

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Royston District Scouts

Other names the charity is known by

Royston Scout Council

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Royston District Scouts C/O Carole Rhind

5 Byron Road

Royston, Herts

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Laurence Brett	Chair	
2	John Kazer		
3	Joshua Marshall		
4	Stuart Sharpe		
5	Carole Rhind		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and up to 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 months.

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

This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, equipment is in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>Running district events for all sections in the district. Supporting the seven scout groups in Royston district as per POR and helping towards leader training costs and leader development on projects that meet the aims of POR Running the 14 to 25 sections of explorer scouts and scout network.</p>
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grant making; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. <p>We do not make grants to other organisation from our main general income. We may have fundraising events we run where fundraising is split for example the Easter raffle where scout groups in our district tickets on our behalf and get a percentage of the monies raised on tickets they sell. We do make grants towards leader training for leaders from scout groups in our district where they fit in with our development plans and within the set yearly budget. We do not have any investments.</p> <p>The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</p>

Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Trustees are pleased to note that the last year has been another very full one across the District.

Changes to the New Membership System had been successfully accommodated and the district is up to date with all mandatory training.

Following the county selection process delighted to note that 9 offers had been made to District members to join the next World Scout Jamboree. A further 19 had been offered the opportunity to join the County International event in the Azores.

During the year Trustees had financially supported all programme teams in their roles. Whilst each group has offered a range of activities the number of whole-district events are reduced. This is largely down to the additional burden on leaders when coordinating across the District. District Programme Team objectives are to support leaders in delivery not to push activities or dictate a programme to follow.

Trustees funded MIDAS Minibus driver assessments for all groups in the year to support mobility and enable group events. This support was well received.

Trustees continue to look for ways to raise funds centrally for the benefit of the whole district and intend to launch a District fund-raiser in the next year specifically to support International event participation.

During the year membership continued strongly across all sections and Trustees noted that Network had launched as well as a strong cohort increasing the engagement of our Young Leaders group after a year of very low engagement / activity. Being able to provide access to Scouting across all sections is seen as a real success. Funding for both groups is provided from the District Trustees

Section E	Financial Review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs, circa £10,000. and event contingency of £10,000. We dont own / manage any buildings which is why our policy is set at the above level.

The District held reserves of approximately £20000 against this at year end. This is the level required for operating expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Most of the charities income is from our portion of the scout membership fees which is currently £10 per head from young person in the district which is currently around 500 members. Fundraising is generally used for international events for our young people however occasional grants and donations come in that are used for general activities and leader training.

- investment policy and objectives;

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

STUART SHARPLE CAROLE RHIND

Full name(s)

STUART SHARPLE CAROLE RHIND

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

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Date

21/10/25

Royston District Scouts (1130346)

Receipts and payments account

1st of April to 31st of March

2024-2025

2023-2024

Income

Badge Money From Groups	4,001.42	4,539.61
Bank Interest	318.46	161.69
Events - Cubs	3,288.00	6,871.00
Events - Explorers	21,064.90	3,545.22
Events - Scouts	20,095.50	8,085.30
Events - Young Leaders	0.00	15.00
Exodus Explorers	2,228.84	0.00
Hertfordshire Scouts Lottery	6.63	6.76
Jamboree Loans	0.00	1,534.00
Lye End Farm	195.00	257.33
Membership Fees From Groups	35,646.50	31,625.00
Wilderness Explorers	475.00	0.00
WSJ2023	0.00	3,198.06

Expense

Admin	30.00	0.00
Advisor / Auditor / Legal fees	250.00	250.00
Badges	4,118.81	3,808.74
Bank Fees	80.00	64.80
DLV Expenses	67.90	0.00
Events - Beavers	351.48	332.63
Events - Cubs	2,353.18	7,084.69
Events - Explorers	19,676.99	860.32
Events - Scouts	5,331.02	9,819.01
Events - Young Leaders	0.00	265.21
Exodus Explorers	332.34	0.00
International District Support	0.00	760.00
IT / Comms	0.00	108.35
Leader&YL uniform / Badges	338.86	83.99
Leader Training	14.47	4.10
Meetings	27.50	96.65
Membership Costs	31,369.00	26,565.00
Online Scout Manager	141.47	193.21
Rent	200.00	0.00
Training	780.00	0.00
Trustee Board Expenses	38.10	0.00
Wilderness Explorers	475.00	0.00
WSJ2023	0.00	5,103.43
Young Leader Training	20.05	338.28

Account balances

Events Account Lloyds	10,701.59	7,852.52
Barclays Main Account	7,174.82	8,283.64
Barclays (Interest Account)	35,440.18	20,141.32
Santander Badge Account	2,687.72	2,765.26
International Account Lloyds	1,911.86	1,219.66
Expense Account	3,670.31	0.00

Summary

Account balance brought forward	40,262.40	36,161.84
Total income	87,270.65	59,838.97
Total expenditure	65,996.17	55,738.41
Net income	21,636.51	4,100.56
Account balance carried forward	61,586.48	40,262.40

Non Monetary Assets

Badge Stock	£3,857.75
Equipment Exodus Explorers	£3,000

Liabilities

None

Reserve / Contingency

Two Years Running costs with no income	£10,000
Event / Contingency	£10,000
Total Required in Contingency Account at least	£20,000

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st of October 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

S. SHARPE
C.B. RHIND

Print Name

S. SHARPE
C.B. RHIND

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Royston District Scouts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Royston District Scouts 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 Royston District Scouts 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.

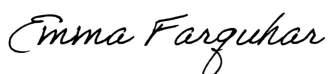
Independent examiner's statement

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 Royston District Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and no other matters have come to my attention that require reporting to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed:



Name: Emma Farquhar BFP FCA

I am qualified to undertake this examination under section 145(1)(i) of the Act.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Fellow of the ICAEW, membership number 9251030

Address: [REDACTED] Melbourn, Cambridgeshire SG8 [REDACTED]

Date: 5 November 2025