

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Charity registration number: 1053232

Objectives and Activities

The High Wycombe District Scout Council co-ordinates the activities of all Scout Groups within the High Wycombe area as laid down in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. It is responsible for the running of the District Explorer Section. The Council manages the District Headquarters building in Keep Hill Road, High Wycombe.

Income derives from an annual levy on all young members of the constituent Scout Groups and from fees from the hire of the District Headquarters building.

The High Wycombe Scout Council is currently combined with Marlow Scout Council for management purposes which is through a committee, including Trustees, which meets 4 times a year. The finances of the 2 Districts are not combined.

Achievements and Performance

The High Wycombe Scout District continues to be active and the numbers of participating youngsters increasing.

Financial Review

The Finances are sound with reserves gradually increasing. The Reserves are in excess of the Scout Association requirements.

The accounts are drawn up on a receipts and payments basis.

The Council banks with Metro Bank

Designated Funds

There are no designated funds

Trustees

Ron Cooper	Chairman
Steven Crawshaw	Treasurer
Tina Palin	District Lead Volunteer
Bob Stiff	Assistant District Lead – SEN
Kate Lewis	District Secretary

The Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting

Contact details

The Charity may be contacted at 9 The Briars, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1ED

High Wycombe District Scout Council
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ended 31st March 2025



2024-25

2023-24

	Note	General £	Property £	Marquees £	Total £
INCOME					
MEMBERSHIP FEES					
	Collected from Groups 2024 (after 1/4/24)	22,591.50	0.00	0.00	22,591.50
	Collected from Groups 2025	35,334.00	0.00	0.00	35,334.00
	Remitted to County and National HQ	-44,802.00	0.00	0.00	-44,802.00
	District Membership Fees	13,123.50	0.00	0.00	13,123.50
OTHER INCOME					
	Building Hire Income (JWSC)	0.00	1,830.00	0.00	1,830.00
	Marquee Hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	St George's Day collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Account interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Sands Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	District Income	950.00	0.00	0.00	950.00
	Section Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Jamboree	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Explorers	66,651.55	0.00	0.00	66,651.55
	Misc	520.00	0.00	0.00	520.00
	Sub Total Other Income	68,121.55	1,830.00	0.00	69,951.55
	TOTAL INCOME	81,245.05	1,830.00	0.00	83,075.05
EXPENDITURE					
	Membership Fees	0.00	5,465.82	0.00	5,465.82
2	JWSC maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Sands Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Sands Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Marquee expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	District expenses	345.71	0.00	0.00	345.71
	Section expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	St George's Day costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Jamboree	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Explorers	36,501.16	0.00	0.00	36,501.16
	Misc	950.00	0.00	0.00	950.00
	Loan Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Loan Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37,796.87	5,465.82	0.00	43,262.69
EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
		43,448.18	-3,635.82	0.00	39,812.36

High Wycombe District Scout Council
Balance Sheet

AS AT:

31st March 2025

Bank Accounts and Cash Balances	General £	District Total £
Cash		0.00
Scout Association Investment (closed)		0.00
Metro Bank Account	84,168.04	44,355.68
HSBC Bank Account (closed)	0.00	0.00
Total Bank Accounts and Short Term Balances	84,168.04	44,355.68
Liabilities		
Sands Repayment Loan - 4 payments over 3 years	0.00	0.00
Funds brought forward	84,168.04	44,355.68
Represented by		
Total Funds Brought forward	44,355.68	35,763.43
Current Year Excess/(Deficit)	39,812.36	8,592.25
Loan Movement in year	0.00	0.00
Total Funds Carried Forward	84,168.04	44,355.68

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Notes to the accounts

1 Loan
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2 JWSC maintenance covered remaining fencing, tree pruning & boiler repairs

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4 Jamboree and European Adventure

EuroJam fund
World Jamboree payment
£ 0.00
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5 Bucks County Council Covid Grants given due to loss of use of JWSC premises

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Adjustment following outstanding capitation receipts & payments

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NON-MONETARY ASSETS:

John Wood Scout Centre, Keep Hill Road
Property acquired for
Refurbishment costs

£3,000

£30,969

Insured value

£290,000

The above statement of assets and accompanying receipts and payments account and notes were approved
by the Executive Committee (Trustees) on **19th Nov** 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

RON COOPER
Chairman

STEVE CRAWSHAW
Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HIGH WYCOMBE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the Accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Executive Committee (Trustees) and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures

Basis of Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records
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have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
3. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the District's constitution have not been met.

PHILIP RACKSTRAW
Chartered Certified Accountant

Dashwoods Accountants Limited
31 Dashwood Avenue
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Bucks HP12 3DZ

Dated: **21st October 2025**

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