



Welcome to our 2026 AGM



**AGENDA for 1ST CALNE SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 21st September 2026 at 6.30 p.m. (Scout Hall)**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. APOLOGIES**
- 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD 22/09/2025.**
- 4. GOVERNANCE**
 - a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
 - b. Treasurer's report and annual accounts
 - c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board
 - d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees.
- 5. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS YEAR**
 - a. The Group Leader Volunteer's review of Scouting in 1st Calne Scout Group
 - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 6. MAKING APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the Group Scout Council, including former Scouts and parents, by the Group Leader Volunteer, the Group Trustee Board.
 - b. To approve the Group Lead Volunteer's nomination of the Group Chair.
 - c. Election of the Group Secretary.
 - d. Election of the Group Treasurer.
 - e. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board.
 - f. To approve the Group Leader Volunteer's nominations to the Group Trustee Board.
 - g. To appoint the Scrutineer.
- 7. CLOSE**
 - a. Awards
- 8. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: A.G.M. and Trustee Board**



**MINUTES OF 1ST CALNE SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 22nd September 2025 at 6.30pm (Scout Hall)**

1. Mike Curry thanked attendees for coming and noted strong parent representation.
2. Apologies: Clare Cashen, Martine Glover, Helen Loughran, Heidi Smart.
3. Minutes of the Previous AGM were distributed by email before the AGM and are available on request. These had been reviewed by the Trustee board and proposed by Mike Curry and seconded by Stuart King.
4. Governance:
 - a. The model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules was adopted.
 - b. Treasurer's report and Annual Accounts it was noted that the financial year is 1st April to 31st March.
 - c. There were no new admissions to the Group Scout Council.
 - d. The Group Scout Council agreed that there should be 5 people appointed to the Trustee Board.
 - e. Group Scout Council quorum was agreed as a minimum of 7 people, providing representation for each of the sections.
5. Review of Previous Year

Mike noted that the meeting is an opportunity to reflect on the previous year.

 - a. GLV Report
 - Bob addressed the Group Scout Council and expressed his gratitude to all volunteers for their continued support. As this was his final Annual General Meeting before departing from the Group, Bob announced that Jo Chalker will be his successor.
 - b. Annual Statement of Accounts
 - The 1st Calne Group's finances remain under strain from higher running costs, but steady growth in membership fees, effective expense management by trustees, and strong fundraising are improving the situation.
 - The draft final accounts show a deficit of £3,094. Without the delayed capitation payment from the prior year (£3,135), there would have been a net cash increase of £41.

Cash position

- 1st Calne Scout Group remains financially viable to continue into another financial year.

1st Calne Scouts				
Year On Year Analysis	2024/25	2023/24	Movement	
Income				
Subscriptions	8,438	7,509	▲	12%
Fundraising	2,428	3,396	▼	-29%
Donations & Grants	1,295	7,120	▼	-82%
Hall Hire	4,055	4,750	▼	-15%
Bank Interest	176	346	▼	-49%
Total Income	16,392	23,121	▼	-29%
Expenses				
Capitation	7,700	0		
Hall Running Costs ¹	6,796	28,001	▼	-76%
Vehicle Running Costs ²	1,753	1,488	▲	18%
Camp & Activities ³	2,307	1,395	▲	65%
Fundraising Costs	728	722	▲	1%
Other Expenses	202	86		
Total Expenses	19,486	31,692	▼	-39%
Net Income / (Loss)	(3,094)	(8,571)		

Income

- Overall income dropped 29% from last year due to large prior grants for toilet refurbishment; excluding those, income rose year over year.
- Membership fee income rose 12% over last year, boosted by the launch of our Squirrel group in November 2024. Calne membership also continues to grow steadily.
- Income from HMRC's Gift Aid scheme was not claimed this period due to low member participation. Gift Aid boosts membership fees and donations by 25%—eligible parents are encouraged to sign up.
- Fundraising is essential for supporting 1st Calne Scouts' operations and growth, with funds kept secure. Our main fundraising events are the Calne Bike Meet in summer and the Christmas Lantern Parade. We welcome members and parents to volunteer and help ensure these events succeed.

