

NEW GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1141023

Details

Other names	GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2011-03-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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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: THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Greenwich

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£119,902	£148,117	-	-
2024-03-31	£169,925	£170,538	-	-
2023-03-31	£211,372	£174,754	-	-
2022-03-31	£150,514	£136,438	-	-
2021-03-31	£171,611	£93,176	-	-
2020-03-31	£95,109	£59,001	-	-

Trustees

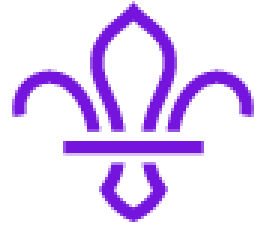
Name	Role	Appointed
ANDY BARBER		2014-07-01
BARRY MATTHEWS		2014-07-01
CONWAY PHILLIP TEARLE		2013-07-03
JAMES VALLELY		2014-07-01
JOANNE GRAHAM		2016-07-01
JOHN JOSEPH SWEENEY		2011-04-06
Joseph James Shippam		2026-05-06
STEPHEN JAMES ELLIS		2013-07-03
Terry Wiggins		2023-07-06

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**Royal Greenwich
District**

Annual Report
2024/25

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President:**Trustees**

The following served as Trustees of the Charity during the year 14th Jul 2024 to 24th September 2025

Ex-Officio

District Lead Volunteer - Terry Wiggins

District Youth Lead– Joseph Shippam (Until 22.02.25)

District Youth Lead– Kellie Passanha (From 22.02.25)

Chairman – Barry Matthews (From 16.09.24)

Book keeper – John Sweeney

District Explorer Lead – Andrew Barber

District Scout Network Lead– Josh Sharrad

Appointed

Chris Bishop (Until 10.03.25)

Barry Matthews (Until 16.09.24)

James Vallely

Jenny Grant

Jo Graham

Stephen Ellis

Conway Tearle

Co-Opted

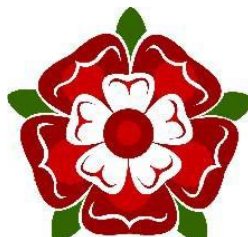
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Our Reports

Trustee Talk

The Trustee Board has spent the year working to strengthen its governance approach, ensuring the District operates with transparency, accountability, and effectiveness. This involved a decisive move away from day-to-day operational delivery, allowing the Board to focus more firmly on its strategic oversight responsibilities. This transition, though complex, was carefully planned and implemented to align with best practice guidance from both the Charity Commission and The Scout Association.

A major focus was the creation and refinement of a clearer governance structure, which included implementing governance structured meeting agendas, and clear records of decisions taken. Trustee meetings adopted a forward-planning approach, ensuring time was allocated to strategic priorities, including safety, safeguarding, growth, and succession planning.

Trustees undertook learning throughout the year in areas such as safeguarding, charity law, and trustee responsibilities, reinforcing the Board's competence in leading the charity safely and effectively. The Board also reflected on lessons learned from the wider voluntary sector, incorporating them into its own processes, particularly around volunteer wellbeing, and digital governance.

Succession planning was another key priority. The Board recognised the need for future leadership and proactively sought to develop potential new trustees through mentoring and shadowing opportunities. The board will be reviewing this this upcoming year to ensure consistency whilst also getting new talent on the board.

This shift towards a governance-focused model is a vital step in the District's journey of transformation to becoming more resilient, responsive, and future-ready. The Trustee Board remains committed to improving its own performance and supporting others across the District to deliver safe, high-quality Scouting for all young people in Royal Greenwich.

Network News & Explorer Echoes

The 14–24 age range continued to thrive throughout the year with the ongoing development of Explorer Scouting, Young Leader opportunities, and the exciting relaunch of Scout Network. The District maintained a strong commitment to ensuring young people in this age group could access a programme that was both adventurous and empowering.

Explorer Units across the District delivered dynamic and diverse programmes. Highlights included climbing sessions, escape rooms, pioneering skills, and survival weekends. Expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Chief Scouts Platinum, Diamond and King's Scout Award have been taking place over the year and has involved venturing to Wales and Scotland. These expeditions not only demonstrated resilience and teamwork but also showcased the impact of outdoor learning on personal growth.

Scout Network has seen our members begin working toward the King's Scout and Explorer Belt Awards, which a few were lucky to receive and be recognised at both Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace this year.

Programme Power

This year, the District Programme Team delivered an ambitious and varied programme of events, offering young people new challenges, fun experiences, and the chance to try something different. From section badge days to large-scale camps, the team ensured there was something for everyone.

For Beavers, the focus was on curiosity, creativity, and adventure. Events included a Drive-In Movie Night where young people built their own cardboard cars, a Sports Day with team challenges, a

Trampolining experience, and a Builders Badge Day. These activities promoted teamwork, confidence, and imagination.

Cubs engaged in a wide range of events focused on practical skills and fun challenges. Badge days such as Home Help and Chef allowed Cubs to gain real-life knowledge in a fun setting. A cake decorating competition and laser tag day added variety, while a Pioneering Day introduced young people to traditional Scouting techniques with a hands-on approach.

Scouts enjoyed a range of innovative activities throughout the year. One of the highlights was the district night hike - encouraging teamwork, strategy, and resilience across multiple challenges. Scouts also participated in geocaching days, pioneering workshops, and volleyball tournaments, which strengthened friendships and built confidence.

Explorers, alongside their own programme, provided vital support for District events. Many took on leadership roles, helping to run stations, lead games, and deliver portions of badge sessions. This peer-led support enhanced the impact of the events and gave Explorers meaningful leadership experience.

Volunteer Vibes

The Volunteer Development Team has made significant strides this year in strengthening the support provided to adult volunteers across the District. From simplifying learning processes to improving induction experiences and recognising contributions, the team has laid important foundations for sustainable and rewarding adult involvement in Scouting.

A major focus of the year was the delivery and promotion of the Adult Learning Scheme. The team delivered multiple Growing Roots are now delivered as digital training modules, resulting in a significant rise in module completions across all roles.

The volunteer induction process was also streamlined, making it easier and quicker for new volunteers to get started. New welcome materials were created, including a District Welcome meeting which replaces the old appointment panel.

Youth Yomp

It's been another busy year of youth-shaped Scouting in Royal Greenwich, with young people continuing to take the lead, shape their programmes, and make their voices heard.

In March, we were proud to send a contingent of four young people to the UK Youth Forum in Oxford. They represented Royal Greenwich with confidence and passion, joining other Scouts from across the country to explore key national topics like sustainability and youth empowerment.

This was followed by the South London Ideas Exchange Day, where Joseph (County Youth Lead and outgoing District Youth Lead for Royal Greenwich) led a panel discussion with Kellie (Royal Greenwich Youth Lead) and Song (Wandsworth Youth Lead) about their journeys through Scouting and how youth leadership has shaped their experiences. The day also featured workshops and discussions on programme development, with input from across the county.

In May, Royal Greenwich hosted the Youth-Shaped Zone at The Big Takeover 2, Royal Greenwich's district camp. The zone featured our YouShape Tree and Cool Wall, where young people shared ideas and feedback on their experiences. These contributions are already feeding into our district programme planning and ongoing conversations about how we support youth voice at every level.

At the end of the district camp, we formally handed over the role of District Youth Lead to Kellie, who brings fresh energy and passion to the role. This marked the close of Joseph's six-year journey leading youth voice in Royal Greenwich. Over that time, Joseph has championed YouShape Scouting, embedded youth leadership in everything from district planning to awards evenings, and supported countless young people to take the lead. On behalf of the district, we offer a huge thank you for his

dedication, creativity, and commitment to youth-shaped Scouting. His impact will continue to be felt for years to come.

Finally, it's been fantastic to see a growing number of YouShape Awards proudly worn by young people around the district — a visible sign that youth voice is thriving in Royal Greenwich. Thank you to every leader and volunteer who's helped make that possible. We look forward to seeing where Kellie and the new district youth team take things next!

Support Squad

Behind the scenes, the Support Team has been instrumental in keeping the day-to-day functions of the District running smoothly. From managing sites and overseeing safety compliance to handling logistics and retail, this team ensured the essential infrastructure was in place to support high-quality Scouting across Royal Greenwich.

The estates team, working in conjunction with the Trustee Board, undertook safety reviews and maintenance work across District sites. Fire safety compliance was reviewed in detail, with updated risk assessments, extinguisher servicing, and fire exit checks carried out. Regular inspections ensured that buildings remained safe, clean, and fit for purpose.

Capital improvement works were commissioned to improve access and usability of key spaces, including upgrades to lighting, kitchen facilities, and accessibility features. Volunteer maintenance days were introduced to allow section leaders and supporters to contribute to site upkeep, promoting shared responsibility and pride in the spaces used.

The Scout Shop continued to provide uniform and equipment to members across the District, operating out of a dedicated space at Waverly Crescent. The shop team ensured that Scouts had what they needed to participate fully, while also generating valuable income to reinvest into programme delivery.

Lead Lines

The role of the District Lead Volunteer (DLV) has been pivotal in shaping the strategic direction and supporting the operational success of Scouting across Royal Greenwich. This year, Terry and the returning John, focused on fostering collaboration, driving growth, and building a culture of inclusivity and innovation. A key priority was strengthening relationships across the District. J & T (far better than any G&T) regularly met with Group Lead Volunteers, section teams, and trustees, ensuring strong lines of communication and consistent alignment with the District's vision. Volunteer care remained high on the agenda. John & Terry worked closely with the Volunteer Development Team to address challenges around retention, succession, and recognition. Leaders were supported through role changes, and new initiatives were piloted to reduce volunteer burden, including shared administration support and digital planning tools.

In terms of programme quality, J & T supported the Programme Team in refining event approval processes, encouraging innovation in delivery, and ensuring a clear framework for safe and inclusive activities. Special emphasis was placed on accessibility, with targeted outreach to ensure all young people – regardless of background – could access opportunities.

J & T also worked closely with the Trustee Board to embed a governance-focused model, drawing a clearer line between delivery and strategic oversight. This collaborative approach ensured that volunteers at every level were empowered to do their best work, with clarity about roles, accountability, and support.

Looking ahead, J & T are focused on supporting a new generation of leaders, enhancing youth involvement at every level, and ensuring Royal Greenwich remains a beacon of high-quality, inclusive, and youth-led Scouting.

Our numbers for 24/25

	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
1st RE		12	44	29
1st RG		2	3	3
2nd RE		5	6	4
3rd RE	14	27	34	30
3rd RG		10	13	18
4th RE		0	17	14
4th RG		9	8	14
6th RG		2	2	0
7th RG		14	22	23
8th RE		26	29	17
8/15th W		5	4	0
9th RE		17	13	9
10th RE	12	19	22	23
13th W		18	15	16
27th W		22	25	17
36th W		12	12	12
38th W		5	16	11
40th G		54	71	76
46th G		2	8	11
49th G		18	26	23
51st G		14	18	19
54th G	6	18	25	20

Explorers	
Arrowhead	38
Astronomers	10
Badgers	7
Crescent Rising	8
GESS	10
Severndroog	36
Snow Leopards	3
Typhoon	22
Young Leaders	30

OUR FINANCES...

Royal Greenwich District Scouts INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SUMMARY April 2024 - March 2025

Total Funds 2024		General Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025
£		£	£	£
169,925	Total receipts for the year	119,091		119,091
170,538	Total payments for the year	148,117		148,117
- 613	Net receipts/payments for the year	- 29,026		- 29,026
<u>250,179</u>	Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>221,155</u>		<u>221,155</u>
	REPRESENTED BY			
	Monetary assets	<u>151,484</u>	<u>69,671</u>	<u>221,155</u>

These accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the provisions of s130 of The Charities Act 2011 and comply with the SORP: Accounting by Charities

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the District Trustee Board on 15 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by Barry Matthews

Scout Registration No
13919

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Royal Greenwich District Scouts
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

Total Funds 2024 £		General Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
104,838	Membership Subscriptions	81,242		81,242
104,838		81,242	-	81,242
	District Premises Hires			
6,638	11 Acres Camp Site Hires	2,724		2,724
7,914	Avery Hill Premises Hires	6,692		6,692
3,960	Briset Road Premises Hires	6,000		6,000
3,175	Farjeon Road Premises Hires	3,590		3,590
1,586	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	1,343		1,343
23,273		20,349		20,349
	Donations and Grants			
-	Donations			-
20,000	Grants			-
20,000		-	-	-
	Scout Shop Income			
6,838	The Crescent Shop & Badges	11,228		11,228
6,838		11,228		11,228
	Other Income			
890	General Income	4,263		4,263
2,766	Special Activities	2,010		2,010
11,320	International			-
14,976		6,273		6,273
	Investment Income			
-	Bank interest received		-	-
0				0
169,925	Total Income	119,092	-	119,092

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EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

Total Funds 2024 £		General Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
	Membership fees paid to GLS County			
63,024	Membership Fee Paid to GLS County	61,988	-	61,988
<u>5,310</u>	Refunds to Groups after GLS overcharge	<u>1,032</u>	-	<u>1,032</u>
68,334		63,020		63,020
	District Premises Expenditure			
8,655	Running Costs - General	8,619	-	8,619
6,128	11 Acres	20,949	-	20,949
17,450	Avery Hill	9,716	-	9,716
15,264	The Hub	11,142	-	11,142
7,761	ExNet	2,039		2,039
<u>7,634</u>	The Crescent	<u>3,089</u>	-	<u>3,089</u>
62,892		55,554	-	55,554
	Donations and Grants Payable			
19,856	Grant Expenditure		-	-
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
-	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure	12,603	-	12,603
-		12,603		12,603
	Other Expenditure			
3,346	General Expenditures	15,452	-	15,452
5,260	Activities	1,488	-	1,488
10,850	International trip		-	-
19,456		16,940		16,940
170,538	TOTAL PAYMENTS	148,117	-	148,117

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2025

Total Funds 2024 £		General Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Monetary Assets				
250,179	Funds at bank	151,484	69,671	221,155
-	Fund holders in hand balances			-
0	Accured payments not cleared through bank	0	0	0
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Non Monetary Assets (held for use by the Charity)				
Land and Buildings				
65,469	11 Acres Camp Site	65,469	0	65,469
267,233	Avery Hill Premises	267,233	0	267,233
29,468	Farjeon Road Premises	29,468	0	29,468
192,672	Waverley Crescent Premises	192,672	0	192,672
41,255	Equipment furniture and fittings (insurance value)	41,255	0	41,255
596,097		596,097	0	596,097
Creditors				
-	Liabilities (due within one year)	-	0	-
0	Liabilities (due after one year)	0	0	0
0	Contigent liabilities and future obligations	0	0	0
-		-	0	-
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846,276	Total assets less current liabilities			817,252
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846,276	Total net assets (liabilities)			817,252
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Charity funds				
846,889	Opening Balance Equity			846,276
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Secretary – Samantha Midgeley

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DCs Nominations

Christopher Bishop - Chairman, Premises and Estates Sub-committee

Barry Matthews – Finance Sub-committee representative

Terry Wiggins

Elected Members

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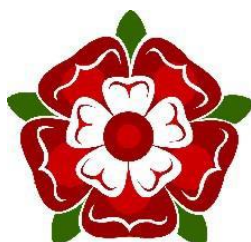
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Sub-committees

The District has three sub-committees:

- Estates (Chair, Chris Bishop)
- Finance
- District Appointments Advisory Committee



Our Reports

... from the armchair

Well, what a year!

Wrestling with new titles...

Edicts from HQ on safety/trees/concrete/changes in welcoming new volunteers/changes in training... and, during all this change, national recognition for Joseph and his CHANGEMAKERS initiative.

The work on premises goes on with drains, leaks, heating, electrics, toilets, cleaning, concrete slabs, crazy water bills and cracks. Many thanks to those who have made working days listed in the district diary.

Our programme team continue to plan a super list of activities across the sections including favourites and new ideas, thus adding challenge, fun and excitement to the diary.

Communications are always a tough one to get right, with the need to balance cost, time and reach so many thanks for the work put into our website and WhatsApp in addition to e-mail and Facebook.

Now, I'm thinking back not just over the year past but over the past eleven years since I was asked to "sit" in the "chair" and how far we have come from being thrust together by moves outside Royal Greenwich to finding new friends and colleagues within. I have been privileged to serve with a range of trustees who will always have my respect and admiration as well as my good wishes for work still to be done for it is time for me to step away from the armchair. Thank you for all the welcomes and invitations. I continue as a chaplain to the district if ever you need a confidential ear.

Best wishes all!

Alf (District Chair)

...Beaver Bit

The District Team would like to thank all the leaders for volunteering their time to support the Beaver Scouts putting in hours of planning and excellent programmes week in and week out throughout the year. A special thank you to those leaders who have run events for us.

We have had a great year of events, drive in movie, builders badge day, camp craft day, sports day and who cannot forget the 60 beavers jumping in the Oxygen at the 02.

We are very excited about next year's programme and looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Hayley Openshaw (Programme Team)

...Cub Chat

This year we have had a cake decorating competition, chef/home help badge day, laser tag, pioneer badge day, sports day and international badge day. Thank you to all the leaders for their help and support during the year at these events.

