

EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1114589

Details

Other names	EAST LONDON SCOUTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2006-06-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: East London Scouts gives young people skills for life. We actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. We are open to all young people aged 4 - 24 in the London Boroughs of Hackney and Tower Hamlets.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE. LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS AND LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY
- Hackney
- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	-	-	-	-
2023-12-31	£148,409	£102,409	-	-
2022-12-31	£74,877	£99,448	-	-
2021-12-31	£84,251	£57,562	-	-
2020-12-31	£109,542	£57,091	-	-
2019-12-31	£98,069	£71,243	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abdulkukith Ahmed		2024-09-01
Branca Mesquita De Oliveira Pegado		2022-10-01
CARL GREENSLADE		2012-11-19
JOAN BRIDGE		
James Poole		2023-09-01
Justine Sacarello		2020-05-01
Kamran Yousaf		2021-09-01
Kevin Bridge		2018-05-01
Stephen Charles Hockney		2024-09-01

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For the period 1st January to 31st December 2023



Creating the do-ers, and give-it-a-goers in the
London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Hackney in 2023
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Bankers: Unity Trust Bank Plc, Nine Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HB

Principle Address: 60 Watchouse Road, Galleywood, Chelmsford, CM2 8PU

Custodian Trustees: The Scout Association

Charity Registration Number: 281576 (England and Wales)

Scout Association Registration: 10001028

Trustee Board

Ex-Officio Members

District Commissioner: Mr J. Ellison (Until 30/11/23)

Mr K. Bridge (From 01/12/23)

Youth Commissioner: Position Vacant

Explorer Commissioner: Ms B Mesquita De Oliveira Pegado

District Officers

Chair: Mr A. Hands (Until 21/09/23)

Position Vacant (From 22/09/23)

Treasurer Mr K. Yousaf

Elected Members

Mrs J. Bridge

Mr G. Davis

Mr J. Poole

Co-Opted Members

Mr B. Bench

Mr C Greenslade

Ms K. Leggett

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Independent Examiner

Rob Handworker

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Risk and Internal Control

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Our Purpose and Method

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Scouts' Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

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District Commissioner's (Lead Volunteer) Report – Kevin Bridge

It gives me great pleasure to present our Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023.

I have never been prouder to be a part of the team and feel privileged to volunteer with such a fantastic group of adults and young people to help move Scouting forward in East London District. My thanks go to my fellow Trustees, the District Team and to all those who support Scouting in East London Scout District.

A special thank you is reserved for three people who have given East London Scout the District so much of their time and dedication over many years.

- Jon Ellison completed more than 5½ years as District Commissioner of East London District. With his direction and support the District has increased its annual membership and for the first time ever recorded over a 1000 Young Members within the District.
- Alan Hands completed nearly 5½ years as Chair of East London Scout District and The Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts Trust. He has brought his energy and vast professional experience into the careful management of the charity's trusteeship, which has been highly valuable. He has single-handedly raised the funding which has provided the exciting District Programme as well as supported the numerous District tasks and activities, which have been invaluable.
- Judy Phillips provided 15 years' service as the District Appointments Secretary. It is a thankless role and quite often her face was the first one they saw from another Group, she made people feel at ease and provided support and assistance whenever required and no matter how hard the task was to succeed.

Our founder, Robert Baden-Power, always emphasised that Scouts are a Movement. They need to keep developing, changing and growing. They will not survive if they are allowed to become static.

East London District has for the last 5 years recorded an increase in membership and we are now providing a programme for 841 young members. Whilst there are 226 adults volunteering their time in providing programme delivery across 14 Scout Groups and 5 Explorer Units within the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Hackney.

We are committed to our programme for young people from 4–24 years old. We're there for young people at every stage of their journey!

In addition to all those working directly with young people on programme delivery we have a variety of teams helping to ensure governance, safeguarding, safety, finances and facilities are outstanding. Many of these are quietly working away in the background helping to make the magic happen including our wonderful volunteers looking after Charles Watts Memorial Hall and Fairmead Scout Camp Site.

We are very thankful to generous financial supporters of East London Scouting.

This external funding of over £64,000 including £15,000 grant from Jack Petchey Foundation for camp site improvement has made it possible to make Scouting open for all during these tough times for many of our families.

The Trustee Board is pro-active finding ways to support more young people benefit from Scouting. Speak to your elected trustee if you have any innovative ideas.

Annual Census of Membership (31/01/2023)

	Youth Members	Adult Volunteers	Total
2nd East London (Isle of Dogs)	122	52	174
3rd Bethnal Green	24	10	34
4th Poplar (Ss. Mary and Joseph)	18	3	21
4th Stoke Newington	22	7	29
5th Tower Hamlets (West)	113	42	113
6th Hackney	36	8	44
7th Stoke Newington	24	11	35
8th East London	68	26	94
9th Stepney	9	10	19
10th Stepney (Hayaat)	85	18	103
14th Hackney (St John at Hackney)	47	9	56
16th East London	68	50	118
23rd Poplar	45	28	73
63rd Hackney	62	10	72
Explorer Scouts	98	9	107

East London District Scout Council (Charity Registration Number 1114589)

Receipts and Payments account

Year start date

Year end date

	1st January 2023	To	31st December 2023
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Receipts and payments

