



Banstead District Scout Council

Trustee Board Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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District Youth Commissioner	Harri Griffiths
District Network Commissioner	Zach Pepper
District Treasurer	Simon Payne
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Deputy District Commissioner	Mark Wingett
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Elected Trustees

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Other Advisors:

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter granted in 1912 and supplemented by further Charters granted by two subsequent Monarchs. These Charters give authority to the Bye-Laws of the Scout Association which, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's affairs. The rules are laid out in the Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules ('POR').

In common with all Scout Groups and Scout Districts in the United Kingdom, Banstead District Scout Council ('BDSC') is an autonomous charity, affiliated to the Scout Association, which together form part of the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom. BDSC operates in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules ('POR') of the Scout Association.

The members of the Trustee Board of BDSC must act collectively as charity trustees and in the best interests of the members of Banstead District Scout Council, amongst other things, to comply with the POR, to protect and maintain any property and equipment owned or used by the District, to manage the BDSC finances, to provide insurance for people, property and equipment and to promote and support the operation and development of Scouting in the District.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting which is usually held in June. All of the trustees give their time voluntarily. No trustees have received or are receiving any remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of Scouting is actively to engage and support young people in their personal development, helping them to achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities and they live their Scout Promise.

Banstead District Scout Council ('BDSC') is a unit of the Scout Association and is one of 18 districts that support and facilitate the provision of scouting in Surrey. As a part of the Scout Association the objective of BDSC is to help to provide resources and support to Scout Groups for the delivery of the Scouting programme, to as many young people as possible, in our geographic area.

Banstead District Scouts is open to all young people in the local area, aged between four and twenty five, no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

The Banstead District Scout Council Trustee Board wishes to extend sincere thanks to all of the adults who give of their time, effort and expertise to enable young people in the District to enjoy Scouting and to access the variety of opportunities available to them.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this annual report. We have assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to 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.

We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria. The Scouting Movement, of which BDSC is a recognised part, follows two key principles set by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit:

1. Identifiable Benefit

The way in which BDSC supports and carries out Scouting helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the objective and purpose of Scouting.

2. Public Benefit

Banstead District Scouts is part of the national Scouts movement that is open to all young people, aged between four and twenty five, who are willing to make the Scout Promise, no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

The Trustees maintain due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance whenever they are exercising any of their powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Responsibilities of the Trustee Board

Financial and Accounting

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and resources spent during the year and of its state of affairs at the year-end. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The BDSC Trustee Board is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity. This enables the Board to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Policy

The Trustee Board has sought to identify the major risks to which Banstead District Scout Council is exposed. Such risks have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate them, as far as is reasonably possible. The Board has charged the District Commissioner and his team with the responsibility for

carrying out a fail-safe annual check on all of the property and assets owned by Banstead District Scout Council.

Chairman`s Report

The Trustee Boards of the district have once again performed extremely well in terms of support for their Groups. They have taken the many changes that have been signposted over the next year and started to incorporate them into their operation. This has not been an easy task and is one that will take time to establish itself into the general thinking. I do commend the Trustee`s for their work in support for their groups during this change.

In terms of the district, the Trustee Board have continued the support of the facilities here at Park Farm. We have faced a number of concerns with the discovery of Ash Die back within the site and the need to remove some trees. This is, and will continue to be a drain on our resources; however the safety of our users is our priority. We have been lucky enough to have gained a grant towards the work from Reigate and Banstead Council Community Infrastructure Levy and we sincerely thank them for this support. The site continues to be improved and I would like to thank the support team for their work over the past year.

Further thanks must be given to the District Trustee Board for their work in support of the district in general and for their efforts in guiding and supporting the groups and sections. Even with the new terms and structure of Trustee Boards I believe we have a set of people who can continue to deliver the needs of the young people in this area and provide the expert support to group trustees, leaders and helpers.

Colin Griffiths - District Chairman

Financial Review for the year ended 31st March 2024

The financial strategy supports the aims and objectives of BDSC and this is achieved by maintaining sound finances, prudently managed with the maintenance of reserves at a sufficient level to cope with unexpected and adverse situations.