As I come to the end of my report, I would like to say a big thank you to Joe for helping me with the minutes of our sectional meetings, most importantly to Hayley who gives up lots of her time to help me organise and run the district activities, but a special thank you goes to all the leaders for their but hard work and dedication in providing such an active, fun and rewarding programme for the cubs to enjoy.

Please remember all activities are on the district diary for you to check.

Looking forward to an even better year.

Graham Openshaw (*Lead Cub Programme, Programme Team*)

...Scout Stuff

Doesn't time fly?

It was around this time last year that I put pen to paper, so to speak, to write the section report and like clockwork here I am again.

So where are we? Well, it is fair to say it has been a busy year, one that has gone to the wire. Our Scouts engaged their grey matter and quizzed, they stretched, dug, and punched their way through Volley Ball. They almost got the chance to get lost around Downe however the weather had other ideas (It is worth noting that one man and his dog braved the route the evening before and looked very wet and muddy, thanks John and Harvey). In March, the scouts took to the streets and woodlands around district in our take on Geocaching, before throwing together catapults, sea-saws and swing boats in our pioneering day. We finished the year with our maiden COMP competition. I know we have six groups taking part but that is all I can say, as it has yet to happen. Maybe it will get a mention at our AGM

As always, none of the above would be possible without the support from groups. I know balancing scout/work/life can be difficult so thank you for making the effort to attend when you can and allowing your Scouts to join in with district led events.

Here's to next year,

Stephen Ellis & James Vallely (*Programme Team Leads*)

...Explorers Exploration

Has been a steady and long time coming to get back to some kind of normality like other sections slow quick - quick slow but we as a district are getting there. From across the district, I would personally like to thank all unit leaders/ helpers a very big thank you for what you do alongside your Partnership groups Thanks you.

Please see a little something from all units and look forward to some more joint activities/ friendly competitions next year and hopefully a RGS Service Crew with Explorers & Network

Astronomers

We have had a varied programme again during the year including sessions on carving pumpkins, hiking, movie going, quiz's, pancake making, keyrings and dog collars from parasite, crossbow, rifle shooting, sailing at summer camp and stand-up paddle boarding. All in all, a fun time after the last couple of year.

Arrowhead

Numbers are up and the Explorers all have fun and activities in and out. Went to the Light show in Canary Wharf as a unit and had fun.

Badgers

This year they have been active and taken to the water for the DofE Gold / King Scout award. Been practicing as part will be going to Wales to practice and Scotland in the summer for their main expedition come sun/rain or snow.

Crescent Raising

Have been actively doing their Young Leaders award with sections and been on with other Explorers doing their first aid course that is a very handy life skill to have.

GESS

Have moved meeting places from Exnet to Briest Road alongside 1st RG unit can move back. We have a steady Explorer unit that are Young Leaders with other sections and have a team doing their silver DofE and scout award coming along. The unit is very interested in taking up a service crew alongside other units to give back to our district Centres.

Sevendroog

The unit has gone from strength to strength with members coming up from scouts. Being active with DofE and scout awards be it Canoeing or walking expedition. We went on an autumn / winter camp to Broad-stone Warren that the Explorers had fun.

Snow Leopards

Been working alongside our scout group and feed scouts onto Explorers like taking part in the Army Day parade.

Typhoon

A good number of Explorers that have been fed up to from local scout groups in area. Been on trip to Headcorn for an airshow, have some member as Young Leaders with Younger sections and liking in house cooking competitions. Took part in a group camp to Buckmore Park with a trip to Rochester Airport for a visit around a flight tower. All in all, the unit is coming along.

Andy Barber (Explorer Programme Lead & Explorer Leader, Badgers)

...Youth Yomp

This past year has been another great success for YouShape Scouting in Royal Greenwich, with many highlights and successes!

One of the most memorable experiences was collaborating with Youth Leads from across the country at the National Youth Lead Support Weekend back in April and October. This event was a fantastic opportunity to exchange ideas, share best practices, and participate in workshops with staff and HQ volunteers. The knowledge and inspiration from these interactions have been invaluable for our district.

I've also been busy attending various events, visiting groups, and representing the District at group's AGMs. It's been great to get out and about in the district, talking to leaders and young people and seeing more and more YouShape Awards on arms.

A major highlight was the Royal Greenwich Scouts Changemakers Challenge. This initiative began at a Team London Day in March when we were introduced to the Scout Manifesto. I shared it with MPs in Royal Greenwich, which led to plans for Youth Hustings when the election was called. This quickly turned into a challenge for my Scouts of the World Award. Launched in June, it gained attention from the Policy and Public Affairs team at Gilwell and has now expanded nationally. Young people across the country are now taking part, showing the power of youth voices in making meaningful change.

Reflecting on my five and a half years as District Youth Lead, I remember starting with a passion to make a difference. We've achieved a lot, like having our district diary planned by young people, enhancing young leader training to have it delivered by young people, and participating in county events planned by the county youth team. However, we can always do more. That's why we're forming a new district youth team to bring in fresh ideas and further champion youth voices within Royal Greenwich. More information about this will be shared in the coming months, so stay tuned.

I'm excited to see what the future holds as we continue to empower young people to lead and make a difference.

Joseph Shippam (District Youth Lead)

...Network Nuggets

We're baaaack! The Royal Greenwich Network has been kicked off again this year. We started it with our launch event that brought our members together to discuss the purpose and opportunities of Network and what they would like to get out of it, we had lots of discussions and ideas for the future. Next was our Mario Kart competition at Waverley, where our Networkers vied for the winning spot (and trophy) in this timeless game, Wahoo! To round off before summer we had a lovely BBQ at ExNet and had the privilege of seeing what Joseph has been up to on his King's Scout journey, what an incredible story with good food and great company. Speaking of the King's Scout Award, we're proud to say that we have two members who achieved this award in the last year, a testament to their dedication and hard work.

Looking ahead, we have an ambitious calendar with at least one event planned for each month over the next year, ensuring there is always something exciting on the horizon. From heading off to Gilwell Reunion (I'm sure we'll see a few of you there) in September, we're then looking forward to our first self-organised nights away, lots of indoor/outdoor activities, visiting our District's target sports team and more! We are committed to offering a diverse range of activities that cater to the interests of all our members, please do point any Network aged, or soon to be, young people in our direction.

Thanks,

Josh Sharrad (18-25 Lead)

...The State of the Estate

It has been a busy year across our five properties across the district, where as site have benefitted from investment

Avery Hill

The bouldering wall is looking fantastic. Anyone using the site has the opportunity to use this facility. Please make arrangement through the centre manager. The Avery Hill site continues to be looking in fantastic condition under Martyn's control. Some tree work had to be undertaken this year to remove dead and dangerous branches. I would like to express a big thank you to Martyn for all his hard work at the site. The plan is to look to develop

even more fun activities at this site

Briset Road

The Hub has been completely rewired this year, including the installation of LED lighting and new consumer board and smoke and fire detectors. A CCTV survey has been undertaken of the external drainage. The next step is to obtain a solution of the manholes clogging outside from the toilets and the kitchen areas. Fly tipping continues to be a problem and CCTV is currently being arranged.

Exnet Centre – Farjeon Road

There has been a recent clearance of site vegetation at this site. Both of the old shipping containers have been removed from the site and it is recognised that the building refurbished. The District have appointed an Architectural Practice to draw up a new design, this follows a consultation with district members. The proposed design reflects the comments received. The District Estates Manager has prepared a cost plan for the project which is currently under review by the Architectural team before being presented to the Development Committee. The next step is to obtain planning permission for the development and grants and fund raising. Thank you to Harriet for all her hard work at this site.

Eleven Acres

The works shop building has benefited from a new roof. The Brownsea Hut has been cleared and work has started on its refurbishment. The kitchen removed as it was becoming a health hazard. Budgets are currently being prepared to refurbish the whole block and have sleeping accommodation. This will open up the camping season and also offer opportunities for Beavers and Squirrels to camp. These budgets will soon be presented to the Exec for initial discussion concerning funding and the best way forward and timescales. We have been lucky to have been supported by an excellent service crew team. Water taps, guttering and even the old mower is now working again. The grass is looking great and a lot of tree surgery work is being undertaken. I would like to thank Dylan and Luke and all the service crew team who work down there so hard on a Tuesday

Waverly Crescent

Andy and James continue to work hard to keep Waverly looking in excellent condition. The external structure is looking fantastic as is the main building providing an excellent venue for the administration of the District.

Thank you

I would like to thank all the Centre Manager's – Martyn, Andy, James, Harriet for their hard work keeping our centres up t scratch. Dylan, Luke and the team at Downe, bringing the site up to scratch. Andy Stanley for work at Downe. The Exec Team for their support. Alf and the Exnet build committee for their time. Joseph for sorting the websites and the landing pages for each site which is looking amazing.

Moving Forwards

Please contact us if you wish to be part of our working party !. There is much to do to get our sites !.

Using our sites

All of our sites have a lot to offer. We are looking to encourage our own groups to use our own sites more. Please do take the opportunity to find out what is going on.

Chris Bishop (Estates Guru)

...the acting District Lead Volunteer or "The Man with all the Hats"

Big Shoes to fill:

For the last six months, Alf, John and myself have been helping to lead the district, I would like to thank them for all there help and support, we are in a new chapter of Royal Greenwich Scouting, which will continue to get bigger with help from the district.

Alf will be standing down as district chair, after many years in the role, he has always been there at district events and Saint George's Day, he has been there for many as a friend and someone who they can talk to, we hope to see Alf from time to time and wish him all the very best.

John stood down as DC at the end of last year after 10 ½ years, he is still a very important member of the district team, giving lots of advice and support, he is part off the bigger picture in Royal Greenwich Scouting, thank you for all the help you have given me

The district continues to run lots of fun activities, Beaver Drive in Move, Trampoline, Sports Day, Cub International Badge, Pioneering, Home Help, Scouts Volleyball, Geocaching and our new event COMP (Challenging, Obstacle, Mental, Physical) and Explorers being out and about with their DoE challenges

My thanks to, Graham, Hayley, Stephen, James, Andy, Joseph, Kathy, Laura and Jo for running these events. Thank you to Twang and Bang, the team are there every week, with many of our adults now qualified to run sessions and courses, Archery, Air Rifles, Tomahawks and adult Crossbows which we continue to have three world record holders in Alan, Hayley and Simon, thank you all. We held Saint Georges Day at Eltham Park South which was well attended and took part in Arm Forces Day at Woolwich Barracks. Next year's Saint George's Day will be held on the Meridian Line in Greenwich Park, and we have our district camp at Hopehill in late May. We are always looking for help to run these events.

Yet again, our Estates Team has done a brilliant job, keeping all our Centres in tip-top shape. With modifications taking place at The Hub and ExNet over the next year, I am sure we will all reap the benefits. Although it's great to see the field at Avery Hill always full of children, I'm sure we could all use our Centres more. Each one has something different to offer. Thanks Chris, Harriet, Andy, James, Brian and Martyn for all you do. There is always something to do at these centres to help improve it for you and the young people, cutting the grass, putting up new fences, looking after our two campfire circles at Avery Hill and Eleven Acres, building a new BBQ, put a date in your diary, I know Chris, Harriet and Martyn will be very grateful

The district continues to grow with three dreys, and hopefully a new group in Thamesmead, As I write this, in the Metro today::The waiting list to join scout groups across the country has topped 100,00, we need more volunteers, so these young people can join our long list. Of course, a great District needs the support of a great Governance Team and Trustees Board, thank you to Alf for keeping us on track and Sammi, Andy, Barry, Chris, Conway, James, Jenny, Jo, Joe, Stephen & John for giving up more off your time, the district is in very good hand.

Finally, I hope I don't let you and the district down, I'm very passionate about scouting and the young people, I would love to see every district activity and event packed, I know you all have great programmes, this is shown by the number of young people we have

Everything is Possible

So, let's see where it takes US

Terry Wiggins (Lead Team)

Our numbers for 23/24

	<i>Squirrels</i>	<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Cubs</i>	<i>Scouts</i>
1st RE		17	43	42
1st RG		4	4	8
2nd RE		10	9	6
3rd RE	17	23	35	38
3rd RG		9	8	22
4th RE		0	18	7
4th RG		4	6	6
7th RG		15	24	20
8th RE		26	21	15
8th/15th W		5	4	0
9th RE		23	19	13
10th RE	9	16	31	25
13th W		23	22	22
27th W		16	22	12
36th W		12	15	12
38th W		10	14	8
40th G		41	74	66
46th G		3	8	5
49th G		16	25	24
51st G		15	20	18
54th G	4	13	24	11

Explorers

Arrowhead	31
Astronomers	8
Badgers	9
Crescent Rising	8
Displorers	3
GESS	10
Severndroog	37
Snow Leopards	4
Typhoon	14
Young Leaders	32

Our Wood Badges

Lee Worms	2 nd Royal Eltham
David Bolger	4 th Royal Greenwich
Caitlin McKinney	7 th Royal Greenwich
David Dowle	36 th Woolwich
Michaela Carey	51 st Royal Greenwich SS

Our Length of Service Awards

5 years

Ed Hanson	4 th Royal Greenwich
Josh Sharrad	4 th Royal Greenwich
Lydia Beckham	3 rd Royal Eltham
Ian Shearring	10 th Royal Eltham
Marc Hopkins	10 th Royal Eltham
Christine Schwarz	13 th Woolwich
Mary-Ann Wilson	13 th Woolwich
Harriet Noakes	40 th Greenwich
Sam Chatterley	40 th Greenwich
Gavin Williamson	51 st Royal Greenwich SS
Peter Smithson	51 st Royal Greenwich SS
Zara McGuinness	54 th Greenwich

10 years

Lee Worms	2 nd Royal Eltham
Aaron Thompson	3 rd Royal Eltham
Chris Blaylock	3 rd Royal Eltham
Tim Lofts	3 rd Royal Eltham
Mohammad Dabiri	3 rd Royal Greenwich
Peter Tye	8 th Royal Eltham
Lisa Kelly	27 th Woolwich
Barry Matthews	District Executive
Jamie Grant	SAS
Linda Green	SAS
Lucy Bidgood	SAS

15 years

Laura Matthews	1 st Royal Greenwich
Neil Tye	8 th Royal Eltham
Sally Salter	36 th Woolwich
Samantha Blackett	36 th Woolwich
Chris Bishop	40 th Greenwich
Andy Stanley	Severndroog ESU
Jason Hagan	SAS



20 years

Samantha Beattie	8 th /15 th Woolwich
Karen Dibben	38 th Woolwich
Lindsey Wood	40 th Greenwich
Sue Tearle	40 th Greenwich
Kay Campbell	54 th Greenwich
Paul Gosling	SAS

25 years

Reina O'Brien	4 th Royal Greenwich
Neil Scott	9 th Royal Eltham
Anne O'Shea	46 th Greenwich

30 years

Joanne Graham	2 nd Royal Eltham
Graham Openshaw	54 th Greenwich

40 years

John Sweeney	36 th Woolwich
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50 years

Dot Ray	13 th Woolwich
Jill Gregory	District Team

Our Merit Awards

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Lee Worms	2 nd Royal Eltham
Iskil Iyiola	3 rd Royal Greenwich
John Jenkins	9 th Royal Eltham
Vince Bryan	10 th Royal Eltham
Liam Pape	49 th Greenwich
Michaela Carey	51 st Royal Greenwich SS

Award for Merit

Laura Matthews	1 st Royal Greenwich
Dawn Burton	3 rd Royal Eltham
Michelle McNaboe	4 th Royal Greenwich
Neil Tye	8 th Royal Eltham
Sam Beattie	8 th /15 th Woolwich
Catriona Welch	13 th Woolwich
Lisa Cook	13 th Woolwich
Sally Salter	36 th Woolwich
Chris Bishop	40 th Greenwich
Lindsey Wood	40 th Greenwich
Sue Tearle	40 th Greenwich
Richard Hunter	49 th Greenwich

Silver Acorn

Reina O'Brien	4 th Royal Greenwich
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Bar to the Silver Acorn

Stephen Ellis	4 th Royal Greenwich
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WELL DONE EVERYONE!

OUR FINANCES...

