

8th West Wickham Scout Group

with 8th West Wickham Explorers



Annual Report 2025-2026

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name	8 th West Wickham Scout Group
Scout HQ Registration No.	10017645
Headquarters	Emmanuel URC, The Grove, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9JS
Principal address	c/o Niels Rump, 204 Wickham Chase, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0BP
Number of members	108 (as of 31 st January 2026)
Size of waiting list	60 (as of 23 rd June 2026), 23 of whom are of Squirrel age
Period covered	1 st April 2025 to 31 st March 2026

The 8th West Wickham Scout Group is an Excepted Charity under The Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and therefore does not have a Charities Commission charity number even though the 8th West Wickham Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. This report includes the activities of the 8th West Wickham Explorer Scout Unit.

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Chair's Remarks

2025-2026 has once again been a very successful year for the 8th West Wickham Scout Group.

As I come to the end of my first year as Chair of the Trustee Board, and fifth year as a member of the Board, I have very much enjoyed reflecting on what the Group has been up to this year. A huge variety of different activities, both new and some that have become staples of the 8th's calendar. Hopefully you will enjoy reading more about those below.

I am constantly impressed by the ingenuity of our leaders, although I have stopped being surprised as I have been involved with the Group long enough now to know quite how brilliant they all are! In addition, the number of new volunteers has been such a positive development, not only because of the time they are willing to give up that helps share the load, but also the influx of new skills and backgrounds adds greatly to breadth of experience that we can provide for all the young people.



There is always room for more so please let us know if you want to get involved!

The 8th West Wickham Scout Group has well and truly put the last few difficult years of the pandemic and losing our HQ behind us, and I look forward to seeing where we go next year.

Thanks to you all for your ongoing support.

Jo Champkins (Group Chair)

Activities of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group

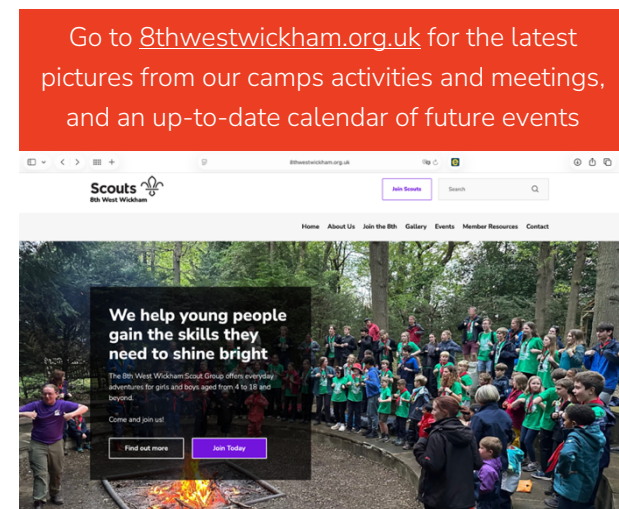
Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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** (and grow) **by doing**, **share** in spiritual reflection, **take responsibility** and make choices, undertake **new and challenging** activities, and make and live by our **Promise**.

The 8th West Wickham Scout Group delivers this through our five Sections (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) whose members took part in many successful events and camps between April 2025 and March 2026.

As the Group has invested heavily in water sports equipment — from SUPs via canoes to kayaks — **we continue to deliver many events on the water**. And to enable us to continue with these activities, an increasing number of our leaders have now completed (or are in the process of completing) the necessary training to take our young people onto the water. The photos on our website will give a good impression of these activities.

Other camps and events included “**Kip on a Ship**” where Cubs and Scouts spent a night aboard HMS Belfast, the various Sections’ **summer camps** (especially the joint



Scouts and Explorer camp in Bournemouth with a visit to Brownsea Island where Scouting began in 1907), Moonwalk, Monopoly Run and many others.

These activities are in addition to the weekly meetings, as well as events organised by Bromley Scouts in which the 8th West Wickham Scout Group takes part in as often as we can. Examples of these

include the annual **St. George's Day** festivities, the **Scouts of Steel** competition (sometimes also referred to as "mud fest") and the **West Wickham Remembrance Parade**, where the 8th West Wickham co-ordinates the attendance of all local uniformed groups.

However, to truly experience what it means to do Scouting with the 8th would require you to be there in person; seeing young people grow in confidence in their own ability is a wonderful and rewarding experience.