Financial Outcome 2023/24 – Summary and Overview

The accounts for Banstead District Scout Council ('BDSC') for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Total gross income for the year was £29,385 whilst total payments amounted to £33,513 resulting in a deficit of income compared to expenditure of £4,128 for the year. However, this is a somewhat distorted picture due to the effect of timing differences of certain significant receipts and payments relative to the financial year-end cut-off of 31st March. Specifically, at the 2023 March year-end there was only £660 of annual subscription receipts outstanding whereas this year around £7,000 was owed to us as at 31st March. Within the first week of April £5,800 of the outstanding amount had been received to our bank account.

On the payments side, the total rates and lease rent payment to our landlords, Reigate & Banstead Council, are shown as being £3,018 for the year compared to £1,935 for the year to March 2023. The inference is that this cost has increased significantly during the year. However, the reality is that the rent

invoice for the March quarter last year was issued late by the landlord and, consequently, we were unable to pay it before the March year-end in 2023. There, has not been any change to our rent which remains £570.10 per quarter, net of the rental grant subsidy. So, the underlying true cost of rent and rates for 2023/24 is £2,448 compared to £2,506 in the previous year.

The timing differences described above resulted in an artificial reduction in net income of £6,910 for the financial year to 31st March 2024. Amending the net deficit of £4,128 to take account of this results in an underlying net surplus of income over expenditure of £2,782 compared to a net surplus of £9,018 in the year to 31st March 2023.

The principal sources of income in the year were (i) young person membership subscriptions, (ii) rental income from the hire of the headquarters buildings and camping facilities to scouting groups and other organisations involved with young people and (iii) donations and grants. Whilst donation income fell during the last year, nonetheless, BDSC was grateful to receive donations from a couple of organisations, most notably the Rotary Club of Cheam and Sutton whose contribution provides much need financial assistance with the running costs of the van.

On the expenses side, the principal costs incurred were (i) repairs, renewals and improvements to the headquarters premises and site at Park Farm, (ii) equipment purchases, (iii) rates and lease rental payments, (iv) insurance, (v) utilities and (vi) van running costs & repairs.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Trustee Board is to hold cash reserves of at least £12,000, which is a level that the Trustees consider to be adequate in order to meet any unexpected and adverse costs that might arise during the financial year. This figure is unchanged from the previous year but is kept under six-monthly review by the Trustee Board. As at the financial year-end of 31st March 2024, the total unrestricted cash balances of Banstead District Scout Council amounted to £37,757.

Looking forward, the Trustee Board is aware of a couple of one-off but significant items of expenditure that will be required in the coming months. This expenditure may cause the organisation to come close to breaching the minimum target cash reserves figure of £12,000. However, based on the information available, the Trustees are confident that any such breach will be relatively small and should last for a maximum of four months.

This report provides a summary of the key areas of the receipts and payments account for the year and of the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2024.

Receipts

Subscriptions

The accounts seem to indicate a significant fall in the subscription income retained by Banstead District after the payments due to HQ and Surrey County Scouts. However, if the effect of timing differences is removed the underlying position is that net subscription income to the District reduced only slightly, from £8,947 in the year to March 2023 to £8,769 in this year. This fall of 2% in revenue reflects the increase of 3.8% in the District element of the annual membership subscription being outweighed by the effect of the reduction of 23 in headcount of youth members paying the subscription.

Hopefully, we shall see some growth in the numbers joining Scouting in the District during the coming year.

Donations / Grants

In the year to March 2024, donations and grants totalled £3,094 although you will see that the relevant line in the accounts shows a lower figure of £1,294. This is because the donation of £1,800 from Cheam and Sutton Rotary Club was specifically allocated to finance the van running costs and that donation is incorporated in the line 'van account income'.

Donation and grant income was down by £2,649 on the previous year. Identifying and pursuing grant opportunities is a key area of focus for our Chair and he devotes a considerable amount of time to this activity. Once again we were grateful to receive generous support from the Rotary Club of Cheam and Sutton who donated some of the proceeds from their Santa Christmas Float Collection. This donation is ring-fenced to support the running costs of the van, as referred to above.

Park Farm Hire Income

In the year to 31st March 2024, total income of £15,313 was generated from the hiring out of the various Park Farm premises and facilities to various organisations, both scouting and non-scouting related. This was a strong increase of 59.7% on the previous year's result of £9,587 and we hope that we shall see some further growth achieved in this important revenue source during the coming year. The Trustee Board is aware that there is likely to be the need for some significant expenditure on the Park Farm site and equipment in the next few months and the hire income is crucial in enabling us to finance these costs.

