

# BRENT DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 271413

## Details

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Other names	WILLESDEN BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION, WILLESDEN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1976-06-03
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**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:** Education/training Amateur Sport Economic/Community Development/Employment

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Area of benefit: UNDEFINED
- Brent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£140,195	£145,570	-	-
2024-03-31	£85,802	£162,749	-	-
2023-03-31	£58,602	£126,744	-	-
2022-03-31	£111,869	£134,146	-	-
2021-03-31	£65,926	£72,930	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>MARTIN BEARD</b>	Chair	
Adam Green		2023-09-27
DENISE HELEN JULIA PAMBAKIAN		2014-06-21
Francis William Penter		2019-06-15
Jack Stride		2024-09-24
SHAILA SHAH		2023-09-27
TREVOR TOOMBS		
Wayne Delisle Easmond		2016-06-30

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

# 2024 - 2025

**Brent District Scout Council**

Charity No. 271413



# Introduction

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We bring communities together and contribute to society. Above all, we aim to build better futures.

This report demonstrates how we did this from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## Our purpose and method

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and live their Scout Promise.

The District Scout Council's Trustees must report on the Council's public benefit in our Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, activities, and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to 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.

We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Scouting Movement complies with two key principles set by the Commission regarding public benefit:

### 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society; this benefit is directly linked to the Purpose of Scouting.

### 2. Public benefit

Scouting is a national movement open to young people aged 4-25 and to adults. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. The District enables those who are financially challenged to benefit from Scouting; while the District charges a subscription to its members, the benefits of Scouting are not constrained by a member's ability to pay. The District has arrangements to waive subscriptions, fund uniforms and subsidise activities so that young people are not excluded from activities if they face financial difficulties.

# District Lead Volunteer

It is with a deep sense of pride and gratitude that I present the annual report for Brent District Scout Council. This past year has been one of remarkable milestones and continued growth, and I am honoured to have shared this journey with so many dedicated volunteers, young people, and community partners.



A particular highlight was welcoming Dwayne Fields, our new Chief Scout, to Brent for his first official engagement following his investiture. His decision to begin his tenure with a visit to our district is a powerful recognition of the work we've done to build inclusive, vibrant Scouting across the borough. It was a moment of celebration and affirmation for everyone involved in Brent Scouts.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to support the upcoming Kandersteg Expedition in August 2025, where Brent will proudly represent the largest contingent in the County. This international adventure will be a fitting continuation of our commitment to offering life-changing experiences to young people.

Following this, I will be stepping down as District Lead Volunteer at the AGM in September. It has been a privilege to serve in this role, and I am immensely proud of the legacy we've built together. Thank you to every volunteer, leader, trustee, and supporter who has contributed to our success.

*Do your best!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Kitchen'.

David Kitchen  
District Commissioner

# District Chair

Brent District continues to grow and evolve, with new sections and groups launched in historically underserved areas such as Wembley, Sudbury, and Kingsbury. These developments have been supported by the Underrepresented Communities Fund and two local development assistants, helping to strengthen and sustain our expansion.

We are proud that Brent Scouts will form the largest contingent in the County's 2025 Kandersteg Expedition. District support has focused on ensuring broad participation, reflecting our commitment to inclusive and adventurous Scouting.

This year also saw a significant change in the management of Explorer Scout Units. Following the 2025 update to POR, the Trustee Board agreed to transition group-based Explorer Units to their host groups for operational and financial management. This change will leave only the Young Leader Unit under direct district oversight and finances.

The Trustee Board has remained active and engaged, meeting regularly to oversee property management, financial operations, and development initiatives. Special thanks go to Frank Penter for his financial stewardship, Trevor Toombs for property oversight, and our dedicated trustees for their continued service.

Scouting in Brent is making a real difference by enhancing community cohesion and supporting young people's development, as well as offering meaningful opportunities for volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another successful year.



Martin Beard, District Chair

# Membership

	2024			2025			2024 v 2025		
	Male	Female	Total*	Male	Female	Total*	Male	Female	Total*
<b>Youth membership</b>									
Squirrel Scouts	9	5	14	16	22	38	7	17	24
Beaver scouts	109	57	171	111	83	194	2	26	23
Cub scouts	135	105	241	146	83	229	11	-22	-12
Scouts	149	96	247	152	92	245	3	-4	-2
Explorer scouts	33	36	70	48	45	93	15	9	23
Network members	9	1	11	7	2	9	-2	1	-2
<b>Total youth membership</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Adult Roles</b>									
Leadership	45	72	117	50	78	130	5	6	13
Management	8	6	14	6	7	13	-2	1	-1
Support	6	12	18	3	5	8	-3	-7	-10
Governance	19	35	54	21	35	56	2	-	2
<b>Total adult members</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Units</b>									
Squirrel Scout Dreys			2			4			2
Beaver Scout Colonies			13			15			2
Cub Scout Packs			15			15			-
Scout Troops			16			16			-
Explorer Scout Units			6			7			1
Groups			14			15			1

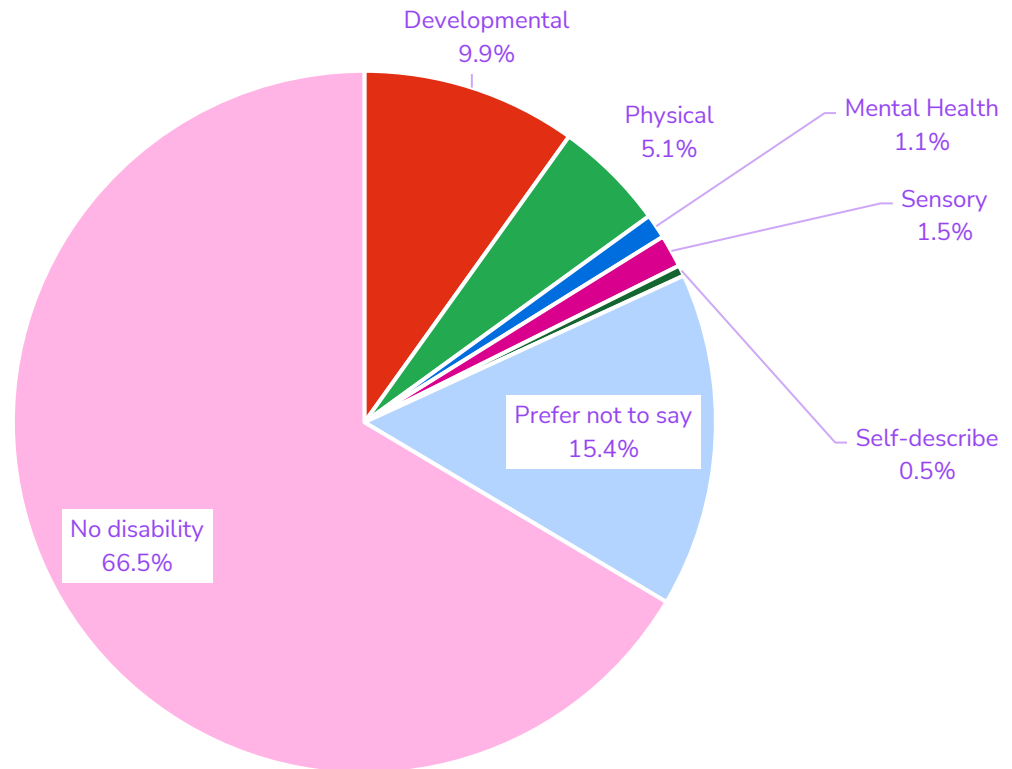
\* This total includes those who self-identify or did not declare their gender.

## Diversity

### Ethnicity & Religion

Unfortunately, The Scout Association have not provided us with the ethnicity breakdown from the 2025 census, and we are unable to report on this.

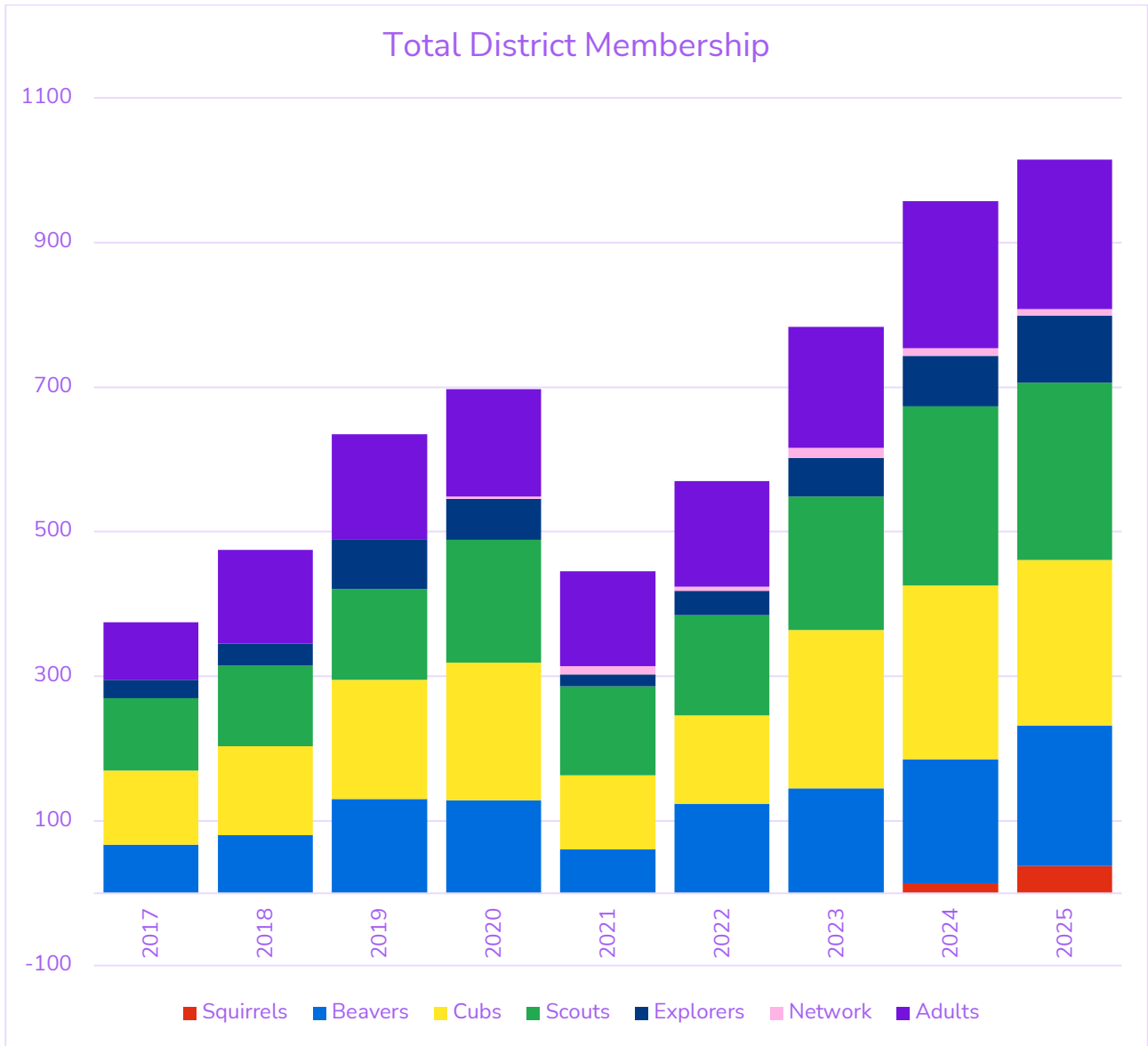
### Disabilities



We have seen the number of youth members in the district with developmental disabilities continue to increase from 5.5% in 2022 to 5.7% in 2023, 6.1% in 2024 and now 9.9% in 2025. This compares to only 2.5% in the national population<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Mencap (<https://www.mencap.org.uk/learning-disability-explained/research-and-statistics/how-common-learning-disability>)

## Historical Comparison



Our annual census is taken on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and our 2025 figures have grown beyond our 2024 membership. With a 9% growth in both youth membership and 7.7% growth overall, we are again one of the fastest-growing districts in the UK.

# Youth Programme

Programme Team Leader: Tom Hughes

## Youth Awards

Youth awards play a vital role in recognising and celebrating the achievements of young people within Scouting. They mark both personal milestones and reflect the values of resilience, leadership, and community engagement that Scouting promotes.

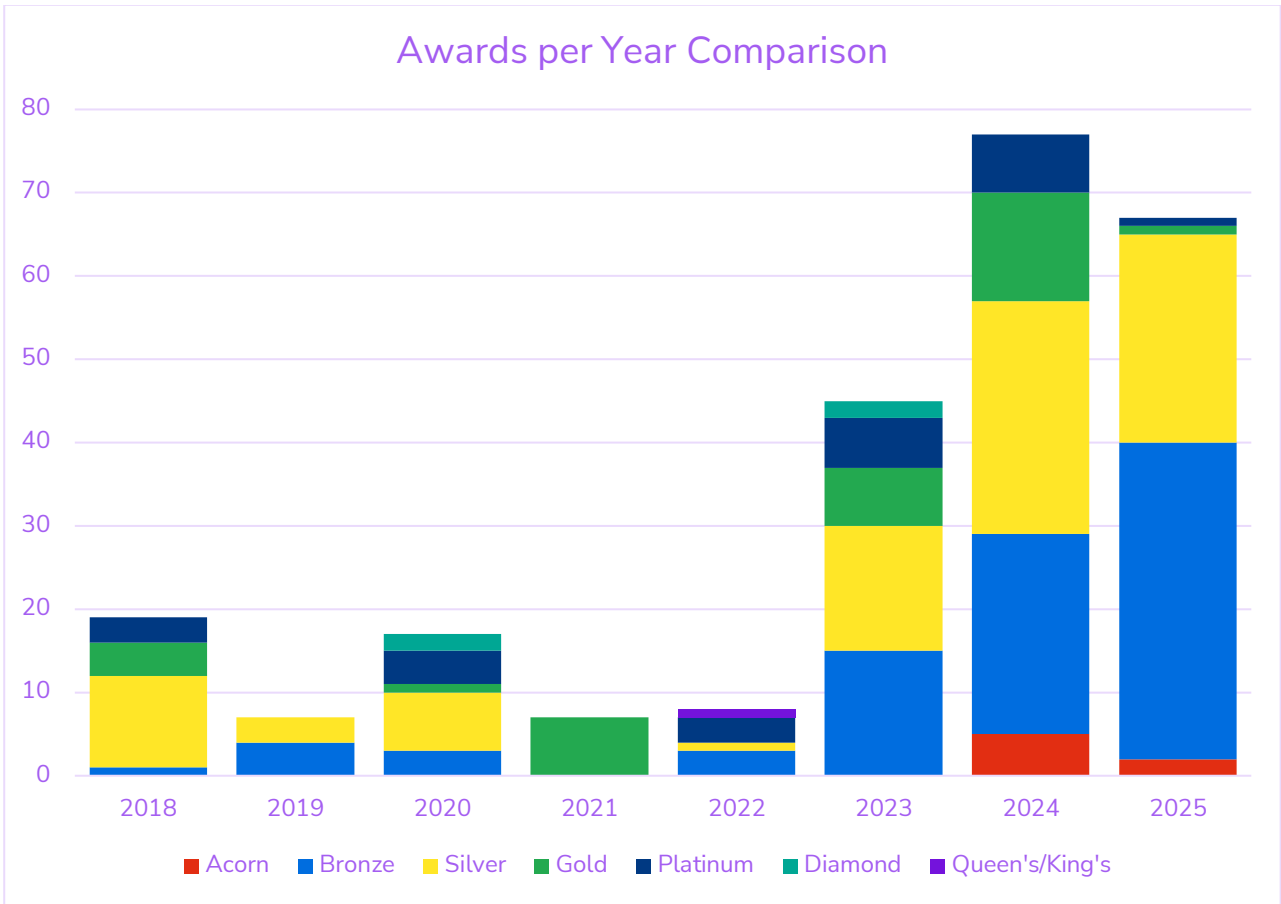
Since setting our district goal in 2019 to increase the number of Chief Scout's and Queen's Scout Award recipients, we've seen how these awards inspire young people to fully engage with the programme and strive for excellence.