Expenditure

- Overall expenses dropped by about 39%, mainly due to last year's major spending on the boiler and toilet upgrades. Hall running costs were low thanks to successfully challenging our energy supplier and receiving a rebate of around £3,000. However, these costs remain the group's largest expense. Hall hire income fell by 15% but still covers much of the hall's running costs. The Trustee Board is working to boost third-party hall hires and will keep prioritising this goal.
- Capitation reflects invoices for both current and prior years because of a late payment, resulting in a 46% year-on-year increase. This rise stems from higher

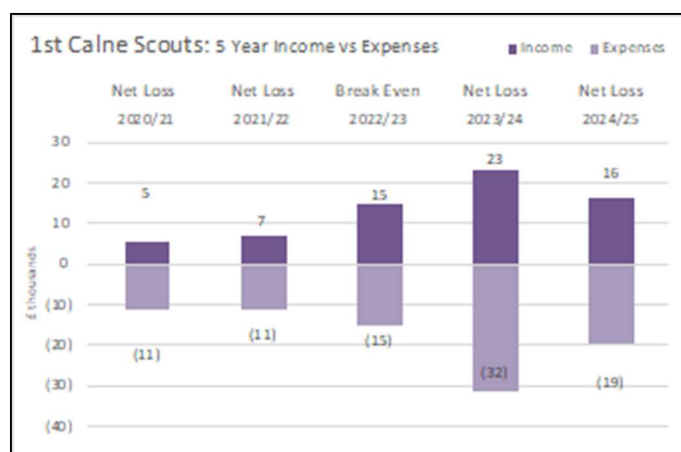
membership numbers, and a 15% fee increase from Scouting HQ. We pay a fixed annual fee per member to the Mid Wiltshire District Scouting Association.

- Closing cash position of £18,376.

Notes to year-on-year analysis table (1-3) showing the detail for the hall and minibus running costs and the camp activities.

Note ¹ : Scout Hall	2024/25	2023/24	Movement
Hall Utilities	1,622	6,461	-75%
Repairs & Maintenance	1,136	680	67%
Hall Investment	0	16,825	n/a
Cleaning (incl Refuse)	2,694	2,253	20%
Insurance	1,344	1,783	-25%
Total Hall	6,796	28,001	-76%
Note ² : Minibus	2024/25	2023/24	Movement
Repairs & Maintenance	684	481	42%
Insurance	904	842	7%
Tax	165	165	0%
Total Minibus	1,753	1,488	18%
<i>Cost per month</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>124</i>	
Note ³ : Camps & Activities	2024/25	2023/24	Movement
Receipts	0	2,300	-100%
Payments (incl Badges)	4,741	3,695	28%
Net Expense Camps & Activities	4,741	1,395	240%
<i>Info: Badges</i>	<i>896</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>17%</i>

Graph showing the last five years income and cost trends for 1st Calne, illustrating the impact of the pandemic and steady growth back towards a healthy financial status, including the hall investment in 2023/24.



6. Making Appointments:

Mike informed the Group Scout Council that, for effective leadership until the next AGM, the Group Scout Council should appoint a Trustee Board to ensure good governance.

- Mike informed the Group Scout Council that they can admit other persons to membership. There were no nominations.

- b. The chairpersonship of the meeting was handed over to Bob Christian who nominated Mike as the Chair for the next 3 years.
- c. There was no nomination or volunteer for the role of Group Secretary.
- d. Clare Cashen was re-elected as Group Treasurer.
- e. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board were made and approved.
 - i. Chair: Mike Curry
 - ii. Deputy-Chair: Stu King
 - iii. Minutes Secretary: none
 - iv. Membership Secretary: Heidi Smart
 - v. Hall Booking Secretary: Helen Loughran
 - vi. Treasurer: Clare Cashen
 - vii. Public Relations Officer: Jackie Williams
- f. GLV nominations to the Group Trustee Board were
 - i. Scout Parent Reps: Stu King
 - ii. Cub Parent Representative: none
 - iii. Beaver Parent Representative: none
- g. Riverview Portfolio was approved as the Scrutineer.