World Scout Jamboree

The figure in the receipts account in relation to the World Scout Jamboree simply reflects payments received from the District's two Jamboree participants towards the cost of attending the event in August 2023. The monies are collected by the District and passed through to Surrey County Scouts in accordance *with the instalment payment plan. As we are now at the start of the four year cycle leading towards the next Jamboree in 2027, there will not be any such receipts in the accounts for the next couple of years.*

Sale of Band Equipment

This is a one-off revenue item arising from the sale of various musical instruments that were owned by the District but which had been unused for a few years. It was considered unlikely that the equipment would be used by scouts in the foreseeable future and its condition was likely to deteriorate over time. An opportunity arose to sell the equipment to a local organisation and the sale was approved by the Trustee Board in March 2024.

Van Account Income

The van is owned by Cheam and Sutton Rotary Club but it is loaned to Banstead District Scouts who maintain and look after it during those times in the year that it is not required for use by the Rotary Club. This arrangement is governed by a written agreement between BDSC and the Rotary Club.

This income stream is used entirely to finance the running costs of the van. It comprises the annual donation from Cheam & Sutton Rotary Club from the proceeds of the Rotary's Christmas float collections. Last year the donation was £1,820 and this year it was £1,800. In addition, BDSC is permitted to allow the van to be borrowed by various groups and individuals at times during the year, in exchange for which

a donation is usually made to the District. All such donations are used to cover van related costs. In the year to March 2023, these donations amounted to £230 which increased to £1,155 in the year to March 2024 although the 2024 figure includes a £185 donation that related to use of the van in the previous financial year. A further £250 was paid in by the Rotary Club in November but this was an advance payment just to cover the expected ULEZ charges that would arise during the Christmas float street collections in December.

Unfortunately, this was an unusually expensive year in terms of van repair costs. As a result, the Rotary Club made an additional one-off donation of £1,570 to BDSC to cover 50% of the exceptional repair costs.

Payments

Insurance Personal Injury

The figure of £1,076 shown in the payments account was a 9.7% increase on the cost of £980.96 in the previous year. Sharp-eyed observers will note that the previous year figure is shown as £1,678 rather than £981. This is because the previous year figure includes the premium of £697 due to have been paid in March 2022 but which wasn't paid until 1st April that year. This point was covered in my report to the AGM in June 2023.

Park Farm Lease and Rates

The annual rates bill for the year to 31st March 2024 was £113 (after rate relief) compared to £225 in the previous year. The rent paid to our landlord, Reigate & Banstead Council in accordance with the terms of BDSC's lease of Park Farm was unchanged at £570 per quarter. The total rent paid in the year to March 2024 as shown in the accounts appears to be somewhat higher than is suggested by these figures. This is a continuation of the slight issue that I reported at last year's AGM in that our landlord was late in issuing the quarterly invoice for payment in March 2023. Consequently, the 4th quarter rent payment was made in April 2023, after our financial year-end. As a result, there were 5 rent payments in the financial year to March 2024 compared to 3 in the previous year.

Premises Insurance

This provides insurance cover for the buildings and contents at Park Farm. It is a significant expense and in the year to March 2024 it rose by 11.7% to £4,740. This one item of expenditure consumed 54% of the District's net membership subscription income for the year.

Park Farm – Equipment Purchases, Fixtures & Fittings, Repairs & Renewals

In the year to March 2024, these expenditure items totalled £13,782 compared to £12,419 in the previous year, an increase of 11%. Of this total, approximately £8,000 (58%) was accounted for by the following 5 items: (i) climbing equipment - £1,450, (ii) purchase of solar panels and ancillary equipment for Park Farm - £1,750 (expected to be installed soon), (iii) various items of grounds maintenance equipment for Park Farm - £900, (iv) tree survey report - £630 and (v) purchase of various items of activity equipment for supervised use by Scouts and Explorers - £3,200.

The Trustee Board expects to incur some significant but necessary costs at Park Farm in the coming months but the Board is satisfied that this can be financed from available reserves.