The national "Skills for Life" strategy reinforces this by aiming for 50% of young people to achieve top awards, aligning with our own ambitions. Given Brent's rapid growth and strong foundation, setting specific targets for each award ensures we continue to motivate and support our members in reaching their full potential.

Award	Name	Group
Chief Scout's Acorn Award	Kieran Karamshi	2nd Kingsbury
	Luolin Cheng	2nd Kingsbury
Chief Scout's Bronze Award	Adam Yousif Khan	2nd Kingsbury
	Alexander Adcock	7th Wembley
	Anna Cartwright	28th Willesden
	Annie Holt	28th Willesden
	Arjun Vyas	23rd Willesden
	Avani Bhuju	7th Wembley
	Arlo Noah	25th Willesden
	Beetle Press	28th Willesden
	Dilan Patel	7th Wembley
	Eric Taylor	23rd Willesden
	Ettie Bruce	28th Willesden
	Bela Tailor	7th Wembley
	Frank Okun	2nd Kingsbury
	Dylan Elias-Munday	23rd Willesden
	Iris Holmes	28th Willesden
	Dylan Pedro Elias-Munday	23rd Willesden
	Felix Foley	28th Willesden
Jacopo Di Martino	23rd Willesden	
Jaina Patel	7th Wembley	
Freya Murphy	23rd Willesden	
Luka Sharma	7th Wembley	
Hannah Mitchell	25th Willesden	

	Massimiliano Martins	23rd Willesden
	Saanvi Madisety	7th Wembley
	Samuel Shah	7th Wembley
	Shayan Varsani	7th Wembley
	Jack Anderson	28th Willesden
	Sophie Smith	23rd Willesden
	Jacob Remon	2nd Kingsbury
	Khushi Pindoria	7th Wembley
	Luke Donoghue	23rd Willesden
	Manat Ernst Stark	7th Wembley
	Sofia Law	2nd Kingsbury
	Eric William Taylor	23rd Willesden
	Jacopo Di Martino	23rd Willesden
	Sophie Smith	23rd Willesden
	Massimiliano Pappalardo Martins	23rd Willesden
	Tomas Remon	2nd Kingsbury
<b>Chief Scout's Silver Award</b>	Adam Grey-Obian	3rd Kingsbury
	Anna Silver	23rd Willesden
	Caspar Valentin Gocksch	23rd Willesden
	Charlie Harris	2nd Kingsbury
	Daniel Johnston	25th Willesden
	Eddie Young	23rd Willesden
	Elsie Sha	23rd Willesden
	Emelia Robu	2nd Kingsbury
	Gladstone konda	10th Willesden
	Inigo Halsby	23rd Willesden
	Isaac Bellman	20th Willesden
	Liam Krajnik	2nd Kingsbury
	Lorenzo Pappalardo	23rd Willesden
	Martin Poultney	28th Willesden
	Mathew Dimunge	10th Willesden
	Misri Vyas	7th Wembley
	Molly (Ollie) Murphy	23rd Willesden
	Nina monu	10th Willesden
	Sebastian Zaprawa	23rd Willesden
	Shreyas Patel	2nd Kingsbury
	Theodor Holfeld	23rd Willesden
	Vihaan Ashworth	20th Willesden
	Xavier Raghvani	2nd Kingsbury
	Yashvi Kara	2nd Kingsbury
	Yashvi Pindoria	7th Wembley

<b>Chief Scout's Gold Award</b>	Bakary Kanteh	25th Willesden
<b>Chief Scout's Platinum Award</b>	Shreeya Halai	Chandos ESU



We have noted a decline in the number of Chief Scout's Gold Awards presented this year. However, this is not indicative of reduced achievement, but rather a timing issue. Many of the young people eligible for the Gold Award completed their Expedition Challenge as part of the District's dedicated weekend, which was held in April 2025. As a result, a significant number of Gold Awards are scheduled to be presented in May 2025. We fully expect these figures to reflect positively in next year's report, demonstrating continued progress toward our district goals.

## Young Leader Training

Young Leader training is broken up into Modules and Missions. There are ten modules that are designed to cover all aspects of training. They help Young Leaders become aware of and learn how to deal with various facets of leadership within the Scouting Movement.

There are also four missions to be completed alongside the ten modules. These missions are designed to allow the Young Leaders to put the learning from the Modules into practice. By doing so, they gain in confidence and become an integral part of the leadership team within sections and groups.



On completion of the course Young Leaders are presented with the Young Leader Belt.

### Young Leader Belt Recipients

Name	Section	Group
Hugh Jones	Squirrel Scouts	Monarch ESU

## District Programme

We are proud of all our young people who have attended district events this year and thankful to all the groups and volunteers for supporting our events. We are looking forward to the next year and hopeful that we can continue running exciting events for our Young People.

### St. George's Day Parade & Awards Ceremony

In Brent, St. George's Day is our opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our members over the past year. Youth and adult awards are presented, and the event serves as a powerful reminder of the impact Scouting has on individuals and communities.

This year's parade began at Wembley Park Boulevard, where groups mustered before processing through the heart of Wembley. The route took us north along the Boulevard, turning onto Engineers Way and Olympic Way, before concluding at Olympic Square. Families and spectators lined the route, cheering on our young people as they proudly represented their groups.

Following the parade, we gathered at Lycée International de Londres Winston Churchill for our Awards and Promise Renewal Ceremony. The programme included:

- A formal Flag Ceremony
- Live music performed by youth members
- Presentation of Youth Member Awards and Adult Service Awards
- A collective Promise Renewal
- Refreshments and social time to close the afternoon

The event was a resounding success, with strong attendance across all sections. It reaffirmed our commitment to unity, celebration, and the values that underpin Scouting in Brent.

### Patrol Challenge

Our annual Patrol Challenge brought together Scouts and Explorer Scouts from across Brent for a weekend of skill, teamwork, and friendly competition. Patrols were tested on their campcraft, leadership, and resilience through a series of challenges designed to showcase their Scouting abilities.



Congratulations to the Wind Worriers Patrol from 2nd Kingsbury Scouts, who topped the Scout section with 533 points, and to Chandos Explorer Scout Unit, who led the Explorer section with 601 points. Special recognition also goes to Pioneer ESU, who won the coveted Cooking Trophy for their outstanding culinary skills.

The event was a fantastic celebration of Scouting spirit and camaraderie, and we thank all the leaders and volunteers who made it possible.

### Larkin' Jamboree

This summer, **Brent Scouts** proudly took part in the inaugural **Larkin' Jamboree**, held from **27th July to 3rd August 2024** in the beautiful countryside of **North Yorkshire**, just outside the historic city of York.



Our contingent included **18 young people and 6 leaders**, who joined thousands of Scouts and Guides from across the UK and beyond for a week of adventure, friendship, and celebration. The programme featured over **100 activities**, including water sports, high ropes, bushcraft, mountain biking, crafts, and evening entertainment such as discos, film nights, and the “Larkin' Got Talent” show. We also had the opportunity to visit York for the day, and ride on the North York Moors Railway to Whitby.

In preparation for the camp, Brent Scouts took part in a **dedicated programme of team-building activities**, including a **Preparation Camp at PACCAR**, fundraising efforts, and parent briefings.

Larkin' was a memorable experience for all involved, and we look forward to building on its success in future international events.

### Brent Roar!



In October was our largest district camp ever, with over 350 Young People and 100 adults taking part in the 2-night camp that saw young people take part in a large district campfire, a range of adventurous activities, including climbing and high ropes, adrenaline activities like Human Hungry Hippos and some district-led badge activities.



The camp was open to all sections, with our first squirrels on a district camp, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Most importantly everyone left the camp with a camp badge (Thank you Michael for designing) and lots of happy memories!

### Remembrance Sunday Parade

Scouts from across Brent joined the London Borough of Brent Remembrance Sunday Parade, showcasing their respect and community spirit. Members from 2nd Kingsbury, 7th Wembley, 10th Willesden, 20th Willesden, 23rd Willesden, 28th Willesden, and 37th Willesden Scout Groups proudly represented the district.



### Swimming Galas

We were delighted to hold our District Swimming Galas once again in 2024, bringing together young people from across Brent for a fun and energetic celebration of aquatic skills. Separate galas were held for **Beavers and Cubs**, and for **Scouts and Explorers**, with strong participation and enthusiastic support from families and leaders.

The events provided a great opportunity for young members to challenge themselves, cheer on their peers, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped organise and run the galas.

The winners of each section were:

- Beavers: 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden
- Cubs: 23<sup>rd</sup> Willesden
- Scouts: 23<sup>rd</sup> Willesden
- Explorers: Pioneer ESU

The overall group winner (Beaver, Cubs and Scouts) was 23<sup>rd</sup> Willesden.

### 5-a-side Football

In March, Brent District hosted an exciting **5-a-side football competition** for **Cub Scouts and Scouts** at **Powerleague Harrow**. The event brought together teams from across the district for a fast-paced morning of football, teamwork, and fun.

Young people showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the matches, with leaders and volunteers helping to referee and support the event. It was a fantastic opportunity for Scouts to connect, compete, and celebrate their skills off the field.

The winners of each section were:

- Cubs: 23<sup>rd</sup> Willesden
- Scouts: 23<sup>rd</sup> Willesden

## Kandersteg

Brent District is proud to be sending the **largest contingent** in the County to the **GLMW Expedition to Kandersteg**, with **51 young people and 23 adults** preparing to take part in this exciting international adventure.

Throughout the reporting year, we've focused on building team spirit, developing expedition skills, and ensuring all participants are ready for the journey ahead. Key activities included:

- **Initial Selection Weekends**, where young people were introduced to the expedition programme and assessed for readiness.
- **Two Unit Meetings**, bringing participants together to plan, bond, and learn more about the trip.
- **Two training hikes**—one through **Epping Forest** and another to **Ivinghoe Beacon**—to build fitness and navigation skills.
- A **Winter Camp at Phasels Wood**, which provided a valuable opportunity for the full contingent to come together, experience cold-weather, and strengthen group dynamics.



These activities have laid a strong foundation for a successful expedition, and we look forward to representing Brent on the international stage in August.

## Expeditions Support Team

**Expeditions Team Leader:** Patrick O’Conner

The Expeditions Support Team is playing a pivotal role in the district by organising a dedicated Scout Expedition Challenge weekend, scheduled to take place in April 2025. This event is designed to provide Scouts with the opportunity to complete one of the most demanding components of the Chief Scout’s Gold Award—the Expedition Challenge.

By hosting this weekend, the team ensures that young people across the district have access to a structured, supportive environment in which to develop their outdoor skills, teamwork, and resilience. The event aligns with the district’s strategic goals for increasing top award attainment, and many participants are expected to receive their Gold Awards shortly after the expedition, contributing to next year’s achievements.

## Explorer Scouts

The 2025 edition of POR provided three options for the management of Explorer Scout Units. The trustees agreed to adopt option three for group-based units allowing the operation and financial management of them to move to the groups. This will only leave the Young Leader Unit within the district’s finances.

[Young Leader Explorer Scout Unit](#)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Vacant

[Chandos Explorer Scout Unit \(2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury\)](#)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** David Kitchen

[Dragon Explorer Scout Unit \(8<sup>th</sup> Kenton\)](#)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Harshil Shah

[Monarch Explorer Scout Unit \(25<sup>th</sup> Willesden\)](#)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Michael Edwards

[Pioneer Explorer Scout Unit \(28<sup>th</sup> Willesden\)](#)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Marcin Dziura

[Voyager Explorer Scout Unit \(27<sup>th</sup> Willesden\)](#)

**Explorer Scout Leaders:** Usma Shah & Alam Udin

[3<sup>rd</sup> Kingsbury SEND Explorer Scout Unit](#)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Peter Hayllar

# Volunteer Development

Volunteer Development Team Leader: Adam Green



## Wood Badge

Since September 1919, adult volunteers in the Scouts have been awarded the Wood Badge on the completion of their leader training. The basic badge comprises two wooden beads worn at the end of a leather lace.

Name	Role	Group
Aga Zajkovska	Assistant Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Ajay Shah	Beaver Leader	8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
Alam Uddin	Scout Leader	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Jack Stride	Support Team Leader	
Sagar Patel	Group Scout Leader	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
Tom Hughes	Deputy District Commissioner	

## Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards

Length of service awards are available to Members and Associate Members of the Association with eligible roles that accrue service, uniformed or not.



Award	Name	Role	Group
<b>5 Years</b>	Hugh Woolley		25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Jasmin Varsani		7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Len Rubio		10 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Mark Torres		25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Milan Shah		8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
	Rania Gonem		27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Fatimalbatoul Medlej		12 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>10 Years</b>	Ajay Shah		8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
	Aslam Bakarally	Explorer Scout Leader	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Jay Varsani		7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Usma Shah	Group Lead Volunteer	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>15 Years</b>	Angela Mayes	Group Lead Volunteer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kingsbury
	Josh Mayhew		8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
	Lindsey Karia		8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
<b>20 Years</b>	David Kitchen	District Lead Volunteer	
<b>25 Years</b>	Katina Doyle		28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

## Awards for Good Service

### Commissioner's Commendation

The Commissioner's Commendation is a local award that can be used by any commissioners to recognise adult and youth members and non-members for their contribution to the Scouts.