7. Close

- a. Chairman's Report.
 - Our section leaders, assistants, and Trustee Board volunteers are central to our Group's success. With dedicated helpers and last year's Squirrel Drey addition, we now offer even more engaging activities, helping members earn badges and awards.
 - To continue these opportunities, we invite more adults—parents, carers, friends, and family—to join Scouting nights or trustee roles. Your time, skills, and ideas are valued.
 - The Trustee Board recently addressed fire and electrical updates thanks to a £2,500 Council grant, though tasks like painting remain. Community support is always welcome.
 - We raised over £1,200 at July's Bike Meet, and ongoing help with social media, events, or parent rotas is appreciated.
 - We also encourage young people (18–25) to join the Trustee Board. As running costs rise, we strive to keep Scouting accessible. If you have financial concerns, please reach out—support is available.
 - Help us grow and succeed—your involvement makes a real difference.
 - Mike thanked Martin Cook for his support as he steps down from volunteering.
- b. Mid Wiltshire District

- Steve Tibbert stated that volunteering has ongoing importance in Scouting, including in Calne, and invited those present to contribute as they are able.
- Steve formally presented Mike with the Chief Scout's 15 Years Service Award.
- Steve announced Martine's Chief Scout's 10 Years Service Award in her absence.

8. Dates of Next Meetings

The next AGM date is proposed to be as Monday 21st September 2026.



Chair Report September 2026

Thanks everyone for being here tonight.

I want to start by celebrating our amazing section leaders, assistants, and Trustee Board volunteers. They're the reason our young people get such brilliant experiences week after week.

We've had a bit of change this year. A few fantastic leaders have stepped down because life and work have pulled them in other directions, and we're incredibly grateful for everything they've given. But I'm delighted to say we've welcomed two new volunteers, and we hope this is just the beginning of their Scouting journey.

Across Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts, the young people continue to thrive, learning new skills, earning badges, and having a lot of fun along the way.

On the Trustee side, we've kept momentum going with hall improvements. We've updated the fire-safety lights, continued essential maintenance, and strengthened our finances through hall hire. We launched a new pricing policy and an updated website booking system in September, making things clearer and easier for everyone. Calne Baptist Church continues to use the hall regularly, which brings in vital funds. And in the coming weeks, we're planning to repaint the hall — a fresh look that's long overdue.

Fundraising is always a challenge, but the Bike Meet once again proved what we can achieve together. It's a brilliant community day, and every bit of help makes a difference.

As ever, we'd love more adults to get involved. You don't need to wear a uniform — you can help at section evenings, support events, offer skills behind the scenes, or join the Trustee Board. And we'd especially love to see more 18- to 25-year-olds getting involved.

Running costs continue to rise, but our commitment stays the same: Scouting must remain open to everyone. If finances are ever a worry, please talk to us — support is available.

Thank you all for everything you do. Your enthusiasm keeps this Group moving forward, and together we'll make sure Scouting in Calne continues to grow and thrive.

Mike Curry

Chair



GLV Report September 2026

This past year has been a period of learning, collaboration, and development. Stepping into the role of Group Lead Volunteer (GLV), I have been fortunate to work alongside a strong and supportive team who have helped me grow into the position.

District Leadership Changes

We said farewell to Steve Tibbert, who stepped down as District Lead, and welcomed Andy Sainsbury Brown into the role. This transition has brought renewed energy and direction as we continue building Mid Wiltshire Scouting for the future.

Volunteer Recruitment & Support

A key part of my role this year has been leading and supporting our groups and trustees through a district-wide volunteering campaign. Like many areas across the UK, Mid Wiltshire faces a shortage of volunteers. Despite this challenge, I am pleased to report that 1st Calne has a committed team of volunteers, and we have welcomed new members who are already bringing enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

Development Planning

We are currently implementing a Mid Wiltshire Development Plan, designed to strengthen support for:

- Volunteers
- Young Leaders
- Explorers
- And most importantly, our Young People

The plan focuses on improving training, programme planning, risk assessment completion, and overall growth across the district. Its aim is to create more opportunities for Young People to learn new skills, develop confidence, and enjoy high-quality Scouting.

