

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1145948

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-02-16

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: The aim of the Scout Association and its constituent bodies is 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.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,374	£46,282	-	-
2024-03-31	£53,745	£42,944	-	-
2023-03-31	£71,638	£61,090	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,762	£38,000	-	-
2021-03-31	£41,971	£28,293	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Jon Ensom	Chair	2022-11-10
ADRIAN BURTON		2014-09-04
Andrew Mole		2024-05-09
James Vernon Parker		2020-07-01
Peter Nicholas Hapgood		2014-09-04
Song Hak Thomas Bartlett		2024-12-17
Suze Shardlow		2014-09-01
Victoria Petal Kernahan		2025-07-08

Accounts

Wandsworth District Scout Council

Annual Report 2024 - 2025



Registered Charity : **1145948**

Chairperson's Report

As always my thanks go to all our volunteers across the district who contribute toward Scouting in Wandsworth. I continue to be in awe of the achievements of our children and young people who are supported by caring, dedicated, multitalented leaders and the wider volunteers who put things in place in groups to help those leaders provide safe spaces and positive activities. As with last year, Scouting has continued to develop through a range of changes and transitions around new ways of working in person and digitally across the movement, including here in Wandsworth. I am very aware of the additional burden this has for those of you leading groups and sections. I am grateful for your perseverance and diligence in adapting and working through the teething problems that have been present as you have managed those changes. One of the most challenging and demanding roles in Scouting must be the Group Lead Volunteer, and I know that this challenge has been even bigger in that role - so a special thanks to everyone one of you - for all you do!

Andrew has been working alongside our new Youth Lead, Song Bartlett, in getting to know all the groups across the district and also supporting some of our young people in getting involved in shaping Scouting for the future. It was great to hear about the trip that the County Youth Lead, Joseph Shippam made with Youth Leads to Oxford to contribute to the forthcoming national strategy. Andrew and I were privileged to join the County contingent to Summit 25 in Birmingham to participate in the same conversation, and it was great to have our own Youth Lead, Song Bartlett presenting at the County Conference that followed, where a large group of Young Leaders joined delegates including from Wandsworth considering long term plans.

I would like to extend our thanks to Abid Shoaib, who stepped down in March following a number of years service as a trustee due to increasing professional commitments. I am grateful to the trustees who continue supporting as critical friends to the district (Adrian Burton, Suze Shardlow and Peter Hapgood). We thank Peter in particular as he has stepped up this year to assist with managing our day to day finances and also to work in background tasks as a number of folks have left or come into new roles. Thank you also to Russell Jones who continues to regularly travel to London to serve actively alongside me as a trustee on the South London Scouts Trustee Board; and to all the Group Trustee Board members and officers across the district for all that you contribute. We do need to build up capacity in our District Trustee Board, and so if you do know of anyone who could be interested please do encourage them to speak with me or Andrew about the opportunity!

Thank you to all the volunteers and adult leaders supported by a growing contingent of young leaders and volunteers across the groups who give their time each week to offer safe, fun and challenging activities for children of all ages. Whilst we have had one group close in the past year, we look forward to news of one brand new group opening this year, and another becoming more active again. Our Census figures are included in this report and show a stability in numbers and some modest growth in youth numbers in line with the County and national trends. As our District Leadership Team develops in the new structure we are also looking forward to supporting our Explorer Units in greater collaboration and stronger governance in the coming year.

As always, I am aware that beyond your sections and groups many of you also give your time to come together for bigger District events including the Incident Hike, Cross Country, Activity Day and Water Activity Days, and joint camps. The plans for a District Camp in 2026 are an exciting addition to this partnership across the district. Your skill, compassion and creativity continue to make such a difference to young people in an increasingly challenging world where the costs of living for families and carers, and the wellbeing needs of young people are significant, and the value of safe spaces with trusted adults can never be underestimated.

Finally, and most importantly thank you also once again to all the young people and their families and carers who have participated in Scouting this year in Wandsworth. It is always a pleasure to see you succeeding in new challenges and getting involved positively in your communities.

Ben Ensom, District Chair

District Lead Volunteer's Annual Report

Thank you all so much for coming this evening. So good to see so many of you here.

I'm really honoured to be the District Lead Volunteer of this great District as Wandsworth continues to grow and I feel there are more exciting times ahead.

What an amazing year we've had. Thank you to all of you who helped put on District activities. We've held a water day, an activity day at Walton Firs and plans are well advanced for these events this year. We had an excellent Incident hike for all sections which was really well attended. The Beavers had a Christmas Sleepover with Father "yours truly" Christmas making an appearance, Only two of them tried to pull my beard.

Plans are already afoot for next years programme including a District Camp at Skreens Park.

But it's not just the District program that we have, all of you have put time aside to run camps and activities from bowling to skating to evening visits to local parks and attractions. Thank you to you all.

Along with Ben I was very honoured to be invited to Summit 25 as part of the South London contingent. This was a national conference spread over a weekend in Birmingham where we had the chance to listen to the associations plans for the next ten years, there were some great guest speakers and an opportunity for us to have a say in the future. We then had our own county conference so that we could share Summit 25 with you and I'm happy to say that Wandsworth was represented.

We managed to recruit Song as our first District Youth Lead, if you've not met him yet then it's only a matter of time as he is very keen.

My thanks must go to Ben who understands the ways of the Trustee Board so much more than me and ensures that everything runs smoothly. Thank you to James for preparing the accounts and to all members of the Trustee Board. Thanks to Matt for always being on the end of the phone. Thank you to you the leaders for making sure that our young people have a fun and fulfilling program. Thanks to Ben and members of the 1st EP for their hospitality.

Andrew Mole, District Lead Volunteer

Interim Treasurer's Report on financial activities 2024 / 25

presented to the AGM 8 July 2025

The District accounts ended the year with cash balance of £67,496 and in good health. A payment was made after the year end on 12/4/2025 of £37,012 to County for membership dues. All membership invoices totalling £39,615 were issued by 22nd May, with £18,867 now 3 weeks overdue. £120 remains outstanding on for minibus hire. The District has no creditors at today's date and today's bank balance is £54,621.

Due to a family illness, I'm sorry to say that the accounts were not attended to for much of the year and as of today's AGM are yet to be fully prepared and scrutinised for 2024-25. However the accounts for 2023-24 and 2024-25 are being moved to a recognised accounting software, Xero, in the next few weeks and will be scrutinised by a local firm of accountants (WSM Partners of Wimbledon) in order to be ready for submission in good time to the Charities Commission (the due date for which is 31/12/2025). WSM Partners will perform the scrutiny pro bono. *[Updated note made by the Chair following the AGM : We have now agreed that a nominal fee will be paid to the independent scrutineers in keeping with the rules and expectations they have advised us are set for this activity.]*

The transfer work to Xero is already under way and I am confident this will give the members and Trustees, much better and timely information.

