

45th Cheltenham (Bethesda) Scout Group

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2026

As you see from the annual accounts for the year ending March 2026, the Group continues to maintain a healthy financial position – **Balance £7,317.47.**

I would just like to highlight some of the Income and Expenditure items.

Of the termly membership subscriptions (**£10,649.50**) - **£1,905** has been transferred to the sections to support delivery of their programmes.

Our various Centenary Events (mainly the Sponsored Cycle Ride and BBQ) generated income of **£5,005.93**. We donated 40% of the sponsored cycle income to 5 charities (chosen by the members) – Air Ambulance, Cyclists Against Cancer, Open Door, Blood Bikes & The Playhouse Theatre, - our total donation was **£1,430**. Other notable items of expenditure were for new Neckers (all members in the Group at 31/8/25 received a Necker at no cost to them), Centenary Badges, Tee Shirts and BBQ Expenditure.

Again, we received a very generous donation of £500 from Chris Read a former Cub Scout at Bethesda and one of our members covered the cost of last year's Activity Day & AGM at Cowley Adventure.

As well as our Centenary Fund-Raising events our annual Christmas Fair again raised over £1000. This is run jointly with Bethesda Church; thus, half the profit is paid across to them; this was **£554.58**. In addition, we donated **£2,500.00** to the Church towards the upkeep of their facilities and in recognition of our continuing relationship which has been ongoing for 100 years.

We received **£1,314.62** in Gift Aid from HMRC for the year 22/23.

Our main expenditure was the Census payment to District, County & Headquarters to cover the Scouting Association's management, overheads, and members' insurances. This is calculated based on the number of young people in the group (99) and was **£7,029**.

Insurance for the Group's equipment cost **£121.36**.

I confirm the accounts for the year 2025/26 have been scrutinised by Dave Pitts a retired bank manager.

Tom Harding

Group Chair/Acting Treasurer

25th August 2026