



Southampton City Scout District

Annual Report & Financial Statement 2024 - 2025

Report & Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025

Trustees Ex-Officio

- Joshua Smith (District Lead Volunteer)
- Josie Anderson (District Youth Lead)

Trustees

Elected

- Tony Bradley (District Treasurer)
- Rex Budd
- Lloyd Pearson
- Thelma Bishop-Young
- Ruth Hopgood

Nominated

- Lucy Blatherwick
- Veronica Radford (District Chair)
- Ollie Hyde Pinto

Co-opted

- Dan Trickey

Charity Information

Bankers: Natwest, Shirley

Independent Examiner: Langdowns DFK, Chartered Accountants

District Registration number with the Scout Association: 12038

Charity Registration number: 1117805

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District Chair

It is a fact that every year I am able to report the same fantastic message to all of you – that scouting in Southampton is thriving, with more adult volunteers and young people involved than ever before. We have new sections started in 4 groups, every group now has a Group Lead Volunteer, we have 4 to 6 year old Squirrels all over the District and we are opening a new group in the St Mary's area with the help of County. This is truly inspirational and as always it is down to the unswerving dedication of our volunteers, who give their most valuable gift of time.

As a District we offer valuable support to our 11 groups and our thriving 14–24-year-olds including 6 Explorer sections and Network. This year we were proud to bring us all together at a fantastic District Camp, held at The New Forest Showground, with over 600 young people and 200 adult volunteers helping! There was a vast range of activities including archery, climbing, radio navigation, laser tag, inflatables, craft, and there was even a vintage bus that gave over 400 people a ride around the site.

It has been a year of structural change in how we operate scouting. Following 'Transformation', we now have 4 District Teams: Programme; Volunteer Development, Support; 14 to 24; and the District Board of Trustees. The emphasis is on teamwork, a core strength which lies at the heart of scouting, bringing volunteers to successfully work together. This year some of our scouting volunteers were publicly celebrated along with other local heroes in a City Reflections project, a spectacular light show event which was held all over the city including one of our scout HQ's. One such scouting hero was Chris Buckland and we were very sad when he passed away this year. Chris was a dedicated scouter and helped for many years with the archery team.

Another example of scouting heroes is our team that run and maintain our beautiful campsite at Wilverley in the New Forest. These volunteers meet twice a week at the site, enabling it to offer a great camping and residential experience for young people from all over the county.

I am very grateful to the District Board of Trustees who give their time to help oversee the smooth operation of the District. On behalf of the District I wish to thank our Treasurer and Health & Safety advisor, Tony Bradley, and our Wilverley Campsite Manager, Rex Budd, who are to stand down at the AGM. Tony and Rex have been Trustees for many years as well as holding multiple roles throughout their scouting years: They are definitely both scouting heroes and the good news is they are to continue in other roles within our scouting community.

Our positive experience at Wilverley helped give us the confidence to go for our biggest project yet – to bid for Woodmill. Through enormous effort the District Team put together a bid which, in the words of many who read it, "is the best bid we have ever seen". Huge thanks to Josh and Dan who went above and beyond to make it happen. Now we have this lovely, inspiring outdoor centre to make our own; to make into a community hub of outdoor activity, with the nonprofit, volunteer- led scouting ethos at its heart; to make it into a fantastic opportunity for our young people to experience adventure, camping, climbing, water activities and nature in abundance, right here in the centre of our city. And it is Teamwork that will let us work with the many other community groups who have expressed interest, to enable this beautiful space to reach its full potential.

Thank you to everyone.

Veronica Radford - District Chair

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District Lead Volunteer

This past year has been a truly brilliant one for Scouting in Southampton. We've maintained stable youth membership numbers and seen a fantastic increase in our volunteer team. This growth is set to continue, and we expect to approach or even surpass 1,000 youth members and 500 volunteers by 2026.

I want to extend a massive thank you to every single person across the city who has made this possible. Your hard work and dedication have an enormous impact on our young people, giving them the chance to develop skills for life and have unforgettable experiences.

Early in 2024, the District and wider Scouting community underwent a major transformation of our roles, structures, and processes. As part of this change, we have three key leads overseeing the core functions of our District:

- **Ollie, Programme Lead:** (Continues) - Leads programmes, permits, etc.
- **Thelma, People Lead:** (New) Leads welcome, support, learning, etc.
- **Dan, Operations Lead:** (New) - Leads digital, growth, media, facilities, etc.