Looking Ahead

I am excited to see how 1st Calne continues to grow over the next year. With ongoing changes, new volunteers, and a clear development plan, we are in a strong position to offer even more to our Young People and to support everyone involved in Scouting across Mid Wiltshire.

Jo Chalker

Group Leader Volunteer



Squirrels Report September 2026

Squirrels have been doing great this Scouting year.

We have had many squirrels get their Chief Scout Acorn badge which is a huge honour for them to wear on their uniform.

We had our first camp in February, and all our squirrels did super well and are willing to do another one!

We have had a few move up to beavers and some to move up in October.

We are super proud of our squirrels with all they have achieved and are hoping to achieve a lot more during this next year.

Georgia

1st Calne Squirrels Leader



Beavers Report September 2026

We started back on the Monday 7th September, where we have 16 Beavers, 3 Leaders & 3 Young Leaders.

As we have had a few new starters this term, we will be working together by doing team building activities, and working towards badges that have outdoor work, whilst the weather is still good.

Mon 20th Apr – Scavenger Hunt, we started this term with games and a scavenger hunt. We are trying to build up the team relationship between the Beavers. We do have several Beavers with various levels, and we want to ensure that all the Beavers understand various needs and how to work with each other.

Mon 27th Apr – International - We learnt about what other cultures wear and eat, and how we would say hello if we were in another country.

Mon 4th May – Camp Craft – We learned knots and how to put up a tent. This showed which children could take lead or listen to instructions.

Mon 18th May – Young Leader – The young leaders lead this evening with safety. They learnt safety in the home and fire safety.

Mon 1st Jun – the children learned about money and best ways to save, and the difference over the years.

Mon 8th Jun – Each child brought something in to talk about in front of the colony.

Mon 15th Jun – We planted seeds and discussed what we were expecting to happen.

Mon 22nd Jun – Explore – We went to Castlefields and explored with a scavenger hunt.

Mon 29th Jun – Last min changes due to hot weather. So, we had a water fight!

This term we are going to work towards more badges, as we have new starters.

Sam Moody, Beaver Leader



Cubs Report September 2026

Another great year for Cubs with many new skills achieved including Emergency First Aid, Navigation, Athletics and the Countryside code which gained many badges towards their Silver award.

In June the Cubs joined the Scouts on a very hot weekend camp at Jubilee Woods. They all had a great time in learning how to build fires safely and enjoyed backwoods cooking along with many various activities.

Martine

Cubs



Scouts Report September 2026

This year has been a busy and rewarding one for 1st Calne Scouts. Each night, we welcome 17 Scouts who are enthusiastic, engaged, and eager to learn new skills.

Community and Remembrance

Each year, we take part in the Remembrance Parade in Calne. It is a proud opportunity to showcase our young people in uniform and recognise the respect, kindness, and maturity they demonstrate within the community.

Camps and Adventures

One highlight was an overnight camp at Wookey Hole Caves, where we joined other Scout groups from Mid Wiltshire. The camp gave the Scouts the chance to experience a large indoor group camp, enjoy the 4D cinema, explore the caves, and have fun in the soft play area.

Our second camp was held jointly with the Cub section over two nights. Scouts and Cubs were responsible for putting up their tents and taking part in a range of activities, including work towards the Naturalist badge and backwards cooking, where plenty of marshmallows were enjoyed.

Skills and Activities

Throughout the year, Scouts have also developed practical skills and explored a wide range of activities, including:

- Map reading and navigation.
- Knots and pioneering.
- First aid.
- Obstacle courses.
- Talks about emergency hubs in Calne and what to do in an emergency.

Young Leaders

At 1st Calne, we are very fortunate to have many Young Leaders supporting our sections. Some join us while completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards, while others continue with us to develop their leadership skills and gain valuable experience through practical training and skills-based opportunities.

We are proud to offer our young people this important next step, helping them build confidence, responsibility, and the skills needed to lead and support others.

Yours in Scouting, Jo Chalker - Scout Leader & Group Lead Volunteer.



