

GUILDFORD EAST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1021177

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-05-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. The Guildford East Scout District supports Explorer Scout Units and the Scout Groups across Guildford East to encourage the young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we support our members by providing the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,968	£35,717	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,224	£21,792	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,593	£27,186	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,650	£37,573	-	-
2021-03-31	£18,565	£4,654	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Denis Gordon John Lester		2020-06-16
Michael Neale		2017-06-14
Richard Albert Ayears		2016-12-01
Samantha Jane Ritchie		2020-10-20

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Accounts

Guildford East District Scout Council Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A	Reference and administration details
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Charity's principal address

Scout Association						
Nightingale Road						
Guildford						
Postcode	G	U	1	1	E	R

President: The Mayor of Guildford

Vice President: Michael Eagle

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Denis Lester	District Chair	
3	Sam Ritchie	District Treasurer	
4	Richard Ayears	District Lead Volunteer	
5	Cieran McConaghey	District Youth Commissioner	01.04.23 – 04.11.24
6	George Ankar	Elected	
7	Ian Phillips	Co-opted	20.01.25 – 31.03.25
8	Matt Phillips	Co-opted	20.01.25 – 31.03.25
9	Michael Neale	Elected	

Bank: Lloyds Bank, High Street, Guildford. Surrey

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District Scout Council 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.

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the last year sections within the district participated in an exciting and challenging year of Scouting activities working towards individual badges and awards. The majority of groups sections were able to undertake or at least join a nights away experiences again. There have been overnight hikes, cooking competitions, wide games, camps and fun days amongst the many activities in structured programmes based around three main themes: outdoor and adventure, world and skills. • Scout sections attended Scoutabout, Beavers took part in Beavers Go Wild, County Cub Quiz amongst other activities. District events have been limited however we did hold our annual St George's Day & Promise Renewal activity day once again at Bentley Copse. Several Explorers have taken part in Explorer Belt Challenges in Europe. • The Scouts and Explorer Scouts have aided other charitable organisations to raise funds and in so doing have raised the profile of Scouting. • The Scout Active Support Unit now known as the Programme and Event Support Team has continued to be active and supported events organised at District and County level where they could as well as arranging local activities for members of the Unit. • District Team Leads accompanied the District Lead Volunteer at Group AGMs to support communication and encourage good working practice. • During this last year the District has adopted the Scouts team approach to leadership and have been getting to grips with the structure and the new digital platform.

Risk and Internal Control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed; these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

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Reduced income from fund raising.

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The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities (continued)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District Volunteer and Development team has supported leaders, District volunteers and Trustees and steady progress has been made with getting new leaders through their Growing Roots modules in a timely fashion. Work has continued to ensure leaders are fully trained and where appropriate Wood Badges are achieved. The team have worked hard to support members with the new training platform. During the last year sections within the District participated in an exciting and challenging year of Scouting activities working towards individual badges and awards. The majority of groups sections were able to undertake or at least join a nights away experiences again. There have been overnight hikes, cooking competitions, wide games, camps and fun days amongst the many activities in structured programmes based around three main themes: outdoor and adventure, world and skills.
Additional details of the objectives and activities	The objects of the District are to support and assist our Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units, Young Leaders and our Scout Active Support Unit to achieve the purpose of the Scout Association by employing the method of the Scout Association.
Public benefit statement	The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

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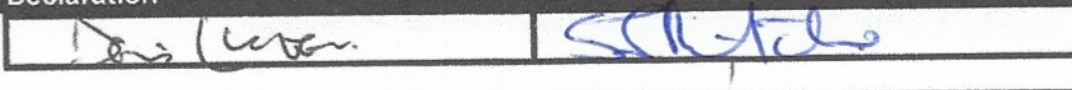
Section E	Financial Review
Annual Performance	<p>The District had total receipts for the year to 31 March 2025 of £34,968 and total payments of £35,717, giving an excess of expenditure over income for the year of £749. This compares to 2024 receipts of £47,224 payments of £25,432 and excess income over expenditure for the year of £25,432.</p> <p>However, the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis so the figures do not necessarily provide a fair representation of the underlying annual financial performance.</p> <p>All the receipts and payments in the year related to unrestricted funds and activities apart from the receipts and payments relating to the World Scout Jamborees which are funded through the restricted fund set-up for this purpose. .</p>

Section E	Financial Review (continued)
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves. Quantify and explain any designations	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>The District'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 District Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs of £20,000.</p> <p>The District held reserves of approximately £95,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be partly explained by the £38,000 reserves held by the RGS sponsored Explorer unit. The District is currently determining the most suitable use of these funds.</p>

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	N/A
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Further financial review details	<p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The District's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District 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 or The Charities Official Investment Fund.</p> <p>The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.</p>
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Section F	Future Planning
	<p>We will continue to support and maintain a high standard of Scouting within the District.</p> <p>We will develop a closer working relationship with Guildford West District and run joint events. We are reviewing the joint ownership and operation of the Scout Shop.</p> <p>We will grow the competencies of the District Team.</p> <p>We will support future major events which includes World Jamborees, Explorer Belt Expeditions, County and District events, plus the continual Training and Scout Association learning for our existing and new personnel.</p>

