group meets the Charity Commissions public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<i>Arley Kings Scout Group (WF18) has no policy on grant making during 24-25 reporting period</i>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<i>Arley Kings Scout Group (WF18) has no policy on grant making during 24-25 reporting period</i>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<i>Volunteer contribution during 24-25 reporting period have not been calculated, but includes the weekly hours from Group Lead Volunteer, the Section Leaders and their teams to plan, arrange and hold the weekly meetings, additional activities, events and camps and maintain the equipment of the group.</i>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<i>The aim of Areley Kings Scout Group is to provide Scouting to boys and girls in the Areley Kings & Stourport on Severn areas from age 6 to 18.</i> During the 2024-2025 period, the group has had membership and attendance of 76 young people; has supported the local Remembrance Day and St. Georges Day parades, a group camp to Upton Warren in June 25 attended by 53 young people, and numerous other camps in the lake District, North Wales, Locally at Rhydd and Worcestershire in general, charitable donations from Stourport based business (food towards the camp), and Tesco.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	This year has seen a healthy recovery from the previous year's deficit. The increase in fundraising and events revenue has helped offset higher membership costs and utility bills. Continued focus should be placed on: 1. Monitoring utility costs, which have shown a consistent upward trend. 2. Sustaining fundraising efforts to maintain a positive cash flow. 3. Encouraging membership retention or growth to stabilise fee income. 4. Completed the application for Gift Aid to boost income and increase the reserves <i>See full Treasurer Report at the end of this review for full details.</i>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<i>The group does hold reserves to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. These reserves have been set to support the group for approximately 6 to 12 months if needed.</i>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	0
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties identified

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<i>Principal source of fund is from</i> 1. <i>Membership fees (75.6%)</i> 2. <i>Donations (9%)</i>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<i>Increased activity in fund-raising and whilst the group is mostly reliant on funds from subscriptions, both have increased during this financial period. The group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities – and this is starting to increase at the end of this financial year due to the implementation of Gift Aid, additional fund raising and the raising of subscriptions.</i>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<i>Group constitution</i> <i>The Group governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the byelaws of the association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.</i>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<i>The group is a trust established under its rules (the constitution) which are common to all Scouts.</i>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<i>Scout requirements for selection of Trustees changed in April 2024. WF18 Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.</i>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<i>Members of the Trustee board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first six months of joining the Board.</i>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<i>The group is managed by the Group Trustee board, the members of which are; 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.</i>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Risk and Internal control	Scout requirement	<i>Lack of Volunteers to support behind the scenes activities such as Trustee Board</i> <i>Lack of volunteers to support weekly meetings.</i> <i>Lack of volunteers to support additional activities such as section camps</i> <i>Lack of support around fund-raising</i> <i>Risk of damage to building and property – building and contents insurance are in place.</i> <i>Precautionary measures are put into place to improve security; additional funding is being</i>

		<i>planned for 25/26 financial year to make improvements to the building including new front security doors.</i>
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1207074
Charity's principal address	The Scout Hut Areley Common Stourport-on-Severn Worcestershire DY13 0NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Delia Shannon	Chair of Trustees	Finishing Set 2025	Trustee Board
2	Andrew Rawlinson	Group Lead Volunteer		
4	James Stanley	Trustee		Trustee Board
5	John Malinowski	Trustee		Trustee Board
6	Trevor Jones	Trustee		Trustee Board
7	Kate Harris	Trustee		Trustee Board
8	Vacant	Group Treasurer		Trustee Board
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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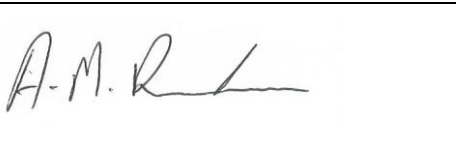
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew Rawlinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Group Lead Volunteer	
Date	28 th Aug 2025	

Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18) Treasurer's Annual Report

ARELEY KINGS SCOUT GROUP (WF18) ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024 TO

