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The Trustees are deemed to be the members of the Project (District) Executive for the time being. Those who have served in this capacity during the last year (2024) are as follows.

### **Ex-officio – Appointment**

District Commissioner / Centre Principal	Richard Hart
Training Manager	Ian Maynard
Crew Leader	Martin Petchey
QM Leader	Tom Skinner
Webmaster	Richard Baltutis
Minutes Secretary	Vacant

### **Nominated – Appointment**

Chairman	Julian Cartwright
Treasurer	Pippa Barber

### **Elected**

Elected Member	Mike Hudson
Elected Member	Alexander Mansi
Elected Member	William Coombs
Elected Member	William Brown

### **BANKERS**

CAF Bank Limited & Shawbrook Bank

### **Group Registration Number with the Scout Association**

103501

### **Contact Name & Address**

Julian Cartwright  
c/o HQTs Lord Amory, Dollar Bay  
631 Manchester Road  
London  
E14 3NU

**Structure:**

The Dockland Scout Project (DSP) is constituted as a Scout District and forms part of the Greater London North Scout County

**Aims:**

To promote the development of young people and enable them to achieve their full potential in line with the aims of the Scout Association

To provide the opportunity for young people to experience Water Activities and Water Sports training under the leadership of qualified adults.

**Operationally:**

All in all, 2024 has been a year of 3 parts, we started the year with the loss of our largest motor vessel which sadly sank alongside a pontoon, leaving only the tip of the mast above the water. It was almost a month before divers and a salvage boat were able to recover the boat. investigations by the appointed loss adjuster and boat yard staff have not found anything untoward or any reason why it sank.

The main part of the year saw us run our usual, formal training courses, Activity weekends and open days.

We have run 13 Activity Weekends and 12 Open days and were used by the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group for both their Explorers and their Scout section Summer Camps. During the summer we have had regular evening boating sessions from various local Sea Scout Groups from East London, Squirrels Heath, Leytonstone and Greenwich,

The Bed & Breakfast / Accommodation side of the Project continues to thrive. We were used for 1,630 bed nights; We should have had a further 350 nights at the end of the year but these had to be cancelled due to lease agreements.

Use by third party organisations, subject to risk assessments, has continued, with the Metropolitan Police using the ship for armed search training.

During August we hosted 2 summer camps, the first was for 8th Worthing Explorers and the following week for their Scout section.

In late October we had a very small group on site, and 2 near miss incidents were blown out of all proportion into critical incidents, which caused our landlords, Canal & River Trust to stop all under 18's being on site. This is still the situation at mid May 2025. We have been trying to negotiate a new lease since 2012, our current lease expired in April 2019 and C&RT have only offered a limited use of the site which at present does not allow safe operation with young people. This closure has caused the Project to cancel all activities through to June 2025 while we see if we can negotiate a suitable lease.

The only training we have managed has been some RYA First Aid and VHF Radio courses run for adults only

**Maintenance:**

The regular boat and ship maintenance and upkeep has continued, Many of the boats received minor refurbishments and our Drascombe Longboat "Westminster" had a full refurbishment including removing over 30 years of paint from the hull. Our Mitchell Mk2, "Len Williams" had a new cockpit cover made, the cockpit lockers were rebuilt, making access to the batteries easier and a new charger was installed. We completed the build of an second hand Nelson 18 hull, sister boat to "Odd Job" this boat was built using composites rather than timber to try and reduce maintenance. This launch has been named after an ex PLA Harbour Master, Mark Towns.

**Training:**

During 2024 we have been able to run a total of 26 formal training courses. We ran 2 British Canoeing Explore Award, and 2 Paddle Sports Rescue courses On the dinghy side we ran 1

RYA Dinghy Level 2 and a Dinghy Level 3 and a Keelboat Level 3, we ran 4 RYA Powerboat Level 2 courses, 2 Scout Pulling courses, 4 RYA VHF Radio courses and 2 RYA Diesel engine courses. We also ran a Paddlesports Instructor course for 11 members. Finally, we ran 6 RYA First Aid courses with additional modules to ensure all our staff were qualified.

In January we ran our new staff "Induction and Training "weekend. We had 4 adults and 22 Explorers eager to join and become members of the Project.

### **Finance:**

We started the 2024 season in a healthy financial situation.

The Income for 2024 has been a little over £201,000. (this includes an insurance claim received of £22,000.)

Expenditure for the year amounted to £159,000. The largest items were Insurance of £19,500 up on 2023, the increase following the claim.

The remainder of expenditure has been spent on utilities and maintenance costs. Electricity usage was £6,200 with the base now operating, Water was £11,000, and Heating Oil £5,000. A major item of expenditure item was £23,000 on the refurbishment of the ships Galley removing the bottled gas systems and installing a new 3 phase electric cooking range and a combination oven, with a new extraction hood. This was complemented with all new fridges and freezers.

