



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

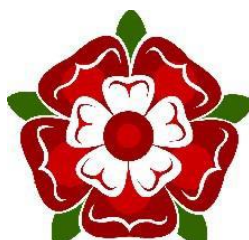
Custodian Trustee

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-invigorate 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
136,438	Total payments for the year (see page 3)	174,754	0	174,754
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

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INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Total Funds 2022 £		General Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<u>64,021</u>	Membership Subscriptions	<u>82,041</u>	-	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
<u>520</u>	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	<u>631</u>	-	<u>631</u>
16,125		21,573		21,573
	Donations and Grants			
1,582	Donations		50,070	50,070
<u>53,768</u>	Grants		-	-
55,350		-	50,070	50,070
	Scout Shop Income			
873	Avery Hill Badges & Shop	166	-	166
<u>5,628</u>	The Crescent Shop & Badges	<u>8,640</u>	-	<u>8,640</u>
6,501		8,806		8,806
	Other Income			
-	General Income	890	-	890
393	Special Activities	1,092	-	1,092
<u>8,125</u>	International	<u>46,900</u>	-	<u>46,900</u>
8,518		48,882		48,882
150,514	Total Income	161,302	50,070	211,372

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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
42,453		55,436		55,436
	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		-	-
74,067		57,622		57,622
	Donations and Grants Payable			
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
-	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure	84	-	84
9,461	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure	9,252	-	9,252
9,461		9,336		9,336
	Other Expenditure			
945	General Expenditures	1,020	-	1,020
513	Activities	4,250	-	4,250
9,000	International trip	47,090	-	47,090
10,458		52,360		52,360
136,438	TOTAL PAYMENTS	174,754		174,754

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

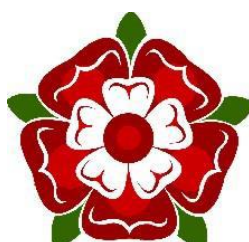
Custodian Trustee

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-invigorate 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
136,438	Total payments for the year (see page 3)	174,754	0	174,754
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 £
<u>64,021</u>	Membership Subscriptions	<u>82,041</u>	-	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
<u>520</u>	Waverley Crescent Premises Hires	<u>631</u>	-	<u>631</u>
16,125		21,573		21,573
	Donations and Grants			
1,582	Donations		50,070	50,070
<u>53,768</u>	Grants		-	-
55,350		-	50,070	50,070
	Scout Shop Income			
873	Avery Hill Badges & Shop	166	-	166
<u>5,628</u>	The Crescent Shop & Badges	<u>8,640</u>	-	<u>8,640</u>
6,501		8,806		8,806
	Other Income			
-	General Income	890	-	890
393	Special Activities	1,092	-	1,092
<u>8,125</u>	International	<u>46,900</u>	-	<u>46,900</u>
8,518		48,882		48,882
150,514	Total Income	161,302	50,070	211,372

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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
42,453		55,436		55,436
	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		-	-
74,067		57,622		57,622
	Donations and Grants Payable			
	Scout Shop Expenditure			
-	Avery Hill Shop Expenditure	84	-	84
9,461	Waverley Crescent Shop Expenditure	9,252	-	9,252
9,461		9,336		9,336
	Other Expenditure			
945	General Expenditures	1,020	-	1,020
513	Activities	4,250	-	4,250
9,000	International trip	47,090	-	47,090
10,458		52,360		52,360
136,438	TOTAL PAYMENTS	174,754		174,754

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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

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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

ROYAL GREENWICH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO 31ST MARCH 2023

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 Lee Williams Date 01 July 2023
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