As mentioned elsewhere, we regularly gain new leaders from our own Explorer Unit who, after having benefited from participating in the Young Leader scheme developed by The Scout Association, have then become adult leaders.

Some of these have recently completed their **King's Scout Award** (the top achievement for Explorers and Scout Network members). They were, consequently, invited to attend a formal recognition event at Windsor Castle. One of our Leaders was even invited to lay wreathes at the national Remembrance Day event at the Cenotaph in Central London.



Membership

Membership at the 8th West Wickham remains stable with all Sections being fully subscribed.

Squirrels have now grown to 16 members between four and five years of age (more won't fit into the meeting place). The addition of Squirrels to the 8th has even led to Beaver numbers being temporarily over target (until some Beavers swim up to Cubs) — something that we can, however, absorb on a short-term basis thanks to the number of adult leaders in that Section.

"Just to say a big thank you again to you and the other leaders for organising yet another fun and great camp for the Cubs. He says it's the best camp ever (he says that after every camp!).

One consequence of all Sections being full is that the waiting list has become over-subscribed. We have therefore begun informing parents and carers of children further down the waiting list that it may

be unlikely that we will be able to offer them a place; this should enable them to Investigate other Scouting options in the local area.

Also worth highlighting is the **close collaboration between the various Sections** —

which became very obvious during the 2026 Group Camp which, although outside the period covered by this Annual Report, was one of the big events of our annual calendar.

"Hi – Thank you for the heads up, no pun intended! He had a wonderful time on camp thank you to you and the team!"
(email sent in response to a warning email about head lice at Cub camp)



This spirit of collaboration was shown equally by the leaders across all Sections as well as by our Scouts in older Sections who were taking good care of younger members during joint activities.

As the sections grow we naturally have a greater range of children to deal with in terms of behaviour, experience and needs. This has provided additional challenges over and above the regular task of providing a fun and varied programme. We endeavour always to offer the same level of Scouting and development for all the children in the group and our leaders are well equipped to manage and engage all the children in a way that ensures a safe but also enjoyable environment for all members of the group.

We have also noticed that our younger Sections (and the waiting list) are increasingly male dominated. This is no doubt due to the fact that there are also thriving Rainbows, Brownies and Guides groups in the area – including at Emmanuel URC, presenting an alternative for girls. Scouting at the 8th is for all and we will continue to do what we can to welcome all children to the 8th.

"We just wanted to say a huge thank you for giving A and C the most amazing experience at camp. A only ever stayed at my mums a handful of times so he was very anxious but came out today saying 'that was literally amazing I should have done 2 nights'. He's been telling us about every part of the weekend, very very happy with himself.
C also loved the experience and can't wait to camp as a Beaver. Big thank you to Chippy for keeping an extra close eye on her.
We really appreciate all the hard work that's gone into this weekend which I am sure was quite extensive. You have all gone the extra mile for the kids and we are very grateful.
Both are in bed already completely exhausted ready for sleep."

Badges Awarded

Between April 2025 and March 2026 **members of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group were awarded 1,334 badges**, including 24 Chief Scout Awards. Each member has, on average, therefore managed to earn more than a dozen badges.

- **Squirrels:** 176 badges, including 6 Chief Scout's Acorn Awards;
- **Beavers:** 369 badges, including 10 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards;
- **Cubs:** 458 badges, including 4 Chief Scout's Silver Award;
- **Scouts:** 291 badges, including 2 Chief Scout's Gold Awards; and
- **Explorers:** 41 badges, including 2 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, 1 Chief Scout's Diamond Award and 1 Chief Scout's Platinum Award.



Our Volunteers

Scouting is delivered on group level **exclusively by volunteers**; without them there would be no 8th West Wickham Scout Group. Everyday activities are being organised and run by our five Section teams (usually referred to as our "leaders"). Most parents and carers will have met some of them at the door at drop-off or collection time.

Our fantastic leaders are supported by trustees, administrators and volunteers who help us, on various occasions, running the programme for our members.

Our Leaders

The 8th West Wickham is blessed to have many dedicated leaders in the various sections. This means that even if one leader is unavailable for a specific meeting, event or camp, other members of the relevant Section — or indeed from other Sections — can (and do) step in.

This has proven to make volunteering at the 8th West Wickham a rewarding experience and, as a consequence, our turnover rate is very low indeed: no leader has left the group for several years – and those that have stepped back from frontline service have been appointed to new roles within the group.