This has meant that at the end of 2024 we had an excess of Income over expenditure of £40,000, which included £22,000 from the insurance claim payout.

The Project has reasonable reserves and we envisage that things will remain stable in 2025

### **Conclusion:**

Finally, we must say a big thank you to all our volunteer water instructors, maintenance staff, admin staff and helpers without them the Project would not go from strength to strength.

The Project is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is also a Registered Charity in its own right number 1126975.

The Project's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.



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Richard Hart  
Centre Principal / District Lead Volunteer

## DOCKLAND SCOUT PROJECT

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY for the year ended 31st December 2024

	This year General Fund £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see page 5)	201,218	161,403
Total Payments for the year (see page 6)	159,064	120,190
Net receipts/payments for the year	<u>42,155</u>	<u>41,213</u>
Gain (Loss) on revaluation of Tangible Assests	<u>-</u> 42,155	<u>-</u> 20,000 21,213
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	448,766	427,554
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The above account and accompanying statement of assets  
and liabilities were approved by the Trustees  
and signed on their behalf by



Philippa (Pippa) Barber - Treasurer

DOCKLAND SCOUT PROJECT  
Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES	This Year	Previous Year
Capitation and Crew Fees	-	-
Less Paid	- 95	-
	- <b>95</b>	-
<b>Activities</b>		
Days & Weekends	45,051	31,946
Open Days	27,059	22,304
Meeting Room Hire	1,000	2,030
RYA & Other Training	16,264	14,303
Boat & Estate Hire		
Uniforms	1,038	290
Miscellaneous Income	21,958	2,345
	<b>112,370</b>	<b>73,217</b>
<b>International Hosting</b>	<b>80,202</b>	<b>84,614</b>
<b>Sale of Equipment</b>	<b>100</b>	-
<b>Donations &amp; Grants</b>	<b>6,105</b>	<b>905</b>
<b>Interest Received</b>	2,536	2,666
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>201,218</b>	<b>161,403</b>

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Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

RESOURCES EXPENDED	This Year	Previous Year
	Notes	
<b>Activity &amp; Training Costs</b>	<b>10,320</b>	<b>7,433</b>
<b>International Hosting</b>	<b>46,925</b>	<b>49,300</b>
<b>Vessel Purchases and Improvement costs</b>	<b>23,303</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Headquarters Costs</b>		
General Running Costs	1,089	2,691
Light & Heat	10,150	12,491
Water Rates	1,105	3,804
Rates	1,897	1,779
Telephone & Internet	1,842	1,536
	<b>16,084</b>	<b>22,301</b>
<b>Boating Costs</b>		
Repairs & Replacements	38,468	25,845
Insurance	19,763	13,531
	<b>58,231</b>	<b>39,376</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>		
General	1,040	427
Postage & Stationary	69	12
Motor & Travel	832	901
Bank Charges	60	66
Uniforms	1,301	375
	<b>3,302</b>	<b>1,780</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
<b>Purchase of Equipment</b>		
Other	898	-
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>159,064</b>	<b>120,190</b>

**Notes:**

DOCKLAND SCOUT PROJECT  
Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

	This Year	Previous Year
<b>MONETARY ASSETS, cash, bank and similar funds</b>		
Bank Current Accounts	288,774	248,061
Bank Deposit Accounts	169,573	167,591
Trade Debtors	-	-
Creditors	-	-
	<u>458,348</u>	<u>415,653</u>
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS - Assets for Group's own use</b>		
Vehicles, Boats and other equipment	<u>558,194</u>	<u>558,194</u>
<b>The assets are revalued each year by the Trustees, The current values are:</b>		
Canoes	21,300	21,300
Chandlery/Marine Equipment/Motors	6,000	6,000
Converted Dutch Barge	300,000	300,000
Dinghies	2,675	2,675
Headquarters Ship - Lord Amory	85,000	85,000
Kayaks	11,100	11,100
Motor Boats	-	-
Motor Boats Inboard	58,000	58,000
Paddleboards	1,969	1,969
Pontoons	3,000	3,000
Pulling Boats	4,000	4,000
Sailing Dinghies	60,200	60,200
Vehicles and Trailers	4,950	4,950
<b>Total Tangible Assets</b>	<u>558,194</u>	<u>558,194</u>



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the DOCKLAND SCOUT PROJECT**

I report on the accounts of the Project for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out above.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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 the responsibility of the examiner to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out with 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 the 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 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 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Tessa L Bullimore 11/9/2025*

**Tessa Bullimore (FCCA)**