Name	Role
Sofia Munoz Zuluaga	Young Leader, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
Tom Hughes	District Programme Team Leader

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Awarded in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out. It should be regarded as the Chief Scout's recognition of the very real contribution made to the Scouts by the individual concerned.



Name	Role	Group/Unit
Marcin Dziura	Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Michael Edwards	Group Lead Volunteer	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

# Development

**Development Committee Chair:** David Kitchen

The Trustee Board have maintained their commitment to growth and has developed a successful approach to establishing new groups via the “six-week challenge” run by our amazing Local Growth Team Leader, Derek, our Local Growth Assistants, Irene and Tom with additional help from Christian from Scout Headquarters.

Our Underrepresented Communities Fund project continued through this year with Local Growth Officer, Claudia, supporting multiple projects.

Our efforts have significantly expanded the reach of Scouting in Brent, providing more opportunities for young people to embark on their Scouting journey.

## New Sections and Groups

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury Squirrels (June): We held a challenge to start a Squirrel Drey at 3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury in June, however over the summer this developed into a new group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wembley.
- Monarch ESU (September): In September we supported the opening of a new explorer scout unit partnered with 25<sup>th</sup> Willesden.
- Stonebridge Cub Challenge (October): We held a fully subscribed challenge for cubs in Stonebridge in October and November, unfortunately no volunteers came forward to continue running the section and we had to cancel the project.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury Cubs (March): With the beavers starting to age up a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sudbury, this cub challenge was supported by the Under-represented Communities fund and started on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wembley Beavers (March): Following the creation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wembley in September, we supported a beaver scout challenge to expand the group in March.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Willesden Beavers: The Challenge was set to start on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, but due to a lack of applications this has been postponed to April 2025.

# Support & Operations

**Support & Operations Team Lead:** Jack Stride

## Property

**Property Team Lead:** Trevor Toombs

The Property Team is currently responsible for two properties: Randall Avenue at NW2 7SX currently occupied by the 37<sup>th</sup> Willesden Group; and Village Way at NW10 0LH, our District HQ, and meeting place of the 27<sup>th</sup> Willesden Group.

### Randall Ave

Despite some mechanical issues with the ride on mower the grounds have been well maintained and used extensively by the 37<sup>th</sup> Willesden Scout Group, although the brambles continue to encroach at speed.

A new path has been started along the drive and materials purchased to fence off the wildlife pond which is currently overgrown with brambles.

Further work has been identified including replacement windows and a review of the heating system.

### Village Way

Village Way site is much newer than Randall Avenue but is starting to need additional attention.

The external storage area nicknamed the Bungalow had a large section of the felt roofing replaced this year to prevent water ingress into the equipment storage area.

The ground maintenance continues to be the focus of support for this site currently.

# Finance

**District Treasurer:** Frank Penter

## Trustees' responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. Trustees are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the district and charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with any applicable charity laws, and particularly the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on Brent District Scout Council's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the group's website is the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

The Finance Sub-Committee monitors the effectiveness of any external and internal audits. The Trustees believe that the system of internal controls has been adequate to provide reassurance against material misstatement or loss.

## Financial review

During the year the charity received a total income of £140,195 (2024: £85,802)

The charity's resource expenses totalling for the year were £145,570 (2024: £162,749). As a result, the deficit for the year was £5,375 and has been subtracted from the accumulated funds (2024: deficit of £76,947).

£60k continues to be held by County in readiness for tenure costs associated with the Kenton and Kingsbury headquarters. The progress at Kingsbury slowed in 2024-25 – we now hope to conclude in 2025-26. Kenton continues to be unresolved.

The Development Project's costs were £33.8k, compared to £69.5k the previous year (decreasing as a result of accumulated funds for the project being held by The Scout Association resulting in reduced claims from them). The trustees have intended for some years to be in a position whereby the accounts breakeven once the development project is removed. On this measure we have run the District at a £28.5k surplus (2024: £7k deficit). This surplus includes receipt of a £20k restricted grant – once this removed the surplus is £8.5k. While it is pleasing to note this significant change as compared to the previous year, the Trustees are still working on generating a regular income from the Village Way property.

# How we operate

This report and accounts cover the activities directly controlled by Brent District Scout Council (Charity Number 271413 England & Wales). The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association govern Brent District Scout Council.

Full details of the activities of the Scout Groups in Brent District are not reflected in this report and accounts. Scout Groups are autonomous charities and are affiliated with the District Scout Council.

## The District Trustee Board

The Trustee Board delegates its work to three standing sub-committees, these are:

- Development Sub-Committee
- Operations Sub-Committee
- Finance Sub-Committee

### Trustee Board

		From	To
<b>Martin Beard</b>	District Chair	Sept 24	
<b>David Kitchen</b>	District Lead Volunteer	Sept 24	
<b>Frank Penter</b>	District Treasurer	Sept 24	
<b>Adam Green</b>		Sept 24	Sept 26
<b>Jack Stride</b>		Sept 24	Sept 25
<b>Wayne Eastmond</b>		Sept 24	Sept 27
<b>Shaila Shah</b>		Sept 24	Sept 25
<b>Denise Pambakian</b>		Sept 24	Sept 26
<b>Trevor Toombs</b>		Sept 24	Sept 27

## Principal Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

## Independent Examiner

Goldwins Limited, 75 Maygrove Road, West Hampstead, LONDON NW6 2EG

## Principal Address

Scout Approach, Village Way, Neasden, LONDON NW10 0LH

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brent District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brent District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton BA FCA CTA FCIE  
Goldwins  
Chartered accountants  
75 Maygrove Road  
West Hampstead  
London NW6 2EG

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	1,916	23,000	24,916	8,220
Membership Subscriptions		53,932	8,809	62,741	49,552
Charitable activities:					
- Events and programmes	3	28,495	6,663	35,158	21,840
- Scout Building Income		3,252	-	3,252	2,303
- Shop income		176	-	176	563
- Others		248	-	248	-
Investment income	4	13,704	-	13,704	3,324
<b>Total income</b>		<b>101,723</b>	<b>38,472</b>	<b>140,195</b>	<b>85,802</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	5	43,945	5,670	49,615	40,863
Charitable activities:					
- Events and programmes	5	63,987	18,996	82,983	108,091
- Building Expenses		4,026	-	4,026	4,503
- Shop purchases & expenses		-	-	-	1,405
- Others		8,946	-	8,946	7,887
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>120,904</b>	<b>24,666</b>	<b>145,570</b>	<b>162,749</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(19,181)</b>	<b>13,806</b>	<b>(5,375)</b>	<b>(76,947)</b>
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	6	<b>(19,181)</b>	<b>13,806</b>	<b>(5,375)</b>	<b>(76,947)</b>
Transfers between funds		(3,144)	3,144	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(22,325)</b>	<b>16,950</b>	<b>(5,375)</b>	<b>(76,947)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		553,219	8,010	561,229	638,176
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>530,894</b>	<b>24,960</b>	<b>555,854</b>	<b>561,229</b>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.  
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.  
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	9		<u>8,828</u>		<u>8,100</u>
			<b>8,828</b>		<b>8,100</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Investments	10	342,895		471,406	
Debtors	11	86,066		17,021	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>205,752</u>		<u>71,521</u>	
		<b>634,713</b>		<b>559,948</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(87,687)</u>		<u>(6,819)</u>	
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>547,026</b></u>		<u>553,129</u>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>555,854</b></u>		<u><b>561,229</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	14				
Restricted funds:			<b>24,960</b>		8,010
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		<b>424,760</b>		458,449	
General funds		<u><b>106,134</b></u>		<u>94,770</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u><b>530,894</b></u>		<u>553,219</u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><b>555,854</b></u>		<u><b>561,229</b></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 16 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Martin Beard**  
**District Chair**

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

**b) Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**c) Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

**e) Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**f) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h) Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable programmes and activities.

**i) Operating leases**

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**j) Tangible fixed assets**

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

**k) Investments**

Investment includes cash held on long term deposit.

**l) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**m) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**n) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
The Scout association				
-ESU Grant	-	3,000	<b>3,000</b>	7,500
London Borough of Brent (CO2GO grant)	-	20,000	<b>20,000</b>	-
Donations	1,342	-	<b>1,342</b>	720
Gift Aid on Donations	574	-	<b>574</b>	-
	<b>1,916</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>24,916</b>	<b>8,220</b>

**Membership Subscriptions**

General	53,932	-	<b>53,932</b>	45,262
Explorer Scouts	-	8,245	<b>8,245</b>	4,290
Gift Aid on Subscriptions	-	564	<b>564</b>	-
	<b>53,932</b>	<b>8,809</b>	<b>62,741</b>	<b>49,552</b>

**3 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Events and programmes</b>				
- Events	28,495	-	<b>28,495</b>	17,972
- ESU income	-	6,663	<b>6,663</b>	3,868
<b>Other charitable incomes</b>				
- Scout Building Income	3,252	-	<b>3,252</b>	2,303
- Shop Income	176	-	<b>176</b>	563
- Others	248	-	<b>248</b>	-
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>32,171</b>	<b>6,663</b>	<b>38,834</b>	<b>24,706</b>

**4 Income from investments**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	13,704	-	<b>13,704</b>	3,324
	<b>13,704</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,704</b>	<b>3,324</b>

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**5.a Analysis of expenditure**

	Charitable activities				2025 Total £	2024 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others		
	£	£	£	£		
Membership	-	-	-	49,615	<b>49,615</b>	40,863
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	-	-	-	1,405
Property Operating Cost	-	2,775	-	-	<b>2,775</b>	292
Property Maintenance Cost	-	1,251	-	-	<b>1,251</b>	4,211
<b>Direct Costs:</b>						
Direct Event Costs	28,466	-	-	-	<b>28,466</b>	17,972
ESU Programme and Costs	18,996	-	-	-	<b>18,996</b>	11,272
District Programme and activities	1,349	-	-	-	<b>1,349</b>	8,910
Volunteers	295	-	-	-	<b>295</b>	358
Growth and development	33,877	-	-	-	<b>33,877</b>	69,579
<b>Grant:</b>						
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	602	<b>602</b>	996
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	120	<b>120</b>	-
<b>Support costs:</b>						
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	2,169	<b>2,169</b>	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	291	<b>291</b>	361
Insurance	-	-	-	3,101	<b>3,101</b>	2,690
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,976	<b>1,976</b>	1,450
Depreciation	-	-	-	687	<b>687</b>	500
<b>Total expenditure 2025</b>	<b>82,983</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,561</b>	<b>145,570</b>	162,749
Total expenditure 2024	108,091	4,503	1,405	48,750	162,749	

Of the total expenditure, £120,904 was unrestricted (2024: £147,207) and £24,666 was restricted (2024: £15,542).

**5.b Analysis of expenditure- Prior year (2024)**

	Charitable activities				2024 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others	
	£	£	£	£	
Membership	-	-	-	40,863	40,863
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	1,405	-	1,405
Property Operating Cost	-	292	-	-	292
Property Maintenance Cost	-	4,211	-	-	4,211
<b>Direct Costs:</b>					
Direct Event Costs	17,972	-	-	-	17,972
ESU Programme and Costs	11,272	-	-	-	11,272
District Programme and activities	8,910	-	-	-	8,910
Volunteers	358	-	-	-	358
Growth and development	69,579	-	-	-	69,579
<b>Grant:</b>					
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	996	996
<b>Support costs:</b>					
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	361	361
Insurance	-	-	-	2,690	2,690
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,450	1,450
Depreciation	-	-	-	500	500
<b>Total expenditure 2024</b>	<b>108,091</b>	<b>4,503</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>48,750</b>	<b>162,749</b>

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**6 Net income / (expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT):	<b>1,733</b>	1,650

**7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management**

The charity did not employ staff during the year.

The charity trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

**8 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	Property	Fixtures, fittings, and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At the start of the year	3,150	5,450	8,600
Additions in year	-	1,415	1,415
At the end of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>6,865</u>	<u>10,015</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At the start of the year	-	500	500
Charge for the year	-	687	687
At the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>1,187</u>	<u>1,187</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At the end of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>5,678</u>	<u>8,828</u>
At the start of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>4,950</u>	<u>8,100</u>

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

**10 Investments**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>£</b>	£
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>		
Cash held on long term deposit	<b>342,895</b>	471,406
	<u>342,895</u>	<u>471,406</u>

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**11 Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	25,034	17,021
Other debtors	867	-
Prepayments	60,165	-
	<u>86,066</u>	<u>17,021</u>

**12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	(24)	910
Other creditors	-	428
Accruals	2,079	1,890
Deferred income	85,632	3,591
	<u>87,687</u>	<u>6,819</u>

**13 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General unrestricted funds £	Designated funds	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	8,828	-	-	8,828
Net current assets	97,306	424,760	24,960	547,026
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<u>106,134</u>	<u>424,760</u>	<u>24,960</u>	<u>555,854</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	General unrestricted funds £	Designated funds	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	8,100	-	-	8,100
Net current assets	86,670	458,449	8,010	553,129
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>94,770</u>	<u>458,449</u>	<u>8,010</u>	<u>561,229</u>

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**14 Movements in funds**

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	8,010	18,472	(24,666)	3,144	<b>4,960</b>
Brent CO2Go Fund	-	20,000	-	-	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>8,010</b>	<b>38,472</b>	<b>(24,666)</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>24,960</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2023-2026Fund	137,466	-	(33,797)	-	<b>103,669</b>
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	<b>100,000</b>
Capital Project Grant Fund	198,680	-	-	-	<b>198,680</b>
Hardship Fund	22,303	606	(498)	-	<b>22,411</b>
Total designated funds	458,449	606	(34,295)	-	<b>424,760</b>
<b>General funds</b>	94,770	101,117	(86,609)	(3,144)	<b>106,134</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>553,219</b>	<b>101,723</b>	<b>(120,904)</b>	<b>(3,144)</b>	<b>530,894</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>561,229</b>	<b>140,195</b>	<b>(145,570)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>555,854</b>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

**Designated funds**

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for ongoing operating activities.

Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	7,894	15,658	(15,542)	-	8,010
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>7,894</b>	<b>15,658</b>	<b>(15,542)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,010</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2023-2026Fund	206,984	-	(69,518)	-	137,466
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Capital Project Grant Fund	198,680	-	-	-	198,680
Hardship Fund	23,053	-	(750)	-	22,303
Total designated funds	528,717	-	(70,268)	-	458,449
<b>General funds</b>	101,565	70,144	(76,939)	-	94,770
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>630,282</b>	<b>70,144</b>	<b>(147,207)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553,219</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>638,176</b>	<b>85,802</b>	<b>(162,749)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>561,229</b>

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**15 Contingent assets or liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities.