It's been a brilliant year for the Programme Team, who have hosted a variety of exciting events, including camps, activity days, and competitions. A highlight was District Camp 2025, which brought together over 800 people. Our Explorer Scouts and Network members also travel to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland in July 2025. Thank you to everyone who helped shape and deliver our programme this year, whether you organised an event, volunteered on the day, or made sure your young people could attend.

The People Team (also known by HQ as Volunteer Development Team) has gotten off to a fantastic start. With Transformation, we've changed how we welcome and train volunteers. Thelma has formed new teams to focus on all these areas, including a new team dedicated to social opportunities for volunteers. This team has been invaluable in supporting our volunteers across the city. I'm also very proud to report that our District is now fully compliant with all safety and safeguarding learning requirements. Thanks to the new awards system, we're also nominating more people for awards than we have in a long time. Thank you to everyone for your support in helping our volunteers and keeping on top of your own learning.

The Operations Team (also known by HQ as Support Team) has been very busy. They've refreshed our digital and online infrastructure and have started a new Media Team. Dan also oversees our Wilverley Team and successfully led the bid to acquire the Woodmill Outdoor Centre, which officially became our new District HQ on the 1st of September 2025. This starts an exciting new chapter for the District.

On behalf of the entire District, I want to express my deepest thanks to everyone who supports Scouting in Southampton, both locally and beyond. Your tireless commitment and hard work are what make it possible for so many young people to enjoy the opportunities and growth that Scouting provides.

Josh Smith - District Lead Volunteer

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District Programme Team

Transformation has seen several changes to the Programme Team since November 2024. The Nights Away process has moved over to the new digital system but this has been quite a smooth process, matching the digital method we were already using in the District, pre-November 2024. To support this, we have expanded the Nights Away Team with 3 new members recruited and currently completing the necessary training to become a Nights Away Advisor. With this increased provision, the District should be able to support more members in gaining their Nights Away Permits.

With the changes from Transformation, we have seen the Section Leads working together well. This helped with delivering an action packed Squirrel & Beaver event as well as a festive Scout Christmas Camp. The Scout Section have met regularly throughout the year, with the Programme Lead chairing these meetings. We are now seeing at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the District represented at each of their Scout Section Leader meetings, which has led to some great event planning as well as a leader social. The Cub and Explorer teams continue to deliver a wide selection of events. A new Network Lead has been appointed following Transformation and will work directly with the Explorer Lead.

The rescheduled District Camp has focussed much of the workload for the Programme Team this year. Since the cancelling of the 2024 event, the team has inspected many sites before placing a booking with the New Forest Showground. This site allows for us to get the whole District on with ease but there are some challenges this also naturally brings. With no buildings on site, we are hiring toilets, power and tentage. Situated right in the New Forest, this site provides a great opportunity for getting all of our sections out into the forest. All of this has been supported financially by the District Trustees, ensuring that we can bring in a wide range of activities. This has been especially important in a time where many families are struggling financially.

In the year ahead, we are looking to recruit more members to the Programme Team, especially the Section Teams. We are aiming to recruit Youth Members to several places across the Programme Team, with recruitment to start in the summer. Outward facing events are also something we aim to support more, helping to further embed scouting in the local community.

Ollie Hyde Pinto - District Programme Team Lead

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District Volunteer Development Team

Transformation saw the formation of the Volunteer Development Team. The aim is to guarantee that volunteers are; welcomed, feel competent and valued in their roles. To do this 5 sub teams have been created:

- Welcome: There are currently 24 members of the team, who have all undertaken the required learning and now work together to ensure all new volunteers are adequately informed of their role, learning implications, the District structure and their place in it.
- Learning: Thankfully most of the TAs agreed to become Learning Assessors - there are currently 5 members of the team. The first Aid Team have run a number of First Response courses. There has obviously been a lot of work to confirm that all volunteers are compliant with the mandatory learning (safeguarding and safety). Many thanks to all the volunteers and their GLV who worked so hard to complete the new Safety Learning. We are now working to secure all volunteers are First Response compliant.
- Disclosure: There are currently 3 members of the team. They are ready to help any group that are having issues with processing the DBS system.
- Recognition: There are currently 5 members of the team, who have all undertaken the required learning. They have been working hard to apply for almost 20 awards. Most have been approved by the County Team and/or TSA. There are a few more still in the system awaiting processing. Hopefully the certificates will soon be in the District and we can get them presented asap. If you would like to nominate a volunteer for an award - please contact me.
- Social: There are currently 3 members of the team. A small group that are responsible (along with the old Active Support group) for providing refreshments for the City Reflections Project - The Southampton Forward event that at the 29th Group Hall, a video was projected onto their wall celebrating the city's diverse volunteers - 6 of whom are scout volunteers. In the future the team aims to provide a number of trial events for volunteers to improve their skills (archery, fire lighting, etc). If you have an idea for an event or would like to join the team - please get in touch.