Section G	Declaration
Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Denis Gordon John Lester Sam Ritchie
Position	Chair Treasurer
Date	1st July 2025

Guildford East District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from **01-Apr-24** To **31-Mar-25**

Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Endowment Funds £	2024/25 Total funds £	2023/24 Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	51,623	-	51,623	26,014
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to County	(37,012)	-	(37,012)	368
Net membership subscriptions retained	14,611	-	14,611	26,382
Donations	2,702	-	2,702	118
Insurance premiums collected	683	-	683	405
Guildford Scout and Guide Shop	-	-	-	5,000
Sub total	17,996	-	17,996	31,905
Grants				-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Fundraising and Activities Income				
Explorer Activities and Camps	11,945	-	11,945	7,023
Scout Active Support Unit Activities	240	-	240	205
District Activities and Camps	3,565	-	3,565	5,235
Jamboree	-	-	-	2,154
General fundraising	861	-	861	634
Sub total	16,611	-	16,611	15,251
Investment income				
Bank interest	361	-	361	68
Sub total	361	-	361	68
Total Gross Income	34,968	-	34,968	47,224
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,968	-	34,968	47,224

Guildford East District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date					Year end date	
For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25		2023/24	
Receipts and payments						
	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Endowment Funds £	2024/25 Total funds £		2023/24 Total funds £	
Payments						
Charitable Payments	-					
Adult support, recognition and training	14	-	14		53	
Donations for use of facilities	10,053	-	10,053		200	
Insurance	2,303	-	2,303		3,713	
Uniforms and badges	20	-	20		105	
AGM and Trustee Expenses	68	-	68		113	
St Georges Day Exps	-	-	-		2,049	
Donations	90	-	90		-	
Admin and other expenses	51	-	51		78	
Sub total	12,599	-	12,599		6,311	
Fundraising and Activities Expenses						
Explorer Activities and Camps	16,529	-	16,529		5,895	
Scout Active Support Unit Activities	326	-	326		269	
District Activities and Camps	5,463	-	5,463		4,406	
Jamboree	-	-	-		4,060	
General fundraising	522	-	522		-	
Sub total	22,840	-	22,840		14,630	
Total Gross Expenditure	35,439	-	35,439		20,941	
Capital equipment	278	-	278		851	
Total payments	35,717	-	35,717		21,792	
Net of receipts/(payments)	(749)	-	(749)		25,432	
Transfers between funds	(1,582)	1,582	-		-	
Cash funds last year end	90,383	4,875	95,258		69,826	
Cash funds this year end	88,052	6,457	94,509		95,258	

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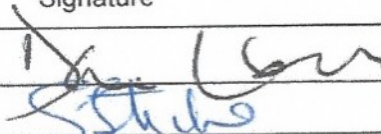

For the year from **01-Apr-24** To **31-Mar-25**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
	Unrestricted funds	Endowment Funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	49,980	6,457	56,437	72,528
Bank Deposit Account	37,930	-	37,930	22,570
Cash/Floats	142	-	142	160
Total cash funds	88,052	6,457	94,509	95,258
Breakdown of Cash Funds				
District excl ESU and SASU	43,149	6,457	49,606	48,064
RGS Explorer Unit	38,207	-	38,207	38,207
Other Explorer Units and SASU	6,696	-	6,696	8,987
Sub total	88,052	6,457	94,509	95,258
Other monetary assets				
Activity costs due from Groups	4,357	-	4,357	3,880
Capitation due from Groups	48	-	48	48
Insurance premiums due from Groups	3,101	-	3,101	1,579
Sub total	7,506	-	7,506	5,507
Liabilities				
Expenses and reimbursements due to leaders	427	-	427	148
Insurance premiums received from Groups	105	-	105	103
Other	206	-	206	228
Sub total	738	-	738	479

Contingent liabilities and future obligations. The Guildford East and West District Scout Councils are jointly responsible for any losses of the Guildford Scout Centre and Shop. At 31 March 2025 each District's share of the net assets amounted to £19,536 (2024: £21,901), based on the draft accounts.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **1st** July 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Denis Lester
	Samantha Ritchie

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Guildford East District Scout Council (Charity no. 1021177)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities on pages 1 – 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting 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: *K. Summers*

Date: *1/7/25*

Name: K Summers

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

Address: 7 Clifford Manor Road, Guildford. Surrey GU4 8AG

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Further financial review details	<p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The District's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group 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 or The Charities Official Investment Fund.</p> <p>The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.</p>

Section F	Future Planning
	<p>We will continue to support and maintain a high standard of Scouting within the District.</p> <p>We will develop a closer working relationship with Guildford West District and run joint events,</p> <p>We will grow the competencies of the District Team.</p> <p>We will support future major events which includes World Jamborees, Explorer Belt Expeditions, County and District events, plus the continual Training and Scout Association learning for our existing and new personnel.</p>