**16 Legal status of the charity**

Brent District Scout Council is a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 271413).

**17 Related party transactions**

The charity has no related party transactions during the year.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**18 Statement of financial activities (prior year)**

Comparative figures

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	720	7,500	8,220
Membership Subscriptions		45,262	4,290	49,552
Charitable activities:	3			-
- Events and programmes		17,972	3,868	21,840
- Scout Building Income		2,303	-	2,303
- Shop income		563	-	563
Investment income	4	3,324	-	3,324
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<b>Total income</b>		70,144	15,658	85,802
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	5	36,593	4,270	40,863
Charitable activities:	5			
- Events and programmes		96,819	11,272	108,091
- Building Expenses		4,503	-	4,503
- Shop purchases & expenses		1,405	-	1,405
- Others		7,887	-	7,887
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<b>Total expenditure</b>		147,207	15,542	162,749
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		(77,063)	116	(76,947)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-
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<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	6	(77,063)	116	(76,947)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
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<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(77,063)	116	(76,947)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		630,282	7,894	638,176
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<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		553,219	8,010	561,229
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**BRENT DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 271413

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

# 2023 - 2024

**Brent District Scout Council**

Charity No. 271413



# Introduction

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We bring communities together and contribute to society. Above all, we aim to build better futures.

This report demonstrates how we did this from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## Our purpose and method

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and live their Scout Promise.

The District Scout Council's Trustees must report on the Council's public benefit in our Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, activities, and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to 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.

We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Scouting Movement complies with two key principles set by the Commission regarding public benefit:

### 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society; this benefit is directly linked to the Purpose of Scouting.

### 2. Public benefit

Scouting is a national movement open to young people aged 4-25 and to adults. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. The District enables those who are financially challenged to benefit from Scouting; while the District charges a subscription to its members, the benefits of Scouting are not constrained by a member's ability to pay. The District has arrangements to waive subscriptions, fund uniforms and subsidise activities so that young people are not excluded from activities if they face financial difficulties.

# District Commissioner

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present the annual report for Brent District Scout Council. This year has been one of extraordinary achievement, filled with moments that have underscored the vibrancy, dedication, and impact of Scouting in our community.



We commenced the year with an historic milestone, holding our inaugural St. George's Day parade as Brent District at Wembley Park. This symbolic event not only showcased our district's unity and spirit but also marked our growing presence in the heart of Brent.

Our commitment to service was exemplified through our "Big Help Out" event, which garnered national recognition with a feature on BBC Breakfast News. Hosting the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls; the UK Chief Commissioner, Carl Hankinson; and the CEO of The Scout Association, Matt Hyde, was an exceptional opportunity to demonstrate the transformative work we have undertaken to expand Scouting in Brent and engage our diverse community. Their presence served as a powerful testament to the impact we are making.



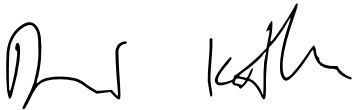
I am thrilled to report that our 2024 census reveals a remarkable 22% growth in both youth and adult membership. This achievement solidifies our position as the fastest-growing district in the UK for the sixth time in recent years, a testament to the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and the appeal of Scouting to young people in Brent.

The awarding of 77 Chief Scout's Awards, including our first Chief Scout's Acorn Awards, is a source of immense pride. This accomplishment reflects the dedication of our young people and the commitment of our leaders to fostering personal development and achievement.

I extend my deepest gratitude to every volunteer who makes Scouting possible in Brent. Your tireless efforts, passion, and commitment are the bedrock of our success. I also acknowledge the invaluable support of our Growth and Development staff team, whose expertise and guidance have been instrumental in our growth.

As we reflect on this remarkable year, we look forward to the future with enthusiasm and anticipation. The spirit of Scouting is alive and thriving in Brent, and I am confident that together, we will continue to empower young people, strengthen our community, and create a lasting legacy of positive impact.

*Do your best!*

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David Kitchen  
District Commissioner

# District Chair

Brent District continues to expand its activities and grow youth membership through opening new sections and groups in areas where local scouting opportunities were historically very limited, especially Wembley, Sudbury and Kingsbury. The new groups have created the opportunity for more young people to access the benefits of scouting across Brent and are contributing to the expansion of district activities. Their stimulus and energy have been transforming.

The District Trustees have maintained their commitment to growth, this has been further stimulated by the District successfully securing additional development support through the Under Represented Communities Fund (UCF) with an aggressive growth agenda for delivery over the next two years. This process has led to additional sections and new groups being opened across the Borough.

The District continues to manage two properties with Trevor taking the lead both in maintaining them and in implementing renovations. We also continue to support our groups with limited financial resources to upgrade and manage their facilities. A new seven-year lease has been successfully negotiated (although not concluded) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury site however the length of the lease may preclude major capital investment in the premises.

The District continues to be in dialogue with Brent Council on the proposed development of the Welsh Harp Education Centre and is one of the stakeholder community partners. The remediation work at the Brent District site at Village Way, to enable the whole site to be safely used for scouting activities, is still at the planning stage although some building improvements have been made.

The District Trustees meet regularly both on Teams and in person. Frank (our District Treasurer) is an amazing supporter and has managed the accounts with expertise while also providing a service to new groups as they establish their financial arrangements. Giles (our District Secretary) has greatly enhanced the district's administration which will be of significant benefit as we adopt The Scout Association's "transformation" and restructure our Trustee board.

The Trustee Board has benefited from the insights of our co-District Youth Commissioners (Lauren and Jasmin) and the experience of Theresa, Wayne, Denise and Shaila as members of the District Trustee Board. As the District expands, we hope some supporters from our newer groups will join the district trustees, enhancing its skill set and enabling it to deliver a broader agenda. We would welcome people with fundraising, building and financial management skills.

Scouting in Brent continues to develop and contribute to local community cohesion while providing "skills for life" and training to both our youth and adult volunteer members. It was

particularly pleasing to note the level of interest in the County trip to Kandersteg in 2025, where Brent will be the largest contingent. We are continually exploring ways to improve our financial position and fund the development programme while supporting existing groups. The scouting experience can only be delivered due to the commitment and skills of the leaders and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to achieving such a positive outcome for our members and making a difference in our communities across Brent District.

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Martin Beard, District Chair

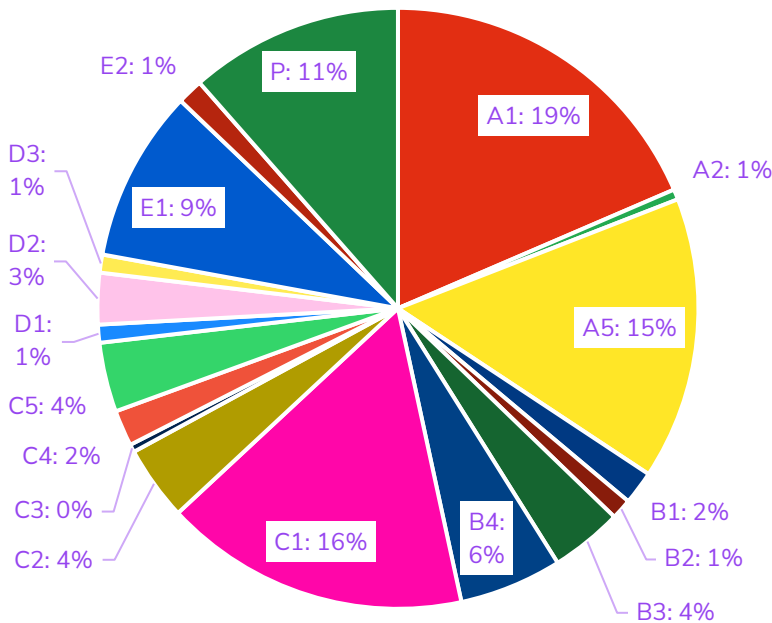
# Membership

	2023			2024			2023 v 2024		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total*	Male	Female	Total*
<b>Youth membership</b>									
<b>Squirrel Scouts</b>	-	-	-	9	5	14	+9	+5	+14
Beaver scouts	96	49	145	109	57	171	+13	+8	+26
Cub scouts	145	74	219	135	105	241	-10	+31	+22
Scouts	112	73	185	149	96	247	+37	+23	+62
Explorer scouts	34	19	53	33	36	70	-1	+17	+17
Network members	11	3	14	9	1	11	-2	-2	-3
<b>Total youth membership</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>+46</b>	<b>+82</b>	<b>+138</b>
<b>Leadership</b>									
Section leaders	36	32	68	42	62	104	+6	+30	+36
Sectional assistants	12	16	28	3	10	13	-9	-6	-15
<b>Total leadership</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>+21</b>
<b>Management</b>									
Group Scout Leaders	9	4	13	7	7	14	-2	+3	+1
Commissioners	4	-	4	5	3	8	+1	+3	+4
<b>Total management</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+5</b>
<b>Governance</b>									
Group Governance	19	20	39	16	34	50	-3	+14	+11
District Governance	3	1	4	3	1	4	-	-	-
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>+11</b>
<b>Support Roles</b>									
Group Support Roles	2	0	2	2	8	10	-	+8	+8
District Support Roles	0	3	3	1	0	1	+1	-3	-2
Active Support	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	-	-1
<b>Total support</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>+5</b>
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>+38</b>	<b>+131</b>	<b>+179</b>
<b>Squirrel Scout Dreys</b>									
			-			2			+2
Beaver Scout Colonies			10			13			+3
Cub Scout Packs			13			15			+2
Scout Troops			12			16			+4
Explorer Scout Units			5			6			+1
Active Support Units			2			3			+1
Groups			13			14			+1

\* This total includes those who self-identify or did not declare their gender.

# Diversity

## Ethnicity



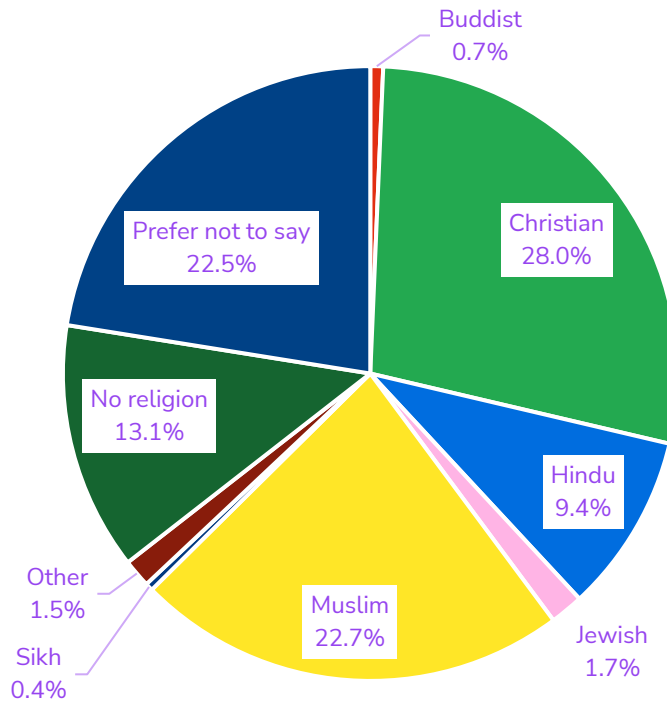
<b>A1</b>	British
<b>A2</b>	Irish
<b>A3</b>	Gypsy or Irish Traveller
<b>A4</b>	Roma
<b>A5</b>	Any other White background
<b>B1</b>	White and Black Caribbean
<b>B2</b>	White and Black African
<b>B3</b>	White and Asian
<b>B4</b>	Any other mixed background
<b>C1</b>	Indian
<b>C2</b>	Pakistani
<b>C3</b>	Bangladeshi
<b>C4</b>	Chinese
<b>C5</b>	Any other Asian background
<b>D1</b>	Caribbean
<b>D2</b>	African background
<b>D3</b>	Any other Black background
<b>E1</b>	Arab
<b>E2</b>	Any other ethnic group
<b>P</b>	Prefer not to say

While our 2024 census indicates a slight decrease in the percentage of youth members identifying as Black, Asian, and minority ethnic (BAME) to 61%, from 65% in 2023, we continue proudly to be the most diverse Scout district in the UK. Notably, this figure aligns closely with the 2021 National Census data for the London Borough of Brent<sup>1</sup>, where 64% of the population identified as BAME.

This demonstrates our ongoing commitment to reaching and engaging young people from all backgrounds across the vibrant and diverse community of Brent.

<sup>1</sup> Ethnicity in Brent - 2021 Census topic report (<https://data.brent.gov.uk/dataset/vq9nd/ethnicity-in-brent-2021-census-topic-report>)

## Religion

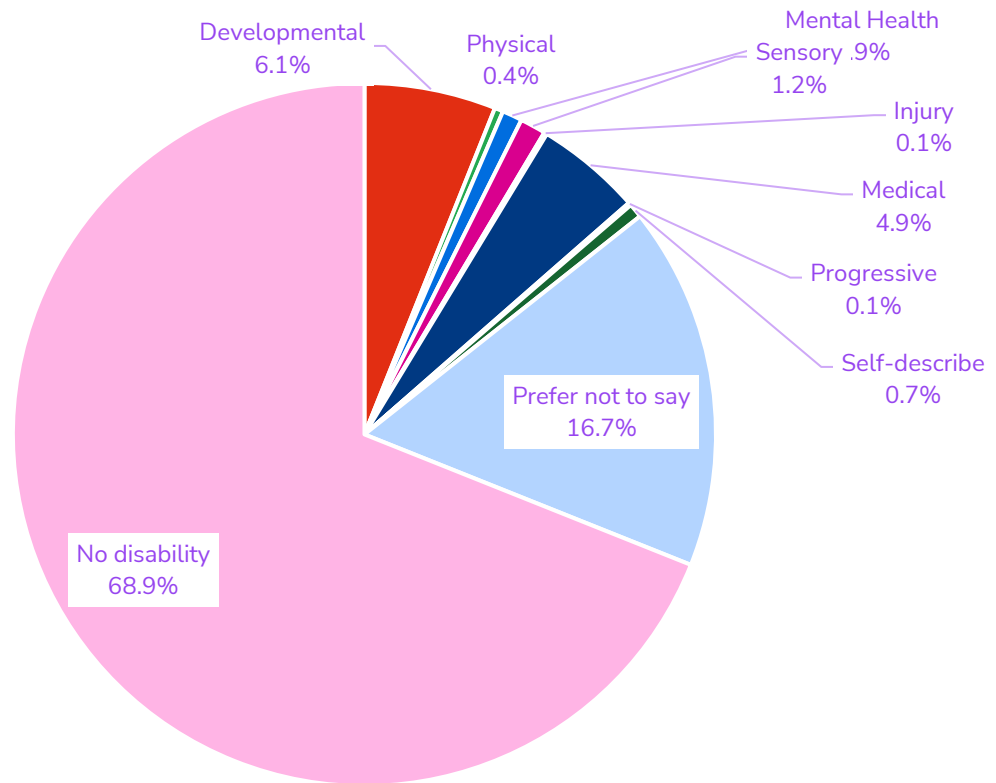


Religion	Brent Population <sup>2</sup>
<b>Buddhist</b>	0.9%
<b>Christian</b>	38.8%
<b>Hindu</b>	15.6%
<b>Jewish</b>	1.1%
<b>Muslim</b>	21.4%
<b>Sikh</b>	0.5%
<b>Other</b>	1.3%
<b>No religion</b>	13.6%
<b>Not Stated</b>	6.9%

We have improved the reliability of the collection of religion data in our 2024 census, and as with ethnicity, we can confidently demonstrate that we are reaching all communities in Brent.