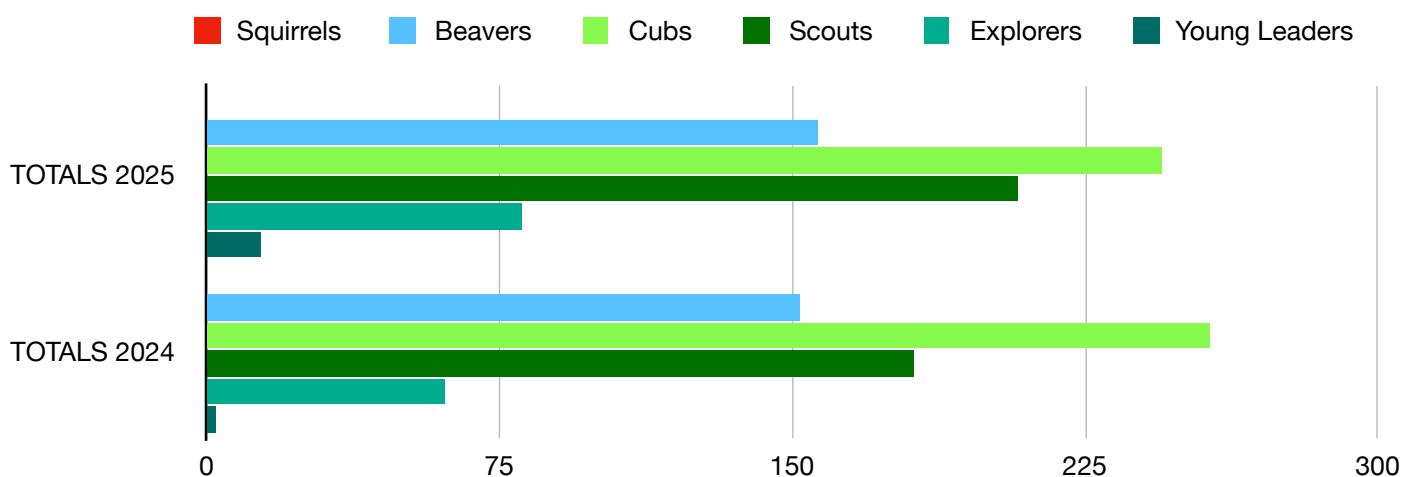
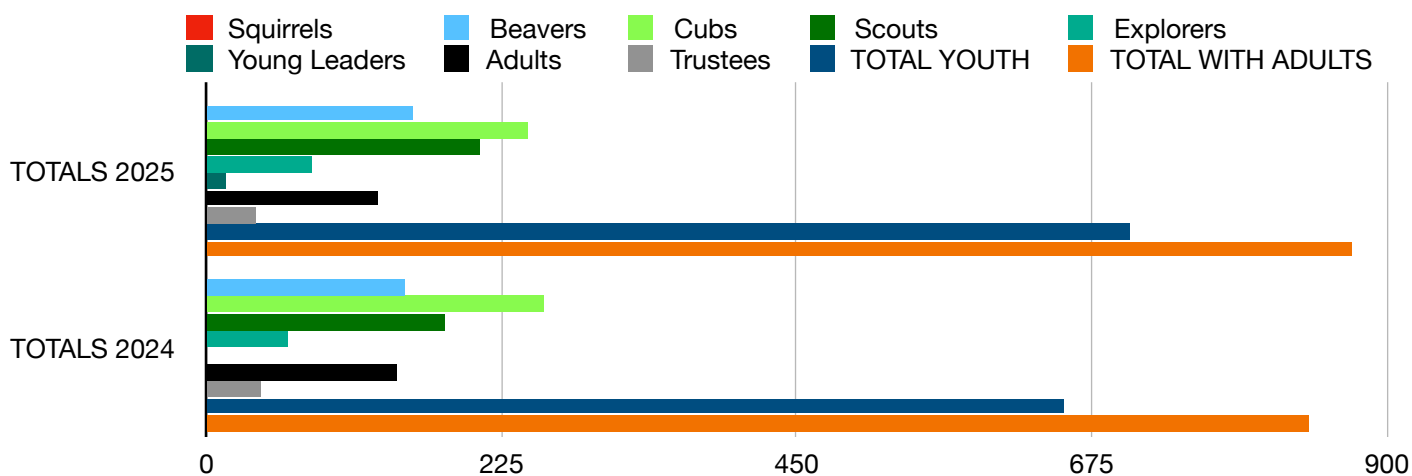
I am very grateful to the Trustees who stepped in last year to do invoicing and collecting and making payments etc, principally Peter Hapgood.

James Parker

District Treasurer

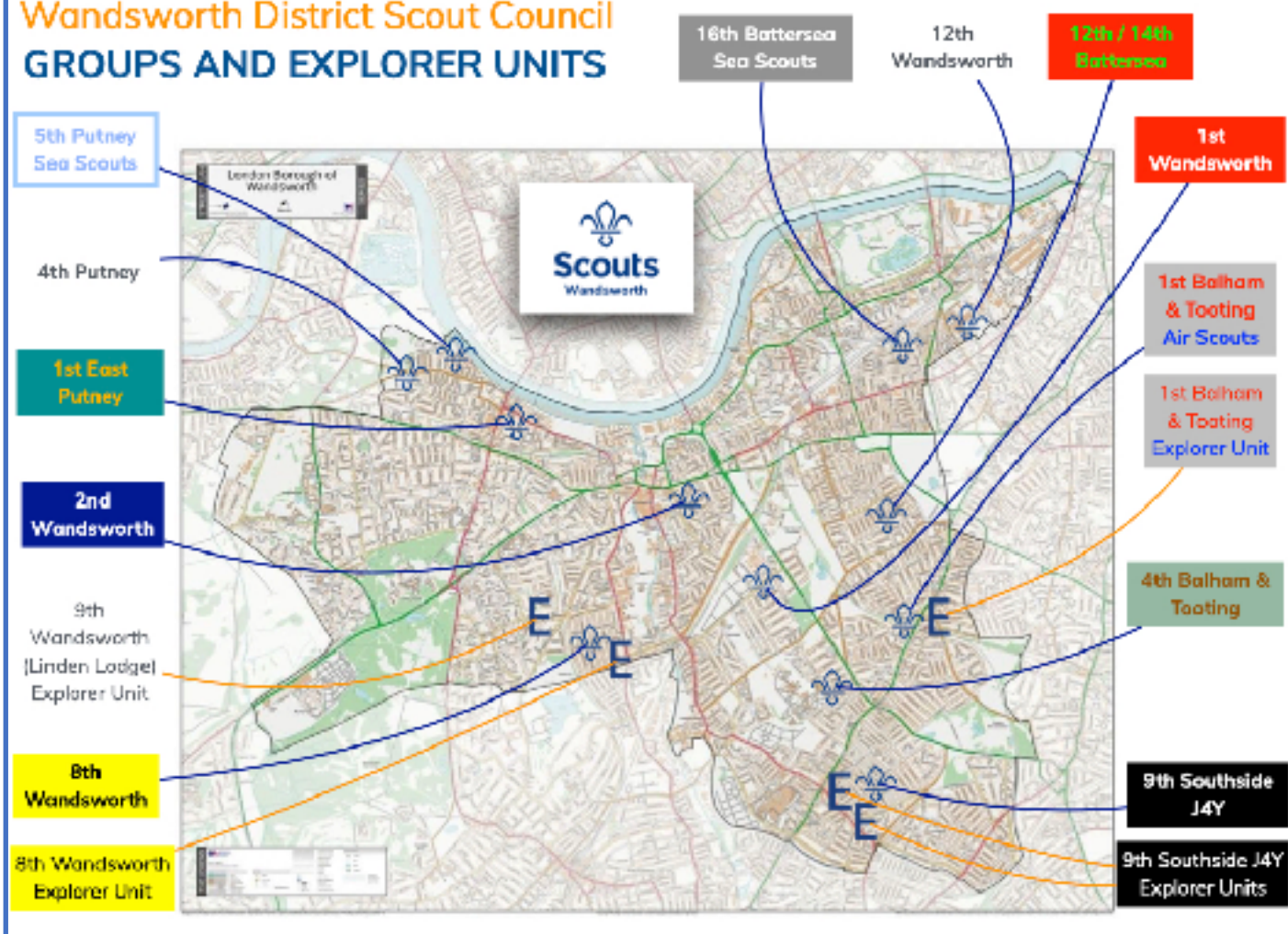
Wandsworth District Scouts - Census Data - *2024 & 2025

	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Young Leaders	Adults	Trustees	TOTAL YOUTH	TOTAL WITH ADULTS
TOTALS 2025	0	157	245	208	81	14	130	38	705	873
TOTALS 2024	0	152	257	181	61	2	145	42	653	840



*The figures for 2024 do not include the young people registered in the Census with the now closed 11th Wandsworth.

Wandsworth District Scout Council GROUPS AND EXPLORER UNITS



Wandsworth District Leadership Team



With thanks to Ben Jeffreys for the second graphic showing the District Leadership Team

Treasurer's Report on financial activities 2024 / 25

presented to the EGM 9 December 2025

Income for the District amounted to £42,374 in the 12 months to 31st March 2025, comprising principally of Membership Fees income of £35,190 and the Activity Days of £2,450. Income was lower by £11,371, largely due to the timing of receipts.

Income for the Minibus was £1,490 against its running expense of £1,142. Minibus income was £100 less than the previous year.

Overall within the financial year, the District spent £3,908 more than it received, resulting in a cash balance at year end of £63,046, a very healthy position, given the District's income and expenditure is managed to be broadly neutral.

As of 5th December 2025 the bank balance stands at £61,051. All 2025 Membership Fees have been paid, with the exception of 12th / 14th Battersea Westside Scouts who changed Trustees in May 2025 and are consequently experiencing delays in changing mandates. £7,068 is outstanding.

Since the AGM in July all transitions have been input to the new accounting software (Xero), reconciled and scrutinised by the a professional local accounting firm. In future we also intend to directly issue invoices from Xero and provide links to have payments made online.

James Parker

District Treasurer

Independent Scrutineer's Report on the Accounts for 2024 / 25

presented to the EGM 9 December 2025

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st MARCH 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 4

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Chris Gatto

Name: Christopher Gatto
Address: WSM Advisors, Connect House, 133-137 Alexandra Road
..... Wimbledon
..... SW19 7JY

Date: 9 December 2025

Wandsworth District Scouts Council

Extraordinary General Meeting to consider 2024/25 Accounts

Tuesday 9th December 2025 (7.30pm) on MS Teams

AGENDA

1. Introductions & Welcome

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

Purpose to present and approve the Accounts for 2024/25.

Review of the previous year

3. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including : the Chair's Annual Report; and the annual Statement of Accounts.

Any other business

4. Any other business

Closing Remarks

Wandsworth District Scouts Council

Extraordinary General Meeting to consider 2024/25 Accounts

Tuesday 9th December 2025 (7.30pm) on MS Teams

MINUTES

1. Introductions & Welcome

Ben Ensom welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for their time in coming to consider the Annual Accounts, and thanked everyone who had also attended the AGM in the Summer for coming along to this additional meeting.

Ben facilitated introductions to everyone on the call to one another, including highlighting the different roles in County, District and Groups.