Park Farm - Utilities

This area of expenditure increased from £293 in the year to March 2023 to £1,824 in the year to March 2024. The increase is almost entirely due to gas bills at Park Farm where we moved from being in credit to receiving quarterly bills which totalled £1,478 in the year. The remainder of this cost increase was due to the rise in the broadband bill which rose by 18%, increasing from £293 to £346 per annum.

Van Costs

As previously mentioned, this expense line shows a large increase on the previous year, reflecting the need for some significant repairs during the year. Repair costs increased from £584 to £3,350 whilst the van running costs increased by 15% to £1,813 for the year to 31st March 2024. The principal component of the increase in running costs was insurance (+£117). We received additional donations from Cheam & Sutton Rotary Club totalling £1,620 towards the repair costs.

There was a net deficit of £423 in van income compared to van costs in the year to 31st March 2024. However, this deficit was accommodated within the running balance in the van account from retained surpluses since 2021.

Activities

This expenditure category has reduced from £3,023 to £201 in the year to March 2024. You may recall that at last year's AGM, I highlighted that almost all of that year's expense (£2,918) was due to the costs incurred by the District in hiring coaches for scouting participants attending two events during the year up to March 2023. This accounted for 33% of that year's net District membership subscription income. As anticipated, the Trustee Board subsequently reviewed the matter and decided that it was not economically sensible for the District to continue to bear this cost.

World Jamboree

The expense shown here is the instalment payments made by the District to Surrey County Scouts in respect of the two District representatives who attended the Jamboree in South Korea last August. The reduction from the previous year simply reflects that there were fewer instalment payments due in the year to March 2024 compared to the previous year. The District made the final instalment payment in May 2023.

The difference between this expense line and the Jamboree income line reflects the slightly mismatched timing between the District making the payments and the instalments being received from our representatives. The final instalments from the families were received, as expected, in July 2023.

Banstead District Scout Shop

Last year I reported that the Banstead District Scout Shop had seen a decline of around 11% in sales. That trend has continued and in the year to 31st March 2024 sales fell by a further 4.2% to £6,047. After deducting cost of sales and other expenses, the shop recorded a surplus for the year of £2,815 compared to £1,636 in the previous year.

As indicated at the last AGM, during the last 12 months the Trustee Board has reviewed the operation of the District Scout Shop and it has concluded that the shop isn't really being viewed locally as the 'location of choice' from which to source uniform requirements. The ongoing decline in sales really tells the story

that it is extremely difficult for small local scout uniform shops to compete with the larger operators, the official Scout Store amongst them, who have a national reach, an online sales platform and significant buying power which enables them to compete rather aggressively on price.

It follows that there is little point in having a local volunteer devote a significant amount of time in managing this service when there clearly isn't the customer demand to warrant such commitment and effort. As a result of the lack of local support and the continuing decline in sales, the Trustee Board has agreed that there will be a managed wind down of uniform sales through the District shop until the existing stock has been sold. Thereafter, the District shop will continue to source and supply scarves and badges only.

Total Receipts Payments and Deficit for the Year

Total receipts in the year to March 2024 were £29,385 whilst payments were £33,513, resulting in a deficit of receipts compared to payments for the year of £4,128. As explained at the beginning of this report, there are a number of timing differences that have distorted the figures a little this year. If the effect of these timing differences is removed it results in an 'increase' in income of c.£6,910 and an underlying surplus of receipts over payments of £2,782 for the year.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Banstead District Scouts is in a satisfactory financial position. Unrestricted District cash funds at 31st March 2024 stood at £37,757. This is a reduction of £4,128 on the position at 31st March 2023 which is consistent with the net deficit of £4,128 for the year. Notwithstanding this reduction in cash funds, the Trustee Board remains satisfied that Banstead District Scout Council has sufficient resources available to meet its financial commitments as they fall due.