<sup>2</sup> Religion in Brent - 2021 Census topic report (<https://data.brent.gov.uk/dataset/vdd6n/religion-in-brent-2021-census-factsheet>)

## Disabilities

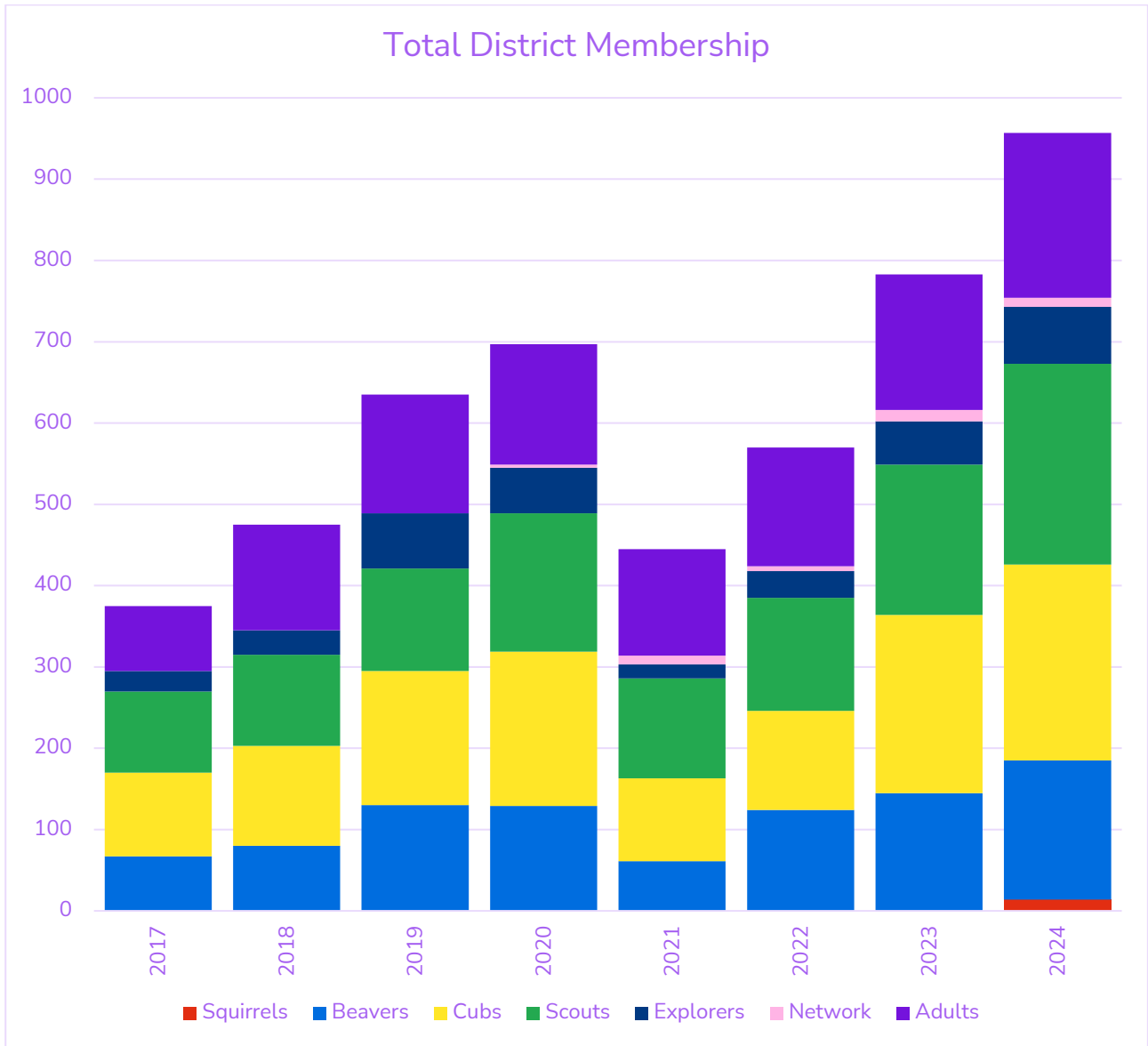


We have seen the number of youth members in the district with developmental disabilities continue to increase from 5.5% in 2022 to 5.7% in 2023 and now 6.1% in 2024. This compares to only 2.5% in the national population<sup>3</sup>.

We have also seen an increase in youth membership with other disabilities, this can be linked to the opening of 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingsbury, or Special Education Needs and Disabilities Scout Group.

<sup>3</sup> Mencap (<https://www.mencap.org.uk/learning-disability-explained/research-and-statistics/how-common-learning-disability>)

## Historical Comparison



Our annual census is taken on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and our 2024 figures have grown beyond our 2023 membership. With a 22% growth in both youth and adult membership, we are again the fastest-growing district in the UK, as we were in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023.

# Youth Programme

Deputy District Commissioner for Programme: Tom Hughes

Assistant District Commissioners:

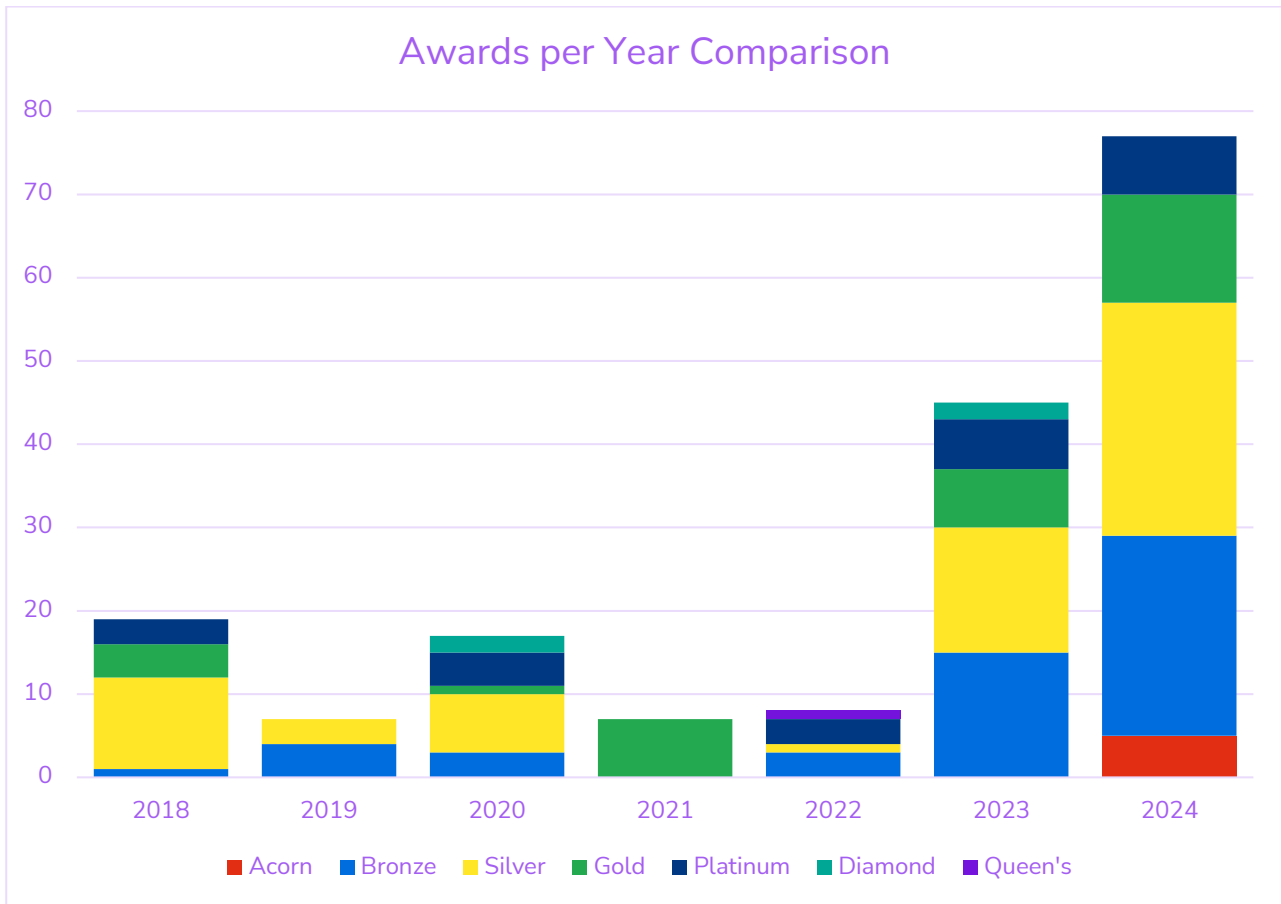
- **Scouts:** Marcin Dziura

## Youth Awards

The Chief Scout's Award Scheme recognises the incredible efforts and achievements of our Young People across a variety of activities within each section, representing the highest awards achievable. To earn their badge, young people must complete challenges across adventure, skills, outdoor, creative and personal categories, to name a few. There are awards in all sections, allowing young people to progress through The Chief Scout's Bronze Award (Beavers), Silver (Cub), Gold (Scouts), Platinum (Explorers), Diamond (Explorers) and The Queen's Scout Award (Explorers and Network). We have had the privilege of awarding 77 Chief Scout's Awards this year, including Chief Scout's Acorn Awards for the first time to 5 outstanding squirrels!

Award	Name	Group
<b>Chief Scout's Acorn Award</b>	Agnes Thomas	35th Willesden
	Aurora Cohen-Francis	35th Willesden
	Bryson Hoppie	35th Willesden
	Hezekiah Jeffery-Wellington	35th Willesden
	Rishaan Kapadia	35th Willesden
<b>Chief Scout's Bronze Award</b>	Alex Martin Tayala	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Arabella Castro	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Aria Powdrill	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Arthur Hankinson	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Christopher Pericleous	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Diyan Kerai	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Erika Maria Avadani	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Ezra Stevens	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Freddie Dias - Headley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Freddy Ducros	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Iona Prasad Higgins	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Jermaine Bawah	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Julia Zaprawa	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Luke Matthew Reeves	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Maxim Lafferty	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Miles Chan	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Mohamed Moussa El Asri	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Oliver Haendler	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Teddy Cunningham	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Thomas Kitt	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Victor Martin Tayala	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Zachary Hilton	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Zen Raghvani	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury

<b>Chief Scout's Silver Award</b>	Zoe Marshall	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Aaran Patel	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Aayush Halai	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Aris Pericleous	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Charis Thomas	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Chhaya Keria	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Ella Herron	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Emma Rotaru	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Freddie Bueno De Mesquita	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Harvey Laird	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Henry Darr	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Isha Ananda	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Jackson Skinner	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Jayan Tanna	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Jude Blackburn	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Kian Varsani	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Liam Quinn-Murray1	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Louis Dupuis	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Lucas Kinder Teixeira	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Maiya Modino	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Nicola Kypris	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Niyam Patel	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Rohan Haria	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Sara Fernandez	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Sefora Clipa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Shaylan Fatania	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
	Taksh Dubhela	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
Viyam Shah	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley	
Yasmin Sterne	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden	
<b>Chief Scout's Gold Award</b>	Benjamin Law	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Elsa Silberbauer	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	George Sellers	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Jannah Rattray	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Karina-Delia Avadani	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Luke Sharrocks	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Miriam Istoc	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Monisha Kerai	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Sebastian Castagnaro	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Shafiq Azam	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Silas Nolan	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Sydney Jones	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Tiago Reuben Anneh-Moreira	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>Chief Scout's Platinum Award</b>	Lauren Mills	Pioneer ESU
	Jay Dziura	Pioneer ESU
	Kristopher Kypris	Pioneer ESU
	Christopher Thomas	Nomad ESU
	Daniel Skinner	Nomad ESU
	Dylan O Connor	Nomad ESU
	Sienna Lily Jamieson	Pioneer ESU



## Young Leader Training

Young Leader training is broken up into Modules and Missions. There are ten modules that are designed to cover all aspects of training. They help Young Leaders become aware of and learn how to deal with various facets of leadership within the Scouting Movement.

There are also four missions to be completed alongside the ten modules. These missions are designed to allow the Young Leaders to put the learning from the Modules into practice. By doing so, they gain in confidence and become an integral part of the leadership team within sections and groups.

On completion of the course Young Leaders are presented with the Young Leader Belt.

### Young Leader Belt Recipients

Name	Section	Group
Jay Dziura		28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Farah Rattray		

## District Programme

We are really proud of all our young people who have attended district events this year and thankful to all the groups and volunteers for supporting our events. We are looking forward to the next year and hopeful that we can continue running exciting events for our Young People.

### St. George's Day Parade & Awards Ceremony - April



For the first time in more than twenty years we held a parade for St. George's Day, followed by an awards Ceremony. The parade passed through Wembley Park, with the Deputy Lieutenant and the Mayor of Brent taking the salute at the steps of Wembley Stadium.

Following the parade, we assembled at Lycée International de Londres Winston Churchill for our annual awards ceremony and promise renewal service.

## The Big Help Out - May



The Big Help Out was a nationwide initiative launched to coincide with the coronation of King Charles III, aimed at promoting volunteering and community service. Amidst the hundreds of events taking place across the UK, Brent District Scouts proudly hosted one of the flagship events, showcasing the power of Scouting to bring people together and make a positive impact.