2. Attendance

- **Ben Ensom** (District Chair), **James Parker** (District Treasurer), **Andrew Mole** (District Lead Volunteer), **Song Bartlett** (District Youth Lead), **Peter Hapgood** (District Trustee), **Suze Shardlow** (District Trustee), **Vicky Kernahan** (District Trustee), **Judith Freeman** (County Lead Volunteer), **Birgit** (1st Wandsworth Lead Volunteer), **Chris Hayes** (5th Putney Lead Volunteer), **Chrissie White** (16th Battersea Lead Volunteer), **Andy White** (16th Battersea), **Russell Jones** and **Linda Hurford**.

Apologies for absence

- **Ben Jeffreys** and group (1st East Putney Lead Volunteer), **Tom Ripley** and group (4th Balham & Tooting Lead Volunteer) and **Matt Butterfield** (County Growth, Community Engagement and Volunteer Services Manager)

Purpose to present and approve the Accounts for 2024/25.

Review of the previous year

3. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including : the Chair's Annual Report; and the annual Statement of Accounts.

James Parker presented the accounts and ran through his report on financial year 2024-2025 - please see the report within the Annual Report and the separate document for the accounts.

Ben confirmed with James that the scrutineers had approved the accounts - please see the signed statement from them within the Annual Report.

Everyone present unanimously accepted and approved the accounts through a show of hands.

Any other business

4. Any other business

There were no items of any other business.

Closing Remarks

Judith thanked everyone for all that they do in Scouting across the District, and in particular then highlighted the hard work that treasurers put in at District and Group level, which she appreciates is a significant piece of work with chasing and organising payments and navigating banking and accounting requirements etc. Judy highlighted the work that will now come with census and memberships being managed in the coming weeks, and reminded everyone that the adult figures for groups will come this year from the membership system.

Ben thanked everyone for all that they do in their governance roles at District and Group Level and also those present who also have roles in leadership for all that they do to support activities for young people across the District.

Andrew thanked Ben and James for pulling together the accounts and EGM and everyone for attending.

All three wished everyone a restful and happy festive season and a good new year!

Wandsworth District Scouts Council - Annual General Meeting to be held on

Tuesday 8th July (7pm for a 7.30pm start) at 1st East Putney, 42 Oxford Road, SW15 2LQ.

AGENDA

1. Introduction & welcome

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th July 2024

Governance topics

4a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

4b. Note the District's financial year.

4c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

4d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees

Review of the previous year

5a. Lead Volunteers' Annual Review of Scouting in the District

5b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including : the Chair's Annual Report; and the annual Statement of Accounts.

Making appointments

6a. Election of District Chair - *this role is not due for election this year (Ben Ensom 2024-27)*

6b. Appointment of District Administrator (not a trustee)

6c. Election of District Treasurer - *this role is not due for election this year (James Parker 2024-27)*

6d. To elect persons to the District Trustee Board

The following trustees are not due for election this year having been elected in 2024 and therefore eligible to serve to 2027 : Adrian Burton, Suze Shardlow, and Peter Hapgood.

6e. To appoint an Independent Examiner

The Chair and Treasurer are recommending a change to **WSM Partners** (in Wimbledon)

7. Any other business

8. Address by the County Lead and Youth Lead and/or Development Officer

9. Presentation(s) of Award(s)

Closing Remarks.

Wandsworth District Scout Council - Annual General Meeting to be held on

Tuesday 8th July (7pm for a 7.30pm start) at 1st East Putney, 42 Oxford Road, SW15 2LQ.

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Introduction & welcome

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from : **Judy Freeman**, County Lead Volunteer, and Group Lead Volunteers: **Birgit Johnson**, 1st Wandsworth, **Ben Jeffreys**, 1st East Putney, and **Tom Ripley**, 4th Balham and Tooting, and **Isabel Ogilive-Smith**, 16th Battersea.

A list was passed around to capture those in attendance : **Ben Ensom** (District Chair), **Andrew Mole** (District Lead Volunteer), **Song Bartlett** (District Youth Lead), **Suze Shardlow** (Trustee via MS Teams), **James Parker** (District Treasurer), **Peter Hapgood** (Trustee), **Chris Hayes**, **Francesco Marasco**, **Christine White**, **Tom Bush**, **Luke Williams**, **Vicky Kernahan**, **Alex Hamber**, **Alan Narroway**, **Janet Simpson**, and **Mark Tendan** a guest of Song Bartlett. **Joseph Shippam** (County Youth Lead) and **Matt Butterfield** (County Development Officer) were both in attendance from South London Scouts.

To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th July 2024

The Chair proposed that the minutes be approved, which was done through a show of all green cards.

Governance topics

4a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

The Chair proposed that, as in the past two years, we continue to adopt the model constitution for Districts inline with The Scout Association guidance, which was agreed by a show of all green cards.

4b. Note the District's financial year - the Chair confirmed this is from the 1 April to 31 March.

4c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

The Chair that we continue to have a trustee board of a maximum of 12 people with 8 trustees being elected in addition to the District Lead Volunteer and Youth Lead who sit on the board as part of their role and the elected Chair and Treasurer. This was approved by a show of all green cards.

4d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees

The Chair proposed that the quorum for the Scout Council continue to be a minimum of 9 people, and the Trustee Board be a quorum equal to a third of the current membership plus one, as had been agreed in the previous two year. This was approved by a show of all green cards.

Review of the previous year

5a. Lead Volunteers' Annual Review of Scouting in the District

Andrew read his Annual Review, which has now been included in the Annual Report.

5b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including :

the Chair's Annual Report;

Ben thanked everyone for their contributions to Scouting across Wandsworth and summarised his main reflections and thanks from his Annual Report (hard copies provided to all who attended).

the annual Statement of Accounts.

Ben explained that an extraordinary meeting of the Scout Council will be organised online to review the full accounts when they are prepared in a few weeks, and then James spoke to the interim report he had provided to the meeting (hard copies shared) and apologised that the accounts were not available in full today. James thanked the other trustees including particularly Peter Hapgood for their assistance during the transition this year.

Making appointments

6e. To appoint an Independent Examiner - The Chair and Treasurer recommended a change to WSM Partners (in Wimbledon). This was approved by a show of all green cards.

6a. Election of District Chair - *this role is not due for election this year (Ben Ensom 2024-2027)*

6b. Appointment of District Administrator (not a trustee) - Song Bartlett helpfully highlighted that we are seeking someone to fill this role, and so if anyone is interested we would welcome them contacting the Chair / Lead Volunteer. The Chair briefly described the role of keeping records whilst not being a trustee / decision maker in order to ensure neutrality and accuracy of the records.

6c. Election of District Treasurer - *this role is not due for election this year (James Parker 2024-2027)*

6d. To elect persons to the District Trustee Board

The following trustees are not due for election this year having been elected in 2024 and therefore eligible to serve to 2027 : Adrian Burton, Suze Shardlow, and Peter Hapgood.

Given there are vacancies for the board, Ben explained we will communicate in the coming year with parents/ carers and a special school linked with our Explorer Units to seek representation from them.

Having received no interest / nominations prior to the meeting, Ben then made an open invitation to anyone present at the meeting to express an interest in joining the Trustee Board.

Mark Tendan expressed an interest, and given he is not currently a member of the Scout Association, Ben agreed to share further information with him about the role and explore this with the Board. In addition to being co-opted / elected, Mark would require the appropriate checks, training and onboarding to join the movement should he go on to formally express an interest.

Vicky Kernahan who is an existing member of the Scout Association and a Beaver Section Leader at 16th Battersea expressed an interest and discussed the role with Ben prior to him then recommending that the meeting consider a vote to elect her to the board. Ben invited her to introduce herself to the meeting, and she was duly elected by a show of all green cards.

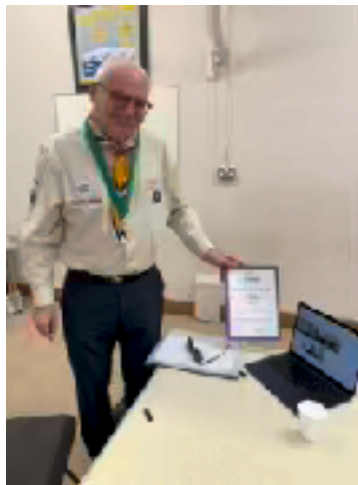
7. Any other business

8. Address by the County Youth Lead, Joseph Shippam

Joseph addressed the meeting and summarised the work that he has been doing across the County to develop the roles of the Youth Leads in each District and to promote youth voice and participation in decision making and planning by young people.

9. Presentation of awards by the Lead Volunteer - 10 years service - Suze Shardlow

Andrew presented Suze Shardlow with her 10 years service award, and thanked her for support to Scouting in her role as a District Trustee. (As she was receiving through the magic of wifi, her award was to be posted to her ASAP.)