During the 2025-2026 financial year the group had 36 leaders as follows:

- **Squirrels** — five leaders:
Katherine Ball (Red¹), Julie Cook (Chippy), **Katie Hurle** (Pip), Claire Weedon (Kit) and Suzanne Wood (Darzee) plus three Young Leaders;
- **Beavers** — seven leaders:
Rose Adams, Sophie Campbell*, Alison Newall, Heather Preston, Nora Rump*, **Helen Wise** and Ian Withycombe plus seven Young Leaders;
- **Cubs** — ten leaders:
Oliver Campell* (Rama), Jamie Cook* (Chil), Andi Dodson (Raksha), Bella Haines (Keego), **Andrew Preston** (Akela), Jacob Preston (Hathi), Harry Stevenson (Gajini), Ethan Wheway* (Rocky), James Wise (Mang) and Dwarak Makkada Yuvaraj (Gray) plus three Young Leaders;
- **Scouts** — eight leaders:
Adam Cook*, Lucy Hurle, Jack Maslin, Becky Newall, Victoria Simpson, Joanne Wall and **Claire Weedon**; and
- **Explorers** — six leaders:
Rob McHugh², James “Jimmy” Penrose, **Diana Phillips**, Thomas Read, Jess Shannon and Charlotte Tonelli.

Leaders marked in bold have been appointed as team leads; leaders marked with an asterisk are unable to regularly attend section meetings as they are, typically, studying at university. They do, however, attend meetings and events when possible. A short biography of most leaders can be found on the various Section pages on 8thwestwickham.org.uk.

Our Young Leaders

Our Young Leaders³ deserve a special mention. The Young Leader programme has been established by The Scout Association to help young people develop leadership skills while supporting younger Sections and contributing to their community. The

¹ Following tradition, our Squirrel and Cub leaders have adopted “Scouting names”. Cub leaders usually choose names of characters from The Jungle Book.

² Rob has moved from the Cub Section to the ESU; he remains, solely for procedural reasons, a member of the Cub team.

³ For data protection reasons, their names are not reproduced in this annual report. The same applies to adults who have chosen to not be named.

programme is delivered in co-operation between the Bromley Scout District, our Explorer Unit — all our Young Leaders are Explorers after all — and the Section team in which they volunteer. The Young Leaders support our adult volunteers in delivering the exciting programmes — and earn valuable experience as well as ticking off one of the requirements for their Duke-of-Edinburgh or King's Scout Award schemes.

When completing their Young Leader training, the Explorer is presented the “Young Leader's Explorer Belt” and a badge to wear on their adult uniform, once they have become 18. In 2025/26 one of your Young Leaders was awarded the Explorer Belt.



A further bonus to the Group is that most of our Young Leaders become adult leaders when they turn 18 and they stay often with the group. As a consequence, a good number of the 13 Young Leaders listed above have since become adult leaders.

Our Trustees and Administrators

The Group's Trustees Board comprises Jo Champkins (Chair), Rick Bennell (Group Treasurer), Katie Campbell (Trustee and Group Secretary), Julie Heather (Trustee), Colin Hagreen (Trustee), Niels Rump (Group Lead Volunteer) and Annwen Wheway (Trustee). The Group is further supported by Lesley Hagreen (Waiting list Administrator), Rose Wong (second-hand uniform store, details are available from 8thwestwickham.org.uk/members/uniforms), Aisha Hayward-Hasan (DBS Administrator), Andi Dodson (Assistant Treasurer) as well as Andrew Phillpotts and Tom Weedon (Quarter Masters). A short bio for many of our trustees and administrators can be found on our website at 8thwestwickham.org.uk/join/adult-volunteers-18.

As a volunteer you can help us – and, more importantly: the young people of the 8th – in so many different ways. So, if you wish to join the team and help to shape the future of our members, please get in touch.

No previous knowledge is required; we will provide any training needed.

Awards to Volunteers

The following formal awards were presented to adult volunteers of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group:

Name	Award
Oliver Campell	King's Scout Award
Adam Cook	King's Scout Award
Colin Hagreen	25-year Length of Service Award
Lesley Hagreen	25-year Length of Service Award
Julie Heather	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Rob McHugh	King's Scout Award
Andrew Preston	10-year Length of Service Award
Nora Rump	Young Leader's Explorer Belt
Becky Newall	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service 5-year Length of Service Award
Jo Wall	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Structure, Governance and Management

The 8th West Wickham Scout Group'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. In addition, the Group has adopted a constitution which can be accessed from the Group's website.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The leaders, trustees and administrators are appointed in accordance with the POR.