Our event was particularly noteworthy as we had the honour of hosting BBC Breakfast News, requiring our dedicated volunteers to rise before dawn at 4 a.m. to ensure everything was set for filming. This national exposure offered a fantastic platform to highlight the incredible work of our Scouts and the broader Scouting movement. Moreover, we were privileged to welcome distinguished guests, including Chief Scout Bear Grylls, UK Chief Commissioner Carl Hankinson, and the CEO of The Scout Association, Matt Hyde. Their presence underscored the significance of our event and the vital role Scouting plays in shaping young lives. We extend our sincere gratitude to Brent Council for their invaluable support in allowing us to stage this memorable event in the picturesque King Edward VII Park in Wembley.

## Patrol Challenge - June



The Patrol Challenge Camp, a highlight of our Scouting calendar, was an action-packed weekend where patrols competed to showcase their skills, teamwork, and leadership. Held from June 30th to July 2nd, 2023, the competition saw four Explorer Scout Patrols and six Scout Patrols go head-to-head in a challenging standing patrol camp.

The patrols were judged on various aspects of their campcraft, including their ability to set up and maintain a well-organized campsite, cook delicious meals, and demonstrate proficiency in essential Scouting skills. The emphasis was on teamwork, leadership, and resourcefulness, as patrols navigated the challenges of camp life and worked together to achieve their goals.

## Cub Camp - July



We held our first District Cub Camp in July 2023, with over 70 cubs from 6 groups attending our Survival Weekend. The cubs endured all the elements, with torrential rain and raging winds not dampening anyone's spirits as they learnt how to start fires, safely use knives

and build shelters, alongside a range of fun activities including a large campfire to end the weekend. All young people attending earned their Outdoor Challenge Badge, Backwoods Cooking Activity Badge and Pioneering Activity Badge.

### Forest Fest - July –August 2023



The first in our post-CoViD summer and international camp programme - a contingent of Scouts and Explorers from across Brent attended the Forest Fest International Jamboree in Nottinghamshire between 28th July and 3rd August. On the Walesby Forest Scout Centre grounds, our team made friends with Scouts from around the country and from around Europe, took part in some great activities (including some heated competitions on the bumper cars in the evenings!) and visited the city of Lincoln for a chance to experience life outside of London – somehow still finding the nearest McDonalds and Tesco! Combined, we had over 50 nights away across the contingent for this trip, worked together to stay happy, healthy and fed across the 5-day camp, and came home with some great new badges.

### Jamboree on the Internet - October

Young people from across the South part of the District descended on Kings Hall Community Centre (25th Willesden HQ) for a day of digital- and international-themed activities, working towards the World Challenge and the International badge for all sections. Scouts ranging from Cubs to Explorers came together to learn, get to know each other and have some fun on an otherwise blustery October day.

### Bonfire Night - November

Our annual Bonfire Night was a sell out again with over 450 people joining us. The event raised over £3,000.

## Remembrance Sunday Parade - November



Scouts from across Brent joined the London Borough of Brent Remembrance Sunday Parade, showcasing their respect and community spirit. Members from 2nd Kingsbury, 7th Wembley, 10th Willesden, 20th Willesden, 23rd Willesden, 28th Willesden, and 37th Willesden Scout Groups proudly represented the district.

## Swimming Galas – December

We held two well attended galas, one for Beavers and Cubs and the other for Scouts and Explorers.

## Thames Takeover - February

To celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the RNLI, our Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels took to the Thames on a private-hire boat and cruised all the way from Lambeth Bridge to the Thames Barrier, singing campfire songs, weaving ropes and having an all-round great time whilst achieving Nautical Skills and Time on the Water badges – often very tricky to do for younger Scouts.

## Science Days - March

Celebrating Science Week, our annual Science Days at Stember Hall made a return to the District Calendar – this time for Cubs and, for the first time, Scouts. Trying their hand at a variety of STEM-themed challenges, our Cubs and Scouts had a chance to achieve their Scientist badges while working together with others from outside their Group.

## Expeditions Active Support Unit

**Unit Manager:** Nick Blundell

### Explorer Scouts

Explorer Scout provision is the responsibility of the Scout District under The Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. However, most of our Units partner with one of our groups sharing facilities and resources.

Young Leader Explorer Scout Unit

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Vacant

Chandos Explorer Scout Unit (2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** David Kitchen

Dragon Explorer Scout Unit (8<sup>th</sup> Kenton)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Harshil Shah

Nomad Explorer Scout Unit

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Nick Blundell

Pioneer Explorer Scout Unit (28<sup>th</sup> Willesden)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Marcin Dziura

Voyager Explorer Scout Unit (27<sup>th</sup> Willesden)

**Explorer Scout Leaders:** Usma Shah & Alam Udin

3<sup>rd</sup> Kingsbury SEND Explorer Scout Unit

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Peter Hayllar

# Volunteer Development

Local Training Manager: Theresa Mills



## Wood Badge

Since September 1919, adult volunteers in the Scouts have been awarded the Wood Badge on the completion of their leader training. The basic badge comprises two wooden beads worn at the end of a leather lace.

Name	Role	Group
Bob Cox	District Section Leader	
Harshil Shah	Explorer Scout Leader	Dragon ESU
Nalia Salim	Scout Leader	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
John Stevens	Group Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Michael Edwards	Group Scout Leader	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Marcin Dziura	Explorer Scout Leader	Pioneer ESU
Adam Green	Deputy District Commissioner	

## Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards

Length of service awards are available to Members and Associate Members of the Association with eligible roles that accrue service, uniformed or not.



Award	Name	Role	Group
<b>5 Years</b>	Andres Crespo	Group President	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kingsbury
	Anil Halai		8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
	Linda Anneh-Bu	Group Scout Leader	10 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Marcin Dziura	Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts	
	Michael Edwards	Group Scout Leader	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Yvette Sowah	Chair	35 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>10 Years</b>	Dominic Sommerville	Scout Leader	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Naresh Varsani	Scout Leader	7 <sup>th</sup> Wembley
<b>15 Years</b>	Vishal Karia	Assistant Scout Leader	8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton

## Awards for Good Service

### Commissioner's Commendation

The Commissioner's Commendation is a local award that can be used by any commissioners to recognise adult and youth members and non-members for their contribution to the Scouts.



Name	Role
Emanuela Nesciuc	Young Leader, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
Lila Selandji	Young Leader, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
Marcin Dziura	Assistant District Commissioner: Scouts
Michael Edwards	Group Scout Leader, 25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

### Award for Merit

The Award for Merit is given for outstanding service. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period, of at least 12 years duration



Name	Role	Group/Unit
Karen Doyle	Cub Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

### Silver Acorn

The Silver Acorn is given in respect of not less than 20 years good service, which should be specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding.



Name	Role	Group/Unit
Nicholas Blundell	Explorer Scout Leader	Nomad ESU

# Development

**Development Committee Chair:** David Kitchen

The past year has been a testament to our unwavering commitment to growth and development, marked by the successful launch of new sections, groups, and the support of existing ones. Our efforts have significantly expanded the reach of Scouting in Brent, providing more opportunities for young people to embark on their Scouting journey.

The Trustee Board have maintained their commitment to growth and has developed a successful approach to establishing new groups via the “six-week challenge” run by our amazing Local Growth Team Leader, Derek, our Local Growth Assistants, Irene and Tom with additional help from Christian from Scout Headquarters.

Our Underrepresented Communities Fund project officially kicked off in January with Claudia join our team as a Local Growth Officer. Claudia has supported and learnt from our existing projects, ready to start leading her own projects from April 2023.

## New Sections and Groups

- **28th Willesden Scouts (April):** We proudly opened a second Scout Troop at 28th Willesden, further strengthening their presence in the community. The 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden can now be considered a “super group” with two each of Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops – along with its partner Pioneer Explorer Scout Unit.
- **7th Wembley Scouts (April):** Building on the success of their Beaver Colony and Cub Pack launched last year, 7th Wembley expanded their offerings with the addition of a Scout Troop.
- **3rd Kingsbury (June):** Recognising the importance of inclusivity, we established a new special education needs and disabilities (SEND) group at the Village School in Kingsbury, providing a combined section for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.
- **11th Willesden (September):** The launch of our second new group of the year at Mallorees School was a remarkable feat, starting with four sections simultaneously: Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.
- **37th Willesden (June):** We successfully reopened the 37th Willesden Scout Group, beginning with a Cub Pack and laying the foundation for future growth.
- **3rd Sudbury (November):** In collaboration with St. Andrews Church in Sudbury, we relaunched the 3rd Sudbury group with Beavers, breathing new life into a scout hut that had been dormant for over two decades.

- **3rd Kingsbury Explorers & Network (December):** Further expanding our commitment to inclusivity, we introduced a combined SEND Explorer & Network Unit at 3rd Kingsbury.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Willesden Squirrels (January):** Adding to the existing sections we opened a Squirrel Scout Drey at 20<sup>th</sup> Willesden for 4 & 5-year-olds. This extends 20<sup>th</sup> Willesden to offer scouting from age 4 to 14.
- **25<sup>th</sup> Willesden Squirrels (January):** Adding to the existing sections we also opened a Squirrel Scout Drey at 25<sup>th</sup> Willesden for 4 & 5-year-olds. This extends 25<sup>th</sup> Willesden to offer scouting from age 4 to 14.

These accomplishments stand in stark contrast to the previous year, where we faced challenges in opening new groups and sections due to venue limitations and the lingering effects of the pandemic.

# Operations

**Operation Committee Chair:** Trevor Toombs

The Operations Team is currently responsible for two properties: Randall Avenue at NW2 7SX, currently occupied by Nomad Explorer Scout Unit and the restarted 37<sup>th</sup> Willesden Group; and Village Way at NW10 0LH currently our District HQ and HQ for the 27<sup>th</sup> Willesden Group.

During the year we were frustrated by delays in access to previously awarded CO2 carbon reduction grants from Brent Council. It is expected that this will be resolved in 2024-25. These grants will improve both buildings.

## Randall Ave

The electrical systems have needed some more upgrades and replacements to be compliant; upgraded external lighting was completed with Low Energy Floodlights to the front, side and rear, switched independently. This has made a great difference and increases the external area use. We have completed our Electrical certification of this project and the building as a whole.

The completion of the new garage in May has helped storage of equipment and enabled the hall to be de-cluttered. The covered porch area was also extended by David Stephens. The acquisition of a ride on motor mower has greatly reduced the number of hours in grass cutting although grounds maintenance remains a challenge as the brambles continue to invade. Thanks again to Martin Beard, David Stephens, Thomas Stephens and others in the team.

General Maintenance of the property included guttering replacement, lock strengthening and flashing above main doors. Some external painting of the porch area was done by a Nomad ESU parent.

The lighting in the alleyway has been upgraded to improve light distribution along the approach pathway.

## Village Way

Village Way site is a much newer building than Randall Avenue and therefore does not currently need as much attention.

New flooring was installed in the Kitchen Ladies toilet area, much improving the environment.

The ground maintenance is currently a much smaller area in front and side of the building, which is being handled by 27<sup>th</sup> Willesden Scout and Trevor.

The external storage building nick named "The Bungalow" has required roof repairs after high winds and remains a concern. Some tree maintenance has also been done pending a more strategic review.

Temporary Heras Fencing was sourced and erected to prevent access to the rear area.

# Finance

**District Treasurer:** Frank Penter

## Trustees' responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. Trustees are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the district and charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with any applicable charity laws, and particularly the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on Brent District Scout Council's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the group's website is the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

The Finance Sub-Committee monitors the effectiveness of any external and internal audits. The Trustees believe that the system of internal controls has been adequate to provide reassurance against material misstatement or loss.

## Financial review

During the year the charity received a total income of £85,802 (2023: £58,602)

The charity's resource expenses totalling for the year were £162,749 (2023: £126,744). As a result, the deficit for the year was £76,947 and has been subtracted from the accumulated funds (2023: deficit of £68,142).

£60k continues to be held by County in readiness for tenure costs associated with the Kenton and Kingsbury headquarters. We have progressed the situation at Kingsbury, and expect conclusion early in 2024-25. Kenton continues to be unresolved.

The Development Project's costs were £69.5k, compared to £52k the previous year (increasing because of additional activity in this area). The trustees have intended for some years to be in a position whereby the accounts breakeven once the development project is removed. On this measure we have run the District at a £7k deficit (2023: £16k). The trustees continue to discuss the fact that our objective here is not being achieved. An increase (albeit marginal) in our levy (charged to groups) and an increase in young people will help. We also hope that we may soon obtain some regular income related to our property at Village Way.

# How we operate

This report and accounts cover the activities directly controlled by Brent District Scout Council (Charity Number 271413 England & Wales). The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association govern Brent District Scout Council.

Full details of the activities of the Scout Groups in Brent District are not reflected in this report and accounts. Scout Groups are autonomous charities and are affiliated with the District Scout Council.

## The District Trustee Board

The Trustee Board delegates its work to three standing sub-committees, these are:

- Development Sub-Committee
- Operations Sub-Committee
- Finance Sub-Committee

### Trustee Board

		From	To
<b>Martin Beard</b>	District Chair		
<b>David Kitchen</b>	District Commissioner		
<b>Frank Penter</b>	District Treasurer		
<b>Giles Wolfe</b>	District Secretary		10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
<b>Adam Green</b>	Deputy District Commissioner	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	
<b>Tom Hughes</b>	Deputy District Commissioner	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	
<b>Katie Bogue</b>			29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
<b>Wayne Eastmond</b>			
<b>Theresa Mills</b>			
<b>Denise Pambakian</b>			
<b>Trevor Toombs</b>			

## Principal Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

## Independent Examiner

Goldwins Limited, 75 Maygrove Road, West Hampstead, LONDON NW6 2EG

## Principal Address

Scout Approach, Village Way, Neasden, LONDON NW10 0LH

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brent District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brent District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton BA FCA CTA FCIE  
Goldwins  
Chartered accountants  
75 Maygrove Road  
West Hampstead  
London NW6 2EG

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	720	7,500	8,220	2,649
Membership Subscriptions		45,262	4,290	49,552	39,530
Charitable activities:					
- Events and programmes	3	17,972	3,868	21,840	11,843
- Scout Building Income		2,303	-	2,303	1,618
- Shop income		563	-	563	1,509
- Others		-	-	-	-
Investment income	4	3,324	-	3,324	1,453
<b>Total income</b>		<b>70,144</b>	<b>15,658</b>	<b>85,802</b>	58,602
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	5	36,593	4,270	40,863	31,040
Charitable activities:					
- Events and programmes	5	96,819	11,272	108,091	71,037
- Building Expenses		4,503	-	4,503	4,353
- Shop purchases & expenses		1,405	-	1,405	5,338
- Others		7,887	-	7,887	14,976
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>147,207</b>	<b>15,542</b>	<b>162,749</b>	126,744
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(77,063)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>(76,947)</b>	(68,142)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	6	<b>(77,063)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>(76,947)</b>	(68,142)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(77,063)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>(76,947)</b>	(68,142)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		630,282	7,894	638,176	706,318
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>553,219</b>	<b>8,010</b>	<b>561,229</b>	638,176

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.  
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.  
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	9		<u>8,100</u>		<u>3,150</u>
			<b>8,100</b>		<b>3,150</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Investments	10	471,406		397,399	
Debtors	11	17,021		10,441	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>71,521</u>		<u>233,903</u>	
		<b>559,948</b>		<b>641,743</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(6,819)</u>		<u>(6,717)</u>	
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>553,129</b></u>		<u>635,026</u>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>561,229</b></u>		<u>638,176</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	14				
Restricted funds:			<b>8,010</b>		7,894
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		<b>458,449</b>		528,717	
General funds		<u><b>94,770</b></u>		<u>101,565</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u><b>553,219</b></u>		<u>630,282</u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><b>561,229</b></u>		<u>638,176</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 24 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**Martin Beard**  
**District Chair**

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

**b) Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**c) Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

**e) Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**f) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h) Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable programmes and activities.