2023

2022

£

£

Receipts		
Programme - activities	4,660	192
Programme - badges	650	664
Campsite fees and electricity charge	29,826	20,820
Hall hire - Charles Watts Memorial Hall (Bouverie Road)	565	15,157
Donations and grants Note 2	64, 359	33,377
Membership fees	46,910	4,655
Bank and building society interest	67	11
Miscellaneous income	1,372	
Total receipts	148,409	74,877

Payments		
Programme: Activities	5,776	13,190
Programme: Badges	4,678	5,059
Programme: Jamboree support	400	6,750
Administration	46	
Campsite: Maintenance/ improvements Note 3	47,035	36,900
Charles Watts Memorial Hall: Maintenance/improvements	7,565	5,535
Bank charges	72	72
Training	426	180
Membership fees	34,155	31,024
Promotion/ recruitment/ retention	1,057	709
Sundry payments		29
2022 AGM	1,080	
Miscellaneous expenses	120	
Total payments	102,409	99,448

Net of receipts/(payments)

45,999

-24,571

125,850

150,422

Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

170,559

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125,850

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash funds		
East London Scouts	69,807	16,346
Charles Watts Memorial (Bouverie Rd) Note 4	83,597	90,598
Fairmead camp site	17,155	18,906
Total cash funds	170,559	125,850
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use		
Equipment	3,040	3,200
Badge stock	400	800
Charles Watts Memorial (Bouverie Rd)	403,001	403,001
Fairmead camp site	414,105	414,105
Sub total	820,546	822,097
Total net assets	991,105	972,519

Notes to the accounts

- The accounts incorporate the funds administered by the District Scout Council and do not include any of the funds administered by the individual Scout Groups within East London Scout District

2. Donations	2023	2022
UK Government Covid relief grant		£4,024
Amazon	£22.84	£14
Much Loved	£1,056.52	
Pemberton Barnes Will Trust	£48,000	£24,000
Jack Petchey Foundation	£15,000	
Tesco Foundation		£1,125
29th Hackney Scout Group		£1,357
Red Panda	£280	

- Camp site improvements include £32,028 for new equipment to improve facilities. Jack Petchey Foundation have approved a £15,000 grant in 2022 and received in this period.
- Funds held to replace roof on this grade 2 listed building - quotes received to date are for £80,000 plus. There will be £2000 - £3000 expected costs for surveys and consultations.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Thursday 5th September 2024 signed on their behalf by

Kevin Bridge

Kevin Bridge
District Commissioner (Lead Volunteer) East London District

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The East London District Council Annual Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the East London District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the East London District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the East London District Scout Council 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 East London District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the East London District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Rob Hardworker*

Name: Rob Hardworker

Address: Thirteen Accounting and Management Services Ltd, E18 1DW

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Mr J. Ellison

Youth Commissioner
{Position Vacant}

District Officers

Chair

Explorer Scout Commissioner
Mr K. Bridge Until Sept 22

Scout Network Commissioner
{Position Vacant}

Mr A. Hands

Ms B. Mesquita-De-Oliveira Pegado
From Oct 22

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{Position Vacant}

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District Commissioner's Report – Jon Ellison

East London District turned 18 years old on 24th September 2022.

The significance of this milestone shouldn't be downplayed: as our District is finally coming of age. The merger of Hackney with Kingsland and Tower Hamlets District may not have been the smoothest of births, with fault lines still visible for many years – however as we become “an adult” the transformation is significant: our membership has doubled, we act and come together as one team, and have an exciting future ahead of us.

Planned celebrations such as a Birthday Badge competitions (to go on uniforms) had to be downgraded in a year which featured no fewer than three occasional badges (marking royal jubilees, deaths, and coronations) which would have left no time to sew (yet more) badges on. The year was also concluded with another loss keenly felt: Sandra Southon our Badge Secretary retired leaving a large pair of shoes which were justly rewarded by the Chief Scout with the Award for Merit.

We came together as a whole District for the first time since the Covid-19 Pandemic for our Promise Renewal / Activity Day at Thriftwood Campsite (which also served as a launch pad for approving 3 leaders' Nights Away Permits.) We took to the water at the Dockland Scout Project and began to look ahead to large scale change in the movement with a move to Team Based volunteering and trying to leverage the benefits that volunteer culture will bring.

Our first members of the 6th Hackney Scout Group were invested on Cazenove Road following a number of taster sessions towards the end of 2021– this saw the first brand new group to open in the Borough in recent memory, and reminds us of the work that needs to go into further developing Scouting in the borough that was so integral to the birth of the movement and that brought us the *Hackney Scout Song Book*. However, as our first Muslim faith group in the borough it also helps to remind us of our commitment to Scouting for All and improving the accessibility of the movement to communities who might otherwise not have thought that “Scouting was for them” and deliver more brilliant programmes and Skills For Life.

Our January 2023 census recorded 12% growth year-on-year (beating the County average) and further goes to show what we achieve together as a District: as we start focussing on teams coming together to solve short-term projects I would hope that we can open another 2-3 Scout Groups in both boroughs over the next couple of years. Our biggest limiting factor has been the human factor of getting things mobilised. Here's hoping that the shift towards short-term volunteering projects (which set up long-term results in the new groups) are met with enthusiasm and we can turn around at our 21st birthday in 2025 to report on the phenomenal growth we've seen!