The Group is managed by the Group's 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 if appropriate, though as an Excepted Charity the 8th West

Wickham is currently not required to submit an Annual Report to the Charities Commission.

Our Trustee Board currently consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Group Lead Volunteer and three further trustees, and meets in person three times a year as a minimum, with additional meetings held as necessary. Members of the Trustee Board complete “Being a Scouts Trustee” learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board.

The Trustee Board exists to make sure the Group 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 gives young people skills for life.

While formally not part of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group, this annual report includes the activities of the 8th West Wickham Explorer Scout Unit (ESU) as, for practical purposes – including the finances – the ESU is seen as being part of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group. This is set down in a partnership agreement between the Bromley Scout District and the 8th West Wickham Scout Group.

Sponsor and HQ

The 8th West Wickham Scout Group is formally sponsored by the Emmanuel United Reformed Church in West Wickham. This is set down in a sponsorship agreement between the Emmanuel URC and the Group. While Emmanuel URC has the right to be represented on the Group's Trustee Board, it has chosen to not exercise this right. Nevertheless, the collaboration with the Emmanuel URC is very positive and mutually supportive.

The Emmanuel United Reformed Church in West Wickham also serves as the Group's headquarters and main meeting place.

Risk & Internal Control

The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. A Risk Register is used to keep significant risks under review, and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

Financial Risks and Controls

Financial Risk and Control. The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for payments, an independent review of the accounts at each year end, and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. Any such system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

Investment Policy. The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Reserves Policy. 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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a minimum sum in General Reserves (i.e. not allocated to specific spending plans or reserves) of £12,000. This figure is kept under review.

The minimum level of General Reserves in hand would normally be just prior to the collection of annual subscriptions from October each year. On 30th September 2025, just prior to the collection of annual subscriptions, the level of General Reserves was approximately £15,000. At the year-end on 31st March 2026, the level of General Reserves was £16,216.

Treasurer's Financial Review of 2025-2026

The Group's finances continue to be sound, with adequate reserves being held to cover anticipated expenditures.

Our main source of income continues to be subscriptions and related Gift Aid. We are very grateful to all those who make Gift Aid declarations to help support their child in Scouting - we recognise that not everybody is able to do this, but currently we are able to claim Gift Aid on around 90% of all subscription receipts which goes a long way to help our finances and keeps costs lower for parents.

Our regular general income streams for the year (i.e. ignoring activity fees) were close to our expectations. Subscription income was slightly less than last year (we had no increase in the subscription rate last year, and some sections had a marginal reduction in numbers), but this was partly compensated for by slightly lower fees payable towards the administration of Scouting at District, County and HQ levels.

On the expenditure side, most regular general expenditure streams (i.e. ignoring activity costs) were broadly similar to the previous year, apart from the significant cost of buying two additional storage containers to progress the development of our storage facilities. Thanks are due especially here to Andrew Phillpotts and Tom Weedon, two parents who have kindly offered to help with developing and maintaining these facilities, and also managing our equipment.

It's great to see so many activities taking place and this is reflected in the notable sums of income and expenditure for camps and events, which ensures that the treasurer team is never unemployed! Accounts adjustments are made in the statement of assets and liabilities to reflect income received and monies paid out in advance of events that are taking place after the year end, as these amounts can be significant.

I have now been joined in managing the Group's finances by Andi Dodson, who has stepped from being a Cub section team member to becoming our Assistant Treasurer (but still can't resist helping out at camps!). This has helped to spread the workload and also ensures that we have a greater depth of knowledge around our finance functions. Many thanks to Andi for all of her support.

Finally, thanks to all of the Group's leaders, team members and helpers, without whom nothing would be happening. Their commitment to members is incredible.

Rick Bennell (Group Treasurer)

Accounts

The 2025-26 accounts cover the 12-month period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

The receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities shown below were approved by the trustees on 21st July 2026 and signed on their behalf by Jo Champkins (Group Chair) and Rick Bennell (Group Treasurer).