Simon Payne – District Treasurer

Receipts and Payments Account

For the Period: 01 April 2023 TO 31 March 2024

Receipts and Payments											
Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Network Scouts	Explorer Unit Banstead	Explorer Unit Central			Shop Account		S A S U	Total funds	Last year
SUBSCRIPTIONS											
Membership subscriptions	23,808.15	0.00	813.00	2,150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	26,771.15	49,648.70
Less: Membership subscriptions paid to County & HQ	20,212.50									20,212.50	21,000.00
Membership subs paid to District			665.20							665.20	2,226.20
Net District membership subscriptions after payment to County & HQ	3,595.65	0.00	147.80	2,150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,893.45	26,422.50
Donations / grants	1,294.30		558.81	300.00						1,294.30	5,545.97
Sub total	4,889.95	0.00	706.61	2,450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,968.47
SCOUT SHOP											
SALES							6,047.06			6,047.06	6,310.84
							6,047.06			6,047.06	6,310.84
PARK FARM											
Hire income	15,313.06									15,313.06	9,587.00
Lease / Rates rebates	0.00									0.00	0.00
Sub total	15,313.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,313.06	9,587.00
MISC											
Misc Income	432.00	0.01	20.00	34.98					70.80	557.79	123.60
Jamboree	1,920.00									1,920.00	4,000.00
Sale of band equipment	1,500.00									1,500.00	0.00
Sub total	3,852.00	0.01	20.00	34.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.80	3,977.79	4,123.60
OTHER INCOME											
Equipment										0.00	0.00
Beaver / Cub / Scout Activities										0.00	1,420.71
Other Activities				772.86					300.00	1,072.86	22.10
Van Account Income	3,204.96									3,204.96	2,050.00
Van Account - donations re repairs	1,570.53									1,570.53	0.00
Explorer / Network Activities			712.00	3,960.92						4,672.92	1,345.29
St. George's Day collection	354.10									354.10	410.81
Sub total	5,129.59	0.00	712.00	4,733.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	10,875.37	5,248.91
BANK INTEREST	200.54						196.92			397.46	71.71
Sub total	200.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	196.92	0.00	0.00	397.46	71.71
Total Gross Income	29,385.14	0.01	1,438.61	7,218.76	0.00	0.00	6,243.98	0.00	370.80	44,657.30	57,310.53
										0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	29,385.14	0.01	1,438.61	7,218.76	0.00	0.00	6,243.98	0.00	370.80	44,657.30	57,310.53

Receipts and Payments Account

For the Period: 01 April 2023 TO 31 March 2024

Receipts and Payments

Payments	Unrestricted funds	Network Scouts	Explorer Unit Banstead	Explorer Unit Central	Shop Account	S A S U	Total funds	Last year
Rent 'donation' to Explorers / Network	0.00						0.00	650.00
Donations made	84.75						84.75	476.00
Insurance Personal Injury	1,076.08						1,076.08	1,678.06
Adult Support and Training	125.00			60.00			185.00	70.00
Park Farm - Lease & Rates	3,017.92						3,017.92	1,935.58
Park Farm - Utilities	1,824.66						1,824.66	293.53
Park Farm - Premises Insurance	4,740.21						4,740.21	4,244.98
Park Farm - Helpers Insurance	52.00						52.00	52.00
Park Farm - Repairs, Renew'ls, F&F	1,929.58						1,929.58	11,832.19
Park Farm - Equipment Purchases	9,093.30						9,093.30	2,562.57
Park Farm - Other	2,759.19						2,759.19	306.91
Van - Running Costs	1,812.95						1,812.95	1,576.38
Van - Repair Costs	3,350.13						3,350.13	583.90
Activities - Beavers & Cubs	201.29						201.29	1,175.00
Activities - Scouts	0.00						0.00	1,848.00
Activities - Other	6.47						6.47	21.45
Bank Charges	95.00				143.19		238.19	236.95
Website Hosting Costs	355.06						355.06	231.06
Online Scout Manager	432.00						432.00	432.00
AGM Expenses	479.61						479.61	350.82
World Jamboree 2023 Payments	990.00						990.00	5,900.00
Travel, Admin & Other Expenses	306.70			39.03			345.73	506.48
Sub total	32,731.90	0.00	0.00	99.03	0.00	0.00	32,974.12	36,963.86
EXPLORERS / NETWORK								
Explorers / Network activities	0.00		1,741.46	4,898.76			6,640.22	1868.17
Premises maintenance - Explorers	0.00						0.00	576.28
Explorers - Other	0.00			3,121.80			3,121.80	60.28
Uniform / Badges	0.00			330.60		91.20	421.80	380.47
Network - to SASU re Bazzazz	0.00						0.00	300.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	1,741.46	8,351.16	0.00	0.00	10,183.82	3185.20
OTHER EXPENSES								
St George's Day donation	314.10						314.10	0.00
Miscellaneous	389.49	86.37			10.39		486.25	342.44
Printing / Stationery	78.25						78.25	100.31
Scout Shop Purchases					3,274.48		3,274.48	4468.00
Shop Discount payments to Groups							0.00	0.00
Sub total	781.84	86.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,153.08	4910.75
Asset and Investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00					0.00	0.00
Total payments	33,513.74	86.37	1,741.46	8,450.19	0.00	0.00	47,311.02	45,059.81
Less Total Receipts	-29,385.14	-0.01	-1,438.61	-7,218.76	0.00	0.00	-44,657.30	-57,310.53
Net Surplus / - Shortfall	-4,128.60	-86.36	-302.85	-1,231.43	0.00	0.00	279.60	12,250.72
Cash & Bank Balances last yr. end	43,370.32	4,946.45	3,226.18	4,448.77	0.00	0.00	66,061.93	53811.21
Cash & Bank Balances @ 31/3/24	39,241.72	4,860.09	2,923.33	3,217.34	0.00	0.00	63,408.21	66,061.93