**i) Operating leases**

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**j) Tangible fixed assets**

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

**k) Investments**

Investment includes cash held on long term deposit.

**l) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**m) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**n) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>2024</b>			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
The Scout association				
-ESU Grant	-	7,500	<b>7,500</b>	-
Donations	720	-	<b>720</b>	2,649
	<u><b>720</b></u>	<u><b>7,500</b></u>	<u><b>8,220</b></u>	<u><b>2,649</b></u>
<b>Membership Subscriptions</b>				
General	45,262	-	<b>45,262</b>	34,615
Explorer Scouts	-	4,290	<b>4,290</b>	4,915
	<u><b>45,262</b></u>	<u><b>4,290</b></u>	<u><b>49,552</b></u>	<u><b>39,530</b></u>

**3 Income from charitable activities**

	<b>2024</b>			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Events and programmes</b>				
- Events	17,972	-	<b>17,972</b>	8,031
- ESU income	-	3,868	<b>3,868</b>	3,812
<b>Other charitable incomes</b>				
- Scout Building Income	2,303	-	<b>2,303</b>	1,618
- Shop Income	563	-	<b>563</b>	1,509
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<u><b>20,838</b></u>	<u><b>3,868</b></u>	<u><b>24,706</b></u>	<u><b>14,970</b></u>

**4 Income from investments**

	<b>2024</b>			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	3,324	-	<b>3,324</b>	1,453
	<u><b>3,324</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>3,324</b></u>	<u><b>1,453</b></u>

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**5.a Analysis of expenditure**

	Charitable activities				2024 Total £	2023 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others		
	£	£	£	£		
Membership	-	-	-	40,863	<b>40,863</b>	31,040
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	1,405	-	<b>1,405</b>	5,338
Property Operating Cost	-	292	-	-	<b>292</b>	1,786
Property Maintenance Cost	-	4,211	-	-	<b>4,211</b>	2,567
<b>Direct Costs:</b>						
Direct Event Costs	17,972	-	-	-	<b>17,972</b>	7,679
ESU Programme and Costs	11,272	-	-	-	<b>11,272</b>	7,055
District Programme and activities	8,910	-	-	-	<b>8,910</b>	4,056
Volunteers	358	-	-	-	<b>358</b>	200
Growth and development	69,579	-	-	-	<b>69,579</b>	52,047
<b>Grant:</b>						
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	996	<b>996</b>	3,487
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	-	-	2,515
<b>Support costs:</b>						
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-	154
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	<b>1,890</b>	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	361	<b>361</b>	210
Insurance	-	-	-	2,690	<b>2,690</b>	2,527
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,450	<b>1,450</b>	1,193
Depreciation	-	-	-	500	<b>500</b>	-
<b>Total expenditure 2024</b>	<b>108,091</b>	<b>4,503</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>48,750</b>	<b>162,749</b>	126,744
Total expenditure 2023	71,037	4,353	5,338	46,016	126,744	

Of the total expenditure, £147,207 was unrestricted (2023: £116,641) and £15,542 was restricted (2023: £10,103).

**5.b Analysis of expenditure- Prior year (2023)**

	Charitable activities				2023 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others	
	£	£	£	£	
Membership	-	-	-	31,040	31,040
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	5,338	-	5,338
Property Operating Cost	-	1,786	-	-	1,786
Property Maintenance Cost	-	2,567	-	-	2,567
<b>Direct Costs:</b>					
Direct Event Costs	7,679	-	-	-	7,679
ESU Programme and Costs	7,055	-	-	-	7,055
District Programme and activities	4,056	-	-	-	4,056
Volunteers	200	-	-	-	200
Growth and development	52,047	-	-	-	52,047
<b>Grant:</b>					
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	3,487	3,487
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	2,515	2,515
<b>Support costs:</b>					
Governance costs	-	-	-	154	154
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	210	210
Insurance	-	-	-	2,527	2,527
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,193	1,193
<b>Total expenditure 2023</b>	<b>71,037</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>5,338</b>	<b>46,016</b>	<b>126,744</b>

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**6 Net income / (expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT):	<b>1,575</b>	1,575

**7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management**

The charity did not employ staff during the year.

The charity trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

**8 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	Property	Total
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At the start of the year	3,150	<b>3,150</b>
Additions in year	5,450	<b>5,450</b>
At the end of the year	<u>8,600</u>	<u><b>8,600</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At the start of the year	-	-
Charge for the year	500	<b>500</b>
At the end of the year	<u>500</u>	<u><b>500</b></u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<u><b>8,100</b></u>	<u><b>8,100</b></u>
At the start of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

**10 Investments**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>		
Cash held on long term deposit	<b>471,406</b>	397,399
	<u><b>471,406</b></u>	<u>397,399</u>

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**11 Debtors**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	17,021	9,693
Prepayments	-	748
	<u>17,021</u>	<u>10,441</u>

**12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	910	2,672
Other creditors	428	2,155
Accruals	1,890	1,890
Deferred income	3,591	-
	<u>6,819</u>	<u>6,717</u>

**13 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	8,100	-	-	8,100
Net current assets	86,670	458,449	8,010	553,129
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<u>94,770</u>	<u>458,449</u>	<u>8,010</u>	<u>561,229</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	General unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,150	-	-	3,150
Net current assets	98,415	528,717	7,894	635,026
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<u>101,565</u>	<u>528,717</u>	<u>7,894</u>	<u>638,176</u>

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**14 Movements in funds**

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	7,894	15,658	(15,542)	-	<b>8,010</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>7,894</b>	<b>15,658</b>	<b>(15,542)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,010</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2023-2026 Fund	206,984	-	(69,518)	-	<b>137,466</b>
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	<b>100,000</b>
Capital Project Grant Fund	198,680	-	-	-	<b>198,680</b>
Hardship Fund	23,053	-	(750)	-	<b>22,303</b>
Total designated funds	528,717	-	(70,268)	-	<b>458,449</b>
<b>General funds</b>	101,565	70,144	(76,939)	-	<b>94,770</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>630,282</b>	<b>70,144</b>	<b>(147,207)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553,219</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>638,176</b>	<b>85,802</b>	<b>(162,749)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>561,229</b>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

**Designated funds**

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for ongoing operating activities.

Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	7,533	10,464	(10,103)	-	7,894
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>7,533</b>	<b>10,464</b>	<b>(10,103)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,894</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2020-2023 Fund	59,031	-	(51,487)	(7,544)	-
Development Project 2023-2026 Fund	200,000	-	(560)	7,544	206,984
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Capital Project Grant Fund	198,680	-	-	-	198,680
Hardship Fund	23,129	-	(76)	-	23,053
Total designated funds	580,840	-	(52,123)	-	528,717
<b>General funds</b>	117,945	48,138	(64,518)	-	101,565
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>698,785</b>	<b>48,138</b>	<b>(116,641)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>630,282</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>706,318</b>	<b>58,602</b>	<b>(126,744)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>638,176</b>

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**15 Contingent assets or liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities.

**16 Legal status of the charity**

Brent District Scout Council is a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 271413).

**17 Related party transactions**

The charity has no related party transactions during the year.

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**18 Statement of financial activities (prior year)**

Comparative figures

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	912	1,737	2,649
Membership Subscriptions		34,615	4,915	39,530
Charitable activities:	3			-
- Events and programmes		8,031	3,812	11,843
- Scout Building Income		1,618	-	1,618
- Shop income		1,509	-	1,509
Investment income	4	1,453	-	1,453
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<b>Total income</b>		48,138	10,464	58,602
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	5	27,992	3,048	31,040
Charitable activities:	5			
- Events and programmes		63,982	7,055	71,037
- Building Expenses		4,353	-	4,353
- Shop purchases & expenses		5,338	-	5,338
- Others		14,976	-	14,976
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<b>Total expenditure</b>		116,641	10,103	126,744
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		(68,503)	361	(68,142)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-
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<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	6	(68,503)	361	(68,142)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
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<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(68,503)	361	(68,142)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		698,785	7,533	706,318
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<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		630,282	7,894	638,176
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**BRENT DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 271413

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

# 2022 - 2023

**Brent District Scout Council**

Charity No. 271413

# Introduction

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We bring communities together and contribute to society. Above all, we aim to build better futures.

This report demonstrates how we did this from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## Our purpose and method

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and live their Scout Promise.

The District Scout Council's Trustees must report on the Council's public benefit in our Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, activities, and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to 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.

We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Scouting Movement complies with two key principles set by the Commission regarding public benefit:

### 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society; this benefit is directly linked to the Purpose of Scouting.

### 2. Public benefit

Scouting is a national movement open to young people aged 4-25 and to adults. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. The District enables those who are financially challenged to benefit from Scouting; while the District charges a subscription to its members, the benefits of Scouting are not constrained by a member's ability to pay. The District has arrangements to waive subscriptions, fund uniforms and subsidise activities so that young people are not excluded from activities if they face financial difficulties.

# District Commissioner

It brings me great joy to witness the realisation of our 2020-2023 Growth & Development plan. Our goal was to enable more young people in Brent to achieve the Chief Scout's Awards and the Queen's Scout Award, and we succeeded.

**In 2022/23, we presented 45 Chief Scout Awards.**

We experienced an ongoing expansion in the District with new sections and groups opening and some previously closed sections reopening. Our membership has grown by 36.5%, once again making us the UK's fastest-growing district! We have also surpassed our 2020 membership numbers, indicating that we have fully recovered from the decline due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, we have significantly expanded our District Team. Adam Green has been appointed as Deputy District Commissioner for Programme, and Marcin Dzuira, Nick Blundell, and Tom Hughes have taken on the roles of Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, Explorers, and Activities, respectively. This bigger team has enabled us to improve our District programme and support more leaders to achieve their Nights Away Permit.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all the leaders and volunteers who have supported and guided our youth members in achieving our highest honours. Your unwavering dedication and commitment to our growth and development do not go unnoticed. Thank you for being exemplary role models and for always being there to offer guidance and support. You truly make a significant difference in the lives of our youth members, and they will always be grateful for the positive impact you are making.

*Do your best!*



David Kitchen  
District Commissioner

# District Chair

Wow ... what a dynamic year! The number of scouting groups and the activities being run continue to develop at a dramatic growth rate. Since expanding to cover the whole of Brent, new groups have been opened in areas where local scouting opportunities were limited, especially Wembley, Sudbury and Kingsbury. We welcome our new groups and their fresh impetus to Brent District.

The year has not been without its frustrations. We continue our dialogue with Brent Council over leases. Although a new seven-year lease has just been offered for the 2nd Kingsbury the length of the lease may well preclude major capital investment in the premises. This remains an area where we continue to lobby for a more pragmatic approach from Brent. Having secured carbon reduction grants of £10,000 for two of our premises via the "You Decide" participatory budgeting process in February 2022 Brent Officers are still assessing what modifications are required; after a false start in March 2023, we are back at square one with initial site surveys now planned for August 2023.

The Trustees continue to engage positively with the London Borough of Brent and hope work will be commissioned and implemented before next year's AGM!

Three groups successfully applied for Brent NCIL funding in the July 2022 allocations (well done 2nd Kingsbury, 27th Willesden and 8th Kenton). We encourage all groups to seek opportunities to access grants and energise their local communities to support scouting.

The District has also engaged with Brent Council on the proposed development of the Welsh Harp Education Centre and will be one of the community partners as plans are developed. We thank David Stevens who is monitoring this project and keeps us informed at a local level.

We are pleased to report that the Brent District site at Village Way has now been vacated by the former car-park tenant following the termination of historic arrangements. There is considerable remediation work to be done before the area can be safely used for scouting activities, but it is a relief to report progress on an issue that has taken three years to resolve. We would encourage all groups that operate lettings or have "local arrangements" to formalise the agreements with written terms to protect both parties. We look forward to re-establishing a wider range of activities at the Brent District site and implementing some remodelling of the facilities.

David Kitchen, our dynamic District Commissioner, continues to implement a framework and strategy for scouting in Brent, balancing the need to support existing groups with growing scouting into new areas. The Trustee Board continues to invest historical resources in the development programme although limited financial resources restrict its scope.

The District Executive meets regularly both on Teams and in person. Our District Treasurer (Frank) has a firm grip on the financial reporting, and our Secretary (Giles) has greatly enhanced the district's administration. Properties currently being managed by the district are maintained, with Trevor taking the lead, supported by Wayne Eastmond, David Stevens and Thomas Stevens. We successfully installed a new garage for storage at the Randall Avenue site. Tremendous thanks are due to the commitment of David and Thomas Stevens who spent many cold/wet weekends digging out the foundations across the Winter to enable the prefabricated garage to be installed in Spring. This was a herculean effort with the added benefit of disposing of several tons of rubble from around the site. Thank you!

Frank has provided temporary banking support for new groups this year while championing the lease negotiations with Brent. Giles has added significant value to the recording and organisation of District meetings and driving the health and safety agenda. We are deeply indebted to Trevor for his practical advice, insight, and irrepressible enthusiasm for scouting at Trustee meetings. We should also acknowledge the contributions of Theresa, Katie, Wayne and Denise to the Trustee Board; their practical guidance enriches our discussions and informs the direction of scouting across Brent District. As the District expands, we hope some group supporters will join the district trustees, adding to its skill set and enabling us to deliver a wider agenda. We need to expand our property and facility support and would welcome people with building and financial management skills.

Scouting in Brent is continually evolving, making a positive contribution to the local community and providing "skills for life" and training to our youth and adult volunteer members. We are continually exploring ways to stabilise our financial position to sustain our development programme. The support of the local community, leaders and volunteers are key to delivering a strong scouting experience to our members. I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed to achieving this across Brent District.