Royal Greenwich District Scouts INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SUMMARY April 2023 - March 2024

Total Funds 2023		General Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
£		£	£	£
211,372	Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	169,925		169,925
174,754	Total payments for the year (see page 3)	166,338	4,200	170,538
<u>36,618</u>	Net receipts/payments for the year	3,587	- 4,200	- 613
<u>250,792</u>	Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>180,508</u>	<u>69,671</u>	<u>250,179</u>
	REPRESENTED BY			
	Monetary assets (see page 4)	<u>180,508</u>	<u>69,671</u>	<u>250,179</u>

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Royal Greenwich District Scouts

INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2024

Total Funds 2023 £		General Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
82,041	Membership Subscriptions	104,838	-	104,838
82,041		104,838	-	104,838
	District Premises Hires			
5,204	11 Acres Camp Site Hires	6,638	-	6,638
7,610	Avery Hill Premises Hires	7,914	-	7,914
4,275	Briset Road Premises Hires	3,960	-	3,960
3,853	Farjeon Road Premises Hires	3,175	-	3,175
631	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	1,586	-	1,586
21,573		23,273		23,273
	Donations and Grants			
50,070	Donations			-
-	Grants	20,000	-	20,000
50,070		20,000	-	20,000
	Scout Shop Income			
166	Avery Hill Badges & Shop		-	-
8,640	The Crescent Shop & Badges	6,838	-	6,838
8,806		6,838		6,838
	Other Income			
890	General Income	890	-	890
1,092	Special Activities	2,766	-	2,766
6,900	International	11,320	-	11,320
48,882		14,976		14,976
	Investment Income			
-	Bank interest received		-	-
0				0
211,372	Total Income	169,925	-	169,925

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2024

Total Funds 2023		General Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
£		£	£	£
	Membership fees paid to GLS County			
55,436	Membership Fee Paid to GLS County	63,024	-	63,024
	Refunds to Groups after GLS overcharge	5,310	-	5,310
<u>55,436</u>		<u>68,334</u>		<u>68,334</u>
	District Premises Expenditure			
7,277	Running Costs - General	8,655	-	8,655
7,092	11 Acres	6,128	-	6,128
20,750	Avery Hill	17,450	-	17,450
9,175	The Hub	15,264	-	15,264
6,200	ExNet	3,561	4,200	7,761
7,128	The Crescent	7,634	-	7,634
<u>57,622</u>		<u>58,692</u>	4,200	<u>62,892</u>
	Donations and Grants Payable			
-	Grant Expenditure	19,856	-	19,856
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
84	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure		-	-
9,252	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure		-	-
<u>9,336</u>				<u>-</u>
	Other Expenditure			
1,020	General Expenditures	3,346	-	3,346
4,250	Activities	5,260	-	5,260
47,090	International trip	10,850	-	10,850
<u>52,360</u>		<u>19,456</u>		<u>19,456</u>
174,754	TOTAL PAYMENTS	166,338	4,200	170,538

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2024

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Monetary Assets				
250,792	Funds at bank	180,508	69,671	250,179
-	Fund holders in hand balances			-
0	Accrued payments not cleared through bank	0	0	0
250,792		180,508	69,671	250,179
Non Monetary Assets (held for use by the Charity)				
Land and Buildings				
65,469	11 Acres Camp Site	65,469	0	65,469
267,233	Avery Hill Premises	267,233	0	267,233
29,468	Farjeon Road Premises	29,468	0	29,468
192,672	Waverley Crescent Premises	192,672	0	192,672
41,255	Equipment furniture and fittings (insurance value)	41,255	0	41,255
596,097		596,097	0	596,097
Creditors				
0	Liabilities (due within one year)	-	0	-
0	Liabilities (due after one year)	0	0	0
0	Contigent liabilities and future obligations	0	0	0
0		-	0	-
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846,889	Total assets less current liabilities			846,276
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846,889	Total net assets (liabilities)			846,276
 Charity funds				
810,271	Opening Balance Equity			846,889
36,618	Surplus/(Deficit)			- 613
846,889	Total Charity funds			846,276

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Restricted Funds

As of March 31, 2024

Restricted Funds	
Graham Pugh	13,761
George Phipson ExNet Fund	45,870
Development	5,040
Ripley Memorial Fund	5,000
Total Restricted Funds	69,671

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
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9,175	The Hub	15,264	-	15,264
6,200	ExNet	3,561	4,200	7,761
7,128	The Crescent	7,634	-	7,634
57,622		58,692	4,200	62,892
	Donations and Grants Payable			
-	Grant Expenditure	19,856	-	19,856
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
84	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure		-	-
9,252	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure		-	-
9,336		-		-
	Other Expenditure			
1,020	General Expenditures	3,346	-	3,346
4,250	Activities	5,260	-	5,260
47,090	International trip	10,850	-	10,850
	Twang & Bang			
52,360		19,456		19,456
174,754	TOTAL PAYMENTS	166,338	4,200	170,538

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1141023

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2024

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Monetary Assets			
250,792	Funds at bank	180,508	69,671	250,179
-	Fund holders in hand balances			-
<u>0</u>	Accrued payments not cleared through bank	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
250,792		180,508	69,671	250,179
	Non Monetary Assets (held for use by the Charity)			
	Land and Buildings			
65,469	11 Acres Camp Site	65,469	0	65,469
267,233	Avery Hill Premises	267,233	0	267,233
29,468	Farjeon Road Premises	29,468	0	29,468
192,672	Waverley Crescent Premises	192,672	0	192,672
<u>41,255</u>	Equipment furniture and fittings (insurance value)	<u>41,255</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,255</u>
596,097		596,097	0	596,097
	Creditors			
0	Liabilities (due within one year)	-	0	-
0	Liabilities (due after one year)	0	0	0
<u>0</u>	Contigent liabilities and future obligations	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0		-	0	-
<u>846,889</u>	<u>Total assets less current liabilities</u>			<u>846,276</u>
<u>846,889</u>	<u>Total net assets (liabilities)</u>			<u>846,276</u>
	Charity funds			
810,271	Opening Balance Equity			846,889
<u>36,618</u>	Surplus/(Deficit)			<u>- 613</u>
<u>846,889</u>	<u>Total Charity funds</u>			<u>846,276</u>

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Restricted Funds

As of March 31, 2024

Restricted Funds	
Graham Pugh	13,761
George Phipson ExNet Fund	45,870
Development	5,040
Ripley Memorial Fund	5,000
Total Restricted Funds	69,671

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Charity Registration No
1141023

NEW GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1141023

Accounts



Annual Report 2022/23

Aims and Objectives

Royal Greenwich District Scout Council is an unincorporated association (operating as Royal Greenwich Scouts and with a registered charity name of New Greenwich District Scouts number 1141023.) constituted in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association (registered no.13919). It exists to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Groups (autonomous charities within the provisions of the same rules), in an area covered by The Royal Borough of Greenwich. And is supported under those rules by the Scout County of Greater London South, (Registered Charity no. 303883), covering the London Boroughs of Wandsworth, Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and Royal Greenwich.

The Scout Association (Registered Charity No. 306101) incorporated by Royal Charter to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Charter of the Association provides for the making of bye-laws approved by Her Majesty in Council which, in turn, authorise the making of the rules referred to above (known as "Policy, Organization and Rules"). The District's Trustees are the District Trustee Board, who cannot act outside the Royal Charter, Bye-Laws and Rules of the Scout Association.

Our Purpose

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Values

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.

Our 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.

Our Vision

We are committed to the Aim and Method of the Scout Movement. Our long term vision is to continue to develop our Scout Groups so they...

- operate a programme that is relevant enjoyable, attractive and locally achievable,
- are equally available and accessible to all young people within the 6 to 25 age range in our area
- are effectively and appropriately supported by adult volunteers,
- have a positive image and identity,
- are growing,
- communicate effectively within Scouting and to the community.

Looking to the future, we can work together as a team, with a common purpose and with a clear direction. This will need a concerted effort from all our Commissioners, Leaders, Helpers, Administrators, Supporters, Groups and Units.

If we all play our part in delivering the best results for the future of Scouting in our District we can achieve a Scout District that:

- encourages the development of Scouting in our District so that all young people in Greenwich Borough have the opportunity to experience fun, friendship, everyday adventure, challenge and new experiences,
- supports all our adult volunteers so they feel recognised and valued and take pride in their Scouting,
- has an active and focused structure that will develop and maintain leader motivation through shared experiences; supported learning; strategic forward planning, clear governance and specific tailored support,
- provides a high quality, exciting programmes of activity at Group, District and District level delivered by reliable, experienced sectional teams who have abilities and skills appropriate for the role,
- provides training all adults whether leading, supporting or managing our Scout Groups which is appropriate, effective and innovative,
- Has a relevant, inspirational and supportive management structure with effective systems for communication.

Our District support structure delivers practical services that are accessible to all whatever their role. These include:

- support for the youth programme, including camping and adventurous activities,
- growth and development of the Movement in our District,
- coordination of our Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and our Local Scout Networks,
- ensuring that all our adult volunteers are vetted before they are authorised to undertake a role in the Movement,
- the formal appointment of adults,
- induction, training, motivation, review and development of adults in the District, including delivery of the Associations adult training programme in partnership with the County Training Team,
- the implementation of the policies and rules of the Association,
- relationships with other organisations and bodies,
- helping young people take part in decision making within our Groups, Districts and the District,
- support for our Scout Active Support Units,
- recommendations for decorations and awards,
- advice on financial and administrative matters, particularly relating to charity trusteeship,
- provide an effective chain of communication between our Scout Groups, Districts, County, Region and National Headquarters.

Registered Office:

Royal Greenwich District Scout Centre, 19 Waverly Crescent, London, SE18 7QT

President:**Trustees**

The following served as Trustees of the Charity during the year 25th Jul 2022 to 15th July 2023

Ex-Officio

District Commissioner - John Sweeney

Chairman – Alf Philpott

Secretary – Samantha Midgeley

Treasurer –

District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Andrew Barber

District Scout Network Commissioner – Josh Sharrad

District Youth Commissioner – Joseph Shippam

DCs Nominations

Christopher Bishop - Chairman, Premises and Estates Sub-committee

Barry Matthews – Finance Sub-committee representative

Matthew Butterfield – Deputy District Commissioner

Lorraine Durrant

Mohammed Daibiri

Elected Members

James Vallely

Jenny Grant

Jo Graham

Stephen Ellis

Conway Tearle

Principal Bankers

LloydsTSB Bank Plc, Blackheath Village Branch

Custodian Trustee

The land and buildings vested in the District are held on its behalf by the Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

Sub-committees

The District has three sub-committees:

- Estates (Chair, Chris Bishop)
- Finance
- District Appointments Advisory Committee



Our Reports

... from the armchair

Growth seems to be a glowing feature of the year just gone with the arrival of Squirrels, more chances to be an Explorer and many Groups with numbers to fill or burst their meeting places. This says so much for the programmes on offer guaranteeing Scouting's promise of fun, adventure and skills for life. The plans to bring our premises up a level (or more) have been boosted by grants awarded and an extremely generous donation. More news on this front at our AGM on 16 July. This has been the main area of business this year for our enthusiastic team of executive members and premises managers.

The hard work of many in compiling and planning our District Diary has been richly awarded by some great attendances and the delight of a District working together was fully evident at our St George's event. To all of you out there week by week a huge well done and a whole bundle of thanks. I hope you are still enjoying all you do!

Lastly, a chapter end approaches as John's tenure as our DC draws to a close. All the blood, sweat, tears and hours you have given to us all have overwhelmed anyone thinking of following you and it is a joy to know that you still wish to serve somehow in the future.

THANK YOU JOHN!!!!!!!!!!

Best wishes to all of you!

Alf (District Chair)

...Beaver Bit

I would like to thank all the leaders for volunteering their time to support the Beaver Scouts. The commitment, hours of planning and executing a wealth of excellent programmes week in and week out throughout the year. Thus, helping them earn their badges and awards, and in doing so helping them grow in confidence and self-assurance that will help them journey through life. All these qualities make us, a very successful district.

Over the year, we have held several Beaver Scouts events: Drive-in Movie, Explore badge, St George's Day celebration, Sports Day and this year introducing a very successful Lego event. As well, as the Beaver Scout District Christmas Card competition which received lots of amazing entries from Beaver Scouts across the district. Attendance to these events has increased and it has been great to see old and new groups joining in.

As I reflect upon the year, it has been lovely seeing Beaver Scouts across the District coming together and just enjoying themselves. I would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who have attend Beaver scout meetings and events. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and I have made loads of new friends along the way. At the end of this year, I am moving away from the area, so unable to continue my role as ADC. I wish you all the best in the future and I know I will be back at some point.

Lorraine Durrant (ADC Beaver Scouts)

...Cub Chat

What a great year! This year we started off with a Lego master competition where the cubs had to make something to explode and wow they were amazing, scientist badge day, cub ready steady cook day where we had some amazing food cooked, took over the trampoline park at the O2 the cubs had great fun, a fun cub camp well organised by Hayley and with the help of all the leaders and young leaders onsite and John's usual campfire and fitting 23 camp fire songs in, a treasure hunt around Greenwich park and our last activity of the year was the cub backwoods cooking where all the cubs tried at least 1 new thing. I started this year thinking I need to get every group attending something, and I nearly achieved that this year. Hopefully this will happen next year. As I come to the end of my report I would like to say a big thank you to Joe for helping me with the minutes of our sectional meetings, most importantly to Hayley who gives up lots of her time to help me organise and run the district activities, but a special thank you goes to all the leaders for their support this year with district activities but more importantly for their hard work and dedication in providing such an active, fun and rewarding programme for the cubs to enjoy. As we look forward to the first year of youth led programming my hope is that more cubs from more packs take part in the activities they helped to choose, so more cubs meet other cubs and get to earn more badges, but most importantly have lots of fun. Please remember all activities are on the district diary for you to check.

I am feeling very positive about the future of the cub section and hope the leaders will be feeling it too. Looking forward to an even better year.

Graham Openshaw (ADC Cubs) and the District Cub Team

...Scout Stuff

So, what did the scout section do this year...

Well, they (and Harvey) wondered around Downe at night testing their grid reference knowledge and map reading skills. They did their best to dodge a lot of balls in an afternoon of Dodgeball at the Hub. They almost learnt a bit about space but due to the leadership team being double booked and then the other volunteers having to pull out we had to contact mission control and say "Royal Greenwich DC we have a problem" and postpone but that just left us even more keen to meet up and have a 'frilling time propelling ourselves down a slope in Shrewsbury park on our newly built soapboxes, I think it's fair to say that the designs the Scouts came up with were excellent although the execution of some of them needed some finessing. In June, with the help of RG's Twang and Bang team, our scouts were able to enjoy a day of twang, bang and thudding, trying new target sport activities such as crossbow, archery, axe throwing, airsoft, air rifles, nerf guns and then a quick taster of clout archery. My thanks go to Alan Gregory and his team for organising and putting together this event. There was a lot to get ready but the scouts I spoke to said they had a great time and so all that effort was worth it. Lastly, the scouts took to the water learning the ancient art of Dragon Boating, my thanks go to the Windy Panda's Dragon Boating club that helped get the scouts through the badge requirements. If you add to that the district led St Georges Day, I think the section has done itself proud. I could see there were lots of smiling faces, all taking part in the group lead bases and the DC challenge.

As always, none of the above would be possible without the support from groups. I know balancing scout/work/life can be difficult so thank you for making the effort to attend when you can and allowing your Scouts to join in with district lead events.

Here's to next year,

Stephen Ellis & James Vallely (District Scout Leaders)

...Explorers Exploration – This year it's the turn of Badgers to let us know what they have been upto.

From last year to this year the unit has got out a bit more with some camps like the Sleep out for the Great Tommy appeal where we were lucky enough to use Saint Georges Chapel and also assisting with the cub camp at Avery Hill.

Over the last year we have had a 2 of our Badgers nominated for the Jack Petchey award. District events we have taken part in Saint Georges Day / Remembrance/Army Day. We try to take part in all district events to show our support to District in events and hope to build links with Scouts that like to move onto Explorer Scouting. Our numbers have been steady but we can always do with more Explorers. We do this by doing joint activities with the scout section to help build connections, so it's not a big shock when moving up.

This year's Jamboree camp for Explorers is to South Korea and we support 2 within the unit that are going on it. We have, sadly, had to say good bye to some Explorers as they turn 18 and we wish them the very best for the future and we hope to see them at Scouting in the future as Network Scouts & Leaders. For the next generation of Leaders for the district, we have a couple of Young Leaders from Explorers and encourage all to take part in the Young Leaders scheme that does go towards their awards as well as building their confidence.

My aim for the next year is to get the explorers away more camping and back to basics with scouting skills and Camp passport permits. Also to build on the service crew within the district explorers at district properties that again goes towards the explorer awards and ultimately to achieve their King Scout award

I would also like to thank Pat, David as well as Lisa for helping out the running of evenings.

Andy Barber (DESC & Explorer Leader, Badgers)

...Youth Yomp

It has been an exceptional year for Royal Greenwich Scouting. I've had a blast as I've travelled around the District, lending a hand at various events in our district diary. This diary was born from the creative ideas of young people at the 2022 youth forums, and it has truly become one of our district's greatest accomplishments.

Discussing it with fellow youth commissioners, both in London and across the UK, has been a fantastic experience and have made many districts and counties quite jealous of our achievement. Thanks to insightful discussions with explorers at last year's youth forum, we were able to establish a monthly top awards clinic within our district. This clinic has helped young people achieve their scouting awards and DoF awards, and it has been a tremendous success.

Building on the previous year's achievements, we organized a range of exciting #YouShape activities during St George's Day. The response was overwhelming, with over 500 ideas shared with our team. Beavers had fun voting with emojis, cubs placed idea leaves on the YouShape tree, scouts engaged in a thrilling 'This or That' scavenger hunt, and explorers contributed their ideas to the cool wall. Through careful consideration and collaboration, we crafted the district diary for the upcoming year, ensuring it remains youth-shaped and vibrant.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Abya, Aine, Alfred, and Dylan, all of whom have played vital roles in the district youth team. Looking ahead, we have ambitious plans to expand our team and recruit more members. Further information regarding this will be shared after the summer break.