Section G	Declaration
Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	DENIS GORDON JOHN LESTER
Position	CHAIRMAN
Date	2 July 2024

Guildford East District Scout Council (Charity no. 1021177) Receipts and Payments Account

		Year start date			Year end date		
For the year from		01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24			
Receipts and payments							
		2023/24	2023/24	2023/24		2022/23	
		Unrestricted funds	Endowment Funds	Total funds		Total funds	
		£	£	£		£	
Receipts							
Donations, legacies and similar income							
Membership subscriptions		26,014	-	26,014		37,879	
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to County		368	-	368		(31,831)	
Net membership subscriptions retained		26,382	0	26,382		6,048	
Donations		118	-	118		200	
Gift Aid		-	-	-		963	
Insurance premiums collected		405		405		377	
Guildford Scout and Guide Shop		5,000	-	5,000		-	
Sub total		31,905	-	31,905		7,588	
Grants							
		-	-	-		-	
		-	-	-		-	
		-	-	-		-	
Sub total		-	-	-		-	
Fundraising and Activities Income							
Explorer Activities and Camps		7,023	-	7,023		5,877	
Scout Active Support Unit Activities		205	-	205		181	
District Activities and Camps		5,235	-	5,235		5,123	
Jamboree		2,154		2,154		5,529	
General fundraising		634	-	634		258	
		15,251	-	15,251		16,968	
Investment income							
Bank interest		68	-	68		37	
Building Society interest		-	-	-		-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-	-		-	
Charities Official Investment Fund		-	-	-		-	
Interest on Gift Aid		-	-	-		-	
Sub total		68	-	68		37	
Total Gross Income		47,224	-	47,224		24,593	
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-	-	-		-	
Total receipts		47,224	-	47,224		24,593	

Guildford East District Scout Council (Charity no. 1021177)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

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For the year from

01-Apr-23

To

31-Mar-24

2022/23

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Endowment Funds £	2023/24 Total funds £	2022/23 Total funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments	-			
Membership payment to County from prior year	-	-	-	-
Adult support, recognition and training	53	-	53	289
Rent and use of facilities	200	-	200	3,851
Mileage	-	-	-	-
Insurance	3,713	-	3,713	-
Printing and Photocopying	-	-	-	-
Uniforms and badges	105	-	105	263
AGM and Trustee Expenses	113	-	113	130
St Georges Day Exps	2,049	-	2,049	217
Donations	-	-	-	220
Admin and other expenses	78	-	78	71
Sub total	6,311	-	6,311	5,041
Fundraising and Activities Expenses				
Explorer Activities and Camps	5,895	-	5,895	6,610
Scout Active Support Unit Activities	269	-	269	236
District Activities and Camps	4,406	-	4,406	6,284
Jamboree	4,060	-	4,060	8,720
General fundraising	-	-	-	20
Sub total	14,630	-	14,630	21,870
Total Gross Expenditure	20,941	-	20,941	26,911
Capital equipment	851	-	851	275
Total payments	21,792	-	21,792	27,186
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,432	-	25,432	(2,593)
Transfers between funds	288	(288)	-	-
Cash funds last year end	64,663	5,163	69,826	72,419
Cash funds this year end	90,383	4,875	95,258	69,826

Guildford East District Scout Council (Charity no. 1021177) Receipts and Payments Account

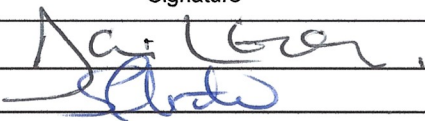

For the year from **01-Apr-23** To **31-Mar-24**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
	Unrestricted funds	Endowment Funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	67,653	4,875	72,528	69,745
Bank Deposit Account	22,570	-	22,570	1
Building society account	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	160	-	160	80
Total cash funds	90,383	4,875	95,258	69,826
Breakdown of Cash Funds				
District excl ESU and SASU	43,189	4,875	48,064	26,903
RGS Explorer Unit	38,207	-	38,207	38,242
Other Explorer Units and SASU	8,987	-	8,987	4,681
Sub total	90,383	4,875	95,258	69,826
Other monetary assets				
Activity costs due from Groups	3,880	-	3,880	
Capitation due from Groups	48	-	48	10,224
Insurance premiums due from Groups	1,579	-	1,579	-
Sub total	5,507	-	5,507	10,224
Liabilities				
Amounts due to County	-	-	-	3,659
Expenses and reimbursements due to leaders	148		148	1,691
Insurance premiums received from Groups	103		103	-
Other	228	-	228	205
Sub total	479	-	479	5,555

Contingent liabilities and future obligations. The Guildford East and West District Scout Councils are jointly responsible for any losses of the Guildford Scout Centre and Shop. At 31 March 2024 each District's share of the net assets amounted to £21,901 (2023: £29,202), based on the draft accounts.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Dennis Lester
	Samantha Ritchie

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Guildford East District Scout Council (Charity no. 1021177)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities on pages 1 – 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting 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: *K. Summers.*

Date: *2nd July 2024*

Name: K Summers

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

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