Receipts

		1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026			1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025
Notes		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	All funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
<u>Subscription Fees - Group</u>					
		2,328.75	0.00	2,328.75	1,645.00
		2,685.00	0.00	2,685.00	3,160.00
		3,120.00	0.00	3,120.00	3,328.00
		2,891.25	0.00	2,891.25	3,607.50
		11,025.00	0.00	11,025.00	11,740.50
<u>Less: Membership Fees paid out - Group</u>					
	5	(5,150.80)	0.00	(5,150.80)	(5,105.70)
		5,874.20	0.00	5,874.20	6,634.80
<u>Subscription Fees - Explorers</u>					
	3	2,150.00	0.00	2,150.00	2,364.90
<u>Less: Membership Fees paid out - Explorers</u>					
	5	(962.00)	0.00	(962.00)	(1,262.70)
		1,188.00	0.00	1,188.00	1,102.20
<u>Receipts for Activities & Events</u>					
	4	27,279.25	0.00	27,279.25	22,792.10
		27,279.25	0.00	27,279.25	22,792.10
<u>Fundraising & Other Income</u>					
		121.00	0.00	121.00	72.81
		335.81	0.00	335.81	178.95
		0.00	0.00	0.00	378.20
		456.81	0.00	456.81	629.96
<u>Gift Aid, Donations and Grants</u>					
	6	3,143.53	0.00	3,143.53	3,090.39
	1	65.00	0.00	65.00	1,135.00
	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
		3,208.53	0.00	3,208.53	5,125.39
<u>Investment Income</u>					
	2	742.25	0.00	742.25	780.49
		742.25	0.00	742.25	780.49
		38,749.04	0.00	38,749.04	37,064.94

Payments

		1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026			1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025
Notes		Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	All funds
		£	£	£	£
Payments					
Equipment & Maintenance					
Camping Equipment		2,250.02	0.00	2,250.02	2,046.22
Marine Equipment		856.18	0.00	856.18	1,176.93
Other Equipment		606.50	0.00	606.50	502.73
Sub Total - Equipment		3,712.70	0.00	3,712.70	3,725.88
Insurances					
Equipment Insurance		446.47	0.00	446.47	699.96
Layhelpers Insurance		178.00	0.00	178.00	178.00
Marine Insurance		415.54	0.00	415.54	303.81
Sub Total - Insurances		1,040.01	0.00	1,040.01	1,181.77
Payments to/on behalf of Explorer Unit					
Sundry Expenses	3	565.41	0.00	565.41	354.83
Sub Total - Explorer Unit		565.41	0.00	565.41	354.83
Payments for Activities & Events					
Activity Expenditure - Camp & Group Accounts	4 & 9	24,394.79	0.00	24,394.79	17,362.13
Sub Total - Activities & Events		24,394.79	0.00	24,394.79	17,362.13
Rents and Donations					
Rents and Donations	7	1,666.66	0.00	1,666.66	2,343.00
Sub Total - Rents and Donations		1,666.66	0.00	1,666.66	2,343.00
Other Group Payments					
Uniform Purchases (inc Group T Shirts)		1,933.96	0.00	1,933.96	1,997.49
Squirrel Expenses		237.56	0.00	237.56	231.19
Beaver Expenses		124.16	0.00	124.16	420.50
Cubs Expenses		390.86	0.00	390.86	274.00
Scout Expenses		293.90	0.00	293.90	193.33
Group Expenses		178.93	0.00	178.93	520.35
Jamboree Support		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Books, Stationery and Postage		8.97	0.00	8.97	0.00
Sundry Repairs & Renewals		5.85	0.00	5.85	156.00
Training and Safety		1,588.00	0.00	1,588.00	480.00
Website Costs		210.00	0.00	210.00	180.00
Beavers & Cubs Charity Fundraising Payments		0.00	0.00	0.00	378.20
Relocation Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub Total - Other Group Payments		4,972.19	0.00	4,972.19	4,831.06
Storage Facilities					
Container and Equipment Purchases	11	7,085.00	1,000.00	8,085.00	0.00
Groundwork and Other Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,281.04
Sub Total - Storage Facilities		7,085.00	1,000.00	8,085.00	2,281.04
Total Payments		43,436.76	1,000.00	44,436.76	32,079.71
Net of receipts/(payments)		(4,687.72)	(1,000.00)	(5,687.72)	4,985.23
Cash funds last year end		45,757.56	1,000.00	46,757.56	41,772.33
Cash funds this year end		41,069.84	0.00	41,069.84	46,757.56