It's truly inspiring to witness so many groups involving young people in programme planning, providing them with leadership opportunities as sixers and patrol leaders, and giving them opportunities to represent their groups and share experiences. If you need any assistance in getting young people engaged in planning their programmes and achieving their YouShape awards, please feel free to contact me at Joseph.Shippam@southlondonscouts.org.uk. I'm more than happy to help.

Joseph Shippam (District Youth Commissioner)

...the DC has the final word ('cos Harvey can't).....

We're back to normal (whatever that is!) with the Z-word used for meetings slowly becoming the distant past. Although, sometimes I wish I could use the mute button in real life!

It's been another bumper packed year of fun for RG from our first event, the Beaver Lego Day to our last two held on the same day, Cubs Backwoods cooking at ExNet and Scouts Dragon Boating in Docklands. We've even got Explorers off canoeing this weekend as they strive towards their top Scouting Awards. It was always my ambition for the District to provide activities for all to take part in and earn badges, whilst having fun. My thanks to Lorraine, Graham, Hayley, Stephen, James, Andy and Joseph in achieving that goal. You may be changing titles (no more ADCs, now the Programme Team) but I know 23/24 will be just as fun-packed and badge-filled with our Youth-led activity programme. As always, I'll leave it to the Team to tell you all about it. Let's not forget the Twang and Bang twice weekly offer. The team are there every week, with many of our adults now qualified to run sessions and courses. Thanks guys! However, there were two District events I'd like to highlight. Our St George's Day, "The 23", couldn't have gone any better. It was a gamble to have an "unstructured" programme for so many but highlighted what this District is all about, from car park duty to activity supervision, everyone just rolls their sleeves up and gets on with it. My highlight, however, was easily the District Stroll. Another occasion when I think the District Team just amuses me as they nod their head saying "Yeah, good idea, John" whilst really thinking "He has finally lost it!" Six laps of Oxleas Wood with everyone from the youngest Squirrel to the oldest SAS member joining us at some point. To see young people and adults having a stroll whilst chatting with members of other Groups was great to see. I'm not saying we trained and walked the route many times but Harvey can now walk the route without me guiding him! The walking team (Stephen, James and Terry) already have plans in place for the 2024 Sweeney Stroll (Thanks for the rename honour) as we take the District to "The Edge". With over 30 members of the District going to the World Jamboree (how many Districts can say that?), more going to Croatia and many having Summer Camps, the fun just won't stop, even over the Summer break.

Whilst talking about the District Team, let's take a break to say Hello to Josh, who has taken on the challenge to re-energise our Network and Goodbye to Lorraine who has given great service to the Beaver Section but is moving on. Welcome Josh and farewell Lorraine, we'll miss you.

Yet again, our Estates Team has done a brilliant job, keeping all our Centres in tip-top shape. With modifications taking place at The Hub and ExNet over the next year, I am sure we will all reap the benefits. Although it's great to see the field at Avery Hill always full of children, I'm sure we could all use our Centres more. Each one has something different to offer. Thanks Chris, Harriet, Andy, James, the Pauls (H & G) and Martyn for all you do. This year's DC Challenge asked each Group to give 23 hours service to one of our Centres. Why not carry on?

The Young Leader Training Scheme just goes from strength to strength in this District, with 15-20 young people attending our monthly training offer. We now have over 80 Young Leaders (didn't quite reach the 100!). We are the envy of other Districts. Thanks Jill, Pat and Alan for all you give to the young people. Look out for another of our weekend offers in 23/24.

I haven't even mentioned growth. Our numbers are up again and nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. Two Squirrel Dreys are now fully embedded in the District, with another starting in September and two Groups contemplating planting the acorn. We'll have to start looking at a District Programme for them all. A new

Explorer Unit has started, to ease the burden of an unheard of Explorer waiting list. There will be another Unit opening in September. It isn't great everywhere, though. For every waiting list, there are groups who have something to offer. Why not talk to each other and see if we can ease the bursting seams? Wouldn't it be a dream to be able to offer the Scouting adventure to all those who want to experience it? Our numbers are elsewhere in the Annual Report, you can see where the gaps are, let's try to fill them and reduce our waiting lists!

I have to say that the quality of our volunteers is magnificent. Our adults are forever completing their training, with more Wood Badges already being achieved in 23/24 than in 22/23, with more to come. The inventiveness and quality of the programmes never ceases to amaze me. More and more Chief Scouts Awards are being achieved. We really need to re-invigorate our pre-pandemic Awards Evening. Yes, I constantly nag about core training, but you all make it easy for me as the numbers outstanding decreases daily. We are way ahead of the game with regards First Response training but, come on you last 18, let's get down to zero! What a great Team our Welcome Team has been. There aren't many Districts that can say there are only three adults (and that's only because they haven't attended) who haven't been seen within three months of joining the great game of Scouting. With another eight new adults signing up in the past month, there will always be a need for the Welcome Team. Big up to a very large team, too numerous to mention.

Of course, a great District needs the support of a great Governance Team and our Exec, sorry, now our Trustees Board, needs a huge pat on the back. Big up to Alf for keeping us on track and Sammi, Andy, Barry, Chris, Conway, James, Jenny, Jo, Joe, Lorraine, Mohammad, Stephen & Terry take a bow for everything you have done over the past year. A member of the County Team who visited commented on the productivity and light-heartedness of our meetings compared to others and that is down to you.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to you all for what you give to all the Young People in this District. I love reading the District Facebook page and I am honoured to be a member of all your individual Group pages, which show what a fun-filled, action-packed programme you all have. I wish I could give you all a name check but I think listing all 282 of you could get monotonous. Don't be afraid of the changes happening in Scouting over the next year. Embrace them, we're doing most of it already!

Thank you so much for making Harvey so welcome at all the events he has come along to. I'm not sure there are many DC's who have to play second fiddle to a dog! "Yay, it's Harvey" rather than "Hello John" always seems to be the greeting wherever we go.

Let me finish with a quote from someone from another District, on hearing what we get up to "My word, can we move boundaries, I want to be part of your District. You do so much and it sounds so much fun!!"

We are RG. Be PROUD! I am!

John (The bloke that has to come along when you invite Harvey to an activity. I know my place!)



Our numbers for 22/23

	<i>Squirrels</i>	<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Cubs</i>	<i>Scouts</i>
1st RE		21	50	37
1st RG		5	10	5
2nd RE		10	9	6
3rd RE	4	26	31	33
3rd RG		9	6	19
4th RE		0	16	5
4th RG		5	7	5
7th RG		18	18	10
8th RE		24	21	19
8th/15th W		2	6	0
9th RE		19	21	17
10th RE		19	18	22
13th W		23	27	22
27th W		20	23	9
36th W		14	12	16
38th W		10	7	12
40th G		45	65	63
46th G		0	10	6
49th G		21	21	31
51st G		10	17	18
54th G		14	22	19

Explorers

Arrowhead	27
Astronomers	11
Badgers	9
Crescent Rising	7
Displorers	2
GESS	10
Severndroog	39
Snow Leopards	6
Young Leaders	27

Our Wood Badges

Andy Smith	3 rd Royal Eltham
Emily Lofts	3 rd Royal Eltham
Joe Hooton	8 th Royal Eltham
Andrew Eves	46 th Greenwich

Our Length of Service Awards

5 years

Dan Clarke	1st Royal Eltham
Ben Cox	1st Royal Eltham
Mary Duffy	1st Royal Eltham
David Knevett	1st Royal Eltham
Heather Lucas	1st Royal Greenwich
Jack Lofts	3rd Royal Eltham
Iskil Iyiola	3rd Royal Greenwich
Kathy Guy	8th Royal Eltham
Nathan Pennington	9th Royal Eltham
John Jenkins	9th Royal Eltham
Deborah Dumville	10th Royal Eltham
Deli Bryan	10th Royal Eltham
Martin Hall	10th Royal Eltham
Vince Bryan	10th Royal Eltham
Manpreet Dhenjal	13th Woolwich
Rachel Sims	13th Woolwich
David Warwick	27th Woolwich
Jill Alberts	36th Woolwich
Debbie Jeacock	36th Woolwich
Rebecca Nash	46th Greenwich
Liam Pape	49th Greenwich
Adam Gale	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Rob Smithson	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Terry Matthews	District

10 years

Daniel Lucas	1st Royal Greenwich
Glenn Hall	1st Royal Greenwich
Michelle MacNaboe	4th Royal Greenwich
Larissa Hemment	9th Royal Eltham
Don Ray	13th Woolwich
Emily Howard	54th Greenwich
Michael Green	49th Greenwich
Anita Pattison	49th Greenwich
Carl Thorndike	49th Greenwich

15 years

Guy Roberts	1 st Royal Eltham
Simon Duffy	8 th Royal Greenwich
Barbara Bayne	SAS

20 years

Cathy Dowse	2nd Royal Eltham
Martin Odell	2nd Royal Eltham
Diane Snape	13th Woolwich
Val Amer	13th Woolwich
Jo Nichols	27th Woolwich
Julie Howard	54th Greenwich

25 years

Stephen Mann	8th/15th Woolwich
John Ball	10th Royal Eltham
David Price	46th Greenwich
Lesley Price	46th Greenwich
James Tobias	49th Greenwich

40 years

Michael Sayers	4th Royal Eltham
Karen White	13th Woolwich

50 years

Margaret McDonagh	27th Woolwich
Paul Nichols	27th Woolwich
Roe Belcher	SAS

Our Merit Awards

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Carol Elliott	1st Royal Eltham
Glenn Hall	1st Royal Greenwich
Sophie Sweeney	2nd Royal Eltham
Natalie Chisnell	2nd Royal Eltham
Khadija Dabiri	3rd Royal Greenwich
Maria Alfaradhi	3rd Royal Greenwich
Paige Wiggins	8th Royal Eltham
Hannah Tilney	8th/15th Woolwich
Andy Hemment	9th Royal Eltham
Neil Scott	9th Royal Eltham
Helen White	10th Royal Eltham
Audria Abel	27th Woolwich
Anthony Ellis	36th Woolwich
Debbie Jeacock	36th Woolwich
Michael Ellis	36th Woolwich

Karen Dibben	38th Woolwich
Elizabeth Nash	46th Greenwich
Andrew Eves	46th Greenwich
Ali Edney	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Lewis Wilson	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Lucy Hickey	Astronomers ESU
Barry Matthews	District Executive
Samantha Midgeley	District Secretary
Tara Shippam	SAS

Award for Merit

Martin Odell	2nd Royal Eltham
Michael Sayers	4th Royal Eltham
Bev Jordan	4th Royal Greenwich
Amber Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
John Ball	10th Royal Eltham
Diane Snape	13th Woolwich
Val Amer	13th Woolwich
Jo Nichols	27th Woolwich
Hayley Openshaw	54th Greenwich

Bar to the Award for Merit

Diane Scott	9th Royal Eltham
Janet Nichols	27th Woolwich
Lesley Price	46th Greenwich
David Price	46th Greenwich
Irene Taylor	54th Greenwich
Andy Barber	DESC

Silver Acorn

Simon Emmett	7th Royal Greenwich
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Silver Wolf

Matthew Butterfield	Deputy District Commissioner
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***WELL DONE EVERYONE!
LET'S EAT CAKE!!***



OUR FINANCES...

Royal Greenwich District Scouts **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SUMMARY** **April 2022 - March 2023**

Total Funds 2022		General Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
£		£	£	£
150,514	Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	161,302	50,070	211,372
<u>136,438</u>	Total payments for the year (see page 3)	<u>174,754</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>174,754</u>
14,076	Net receipts/payments for the year	- 13,452	50,070	36,618
<u>214,174</u>	Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>176,921</u>	<u>73,871</u>	<u>250,792</u>
	REPRESENTED BY			
	Monetary assets (see page 4)	<u>176,921</u>	<u>73,871</u>	<u>250,792</u>

These accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the provisions of s130 of The Charities Act 2011 and comply with the SORP: Accounting by Charities

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) on 11 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by Alf Philpott

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
64,021	Membership Subscriptions	82,041	-	82,041
64,021		82,041	-	82,041
	District Premises Hires			
7,019	11 Acres Camp Site Hires	5,204	-	5,204
3,666	Avery Hill Premises Hires	7,610	-	7,610
1,170	Briset Road Premises Hires	4,275	-	4,275
3,750	Farjeon Road Premises Hires	3,853	-	3,853
520	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	631	-	631
16,125		21,573		21,573
	Donations and Grants			
1,582	Donations		50,070	50,070
53,768	Grants		-	-
55,350		-	50,070	50,070
	Scout Shop Income			
873	Avery Hill Badges & Shop	166	-	166
5,628	The Crescent Shop & Badges	8,640	-	8,640
6,501		8,806		8,806
	Other Income			
-	General Income	890	-	890
393	Special Activities	1,092	-	1,092
8,125	International	46,900	-	46,900
8,518		48,882		48,882
150,514	Total Income	161,302	50,070	211,372

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Membership fees paid to GLS County			
42,453	Membership Fee Paid to GLS County	55,436	-	55,436
<u>42,453</u>		<u>55,436</u>		<u>55,436</u>
	District Premises Expenditure			
13,140	Running Costs - General	7,277	-	7,277
9,202	11 Acres	7,092	-	7,092
22,168	Avery Hill	20,750	-	20,750
7,236	The Hub	9,175	-	9,175
4,870	ExNet	6,200	-	6,200
17,450	The Crescent	7,128	-	7,128
-	Capital projects expenditure		-	-
<u>74,067</u>		<u>57,622</u>		<u>57,622</u>
	Donations and Grants Payable			
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
-	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure	84	-	84
9,461	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure	9,252	-	9,252
<u>9,461</u>		<u>9,336</u>		<u>9,336</u>
	Other Expenditure			
945	General Expenditures	1,020	-	1,020
513	Activities	4,250	-	4,250
9,000	International trip	47,090	-	47,090
<u>10,458</u>		<u>52,360</u>		<u>52,360</u>
<u>136,438</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>174,754</u>		<u>174,754</u>

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2023

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Monetary Assets				
214,174	Funds at bank	176,921	73,871	250,792
-	Fund holders in hand balances			-
0	Accrued payments not cleared through bank	0	0	0
214,174		176,921	73,871	250,792
Non Monetary Assets (held for use by the Charity)				
Land and Buildings				
65,469	11 Acres Camp Site	65,469	0	65,469
267,233	Avery Hill Premises	267,233	0	267,233
29,468	Farjeon Road Premises	29,468	0	29,468
192,672	Waverley Crescent Premises	192,672	0	192,672
41,255	Equipment furniture and fittings (insurance value)	41,255	0	41,255
596,097		596,097	0	596,097
Creditors				
0	Liabilities (due within one year)	-	0	-
0	Liabilities (due after one year)	0	0	0
0	Contigent liabilities and future obligations	0	0	0
0		-	0	-
214,174	Net current assets (liabilities)			250,792
810,271	Total assets less current liabilities			846,889
810,271	Total net assets (liabilities)			846,889
Charity funds				
796,195	Opening Balance Equity			810,271
14,076	Surplus/(Deficit)			36,618
810,271	Total Charity funds			846,889

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Restricted Funds

As of March 31, 2023

Restricted Funds	
Graham Pugh	13,761
George Phipson ExNet Fund	50,070
Development	5,040
Ripley Memorial Fund	5,000
Total Restricted Funds	73,871



Annual Report 2022/23

Aims and Objectives

Royal Greenwich District Scout Council is an unincorporated association (operating as Royal Greenwich Scouts and with a registered charity name of New Greenwich District Scouts number 1141023.) constituted in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association (registered no.13919). It exists to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Groups (autonomous charities within the provisions of the same rules), in an area covered by The Royal Borough of Greenwich. And is supported under those rules by the Scout County of Greater London South, (Registered Charity no. 303883), covering the London Boroughs of Wandsworth, Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and Royal Greenwich.

The Scout Association (Registered Charity No. 306101) incorporated by Royal Charter to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Charter of the Association provides for the making of bye-laws approved by Her Majesty in Council which, in turn, authorise the making of the rules referred to above (known as "Policy, Organization and Rules"). The District's Trustees are the District Trustee Board, who cannot act outside the Royal Charter, Bye-Laws and Rules of the Scout Association.

Our Purpose

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Values

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.

Our 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.

Our Vision

We are committed to the Aim and Method of the Scout Movement. Our long term vision is to continue to develop our Scout Groups so they...

- operate a programme that is relevant enjoyable, attractive and locally achievable,
- are equally available and accessible to all young people within the 6 to 25 age range in our area
- are effectively and appropriately supported by adult volunteers,
- have a positive image and identity,
- are growing,
- communicate effectively within Scouting and to the community.

Looking to the future, we can work together as a team, with a common purpose and with a clear direction. This will need a concerted effort from all our Commissioners, Leaders, Helpers, Administrators, Supporters, Groups and Units.

If we all play our part in delivering the best results for the future of Scouting in our District we can achieve a Scout District that:

- encourages the development of Scouting in our District so that all young people in Greenwich Borough have the opportunity to experience fun, friendship, everyday adventure, challenge and new experiences,
- supports all our adult volunteers so they feel recognised and valued and take pride in their Scouting,
- has an active and focused structure that will develop and maintain leader motivation through shared experiences; supported learning; strategic forward planning, clear governance and specific tailored support,
- provides a high quality, exciting programmes of activity at Group, District and District level delivered by reliable, experienced sectional teams who have abilities and skills appropriate for the role,
- provides training all adults whether leading, supporting or managing our Scout Groups which is appropriate, effective and innovative,
- Has a relevant, inspirational and supportive management structure with effective systems for communication.

