



WIMBLEDON & WANDLE
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2024

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Section A - Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number 1036432

Bankers

The District Bank Accounts are held at
CafBank Ltd.,
West Malling,
Kent, ME19 4JQ

The District Sections and the Explorer Units have accounts in their own names at various other banks.

Section B

Type of governing document

The District governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

The District is a trust established under the Scout Association's rules which are common to all Scouts in the United Kingdom.

Trustee selection methods

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Governance

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District, 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.

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the District;
- The raising of funds and administration of District finance and property;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing a District Appointments sub-committee;
- Appointing any other sub-committees that are or may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors, other than those who are elected;
- The presentation of an Annual Report and Accounts;

Risk and Internal Control

The District Executive has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments which are all paid by cheque or direct transfer. All receipts are banked normally within 7 days of receipt

Section C

Objects and Activities

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based upon the Scout Promise and Law and guided by Adult leadership.

The District Scout Council's role is to offer leadership and support to the Scout Groups within a geographical area.

The District encompasses Groups throughout the London Borough of Merton.

The District meets the Charities Commission public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

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.

Section D

Main achievements during the year

These are set out by the District Commissioner and Chairman in their reports in the District Annual Report presented to the Annual General Meeting on the 18th June 2025.

Section E

Financial Review

At the end of the period cash reserves amounted to **£285,351.76** in funds held by the District; these and other funds used by the various sections and Units are shown in note 7 to the accounts.

Charity's policy on reserves

The District's policy on reserves is to hold an amount, considered by the Trustees to be sufficient to provide support to the Groups as previously, in particular in the form of loans for capital expenditure, to cover expected maintenance costs on the District Headquarters and other properties.

In making decisions about Reserves the Executive tries to balance the history and legacy of the Funds now available and the needs today of Scouting in London Borough of Merton.

Atlasta Hall was the name of the 25th Mitcham Group HQ in Collingwood Gardens, Colliers Wood.

After the 25th Mitcham Group closed in the 1980s, the land and HQ reverted to the District in accordance with Scout Association policies. The Hall was then rented until the mid 2000's. In the absence of any other viable proposition, the decision was taken to put the land up for sale. The property was sold without Planning Permission in 2008, but with the intention that a GP Practice / Dental surgery would be built on the site.

The sale proceeds of £150,000 are what we have now called the "Atlasta Fund".

The Fund has since existed to enable money to be loaned efficiently and effectively to Groups within the District for HQ improvements. Loans are interest free with repayment terms up to 15 years. The intention being that by funding immediate property improvement, income is then created by wider community use of our buildings. Approaching half of the "Atlasta" Funds has been lent to develop Scout owned buildings in Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon. All Groups are repaying on the terms originally agreed.

By March 2026, the District has to review the future of another inherited building named Kenneth Black Hall in Worple Road, Wimbledon. This consists of a hall, (let in 2006 for 20 years), 3 bed flat, storage and garages. The sole source of our income; is from rent of the Hall to Wimbledon Bridge Club and also the refurbished Flat; let since 2016 on an annual Assured Short hold Tenancy. The storage and all but one of the garages are used by the District for storage.

The building was erected as a memorial to Kenneth Black on land gifted to the District by his elder brother Sir Cyril Black. Sir Cyril was a local philanthropist, former Kings College scholar, local MP and Mayor of Wimbledon who died in 1991. The hall was opened in 1957.

Charities Commission Rules require us in the approach to 2026 to survey/ value the building and take legal advice on the best course of action. Opportunities may then include: Selling the land for development; developing the land for ourselves.

The greater part of remaining Reserve Funds will be required for upkeep of Kenneth Black Hall until 2026.

In the meantime, the balance of Reserves is set aside for the continuing renovation of our leased District Headquarters in Morden Hall Park. Use of this building and the surrounding land, provided free to Groups (most that do not have access to their own green space), has increased 10-fold since the works commenced.

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in long term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies and such accounts are regularly monitored to ensure the maximum value and income from such arrangements.

Future plans

The future plans are as contained in the District Development Plan and in the Financial Plan.

Volunteer Help

The value of the help and time given by over 400 Leaders, Helpers and Lay Officials who work tirelessly for the District and Groups cannot be evaluated and is not therefore shown in the accounts presented with this report. However, it is hereby acknowledged with gratitude.

Write- off of assets

During the 2024 financial year the trustees took the decision to write off the £71,000 of Scout equipment as an asset since neither a full stock take could be achieved nor was there a certainty that this asset would be realised through sale.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees by

A Coups Chairman

Dated: - 7th October 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council

Charity Number 1036432

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out below and which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, The Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act,
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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".