Many thanks to all those that either volunteered or accepted my invitation to join the team, without you the District wouldn't be able to run so efficiently. There is always space for more, especially the Social Team - please contact me if you would like more information.

Thelma Bishop-Young - District Volunteer Development Team Lead

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District Support Team

The District Support Team, or as we've been informally referring to it, the District Operations Team is a new District team launched following the launch of the Scout Association's transformation programme in late 2024. The team is responsible for keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes: growth and development, administration (including IT), fundraising and grant applications, facilities, and promoting Scouting locally.

Currently, the operations team consists of several sub-teams, and plans are in place to launch additional Growth and Fundraising teams in 2025 / 2026.

Digital Team

Following the launch of the new national membership system, our Digital Team has been working hard to integrate the new system into our existing processes, enable better communication between teams and launch new services to help volunteers throughout the district and groups in Southampton City do their roles more easily. The team has more than doubled in size since last year and I'd like to thank the team for their hard work so far. Two new major IT systems have been launched, a District Directory system and a volunteer intranet "Volunteer Hub", both of which have been invaluable to the wider District team in enabling our roles.

Media Team

Additionally following transformation, a new Media team has been formed separately from the Digital Team. This team focuses on social media, photography, videography and press, and they have done a fantastic job so far. We have seen a much more concerted effort to engage with the press and wider community, and a number of news articles have been published promoting local Scouting positively. I'd like to thank the team for their efforts so far and look forward to seeing what they achieve next year.

Wilverley Team

As always, the Wilverley maintenance team have done a fantastic job keeping Wilverley looking great for visitors and campers throughout the year. A new generator has been installed, replacing the previous equipment that had failed in April 2024. This restores power and hot water to the site, and will greatly improve the experience of visitors. The Wilverley Team are looking for volunteers to get involved with the regular maintenance and development of the campsite. The team currently meet on Tuesdays and Fridays to perform regular maintenance and care for the site and welcome all to join in helping with the site.

Woodmill

Whilst the fundraising team has yet to form, we've been working on one of our biggest fundraising efforts in some time: our bid to acquire Woodmill Outdoor Centre. This bid required a monumental amount of effort from a large number of volunteers working together across the

district, across a period of many months.

I'd particularly like to thank Veronica, Mandy, Charlie, Ruth, Luke, Ania, Bonny, Oana, Sally and the 13th Sea Scouts. Josh has also played an important role here, going significantly above and beyond his role as Lead Volunteer to pull together a coalition of over 20 local community groups in under 6 weeks and spent many weeks working until the early hours of the morning with me to get the bid over the line.

We've finally seen the hard work come to life as we received keys on 1st September and have begun to start giving this incredible site the love and care it deserves. Woodmill offers us not only a permanent home in Southampton for the District, but unlocks Sea Scouting and outdoor adventure for thousands of young people right here.

Dan Trickey - District Support Team Lead

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District Treasurer

There continues to be a healthy return to bookings for Wilverley, with an income of £26,138, which is down from the previous year due to the failure of the generator. Against this the maintenance was £6,199, overheads £6,312, utilities £2,371, insurance £2,523, projects £4,499 and a booking refund of £651. This leaves a surplus of £3,583 to be distributed between the Wilverley Long Term Project Fund and the District Dividend Fund.

Price increases of raw materials and commodities continue to rise, reflecting the costs seen in the maintenance figure above. We were successful in our claim for the generator failure with an insurance payment of £31,548, and we will have purchased a replacement machine in 2025/26.

We continue to use NatWest for our current and reserve banking and FreeAgent as our accounting software. NatWest informed us that as we now exceed an annual turnover of £100k, because we process all the groups payments for the annual census fees and county levies. We have therefore been subject to business banking charges from 1st. June 2024. From then to the end of year the costs were £ 94.50.

