

Wandsworth District Scout Council

Annual Report 2023-2024



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
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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