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: G Rostron FCA

Dated: - 24th November 2025

WIMBLEDON AND WANDLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL					
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2024					
			Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		Notes	£	£	£
OPENING BALANCES as at 1/1/24			£ 378,295	£ 318,436	284,870
RECEIPTS					
Donations, Grants etc.					
	Membership Subscriptions		61,049	54,313	42,990
	Less: paid over		- 62,322	- 58,097	- 49,045
	Subscriptions subsidy		- 1,273	- 3,784	- 6,055
	Other Subscriptions		5,750	5,971	9,202
	Other Income		2,520	2,629	4,097
	Donations		3,243	-	486
	Grants		-	-	8,334
	Sub total		10,240	4,816	16,064
Badge and Store Sales			14,521	19,112	21,273
Investment Income					
	Loan Repayments		-	1,667	21,667
	Bank Interest		2,972	728	766
	Asset Sales		-	-	-
	Rental Income	3	33,878	53,929	42,649
	Sub total		36,850	56,324	65,082
Activities			-	51,105	51,954
TOTAL RECEIPTS			61,612	131,357	154,373
Total Receipts and Opening Balance			439,907	449,793	439,243
PAYMENTS					
Rental, Admin and Loans					
	Rentals		1,100	1,050	3,680

	Admin		240	909	509
	Loans/Grants to		-	-	-
	Groups/Units		-	-	-
	Loans to Groups / Units		-	-	-
	Donations		-	-	-
	Sub total		1,340	1,959	4,189
Activities and Training					
	Youth Training		70,451	14,823	66,131
	Jamboree 2024		-	25,978	7,000
	Leader Training		1,049	2,269	616
	Other Costs		-	1,000	967
	Sub total		71,500	44,070	74,714
Badge/ Store Purchases			12,983	12,895	21,260
Premises					
	Repairs	4	71,677	4,782	9,539
	Utilities	5	1,590	3,537	3,288
	Insurances & Legal	6	4,782	4,256	3,943
	Sub total		78,049	12,575	16,770
Asset Purchases			-	-	3,874
TOTAL PAYMENTS			163,872	71,499	120,807
CLOSING BALANCES as at 31/12/24		7	£ 285,352	£ 378,295	£ 318,436
The notes form part of these accounts					
WIMBLEDON AND WANDLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL					
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024					
			Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
		Notes	£	£	£
ASSETS					

Cash Funds					
	Bank Current Accounts		55,019	152,065	95,400
	Bank Deposit Accounts		229,888	224,797	222,168
	Cash Floats		445	1,432	868
	Total Cash Funds	7	285,352	378,295	318,436
Outstanding Loans to Groups					
	1st Morden		7,999	8,666	9,333
	6th/12th Mitcham		10,000	10,000	11,000
	8th Morden		5,500	5,500	5,500
	19th Wimbledon		-	-	-
	Total Loans			24,116	25,833
Non monetary Assets for the charity's own use					
	Land and Buildings	8	1,304,889	1,307,889	1,285,508
	Scouting Equipment		-	71,713	71,713
	Badge & Store stocks at cost		-	-	-
	or lower market value		11,440	8,778	7,661
	Prepayments		-	-	1,192
			1,316,329	1,388,379	1,366,074
LIABILITIES					
Amounts received in advance and accrued expenses					
	Rental Kenneth Black Hall		-	-	5,690
	Badge Sales		-	-	1,418
	Store rebates due		-	-	1,300
	Accrued expenses (utilities)		-	-	-
	Deposits for 2024 Scout Activities		-	-	2,590

			-	-	10,998
The notes form part of these accounts					
WIMBLEDON AND WANDLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL					
Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024					
			Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Note 1	Donations received with thanks:-				
	To Merton Park Unit Funds				-
	To District Funds				485
					485
Note 2	Grants received:-				
	Jack Petchey Foundation:-				3,000
	LB Merton				5,334
					8,334
Note 3	Rental Income				
	Kenneth Black Hall		24,660	22,754	22,754
	Kenneth Black Flat		1,793	24,685	18,095
	Kenneth Black garages		-	-	1,800
	District HQ		-	-	-
	Jubilee Hall		7,425	6,490	-
			33,878	53,929	42,649
Note 4	Premises repairs:-				
	Kenneth Black Flat		59,662	2,033	7,594
	Kenneth Black Garages		-	-	-
	Wandle HQ		1,065	694	1,408
	Kenneth Black Hall		-	562	537
	Jubilee Hall		10,950	1,493	-
			71,677	4,782	9,539
Note 5	Premises Utilities				
	Wandle HQ		1,211	2,008	1,195

	Kenneth Black Hall		-	-	-
	Kenneth Black Flat		163	1,529	2,093
	Jubilee Hall		216	-	-
			1,590	3,537	3,288
Note 6 - Insurance and Legal	Wandle HQ and Jubilee Hall		2,212	1,993	1,701
	Insurance claim (HQ)		-	-	-
	Kenneth Black Hall		2,476	2,169	2,148
	Personal accident (helpers)		94	94	94
			4,782	4,256	3,943
Note 7 - Cash and Bank balances	District Accounts		245,278	301,147	282,566
	Cub Account		120	120	120
	Scout Account		7,025	10,385	8,456
	Network & Explorer Accounts		28,458	61,417	21,697
	SAS Account		559	589	599
	Band Account		-	-	946
	Badge and Store Account		3,468	4,636	4,052
	Store Account		-	-	-
			284,908	378,294	318,436
Note 8	Land and Buildings:-				
No historical costs are available, Properties are shown at the value assessed by insurers at the last renewal date					
	Kenneth Black Hall (freehold)		1,225,872	1,228,872	1,206,491
	Jubilee hall		-	Unknown	-
	Wandle HQ built on land leased from the National Trust		79,017	79,017	79,017
			1,304,889	1,307,889	1,285,508