



CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustee's Annual Report & Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio

Name

District Lead Volunteer

Mrs S Best

TRUSTEES: Appointed

District Chair

Mr M Wenham

District Treasurer

Mrs S McConnachie-Kessel

Trustee

Mr T Best

Trustee

Mr C Hennessy

Trustee

Mr M Cardwell

TRUSTEES: Co-Opted

BANKERS:

Barclays Bank PLC, Huntingdon Business Centre, The Pavement, St Ives Branch, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE27 4AQ

Redwood Bank Ltd, Suite 101, The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TA

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES: The Scout Association Trust Corporation in respect of District Campsite and Headquarters.

District Registration Number with the Scout Association : 10713

Charity Registration Number: 1030974

Contact: Mr Michael Wenham, 34, Ashton Close, Needingworth, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE27 4UA



Cromwell District Scout Council
Trustees Annual Report and Annual statement of Accounts
For the year ending 31st December 2025

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. The District Board is in touch with Group Boards to assist them in achieving these aims.

Despite the District Minibus requiring some large repair bills at the start of the season the minibus fund ended the year with a small surplus due to good usage (25 hirings) with the bus travelling 6,000 miles. The hire rate remains very competitive against commercial minibus companies.

2025 was a successful year for the District Badge Secretary with over 8,317 badges sold. 763 for Squirrels, 1,361 for Beavers, 1,324 for Cubs & 665 for Scouts. In addition 1,981 staged badges and 391 joining in were sold. The most popular staged activity badge was Time on Water level 1, Explore Outdoors & let it grow for the Squirrels, Builder for the Beavers, Artist for the Cubs & Communicator for the Scouts. The most popular challenge badges were All Around Us for the Squirrels, My Adventure for the Beavers, Our Skills for the Cubs & Personal for the Scouts. The Cost of badges was regularised in April 2025 to make challenge and activity badges the same price. The District receives a discount on the cost by buying wholesale, which we pass on to groups, making badges cheaper than if ordered via the retail website

Fund raising through renting out Copley Scouting during 2025 saw over 3,000 using the site either with sleepovers, camping or weekend activities. The surplus for the year was just under £12,000. During 2025 the District spent £12,159 on Planned Maintenance items. The main expenditure being on tree surgery work that cost £6,700 that now concludes all work identified on the tree survey. Other planned maintenance work completed included the purchase of a new picnic table, 12 new camp fire seats, 2 new electric showers and the purchase of 5 mature Alders to replant those that had been lost and two new hand mowers.

The overall reserve still stands at £32,000, being £12,000 contingency and £20,000 for the Property Refurbishment

In April we received just over £3,000 in interest from monies held on deposit with the Redwood Bank. Currently we have accrued interest of £1,800 from April to December that will be paid in April 2026.



Report from Lead Volunteer Cromwell District - Sue Best

2025 has been another strong year of growth for Cromwell District. By the end of the year, we recorded just under 850 young people actively involved in Scouting supported by 270 adult volunteers. This brings our total engaged membership to 1,120 people across the District. I am very grateful for the commitment of our volunteers, no matter what their role, to make this happen. They make a difference

Despite this growth, demand continues to outspace our capacity. We have 437 young people on waiting lists hoping to join Scouting in Cromwell. To offer places to all of them, we would need to open approximately 20 new sections across the full age range!

In 2025 our young people embraced an extraordinary range of activities. They've kipped on ships and in climbing centres, slept under canvas, and settled into bunk rooms across the county- from Bedfordshire and Derbyshire to Essex, Gwynedd, Kent, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Suffolk and Surrey - not to mention countless nights spent at Copley, which continues to feel like a second home for many

This year also saw groups coming together to sizzle sausages and compete in a lively water carnival. Along the way they've cooked, hiked, sailed, navigated, whittled, and pushed themselves to try new things. They've challenged their limits, grown in confidence, and gained the kind of skills that stay with them for life. It's been genuinely encouraging to see sections supporting one another, pooling their strengths, and creating opportunities that every young person can share in. We have also been fortunate enough to have five young people and one adult volunteer selected to go on an adventure of a lifetime as part of the Cambridgeshire contingent at the 26th WSJ in Poland. With a year like that, it's no surprise that another 400 young people are eager to join us on our adventures.