District Chair's Report – Alan Hands

Scouts is a team game, and everyone plays their part. Thank you to every one of you for what you do, making Scouts open to all, improving our facilities, taking care of the admin, supporting our young people, and most of all, looking out for each other.

Each year I look back with pride – and no little astonishment at what we've achieved together. But this year, I truly believe we've more to be proud of than ever as we have ramped up our support for young people as they recover from the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Our young people face an uncertain future. The world of work and society is changing fast, and the skills they need – from emotional resilience to digital confidence – are evolving. As the needs of young people change, I'm proud of the way our volunteers have adapted to support them. We help young people believe in themselves. It's a place to belong and a safe space to grow.

We welcomed a new Scout Group and provision for 4-5 year olds (Squirrel Scouts) multiplying. Thanks to Jon, his team and our Scout Groups who've helped Scouts leap forward, and for making a special effort to bring Scouts to even more young people.

It is wonderful to see that we are now supporting 1146 young people every week through our engaging programme. We welcome Branca into role leading our provision for teenagers (Explorer Scouts) and the Trustee Board looks forward to financially supporting plans to open additional provision. We are committed to our programme for young people from 4–25 years old. We're there for young people at every stage of their journey.

We are very thankful to generous financial supporters of East London Scouting.

This external funding of over £33,000 has made it possible to make Scouting open for all during these tough times for many of our families. We provided subsidised activity badges (spending £5,000), provide free District/ County badges, subsidise the cost of UK membership for our youth members (spending £5,400), run free training events, supported our nine members attending the World Scout Jamboree in Korea (spending £6750), and Kevin organised a range of activities providing the opportunity to take on a new challenge and come together in friendship (spending £13,000).

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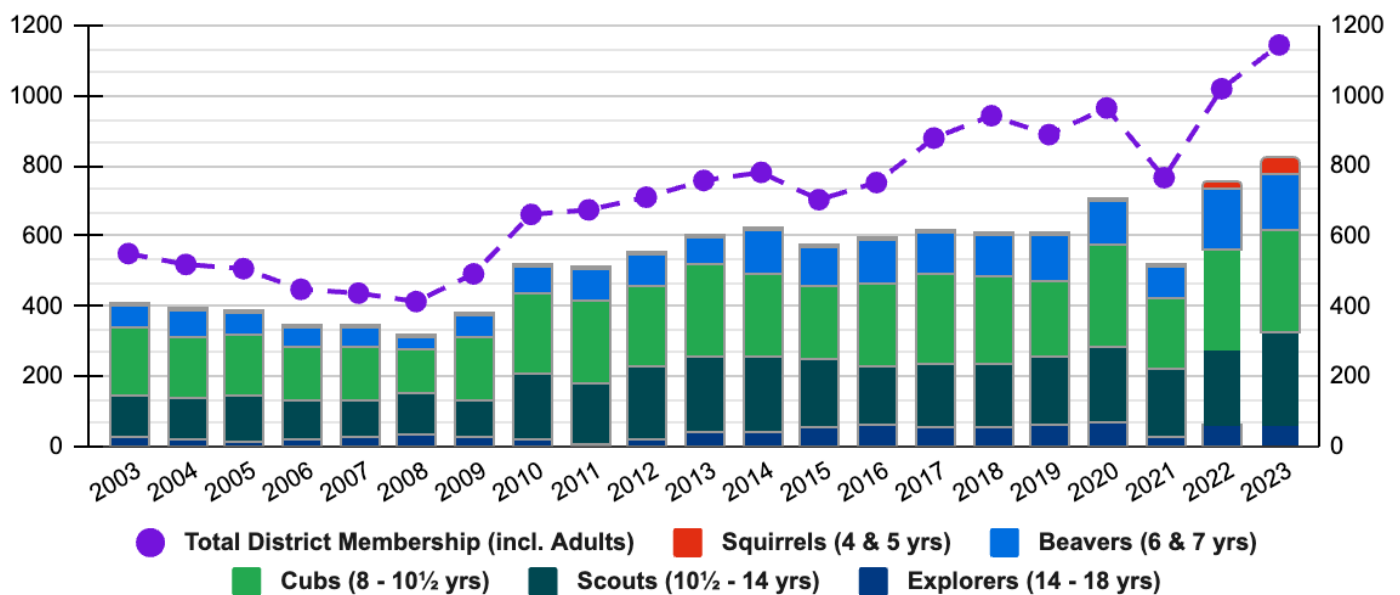
The team at Fairmead have this year installed a hard core path opening up the site to those with mobility issues. We have our best year ever with 3310 nights camped and 721 day visitors. Next year the team will install Solar panels – reducing the cost of electricity used and improving our carbon footprint.