Treasurer's Report for Year ending 31st March 2026

This year, 1st Calne Scouts made real progress in strengthening our finances. Even though running costs continue to rise, we ended the year with a net gain of £3,968, which helps us keep activities affordable and maintain our hall safely.

2025-26 Accounts

1st Calne Scouts				
Year On Year Analysis	2025/26	2024/25	Movement	
Income				
Subscriptions	9,365	8,438	▲	11%
Fundraising	3,135	2,428	▲	29%
Donations & Grants	2,577	1,295	▲	99%
Hall Hire	3,785	4,055	▼	-7%
Bank Interest	113	176	▼	-36%
Total Income	18,975	16,392	▲	16%
Expenses				
Capitation	3,744	7,700		
Hall Running Costs ¹	8,258	6,796	▲	22%
Vehicle Running Costs ²	1,752	1,753	▲	0%
Camp & Activities ³	775	2,307	▼	-66%
Fundraising Costs	443	728	▼	-39%
Other Expenses	35	202	▼	
Total Expenses	15,007	19,486	▼	-23%
Net Income / (Loss)	3,968	(3,094)		

Where Our Money Came From

Overall income shows an increase of 16%, helped by a generous grant from Wiltshire Council to help with more hall improvements.

Membership fees grew by 11%, thanks to more young people joining and the continued success of our new Squirrel group.

Gift Aid wasn't claimed this year because only a small number of families are signed up, meaning we missed out on a valuable 25% boost on membership fees and donations. Increasing parent participation in Gift Aid remains one of the most efficient ways to enhance the group's revenue without raising fees.

Fundraising remains essential in supporting the daily running and growth of 1st Calne Scouts and monies raised remain secure. Our biggest and most successful fundraising opportunities are the Calne Bike Meet during the summer and the Christmas Lantern Parade. We always welcome support from members and parents of 1st Calne Scouts to help volunteer and make these fundraising events a success.

What We Spend Money On

Overall expenses fell by around 23%, although last year's double capitation payment makes this look larger than it truly is.

Hall Running Costs increased 22%, mainly due to rising utility prices. The hall continues to be the most significant running cost to the group.

Hall Hire income decreased 7% but continues to offset a large proportion of the hall running costs. To keep the hall open for the community, we've updated our hall hire pricing for new bookings.

Capitation costs (the fixed fee we pay per member to Mid Wiltshire District Scouting Association) were lower this year due to lower number of members on the books at the point the fee survey was completed.

What This Means for Our Members and Community

Despite rising costs — especially hall utilities and maintenance — we've ended the year with a positive net gain, strengthened by growing membership, a generous grant from Wiltshire Council, and the continued success of our fundraising events. This means a safer, well-maintained hall, continued investment in equipment and programme materials, protection against rising costs and more secure funding for fun activities.

Our hall remains our biggest financial responsibility, but it is also the heart of our community. The updated hire pricing ensures we can keep it open, safe, and welcoming for every section and for the wider Calne community.

Looking ahead, our priorities are clear:

- Strengthen Gift Aid participation – adds 25% to your fees at no extra cost
- Continue growing membership
- Support fundraising events with more volunteers
- Keep our hall financially sustainable
- Invest directly into programme quality and youth experiences

With your support, we can continue offering safe, exciting, and affordable Scouting for every young person who come through our doors.