There have been some notable changes across the District in 2025. The 1st Ramsey Scout Group reopened in September after a three-year absence, launching with a Beaver Colony and a Scout Group. Meanwhile Gateway and 5th St Ives strengthened their partnership by combining to reopen the 1st St Ives in December-developments made possible through the leadership and commitment of Hayley Aubrey and Jono Harwood respectively. Both groups are now well-placed to flourish in the years ahead.

I would like to make particular mention of Colin and Jackie Daniels, who were awarded the Silver Wolf in May- the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and a distinction reserved only for service of the most exceptional nature. Their dedication and unwavering commitment to Scouting has made a profound impact across our District.



Our annual St George's Day event in April continues to be a real highlight for me. With the dedication of our leadership teams, we bring the whole District together to parade through St Ives, renew our promises, and welcome families to join us on the District Campsite for a wide range of fun and engaging activities. St Ives Town Mayor, Julie Kerr who joined us for the event was escorted around the site and said, *It was a very special afternoon, absolutely brilliant, Alice, Milo and Grace showed me round. It was heartwarming to meet such wonderful young people who are full of passion and commitment, who understand the values of the community* It's moments like this, each year when our community spirit shines, and reminds me why Scouting in Cromwell is so special

The District is a Trust established under its rules that are common to all Districts, and the Trustees are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association and the Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payment basis that is consistent with the previous year and approved by the Trustees on the 23rd February 2026 and signed by the District Chair.

CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ANNUAL ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2025



	This Year Total £	Previous Year Total £
Total Receipts for the Year	119,073.40	67,483.63
Total Payments for the Year	127,364.02	57,764.09
Net Surplus / Deficit for the year	-8,290.62	9,719.54
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	133,882.88	124,163.34
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	125,592.26	133,882.88

The above accounts and accompanying statement(s) of assets and liabilities were approved

by Trustees on 23rd February 2026 and signed on their behalf by

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Mike Wenham

Independent Examiners Statement

I have independently examined the records and the accounts as set out on pages 3 to 8 and in my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me.

Name Graeme Huttley

Signed Graeme Huttley

G Huttley

Date:-

NOTE Figures for all 3 Explorer Units, Network, CMC, Badge Secretary are separate activities but are included in the general fund for audit purposes.

CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL RECEIPTS
FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	This Year Total £	Previous Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	47,328.00	42,552.00
Less paid to HQ\County\Rebates	0.00	35,854.00
	47,328.00	6,698.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Redwood Bank Interest	3,005.18	690.06
DONATIONS/GRANTS/ LEGACY		
Donations	1,000.00	500.00
Legacy (John Hancox)	0.00	1,935.89
	1,000.00	2,435.89
ACTIVITIES		
Copley Scouting Centre	18,005.24	13,065.68
Squirrels	280.00	0.00
Beavers	40.00	50.00
Cubs	735.00	650.18
Scouts	0.00	0.00
Young Leaders	421.84	0.00
Minibus	3,943.41	3,439.00
International Trips	223.88	520.00
Needingworth Scout Group (Sum Up)	0.00	1,108.17
Midas, D1 Train, Insurance Excess	680.00	430.00
Cygnat	780.00	2,470.00
Cromwell Explorer Scout Unit & Network	16,768.50	14,142.77
Nulli Secundi Explorer Sea Scout Unit	6,188.54	4,211.59
Cromwell Mountain Club ASU	6,350.57	10,660.55
Ramsey Scout group	4,701.68	2,748.68
	59,118.66	53,496.62
FUND RAISING		
District	0.00	0.00
St Georges Day	150.00	0.00
	150.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME		
Gift Aid Rebate	0.00	0.00
Rates Refund HDC - Covid	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Phone BT refund	970.32	0.00
Badges	7,501.24	4,163.06
	8,471.56	4,163.06
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	119,073.40	67,483.63

CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	This Year Total	Previous Year Total
	£	£
PREMISES		
New Equipment / Repairs	0.00	0.00
Cleaning	3,288.54	2,562.44
Rates	239.52	99.42
Water & Septic Tank	661.23	561.46
Electricity - Light and Heat	1,836.10	1,862.55
Insurance	1,709.40	1,711.43
BT - Phone & Internet	1,051.80	1,363.16
Fire Extinguishers & Fire Alarm Service	559.23	672.02
	9,345.82	8,832.48
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
Donations	0.00	500.00
	0.00	500.00
ACTIVITIES		
Copley Scouting Centre	1,022.99	1,629.68
Planned Maintenance	12,158.83	11,332.57
Squirrels	485.00	0.00
Beavers	119.39	80.89
Cubs	495.38	1,068.70
Scouts	0.00	0.00
Young Leaders	634.20	161.00
Needingworth Scout Group (Sum up)	0.00	1,108.17
International Trips	250.00	0.00
Transformation Costs	0.00	266.75
Midas, D1 Training, Insur excess	0.00	120.00
Cygnat	1,163.40	1,846.72
Minibus	4,901.91	2,028.98
Cromwell Explorer Scout Unit & Network	18,204.74	11,652.05
Nulli Secundi Explorer Sea Scout Unit	5,946.85	1,625.51
Cromwell Mountain Club ASU	7,600.92	8,387.00
Ramsey Scout Group	16,964.15	1,913.72
	69,947.76	43,221.74
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
District	0.00	0.00
District Domains	338.81	0.00
ADMIN/ESTAB EXPENSES	338.81	0.00
TRUSTEE / DISTRICT EXPENSES	161.65	437.90
OTHER EXPENSES		
AGM	16.30	22.00
St Georges Day	481.45	441.53
Membership to TSA & County	40,293.00	
	40,790.75	463.53
PURCHASE OF BADGES	6,779.23	4,308.44
SUNDRY PAYMENTS	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	127,364.02	57,764.09

This Year	Previous
Total	Year
	Total
£	£

Cash in hand

133,882.88

3,394

3,394

1,800

CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - OPENING BALANCES

	£ Opening Balance 01.01.2025	£ Closing Balance 31.12.2025
1 District	92,183.98	85,616.25 * see below
2 CESU	15,990.85	14,554.61
3 Nulli Secundi Explorers	8,172.36	8,414.05
4 CMC Active Support	14,294.98	13,044.63
5 Badge Secretary	3,240.71	3,962.72

133,882.88

125,592.26

Allocation of District Funds

Property & Contingency Reserve	32,000.00	32,000.00
Pat Tylers Legacy	25,000.00	26,122.95
District Camp	2,097.02	2,097.02
Planned Maintenance	14,089.23	8,780.40
D1 Train, Midas,insur excess	835.79	1,515.79
Beavers	730.73	651.34
Cubs	-259.30	-19.68
Scouts	685.42	685.42
Young Leaders	-175.00	-271.36
CDASU	170.36	170.36
International Trip Support	1,595.00	1,568.88
Cygnet	701.95	318.55
Ramsey Scout Group	11,658.12	0.00
Minibus	1,410.02	451.52
Squirrels	0.00	-205.00
WSJ Poland	0.00	1,000.00
District 50th Celebration	0.00	2,000.00
Non Allocated Funds	1,644.64	8,750.06

92,183.98

85,616.25

85,616.25

CROMWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - CLOSING BALANCES

	£ Bank Current Account 31-Dec-25	£ Bank Deposit Account 31-Dec-25	£ Building Society Account 31-Dec-25	£ Cash in Hand 31-Dec-25	£ Total 31-Dec-25
1 District	15,707.15	69,909.10	0.00	0.00	85,616.25
2 CESU & Network	14,554.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,554.61
3 Nulli Secundi Explorers	6,347.45	2,066.60	0.00	0.00	8,414.05
4 CMC ASU	2,954.06	10,090.57	0.00	0.00	13,044.63
5 Badge Secretary	3,437.98	524.74	0.00	0.00	3,962.72