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Annual Census of Membership (31/01/2023)

	Youth Members	Adult Volunteers
2nd East London (Isle of Dogs)	136	41
3rd Bethnal Green	37	13
4th Poplar (Ss. Mary and Joseph)	9	4
4th Stoke Newington	32	10
5th Tower Hamlets (West)	114	55
6th Hackney	39	9
7th Stoke Newington	30	15
8th East London	72	23
9th Stepney	9	6
10th Stepney (Hayaat)	68	14
14th Hackney (St John at Hackney)	53	8
16th East London	71	69
23rd Poplar	50	14
63rd Hackney	43	9
Explorer Scouts	60	12

East London District Census (2003 – 2023)



East London District Scout Council (Charity Registration Number 1114589)

Receipts and Payments account

Year start date

Year end date

	1st January 2022	To	31st December 2022
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Receipts and payments

	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts		
Programme - activities	192	1,288
Programme - badges	664	1,599
Campsite fees and electricity charge	20,820	11,661
Hall hire - Charles Watts Memorial Hall (Bouverie Road)	15,157	15,097
Donations and grants Note 2	33,377	46,615
Membership fees	4,655	7,740
Bank and building society interest	11	1
Miscellaneous income		250
Total receipts	74,877	84,251

Payments		
Programme: Activities	13,190	6,462
Programme: Badges	5,059	2,932
Programme: Jamboree support	6,750	
Administration		43
Campsite: Maintenance/ improvements Note 3	36,900	11,814
Charles Watts Memorial Hall: Maintenance/improvements	5,535	11,433
Bank charges	72	72
Training	180	
Membership fees	31,024	21,990
Promotion/ recruitment/ retention	709	733
Sundry payments Note 4	29	746
Total payments	99,448	56,225

Net of receipts/(payments)

	-	24,571		28,026
Cash funds last year end		150,422		123,753
Cash funds this year end		125,851	-	150,422

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash funds		
East London Scouts	16,346	44,357
Charles Watts Memorial (Bouverie Rd) Note 5	90,598	74,737
Fairmead camp site	18,906	31,328
Total cash funds	125,850	150,422
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use		
Equipment	3,200	3,368
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29th Hackney Scout Group	£1,357	

3. Camp site improvements include £22,560 on new hard path to improve accessibility of the facilities. Jack Petchey Foundation have approved a £15,000 grant which will appear in the 2023 accounts.

4. East London Scouts Web domain fee

5. Funds held to replace roof on this grade 2 listed building - quotes received to date are for £80,000 plus

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Monday 18th September 2023 signed on their behalf by

Alan Hands

Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the East London District Scout Council

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Signed:

Name: Mr R Sarfraz Zaman CIPFA

Address: 47 Gladstone Avenue, London, E12 6NR

Date: 18th September 2023



16-year-old Simon had VIP access to the launch of a satellite from Cape Canaveral, Florida after answering the question ‘how do you think satellites in space will help improve life on Earth in the future?’ in a national Scout competition.

Simon’s winning entry was judged by Scouts’ Ambassador and world-famous astronaut Time Peake, who praised the teenager’s technical knowledge and creativity.



Splashing around on the District Water Activity Weekend at the Dockland Scout Project



Having fun at the Promise Renewal - District activity day at Thriftwood Camp Site



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For the year ended 31st December 2021



East London District Scout Council

Incorporating the London Boroughs of Hackney and Tower Hamlets

Vice President: Mr P Final

Vice President: Mr A Hands

Trustees: Ex-Officio – District Scout Officers:

District Chairman	Mr A Hands
District Commissioner	Mr J Ellison
District Treasurer	Mr K Yousaf
District Secretary	Ms V Constans
District Youth Commissioner	
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Mr K Bridge
District Network Commissioner	Mr B Gray

Trustees: Nominated: Mrs J Sacarello

Trustees: Elected: Mr G Davis
Miss C Carpenter
Mrs J Bridge

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Our Mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

District Commissioner

This year saw East London start to come out of hibernation. After lockdowns in the first quarter of the year, our members came back from meeting on Zoom, and phased their way through meeting outside to meeting indoors again (with occasional outbreaks becoming part of everyone's planning.)

Adults made good use of a shift towards online training for their wood badges, and Explorer Scout Young Leaders completing their modules - and special thanks go to Branca and her team for delivering that.

We saw imaginative use of local parks, and other outdoor spaces when meeting indoors wasn't allowed or practical given restrictions. A special mention should go to the 5th Tower Hamlets who met outdoors, come rain / shine, for the entirety of 2021 (partly due to factors beyond their control) including their Squirrels who met on Saturday mornings.

We saw green shoots from Early Years Pilots, as one of the pilot districts for the UK, before they launched nationally as Squirrels in September. September also saw the opening of Scouts at the 3rd Bethnal Green, which had opened shortly before Covid as a new Cub pack, and then the November half term saw the re-opening of the 4th Poplar at All Saints Church, and taster sessions for the new Beavers and Cubs of the 6th Hackney meeting at the North London Muslim Community Centre.

This was the first time we had opened a brand new group in Hackney in a generation, and won't be our last. My sincere thanks go to Rujie, Zakkariah, and everyone who's worked very hard on this project - as it had been planned to happen after Ramadan in 2020 (before circumstances took hold.)

We end the year by reaching one of our development goals for 2023 - for the first time ever, we have over 1000 members (and that's before adding Squirrels!) Our annual census included 753 youth members, and 288 registered adult volunteers. These don't even include one of our Squirrel Dreys that's still part of a national pilot and adults on "parent rotas" helping out less than once a month.