Our District support structure delivers practical services that are accessible to all whatever their role. These include:

- support for the youth programme, including camping and adventurous activities,
- growth and development of the Movement in our District,
- coordination of our Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and our Local Scout Networks,
- ensuring that all our adult volunteers are vetted before they are authorised to undertake a role in the Movement,
- the formal appointment of adults,
- induction, training, motivation, review and development of adults in the District, including delivery of the Associations adult training programme in partnership with the County Training Team,
- the implementation of the policies and rules of the Association,
- relationships with other organisations and bodies,
- helping young people take part in decision making within our Groups, Districts and the District,
- support for our Scout Active Support Units,
- recommendations for decorations and awards,
- advice on financial and administrative matters, particularly relating to charity trusteeship,
- provide an effective chain of communication between our Scout Groups, Districts, County, Region and National Headquarters.

Registered Office:

Royal Greenwich District Scout Centre, 19 Waverly Crescent, London, SE18 7QT

President:**Trustees**

The following served as Trustees of the Charity during the year 25th Jul 2022 to 15th July 2023

Ex-Officio

District Commissioner - John Sweeney

Chairman – Alf Philpott

Secretary – Samantha Midgeley

Treasurer –

District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Andrew Barber

District Scout Network Commissioner – Josh Sharrad

District Youth Commissioner – Joseph Shippam

DCs Nominations

Christopher Bishop - Chairman, Premises and Estates Sub-committee

Barry Matthews – Finance Sub-committee representative

Matthew Butterfield – Deputy District Commissioner

Lorraine Durrant

Mohammed Daibiri

Elected Members

James Vallely

Jenny Grant

Jo Graham

Stephen Ellis

Conway Tearle

Principal Bankers

LloydsTSB Bank Plc, Blackheath Village Branch

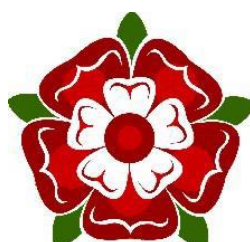
Custodian Trustee

The land and buildings vested in the District are held on its behalf by the Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

Sub-committees

The District has three sub-committees:

- Estates (Chair, Chris Bishop)
- Finance
- District Appointments Advisory Committee



Our Reports

... from the armchair

Growth seems to be a glowing feature of the year just gone with the arrival of Squirrels, more chances to be an Explorer and many Groups with numbers to fill or burst their meeting places. This says so much for the programmes on offer guaranteeing Scouting's promise of fun, adventure and skills for life. The plans to bring our premises up a level (or more) have been boosted by grants awarded and an extremely generous donation. More news on this front at our AGM on 16 July. This has been the main area of business this year for our enthusiastic team of executive members and premises managers.

The hard work of many in compiling and planning our District Diary has been richly awarded by some great attendances and the delight of a District working together was fully evident at our St George's event. To all of you out there week by week a huge well done and a whole bundle of thanks. I hope you are still enjoying all you do!

Lastly, a chapter end approaches as John's tenure as our DC draws to a close. All the blood, sweat, tears and hours you have given to us all have overwhelmed anyone thinking of following you and it is a joy to know that you still wish to serve somehow in the future.

THANK YOU JOHN!!!!!!!!!!

Best wishes to all of you!

Alf (District Chair)

...Beaver Bit

I would like to thank all the leaders for volunteering their time to support the Beaver Scouts. The commitment, hours of planning and executing a wealth of excellent programmes week in and week out throughout the year. Thus, helping them earn their badges and awards, and in doing so helping them grow in confidence and self-assurance that will help them journey through life. All these qualities make us, a very successful district.

Over the year, we have held several Beaver Scouts events: Drive-in Movie, Explore badge, St George's Day celebration, Sports Day and this year introducing a very successful Lego event. As well, as the Beaver Scout District Christmas Card competition which received lots of amazing entries from Beaver Scouts across the district. Attendance to these events has increased and it has been great to see old and new groups joining in.

As I reflect upon the year, it has been lovely seeing Beaver Scouts across the District coming together and just enjoying themselves. I would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who have attend Beaver scout meetings and events. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone and I have made loads of new friends along the way. At the end of this year, I am moving away from the area, so unable to continue my role as ADC. I wish you all the best in the future and I know I will be back at some point.

Lorraine Durrant (ADC Beaver Scouts)

...Cub Chat

What a great year! This year we started off with a Lego master competition where the cubs had to make something to explode and wow they were amazing, scientist badge day, cub ready steady cook day where we had some amazing food cooked, took over the trampoline park at the O2 the cubs had great fun, a fun cub camp well organised by Hayley and with the help of all the leaders and young leaders onsite and John's usual campfire and fitting 23 camp fire songs in, a treasure hunt around Greenwich park and our last activity of the year was the cub backwoods cooking where all the cubs tried at least 1 new thing. I started this year thinking I need to get every group attending something, and I nearly achieved that this year. Hopefully this will happen next year. As I come to the end of my report I would like to say a big thank you to Joe for helping me with the minutes of our sectional meetings, most importantly to Hayley who gives up lots of her time to help me organise and run the district activities, but a special thank you goes to all the leaders for their support this year with district activities but more importantly for their hard work and dedication in providing such an active, fun and rewarding programme for the cubs to enjoy. As we look forward to the first year of youth led programming my hope is that more cubs from more packs take part in the activities they helped to choose, so more cubs meet other cubs and get to earn more badges, but most importantly have lots of fun. Please remember all activities are on the district diary for you to check.

I am feeling very positive about the future of the cub section and hope the leaders will be feeling it too. Looking forward to an even better year.

Graham Openshaw (ADC Cubs) and the District Cub Team

...Scout Stuff

So, what did the scout section do this year...

Well, they (and Harvey) wondered around Downe at night testing their grid reference knowledge and map reading skills. They did their best to dodge a lot of balls in an afternoon of Dodgeball at the Hub. They almost learnt a bit about space but due to the leadership team being double booked and then the other volunteers having to pull out we had to contact mission control and say "Royal Greenwich DC we have a problem" and postpone but that just left us even more keen to meet up and have a 'frilling time propelling ourselves down a slope in Shrewsbury park on our newly built soapboxes, I think it's fair to say that the designs the Scouts came up with were excellent although the execution of some of them needed some finessing. In June, with the help of RG's Twang and Bang team, our scouts were able to enjoy a day of twang, bang and thudding, trying new target sport activities such as crossbow, archery, axe throwing, airsoft, air rifles, nerf guns and then a quick taster of clout archery. My thanks go to Alan Gregory and his team for organising and putting together this event. There was a lot to get ready but the scouts I spoke to said they had a great time and so all that effort was worth it. Lastly, the scouts took to the water learning the ancient art of Dragon Boating, my thanks go to the Windy Panda's Dragon Boating club that helped get the scouts through the badge requirements. If you add to that the district led St Georges Day, I think the section has done itself proud. I could see there were lots of smiling faces, all taking part in the group lead bases and the DC challenge.

As always, none of the above would be possible without the support from groups. I know balancing scout/work/life can be difficult so thank you for making the effort to attend when you can and allowing your Scouts to join in with district lead events.

Here's to next year,

Stephen Ellis & James Vallely (District Scout Leaders)

...Explorers Exploration – This year it's the turn of Badgers to let us know what they have been upto.

From last year to this year the unit has got out a bit more with some camps like the Sleep out for the Great Tommy appeal where we were lucky enough to use Saint Georges Chapel and also assisting with the cub camp at Avery Hill.

Over the last year we have had a 2 of our Badgers nominated for the Jack Petchey award. District events we have taken part in Saint Georges Day / Remembrance/Army Day. We try to take part in all district events to show our support to District in events and hope to build links with Scouts that like to move onto Explorer Scouting. Our numbers have been steady but we can always do with more Explorers. We do this by doing joint activities with the scout section to help build connections, so it's not a big shock when moving up.

This year's Jamboree camp for Explorers is to South Korea and we support 2 within the unit that are going on it. We have, sadly, had to say good bye to some Explorers as they turn 18 and we wish them the very best for the future and we hope to see them at Scouting in the future as Network Scouts & Leaders. For the next generation of Leaders for the district, we have a couple of Young Leaders from Explorers and encourage all to take part in the Young Leaders scheme that does go towards their awards as well as building their confidence.

My aim for the next year is to get the explorers away more camping and back to basics with scouting skills and Camp passport permits. Also to build on the service crew within the district explorers at district properties that again goes towards the explorer awards and ultimately to achieve their King Scout award

I would also like to thank Pat, David as well as Lisa for helping out the running of evenings.

Andy Barber (DESC & Explorer Leader, Badgers)

...Youth Yomp

It has been an exceptional year for Royal Greenwich Scouting. I've had a blast as I've travelled around the District, lending a hand at various events in our district diary. This diary was born from the creative ideas of young people at the 2022 youth forums, and it has truly become one of our district's greatest accomplishments.

Discussing it with fellow youth commissioners, both in London and across the UK, has been a fantastic experience and have made many districts and counties quite jealous of our achievement. Thanks to insightful discussions with explorers at last year's youth forum, we were able to establish a monthly top awards clinic within our district. This clinic has helped young people achieve their scouting awards and DoF awards, and it has been a tremendous success.

Building on the previous year's achievements, we organized a range of exciting #YouShape activities during St George's Day. The response was overwhelming, with over 500 ideas shared with our team. Beavers had fun voting with emojis, cubs placed idea leaves on the YouShape tree, scouts engaged in a thrilling 'This or That' scavenger hunt, and explorers contributed their ideas to the cool wall. Through careful consideration and collaboration, we crafted the district diary for the upcoming year, ensuring it remains youth-shaped and vibrant.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Abya, Aine, Alfred, and Dylan, all of whom have played vital roles in the district youth team. Looking ahead, we have ambitious plans to expand our team and recruit more members. Further information regarding this will be shared after the summer break.

It's truly inspiring to witness so many groups involving young people in programme planning, providing them with leadership opportunities as sixers and patrol leaders, and giving them opportunities to represent their groups and share experiences. If you need any assistance in getting young people engaged in planning their programmes and achieving their YouShape awards, please feel free to contact me at Joseph.Shippam@southlondonscouts.org.uk. I'm more than happy to help.

Joseph Shippam (District Youth Commissioner)

...the DC has the final word ('cos Harvey can't).....

We're back to normal (whatever that is!) with the Z-word used for meetings slowly becoming the distant past. Although, sometimes I wish I could use the mute button in real life!

It's been another bumper packed year of fun for RG from our first event, the Beaver Lego Day to our last two held on the same day, Cubs Backwoods cooking at ExNet and Scouts Dragon Boating in Docklands. We've even got Explorers off canoeing this weekend as they strive towards their top Scouting Awards. It was always my ambition for the District to provide activities for all to take part in and earn badges, whilst having fun. My thanks to Lorraine, Graham, Hayley, Stephen, James, Andy and Joseph in achieving that goal. You may be changing titles (no more ADCs, now the Programme Team) but I know 23/24 will be just as fun-packed and badge-filled with our Youth-led activity programme. As always, I'll leave it to the Team to tell you all about it. Let's not forget the Twang and Bang twice weekly offer. The team are there every week, with many of our adults now qualified to run sessions and courses. Thanks guys! However, there were two District events I'd like to highlight. Our St George's Day, "The 23", couldn't have gone any better. It was a gamble to have an "unstructured" programme for so many but highlighted what this District is all about, from car park duty to activity supervision, everyone just rolls their sleeves up and gets on with it. My highlight, however, was easily the District Stroll. Another occasion when I think the District Team just amuses me as they nod their head saying "Yeah, good idea, John" whilst really thinking "He has finally lost it!" Six laps of Oxleas Wood with everyone from the youngest Squirrel to the oldest SAS member joining us at some point. To see young people and adults having a stroll whilst chatting with members of other Groups was great to see. I'm not saying we trained and walked the route many times but Harvey can now walk the route without me guiding him! The walking team (Stephen, James and Terry) already have plans in place for the 2024 Sweeney Stroll (Thanks for the rename honour) as we take the District to "The Edge". With over 30 members of the District going to the World Jamboree (how many Districts can say that?), more going to Croatia and many having Summer Camps, the fun just won't stop, even over the Summer break.

Whilst talking about the District Team, let's take a break to say Hello to Josh, who has taken on the challenge to re-energise our Network and Goodbye to Lorraine who has given great service to the Beaver Section but is moving on. Welcome Josh and farewell Lorraine, we'll miss you.

Yet again, our Estates Team has done a brilliant job, keeping all our Centres in tip-top shape. With modifications taking place at The Hub and ExNet over the next year, I am sure we will all reap the benefits. Although it's great to see the field at Avery Hill always full of children, I'm sure we could all use our Centres more. Each one has something different to offer. Thanks Chris, Harriet, Andy, James, the Pauls (H & G) and Martyn for all you do. This year's DC Challenge asked each Group to give 23 hours service to one of our Centres. Why not carry on?

The Young Leader Training Scheme just goes from strength to strength in this District, with 15-20 young people attending our monthly training offer. We now have over 80 Young Leaders (didn't quite reach the 100!). We are the envy of other Districts. Thanks Jill, Pat and Alan for all you give to the young people. Look out for another of our weekend offers in 23/24.

I haven't even mentioned growth. Our numbers are up again and nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. Two Squirrel Dreys are now fully embedded in the District, with another starting in September and two Groups contemplating planting the acorn. We'll have to start looking at a District Programme for them all. A new

Explorer Unit has started, to ease the burden of an unheard of Explorer waiting list. There will be another Unit opening in September. It isn't great everywhere, though. For every waiting list, there are groups who have something to offer. Why not talk to each other and see if we can ease the bursting seams? Wouldn't it be a dream to be able to offer the Scouting adventure to all those who want to experience it? Our numbers are elsewhere in the Annual Report, you can see where the gaps are, let's try to fill them and reduce our waiting lists!

I have to say that the quality of our volunteers is magnificent. Our adults are forever completing their training, with more Wood Badges already being achieved in 23/24 than in 22/23, with more to come. The inventiveness and quality of the programmes never ceases to amaze me. More and more Chief Scouts Awards are being achieved. We really need to re-invigorate our pre-pandemic Awards Evening. Yes, I constantly nag about core training, but you all make it easy for me as the numbers outstanding decreases daily. We are way ahead of the game with regards First Response training but, come on you last 18, let's get down to zero! What a great Team our Welcome Team has been. There aren't many Districts that can say there are only three adults (and that's only because they haven't attended) who haven't been seen within three months of joining the great game of Scouting. With another eight new adults signing up in the past month, there will always be a need for the Welcome Team. Big up to a very large team, too numerous to mention.

Of course, a great District needs the support of a great Governance Team and our Exec, sorry, now our Trustees Board, needs a huge pat on the back. Big up to Alf for keeping us on track and Sammi, Andy, Barry, Chris, Conway, James, Jenny, Jo, Joe, Lorraine, Mohammad, Stephen & Terry take a bow for everything you have done over the past year. A member of the County Team who visited commented on the productivity and light-heartedness of our meetings compared to others and that is down to you.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to you all for what you give to all the Young People in this District. I love reading the District Facebook page and I am honoured to be a member of all your individual Group pages, which show what a fun-filled, action-packed programme you all have. I wish I could give you all a name check but I think listing all 282 of you could get monotonous. Don't be afraid of the changes happening in Scouting over the next year. Embrace them, we're doing most of it already!

Thank you so much for making Harvey so welcome at all the events he has come along to. I'm not sure there are many DC's who have to play second fiddle to a dog! "Yay, it's Harvey" rather than "Hello John" always seems to be the greeting wherever we go.

Let me finish with a quote from someone from another District, on hearing what we get up to "My word, can we move boundaries, I want to be part of your District. You do so much and it sounds so much fun!!"

We are RG. Be PROUD! I am!

John (The bloke that has to come along when you invite Harvey to an activity. I know my place!)



