

FAREHAM WEST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON

26th JUNE 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1033062

**Trustees of the Fareham West District Scout Council 2024/25**

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Secretary                                         Sheila Good

Treasurer                                        Malcolm Harvey-Ross

**Ex-Officio**

District Lead Volunteer                      Mark Elbourn

Youth Commissioner                         Jamie Crowe

**Trustees**

Elected for 3 years                            Eric Williams

Anna Greenfield

Paul Dowman-Tucker

Richard Cannadine

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## **District Chair's Report 2024/25**

I would firstly like to thank the District Trustees for their time and commitment over the past year, we have met 6 times over that period and the meetings have been well supported. Decisions have been made to enhance the District with a new activity - Crossbows which will be launched in 2025. This one activity has cost nearly £2000 but I am sure will be popular by those who will be using them in the near future. We hope we can provide funding for some other activities around the District, possibly for our younger sections as we need to make sure there is a proper progression in what each section does as they go through Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. There isn't a bottomless pit of money so we cannot do everything you would like but if you have any suggestions please feel free to reach out to the District Trustees.

Following on from the "All Leaders Meeting" in January 2025, the District Trustees took into account the recommendation from this meeting to keep funding the Everetts campsite from our funds. We are lucky in our District to have three camping sites - A.E. Roberts (Fareham West owned), Everetts (jointly owned with Denewulf) and Lyons Copse (jointly owned by us and 3 other Districts) but each of these sites need to be kept in good order by volunteers, which we are eternally grateful for the time given by the volunteers who go along to do this. Everyone has a responsibility to help out when asked even just an hour or two, it was disappointing when the Lyons Copse "Big Clean" weekend was so poorly supported by our District. A.E. Roberts and Everetts are funded by the District whereas Lyons Copse is funded by the fees it charges when you camp or have activities there.

My sincere thanks goes out to all the District Team Volunteers and each and everyone of the volunteers which keep the Groups going whether it be in a leadership or a supporting role the Young People could not be a member of our great Scouting Movement without you.

YIS

Eric Williams

Chairman, District Trustee Board of Fareham West Scouts

## District Lead Volunteer Annual Report

### Annual General Meeting 2025

The last 12 months have been busy and provided quality Scouting both from within the Sections in the Groups, the Explorer Units and the District as a whole. Many thanks to the adult volunteers, whether you are there in an operational or governance role for enabling the young people to attend weekly meetings, the young people themselves and their parents.

This year saw us change from the online membership system that was known as Compass (it sometimes pointed in the right direction) to the new system known as scouts.org.uk. Otherwise known as Compass Replacement Adult Portal due to it not living up to the hype we were given.

At the end of December, Brian Graham stood down as a part of the DLV Team.

We are looking at filling the following roles in the District Team, and if anyone would like to volunteer to be considered, please email us:

Team Leader – Volunteer Development

Team Leader – Support

Group Lead – 1<sup>st</sup> Titchfield Sea Scout Group

Team Members for various supporting and activity teams

Various roles within many if not all of the groups plus Explorers.

If anyone is interested in helping with any of the above roles, please reach out to us and we can point you in the right direction.

The census for this year (January 2025) has seen an overall small drop in young people numbers again compared to January 2024. The census has once again shown that as a District, we have enough registered on waiting lists to open three more groups. 579 in January 2024 compared to 450 in January 2025.

The table below shows the numbers for this year, compared to last:

Section	2024	2025	+/-
Squirrels	69	58	11
Beavers	249	249	0
Cubs	302	308	6
Scouts	233	244	11
Explorers	60	48	12
Network	1	2	1
Youth Totals	914	909	5
Adult Volunteers	293	253	40
TOTAL	1207	1162	45

We would like to thank all those that have supported the District and ourselves over the last year. Whether you are Leaders, Trustees, Parents or Young People. We would like to make a special mention to Malcolm Harvey-Ross for covering the role of Treasurer since the last AGM when he agreed to cover for 12 months to keep us in line with the rules of Scouting and Charity Commission.

Over the last 12 months, the number of adults with outstanding Mandatory Ongoing Learning (MOGL), has dropped significantly. A big thank you must go to all the GLVs, Tas (old system), and those that have required to update their safety and safeguarding training to bring this number down. We receive monthly reports from HQ, and we try to anticipate this by pulling reports off the system (but this is not usually very helpful). Part of the report from HQ now is looking at first aid, New Safety module, and logging in to the system, as well as the continuation of including Safety and Safeguarding.

Permits for activities have continued to be issued where it is required. These are for both land and water-based activities.