To realise what these numbers mean, if we combined the census for Hackney & Tower Hamlets 20 years earlier there were 578 members. We have almost doubled our size, and can say that 0.1% of people in the two boroughs are members of The Scouts. We've got more to do, but there's one reason our movement continues to grow: what the young people get out of it. The skills for life, friendships and opportunities they get come from all the hard work that our amazing volunteers put in.

Despite set-backs and difficulties we saw groups return to camping, and those who managed to get away in the Summer or Winter reaped dividends in having the strongest bounce back from 2020. We even saw our strongest cohort of Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions amongst the Explorers with Bronze expeditions from across the District heading off in the Autumn.

I am immensely proud of our District and everyone making it happen.

Keep up the good work,

Jon

Jon Ellison

District Commissioner

District Chair

2021 continued to be a difficult year for our youth members and their families due to the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic. We were able to fund high quality engaging face to face activities including a Giant sleep-over at a trampoline park and a variety of expeditions taking into account national and local Covid-19 related restrictions.

Covid restrictions were hard on our members:

- Isolation: missing their friendship group, relationships and support from trusted adults and peers
- Increased emotional wellbeing and mental health challenges
- Pressure on family relationships; coping with stress, lack of respite, financial stability and education
- Digital access became a basic need in lockdown

East London Scouting was needed more in 2021 than at any time in our history. Our volunteers quickly adapted their activities / weekly programme to engage our youth members and a record number of badges were achieved.

We are fortunate to have so many volunteers who give up their time to engage and support young people in their personal development, whilst empowering them to think of others in need across Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Our leaders have been outstanding providing support for our local communities throughout the pandemic. Their resilience through these tough times has been incredible and I have so much respect for each and every one of them for what they achieved with our youth members during another tough year.

In addition to all those working directly with young people on programme delivery we had a variety of teams helping to ensure our governance, safeguarding, safety, risk assessments, support, tools, finances and facilities are outstanding. A big thank you to our District Badge Secretary, and our volunteers looking after our premises 'Charles Watts Memorial Hall' in Bouverie Road, and our volunteers looking after our Fairmead Scout camp site. You are all making a huge difference making improvements to our facilities and usage of the sites has increased substantially over the year.

We are very thankful to generous financial supporters of East London Scouting. Their funding has made it possible to provide activity badges at 50% of cost, provide free District/ County badges, subsidise the cost of membership for our youth members, run free adult training events, provide funding for a programme of activities building skills for life. Their funding has helped us roar back into action with record membership numbers each week.

Thank you to:

- The Jack Petchey Foundation: 14 sets of £250 donations direct to our Scout Groups and a donation for a leadership award
- Government Covid-19 Leisure, Hospitality Grants: £44,860

We are continuing to reach out to potential funders to enable us to expand further and provide better Scouting for more young people. **If you are able to introduce us to a potential funder please let us know.**

2021 was the year we bounced back quickly and ramped up our support for young people across Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Let's all look forward to making a big impact in the year ahead. Thank you for your service and dedication.

Alan

Alan Hands
District Chair

Annual census of membership at 31st January 2022

Group / Unit	Number Young People	Number of Adults	Total
East London Scout District – officers, active support unit, Explorer leaders		34	34
East London Explorer Scouts	60		60
2 nd East London	124	39	163
3 rd Bethnal Green	28	7	35
4 th Poplar	9	3	12
4 th Stoke Newington	41	8	49
5 th Tower Hamlets	87	23	110
6 th Hackney	50	16	56
7 th Stoke Newington	41	13	54
8 th East London	56	26	82
9 th Stepney	17	10	27
10 th Stepney	55	15	70
14 th Hackney	51	10	61
16 th East London	50	32	82
23 rd Poplar	44	21	65
29 th Hackney			
63 rd Hackney	40	7	47
65 th Hackney		4	4
Total	753	268	1021

**DRAFT EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u>
Income			
Programme - Activities		1,288	255
Programme – Badges		1,599	1,435
Campsite fees and electricity charge		11,661	3,205
Hall hire – Bouverie Road		15,097	10,937
Donations and grants	2	46,615	71,348
Membership subscriptions		7,740	22,050
Miscellaneous income	3	250	290
Bank and building society interest		<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Income		<u>84,251</u>	<u>109,524</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Expenditure			
Programme: Activities		6,462	3,158
Programme: Badges		2,932	3,139
Administration costs		43	60
Campsite: Maintenance/improvements		11,814	14,728
Bouverie Rd: Maintenance/improvements		11,433	7,539
Bank charges		72	72
Training materials		-	-
Membership fees		21,990	25,557
Equipment depreciation		1,337	1,337
Sundry payments		746	1,501
Promotion assets		733	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>57,562</u>	<u>57,091</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year		<u>26,689</u>	<u>52,433</u>

The above accounts and accompanying balance sheet were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on the 28th September 2022 and were signed on their behalf by:

