Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

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

Charity Name	1st Stonehaven Scout Group
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	SC025714
HQ Registration Number	SC038437

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	Comprehensive programme of both indoor and outdoor activities with the aim of providing our young people with challenging, fun and new experiences that develop their abilities, curiosity and self-confidence.
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	-

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	Noteworthy achievements include both indoor and outdoor camping opportunities, successful completion of badge work programmes, visits to multiple places of interest and on-going engagement with community organisations, participation in Aberdeen Gang Show performances, the provision of new recycling resources for everyday materials plus an extensive tree-planting effort in our grounds.
You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • Achievements against objectives • Fundraising activities • Contribution made by volunteers	Achievement of core objective of planning and delivering a varied and exciting programme of activities and opportunities across our age group sections appropriate to the abilities and maturity of the young people involved. Successful fund-raising initiatives throughout the year to help offset the high cost of maintaining our Hall & grounds to a high and safe standard and help achieve targeted improvements of resources. Consistently high effort of personal contribution by many volunteers.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	During the year, the Group's finances remained healthy, and we ended the year with total funds of £24369.44 between the 4 accounts the group and sections hold. Our total income for the group account for the year was £23678, and our total expenditure was £15895, resulting in a surplus of £7784. Ring fenced funds are: £2932.12 Campfire project £1722.24 Kitchen and Leader's room refurbishment £5000 international scouting Approximately £5304 reserved for Capitation spend 2026/2027 **Leaving unrestricted funds of £9411.20**
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £2500. The charity held reserves of approximately £9411.20 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.
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	-

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 5 Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustees) and meets 4 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.

Plans for future periods

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Reference and administration details

Principal Address	Mill of Forest Road Stonehaven AB39 2LW

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	*Office (if any)*	*Dates acted if not for whole year*
1	*Fiona Basford*	*Chair*	
2	*Hugh Ramsay*	*Lead Volunteer*	
3	*Thomas Coner*	*Treasurer*	
4	*Lorna MacLean*	*Secretary*	
5	*Stevie Polat*	*Trustee*	
6	*Gill Jones*	*Trustee*	
7	*Kate Ellix*	*Trustee*	*10/05/2026*

Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	*Name*	*Address*
Independent Examiner / Auditor	*Rob Burton*	*7 Mill Lane Montrose DD10 8BX*
Detail others		

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature	F Basford	
Full name	FIONA BASFORD	
Position held	CHAIR	
Date	26/5/26	