10. Notices in respect of the Alexander Fund, and the District Activity Day, Peter Hapgood

Peter drew the meetings' attention to the availability of grants and offered some helpful advice around applications, timings and promoted groups' use of the funds. More information can be found at : AlexanderFund.org

Peter also highlighted the opportunity for some more young people to join the District Activity Fund day (with around 200 already signed up places will soon be filled) and asked for support in seeking more helpers for the day as at this stage we have around 25 signed up and need around 50. The District Activity Day will be taking place again at Walton Firs on Saturday 13 September 2025.

Closing Remarks.

The Chair thanked 1st East Putney for the venue, and again thanked everyone for giving up their time on a sunny evening to come and join us .He closed the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments prior to leaving.

Wandsworth District Scout Council - Annual General Meeting held on

18th July 2024 at Battersea Scout Centre

15 Wickersley Road, London, SW11 5QS

1. Introduction & welcome (Chair)

Ben Ensom, District Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He also extended thanks to the 16th Battersea Scout Group for hosting the meeting.

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

A list was taken of those in attendance, including: **Andrew Mole** (Lead Volunteer), **Ben Ensom** (Chair), **Suze Shardlow** (Trustee via Zoom), **James Parker** (Trustee and incoming Treasurer via Zoom), **Abid Shoaib** (Trustee), **Francesco Maresco-Rinieri** (former Treasurer/ outgoing Trustee), **Sammy Clarke** (Secretary), **Peter Hapgood** (Trustee), **Christine White**, **Andy Masson**, **Jade Higgans**, **Francis McElvenney**, **Simon Wood**, **Russell Jones** and **Linda Hurford**, and guests from Lambeth District and South and South East London County : **Alan Walker** (Lambeth District Chair) and **Wendy Hutcheson** (Lambeth District Lead), **Alfie Francis** (County Chair), and **Matt Butterfield** (County Development Officer).

Apologies were received from **Birgit Johnson**, **Tom Ripley**, **Helen Dexter**, **Sarah Dimbleby**, **Coyes Nahar**, **Maryam**, **Tanzila Anwar**, **Abdullah Abdus-Samee**, **Adrian Burton** (Trustee), and **Richard Williams**, Regional Lead Volunteer and Interim County Lead Volunteer.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting in 2023 were circulated and a show of hands indicated unanimous approval for them as a record of the meeting.

Governance topics

4a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

A show of hands indicated unanimous approval that we continue to adopt (as in 2023) the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules for a District Scout Council. The constitution had been adopted at the previous AGM and includes the new ways of working and terms including the Board of Trustees.

4b. Note the District's financial year.

The Chair noted that the District's financial year continues to be from 1 April to 31 March.

4c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

The Chair noted that a maximum of twelve people including the Chair, Treasurer, Lead Volunteer and a District Youth Lead could serve on the Trustee Board in line with the model constitution. He proposed that the meeting approve that position, and a show of hands indicated unanimous approval.

4d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees

The Chair proposed that the quorum for the District Scout Council continue to be a minimum of nine members being present for meetings of the Scout Council including the AGM. This was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

The Chair also recommended that inline with Charity Commission guidelines we continue to require that Trustee Boards have a minimum of one third of the trustees plus one for decisions to be made by the board. This was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Review of the previous year

The Chair extended his thanks to all volunteers across the District, including the trustees for the District and Groups. He summarised his review of the year and thanks from his report, which was also shared in hard copy at the beginning of the meeting. He also thanked those key District Trustees and Volunteers who had stepped down this year or were stepping down from roles at this stage.

5a. Lead Volunteers' Annual Review of Scouting in the District

The Chair welcomed Andrew Mole to his first Wandsworth AGM in his role as our District Lead Volunteer and offered thanks to the outgoing District Commissioners, Peter Hapgood and Christine White. The Chair invited Andrew to give his first annual review in the role. Andrew read his annual review of the year.

5b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts

The Chair thanked Francesco Maresco-Rinieri for his prior service as District Treasurer and also for his assistance in pulling together the annual accounts for the year with our new Treasurer, James Parker.

The summary of accounts was presented in hard copies to the meeting, which continue to be healthy and similar in nature to previous years.

Making appointments

The Chair explained that the Scout Association had asked that all trustee boards refresh their membership this year, and that all positions on the board are now to be elected at the AGM. The trustees had circulated a form where nominations could be made for election to the board, and for the Chair and Treasurer roles. 25 people responded to the form and multiple nominations were received for all those being put forward for election this evening. Those elected at this AGM can serve for up to three years (starting from this AGM) prior to needing to be re-elected (and can only be elected for a maximum of three terms totalling nine years before having to take a break from the Trustee Board). The names of the nominees were shared and elections conducted as follows.

6a. Election of District Chair

The Lead Volunteer presided over the vote for the existing Chair, Ben Ensom, who was elected through a unanimous show of hands.

6b. Election of District Administrator

No nominations had been received for the role of administrator (not a trustee) and the Chair shared with the meeting that we would welcome a conversation with anyone who might be interested in taking on this role. The Chair thanked Sammy for her service as our outgoing Secretary.

6c. Election of District Treasurer

The Chair thanked James Parker, an existing trustee, for volunteering to take on the role of District Treasurer, and facilitated a vote by show of hands where he was unanimously elected to the role.

6d. To elect persons to the District Trustee Board

The Chair facilitated a vote by show of hands for those nominated to join (or remain) on the Board of Trustees. All of the following trustees were elected unanimously:

Adrian Burton

Peter Hapgood

Suze Shardlow

Abid Shoiab

6e. To appoint an Independent Examiner

The Chair proposed that the existing Independent Examiner, Gary Cooper, be approved. This was agreed through a unanimous show of hands.

7. Any other business

Presentations

Andrew thanked Peter Hapgood and Christine White for their service as District Commissioners for Wandsworth and made a presentation to them on behalf of the district.



Closing Remarks.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance once again, and also thanked everyone for the skill, care and commitment that they give to their different roles volunteering across the District before bringing the meeting to a close.

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual report and unaudited financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations		2,718	1,560
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
Membership		35,190	46,611
Minibus Hire		1,490	1,590
Badges income		526	549
WFDAD24		450	-
Water Day 2024		2,000	-
Other income		-	3,435
Total income		<u>42,374</u>	<u>53,745</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	1	46,233	42,945
Other expenditure	2	49	-
Total expenditure		<u>46,282</u>	<u>42,945</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(3,908)	10,800
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		66,954	56,154
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		<u>63,046</u>	<u>66,954</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets			16,000		16,000
Current assets					
Debtors	3	15,562		14,441	
Cash at bank and in hand		67,497		36,857	
		<u>83,059</u>		<u>51,298</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(36,013)</u>		<u>(344)</u>	
Net current assets			47,046		50,954
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>63,046</u>		<u>66,954</u>
The funds of the					
Unrestricted funds			63,046		66,954
			<u>63,046</u>		<u>66,954</u>

The financial statements were approved by the on 8 December 2025

Mr J V Parker

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

As at 31 March 2025

1 Expenditure on charitable activities

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Direct costs		
General expenses	586	107
Levy	38,505	32,633
Jamboree	-	3,450
Expenses for activities	2,387	2,963
Badges	-	1,820
Fuel	-	25
Minibus maintenance	1,156	808
Minibus Tax	-	165
Postage	-	25
Insurance	-	949
Entertainment	223	-
IT	166	-
WFDAD	3,210	-
	<u>46,233</u>	<u>42,945</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>46,233</u>	<u>42,945</u>

2 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other expenditure	<u>49</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	14,962	13,841
Prepayments and accrued income	600	600
	<u>15,562</u>	<u>14,441</u>

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

As at 31 March 2025

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	(656)
Other creditors	36,013	1,000
	36,013	344

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st MARCH 2025.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

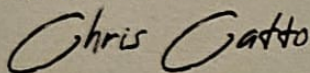
As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 4

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.



Name: Christopher Catto.....
Address: WSM Advisors, Connect House, 133-137 Alexandra Road.....
.....Wimbledon.....
.....SW19 7JY.....

Date: 9 December 2025.....

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Chairperson's Report

Thank you to all our volunteers across the district who continue to contribute toward Scouting in Wandsworth. I continue to be impressed by the achievements of our children and young people who are supported by skilled, compassionate and dedicated leaders and "behind the scenes" teams who make this possible.

This year we have been managing a range of transitions as we move toward new ways of working across the movement including here in Wandsworth, and I am aware that this has meant that those of you involved in leadership and governance have been drawn into additional meetings and have worked diligently on bringing everyone along as we have altered some of our systems and as individuals have transitioned roles.

Significantly Peter Hapgood and Chrissie White have worked hard leading from the front and also organising in the background as they have completed their terms as joint District Commissioners and handed on the mantle to our new Lead Volunteer for Wandsworth, Andrew Mole. I would like to extend a thank you on behalf of all the children and young people and Scouting community of Wandsworth to Peter and Chrissie for all that they have done in stepping up at the district level whilst also continuing to lead in their group and sections. I would also like to formally welcome Andrew to his role in leading the district and working with our teams across the area to continue to grow and develop Scouting.