Alan Hands

District Chair

**DRAFT EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Buildings at cost or valuation			
Bouverie Road Scout Hall	7	403,001	403,001
Fairmead Campsite	6	414,105	<u>414,105</u>
		817,106	817,106
EQUIPMENT			
Bouverie Road	5	3,368	4,614
Fairmead Campsite		-	-
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
		820,474	821,721
CURRENT ASSETS			
Badge Stock		1,623	1,253
Debtors and prepayments	4	-	3,385
Bank Accounts		150,445	123,753
Cash		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		152,068	<u>128,391</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		972,542	950,112
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals		<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>
		972,542	<u>949,962</u>
Assets at 1 st January 2020		949,962	898,900
Net Income/(Expenditure)		26,689	<u>51,062</u>
		972,542	<u>949,962</u>

**DRAFT EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1. ACCOUNTS

The accounts incorporate the funds administered by the District Scout Council and do not include any of the funds administered by the individual groups within the East London District.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
Bloomberg	-	3,892
UKHQ Scouts Start up grants	-	5,000
Miss E A Pemberton-Barnes Will Trust	-	27,456
Covid-19 Grants – Retail Leisure & Hospitality	44,860	35,000
Amazon	5	
Jack Petchey Foundation	750	-
	<u>46,615</u>	<u>71,348</u>
3. MISCELLANEOUS AND NON-RECURRING INCOME		
Jamboree refund payment	250	-
Bouverie Road – EON refund	-	222
Bouverie Road – TSB compensation	-	50
Bouverie Road - Sale of surplus CO2 Alarm	-	18
	<u>250</u>	<u>290</u>
4. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Subscriptions	-	1,785
Prepayments	-	1,600
	-	<u>3,385</u>
5 EQUIPMENT - BOUVERIE		
Value 1 January	4,614	5,860
Additions in the year	-	-
	4,614	5,860
Depreciation	<u>1,246</u>	<u>1,246</u>
Written down value 31 December	<u>3,368</u>	<u>4,614</u>
6 FAIRMEAD CAMPSITE		
Balance 1 January and 31 December	<u>414,105</u>	<u>414,105</u>
7 BOUVERIE ROAD SCOUT HALL		
Balance 1 January and 31 December	<u>403,001</u>	<u>403,001</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of 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 specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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, or
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.

Signature

Name: Mr Wakeel Abiodun Noibi
Qualification: FCCA
Address: 1 Blomville Road, Dagenham RM8 3DH
Date:

Accounts

East London District Scout Council

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2020



East London District Scout Council Incorporating the London Boroughs of Hackney and Tower Hamlets

Vice President: Mr P Final

Vice President: Mr A Hands

Trustees: Ex-Officio – District Scout Officers:

District Chairman Mr A Hands

District Commissioner Mr J Ellison

District Treasurer

District Secretary Ms V Constans

District Youth Commissioner

District Explorer Scout Commissioner Mr K Bridge

District Network Commissioner Mr B Gray

Trustees: Nominated:

Trustees: Elected:
Mr G Davis
Miss C Carpenter
Mrs J Bridge

Trustees: Co-opted:
Mr B Bench
Mr C Greenslade
Ms K Leggett

Bankers: Unity Trust Bank Plc, Nine Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HB

Custodian Trustees: The Scout Association

Charity Registration Number: 1114589

Organisation

The Scout District is led by a District Commissioner and managed by a District Executive Committee. The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and is accountable to the East London District Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the District.

The East London District Scout Council is an unincorporated charitable association under the umbrella of the Scout Association. It operates within the guidelines laid down in Policy, Organisation and Rules by the Scout Association.

The District Executive meets formally five times a year and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the District
- Acting with the District Commissioner and District Team in all matters relating to finance and property
- Presenting an Annual Report and annual statement of accounts to the General Meeting of the Scout Council.

Our Mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

District Commissioner

On paper 2020 might not seem a remarkable year for Scouting in East London:

- Every week meetings happened across Hackney and Tower Hamlets
- Badges were earned (more in fact than in 2019)
- We had new members join and old friends return

2020 was not an unremarkable year for the world and the immediate response of our leaders is something that we should all be proud of. Our Swimming Gala on 14th March was cancelled because the Crew were growing worried about the potential dangers of a new virus epidemic. On the 16th March their judgement was borne out when all face-to-face meetings in the UK ended and our district moved quickly to provide a range of other ways to connect with our members (and the odd Zoom meeting.) Whilst visiting group AGMs this year I've been proud to hear parents talk about how The Scouts adapted better and more quickly than their child's school and how Cubs (using a Zoom account borrowed from work) was the one shred of normality and outside contact that their child still had.

Our section leaders have been outstanding – beginning monthly leaders meetings in April to sync up and share ideas. All groups had returned to some form of meeting by Easter except for our two smallest groups who will need our support to reform and flourish in the 2021/22 school year. Some of you were called on nationally for programme support, you opened Early Years Pilot sections and were a key workers completing jobs to keep the country running before logging on to Zoom. However, all of you did your best and helped improve the lives of our members and their communities through things like acts of kindness, contact with care homes, races around the world, camping at home and The Great Indoors. This will be borne out in next year's AGM report and the colossal number of Good Service Awards being presented for the work done this year.

Thanks should also go to our sub-committees: the appointments committee who had made the transition to online by Easter and successfully caught up on (and overtook) a small backlog from opening 2 new groups; the Bouverie Road committee who saw the hall & kitchen put to use in the urgent response to the crisis and kept up on essential maintenance; and the Campground Committee who first mothballed Fairmead and then brought it back into service for day visitors so that we could bring our city groups out into Epping Forest.