Clare Cashen

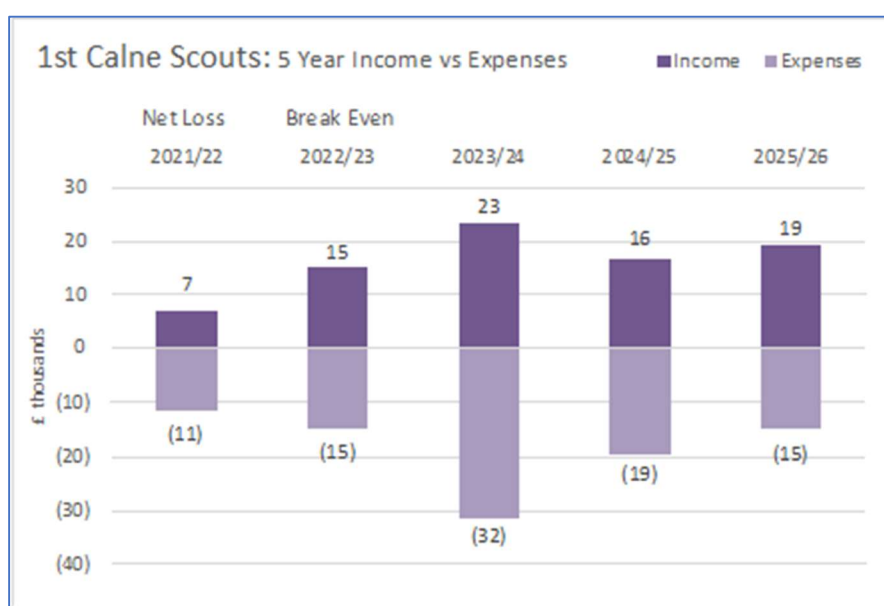
1st Calne Treasurer

Appendix 1

Notes to year-on-year analysis table (1-3) showing the detail for the hall and minibus running costs and the camp activities.

Note ¹ : Scout Hall	2025/26	2024/25	Movement
Hall Utilities	2,955	1,622	82%
Repairs & Maintenance	1,013	1,136	-11%
Cleaning (incl Refuse)	2,961	2,694	10%
Insurance	1,328	1,344	-1%
Total Hall	8,258	6,796	22%
Note ² : Minibus	2025/26	2024/25	Movement
Repairs & Maintenance	663	684	-3%
Insurance	918	904	2%
Tax	171	165	4%
Total Minibus	1,752	1,753	0%
<i>Cost per month</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>146</i>	
Note ³ : Camps & Activities	2025/26	2024/25	Movement
Receipts	1,032	2,965	-65%
Payments (incl Badges)	1,807	5,271	-66%
Net Expense Camps & Activities	775	2,307	-66%
<i>Info: Badges</i>	<i>685</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>-11%</i>

The five-year trend shows a steady recovery after the pandemic. Income and costs are gradually returning to a healthy balance, and the hall investment made in 2023/24 is now being absorbed into normal operations.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
1ST CALNE SCOUT GROUP

No (if any)
305922

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2025	To	Period end date 31/03/2026
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	9,365	-	-	9,365	8,438
Hall & Vehicle Hire	3,785	-	-	3,785	4,055
Camps / Activities	1,032	-	-	1,032	2,965
Donations and Grants	2,577	-	-	2,577	1,295
Uniform / Book Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest Received	113	-	-	113	176
Gift Aid Repaid	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	3,135	-	-	3,135	2,428
Electricity Rebate	-	-	-	-	1,978
From Buildings Fund Account	-	-	-	-	1,400
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,007	-	-	20,007	22,735
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,007	-	-	20,007	22,735
A3 Payments					
Council Tax & Water	677	-	-	677	427
Insurance	1,328	-	-	1,328	1,343
Hall Repairs and Cleaning	3,974	-	-	3,974	3,830
Uniform / Badges	685	-	-	685	1,426
Minibus/Trailer Expenses	1,752	-	-	1,752	1,753
Electricity	734	-	-	734	3,634
Gas	1,113	-	-	1,113	526
Fundraising Expenses	443	-	-	443	728
Camp / Activity Expenses	1,122	-	-	1,122	3,845
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Support and Training	-	-	-	-	117
AGM Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	35	-	-	35	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Internet	432	-	-	432	414
Building Project	-	-	-	-	-
Capitation	3,744	-	-	3,744	7,700
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	86
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,039	-	-	16,039	25,829
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,039	-	-	16,039	25,829
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,968	-	-	3,968	- 3,094
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,376	-	-	18,376	21,470
Cash funds this year end	22,344	-	-	22,344	18,376

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	5,013	-	-
	Short Term Investment Account	-	-	-
	Lloyds Building Fund	17,331	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,344	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	M. R. Curry	Mike Curry	20/09/2026	
		Clare Cashen	20/09/2026	