

Ruislip Eastcote Northwood District Scout Council

Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Reference and Administration Information

Registered Charity number 1066010 Scouts Registration number 10001049

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Trustee Name	Office
Tyler Skerton	District Lead Volunteer
Paul Catchpole	Chair
Helen Evans	Secretary
David Pinn	Treasurer
Nikhil Varodaria	District Youth Lead and under 25
Kyle Fawcett	District Youth Lead and under 25
Richard Plume	Elected Member
Margaret Sullivan	Elected Member
Marcus Victory	Elected Member
Paul Spencer	Elected Member

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Report of the Trustees

Introduction

The Trustees present their Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

The District's 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.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Districts.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM (and at other times) in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. There is an open selection process in accordance with POR. There is a maximum time that individuals may serve.

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, 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.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 8 Trustees (including 3 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every 3 months. Trustees are elected or appointed according to POR.

Members of the Trustee Board complete "Being a Scouts Trustee learning" within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

There are 12 Groups within the District and are separate entities and have their own registration with the Scout Association and may be charities in their own right. However, the District has a responsibility to ensure that they comply with the appropriate charity regulations and POR.

This District Trustee Board's main responsibility is to ensure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are kept and maintained in good working order, that and Groups within the District follow legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules.

Risk and Internal Control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which the District is exposed. These are regularly reviewed and systems established to mitigate against them.

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The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These are in accordance with the requirements of POR which is the framework which all Scout Districts and Groups are required to operate.

The District has robust systems in place to ensure adventurous and hazardous activities are managed.

All groups within the District have completed a survey to establish compliance with POR and charity regulations. This has been reviewed and non-compliance will be addressed with individual Groups. One thing identified as common to all Groups is the need for risk register and a full set of risk assessments. The risk assessments relating to activities are in place but other risks may not be fully identified. The trustees will address this over the next twelve months.

Reserves Policy

- The sum of money to which the policy applies in 2024/25 is £466,267.
- £250,000 of this is a Designated Fund for interest earning, to allow the District to continue to financially support activities across all Groups and Sections.
- Originally a sum of £300,000 was allocated as a Designated Fund for Capital Grants to Groups. This has reduced to £216,267 in 2023/24. No capital grants were made during 2024-25
- The balance of £32,453 is considered to be available for current year spending.

The funds associated with the three Explorer Sections are not considered as part of the District reserves policy.

Investment Policy

The trustees use the services of IPS Capital to provide investment management services for approximately 30% of its capital. The remainder of the funds are in various interest earning accounts available for use at short notice. Full details are in the Financial Report.

Safety and Safeguarding

The Scouts have rigorous training and monitoring in all their activities. The Board of Trustees of individual Groups are responsible for the safety of their premises.

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Main events

The District has financially supported events including Hillwalking (Scouts) Sports days (Beavers and Cubs) and expeditions both in the UK and abroad so that no one is excluded on the grounds of affordability.

During the year we have replaced the District Van and maintained the climbing wall and other equipment which is available for all Groups to use free of charge.

The Scout Association has replaced the membership and compliance system (compass) with a new membership system. This incorporates changes that will allow all adult members easier access to their records and data. The key members of the District Team were well prepared for the change and although there have been some challenges, the new system has been adopted.

The District has not been called on to assist individual Groups either with building or other projects but has funds available.

We are also pleased to support leaders to achieve skills based qualifications so that they can lead adventurous activities.

Conclusion

The leaders and other helpers work tirelessly to provide a high quality programme for all young people in REN and the Trustees express their thanks to everyone for making this another successful year.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signatures

Full names

Position

Date

Ruislip Eastcote Northwood District Scout Council

Receipts and Payments Account

		Year start date	Year end date	
	For the year from	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
Receipts and payments				
		2024/25		2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Income Squirrels Activities				
Income Beaver Activities	352		352	
Income Cub Activities	2,875		2,875	4,765
Income Scout Activities	8,917		8,917	4,624
Income Explorer Activities	-			-
Income mixed Activities		-		7,513
District Van	7,253		7,253	
Members Subscriptions (Note 7)	52,900	-	52,900	2,679
Explorer Units Income	73,738	-	73,738	33,952
Other Income (Note 13)				375
Sub total	146,035	-	146,035	53,908
Grants			-	
		-	-	
Sub total		-		-
Fundraising (gross)			-	
Donation Legacy		-	-	
Sub total		-	-	-
Investment income			-	
Investment income (Note 3)	11,007		11,007	9,123
		-	-	
Sub total	11,007	-	11,007	9,123
			-	
Total Gross Income	157,042	-	157,042	63,031
Profit on Investment Assets (Note 9)	8,751		8,751	12,862
			-	
Total receipts	165,793	-	165,793	75,893