I would also like to thank Francesco Maresco-Rinieri for all that he has contributed as our Treasurer, and also in recent weeks in supporting our new Treasurer (James Parker) in finding his feet and pulling together our accounts for 2023-2024. Chasing payments, keeping books in order and considering protection for our assets is just one of those essential set of tasks that volunteers carry out across the district, and Francesco has invested time and energy in doing this diligently for us as a district. We have equally been supported over the past five years by our ever patient, efficient and effective administrator Sammy Clark who will step down from the role. I extend our thanks to her for her time and skill in doing this and keeping us organised. If anyone is interested in taking on this role for the board then we would welcome a conversation with you to talk through the current opportunity to take on this challenge.

I am also grateful to the trustees who have put their names forward to continue supporting as critical friends to the district (Adrian Burton, Abid Shoaib, Suze Shardlow and James Parker now as Treasurer, with Peter Hapgood maintaining that particular hat too). We are thankful to the folks who are stepping down from their roles as trustees at this stage: Phoebe Davenport, Charlie Hardman, and Christina Wright; who have each offered their time generously and been conscientious in providing supportive challenge and creative thinking in addressing the business of the district. Thank you also to Russell Jones who maintains links with the district and serves alongside me as a trustee on our new South and South East London County Scout Council Trustee Board; and to all the Group Trustee Board members and officers across the district for all that you contribute.

Thank you to all the leaders and volunteers across the groups who give their time each week to offer safe, fun and challenging activities for children of all ages (watch out for our newest and youngest members the Squirrels). I am conscious that many also give their time to come together for bigger events like St. George's Day, Beaver Pantomimes and the District Activity Day (see you all again on 14 September 2024!). Your dedication, generosity and care make you essential role models and supports for our children and young people in an ever increasingly complex and challenging world. Thank you to all the leaders who are coming together to form a leadership team and support across the district as part of our new ways of working.

Finally, and most importantly thank you to all the young people and their families and carers who have participated in Scouting this year in Wandsworth. It is always a pleasure to hear about your activities and achievements.

Ben Ensom, District Chair

Report on financial activities 2023 – 2024

During financial year 2023-24, the District recorded a surplus of £10,801. Once we remove the effect of the management of cash for the Jamboree payments and the capitation fee income that relate to the previous financial year (£12,896), this is reduced to £1,355.

The expenses for activities totalled £2,962, against an income from those activities (fees paid by participants) of £1,560. Grants from the Alexander fund and the Southside Trust however provided the necessary support to the financing of activities, with total grants of £3,434.50.

Through the capitation fee, the district raised £46,611, of which however £12,896 relate to capitation fee for 2024/25, therefore only £33,715 are attributable to 2023/24 and paid out a levy to the South London County Council of 32,633, meaning a surplus of £1,082 that went to support the general expenses and the activities.

The minibus hire to Scout groups provided an income of £1,590, against a cost of various expenses for the running and maintenance including insurance of £1,947.21.

Income from sale of badges was for £549.11 while the cost of purchasing badges totalled £1820.2.

The general expenses for the District were £106.18, however the payment of the movies umbrella licence of project movies of £363 was paid later than due, so it does not appear in the total. As a result, the £106.18 only includes website hosting and email server.

The group closed the year in a healthy financial situation with £ £36,857.31 in the bank and £1000 liability towards the Scouts Association.

Francesco Maresco-Rinieri, District Treasurer

Wandsworth District Scouts – Profit and Loss

2023 - 2024

		<u>Balance</u>
Net Profit		10801
Income		53745
	Gross Profit	50310
	Operating Income	50310
400000	census	46611
400100	income from activities	1560
400200	Minibus hire income	1590
400300	Badges	549.11
	Total Operating Income	50310
	Cost of Revenue	
	Total Gross Profit	50310
	Other Income	3434.5
Total Income		53745
Expenses		42944
	Expenses	42944
500000	General expense	106.18
500100	Levy	32633
500101	Jamboree payments	3450
500200	Expenses for activities	2962.5
500300	badges (purchase)	1820.2
730100	Car fuel	25
730200	Car maintenance	808
730300	car tax	165
750700	Postage and Carriage	25.45
840000	Insurance	949.21
	Total Expenses	42944
	Depreciation	
Total Expenses		42944

Wandsworth District Scouts – Balance Sheet -

As of 05/04/2024

Balance

ASSETS		67954.7
	Current Assets	51954.7
	Bank and Cash Accounts	36857.3
120001	Bank	36857.3
	Total Bank and Cash Accounts	36857.3
	Receivables	13841
110000	Debtors Control Account	13841
	Total Receivables	13841
	Current Assets	1256.34
110300	Prepayments	600
220100	Purchase Tax Control Account	656.34
	Total Current Assets	1256.34
	Prepayments	
	Total Current Assets	51954.7
	Plus Fixed Assets	16000
004000	Land and buildings	16000
005000	Motor vehicles	-30000
005100	Motor vehicles Depreciation	30000
	Total Plus Fixed Assets	16000
	Plus Non-current Assets	
Total ASSETS		67954.7
LIABILITIES		1000.3
	Current Liabilities	1000.3
	Current Liabilities	1000
210100	Sundry Creditors	1000
210200	Other Creditors	
	Total Current Liabilities	1000
	Payables	0.3
210000	Creditors Control Account	0.3
	Total Payables	0.3
	Total Current Liabilities	1000.3
	Plus Non-current Liabilities	
Total LIABILITIES		1000.3
EQUITY		66954.4
	Unallocated Earnings	681.12
	Current Year Unallocated Earnings	10800.5
	Current Year Earnings	10800.5
	Current Year Allocated Earnings	
	Total Current Year Unallocated Earnings	10800.5
	Previous Years Unallocated Earnings	-10119
	Total Unallocated Earnings	681.12
	Retained Earnings	66273.2
300300	Retained Earnings	66273.2
304000	opening balances	
	Total Retained Earnings	66273.2
Total EQUITY		66954.4
LIABILITIES + EQUITY		67954.7

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WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

9th September 2023 at 13:00

The Romany, 22a Lyford Road, London, SW18 3LG (and on Zoom)

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th July 2022
4. **Governance topics**
 - a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
 - b. Note the District's financial year
 - c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board
 - d. Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM), and meetings of the District Trustee Board.
5. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Lead Volunteer for Wandsworth District's review of Scouting in Wandsworth
 - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Wandsworth District Scout Council Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. **Making appointments**
 - a. There have been no nominations received for a District President or Vice President.
 - b. There are currently no additional members to be admitted who may be admitted to membership of the Wandsworth District Scout Council.
 - c. To approve the Lead Volunteer for Wandsworth District's nomination of the District Chair
 - d. Election of the District Secretary
 - e. Election of the District Treasurer
 - f. Elections of members to the Wandsworth District Trustee Board
 - g. To approve the Lead Volunteer for Wandsworth District's nominations to the District Trustee Board
 - h. To appoint the Scrutineer
7. **Closing Remarks** by the Chair

District Treasurers Report

Report on activities

During financial year 2022-23, the District recorded a surplus of £10,547. Once we remove the effect of the management of cash for the Jamboree payments, this is reduced to £7,097.

The expenses for activities totalled £10694, against an income from those activities (fees paid by participants) of £4,608. Grants from the Alexander fund and the Southside Trust however provided the necessary support to the financing of activities, with total grants of £15,370, of which £5,800 were paid out to support Scouts participating in the World Jamboree.

Through the census, the district raised £34,938 and paid out a levy to the South London County Council of 31,380, meaning a surplus of 3,559 that went to support the general expenses and the activities.

The minibus hire to Scout groups provided an income of £1,380, against a cost of various expenses for the running and maintenance excluding insurance of £841. Insurance was paid later than the cutoff date for the accounts and it totalled £949.

Income from sale of badges was for £771.05 while the cost of purchasing totalled £1063. This does not mean a loss, as the district has now adopted a system of prepayment with the Epsom Scout shop and therefore the difference is purely a prepayment of future purchases.

The general expenses for the District were 386, of which £276 for the movies umbrella licence allowing all groups within the district to project movies during the activities and £110 for the website hosting.

No write-offs have been to be necessary, however the District closed the financial year with credits towards Scout groups of the district for unpaid invoices of £1076 and, among others, an additional £6,765 remain payable for census fees of the 12th-14th Westside scout group.

The District closed the year in a healthy financial situation with £ £31,284.88 in the bank and no liabilities.

Francesco Marasco-Rinieri

Addendum:

As reported in last year's Annual Financial Report:

In May 2022, the District became aware of the ownership of a plot of land. The District had become legal owner of the land following the closure of 6th Balham and Tooting, however this had not been communicated to the District until May 2022. This plot of land is now an asset of the District and has been recorded as such in the balance sheet for an estimated value of £16,000.

