

Charity registration number: 1083971

Poole Scouts Districts Finance Committee

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Poole Scouts Districts Finance Committee

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Poole Scouts Districts Finance Committee
Charity registration number	1083971
Principal office	Denis Gooding Centre 53 Layton Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset
Registered office	Denis Gooding Centre 53 Layton Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset
Trustees	<div>Andrew Williams, Chairman (Resigned 22 July 2024)</div> <div>Peter Trayler, Treasurer</div> <div>Marsha Magnin, Group Representative (Resigned 22 July 2024)</div> <div>Anthony Dakin, Group Representative</div> <div>David Trent, Group Representative</div> <div>Dave Harrison, Secretary</div> <div>Salley Trayler, Appointments Secretary (Resigned 22 July 2024)</div> <div>Roger Thresh, Group Representative</div> <div>Adam Hyland, Group Representative (Resigned 1 September 2024)</div> <div>Ian Gray, Group Representative</div> <div>David Gherardi, Chairman (Appointed 22 July 2024)</div> <div>Paul Robertson, Lead Volunteer (Appointed 22 July 2024)</div> <div>Lily Alner, Youth Lead (Appointed 1 February 2025)</div>
Bankers	Lloyds Banking Group 45 Old Christchurch Road Bournemouth Dorset
Accountant	Tudor Payne & Co 54 Parkstone Road Poole Dorset BH15 2PG
Investment Advisor	Charles Stanley & Co Ltd Vadatech House Hounsdown Business Park Bulls Copse Road Southampton Page 1 SO40 9LR

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees of Poole District Scouts present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The Trustees also confirm that they have continued to operate within the guidelines laid down within the Policy, Organisation and Rules published by Scout Association Headquarters. It ensures that the programme offered by Scout Groups within Poole meet the District's aims to benefit the youth of Poole by providing training in Scouting.

The Committee's financial position is as set out in the Balance Sheet and continues to remain healthy. Its reserves are set aside to fund its objectives of training young people, which is achieved by following Scouting programmes set out in the Rules. The reserves are also used to maintain Scout properties and fund the administration of Scouting in Poole. A substantial part of the reserves is made up of investments, which are invested in funds with a professional adviser whose remit is to maintain income as high as possible, without reducing the value of the investments. Income from investments has risen somewhat over the past year, but remains below historical levels. However we have continued to meet all of our objectives. The Executive continues to look at how to increase income in other ways and will continue to look sensitively at future requests that we may receive for the use of District Halls. The cash reserves held mean that the current level of income is not a major issue for the immediately foreseeable future.

The committee continues to provide support to the Groups in Poole. This is achieved through responding to requests for capital funding that improves the way in which Groups support their activities. Our policy for approving grants has not changed in the past year, all requiring presentation to the Executive Committee for ratification before seeking the advice and approval of the Finance Committee. No requests for funding have been received in the past year. However, the Executive Committee remains open to new proposals.

There were no major financial issues dealt with by the Trustees in the past year. However the refurbishment of the Dennis Gooding Centre was completed and is now the new "home" for the St Peter's Scout Group. This work came largely within budget. A new pre school tenant was found for Burden Hall and this has given us a regular additional income in the last year. Some pleasing news is the number of new Squirrel Dreys created. District have been happy to support set up when requested.

The District Team continue to put in a great deal of effort to support the objective of Scouting in Poole. As a result, it is hoped that all objectives can be met in the coming year. Thanks as always are due to all adult members for the support provided to Scouting.

The policy adopted for appointing Trustees is set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules. A full list of Trustees is reproduced on page 1 – Charity Information.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



David Gherardi
Trustee

Date: 23 Sep 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Poole Scouts Districts Finance Committee

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

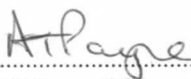
Basis of independent examiner's report

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' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.


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Tudor Payne & Co
Chartered Accountants

Date: 15th October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Note	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Activities for generating funds	2	21,644	21,644	21,914
Investment income	3	48,287	48,287	46,227
Other incoming resources	4	11,765	11,765	8,302
Total incoming resources		<u>81,696</u>	<u>81,696</u>	<u>76,443</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	5	63,662	63,662	60,479
Charitable activities	6	16,763	16,763	13,369
Governance costs	10	3,650	3,650	4,080
Total resources expended		<u>84,075</u>	<u>84,075</u>	<u>77,928</u>
Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses		(2,379)	(2,379)	(1,485)
Other recognised gains/losses				
Gains on disposal of fixed asset investments		57,058	57,058	7,893
Losses on revaluation of investment assets		<u>(176,921)</u>	<u>(176,921)</u>	<u>(123,178)</u>
Net movements in funds		(122,242)	(122,242)	(116,770)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,211,072</u>	<u>2,211,072</u>	<u>2,204,664</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>2,088,830</u></u>	<u><u>2,088,830</u></u>	<u><u>2,087,894</u></u>