Lyons Copse Duties have continued to be covered, but we could do with more support to cover our allocation of duties each year. Please remember that it doesn't have to be a leader that covers these duties, it can be a Trustee or an Occasional Helper. The minimum training for this is Safety and Safeguarding. There are people within the District and Lyons Copse, who will support those who have not covered a warden duty before. This can be done either beforehand, or over the weekend.

Congratulations to all those that have gained their top award for their section, whether this be Chief Scout's Acorn Award, Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Platinum Awards, or the King's Scout Award. Also, to those adult volunteers who have been awarded years service or meritorious awards or Wood Badges. Every one has been well earned and deserved for the dedication and effort it has taken to be recognised.

This report has gone on long enough, so I would like to once again, thank everyone for what you are doing for Scouting within Fareham West, and look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming days, weeks, months and years. Stay safe and continue to provide the excellent Scouting experiences you have been providing for the young people of the district.

YiS

Mark Elbourn and Claire Ashley

District Lead Volunteer Team - Fareham West

## EVERETT'S COPPICE REPORT TO THE DENEWULF AND FAREHAM WEST DISTRICTS AGMs FOR 2025

General maintenance e.g., ditch clearing, re-instating fences, cutting up falling trees, repairing bridges, strimming brambles, transplanting plants within the coppice etc. was carried out during the year. All logs and brush from these from fallen trees were moved to existing piles and Log Stores. Wood Chippings have been laid on some of the tracks.

Both Denewulf and Fareham West Districts donated £500.00 each for maintenance of the Coppice.

Joe Mitchell as Warden of the Coppice has attended Denewulf Executive Meetings and Group Leader meetings during the year. Everett's Coppice reports were given to Fareham West for their meetings.

The four working parties held during 2024 were well supported and our thanks go to all those groups that came along and for their great efforts that they made to make them successful.

Four dates for the Working Parties during 2025 have been agreed, they are to be held on: the 1<sup>st</sup> of March; the 18<sup>th</sup> of May; the 13<sup>th</sup> of September; and the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

The Green Tree badge scheme introduced in 2024 has been well supported. The Green Tree Badge aims to help children, schools, and families learn more about the amazing world of trees and forestry – the perfect way to understand the wider environment and especially the connection our coppice has with it.

Since the last Everett's AGM report for 2024, the Coppice has been used 77 times.

Booking of Everett's Coppice is still available using OSM. Both the Pedestrian Gate and the Front Gate are now fitted with combination locks using the same combination number for both locks, OSM will provide this combination number to sections 24hrs before the date booked.

A meeting was held between a Hampshire County Counsellor, Everett's coppice committee and representatives from both districts to discuss possible solutions to dropping off groups off safely. Members of the coppice committee have sent both District Chairmen a Map of proposed new exit / drop off area for discussion.

The Denewulf District Chairperson and the Everetts committee have had a meeting with Grenergy, a company who are planning to install a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the field north of Everetts Coppice. This dialogue is ongoing.

Dave Kemp

Everett's Coppice Secretary

13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## **Fareham West District Scouts    Account summary 31st March 2025**

### **District**

Main account*	£26,279.32
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No 2 account**	£2,300.00
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Savings account***	£13,061.41
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Plus interest	£132.08
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### **Explorers**

Main account****	£2,164.91
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Savings account*****	£9.51
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### **Old Scout Bushcraft**

Main Account	£482.53
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<b>Total in all accounts</b>	<b>£44,429.76</b>
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The District Main A/C\* is the working account

No 2 account\*\* is a special reserve account for grants to Jamberee, other international event participants and other special events.

Savings A/C\*\*\* is a reserve account based on 25%-50% Of operating budget for use in emergency or to assist Groups within District

The Explorer Main A/C\*\*\*\* is the working account

The Savings account\*\*\*\*\* is for large (international) camps not needed at present hence low amount

**Fareham West District Accounts 01.04.24 - 31.03.25**

	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>
Capitation	59,903.00	55,327.00
Donations/Loans	600.00	0.00
Shooting	226.50	0.00
Crossbows	0.00	1,778.96
District Camp	2,215.17	12,248.22
Climbing	595.00	175.03
A.E.Roberts Campsite	41.00	0.00
Everetts Campsite	10.00	350.00
Scout Events	870.00	786.54
Badges	382.50	67.38
Training	0.00	185.00
Course fees/Expenses	92.50	201.00
Postage/Insurance/Licence	0.00	878.32
WSJ payments	0.00	700.00
YL Costs	0.00	79.50
Refunds	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>£65,135.67</b>	<b>£72,776.95</b>
<b><u>Opening balance</u></b>	<b><u>£33,920.60</u></b>	
<b><u>Closing balance</u></b>	<b><u>£26,279.32</u></b>	
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<b>Membership fee to District</b>	<b>£4,576.00</b>	