43,001.25	82,591.01	0.00	0.00	125,592.26
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CROMWELL EXPLORER, RAMWELL NETWORK SCOUT UNIT
ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Receipts	Payments
1 Subscriptions	3,329.00	93.28
2 Membership		1,740.00
3 Insurance		267.58
4 Rent		744.00
5 Gift Aid		
6 Activities	1,447.00	1,561.25
7 Trips Totals	9,101.00	9,242.25
8 Misc	1,175.00	1,757.66
9 Equipment		1,195.30
10 Ramwell	146.50	420.98
11 Network	1,570.00	1,182.44
Total	16,768.50	18,204.74

Opening Balance 01.01.2025 15,990.85

Receipts 16,768.50

Payments -18,204.74

Closing Balance 31.12.2025 14,554.61

NULLI SECUNDI EXPLORER SEA SCOUT UNIT
ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Receipts	Payments
1.0 Subscriptions	2,797.34	0.00
2.0 Membership	0.00	1,026.00
3.0 Hall Hire	0.00	914.16
4.0 Donations	0.00	0.00
5.0 Fundraising	0.00	0.00
6.0 Activities	708.56	850.52
7.0 Camps	2,486.33	2,559.82
8.0 Uniform/Clothing/Badges	180.00	594.85
9.0 Insurance / Registration	0.00	0.00
10.0 Equipment	0.00	0.00
11.0 Misc	0.00	1.50
12.0 Interest (Deposit Account)	16.31	0.00
	6,188.54	5,946.85
Opening Balance 01.01.2025	8,172.36	
Receipts	6,188.54	
Payments	-5,946.85	
Closing Balance 31.12.2025	8,414.05	
	01.01.25	31.12.25
	Open Balance	Close Balance
Current account	6,122.07	6,347.45
Deposit Account	2,050.29	2,066.60
Overall Balances	8,172.36	8,414.05

CMC ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST JANUARY 2025

	Receipts	Payments
1.0 Trips & Expeditions		
1.1 North Norfolk	90.00	514.13
1.2 Big Rock 2025	14.00	793.27
1.3 Beddgelert 2025	1,725.00	1,770.88
1.4 Gradbach 2025	1,740.00	1,357.98
1.5 Iikley 2025	2,100.00	1,481.77
1.5 Trip Refunds account 2025	391.00	20.00
1.6 Ivinghoe Beacon Day 2025	160.00	0.00
1.7 WSC 2026 Site Deposit	0.00	100.00
1.8 Drum Hill 2026 Deposit	0.00	400.00
1.9 Park House 2026 Deposit	0.00	100.00
Kit		
1.10 Trip Kit incl maps	0.00	406.12
1.11 Clothing incl shirts & neckers	40.00	325.00
1.12 Miscellaneous	0.00	51.77
Training		
1.13 Training	0.00	280.00
1.14 Interest	90.57	0.00
	6,350.57	7,600.92

Opening Balance 01.01.2025

14,294.98

14,294.98

Receipts

6,350.57

Payments

-7,600.92

Closing Balance 31.12.2025

13,044.63

Current Account Barclays
Deposit Account

2,954.06

10,090.57

13,044.63

BADGE SECRETARY ACCOUNTS 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Closing Balance 31st Dec 2024

Bank Deposit	517.92
Bank Current	2,722.79
Cash in hand	0.00

3,240.71

Open Balance 1st Jan 2025 3,240.71

Receipts:

Badge Sales Cash	0.00
Badge Sales Cheques	0.00
Badge Sales Direct Payments	7,494.42
Premium Account Interest	6.82

Total	10,741.95
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Payments -6,779.23

Closing Balance 31st Dec 2025

3,962.72

Bank Deposit	524.74
Bank Current	3,437.98
Cash in hand	0.00

Total	3,962.72
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Debtors C/F at 31/12/2025 204.05

Badge Stock

3,958.28