**2022 -
2023**

	Balance
Net Profit	10547
Income	71638
Gross Profit	62067
Operating Income	62067
400000 census	34938
400100 income from activities	4608
400101 Jamboree	20370
400200 Minibus hire income	1380
400300 Badges	771.05
Total Operating Income	62067
Cost of Revenue	
Total Gross Profit	62067
Other Income	9570.6
493000 Grants	9570.6
Total Other Income	9570.6
Total Income	71638
Expenses	61090
Expenses	61090
500000 General expense	386.42
500100 Levy	31380
500101 Jamboree payments	16920
500200 Expenses for activities	10694
500300 badges (purchase)	1063.2
500400 training	95
730100 Car fuel	64.52
730200 Car maintenance	258.57
730300 car tax	215
751300 Other admin expenses	13.99
Total Expenses	61090
Depreciation	
Total Expenses	61090

District Commissioner's Report

We are delighted to report that the Young People of Wandsworth have been able to experience Scouting across the Borough, with many embarking on residential activities and experiencing new activities and adventures. Last September, 160 Young People across all Sections joined the first Wandsworth District Activity Day at Walton Firs. Supported by a team of Adult Volunteers, they were all able to enjoy a variety of activities across the day, culminating in a renewal of Promise which for some was the first time promising to do their duty to the new King. Following it's success, we are now only a couple of weeks away from the second District Activity Day. January saw a return of the Beaver Panto, with 50 Beavers coming together to enjoy a panto and hot dogs. This also proved to be a great networking event, with adults from different groups using the opportunity to meet each other and share ideas. In March, 8th Wandsworth hosted 'Let's Do Lunch', which was enjoyed by all who attended and we are very much looking forward to our lunch today which our hosts 1st Wandsworth have kindly put together for us.

Last Autumn, our Chair, Jason Dass, found an excellent opportunity to work overseas teaching, which was great news for him and less so for us. Whilst he offered to maintain his support to the District remotely, this was less feasible due to the time difference between the two countries. That left us with the task of recruiting another Chair. Thankfully, Ben Ensom kindly took up the mantle and is our current Chair.

We are delighted that after some lengthy discussions and due process, 11th Wandsworth has been opened with a pool of volunteers who all completed the required training ahead of the Group opening. They meet in Burntwood School and currently have a full Beaver Colony and a full Cub Pack. There is the prospect of a Scout section opening in the new year. Particular thanks goes to Sophia and Ammaarah AmejOee who have been the pioneers behind this project.

Wandsworth District was once again fortunate to be represented at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea this Summer. There were six Young People who attended as part of the Greater London South contingent. I am sure many of you would have seen the news reports about the challenges that were being faced by many of the Jamboree attendees. UK Scouting acted promptly and moved all UK attendees (Young People) into the city once difficulties were raised and a plan was developed. This allowed all the Young People to continue their overseas experience in a safe environment.

We are pleased to see that Groups are already embracing the changes that are being brought in and using the new titles for roles. We are looking forward to helping develop the Team under the new guidance to lead Wandsworth.

As we come to the end of our report, it is time to say Thank You. We would especially like to thank our Treasurer Francesco for his patience with the many requests to spend money and his guidance in ensuring that we do so wisely. We would also like to thank Sammy our District Secretary for her continued support and special ability to pick out all the right information from the discussions at District Meetings and to form these into accurate minutes. Finally, we would like to thank our many volunteers on whom the District depends to keep things running and therefore enabling so many Young People to experience Scouting in Wandsworth.

Peter and Christine

Chairperson's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all our volunteers across the District and our Groups for the role you play in making Scouting possible for the children, young people and young adults who participate in their Section, Group and District events and activities. Without your care, dedication, commitment, skill and time we would not be able to offer programmes that give our young people spaces and groups where they can feel safe and a sense of belonging so that they can explore who they are and who they want to be. In an age of digital technology, global pandemics, and increased pressures on young people's educational and social development and emotional wellbeing; and in a time of serious pressures on families around the cost of living, the role our movement is playing in society is as important as it has ever been. Every volunteer is playing an essential role in helping us to deliver Scouting in Wandsworth from the Lead Volunteers and leaders in our Sections and Groups to the Group Trustees and occasional helpers and the parents and carers who lend a hand behind the scenes. Thank you all.

Thank you to all the young people and their families and carers who have participated in Scouting this year in Wandsworth. It has been a pleasure to hear about some of your achievements including our Jack Petchey Award winners this year.

I would also like to extend a thank you to all the leaders and volunteers from Groups across the District who have given their time to facilitate District events and make sure that the minibuses and resources we have are available to support the Groups. One of my highlights since taking on the role of Chair during this year was lending a hand with traffic control and climbing at the District Fun Day in September. It was great to see so many people taking part and enjoying the activities, trying and learning new skills, and meeting new friends through Scouting. It was also great to see some of our younger members making some noise and enjoying the Beaver's Pantomime where I was also struck by the way that our parents, carers and volunteers were taking the opportunity to network about the challenges and opportunities in their local Groups.

A big thank you to our own District Treasurer, Francesco (and all the Group Treasurers across the District too). They have given their time to making sure that our finances are in good order so that we can invest in the resources we need for Scouting across the District. The additional requirements of charities from our banking colleagues add an additional pressure in those roles and I am grateful to them and to all our Trustees across the District and Groups for their co-operation in complying with additional vetting and checks that are now needed in a digital charity world. Francesco's eye for detail and sound judgement is invaluable to us as a District Trustee Board. I am grateful for the interest, wisdom, care and thought that the District Trustees have invested in discussions about Scouting in Wandsworth throughout the year, and on a personal note I am thankful for their welcome to me on taking on the role of Chair. Our thanks also go to Jason Dass for his support to the District as Chair and assistance to me in handing over when he moved abroad for work and could no longer continue as Chair. Particular thanks are also due to Sammy who has continued to keep us organised as a Trustee Board and has provided comprehensive and clear notes of our meetings.

As we focus on changing the way we work as Trustee Boards, Districts and Groups I am also grateful to our County Development Officer, Matt, and the team at County who are assisting with this process whilst continuing to support our Group and District functions, training and developing our leaders, and providing opportunities for national and international activities for some of our young people involved in events including the Jamborees.

Thank you also to Christine and Peter who continue to generously share their time, energy and experience in their joint role as our District Lead Volunteers. Their commitment to the District has an impact in the events that we have been able to offer, their support to new leaders and groups.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has attended our Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council this year to hold the Trustee Board and District Leadership Team to account in our work. Thank you also to the 1st Wandsworth who have kindly hosted the AGM alongside a “Let’s Do Lunch”.

Ben Ensom, District Chair

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Wandsworth District Scouts - Annual General Meeting 2022

Held on Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Agenda

1. The Chairperson, Jason Dass, to open the meeting at 7.30pm
2. Apologies for absence
3. Receive and consider the Annual Report
4. Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of District Chairperson
5. Election of District Treasurer
6. Election of District Secretary
7. Election of members to the District Executive Committee

8. District Commissioner's nominated members of the District Executive Committee
9. Appointment of an independent examiner for the audit of the accounts
10. A proposed quorum to be set for the District Executive
11. A proposed quorum to be set for the District Scout Council
12. Proposal for young person representative for the District Executive
13. Appoint District Representative to the County Scout Council
14. Any other business
15. District Commissioner's address
16. County Commissioner
17. Chairperson's closing remarks

District Treasurers Report

Report on activities

On a cash accounting basis, during financial year 2021-22, the District recorded a loss of -£1797.16. This is due to a later invoicing of census fees to April 2022, after year end. Once income from 2021 census fees and the corresponding levy to South London Scouts Council are accounted for, the accounts show a surplus of £1761.84.

Income from the year is linked to the TYM 2022 activity that occurred later in May however, as we follow a cash accounting approach, these revenues appear ahead of the relevant event. Income from minibus hire has been £575, up from 0 the previous year but roughly half of the 2019-20 fiscal year. Badges sales also increased, however were at much lower level than the year we are using as reference prior to Covid and Covid-induced restrictions.

As the activities during the year were limited, however thanks to the kind grants received (£974.91 Alexander Fund and £42 donation) the district was able to support the training of members.

In terms of expenses, once accounted for, the levy represents the largest item. Expenses for activities (£3250.7) were composed by the contribution to the Jamboree fees (£3,000), the Young Marines prepayment (£667) and the movie licence (£250.99). The District also held a First Aid training (£879.71), kindly supported by the Alexander fund, in line with its compliance obligations.

In May 2022, the District became aware of the ownership of a plot of land. The District had become legal owner of the land following the closure of 6th Balham and Tooting, however this had not been communicated to the District until May 2022. This plot of land is now an asset of the District and has been recorded as such in the balance sheet for an estimated value of £16,000.

No write-offs of the District's credits are believed to be necessary, as there is reasonable expectation that 8th Wandsworth, the largest debtor to the Scout council, will settle their £3,225 debt in due course.

The group closed the year in a healthy financial situation with £ 31,204.45 in the bank and limited liabilities.