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	For the year from	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
Receipts and payments				
	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Leader Training	- 1,167		- 1,167	- 3,397
Transport Subsidies for Groups (Note 5)	- 623	-	- 623	- 1,644
Expenditure Squirrels				- 500
Expenditure Beaver Activities	- 1,317	-	- 1,317	
Expenditure Cub Activities	- 2,746	-	- 2,746	- 7,557
Expenditure Scout Activities	- 13,464	-	- 13,464	- 6,774
Expenditure Explorer Activities	- 2,600	-	- 2,600	- 460
Expenditure Mixed Activities	- 3,522	-	- 3,522	- 6,361
Capital Grant (Note 4)			-	- 2,500
Members' Subscriptions Paid (Note 7)	- 52,459	-	- 52,459	- 24
District Van costs	- 25,416	-	- 25,416	- 1,647
Admin, Insurance, fees, badges (Note 12)	- 1,549	-	- 1,549	- 3,994
Explorer Units	- 79,212	-	- 79,212	- 28,325
Uniform Subsidy	- 478	-	- 478	- 935
Other Expenditure (Note 13)			-	- 2,500
Sub total	- 184,553	-	- 184,553	- 66,618
Fundraising expenses			-	
Sub total			-	
			-	
Total Gross Expenditure	- 184,553	-	- 184,553	- 66,618
			-	
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		-	-	
			-	
Total payments	- 184,553	-	- 184,553	- 66,618
			-	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,760		- 18,760	9,275
Transfers between funds		-	-	
Total funds last year end	517,510		517,510	508,235

<i>Total funds this year end</i>	498,750	-		498,750	517,510

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year				
	31st March 2025			31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
CAF Cash (current account, Note 8)	428	-	428	638
CAF Gold (deposit account, Note 8)	7,858		7,858	5,143
Close Bros 1 (notice account)		90,987	90,987	87,051
Cambridge & Counties bank (notice account)	6,424	45,839	52,263	84,832
United Trust Bank (notice account)	-	92,510	92,510	88,094
Other unrestricted accounts Note 8 :				
Poindextor Explorers	11,035		11,035	17,233
Pathfinder Explorers	105		105	- 16
Ruislip Explorers	4,003		4,003	3,400
Network				-
Jamboree	-		-	
Total cash funds	29,853	229,336	259,189	286,375
Other monetary assets			-	-
Loan to 6th Eastcote (Note 10)	2,600		2,600	2,925
Sub total	2,600	-	2,600	2,925
Investment assets			-	-
Quoted Investments - IPS Capital (Note 9)		236,961	236,961	228,210
Sub total	-	236,961	236,961	228,210
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			-	-
All written down to zero (Note 11)	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Liabilities			-	-
None	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent Assets	32,453	229,336	261,789	289,300
Total Assets	32,453	466,297	498,750	517,510
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 9th July 2025 (the date of the Trustees meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by				
	Signature			

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Notes to the Accounts

For the Year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

a. The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), together with Update Bulletin 1.

b. Depreciation. Since 2011/12 the value of fixed assets has been zero.

2. Reserves Policy

a. The funds associated with the various Sections (Explorer Scouts and Network) are considered as current year spending for those sections and are not part of District Reserves Policy.

b. The sum of money to which the policy applies in 2024/25 is £466,267

c. £250,000 is a Designated Fund for interest earning, to allow the District to continue in perpetuity to support activities across all Groups and Sections.

d. Originally a sum of £300,000 was allocated as a Designated Fund for Capital Grants to Groups. This reduced to £216,267 in 2023/24, as Capital Grants were paid. No Capital Grants were paid in 2024/25.

e. The balance of £32,453 is considered to be current year spending.

3. Investment Income

All investment income, whether from Unrestricted Funds or Designated Funds is taken as Income into the Unrestricted Funds.

This is made up as follows:

CAF Cash	£8
CAF Gold	£215
Close Brothers	£3,936
Cambridge and Counties Bank	£2,431
United Trust Bank	£4,417
Total Interest Earned	£11,007

4. Capital Grants

The cost of Capital Grants this year was zero

The cost in 2023/24 was £2,500.

5. Transport Subsidies for Groups

Under the Fund Management Policy, the District offers to pay for 80% of the hire costs for a minibus for Group camps. The cost of subsidies paid in 2024/25 was £623.

For 2023/24 this figure was £1,644

6. Subsidies for District Events

Under the Fund Management Policy, the District offers to pay subsidies on an agreed basis for District-organised events. In 2024/25, the cost of subsidies across all sections was £11,505.

In 2023/24, the cost of subsidies across all sections was £4,750.

7. Membership Subscriptions

Net Income on Members' Subscriptions for 2024/25 was £441. For 2023/24 this figure was £2,655. The net income this year arises mainly because one Group paid for year ending March 26 in the current year.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

RUISLIP EASTCOTE & NORTHWOOD DISTRICT
SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1066010

Set out on pages

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(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 **31 / 03 / 2025**.

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 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:

K F Mulvaney

Date: 09/07/2025

Name:

K F Mulvaney

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

Address:

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Northwood

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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.