**Old Scout Bushcraft Accounts 01.04.24 - 31.03.25**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Outreach	3,611.90	69.50
Camps	380.00	1,193.65
Donation	20.00	0.00
Clothing	0.00	403.35
Expenses	0.00	913.79
Website	0.00	77.00
Construction	0.00	1,540.94
Equipment	<u>774.00</u>	<u>473.77</u>
	<b>£4785.90</b>	<b>£4,672.00</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£368.63</b>	
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**Fareham West District Explorer Accounts 01/04/2024 - 31/03/25**

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Opening Balance			5060.04
Subscriptions	6178.00		
Camps	5599.07	6871.14	
Activities Consumables nights		742.86	
Clothing Hoodies/ Kneekers	233.00	171.06	
Rent Hall and Stores		3806.42	
Activities/ District/Lyons	629.50	205.00	
Capitation		2838.00	
Equipment/Gas		461.87	
Miscellaneous	63.54	181.65	
Donations	375.00		
Badges		17.99	
Repairs		9.99	
Insurance		667.26	
	<b>13078.11</b>	<b>15973.24</b>	<b>2164.91</b>

## Consolidation March 2025

Totals										
		District A/C	Other A/Cs	Explorer A/Cs	Explorer Savings	Old Scout Bushcraft		2024/2025	2023/2024	
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+ Receipts		£65,135.67	£832.08	£13,078.11	£0.06	£4,785.90		£83,831.82	£87,614.52	
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Profit/Loss		-£7,641.28	£832.08	-£2,895.13	£0.06	£113.90		-£9,590.37	£7,017.52	
		Main loss being from cancelled District Camp	Inc. interest +£132.08 on Savings Account, and £700.00 transferred to No 2 WSJ fund		Interest on account of £0.06					

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**Date of the next Trustee Board meeting: 19th September 2024, 7.30pm at 1st Stubbington HQ.**

## **District Chair's Report 2024/25**

I would firstly like to thank the District Trustees for their time and commitment over the past year, we have met 6 times over that period and the meetings have been well supported. Decisions have been made to enhance the District with a new activity - Crossbows which will be launched in 2025. This one activity has cost nearly £2000 but I am sure will be popular by those who will be using them in the near future. We hope we can provide funding for some other activities around the District, possibly for our younger sections as we need to make sure there is a proper progression in what each section does as they go through Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. There isn't a bottomless pit of money so we cannot do everything you would like but if you have any suggestions please feel free to reach out to the District Trustees.

Following on from the "All Leaders Meeting" in January 2025, the District Trustees took into account the recommendation from this meeting to keep funding the Everetts campsite from our funds. We are lucky in our District to have three camping sites - A.E. Roberts (Fareham West owned), Everetts (jointly owned with Denewulf) and Lyons Copse (jointly owned by us and 3 other Districts) but each of these sites need to be kept in good order by volunteers, which we are eternally grateful for the time given by the volunteers who go along to do this. Everyone has a responsibility to help out when asked even just an hour or two, it was disappointing when the Lyons Copse "Big Clean" weekend was so poorly supported by our District. A.E. Roberts and Everetts are funded by the District whereas Lyons Copse is funded by the fees it charges when you camp or have activities there.

My sincere thanks goes out to all the District Team Volunteers and each and everyone of the volunteers which keep the Groups going whether it be in a leadership or a supporting role the Young People could not be a member of our great Scouting Movement without you.

YIS

Eric Williams

Chairman, District Trustee Board of Fareham West Scouts

## District Lead Volunteer Annual Report

### Annual General Meeting 2025

The last 12 months have been busy and provided quality Scouting both from within the Sections in the Groups, the Explorer Units and the District as a whole. Many thanks to the adult volunteers, whether you are there in an operational or governance role for enabling the young people to attend weekly meetings, the young people themselves and their parents.

This year saw us change from the online membership system that was known as Compass (it sometimes pointed in the right direction) to the new system known as scouts.org.uk. Otherwise known as Compass Replacement Adult Portal due to it not living up to the hype we were given.

At the end of December, Brian Graham stood down as a part of the DLV Team.

We are looking at filling the following roles in the District Team, and if anyone would like to volunteer to be considered, please email us:

Team Leader – Volunteer Development

Team Leader – Support

Group Lead – 1<sup>st</sup> Titchfield Sea Scout Group

Team Members for various supporting and activity teams

Various roles within many if not all of the groups plus Explorers.