During the year we made more use of the Equals Money pre-loaded payment cards for members of the district leadership and 14-24 teams. This is proving successful in providing flexibility to card holders and obviating the need for them to be out-of-pocket whilst awaiting refunds.

I can report that our independent examiner Langdowns DFK were given the supporting documentation for the examination of accounts in good time, and a complete and accurate set of figures are presented to the AGM, as set out at the end of this TAR document. We are grateful to Langdowns and pleased to see a continuation of the good service we have received for the previous years in reviewing and examining the accounts, and for the work they have done on our behalf this year.

The annual census was completed in January of this year and invoices issued to the groups and units. I am pleased to say we made our combined subscription payment to the County before the end of the financial year, having received all incoming payments in good time. Early payment reductions and a one-off County rebate were able to be passed on. My thanks again to the groups, units, and their treasurers for their assistance and speedy responses in making their payments.

I will be standing down as treasurer at this AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Chair, DLV and Executive Committee / Trustee Board members who have supported me and provided invaluable guidance and support during my time as treasurer. I also want to offer my best wishes for the future to my successor.

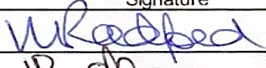
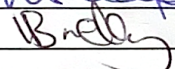
Please see below for copies of the accounts.

Tony Bradley - District Treasurer

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Southampton City Scout District Receipts and Payments Account				
		Year start date		Year end date
	For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31 March 2025
Receipts and payments				
		2024-2025		2023-2024
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
		£		£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions		50,386		50,655
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		- 53,924	-	50,655
Net membership subscriptions retained		- 3,538		-
Sales		123		137
Activities				
Gift Aid				4,986
Other income (insurance claim)		31,548		
Sub total		28,133		5,123
Grants				
Maintenance grant		-		
Other grants				3,518
Sub total		-		3,518
Fundraising (gross)				
Sections		14,607		11,214
Camps		-		13,021
Wilverley booking		26,138		37,690
Other fundraising activities (Explorers, Network and ASU)		43,370		12,170
Sub total		84,115		74,095
Investment income				
Bank interest		4,246		2,726
Building Society interest				
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service				
Property Rent dividend		8,700		7,473
Other investment income				-
Sub total		12,946		10,199
Total Gross Income		125,194		92,935
Asset and investment sales, etc.				
Total receipts		125,194		92,935
Southampton City Scout District Receipts and Payments Account				
Receipts and payments				
		2024-2025		2023-2024
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
		£		£
Payments				
12/00052 (1st January 2017)				

Charitable Payments			
Youth programme and activities		26,643	6,061
Adult support and training		1,086	-
Rent		210	180
Explorers, Network and ASU		36,742	28,880
Insurance		3,699	2,739
Repairs and Renewals (Wilverley Maintenance)		10,698	7,356
(Materials and equipment) Bank charges		95	
Printing and photocopying		108	
Contribution to camp costs		4,583	11,397
Professional fees		1,590	816
Activities		729	3,599
Advertising & promotion		882	83
Leaving & retirement gifts		591	377
AGM Expenses		55	45
Staff Training		1,773	961
Wilverley overhead (Gas, Water, Waste, Phone etc.)		9,334	11,514
Sub total		98,818	74,008
Fundraising expenses			
Web hosting		1,907	1,606
International Jamboree Funding			6,142
ASU cash payment			-
Cash-in-hand written off (Activities and Treasurer)			-
Sub total		1,907	7,748
Total Gross Expenditure		100,725	81,756
Asset and investment purchases, etc.			
Total payments		100,725	81,756
Net of receipts/(payments)		24,469	11,179
Cash funds last year end		139,629	128,450
Cash funds this year end		164,098	139,629
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year			
		2024-2025	2023-2024
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
Cash funds			
Bank current account		5,762	22,681
Bank deposit account		54,280	27,278
CCLA Charities Investment Account		80,329	76,537
Explorers, Network and ASU bank accounts		18,069	11,937
Equals card account		5,641	1,179
Cash/Floats (ASU)		17	17
Total cash funds		164,098	139,629
Other monetary assets			