2025

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
Bank Interest	71.46	88.53
Donation	834.00	1,274.99
Events	2,929.21	211.45
Events - Beavers	-0.35	400.19
Events - Cubs	2,633.95	142.90
Events - Scouts	2,912.52	525.44
Fundraising	1,782.00	832.50
Membership Fees	8,577.26	10,768.02
Expense		
Activity Equipment	40.48	151.78
Admin	215.01	650.96
Badges	868.25	628.03
Camping Equipment	69.89	1,681.41
Events - Beavers	753.00	410.20
Events - Cubs	1,647.51	822.84
Events - Scouts	2,515.35	3,538.68
Group Equipment	505.55	0.00
Group Events	2,984.14	4,284.05
Group Stationery	129.64	22.87
Insurance	1,370.74	1,149.74
Meetings - Beavers	318.00	847.96
Meetings - Cubs	269.60	551.69
Meetings - Scouts	701.78	947.50
Membership Costs	4,664.44	3,660.00
Training	0.00	265.00
Utilities	2,189.29	1,541.04
Venue Maintenance	249.40	408.61
Account balances		
Expense Account	796.75	379.34
Areley Kings Scout Group	864.62	1,949.66
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Summary		
Account balance brought forward	7,422.40	14,740.74
Total income	19,740.05	14,244.02
Total expenditure	19,492.07	21,562.36
Net income	247.98	-7,318.34
Account balance carried forward	7,670.38	7,422.40

Financial Year: 2024–2025

I am pleased to present the annual accounts for the Areley Kings Scout Group for the financial year ending 2025.

Overview

The group saw a modest financial surplus this year, with a **net income of £247.98**, an improvement from last year's **deficit of £7,318.34**. This positive outcome was primarily due to increased income from events and fundraising, as well as a reduction in several key expenditure categories.

Income

Total income for the year amounted to **£19,740.05**, representing a **38.6% increase** compared to the previous year (£14,244.02). Key highlights include:

- **Event income** increased significantly to **£2,929.21** (up from £211.45), largely driven by strong performances from **Cubs (£2,633.95)** and **Scouts (£2,912.52)** events.
- **Fundraising income** more than doubled to **£1,782.00**, up from **£832.50**.
- **Donations** dropped slightly to **£834.00** (from £1,274.99).
- **Membership fees** were lower this year at **£8,577.26**, compared to **£10,768.02**, which may reflect changes in enrolment or fee structure.

One notable item is the negative balance of **£-0.35** for Beavers events, likely due to an accounting correction or minor discrepancy.

Expenditure

Total expenditure decreased from **£21,562.36** last year to **£19,492.07** this year. This reduction is due to tighter cost management and fewer large-scale purchases. Key changes include:

- **Camping Equipment** expenses dropped significantly from **£1,681.41** to **£69.89**.
- **Admin costs** were also greatly reduced, from **£650.96** to **£215.01**.
- **Training costs** fell to zero this year, from **£265.00** in the previous year.
- **Membership Costs** rose from **£3,660.00** to **£4,664.44**, reflecting either higher per-head charges or increased participation.
- **Utilities** expenses increased by over **40%**, from **£1,541.04** to **£2,189.29**, which should be monitored going forward.

Account Balances

The group ends the financial year with a **total balance of £7,670.38**, up from **£7,422.40** the previous year. This includes:

- **Expense Account:** £796.75
- **Areley Kings Scout Group:** £864.62
- **Savings Account:** £6,009.01

The balance brought forward from last year was **£7,422.40**, showing careful stewardship and a return to a small surplus this year.

Summary & Recommendations

This year has seen a healthy recovery from the previous year's deficit. The increase in fundraising and events revenue has helped offset higher membership costs and utility bills. Continued focus should be placed on:

5. **Monitoring utility costs**, which have shown a consistent upward trend.
6. **Sustaining fundraising efforts** to maintain a positive cash flow.
7. **Encouraging membership retention or growth** to stabilise fee income.

8. Complete the application for Gift Aid to boost income and increase the reserves

I would like to thank all volunteers, leaders, and supporters whose time and contributions have helped ensure the financial sustainability of the group. With careful planning and continued engagement, we are well positioned to support the young people in our community for the year ahead.

Prepared by:

Andrew Rawlinson

Acting Treasurer, Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18)

Dated: 18th May 2025