If anyone is interested in helping with any of the above roles, please reach out to us and we can point you in the right direction.

The census for this year (January 2025) has seen an overall small drop in young people numbers again compared to January 2024. The census has once again shown that as a District, we have enough registered on waiting lists to open three more groups. 579 in January 2024 compared to 450 in January 2025.

The table below shows the numbers for this year, compared to last:

Section	2024	2025	+/-
Squirrels	69	58	11
Beavers	249	249	0
Cubs	302	308	6
Scouts	233	244	11
Explorers	60	48	12
Network	1	2	1
Youth Totals	914	909	5
Adult Volunteers	293	253	40
TOTAL	1207	1162	45

We would like to thank all those that have supported the District and ourselves over the last year. Whether you are Leaders, Trustees, Parents or Young People. We would like to make a special mention to Malcolm Harvey-Ross for covering the role of Treasurer since the last AGM when he agreed to cover for 12 months to keep us in line with the rules of Scouting and Charity Commission.

Over the last 12 months, the number of adults with outstanding Mandatory Ongoing Learning (MOGL), has dropped significantly. A big thank you must go to all the GLVs, Tas (old system), and those that have required to update their safety and safeguarding training to bring this number down. We receive monthly reports from HQ, and we try to anticipate this by pulling reports off the system (but this is not usually very helpful). Part of the report from HQ now is looking at first aid, New Safety module, and logging in to the system, as well as the continuation of including Safety and Safeguarding.

Permits for activities have continued to be issued where it is required. These are for both land and water-based activities.

Lyons Copse Duties have continued to be covered, but we could do with more support to cover our allocation of duties each year. Please remember that it doesn't have to be a leader that covers these duties, it can be a Trustee or an Occasional Helper. The minimum training for this is Safety and Safeguarding. There are people within the District and Lyons Copse, who will support those who have not covered a warden duty before. This can be done either beforehand, or over the weekend.

Congratulations to all those that have gained their top award for their section, whether this be Chief Scout's Acorn Award, Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond or Platinum Awards, or the King's Scout Award. Also, to those adult volunteers who have been awarded years service or meritorious awards or Wood Badges. Every one has been well earned and deserved for the dedication and effort it has taken to be recognised.

This report has gone on long enough, so I would like to once again, thank everyone for what you are doing for Scouting within Fareham West, and look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming days, weeks, months and years. Stay safe and continue to provide the excellent Scouting experiences you have been providing for the young people of the district.

YiS

Mark Elbourn and Claire Ashley

District Lead Volunteer Team - Fareham West

## EVERETT'S COPPICE REPORT TO THE DENEWULF AND FAREHAM WEST DISTRICTS AGMs FOR 2025

General maintenance e.g., ditch clearing, re-instating fences, cutting up falling trees, repairing bridges, strimming brambles, transplanting plants within the coppice etc. was carried out during the year. All logs and brush from these from fallen trees were moved to existing piles and Log Stores. Wood Chippings have been laid on some of the tracks.

Both Denewulf and Fareham West Districts donated £500.00 each for maintenance of the Coppice.

Joe Mitchell as Warden of the Coppice has attended Denewulf Executive Meetings and Group Leader meetings during the year. Everett's Coppice reports were given to Fareham West for their meetings.

The four working parties held during 2024 were well supported and our thanks go to all those groups that came along and for their great efforts that they made to make them successful.

Four dates for the Working Parties during 2025 have been agreed, they are to be held on: the 1<sup>st</sup> of March; the 18<sup>th</sup> of May; the 13<sup>th</sup> of September; and the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

The Green Tree badge scheme introduced in 2024 has been well supported. The Green Tree Badge aims to help children, schools, and families learn more about the amazing world of trees and forestry – the perfect way to understand the wider environment and especially the connection our coppice has with it.

Since the last Everett's AGM report for 2024, the Coppice has been used 77 times.

Booking of Everett's Coppice is still available using OSM. Both the Pedestrian Gate and the Front Gate are now fitted with combination locks using the same combination number for both locks, OSM will provide this combination number to sections 24hrs before the date booked.

A meeting was held between a Hampshire County Counsellor, Everett's coppice committee and representatives from both districts to discuss possible solutions to dropping off groups off safely. Members of the coppice committee have sent both District Chairmen a Map of proposed new exit / drop off area for discussion.