Sub total		4,893	-
Investment assets			
Investment property			
Quoted investments			
Other investments - detail			
Sub total		-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Badge stock		300	611
Shop stock			
Other stock		572	
Land and buildings			
Motor vehicles			
Scouting equipment, furniture. Fixed assets		10,596	6,886
Other			
Sub total		11,468	7,497
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid			
Expenses incurred but not invoiced			
Other liabilities.		900	870
Sub total		900	870
Contingent liabilities and future obligations			
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 20 AUG 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:			
Signature		Print Name	
		Dr. V. M. Radford	Chair
		Mr. J. A. Bradley	Treasurer

Southampton City Scout District - Non Monetary Assets

Assumption: Any asset sold is more than 5 years old and therefore written off

Depreciation of asset value by straight line depreciation over 5 years

Consumables not knowingly included

Buildings at Wilverley District Camp Site NOT counted - Not realisable assets.

Assets bought in 2020-2021	2020/21 value	2021/22 value	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value
Wilverley Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00	£80.00
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

<u>Assets bought in 2021-2022</u>	2021/22 value	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value
Wilverley Equipment	£869.97	£695.98	£521.98	£347.99	£173.99	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Network Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Assets bought in 2022-2023	2022/23 value	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value
Wilverley Founiment Archery Equipment	£1,594.49	£1,275.59	£956.69	£637.80	£318.90	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£599.98	£479.98	£359.99	£239.99	£120.00	£0.00

Network Equipment Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£931.00	£744.80	£558.60	£372.40	£186.20	£0.00
Assets bought in 2023-2024	2023/24 value	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value	2028/29 value
Wilverley Equipment	£1,442.90	£1,154.32	£865.74	£577.16	£288.58	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£158.33	£126.66	£95.00	£63.33	£31.67	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Network Equipment Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£2,002.76	£1,602.21	£1,201.66	£801.10	£400.55	£0.00
Assets bought in 2024-2025	2024/25 value	2025/26 value	2026/27 value	2027/28 value	2028/29 value	2029/30 value
Wilverley Equipment	£4,352.22	£3,481.78	£2,611.33	£1,740.89	£870.44	£0.00
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£867.79	£694.23	£520.67	£347.12	£173.56	£0.00
Network Equipment Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£190.00	£152.00	£114.00	£76.00	£38.00	£0.00
2024/25 year end values						
bought in :-	Current year	Current -1	Current -2	Current -3	Current -4	Totals
Wilverley Equipment	£4,352.22	£1,154.32	£956.69	£347.99	£0.00	£6,811.22
Archery Equipment	£0.00	£126.66	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£126.66
Canoe Club Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Climbing Wall Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shooting Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
District Camping Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£867.79	£0.00	£359.99	£0.00	£80.00	£1,307.78
Network Equipment Explorer Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£190.00	£1,602.21	£558.60	£0.00	£0.00	£2,350.81
					TOTAL	£10,596.47
FreeAgent Reference						
Wilverley equipment		Tables/benches	£1,071.00	5/7/2024	Wilverley Projects	
		Fridge	£1,299.00	27/8/2024	Wilverley Projects	

			Kitchen refit	£881.38	9/9/2024	Wilverley Projects	
			Kitchen equipment	£199.86	30/9/2024	Wilverley Overheads	
			Portable generator	£900.98	22/10/2024	Wilverley Overheads	
★★	District Misc items		Clothing	£571.99	24/2/2025	Miscellaneous	
	District Misc items		Games equipment	£295.80	22/4/2024	Miscellaneous	
★★★	Explorers Equipment		Compasses	£190.00	23/6/2024	Explorers Equipment	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southampton City District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Southampton City District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Southampton City 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 Southampton City 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 Southampton City 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:

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Date: 20 October 2025

SOUTHAMPTON CITY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

19.00 hrs Wednesday 10th July 2024

13th Southampton (Sea Scouts) HQ Canford Close SO16 9JA

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced the Annual Report and the main agenda items for the meeting. She mentioned the difficulties of the SA transformation process which should be fully operational by the next AGM. She thanked all the volunteers for the continuing success of the District and pointed out the many scouting opportunities offered in the District to all ages. After thanking the Wilverley maintenance team for the upkeep of our District Campsite she expressed regret at the passing of Graham Wide, a long serving Chair of the District and Wilverley volunteer. She noted the move of Nico and Carolyn Chart to Romsey district and thanked them for their fantastic hard work in training and appointing our volunteers. Warm thanks were given to the outgoing President Graham Meering and District Secretary Erika Corradini and a warm welcome to the new President, Thelma Bishop Young.