Statement of assets and liabilities

		31st March 2026			31st March 2025
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	All funds £
Cash funds					
Bank Current Account (Group Account)	1	6,698.87	0.00	6,698.87	4,450.38
Bank Current Account (Camp Account)	4	15,764.67	0.00	15,764.67	14,633.13
Skipton Building Society Savings Account	2	18,119.10	0.00	18,119.10	27,376.85
Debit Card Account		487.20	0.00	487.20	297.20
Total cash funds		41,069.84	0.00	41,069.84	46,757.56
Other monetary assets					
Camp Account - paid out in advance for future events		3,664.35	0.00	3,664.35	665.60
Camp Account - monies owed to Group for past events		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total		3,664.35	0.00	3,664.35	665.60
Non monetary assets					
Scouting equipment	10	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Storage facilities	11	8,080.80	0.00	8,080.80	2,419.00
Sub total		18,080.80	0.00	18,080.80	12,419.00
Liabilities					
Camp Account - receipts in hand for future events		(13,986.75)	0.00	(13,986.75)	(9,230.00)
Camp Account - payments owed by Group for past events		(443.93)	0.00	(443.93)	0.00
Sub total		(14,430.68)	0.00	(14,430.68)	(9,230.00)
Total net assets		48,384.31	0.00	48,384.31	50,612.16

Notes

1. Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

Restricted Funds are those funds that are donated to the Group for use on specific designated expenditure. All other funds are allocated for various expenditures by the Trustee Board but may be redesignated if necessary. The Restricted Fund balance of £1,000 held at 31st March 2025 has been spent during the 2025-2026 year. This was used to contribute to the purchase of containers for our storage project.

2. Skipton Building Society Savings Account

This interest-bearing account is used to hold reserve funds.

3. 8th West Wickham Explorer Unit Income and Expenditure

The 8th West Wickham Scout Group collects subscriptions and pays out membership fees for Explorer Unit members on behalf of the Bromley District, and these items are shown within the Group's Receipts and Payments account. Other income and expense transactions are made via the Group bank accounts on behalf of the Unit, and are also shown within the Group's Receipts and Payments account.

4. Camp Bank Account

The Camp Bank Account is operated in order to manage the income and expenditure of camps and other activities for all sections separately from the main Group Bank Account. The underlying spare float in the Camp Bank Account varies, and is maintained to enable payments to be made for advance deposits on camps and activities, as well as providing a buffer if any camps and activities run at a loss.

The Camp Bank Account may at times hold significant sums of advance receipts for camps and events, and estimates of receipts and payments in respect of future dated events are shown as adjustments in the Assets & Liabilities statement.

5. Subscriptions and Scout Association Membership Fees

Subscription receipts retained are shown net of Annual membership payments to the Scout Association. Annual membership payments to the Scout Association are made in March each year, based on membership numbers at 31st January.

6. Gift Aid

Recovery of Gift Aid in 2025-26 accounts was in respect of subscription receipts during the previous financial period, covering 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025.

7. Donations & Rent Payments

These include payments to Emmanuel Church for premises usage.

8. Jack Petchey Awards – Receipts & Payments

These awards recognise the achievements of young people, and include a £250 or £300 grant to be spent to give benefit to other members in their section. Spending is allocated to the most relevant payment heading, which is usually for camps and other activities. There were no new receipts in 2025-26 year.

9. Activity Support Fund

The Group has an Activity Support Fund in place to help to provide financial assistance towards the participation of individual members in camps and activities if requested. Funds totalling £215 were used in the year 2025-26 to support several members to attend events (cost is included under the Activity Expenditure cost heading).

10. Equipment

The net value of Camping, Marine and other equipment is estimated by the Trustees to be approximately £10,000, allowing for depreciation and wear and tear.

11. Storage Facilities

The Group purchased an initial storage container following the loss of our storage facilities at West Wickham Methodist Church in 2023-24 year. Two further containers have been purchased in 2025-26 year. The cost values are being written down over a 5-year period:

	Cost	Written-down
Container/sundry related fitted equipment purchased 2023-24	4,032.00	1,612.80
Containers/sundry related fitted equipment purchased 2025-26	8,085.00	6,468.00
	12,117.00	8,080.80

Independent Examiners' Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 8th West Wickham Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 8th West Wickham for the period ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 8th West Wickham Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: *Bridget Dunk*

Name: Bridget Dunk

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA

Address: 70 Windermere Road West Wickham BR4 9AW

Date: 6th July 2026

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees on 21st July 2026.

Jo Champkins

Group Chair

Niels Rump

Group Lead Volunteer



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