The Denewulf District Chairperson and the Everetts committee have had a meeting with Grenergy, a company who are planning to install a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the field north of Everetts Coppice. This dialogue is ongoing.

Dave Kemp

Everett's Coppice Secretary

13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## **Fareham West District Scouts    Account summary 31st March 2025**

### **District**

Main account*	£26,279.32
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No 2 account**	£2,300.00
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Savings account***	£13,061.41
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Plus interest	£132.08
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### **Explorers**

Main account****	£2,164.91
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Savings account*****	£9.51
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### **Old Scout Bushcraft**

Main Account	£482.53
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<b>Total in all accounts</b>	<b>£44,429.76</b>
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The District Main A/C\* is the working account

No 2 account\*\* is a special reserve account for grants to Jamberee, other international event participants and other special events.

Savings A/C\*\*\* is a reserve account based on 25%-50% Of operating budget for use in emergency or to assist Groups within District

The Explorer Main A/C\*\*\*\* is the working account

The Savings account\*\*\*\*\* is for large (international) camps not needed at present hence low amount

**Fareham West District Accounts 01.04.24 - 31.03.25**

	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>
Capitation	59,903.00	55,327.00
Donations/Loans	600.00	0.00
Shooting	226.50	0.00
Crossbows	0.00	1,778.96
District Camp	2,215.17	12,248.22
Climbing	595.00	175.03
A.E.Roberts Campsite	41.00	0.00
Everetts Campsite	10.00	350.00
Scout Events	870.00	786.54
Badges	382.50	67.38
Training	0.00	185.00
Course fees/Expenses	92.50	201.00
Postage/Insurance/Licence	0.00	878.32
WSJ payments	0.00	700.00
YL Costs	0.00	79.50
Refunds	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>£65,135.67</b>	<b>£72,776.95</b>
<b><u>Opening balance</u></b>	<b><u>£33,920.60</u></b>	
<b><u>Closing balance</u></b>	<b><u>£26,279.32</u></b>	
<b>No 2a/c</b>	<b>£2,300.00</b>	
<b>Savings a/c</b>	<b>£13,193.49</b>	
<b>Membership fee to District</b>	<b>£4,576.00</b>	

**Old Scout Bushcraft Accounts 01.04.24 - 31.03.25**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Outreach	3,611.90	69.50
Camps	380.00	1,193.65
Donation	20.00	0.00
Clothing	0.00	403.35
Expenses	0.00	913.79
Website	0.00	77.00
Construction	0.00	1,540.94
Equipment	<u>774.00</u>	<u>473.77</u>
	<b>£4785.90</b>	<b>£4,672.00</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£368.63</b>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£482.53</b>	

**Fareham West District Explorer Accounts 01/04/2024 - 31/03/25**

	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Opening Balance			5060.04
Subscriptions	6178.00		
Camps	5599.07	6871.14	
Activities Consumables nights		742.86	
Clothing Hoodies/ Kneekers	233.00	171.06	
Rent Hall and Stores		3806.42	
Activities/ District/Lyons	629.50	205.00	
Capitation		2838.00	
Equipment/Gas		461.87	
Miscellaneous	63.54	181.65	
Donations	375.00		
Badges		17.99	
Repairs		9.99	
Insurance		667.26	
	<b>13078.11</b>	<b>15973.24</b>	<b>2164.91</b>

## Consolidation March 2025

Totals										
		District A/C	Other A/Cs	Explorer A/Cs	Explorer Savings	Old Scout Bushcraft		2024/2025	2023/2024	
Opening Balance		£33,9260.60	£14,661.41	£5,060.04	£9.45	£368.63		£54,020.13	£46,989.01	
+ Receipts		£65,135.67	£832.08	£13,078.11	£0.06	£4,785.90		£83,831.82	£87,614.52	
- Expenditure		£72,776.95	£0.00	£15,973.24	£0.00	£4,672.00		£93,422.19	£80,597.00	
Closing Balance		£26,279.32	£15,493.49	£2,164.91	£9.51	£482.53		£44,429.76	£54,006.53	
Profit/Loss		-£7,641.28	£832.08	-£2,895.13	£0.06	£113.90		-£9,590.37	£7,017.52	
		Main loss being from cancelled District Camp	Inc. interest +£132.08 on Savings Account, and £700.00 transferred to No 2 WSJ fund		Interest on account of £0.06					

50% of Fareham Scout Band account as shared with Denewulf District, but independently audited, therefore not included.

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

FAREHAM WEST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2025

Charity no (if  
any)

1033062

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's  
statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

D Kemp

Date: 22/04/2025

Name:

D KEMP

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