2. Apologies were received from: Mike Johnson, Sarah Granger, Josie Anderson, Lucy Blatherwick, and others.

3. The Chair asked all those in attendance to take note of the AGM minutes 2023 approved by the Trustee Board on 5th October 2023.

4. A proposal was made to adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules Chapter 5 and agree that 12 members may be appointed to the District Trustee Board and agree that the future quorum of the District Scout Council will be 20.

Proposer: Josh Smith

Seconder: Ruth Hopgood

Carried unanimously

5. A proposal was made to accept the Accounts and Trustees Annual Report for the Financial Year from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Proposer: Lloyd Pearson

Seconder: Rex Budd

Carried unanimously

6. The District Commissioner nominated Veronica Radford to be the Chair of the Scout District.

7. After asking if there were any nominations from the floor a proposal was made to elect Tony Bradley as the District Treasurer:

Proposer: George Longhurst
Seconder: Kerry Budd

Carried unanimously

The Chair explained that the role of the District Secretary is now vacant and that nominations are invited.

8. A proposal was made to elect the following members to serve upon the 2024-2025 District Trustee Board: Rex Budd, Lloyd Pearson, Thelma Bishop-Young, Ruth Hopgood.

Proposer Graham Meering
Seconder: David Bowers

Carried unanimously

9. The District Commissioner nominated the following members to serve upon the 2024-2025 District Trustee Board:

Lucy Blatherwick Network DC
Ollie Hyde Deputy DC

10. To appoint the new District President

Thelma Bishop-Young was appointed as the new President of Southampton City Scout District

11. A proposal was made to appoint an Independent Examiner:

Langdowns DFK, Chartered Accountants

Proposer: Tony Bradley
Seconder: Veronica Radford

Carried unanimously

12. Guest Speaker

The Chair introduced Mr Keith Hawkins Deputy County Commissioner Growth and Development as the guest speaker. Keith praised the growth of the leadership team in the district and the work of volunteers in setting up all the Squirrels Dreys across the District. He pointed out that Hampshire is the leading county for Squirrels with the 100th drey being set up in Southampton. It was also pointed out that the SA transformation will happen after the summer. This should allow the SA to slowly modernise and update the structure of scout districts. It was noted that Josh Smith is the County Lead for the transformation in the city district and support from the county is offered throughout the process.

13. District Commissioner Joshua Smith

The DC thanked all the volunteers and teams for supporting the scouts and pointed out that there has been a growth of 3.2% more volunteers in the past year.

14. Presentations

Graham Meering was presented with a gift for his long service to scouting and for serving as District President.

Erika Corradini was presented with a gift for her service as District Secretary.

Amanda Wallace was awarded a Certificate in recognition of her 10-year service in scouting.

15. Bert Cooke Trophy was awarded to the Explorers Section and to the 25th Southampton Scout Group for a wide variety of activities

16. A.O.B.

Kay Wilkinson announced that she will step down from her role as Chair of the Appointments Committee.

16. To confirm the date for the next District Exec Meeting TBC

17. Provisional date for the next AGM was set for 13.7.25

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE COUNCIL: YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Constitution

The Southampton City Scout District is a registered charity (No 117805). The Scout District is part of the Scout Association, which is incorporated by Royal Charter. The Scout District is a trust established under rules, which are common to all Scout Districts.

Objects

The objects of the District are to support the sections in their mission to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Activities and Volunteers

A summary of the main activities of the District for the year is included in the accompanying Annual Report. We are very appreciative of the considerable amount of voluntary help that is given to all aspects of Scouting throughout the District.

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold an amount of £25,000 to enable it to sustain cash flow needs and support the sections over a projected 2 year rolling programme.

Risk Management

The Trustees are in the process of identifying the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed to, in particular those related to the operations and finances. All sectional activities are carried out under the guidelines issued by the Scout Association.

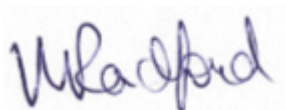
Trustees

The District is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Districts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy; Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association and the Scout District's own adopted procedures.

The Accounts

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payment basis, which is consistent with the previous years.

Approved by the Trustees on the 10th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Veronica Radford

District Chair



Joshua Smith

District Lead Volunteer



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