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2024

	This year General	Network Scouts	Explorer Unit Banstead	Explorer Unit Central		Shop Account	S A S U	This year total	Previous year total
Cash Funds									
Cash in hand						283.86		283.86	294.25
Main Accounts - CAF Bank	33,009.25					11,486.32		44,495.57	44,942.74
Current A/C (Pk. Farm Income) - Lloyds	2,917.16	4,860.09					1,395.55	9,172.80	11,666.50
Vehicle Account - CAF Bank	1,830.70							1,830.70	-
1st Bentley Achievement Award Fund*	1,484.61							1,484.61	1,483.49
Bank Current Account			2,923.33	3,217.34				6,140.67	7,674.95
Total cash funds	39,241.72	4,860.09	2,923.33	3,217.34	-	-	11,770.18	63,408.21	66,061.93
Other Monetary assets									
Gift Aid Claim									
Subscriptions invoiced & outstanding	6,206.20								660.20
OSM Licences to be invoiced	453.60							453.60	432.00
	6,659.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	453.60	1,092.20
Non monetary assets									
Scout Shop Badges / Uniforms						5,349.10		5,349.10	6,464.72
Park Farm Contents - as insured	78,000.00							78,000.00	78,000.00
Band equipment	5,000.00							5,000.00	5,000.00
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	83,000.00	-	-	-	-	5,349.10	-	88,349.10	89,464.72
Liabilities									
HQ & County Subs not paid @ 31/03/24	20,442.50							20,442.50	20,212.50
Expenses incurred but not invoiced								-	-
Other								-	-
	20,442.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,442.50	20,212.50

*1st Bentley Achievement Award Fund - this amount represents 'restricted funds' within the BDSC account balances held at CAF Bank. These monies were donated to BDSC by 1st Bentley Scout Group upon its closure with the expressed desire that the monies be used by BDSC to fund the establishment and the future funding of the new 'Bentley Achievement Award'. The criteria for this new award were separately agreed between the BDSC scout leadership team and the 1st Bentley committee prior to the Group's closure.

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature
Name
C.P. GRIFFITHS

Date

4/6/24

Signature
Name
S.C. PAYNE

4/6/24

District Leader's report

On behalf of our youth members, I would like to thank all the leadership teams and adult volunteers for all they have done over the past year in delivering great programmes.

Our transformation journey continues as HQ roll out new communications and update POR, even though the new digital tool has been delayed until later in 2024.

Young Leaders involvement in section leadership teams remains strong with many completing their Young Leader Training scheme and attending the conferences organised by County.

The annual census reported that the overall number of young people in the Groups decreased slightly, whilst District Explorers increased. Growth will be a focus in the coming years.

I would also like to thank my District leadership team for their continuing support as we start the transition to a Programme, Volunteer Development and Support team structure.

Leaders across the District continue to maintain full compliance with their ongoing mandatory learning and develop skill they can pass onto our youth members.

Kelvin Freeman - District Commissioner



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Banstead District Scout Council

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1036740

Set out on pages

10 – 12

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives 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 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:

Date:

5.6.2024

Name:

Neil Bridges

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

11 Commonfield Road

Banstead

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.