Profit and Loss

	2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019
Income	4,823.95	41,971.00	83,943.59	11,585.42
Gross Profit	3,807.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
Operating Income	3,807.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
400000 census	-	29,600.00	73,068.00	9,012.00
400100 income from activities	3,040.00	207.00	1,560.00	2,280.00
400200 Minibus hire income	575.00	-	1,135.00	75.00
400300 Badges	192.04	-	808.15	218.42
Total Operating Income	3,807.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
Cost of Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Profit	3,807.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
Other Income	1,016.91	12,164.00	7,372.44	-
493000 Grants	1,016.91	12,164.00	7,372.44	-
Total Other Income	1,016.91	12,164.00	7,372.44	-
Total Income	4,823.95	41,971.00	83,943.59	11,585.42
Expenses	6,621.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
Expenses	6,621.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
101000 write-off	-	270.00	8,731.00	-
500000 General expense	13.97	216.09	297.80	-
500100 Levy	-	26,611.00	31,387.50	-
500200 Expenses for activities	3,928.56	400.00	8,516.08	- 405.90
500300 badges (purchase)	19.65	-	772.34	-
500400 training	879.91	-	-	-
730100 Car fuel	26.65	-	-	-
730200 Car maintenance	530.92	526.22	554.42	-
730300 car tax	165.00	165.00	165.00	-
750300 Internet & hosting	89.97	104.63	107.97	-
750600 Office consumables	19.20	-	-	-
840000 Insurance	947.28	-	1,238.24	1,347.32
Total Expenses	6,621.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	6,621.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
Net Profit	-1,797.16	13,678.06	32,173.24	10,644.00

Profit and Loss reclassified

	2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019
Income	4823.95	41971	83943.59	11585.42
Gross Profit	38,745.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
Operating Income	38,745.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
400000 census	34,938.00	29,600.00	73,068.00	9,012.00
400100 income from activities	3,040.00	207.00	1,560.00	2,280.00
400200 Minibus hire income	575.00	-	1,135.00	75.00
400300 Badges	192.04	-	808.15	218.42
Total Operating Income	3,807.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
Cost of Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Profit	3,807.04	29,807.00	76,571.15	11,585.42
Other Income	1,016.91	12,164.00	7,372.44	-
493000 Grants	1,016.91	12,164.00	7,372.44	-
Total Other Income	1,016.91	12,164.00	7,372.44	-
Total Income	39,761.95	41,971.00	83,943.59	11,585.42
Expenses	6,621.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
Expenses	38,000.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
101000 write-off	-	270.00	8,731.00	-
500000 General expense	13.97	216.09	297.80	-
500100 Levy	31,379.00	26,611.00	31,387.50	-
500200 Expenses for activities	3,928.56	400.00	8,516.08	- 405.90
500300 badges (purchase)	19.65	-	772.34	-
500400 training	879.91	-	-	-
730100 Car fuel	26.65	-	-	-
730200 Car maintenance	530.92	526.22	554.42	-
730300 car tax	165.00	165.00	165.00	-
750300 Internet & hosting	89.97	104.63	107.97	-
750600 Office consumables	19.20	-	-	-
840000 Insurance	947.28	-	1,238.24	1,347.32
Total Expenses	38,000.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	38,000.11	28,292.94	51,770.35	941.42
Net Profit reclassified	1,761.84	13,678.06	32,173.24	10,644.00

Balance Sheet

	As of 03/	As of 05/	As of 05/	As of 05/
ASSETS	75570	48498	81734	70642
Current Assets	59570	32498	65734	54642
Bank and Cash Accounts	54539	31204	42990	19577
120001 Bank	54539	31204	42990	19577
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	54539	31204	42990	19577
Receivables	3794	1040	22595	34422
110000 Debtors Control Account	3794	1040	22595	34422
Total Receivables	3794	1040	22595	34422
Current Assets	1237.4	253.57	149.44	642.61
110300 Prepayments	900	0	0	600.65
220100 Purchase Tax Control Account	337.36	253.57	149.44	41.96
Total Current Assets	1237.4	253.57	149.44	642.61
Prepayments	0	0	0	0
Total Current Assets	59570	32498	65734	54642
Plus Fixed Assets	16000	16000	16000	16000
004000 Land and buildings	16000	16000	16000	16000
005000 Motor vehicles	-30000	-24000	-18000	-12000
005100 Motor vehicles Depreciation	30000	24000	18000	12000
Total Plus Fixed Assets	16000	16000	16000	16000
Plus Non-current Assets	0	0	0	0
Total ASSETS	75570	48498	81734	70642
LIABILITIES	-2336	-33775	-2336	249.33
Current Liabilities	-2336	-33775	-2336	249.33
Current Liabilities	-2336.5	-2336.5	-2336.5	-2336.5
210100 Sundry Creditors	1000	1000	1000	1000
210200 Other Creditors	-3336.5	-3336.5	-3336.5	-3336.5
Total Current Liabilities	-2336.5	-2336.5	-2336.5	-2336.5
Payables	0.3	-31439	0.3	2585.9
210000 Creditors Control Account	0.3	-31439	0.3	2585.9
Total Payables	0.3	-31439	0.3	2585.9
Total Current Liabilities	-2336.2	-33775	-2336.2	249.33
Plus Non-current Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total LIABILITIES	-2336	-33775	-2336	249.33
EQUITY	77907	82273	84070	70392
Unallocated Earnings	11633	16000	16000	16000
Current Year Unallocated Earnings	-4366.6	2E-13	2E-12	-4E-12
Current Year Earnings	-4366.6	-1797.2	13678	32173
Current Year Allocated Earnings	0	1797.2	-13678	-32173
Total Current Year Unallocated Earnings	-4366.6	2E-13	2E-12	-4E-12
Previous Years Unallocated Earnings	16000	16000	16000	16000
Total Unallocated Earnings	11633	16000	16000	16000
Retained Earnings	66273	66273	68070	54392
300300 Retained Earnings	66273	66273	68070	54392
304000 opening balances	0	0	0	0
Total Retained Earnings	66273	66273	68070	54392
Total EQUITY	77907	82273	84070	70392
LIABILITIES + EQUITY	75570	48498	81734	70642

District Commissioner's Report

We are delighted that this past year has enabled a return to face to face Scouting in Wandsworth. For some this was a race to the meeting place in order to banish to the dim and distant past their Zoom meetings with Young People, for others it allowed a more gradual return as the confidence of the Young People, their parents and their Leaders gained confidence in meeting face to face once again. Some Groups have been able to go one step further and have embarked on residential experiences. These are continuing to become a more frequent occurrence across all Groups in the District, culminating in the fantastic District Water Weekend for which we give thanks to Chris Hayes, Charlie Hardman and their many volunteers.

Wandsworth District is once again fortunate to be represented at the next World Scout Jamboree in Korea next Summer. We have six Young People selected to join the Greater London South contingent. They are currently working hard to fundraise for this fantastic adventure alongside joining in with their training camps and getting to know their contingent leaders and other members of the unit.

Training among our adult volunteers continues to progress. We have been able to use an external facilitator for some of the first aid training, while others have completed this through the County provision. Mandatory Learning is always going to be ongoing, but we are pleased to be able to report that by and large this is being completed without the need for too much follow up. Please keep up the focus.

We would like to thank our many volunteers on whom the District depends to keep things running and enabling so many Young People to experience Scouting, from the person who gives an hour every now and then, to those volunteers who have been with us for many years. Occasionally, we have to say goodbye to people as they move on and we would like to say a special Thank You to Claire Holloway, who after giving 25 years loyal service at 1st East Putney Group has left Wandsworth for her own Scottish adventure.

With your support, Peter and I will continue to lead Wandsworth in the coming year through the changes that await us.

Peter and Christine

Chairperson's Report

Firstly, thank you for attending tonight's AGM. As an executive we exist to represent the District and it is important the Executive are held to account and a proper mandate is served. Secondly, I would like to thank all members of the Scouting Movement in Wandsworth. The young people, adults and volunteers who commit to Scouting are all an essential part of Scouting being a success.

Compared to the previous year, it has been a relatively quiet year in terms of the District. We have witnessed the post pandemic return to face to face Scouting properly which has been mostly successful and we have begun to organise and arrange District events once again. The District's finances are healthy and we are able to support events such as the District Fun Day in September.

Despite the return to a sense of normality, the executive sadly confirmed the closure of 100th Wandsworth. It is always sad to see a Group close and I would like to thank everyone involved at 100th Wandsworth for the time they committed to the Group.

I have alluded to the efforts volunteers make in the District and if we do not get more volunteers involved it will only be a matter of time before another group goes the same way as 100th Wandsworth. With this in mind, please do keep on the lookout for anyone who may be interested in getting involved in Scouting and in the first instance speak to Peter or Christine. I hope Matt's presentation about volunteer changes makes it easy to see how simple it can be to volunteer and provide extra support to groups.

I would like to thank the executive who have continued to meet regularly to discuss District matters and all of whom genuinely care about Scouting in Wandsworth. Particular thanks must go to Sammy who has now been our District Secretary for five years and puts together intricate minutes every meeting; and Francesco who it is fair to say is an outstanding treasurer who goes above and beyond to make sure we remain 'in the black' as well as dotting the i's and crossing the t's.

Finally, on behalf of the District I would like to thank Peter and Christine who continue to immerse themselves in Scouting and seem to give every free minute to the Movement! Wandsworth Scouting would not be in anywhere near as strong a position as it is without their continued commitment and I hope the District can rally round and continue to support them in the year ahead.

Jason Dass

Accounts

Wandsworth District Scout Council

Annual Report 2020-21



Wandsworth District Scouts - Annual General Meeting 2021

Held on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Agenda

1. The Chairperson, Jason Dass, to open the meeting at 7.30pm
2. Apologies for absence
3. Receive and consider the Annual Report
4. Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of District Chairperson
5. Election of District Treasurer
6. Election of District Secretary
7. Election of members to the District Executive Committee
8. District Commissioner's nominated members of the District Executive Committee
9. Appointment of an independent examiner for the audit of the accounts
10. A proposed quorum to be set for the District Executive
11. A proposed quorum to be set for the District Scout Council
12. Proposal for young person representative for the District Executive
13. Appoint District Representative to the County Scout Council
14. Any other business
15. District Commissioner's address
16. County Commissioner
17. Chairperson's closing remarks

District Treasurer's Report

Report on activities

During financial year 2020-21, the District recorded a surplus for the period of £1,514. This is substantially lower than the previous period, mainly driven by a invoicing of the census for 2019 and 2020 in the same financial year. With restrictions on face to face meetings in place for most of the year, other income items has been reduced substantially. On the other hand, grants and donations received have more than offset the reduction in income from ongoing activities, which has also propped up the income from census fees.

In terms of expenses, the levy represents the largest item, with most of the other recurring expenses either stable (website, car tax and maintenance) or nil. While another minor write-off was necessary (£270), there has been a remarkable reduction compared to the previous year (£8731).

The group closed the year in a healthy financial situation with £42,990 in the bank and limited liabilities. The Minivan is now fully depreciated and continues to represent a low cost asset that can be used by the groups in the district to support their activities.

Profit and Loss

	2020 - 2021	2019 -	%
Income			
Gross Profit			
		7657	-
Operating Income	29807	1	61.1%
		7306	-
400000 census	29600	8	59.5%
		-	-
400100 income from activities	207	1560	86.7%
		-	-
		100.0	-
400200 Minibus hire income	0	1135	%
		-	-
		808.1	100.0
400300 Badges	0	5	%
		7657	-
Total Operating Income	29807	1	61.1%
Cost of Revenue	0	0	n/a
		7657	-
Total Gross Profit	29807	1	61.1%
		7372	65.0
Other Income	12164	.4	%
		7372.	-
493000 Grants	12164	4	65.0%
		7372	65.0
Total Other Income	12164	.4	%
		-	-
		839	50.0
Total Income	41971	44	%
Expenses			
		-	-
	28292.94	51770	45.3%
Expenses			
		-	-
101000 write-off	270	8731	96.9%
		-	-
500000 General expense	216.09	297.8	27.4%
		3138	-
500100 Levy	26611	8	15.2%
		8516.	-
500200 Expenses for activities	400	1	95.3%
		-	-
		772.3	100.0
500300 badges (purchase)	0	4	%

		554.4	
730200 Car maintenance	526.22	2	-5.1%
730300 car tax	165	165	0.0%
		107.9	
750300 Internet & hosting	104.63	7	-3.1%
		-	
		1238.	100.0
840000 Insurance	0	2	%
		-	
	28292.	5177	45.3
Total Expenses	94	0	%
Depreciation	0	0	n/a
		-	
	28292.	517	45.3
Total Expenses	94	70	%
		-	
	1514.0	248	93.9
Net Profit	6	01	%

Balance Sheet

	As of 05/04/2 021	As of 05/04/2 020	%
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
			119.6
Bank and Cash Accounts	42990	19577	%
120001 Bank	42990	19577	119.6%
			119.6
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	42990	19577	%
Receivables	22595	34422	-34.4%
110000 Debtors Control Account	22595	34422	-34.4%
Total Receivables	22595	34422	-34.4%
Current Assets	149.44	642.61	-76.7%
			-
110300 Prepayments	0	600.65	100.0%
220100 Purchase Tax Control			
Account	149.44	41.96	256.1%
Total Current Assets	149.44	642.61	-76.7%
Prepayments	0	0	n/a
Total Current Assets	65734	54642	20.3%
Plus Fixed Assets	0	0	n/a
005000 Motor vehicles	-18000	-12000	50.0%

005100 Motor vehicles			
Depreciation	18000	12000	50.0%
Total Plus Fixed Assets	0	0	n/a
Plus Non-current Assets	0	0	n/a
Total ASSETS	65734	54642	20.3%
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	-2337	-2337	0.0%
210100 Sundry Creditors	1000	1000	0.0%
210200 Other Creditors	-3337	-3337	0.0%
Total Current Liabilities	-2337	-2337	0.0%
			-
Payables	0.3	2585.9	100.0%
			-
210000 Creditors Control Account	0.3	2585.9	100.0%
			-
Total Payables	0.3	2585.9	100.0%
			-
Total Current Liabilities	-2336	249.33	1037.0%
Plus Non-current Liabilities	0	0	n/a
			-
Total LIABILITIES	-2336	249.33	1037.0%
EQUITY			
Unallocated Earnings			
Current Year Unallocated Earnings			
Current Year Earnings	13678	32173	-57.5%
Current Year Allocated Earnings	0	0	n/a
Total Current Year Unallocated Earnings	13678	32173	-57.5%
Previous Years Unallocated Earnings	23281	3271.6	611.6%
Total Unallocated Earnings	36959	35445	4.3%
Retained Earnings	11575	11575	0.0%
304000 opening balances	11575	11575	0.0%
Total Retained Earnings	11575	11575	0.0%
Total EQUITY	48534	47020	3.2%
LIABILITIES + EQUITY	46198	47269	-2.3%

District Commissioner's Report

Due to the restrictions in place nationally, unfortunately, there has been little opportunity for any of our Groups to embark on their usual adventures of Summer Camps and Weekends away so we are unable to open our report with exciting news on that front, however, we are delighted that so many of our leaders and young people were able to get to grips with Zoom and embrace virtual Scouting.

This in itself did present challenges of how to provide a programme to keep interest going, but as always, so many of you rose to the challenge and kept Scouting alive in Wandsworth, for which Peter and I are grateful as are the young people of Wandsworth who have benefited from this important activity during the numerous lockdowns.

Some of you may be aware of the Shining Star Award Scheme run by Greater London South Scouts. This scheme recognises adult volunteers who have stood out in some way for their contribution towards Scouting. In Wandsworth, Shining Star Awards have been awarded for things like improving training compliance within their Group, embracing technology, developing programmes for the virtual platform. Congratulations go to: Peter Jackson, Liz Crew, Luke Williams, Craig Hawes, Christina Wright, Hafsa Hassan, Anuara Ali, and Birgit Johnson.

Not to be outdone by the Adults receiving awards, our young people have also been excelling and winning Jack Petchey Awards for commitment to Scouting or overcoming individual challenges. Congratulations to Andrew Salisbury XXX

Wandsworth District reported a lower census return in January 2021 than recent years, both in young people and in adult membership. However, this trend is reflected in the national statistics. The good news is, that as the country has got to grips with the pandemic and various guidelines and face to face Scouting has been able to return, we have seen a rise in confidence and there is a gradual increase in membership of all ages. Adult volunteer enquiries are also on the increase.

Lastly, we would like to say a huge congratulations to all those leaders who have recently achieved their Wood Badges having completed online training and validation through Zoom meetings.

Peter and I look forward to leading Wandsworth in another year of growth and are grateful for all the support we receive from all volunteers across the District, whether it be in leading young people, serving on the District Executive or in some other capacity. Thank you for all that you do.

Peter Hapgood and Christine Masson

Chairperson's Report

Thank you everyone for attending our second virtual AGM in the midst of a very strange time for Scouting. I would like to begin my address by thanking all members of the Scouting Movement in Wandsworth, both the young people and the adults volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to ensure Scouting as a provision has not been forgotten.

I would like to record my thanks to the District Executive for their commitment over the past year. In challenging times, the Executive has continued to support Scouting in a host of ways and our meetings are consistently productive. We have welcomed new members to the Executive and have a healthy range of Groups represented as well as members not associated with a Group, such as myself.

In terms of the wider District, congratulations to Chris Hayes of 5th Putney who has (or is in the process of) finally receiving his 30 year long service award, even though we now think this is closer to 34 years! Thanks to Anna Jones from the 12/14th Westside Group who is moving away and a huge thanks to Ron Holloway from 1st East Putney who has sadly retired from Scouting after almost 40 years of Service to Scouting.

This meeting provides me with a great opportunity to say thank you to everyone that has continued to progress with and maintain their training, particularly Safety and Safeguarding. May I also remind everyone that come September, Getting Started modules must be completed within 5 months of joining for all Leaders. In addition to this, all Wood Badges need to be completed for the individual's relevant role within three years of starting in that role. Peter, supported by the executive particularly Phoebe Davenport, have encouraged and supported lots of adults to complete this.

Finally, I would like to reserve a special thank you to Peter and Christine, our joint District Commissioners. Their determination and commitment to Scouting is second to none and I believe Wandsworth would be nowhere near as strong in Scouting terms if it were not for them. I hope they continue to advocate for Scouting from the front for many years to come.

Jason Dass