Our numbers for 22/23

	<i>Squirrels</i>	<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Cubs</i>	<i>Scouts</i>
1st RE		21	50	37
1st RG		5	10	5
2nd RE		10	9	6
3rd RE	4	26	31	33
3rd RG		9	6	19
4th RE		0	16	5
4th RG		5	7	5
7th RG		18	18	10
8th RE		24	21	19
8th/15th W		2	6	0
9th RE		19	21	17
10th RE		19	18	22
13th W		23	27	22
27th W		20	23	9
36th W		14	12	16
38th W		10	7	12
40th G		45	65	63
46th G		0	10	6
49th G		21	21	31
51st G		10	17	18
54th G		14	22	19

Explorers

Arrowhead	27
Astronomers	11
Badgers	9
Crescent Rising	7
Displorers	2
GESS	10
Severndroog	39
Snow Leopards	6
Young Leaders	27

Our Wood Badges

Andy Smith	3 rd Royal Eltham
Emily Lofts	3 rd Royal Eltham
Joe Hooton	8 th Royal Eltham
Andrew Eves	46 th Greenwich

Our Length of Service Awards

5 years

Dan Clarke	1st Royal Eltham
Ben Cox	1st Royal Eltham
Mary Duffy	1st Royal Eltham
David Knevett	1st Royal Eltham
Heather Lucas	1st Royal Greenwich
Jack Lofts	3rd Royal Eltham
Iskil Iyiola	3rd Royal Greenwich
Kathy Guy	8th Royal Eltham
Nathan Pennington	9th Royal Eltham
John Jenkins	9th Royal Eltham
Deborah Dumville	10th Royal Eltham
Deli Bryan	10th Royal Eltham
Martin Hall	10th Royal Eltham
Vince Bryan	10th Royal Eltham
Manpreet Dhenjal	13th Woolwich
Rachel Sims	13th Woolwich
David Warwick	27th Woolwich
Jill Alberts	36th Woolwich
Debbie Jeacock	36th Woolwich
Rebecca Nash	46th Greenwich
Liam Pape	49th Greenwich
Adam Gale	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Rob Smithson	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Terry Matthews	District

10 years

Daniel Lucas	1st Royal Greenwich
Glenn Hall	1st Royal Greenwich
Michelle MacNaboe	4th Royal Greenwich
Larissa Hemment	9th Royal Eltham
Don Ray	13th Woolwich
Emily Howard	54th Greenwich
Michael Green	49th Greenwich
Anita Pattison	49th Greenwich
Carl Thorndike	49th Greenwich

15 years

Guy Roberts	1 st Royal Eltham
Simon Duffy	8 th Royal Greenwich
Barbara Bayne	SAS

20 years

Cathy Dowse	2nd Royal Eltham
Martin Odell	2nd Royal Eltham
Diane Snape	13th Woolwich
Val Amer	13th Woolwich
Jo Nichols	27th Woolwich
Julie Howard	54th Greenwich

25 years

Stephen Mann	8th/15th Woolwich
John Ball	10th Royal Eltham
David Price	46th Greenwich
Lesley Price	46th Greenwich
James Tobias	49th Greenwich

40 years

Michael Sayers	4th Royal Eltham
Karen White	13th Woolwich

50 years

Margaret McDonagh	27th Woolwich
Paul Nichols	27th Woolwich
Roe Belcher	SAS

Our Merit Awards

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Carol Elliott	1st Royal Eltham
Glenn Hall	1st Royal Greenwich
Sophie Sweeney	2nd Royal Eltham
Natalie Chisnell	2nd Royal Eltham
Khadija Dabiri	3rd Royal Greenwich
Maria Alfaradhi	3rd Royal Greenwich
Paige Wiggins	8th Royal Eltham
Hannah Tilney	8th/15th Woolwich
Andy Hemment	9th Royal Eltham
Neil Scott	9th Royal Eltham
Helen White	10th Royal Eltham
Audria Abel	27th Woolwich
Anthony Ellis	36th Woolwich
Debbie Jeacock	36th Woolwich
Michael Ellis	36th Woolwich

Karen Dibben	38th Woolwich
Elizabeth Nash	46th Greenwich
Andrew Eves	46th Greenwich
Ali Edney	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Lewis Wilson	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Lucy Hickey	Astronomers ESU
Barry Matthews	District Executive
Samantha Midgeley	District Secretary
Tara Shippam	SAS

Award for Merit

Martin Odell	2nd Royal Eltham
Michael Sayers	4th Royal Eltham
Bev Jordan	4th Royal Greenwich
Amber Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
John Ball	10th Royal Eltham
Diane Snape	13th Woolwich
Val Amer	13th Woolwich
Jo Nichols	27th Woolwich
Hayley Openshaw	54th Greenwich

Bar to the Award for Merit

Diane Scott	9th Royal Eltham
Janet Nichols	27th Woolwich
Lesley Price	46th Greenwich
David Price	46th Greenwich
Irene Taylor	54th Greenwich
Andy Barber	DESC

Silver Acorn

Simon Emmett	7th Royal Greenwich
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Silver Wolf

Matthew Butterfield	Deputy District Commissioner
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***WELL DONE EVERYONE!
LET'S EAT CAKE!!***



OUR FINANCES...

Royal Greenwich District Scouts **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SUMMARY** **April 2022 - March 2023**

Total Funds 2022		General Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
£		£	£	£
150,514	Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	161,302	50,070	211,372
<u>136,438</u>	Total payments for the year (see page 3)	<u>174,754</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>174,754</u>
14,076	Net receipts/payments for the year	- 13,452	50,070	36,618
<u><u>214,174</u></u>	Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u><u>176,921</u></u>	<u><u>73,871</u></u>	<u><u>250,792</u></u>
	REPRESENTED BY			
	Monetary assets (see page 4)	<u><u>176,921</u></u>	<u><u>73,871</u></u>	<u><u>250,792</u></u>

These accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the provisions of s130 of The Charities Act 2011 and comply with the SORP: Accounting by Charities

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) on 11 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by Alf Philpott

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
64,021	Membership Subscriptions	82,041	-	82,041
64,021		82,041	-	82,041
	District Premises Hires			
7,019	11 Acres Camp Site Hires	5,204	-	5,204
3,666	Avery Hill Premises Hires	7,610	-	7,610
1,170	Briset Road Premises Hires	4,275	-	4,275
3,750	Farjeon Road Premises Hires	3,853	-	3,853
520	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	631	-	631
16,125		21,573		21,573
	Donations and Grants			
1,582	Donations		50,070	50,070
53,768	Grants		-	-
55,350		-	50,070	50,070
	Scout Shop Income			
873	Avery Hill Badges & Shop	166	-	166
5,628	The Crescent Shop & Badges	8,640	-	8,640
6,501		8,806		8,806
	Other Income			
-	General Income	890	-	890
393	Special Activities	1,092	-	1,092
8,125	International	46,900	-	46,900
8,518		48,882		48,882
150,514	Total Income	161,302	50,070	211,372

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Membership fees paid to GLS County			
42,453	Membership Fee Paid to GLS County	55,436	-	55,436
<u>42,453</u>		<u>55,436</u>		<u>55,436</u>
	District Premises Expenditure			
13,140	Running Costs - General	7,277	-	7,277
9,202	11 Acres	7,092	-	7,092
22,168	Avery Hill	20,750	-	20,750
7,236	The Hub	9,175	-	9,175
4,870	ExNet	6,200	-	6,200
17,450	The Crescent	7,128	-	7,128
-	Capital projects expenditure		-	-
<u>74,067</u>		<u>57,622</u>		<u>57,622</u>
	Donations and Grants Payable			
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
-	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure	84	-	84
9,461	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure	9,252	-	9,252
<u>9,461</u>		<u>9,336</u>		<u>9,336</u>
	Other Expenditure			
945	General Expenditures	1,020	-	1,020
513	Activities	4,250	-	4,250
9,000	International trip	47,090	-	47,090
<u>10,458</u>		<u>52,360</u>		<u>52,360</u>
<u>136,438</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>174,754</u>		<u>174,754</u>

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2023

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Monetary Assets				
214,174	Funds at bank	176,921	73,871	250,792
-	Fund holders in hand balances			-
0	Accrued payments not cleared through bank	0	0	0
214,174		176,921	73,871	250,792
Non Monetary Assets (held for use by the Charity)				
Land and Buildings				
65,469	11 Acres Camp Site	65,469	0	65,469
267,233	Avery Hill Premises	267,233	0	267,233
29,468	Farjeon Road Premises	29,468	0	29,468
192,672	Waverley Crescent Premises	192,672	0	192,672
41,255	Equipment furniture and fittings (insurance value)	41,255	0	41,255
596,097		596,097	0	596,097
Creditors				
0	Liabilities (due within one year)	-	0	-
0	Liabilities (due after one year)	0	0	0
0	Contigent liabilities and future obligations	0	0	0
0		-	0	-
214,174	Net current assets (liabilities)			250,792
810,271	Total assets less current liabilities			846,889
810,271	Total net assets (liabilities)			846,889
Charity funds				
796,195	Opening Balance Equity			810,271
14,076	Surplus/(Deficit)			36,618
810,271	Total Charity funds			846,889

Royal Greenwich District Scouts

Restricted Funds

As of March 31, 2023

Restricted Funds	
Graham Pugh	13,761
George Phipson ExNet Fund	50,070
Development	5,040
Ripley Memorial Fund	5,000
Total Restricted Funds	73,871

NEW GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1141023

Accounts



Annual Report 2021/22

Aims and Objectives

Royal Greenwich District Scout Council is an unincorporated association (operating as Royal Greenwich Scouts and with a registered charity name of New Greenwich District Scouts number 1141023.) constituted in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association (registered no.13919). It exists to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Groups (autonomous charities within the provisions of the same rules), in an area covered by The Royal Borough of Greenwich. And is supported under those rules by the Scout County of Greater London South, (Registered Charity no. 303883), covering the London Boroughs of Wandsworth, Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and Royal Greenwich.

The Scout Association (Registered Charity No. 306101) incorporated by Royal Charter to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Charter of the Association provides for the making of bye-laws approved by Her Majesty in Council which, in turn, authorise the making of the rules referred to above (known as "Policy, Organization and Rules"). The District's Trustees are the District Executive Committee, who cannot act outside the Royal Charter, Bye-Laws and Rules of the Scout Association.

Our Purpose

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Values

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.

Our 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.

Our Vision

We are committed to the Aim and Method of the Scout Movement. Our long term vision is to continue to develop our Scout Groups so they...

- operate a programme that is relevant enjoyable, attractive and locally achievable,
- are equally available and accessible to all young people within the 6 to 25 age range in our area
- are effectively and appropriately supported by adult volunteers,
- have a positive image and identity,
- are growing,
- communicate effectively within Scouting and to the community.

Looking to the future, we can work together as a team, with a common purpose and with a clear direction. This will need a concerted effort from all our Commissioners, Leaders, Helpers, Administrators, Supporters, Groups and Units.

If we all play our part in delivering the best results for the future of Scouting in our District we can achieve a Scout District that:

- encourages the development of Scouting in our District so that all young people in Greenwich Borough have the opportunity to experience fun, friendship, everyday adventure, challenge and new experiences,
- supports all our adult volunteers so they feel recognised and valued and take pride in their Scouting,
- has an active and focused structure that will develop and maintain leader motivation through shared experiences; supported learning; strategic forward planning, clear governance and specific tailored support,
- provides a high quality, exciting programmes of activity at Group, District and District level delivered by reliable, experienced sectional teams who have abilities and skills appropriate for the role,
- provides training all adults whether leading, supporting or managing our Scout Groups which is appropriate, effective and innovative,
- Has a relevant, inspirational and supportive management structure with effective systems for communication.

Our District support structure delivers practical services that are accessible to all whatever their role. These include:

- support for the youth programme, including camping and adventurous activities,
- growth and development of the Movement in our District,
- coordination of our Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and our Local Scout Networks,
- ensuring that all our adult volunteers are vetted before they are authorised to undertake a role in the Movement,
- the formal appointment of adults,
- induction, training, motivation, review and development of adults in the District, including delivery of the Associations adult training programme in partnership with the County Training Team,
- the implementation of the policies and rules of the Association,
- relationships with other organisations and bodies,
- helping young people take part in decision making within our Groups, Districts and the District,
- support for our Scout Active Support Units,
- recommendations for decorations and awards,
- advice on financial and administrative matters, particularly relating to charity trusteeship,
- provide an effective chain of communication between our Scout Groups, Districts, County, Region and National Headquarters.

Registered Office:

Royal Greenwich District Scout Centre, 19 Waverly Crescent, London, SE18 7QT

President:**Trustees**

The following served as Trustees of the Charity during the year 7th September 2021 to 24th July 2022

Ex-Officio

District Commissioner - John Sweeney
Chairman – Alf Philpott
Secretary – Samantha Midgeley
Treasurer –
District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Andrew Barber
District Scout Network Commissioner –
District Youth Commissioner – Joseph Shippam

DCs Nominations

Christopher Bishop - Chairman, Premises and Estates Sub-committee
Barry Matthews – Finance Sub-committee representative
Matthew Butterfield – Deputy District Commissioner
Lorraine Durrant
Mohammed Daibiri

Elected Members

James Vallely
Jenny Grant
Jo Graham
Stephen Ellis
Conway Tearle

Principal Bankers

LloydsTSB Bank Plc, Blackheath Village Branch

Custodian Trustee

The land and buildings vested in the District are held on its behalf by the Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

Sub-committees

The District has three sub-committees:

- Estates (Chair, Chris Bishop)
- Finance
- District Appointments Advisory Committee



Our Reports

... from the armchair

This year has seen a farewell to red/amber/yellow and a hearty welcome to GREEN! A word which is central in our district name has also been at the heart of our resurgent programme of activity and reunion. We've welcomed back things in the planning when lockdown struck and gone on to enjoy a fabulous district diary put together by our wonderful sectional teams – St George's Day, District Stroll (JOTT), Sports Day, Camps and Ready Steady Cook amongst it all. For me, part of the Scout Law feels reinvigorated – we are a FAMILY.

A personal highlight has been the huge effort to nudge aside the pasta mountain in our support of Greenwich Foodbank with help from 12 Groups and 2 Explorer Units along with some added GirlGuiding energy from Charlton. It took only four months to eradicate an issue which had caused concerns for ages. It has been a delight to award some Community Impact Activity badges along the way. A massive "well done" to so many of you and please pass this on to local schools and church groups which have pitched in as well.

As always, I've been supported by enthusiastic executive members and our dedicated estates team which has welcomed Harriet into its numbers at ExNet. I hope you've seen and appreciated developments around our sites. The exec responsibility of ensuring safe and good quality Scouting in Royal Greenwich is always made so easy by the imagination and hard work of you all.

There have been some sad goodbyes this year through the passing of admired colleagues including John Kingsmill, George Phipson and Angie Vamplew. We give thanks for their energy, enthusiasm and vision as well as sending our best wishes, sympathy and prayers to their families.

Lastly, thank you John for another year at the helm and for sharing your constant shadow, Harvey, with us all.

Best wishes, well done and thanks to all of you!

Alf (District Chair)

...Beaver Bit

The District Team would like to thank all the leaders for volunteering their time to support the Beaver Scouts. The commitment, hours of planning and executing a wealth of excellent programmes week in and week out throughout the year. Thus, helping them earn their badges and awards, and in doing so helping them grow in confidence and self-assurance that will help them journey through life. All these qualities make us, a very successful district.

Over the year, we have held several Beaver Scouts events: Drive-in Movie, Disability Awareness badge, Explore badge, St George's Day celebration and Sports Day. Attendance to these events has increased and it has been great to see old and new groups joining in. This year, we have also welcomed Abya to the team, as our Deputy District Youth Commissioner for Beaver Scouts.

As I reflect upon the year, it has been lovely seeing Beaver Scouts across the District coming together and just enjoying themselves. We are very excited about next year's programme and looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Lorraine Durrant (ADC Beaver Scouts)

...Cub Chat

Hooray, our first year of face to face district activities along with the addition of Joe to our district team. This year we have had a quiz, a scrapheap challenge to make a campsite of the future, dodgeball competition, DIY badge day, a platinum Jubilee themed cub camp well organised by Hayley

and Joe with the help of all the leaders onsite and John's usual campfire and our last activity of the year was the cub taskmaster organised by Sean from the 9th RE.

As I come to the end of my report I would like to say a big thank you to Joe for helping me with the minutes of our sectional meetings, most importantly to Hayley who gives up lots of her time to help me organise and run the district activities, but a special thank you goes to all the leaders for their support this year with district activities but more importantly for their hard work and dedication in providing such an active, fun and rewarding programme for the cubs to enjoy. As we look forward to the first year of youth led programming my hope is that more cubs from more packs take part in the activities they helped to choose, so more cubs meet other cubs and get to earn more badges, but most importantly have lots of fun.

Please remember all activities are on the district diary for you to check.

I am feeling very positive about the future of the cub section and hope the leaders will be feeling it too.

Looking forward to an even better year.

Graham Openshaw (ADC Cubs) and the District Cub Team

...Scout Stuff

So another scouting year draws to a close and much like last year there were new challenges to meet and work with to ensure scouting at district level could continue.

The scout section met those challenges head on and stepped outside to enjoy some extreme weather, I don't know how we do it but it seems to be all or nothing weather wise when running scout section event, either beautiful sunshine or newly named storms.

So this year should have kicked off with a hike from Eleven Acres to Frylands Wood but after a fairly strong response groups had to drop out for various reasons until one group remained. After a few emails back and forth it was agreed we would postpone until later. November saw the first of our extreme weather fronts, after one of our district all section briefings it was agreed that we would run Korfball outside (enter storm Arwen). Once again after a good number of groups said they would attend numbers dropped and then the storm hit leaving just the very hardy (or foolish) in attendance. The afternoon went well with all of us learning as we went along and whilst the weather was wasn't in our favour we all left knowing a little more about Korfball. January saw the Covid restrictions relaxed a little so we went inside to exercise our minds with a little quiz. It was good to see a mix of regular attendees and new groups. The Leaders were once again disqualified, so no change there then. February saw the second of our extreme weather fronts with storm Eunice. Heading back outside for a spot of Geocaching the scout used waypoints to navigate and find a code that (if time was on our side) would have been decoded to read "Well done RG". March saw the Scouts cycling along the water front from Greenwich towards Tower Bridge and back. My thanks to Terry (8thRE) for leading on this event. Whilst May saw multiple groups descend on to the ExNet centre for a few games of tag rugby, once again my thanks to Terry (8thRE) for leading on this event as well as Mark (10thRE) for helping ref the games, Hailey and Graham for time keeping and scoring and Erin and Sally for the constant supply of drinks.