Our biggest challenge comes next: in helping some groups back onto their feet, and opening new groups for the increasing waiting list numbers; in bringing back normal Scouting without making our leaders look like superheroes that family members could never hope to match up to if they volunteered; and in making sure that we bring Skills For Life and Scouting to All.

Jon Ellison

District Commissioner

District Chair

2020 was a difficult year for our youth members and their families due to the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic. We were able to fund high quality engaging face to face activities including Go Karting and a Giant sleep-over at a trampoline park, before national and local Covid-19 related restrictions took effect in March.

No longer able to meet face to face from March resulted in a concern that our youth members would experience:

- Isolation: missing their friendship group, relationships and support from trusted adults and peers
- Increased emotional wellbeing and mental health challenges
- Pressure on family relationships; coping with stress, lack of respite, financial stability and education
- Digital access became a basic need in lockdown

East London Scouting was needed more in 2020 than at any time in the last 80 years and rose to the challenge. Our volunteers pivoted their activities / weekly programme to online, supplementing with paper resources and dropping them into the children who struggled for digital access. Our youth members completed over 6,000 badges during this period which was a remarkable achievement.

We are fortunate to have so many volunteers who give up their time to engage and support young people in their personal development, whilst empowering them to think of others in need across Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Our leaders have been outstanding providing support for our local communities throughout the pandemic. Their resilience through these tough times has been incredible and I have so much respect for each and every one of them for what they achieved with our youth members during a very tough year.

In addition to all those working directly with young people on programme delivery we had a variety of teams helping to ensure our governance, safeguarding, safety, risk assessments, support, tools, finances and facilities are outstanding. A big thank you to our District Badge Secretary, and our volunteers looking after our premises 'Charles Watts Memorial Hall' in Bouverie Road, and our volunteers looking after our Fairmead Scout camp site. You are all making a huge difference.

Our income dropped from £15,111 to £10,937 (Bouverie Road) and £16,661 to £3,205 (Fairmead Camp Site) but we have made these facilities Covid-19 safe and continued to make improvements in preparation for young people returning to face to face activities in 2021.

We are very thankful to generous financial supporters of East London Scouting. Their funding has made it possible to provide activity badges at 50% of cost, provide free District/ County badges, subsidise the cost of membership for our youth members, run free adult training events, provide funding for a programme of activities building skills for life. Their funding will help us roar back into action.

Thank you to:

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- Bloomberg: £3,892
- Government Covid-19 Leisure, Hospitality Grants: £35,000

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Alan Hands
District Chair

Time to celebrate – congratulations to the following:

Jack Petchey Achiever Award – young people:

- Abida (8th EL)
- Leah (65 H)
- Yash (4 SN)
- Basanti (4 SN)
- Mohammed (8 EL)
- Habiba (16 EL)
- William (23 POP)
- Maya (5 TH)
- Hiroki (Endeavor Explorers)
- Stuart (9 S)
- Sawdah (16 EL)
- Rohan (4 SN)
- Hannah (8 EL)
- Zoe (63 H)

Jack Petchey Leader Award

- Nicola Phillips (Red Panda Explorers)

- Dermot O'Brien
- Suehannah Rahman
- Fathama Rahman
- Shahina Rahman
- Tamara Zedginidze

Chief Scout's 10 year Service Award

- Branca Pegado
- Michael Oades

Chief Scouts 15 year Service Award

- Judy Phillips

Chief Scouts 30 year Service Award

- Joan Bridge

Chief Scouts 60 year Service Award

- Joe Olivo

Good Service Awards:

Silver Wolf

- Alan Hands

Award of Merit

- Roy Newland
- Vicky Thompson

Long service:

Chief Scout's 5 year Service Award

- Borira Begum
- Rubiya Begum
- Aklima Begum
- Phillip Elam
- Fatima Farid
- Susanna Griffiths
- Afia Khanom
- Naheen Miah

Training

Wood Badges:

- Ben Gray – Group Scout Leader
- Billy Thomas – Section Leader Scouts
- Joe Watson – Section Leader Scouts
- Vicky Ault – ASL Cub Scouts
- Dermot O'Brien – Assistant Section Leader
- Mark Smorthit – ASL Cub Scouts
- Vicky Thompson – Section Leader Cubs
- Gregory Cohen – Group Scout Leader
- Jay Morris – Section Leader
- Abdulmukith Ahmed – Group Scout Leader
- Uddin Swapna – Section Leader Scouts
- Claire McNally – Section Leader
- Jon Ellison – District Commissioner

Please note that not all awards have yet been received or presented due to delays resulting from Covid-19 restrictions / reduction in resources within Headquarters Awards team. Your patience is appreciated.