The notes on pages 6 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

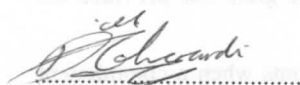
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	684,163	682,969
Investments	14	<u>1,337,651</u>	<u>1,336,479</u>
		2,021,814	2,019,448
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress		14,129	13,400
Debtors	15	4,466	5,563
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>95,904</u>	<u>119,151</u>
		114,499	138,114
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(47,483)</u>	<u>(69,668)</u>
Net current assets		<u>67,016</u>	<u>68,446</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2,088,830</u></u>	<u><u>2,087,894</u></u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted income funds		<u>2,088,830</u>	<u>2,087,894</u>
Total charity funds		<u><u>2,088,830</u></u>	<u><u>2,087,894</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Approved by the Board on 23.5.2025 and signed on its behalf by:



David Gherardi
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 18.

Incoming resources

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives. Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specific service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Fixed assets

Depreciation

Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance basis
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Fixed asset investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities based on the market value at the year end.

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
£	£	£

Shop income	21,435	21,435	21,914
Other income	209	209	-
	<u>21,644</u>	<u>21,644</u>	<u>21,914</u>

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3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from listed investments	47,915	47,915	43,892
Interest on cash deposits	372	372	2,335
	<u>48,287</u>	<u>48,287</u>	<u>46,227</u>

4 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Other income			
Rents receivable	11,765	11,765	8,093
Other income	-	-	209
	<u>11,765</u>	<u>11,765</u>	<u>8,302</u>

5 Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Operating activities			
Fundraising costs	4,086	4,086	94
Cost of goods sold	18,826	18,826	19,753
Establishment costs	8,298	8,298	11,593
Repairs and maintenance	12,892	12,892	12,344
Office expenses	655	655	758
Printing, posting and stationery	1,443	1,443	1,577
Sundry and other costs	1,358	1,358	1,834
Legal and professional costs	15,112	15,112	11,458
Bank charges	(31)	(31)	-
Support costs allocated	1,023	1,023	1,068
	<u>63,662</u>	<u>63,662</u>	<u>60,479</u>

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6 Details of charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs allocated £	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable activities	-	16,763	-	16,763	13,369

7 Support costs

	Operating activities £	Total £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,023	1,023

8 Grantmaking

	Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objectives £
Charitable activities	16,763

The support costs associated with grant making are £0.

9 Grants to institutions

Name of Institution	Activity	£
Explorer funding	Charitable activities	16,763

10 Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Accountancy & independent examination fees	3,650	3,650	4,080

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11 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or other benefits during the year ended 31st March 2025 nor during the year ended 31st March 2024.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

12 Net outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,023</u>	<u>1,068</u>

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Scout memorabilia £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	636,112	15,836	43,652	695,600
Additions	1,331	-	886	2,217
As at 31 March 2025	<u>637,443</u>	<u>15,836</u>	<u>44,538</u>	<u>697,817</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	-	12,631	-	12,631
Charge for the year	-	801	222	1,023
As at 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>13,432</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>13,654</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2025	<u>637,443</u>	<u>2,404</u>	<u>44,316</u>	<u>684,163</u>
As at 31 March 2024	<u>636,112</u>	<u>3,205</u>	<u>43,652</u>	<u>682,969</u>

14 Investments held as fixed assets

	Listed investments £
Market value	
As at 1 April 2024	1,336,479
Revaluation	(53,743)
Additions	129,652
Disposals	(74,737)
As at 31 March 2025	<u>1,337,651</u>
Net book value	
As at 31 March 2025	<u>1,337,651</u>
As at 31 March 2024	<u>1,336,479</u>

All investment assets were held in the UK.

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15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	4,466	4,671
Prepayments and accrued income	-	892
	<u>4,466</u>	<u>5,563</u>

16 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	42,942	36,524
Accruals and deferred income	4,541	33,144
	<u>47,483</u>	<u>69,668</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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17 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

18 Analysis of funds

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Other recognised gains/losses	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	2,211,072	81,696	(84,075)	(119,863)	2,088,830

19 Net assets by fund

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