Our last event was our district camp, the weather was perfect with beautiful sunshine. Saturday morning was busy with group lead bases whilst after lunch the Scouts built large scale catapults using 6 foot stave, I think it is fair to say the 15min tinkering time was the down fall for most groups. Scouting this year has seen many changes, so my thanks to you all for working with the DSL's in making these events happen and we hope that next year will see even more groups in attendance.

Stephen Ellis & James Vallely (District Scout Leaders)

...Explorers Exploration

We have 9 Units in the District. Each year we like to give a taste of what one of our Units are upto. This year it's the turn of Astronomers:

We have had a successful year with explorers with 13 young people registered with us though numbers at meetings vary due to exams and other commitments. We are very glad to be out of the other side of covid restrictions and able to meet in person again.

Leadership

Alex Mansi and I have both been running explorers and would appreciate a third leader to give us flexibility if other commitments come up. I am starting a new job in August so am likely to be less available over the next year. We are sticking to fortnightly meetings to allow for our availability and other activities that the young people are involved in at this age.

Activities

We have had a varied programme again during the year including sessions on the Hollywood film era , global issues where we researched how to apply for asylum in the UK and how to live on a budget of four pounds a day and one on Aids activism planned by Alex which were fascinating and engaging for the explorers. We met at the war memorial on Remembrance Day with a traditional last minute scramble to find scouts willing to read war poems. They did so well an observer who had been a south London scout himself donated £500 to the group. At Christmas we finally managed our Christmas Carol singing at the DLR station after two years of restrictions though Paul had succumbed to covid just before, raising money for the 999 club in Deptford. We have continued to include a lot of active outdoors sessions where possible. We have had a couple of climbing sessions at the reach and a few of the explorers are now confident and competent climbers. We ran a session on leadership skills which the explorers then applied to running games and activities for the scouts, the important learning skill being how to get anyone to listen to instructions! We had a live yoga session having had some on line during the restrictions and learnt postures to correct the hunched over position from too much texting and staring at phones! Our next session will be swimming at the lido and we will invest the explorers at the conclusion of our programme this year with a BBQ outside in the garden. We join up with scouts for sessions intermittently and had a great bonfire night at a local scout centre. We completed planning for an expedition last autumn which had to be cancelled right at the last minute as three in the group went down with covid much to everyones disappointment. We will make it to summer camp this year for the first time in three years for a shorter camp at 11 Acres with the scouts.

Objectives for next year

We will aim to actually complete an expedition in the autumn so to dodge all the summer exams We would like to make use of growing plants and vegetables in the garden dramatically transformed by Cathy and Mike with support from other parents and use the space for bbq and outdoor events We will take a new cohort of explorers from scouts again this year and programme plan with those involved.

It has been great to see each other in person again after all this time and to have the enthusiasm of the explorers back on track.

We appreciate all the work Paul has put into scouts and the programme and the support he gives to us to run the section

Lucy Hickey (Explorer Leader, Astronomers)

...Youth Yomp

This year has seen further progression with making Royal Greenwich Scouts even more YouShape! It was great to see how well Royal Greenwich adapted and changed to fit the difficulties and the challenges of the pandemic, however since returning to face-to-face scouting it has been great to get back out there and speak to young people to make a difference in their scouting experience.

Last October we launched the YouShape award, with four badges to be achieved to develop young people's ability to plan, lead and represent in their scouting programme. Having spent over 2 years working with Youth Commissioners around the country it was great to see it launch, and it has been fantastic to see so many on the arms of young people around the district.

I was also lucky enough to attend the young leader training weekend where I got to speak about youth shaped scouting and the new awards. I also started a youth team through volunteers from this weekend. It has been great to see Abya, Alfred, Aine and Dylan become part of the team, you have probably seen them around the district popping up at different events.

The team did not hang about and were quickly involved in the planning of our district youth forums that were held in April; it was fantastic to see all the sections coming together to discuss what they wanted to see included in the district diary for next year. We also got some of the cubs to teach Alf what was considered cool in 2022!

As a result of the youth forum all the ideas were combined and as a district team we sat down and worked through the ideas and incorporated as many into our programme for next year. It will be great to see all our district events full of young people next year and sharing their ideas to make Royal Greenwich scouts even more Youth Shaped.

Joseph Shippam (District Youth Commissioner)

...the DC speaks ('cos Harvey can't).....

I really hope this is the last time I say "What a different type of year."

A year that started with some restrictions in place and Groups balancing these restrictions with getting back to their normal programmes. I know that some have found it difficult to get back to normality. It has proven more challenging than many thought. Then, all of a sudden, bang, everything clicked and, this glorious District has begun to get back to the high we were on before the world changed so dramatically in March 2020. Zoom still plays a part in our programme but, more as a side dish, rather than the main course.

There have been changes in the District Team. Jenny left the Beaver Dam after over 10 years at the helm. Lorraine took on the reigns and has helped the Beaver section go from strength to strength. I'm sure we will have over 100 Beavers at an event very, very soon. We also welcome Joseph, who took on the Youth Commissioner role just before lockdown started but has been able to get things going this year by forming a District Youth Team and help collate this year's Diary with ideas collected from this year's very successful Youth Forums. Welcome to the Team Aine, Abya, Alfred and Dylan.

Sadly, we lost three District legends. John, George and Angie supported me when I became DC at a very difficult time and were always there to give words of advice, when needed. We'll miss you all.

I said to the ADCs that, perhaps, we should start slowly with activities but, no, from our first activity with 30 Young Leaders attending a training weekend to the last, over 50 Cubs attending a fantastic Taskmaster competition, it has been one heck of a year. I'll leave it to the ADCs to talk about their activities. However, I will mention two. Our St George's Day couldn't have gone any better and highlighted what this District is all about, from car park duty to activity supervision, everyone just rolls their sleeves up and gets on with it. My highlight, however, was easily the District Stroll. Two years in the making, my thanks go to James, Stephen and Terry who entertained and supported my crazy idea of walking the District by joining me in training walks every Sunday. Then they joined me on the day (a flipping hot day at that), with Dylan, walking over 26 miles from Group to Group. No-one could have imagined what a day it would be. We were joined by young people every step of the way (except Blackheath Hill, don't know why?!) and to have over 500 young people join us was totally overwhelming. Let's not forget the refreshment suppliers (just loved the bananas), those that opened halls for our loo breaks, the parents that walked and those that waited around at the end to supply much needed alcoholic celebrations. An absolutely brilliant day. Next year's District Stroll is already in the planning!

I think the Estates Team should take a mahoosive bow. Each of our Centres has gone from strength to strength this year with our Camp Sites booked every weekend. They are all looking magnificent but there's still work to be done. Why not offer a weekend's work at one of our Sites? We need that Bouldering Wall finished, the Target Sports area completed and our Camp Fire circles refurbished. Go on, one weekend for us!

We have a new Group. Welcome 7th Royal Greenwich. It's great that the District can now offer Land, Air and Sea Scouts. Our numbers are nearly back to our 2020 levels and I'm sure we will be there and more at our next census. I seem to be giving out Wood Badges at every AGM I attend. It's amazing.

We aren't completely there yet. I still need to reinvigorate our Awards Evening, but you guys are making it harder and harder for me as every week sees more and more Chief Scouts Awards being presented. Between us all, we need to look at nominating adults for Awards and we need to have a big push with the Appointments Panel. There are some changes, challenges and refreshes ahead of us in the next year and we need to ensure that RG is ready and raring to go.

I can't finish without mentioning the DC's Challenge. I don't think Jamie or I ever thought we would achieve what we have, when he casually mentioned his idea to me at a meeting. The Pasta Mountain has gone. This District never ceases to amaze me. You really do make me proud to say I am the District Commissioner of Royal Greenwich. THANK YOU each and every one of you!!

John (The bloke that has to come along when you invite Harvey to an activity. I know my place!)

Our Wood Badges

Glenn Hall	1st Royal Greenwich
Sophie Sweeney	2nd Royal Eltham
Maria Alfaradhi	3rd Royal Greenwich
Marion Hardy	4th Royal Eltham
Paige Wiggins	8th Royal Eltham
Hannah Tilney	8th/15th Woolwich
Andy Hemment	9th Royal Eltham
Maria Wade	9th Royal Eltham
Ruby Shand	10th Royal Eltham
Anthony Ellis	36th Woolwich
Karen Dibben	38th Woolwich
Elizabeth Nash	46th Greenwich
Joe Shippam	46th Greenwich
Ali Edney	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Laura Wingrove	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Lucy Hickey	Astronomers

Our Length of Service Awards

5 years

Natalie Chisnell	2nd Royal Eltham
Ali Omar	3rd Royal Greenwich
Khadija Dabiri	3rd Royal Greenwich
Dean Oxlade	4th Royal Greenwich
Justin Walters	4th Royal Greenwich
Destiny Pincott	8th Royal Greenwich
Dolores Mansell	9th Royal Eltham
Anita Barlow	9th Royal Eltham
Pat Guard	27th Woolwich
Kirstie-Jane De Boick	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Ian Broughton	Gang Show SAS
Lin Bain	Gang Show SAS
Monique Lott	Target Sports SAS
Amy Lott	Target Sports SAS

10 years

Aaron Dunster	1st Royal Eltham
Andy Smith	3rd Royal Eltham
Diane Pincott	8th Royal Greenwich

Hannah Tilney	8th/15th Woolwich
Catriona Welch	13th Woolwich
Helen Snape	13th Woolwich
Lisa Cook	13th Woolwich
Samantha Gregory	40th Greenwich
Paul Woodgate	49th Greenwich
Suzanne Meredith	49th Greenwich
Irene Olaleye	51st Royal Greenwich SS
Julie Passanha	Gang Show SAS

15 years

Bev Jordan	4th Royal Greenwich
Win Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Ann French	8th Royal Eltham
Ann Cunnigham	13th Woolwich
James Vallely	27th Woolwich
Hayley Openshaw	54th Greenwich

20 years

Paul Howard	54th Greenwich
Andy Barber	DESC
Karen Crook	Gang Show SAS

25 years

Jenny Grant	District Shop Manager
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30 years

Andrew Crompton	Severndroog ESU
Alan Lyons	SAS
Pat Rauch	SAS
Joy Hayes	SAS

40 years

Bernie Kettle	4th Royal Eltham
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50 years

Norman Woodard	SAS
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District Commissioner Commendations

Joseph (Beaver, 7th Royal Greenwich)

Joseph decided to shave all his hair off to raise money for Brian Tumour Support after his little cousin was struck down with a tumour. A brave thing for a six year old to do and his efforts helped raise £501 for his cause.

Ben (Beaver, 49th Greenwich), Oisin (Cub, 36th Woolwich)

Ben and Oisin were amongst a group of young people who went along to Tesco in Woolwich to support the Greenwich Foodbank. A daunting task for anyone of any age. The seven and eight year old came along as two very shy young people but soon took charge and were such a great advert for Scouting. Ben guided people to the aisles where the food we wanted was. Oisin used his "cuteness" to persuade people to buy much needed food for the cause.

All day long shoppers who had been persuaded to part with goods, were telling me what a great pair they were and how proud we should all be to have such polite young people in our movement.



Royal Greenwich District Scouts
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SUMMARY
 April 2021 - March 2022

Total Funds 2021		General Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
£		£	£	£
171,611	Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	150,514	0	150,514
<u>93,176</u>	Total payments for the year (see page 3)	<u>136,438</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>136,438</u>
78,434	Net receipts/payments for the year	14,076	0	14,076
<u><u>200,098</u></u>	Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u><u>190,373</u></u>	<u><u>23,801</u></u>	<u><u>214,174</u></u>
	REPRESENTED BY			
	Monetary assets (see page 4)	<u><u>190,373</u></u>	<u><u>23,801</u></u>	<u><u>214,174</u></u>

These accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the provisions of s130 of The Charities Act 2011 and comply with the SORP: Accounting by Charities

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) on 18 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Scout Registration No
13919

Charity Registration No
1141023

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2022

Total Funds 2021 £		General Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
85,271		64,021	-	64,021
85,271	Membership Subscriptions	64,021	-	64,021
	District Premises Hires			
800	11 Acres Camp Site Hires	7,019	-	7,019
138	Avery Hill Premises Hires	3,666	-	3,666
-	Briset Road Premises Hires	1,170	-	1,170
-	Farjeon Road Premises Hires	3,750	-	3,750
60	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	520	-	520
998		16,125	-	16,125
	Donations and Grants			
-	Donations	1,582	-	1,582
84,656	Grants	53,768	-	53,768
84,656		55,350	-	55,350
	Scout Shop Income			
253	Avery Hill Badges & Shop	873	-	873
433	The Crescent Shop & Badges	5,628	-	5,628
685		6,501	-	6,501
	Other Income			
-	General Income	-	-	-
-	Special Activities	393	-	393
-	International	8,125	-	8,125
-	Twang and Bang	-	-	-
-		8,518	-	8,518
	Investment Income			
-	Bank interest received	-	-	-
0		-	-	0
171,611	Total Income	150,514	150,514	150,514

Scout Registration No
13919

Charity Registration No
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Royal Greenwich District Scouts
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2022

Total Funds 2021 £		General Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
0				
<u>0</u>				
	Membership fees paid to GLS County			
	Membership Fee Paid to GLS County	42,453	-	42,453
		<u>42,453</u>		<u>42,453</u>
	District Premises Expenditure			
6,025	Running Costs - General	13,140	-	13,140
4,033	11 Acres	9,202	-	9,202
6,934	Avery Hill	22,168	-	22,168
4,982	The Hub	7,236	-	7,236
2,882	ExNet	4,870	-	4,870
6,051	The Crescent	17,450	-	17,450
-	Capital projects expenditure		-	-
<u>30,908</u>		<u>74,067</u>		<u>74,067</u>
	Donations and Grants Payable			
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
1,638	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure		-	-
8,754	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure	9,461	-	9,461
<u>10,392</u>		<u>9,461</u>		<u>9,461</u>
	Other Expenditure			
1,115	General Expenditures	945	-	945
2,156	Activities	513	-	513
11,674	International trip	9,000	-	9,000
<u>2,757</u>	Twang & Bang			
<u>17,702</u>		<u>10,458</u>		<u>10,458</u>
<u>59,001</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>136,438</u>		<u>136,438</u>

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Royal Greenwich District Scouts
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2022

Total Funds 2021 £		General Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Monetary Assets			
200,098	Funds at bank	190,373	23,801	214,174
-	Fund holders in hand balances			-
0	Accrued payments not cleared through bank	0	0	0
200,098		190,373	23,801	214,174
	Non Monetary Assets (held for use by the Charity)			
	Land and Buildings			
65,469	11 Acres Camp Site	65,469	0	65,469
267,233	Avery Hill Premises	267,233	0	267,233
29,468	Farjeon Road Premises	29,468	0	29,468
192,672	Waverley Crescent Premises	192,672	0	192,672
41,255	Equipment furniture and fittings (insurance value)	41,255	0	41,255
596,097		596,097	0	596,097
	Creditors			
0	Liabilities (due within one year)	-	0	-
0	Liabilities (due after one year)	0	0	0
0	Contingent liabilities and future obligations	0	0	0
0		-	0	-
200,098	Net current assets (liabilities)			214,174
796,195	Total assets less current liabilities			810,271
796,195	Total net assets (liabilities)			810,271
	Charity funds			
717,761	Opening Balance Equity			796,195
78,434	Surplus/(Deficit)			14,076
796,195	Total Charity funds			810,271

Scout Registration No
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Charity Registration No
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Royal Greenwich District Scouts
Restricted Funds
As of March 31, 2022

Restricted Funds	
Graham Pugh	13,761
Development	5,040
Ripley Memorial Fund	5,000
Total Restricted Funds	23,801

Scout Registration No
13919

Charity Registration No
1141023

ROYAL GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 31ST MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ROYAL GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of Royal Greenwich District Scout Council for the period ended 31st March 2022, which is set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 these records. It 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 reasonable cause to believe that in any material 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 Royal Greenwich District Scout Council have not been met.

Signed Jordan Curnow Date 01 July 2022
Name J Curnow Qualification ACCA

Address Foreign & Commonwealth Office
 King Charles St
 SW1A 2AH

NEW GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1141023

Accounts



Annual Report 2020/21

Aims and Objectives

Royal Greenwich District Scout Council is an unincorporated association (operating as Royal Greenwich Scouts and with a registered charity name of New Greenwich District Scouts number 1141023.) constituted in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association (registered no.13919). It exists to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Groups (autonomous charities within the provisions of the same rules), in an area covered by The Royal Borough of Greenwich. And is supported under those rules by the Scout County of Greater London South, (Registered Charity no. 303883), covering the London Boroughs of Wandsworth, Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and Royal Greenwich.