Annual census of membership at 31st January 2021

Group / Unit	Number Young People	Number of Adults	Total
East London Scout District – officers, active support unit, Explorer leaders		32	32
East London Explorer Scouts	33		33
2 nd East London	106	36	142
3 rd Bethnal Green	11	6	17
4 th Poplar		5	5
4 th Stoke Newington	37	9	46
5 th Tower Hamlets	58	18	76
7 th Stoke Newington	28	10	38
8 th East London	45	25	70
9 th Stepney	10	8	18
10 th Stepney	21	10	31
14 th Hackney	48	9	57
16 th East London	52	56	108
23 rd Poplar	51	19	70
29 th Hackney		3	3
63 rd Hackney	15	2	17
65 th Hackney		4	4
Total	515	251	767

**EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
Income			
Programme - Activities		255	4,962
Programme – Badges		1,435	1,269
Campsite fees and electricity charge		3,205	16,661
Hall hire – Bouverie Road		10,937	15,111
Donations and grants	2	71,348	38,405
Membership subscriptions		22,050	21,654
Miscellaneous income	3	290	-
Bank and building society interest		4	7
Total Income		<u>109,524</u>	<u>98,069</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
Expenditure			
Programme: Activities		3,158	12,030
Programme: Badges		3,139	4,386
Administration costs		60	587
Campsite: Maintenance/improvements	4	14,728	16,789
Bouverie Rd: Maintenance/improvements	6	7,539	4,790
Bank charges		72	80
Training materials		-	489
Membership fees		25,557	22,314
Equipment depreciation		1,337	4,913
Sundry payments	7	1,501	997
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>57,091</u>	<u>71,243</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year		<u>52,433</u>	<u>26,826</u>

The above accounts and accompanying balance sheet were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on the 30th June 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:

Alan Hands

District Chair

EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT
31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Buildings at cost or valuation			
Bouverie Road Scout Hall	12	403,001	403,001
Fairmead Campsite	11	<u>414,105</u>	<u>414,105</u>
		817,106	817,106
 EQUIPMENT			
Bouverie Road	8	4,614	5,860
Fairmead Campsite	9	-	51
Other	10	<u>1</u>	<u>41</u>
		821,721	823,058
 CURRENT ASSETS			
Badge Stock		1,253	1,863
Debtors and prepayments	5	3,385	5,130
Bank Accounts		123,753	68,976
Cash		<u>-</u>	<u>294</u>
		<u>128,391</u>	<u>76,264</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS		950,112	899,322
 LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals		<u>150</u>	<u>422</u>
		<u>949,962</u>	<u>898,900</u>
 Assets at 1 st January 2020		898,900	872,074
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>51,062</u>	<u>26,826</u>
		<u>949,962</u>	<u>898,900</u>

EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTS

The accounts incorporate the funds administered by the District Scout Council and do not include any of the funds administered by the individual groups within the East London District.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
Bloomberg	3,892	-
UKHQ Scouts Start up grants	5,000	-
Miss E A Pemberton-Barnes Will Trust	27,456	30,969
Covid-19 Grants – Retail Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	-
Other donations	-	<u>7,436</u>
	<u>71,348</u>	<u>38,405</u>
3. MISCELLANEOUS AND NON-RECURRING INCOME		
Bouverie Road – EON refund	222	-
Bouverie Road – TSB compensation	50	-
Bouverie Road - Sale of surplus CO2 Alarm	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>290</u>	<u>-</u>
4. CAMPSITE EXPENDITURE		
Electricity	2,569	2,315
Gas	108	18
Business Rates	184	181
Miscellaneous – repairs, mower, website	444	284
Water	41	381
Telephone	332	505
Cleaning consumables	202	703
Insurance	1,782	1,921
Fire Extinguishers	531	-
Waste removal	569	-
Maintenance and improvements	7,963	10,481
	<u>14,728</u>	<u>16,789</u>
5. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Roland Philipps Centre	-	270
Subscriptions	1,785	2520
Prepayments	<u>1,600</u>	<u>2,488</u>
	<u>3,385</u>	<u>8,300</u>

**EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL,
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
6. PREMISES – BOUVERIE ROAD - EXPENDITURE		
Cleaning	211	260
Gas and Electricity	2,152	2,272
Rates	146	1,575
Miscellaneous	655	281
Water	459	-
Insurance	1,066	1,022
Repairs and Improvements	2,848	2,488
	<u>7,539</u>	<u>7,898</u>
7. SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Covid Signage and materials	410	-
District Scarfs	294	-
10 th Stepney Scarfs	347	-
3 rd Bethnal Green Hall Hire	450	-
	<u>1,501</u>	<u>-</u>
8 EQUIPMENT - BOUVERIE		
Value 1 January	5,860	7,106
Additions in the year	-	-
	<u>5,860</u>	<u>7,106</u>
Depreciation	1,246	1,246
Written down value 31 December	<u>4,614</u>	<u>5,860</u>
9 EQUIPMENT - FAIRMEAD		
Value 1 January	51	3,678
Addition	-	-
	<u>51</u>	<u>3,678</u>
Depreciation in the year	51	3,627
Written down value 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>51</u>
10 EQUIPMENT		
Written down value 1 January	41	81
Additions in the year	-	-
	<u>41</u>	<u>81</u>
Depreciation in the year	40	40
Written down value 31 December	<u>1</u>	<u>41</u>
11 FAIRMEAD CAMPSITE		
Balance 1 January and 31 December	<u>414,105</u>	<u>414,105</u>
12 BOUVERIE ROAD SCOUT HALL		
Balance 1 January and 31 December	<u>403,001</u>	<u>403,001</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of 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 specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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, or
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.

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Signature

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Date: