

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.

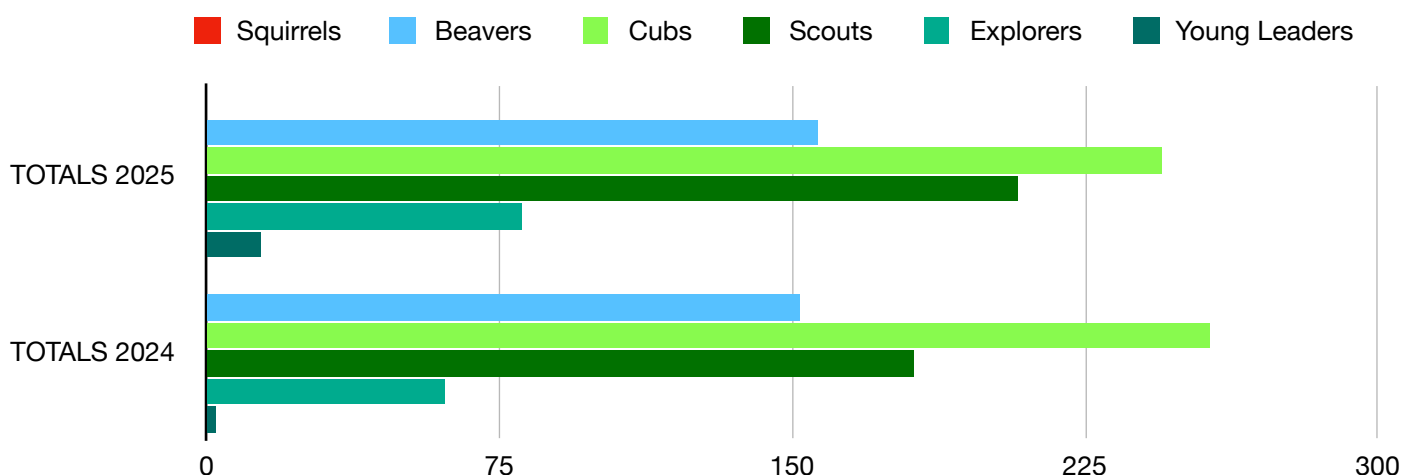
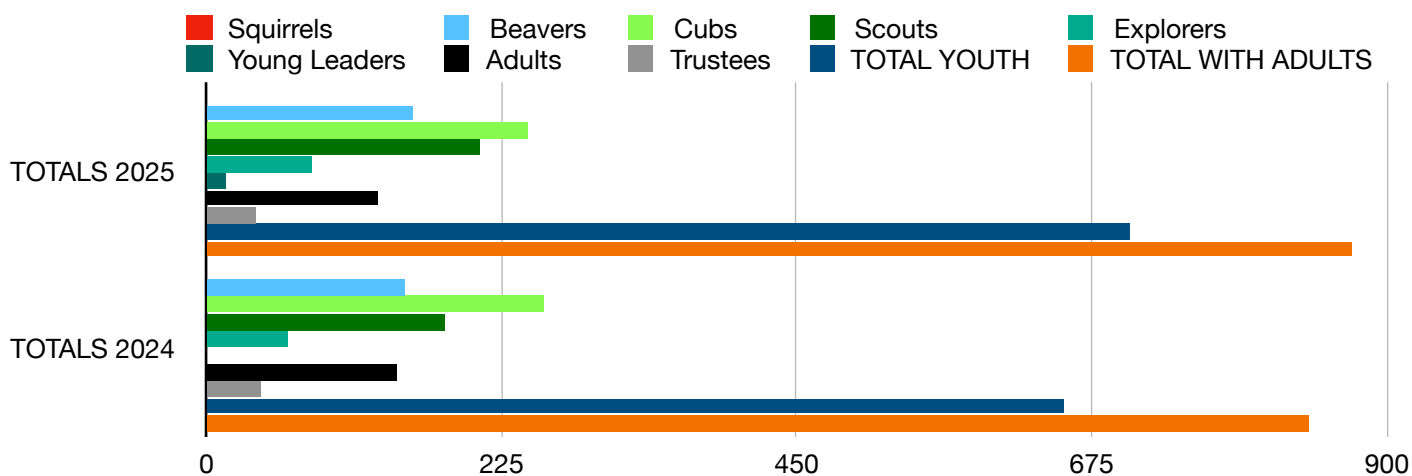
I am very grateful to the Trustees who stepped in last year to do invoicing and collecting and making payments etc, principally Peter Hapgood.

James Parker

District Treasurer

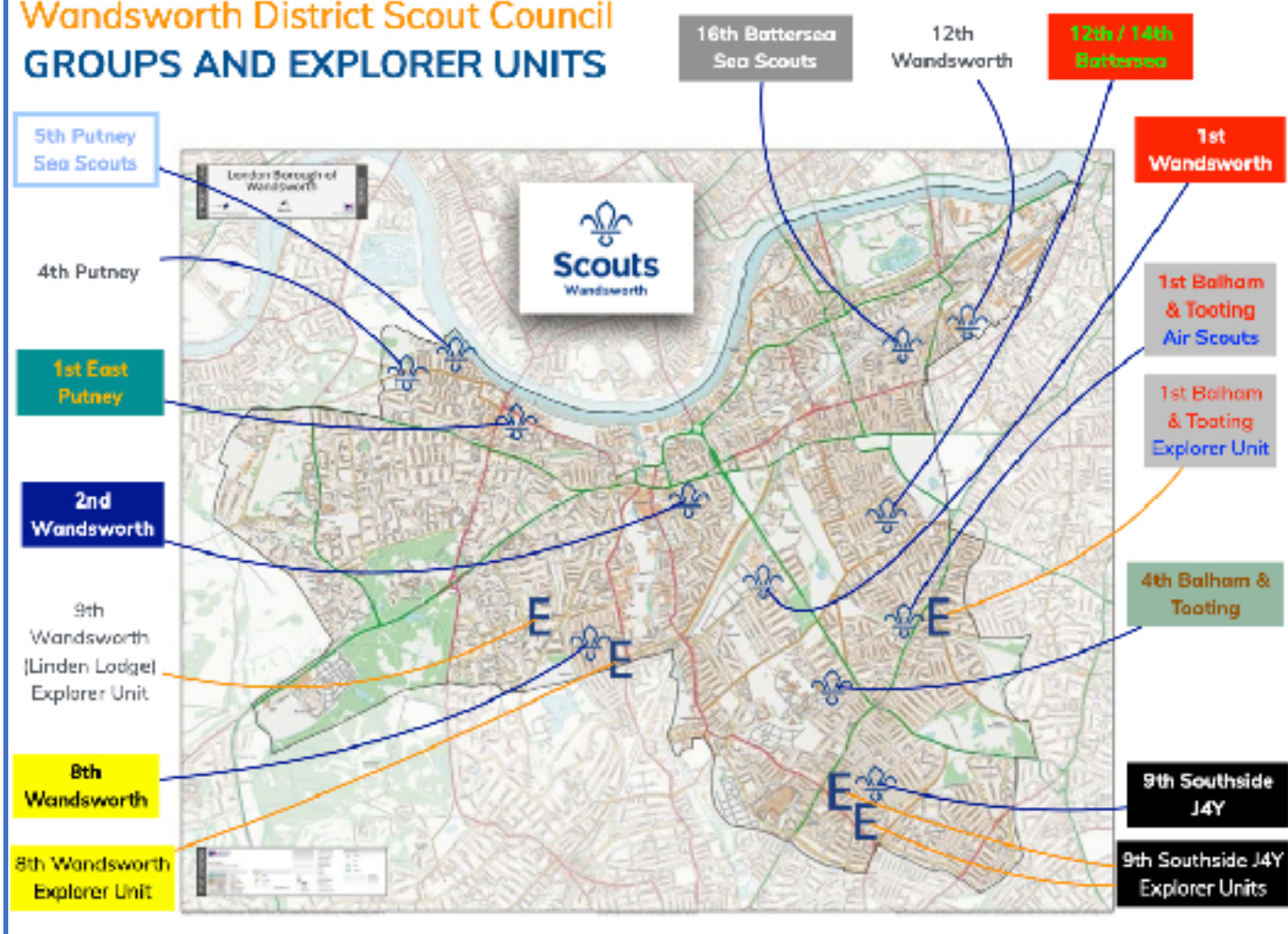
Wandsworth District Scouts - Census Data - *2024 & 2025

	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

District Lead/Volunteer
Andrew Mills

District Youth Lead
Gong Bartlett

5th Putney
Chris Hayes

1st Wandsworth
Birgit Johnson

2nd Wandsworth
Alan Narosov

12th / 14th Battersea
(West Side)
Mark Pulver

1st Balham and Tooting Kieg
of Sam's Own

1st East Putney
Ben Jeffreys

8th Wandsworth
Adrian Burton

12th Wandsworth
Sophia Ameier

16th Battersea
Chissie White

4th Balham & Tooting
Hely Trinity

9th Southside
Louis Howells

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
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Date: 9 December 2025
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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

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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 Narrowway**, **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.

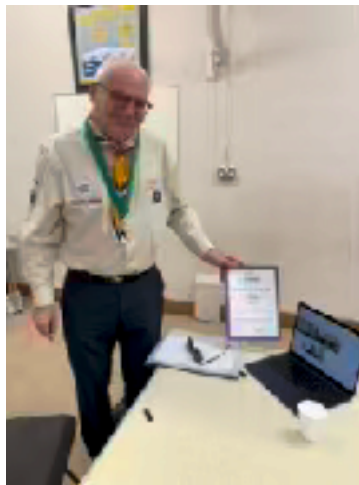
7. Any other business

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
	<u>36,013</u>	<u>344</u>
	<u><u>36,013</u></u>	<u><u>344</u></u>

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

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended31st MARCH 2025.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

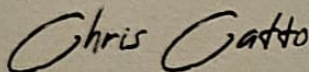
As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the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



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Date:9 December 2025.....