The Scout Association (Registered Charity No. 306101) incorporated by Royal Charter to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The Charter of the Association provides for the making of bye-laws approved by Her Majesty in Council which, in turn, authorise the making of the rules referred to above (known as "Policy, Organization and Rules"). The District's Trustees are the District Executive Committee, who cannot act outside the Royal Charter, Bye-Laws and Rules of the Scout Association.

Our Purpose

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Values

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.

Our 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.

Our Vision

We are committed to the Aim and Method of the Scout Movement. Our long term vision is to continue to develop our Scout Groups so they...

- operate a programme that is relevant enjoyable, attractive and locally achievable,
- are equally available and accessible to all young people within the 6 to 25 age range in our area
- are effectively and appropriately supported by adult volunteers,
- have a positive image and identity,
- are growing,
- communicate effectively within Scouting and to the community.

Looking to the future, we can work together as a team, with a common purpose and with a clear direction. This will need a concerted effort from all our Commissioners, Leaders, Helpers, Administrators, Supporters, Groups and Units.

If we all play our part in delivering the best results for the future of Scouting in our District we can achieve a Scout District that:

- encourages the development of Scouting in our District so that all young people in Greenwich Borough have the opportunity to experience fun, friendship, everyday adventure, challenge and new experiences,
- supports all our adult volunteers so they feel recognised and valued and take pride in their Scouting,
- has an active and focused structure that will develop and maintain leader motivation through shared experiences; supported learning; strategic forward planning, clear governance and specific tailored support,
- provides a high quality, exciting programmes of activity at Group, District and District level delivered by reliable, experienced sectional teams who have abilities and skills appropriate for the role,
- provides training all adults whether leading, supporting or managing our Scout Groups which is appropriate, effective and innovative,
- Has a relevant, inspirational and supportive management structure with effective systems for communication.

Our District support structure delivers practical services that are accessible to all whatever their role. These include:

- support for the youth programme, including camping and adventurous activities,
- growth and development of the Movement in our District,
- coordination of our Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and our Local Scout Networks,
- ensuring that all our adult volunteers are vetted before they are authorised to undertake a role in the Movement,
- the formal appointment of adults,
- induction, training, motivation, review and development of adults in the District, including delivery of the Associations adult training programme in partnership with the County Training Team,
- the implementation of the policies and rules of the Association,
- relationships with other organisations and bodies,
- helping young people take part in decision making within our Groups, Districts and the District,
- support for our Scout Active Support Units,
- recommendations for decorations and awards,
- advice on financial and administrative matters, particularly relating to charity trusteeship,
- provide an effect chain of communication between our Scout Groups, Districts, County, Region and National Headquarters.

Registered Office:

Royal Greenwich District Scout Centre, 19 Waverly Crescent, London, SE18 7QT

President:

George Phipson CBE

Trustees

The following served as Trustees of the Charity during the year 14th July 2019 to 6th September 2020.

Ex-Officio

District Commissioner - John Sweeney

Chairman – Alf Philpott

Secretary –

Treasurer – Lucinda Denny

District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Andrew Barber

District Scout Network Commissioner – Samantha Midgeley

District Youth Commissioner – Joseph Shippam

DCs Nominations

Christopher Bishop - Chairman, Premises and Estates Sub-committee

Barry Matthews – Finance Sub-committee representative

Matthew Butterfield – Deputy District Commissioner

Lorraine Durrant

Dave Yates

Elected Members

James Vallely

Jenny Grant

Jo Graham

Stephen Ellis

Conway Tearle

Principal Bankers

LloydsTSB Bank Plc, Blackheath Village Branch

Custodian Trustee

The land and buildings vested in the District are held on its behalf by the Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

Sub-committees

The District has three sub-committees:

- Estates (Chair, Chris Bishop)
- Finance
- District Appointments Advisory Committee

***Our Reports***

... from the armchair

An entire year of ZOOM executive meetings have given us a fascinating insight into each other's home and has meant several unscheduled guests in the form of pets, and other halves bearing various forms of refreshment. Huge thanks to all who have served RG so well this year. All that aside, the year has been an intriguing one with the "generosity" of grants from Royal Greenwich and Bromley boroughs providing opportunity to give long needed care and attention to our centres across the district and beyond. Much has been done inside and out and many thank yous are due to our team of centre managers and volunteer labourers alike. Our estates team has seen some changes with Paul Howard and Paul Gosling taking up the mantle from Sammi Midgeley at The Hub as well as a new face coming soon to ExNet as Alan Gregory has stood down after a long period championing that site. Our grateful appreciation goes to both Sammi and Alan. Martyn, Chris, Andy and James continue their dedicated service. One exec member has had to stand down during the year due to work pressure and we warmly thank Dave Yates for his time with us in which he did much to champion The Hub.

To all of you "out there", from occasional helpers to those who manage to squeeze so much out of their "two hours a week" – a huge thank you as always. You have wrestled with most colours of the rainbow as restriction levels have fluctuated with inside/outside, numbers including adults/not including adults, group sizes of 12/15/30 or who knows how many and still found time to organise a programme! Hats off to you all.

Last and never least, our DC (and his trusty assistant – Harvey). Throughout ZOOM, illness and latterly a scalded hand, occasionally sustained by cake, he has been strong at the helm, keeping us all badgered, when necessary, updated frequently, praised when deserving and encouraged always.
Cheers John!

Onwards and upwards together.
Alf (District Chair)

...the DC is desperate for cake.....

You'll see that this year's report is a little shorter than normal. No Sectional ADC reports, no Estates report, just Alf and I rabbiting on. What more do you need?!

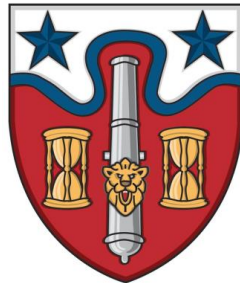
This isn't to say things haven't been happening. In fact our Estates team have been doing a brilliant job over the past few months. I'm sure you'll all see the benefits when you visit any of our buildings over the next few months. There is still work to be done, so don't be shy in volunteering. I would say I'd volunteer to make tea and coffee but I have an aversion to urns and boiling water at present. Our Sectional ADCs have changed tact over the past few months with each of them taking on groups, rather than Sections, to help out and guide. It's all been made easier with Groups helping each other out.

Our 20/21 diary went out the window, but nothing stopped. You lot continued to ZOOM and Facebook it. Yes, our numbers went down, but not by much. The majority of the District were operating at over 75% of previous numbers with one Group and two Units gaining in number. Yes, we lost a Group but we've got a new one opening very soon. It will come as no surprise to you all to learn that within 24 hours of the announcement that Nights Away experiences could start again I had over a dozen Nights Away Notifications (together with the dreaded Risk Assessments. Happy reading!) Our Appointments Team have continued to see people and with the influx of volunteers since the return of face-to-face Scouting, there is still a bit to do. It hasn't gone unnoticed that the ZOOM Training put on by County has been mainly attended by RG Leaders. I'm sure you will all agree that the Leaders in this District are A-MAZ-ING! Thank you all for thinking of our young people at this difficult time. I'm sure you were all having difficulties of your own but that didn't seem to matter. The actions of those involved in Scouting in RG never ceases to give me a lump in the throat.

What of the future? We aren't out of the woods yet. There are still adaptations to be made to the weekly meeting. There is still thought to be made when thinking about organising Nights Away. We have devised a District Diary for 21/22. We are already thinking about how we can run District events (and we will) with reviews taking place each term as to what we can and can't do. Hopefully, all of our postponed

events will be taking place, Young Leader Training has suffered over the last few months, thanks to an IT glitch, but we'll be back on track soon. There is going to be a huge emphasis on Adult Training by Gilwell over the next few months but we are in a good place, so we shouldn't suffer too much, but get that Training done! We've got a new Group, on the site of an old Group, opening in September. We'll be back to offering Land, Air and Sea Scouting. Other developments put on hold; a new group in Kidbrooke, and finding a new location in Thamesmead will start again. 20-4-20 will recommence in 2022. Obviously, with a new name! This is going to be a difficult year, but I know you all will rise to the challenge.

John (A man who has sadly missed out on a lot of cake as you don't get cake at Zoom AGMs)



Our Wood Badges

Natalie Chisnell	2 nd Royal Eltham
Kevin Garlick	9 th Royal Eltham
Larissa Hemment	9 th Royal Eltham
Nathan Pennington	9 th Royal Eltham
Helen Snape	13 th Woolwich
Michael Ellis	36 th Woolwich
Stuart Cunningham	38 th Woolwich
Liam Pape	49 th Greenwich
Rob Smithson	51 st Royal Greenwich Sea Scouts

Our Length of Service Awards

5 years

Carol Elliott	1st Royal Eltham
Charlie Turner	1st Royal Eltham
Richard Day	1st Royal Eltham
Adam Pryor	3rd Royal Eltham
Emma Jobson	3rd Royal Eltham
Emily Lofts	3rd Royal Eltham
Ruth Fancett	3rd Royal Eltham
Maria Alfaradhi	3rd Royal Greenwich
Adam Spooner	4th Royal Greenwich
Gemma Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Matt Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Samantha Campbell	4th Royal Greenwich
Paige Wiggins	8th Royal Eltham
Sean Mansell	9th Royal Eltham
Andy Hemment	9th Royal Eltham
Siobhan Pennington	9th Royal Eltham
Ceri Clarke	27th Woolwich
Malcolm Clarke	27th Woolwich
Stuart Cunningham	38th Woolwich
Elizabeth Proctor	40th Greenwich
Geraint Thomas	40th Greenwich

Lakshan Saldin	40th Greenwich
Matt Proctor	40th Greenwich
Andrew Eves	46th Greenwich
Elizabeth Nash	46th Greenwich
Tara Shippam	46th Greenwich
Jenny Graves	49th Greenwich
Lucy Hickey	Astronomers

10 years

Samantha Midgeley	1st Royal Greenwich
Sophie Sweeney	2nd Royal Eltham
Dawn Burton	3rd Royal Eltham
Sam Whitehead	3rd Royal Eltham
Lorraine Mansfield	4th Royal Eltham
Amber Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Win Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Ann Bigwood	13th Woolwich
Claire Emmett	27th Woolwich
Michael Salter	36th Woolwich
Sally Salter	36th Woolwich
Stuart Taylor	36th Woolwich
Ali Edney	51st Royal Greenwich Sea Scouts
Michaela Carey	51st Royal Greenwich Sea Scouts
Alex Mansi	Astronomers
Richard O'Shea	Gang Show

15 years

Russell Grant	1st Royal Eltham
Linda Reynolds	3rd Royal Eltham
Carolyn Player	3rd Royal Eltham
Terry Wiggins	8th Royal Eltham
Jade Scott	9th Royal Eltham
Amy Rope	27th Woolwich
Lindsey Wood	40th Greenwich
Alexandra Boyle	49th Greenwich
Hugh Boyle	49th Greenwich
Kevin Farrell	51st Royal Greenwich Sea Scouts

20 years

Mike Shand	4th Royal Greenwich
Nikki Green	9th Royal Eltham
Neil Scott	9th Royal Eltham
Emily Munden	27th Woolwich
Mark Blackett	36th Woolwich
Rachel Tobias	49th Greenwich
Michael Jordan	Gang Show
Karen Crook	Gang Show

25 years

Carol Malloch	1st Royal Eltham
Louise Ring	3rd Royal Eltham
Louis Pinto	Severndroog
Christine Graham	SAS

Graham Openshaw	ADC Cubs
Stephen Ellis	District Scout Leader
George Phipson	District President

30 years

Stephen Maxted	2nd Royal Eltham
Pauline Clarke	36th Woolwich
Stephen Silcock	49th Greenwich
Pat Rauch	SAS
Roger Hazelden	SAS

40 years

Diane Scott	9th Royal Eltham
Martin McDonough	27th Woolwich
Martyn Bain	Avery Hill Manager

50 years

Barry Munden	27th Woolwich
Bee Twidale	40th Greenwich
Christine Baker	40th Greenwich
Conway Tearle	40th Greenwich
Gwen Zammit	51st Royal Greenwich Sea Scouts
Joe Davis	SAS
Peter Eastwood	SAS

Our Merit Awards

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Richard Day	1st Royal Eltham
Aaron Thompson	3rd Royal Eltham
Emma Jobson	3rd Royal Eltham
Ruth Fancett	3rd Royal Eltham
Tim Lofts	3rd Royal Eltham
Mo Dabiri	3rd Royal Greenwich
Adam Spooner	4th Royal Greenwich
Gemma Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Matt Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Samantha Campbell	4th Royal Greenwich
Peter Tye	8th Royal Eltham
Kevin Garlick	9th Royal Eltham
Larissa Hement	9th Royal Eltham
Sean Mansell	9th Royal Eltham
Helen Snape	13th Woolwich
Stuart Taylor	36th Woolwich
Stuart Cunningham	38th Woolwich
Geraint Thomas	40th Greenwich
Richard O'Shea	Gang Show

Award for Merit

Win Cox	4th Royal Greenwich
Ann Cunningham	13th Woolwich
Jane Wainwright	13th Woolwich

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
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 April 2020 - March 2021

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	REPRESENTED BY			
	Monetary assets (see page 4)	<u>175,439</u>	<u>24,659</u>	<u>200,098</u>

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The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by:
 the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) on 4th September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Scout Registration No
13919

Charity Registration No
1141023

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2021

Total Funds 2020 £		General Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
61,851	Membership Subscriptions	85,271	-	85,271
61,851		85,271	-	85,271
	District Premises Hires			
2,081	11 Acres Camp Site Hires	800	-	800
5,215	Avery Hill Premises Hires	138	-	138
1,020	Briset Road Premises Hires	-	-	-
2,232	Farjeon Road Premises Hires	-	-	-
623	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	60	-	60
<u>11,171</u>		<u>998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>998</u>
	Donations and Grants			
1,141	Donations	-	-	-
-	Grants	84,656	-	84,656
<u>1,141</u>		<u>84,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,656</u>
	Scout Shop Income			
2,648	Avery Hill Badges & Shop	253	-	253
6,338	The Crescent Shop & Badges	433	-	433

8,986		685	685
	Other Income		
-	General Income	-	-
216	Special Activities	-	-
9,472	International	-	-
2,272	Twang and Bang	-	-
<u>11,960</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	Investment Income		
	Bank interest received	-	-
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
144,649	Total Income	171,611	171,611

Scout Registration No
13919

Charity Registration No
1141023

Royal Greenwich District Scouts
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2021

Total Funds 2020 £		General Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<u>0</u>	Membership fees paid to GLS County			
0	Membership Fee Paid to GLS County	50,949	-	50,949
		50,949		50,949
	District Premises Expenditure			
6,025	Running Costs - General	3,287	-	3,287
4,033	11 Acres	2,941	-	2,941
6,934	Avery Hill	11,250	-	11,250
4,982	The Hub	12,449	-	12,449
2,882	ExNet	5,102	-	5,102
6,051	The Crescent	6,280	-	6,280
-	Capital projects expenditure	-	-	-
<u>30,908</u>		<u>41,308</u>		<u>41,308</u>
	Donations and Grants Payable			
-	Jack Petchey		-	-
-				-
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
1,638	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure		-	-
8,754	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure		-	-
<u>10,392</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
	Other Expenditure			
1,115	General Expenditures	919	-	919
2,156	Activities		-	-
11,674	International trip		-	-
2,757	Twang & Bang		-	-
<u>17,702</u>		<u>919</u>		<u>919</u>
59,001	TOTAL PAYMENTS	93,176	-	93,176

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Royal Greenwich District Scouts
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2021

Total Funds 2020 £		General Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Monetary Assets				
87,888	Funds at bank	176,297	23,801	200,098
618	Fund holders in hand balances			-
0	Accrued payments not cleared through bank	0	0	0
88,506		176,297	23,801	200,098
Non Monetary Assets (held for use by the Charity)				
Land and Buildings				
65,469	11 Acres Camp Site	65,469	0	65,469
267,233	Avery Hill Premises	267,233	0	267,233
29,468	Farjeon Road Premises	29,468	0	29,468
192,672	Waverley Crescent Premises	192,672	0	192,672
41,255	Equipment furniture and fittings (insurance value)	41,255	0	41,255
596,097		596,097	0	596,097
Creditors				
0	Liabilities (due within one year)	-	0	-
0	Liabilities (due after one year)	0	0	0
0	Contingent liabilities and future obligations	0	0	0
0		-	0	-
124,613	Net current assets (liabilities)			200,098
720,710	Total assets less current liabilities			796,195
720,710	Total net assets (liabilities)			796,195
Charity funds				
681,497	Opening Balance Equity			717,761
36,593	Surplus/(Deficit)			78,434
718,090	Total Charity funds			796,195

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Royal Greenwich District Scouts
Restricted Funds
As of March 31, 2021

Restricted Funds	
Graham Pugh	13,761
Development	5,040
Ripley Memorial Fund	5,000
Total Restricted Funds	23,801

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ROYAL GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 31ST MARCH 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ROYAL GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of Royal Greenwich District Scout Council for the period ended 31st March 2021, which is set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 these records. It 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 reasonable cause to believe that in any material 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 Royal Greenwich District Scout Council have not been met.

Signed Jordan Curnow Date 01 July 2021

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