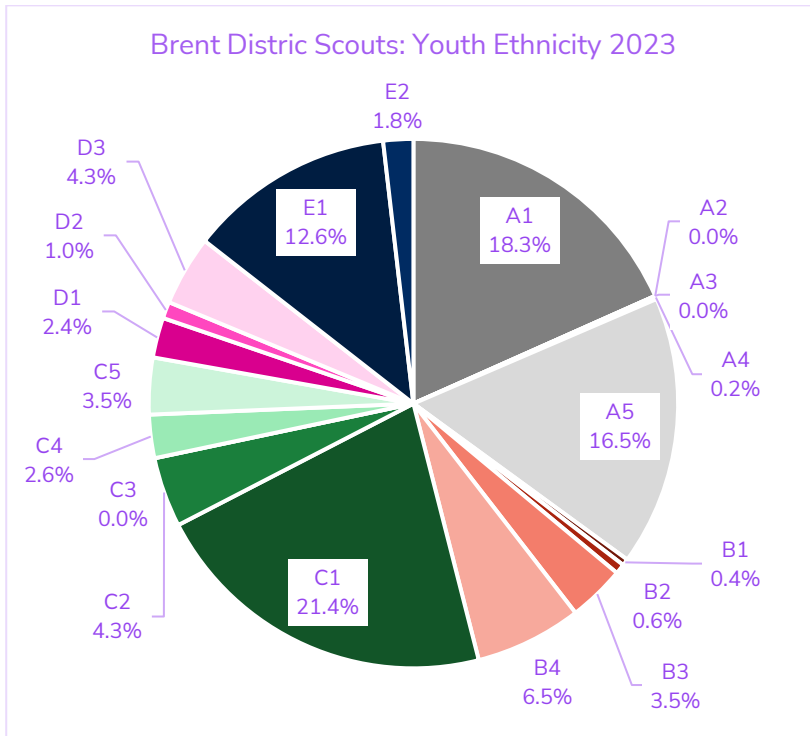
Martin Beard, District Chair

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# Membership

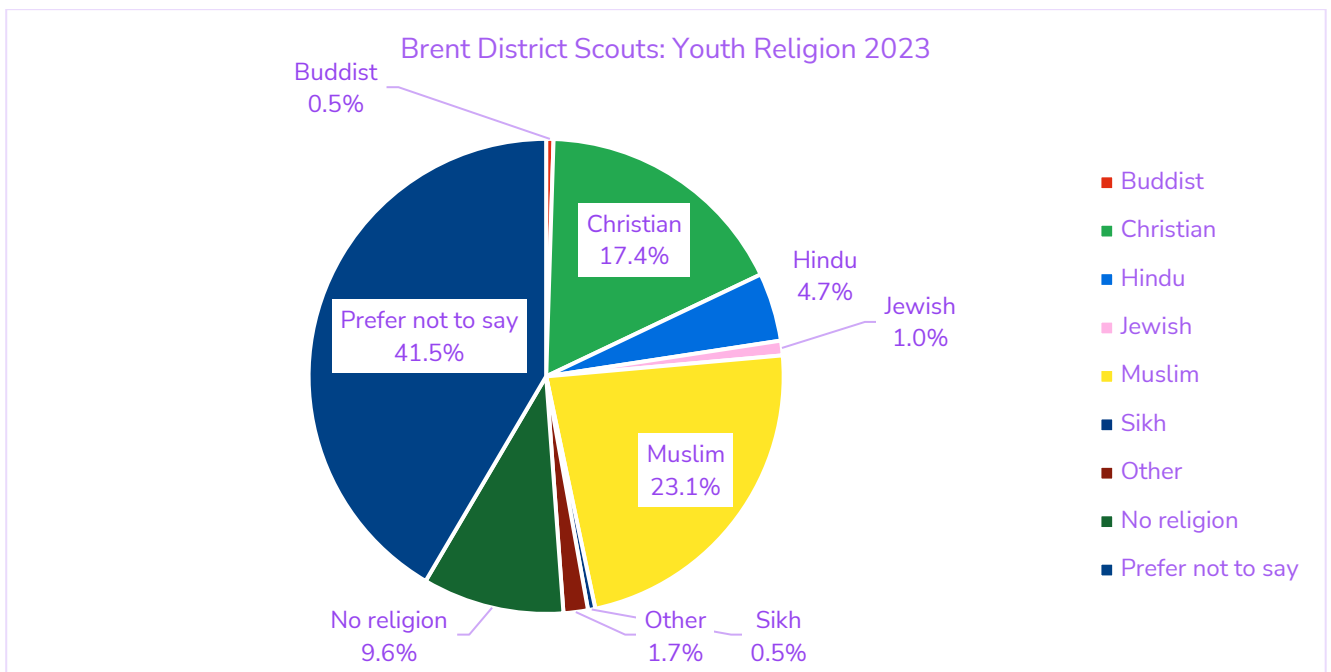
	2022			2023			2022 v 2023		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>Youth membership</b>									
Beaver scouts	82	42	124	96	49	145	+14	+7	+21
Cub scouts	87	35	122	145	74	219	+58	+39	+97
Scouts	93	46	139	112	73	185	+19	+27	+46
Explorer scouts	19	14	33	34	19	53	+15	+5	+20
Network members	6	-	6	11	3	14	+5	+3	+8
<b>Total youth membership</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>+111</b>	<b>+81</b>	<b>+192</b>
<b>Leadership</b>									
Section leaders	34	28	62	36	32	68	+2	+4	+6
Sectional assistants	8	10	18	12	16	28	+4	+6	+10
<b>Total leadership</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+16</b>
<b>Management</b>									
Group Scout Leaders	5	6	11	9	4	13	+4	-2	+2
Commissioners	4	-	4	4	-	4			
<b>Total management</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+2</b>
<b>Governance</b>									
Group Governance	14	22	36	19	20	39	+5	-2	+3
District Governance	4	-	4	3	1	4	-1	+1	
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+3</b>
<b>Support Roles</b>									
Group Support Roles	-	1	1	2	0	2	+2	-1	+1
District Support Roles	4	6	10	0	3	3	-4	-3	-7
Active Support	-	-	-	1	0	1	+1		+1
<b>Total support</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>+124</b>	<b>+84</b>	<b>+208</b>
<b>Units</b>									
Beaver Scout Colonies			10			10			
Cub Scout Packs			10			13			+3
Scout Troops			12			12			
Explorer Scout Units			5			5			
Active Support Units			1			2			+1
Groups			13			13			

# Diversity



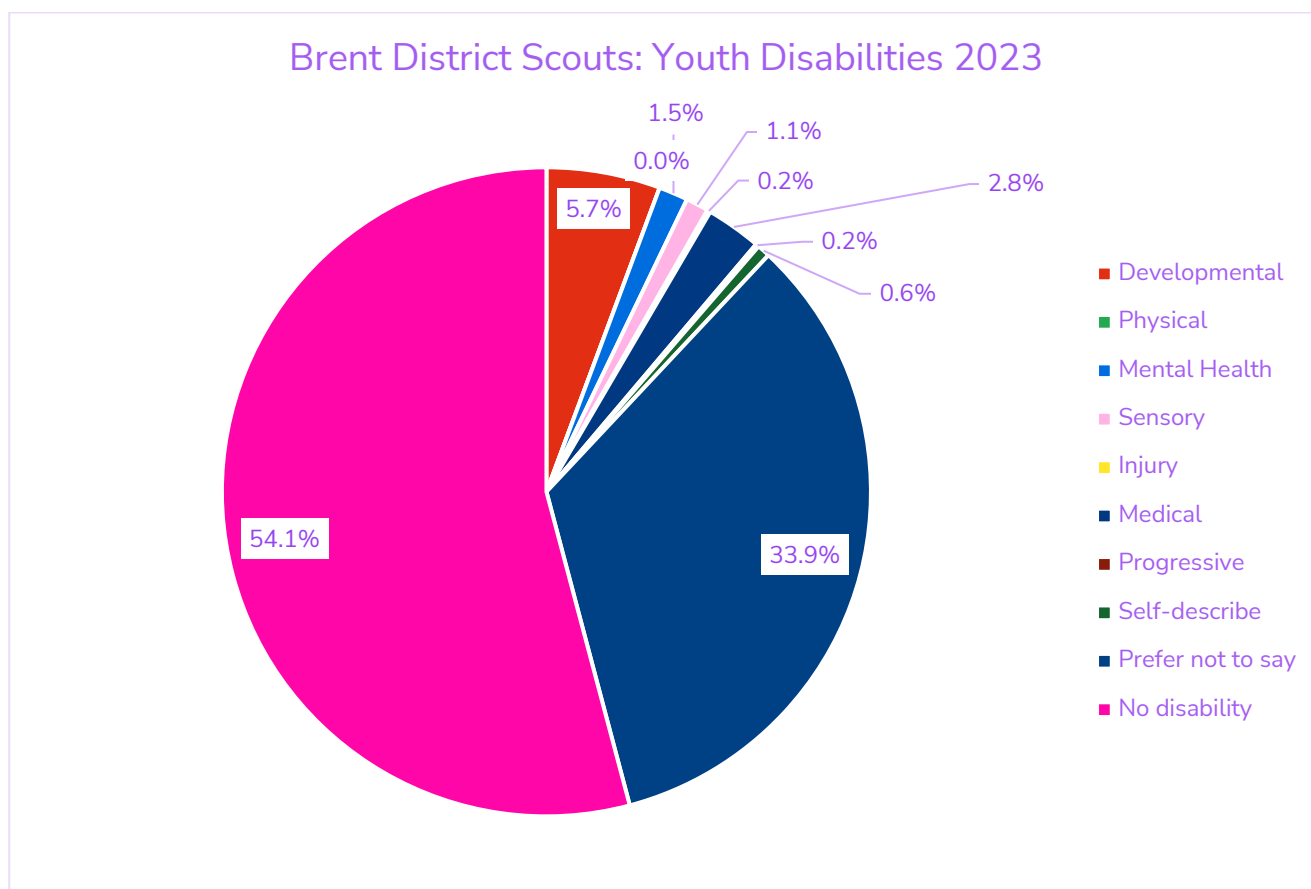
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<b>D2</b>	African background
<b>D3</b>	Any other Black background
<b>E1</b>	Arab
<b>E2</b>	Any other ethnic group

65% of our youth membership is from Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) groups, increasing from 57% in our 2022 census. In the 2021 National Census, the London Borough of Brent’s population was 64% BAME<sup>1</sup>. This makes us the most diverse scout district in the UK.



<sup>1</sup> Ethnicity in Brent - 2021 Census topic report (<https://data.brent.gov.uk/dataset/vq9nd/ethnicity-in-brent-2021-census-topic-report>)

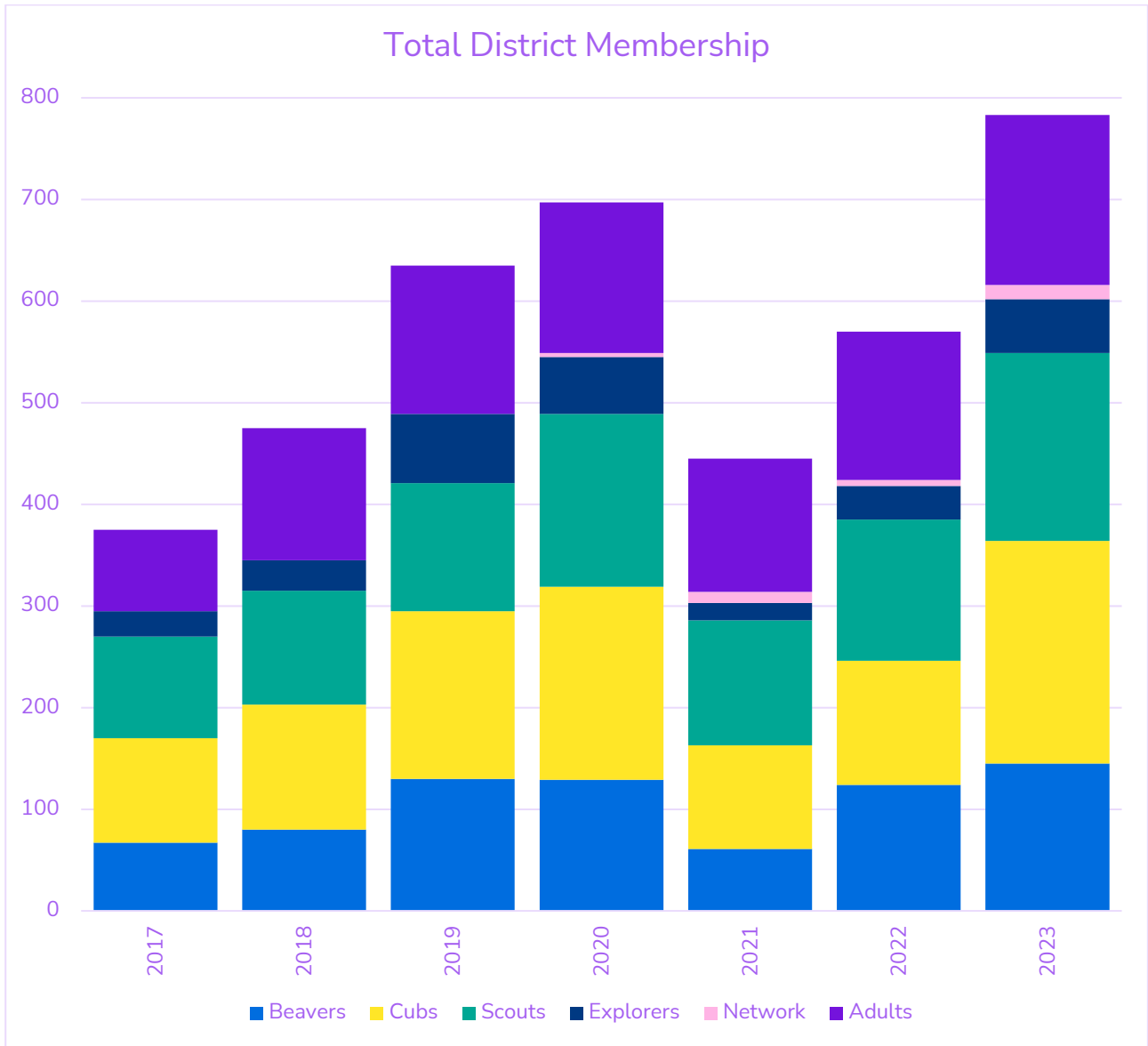
2023 was the first time we have collected religion as part of our census; however, many did not fill this part of the form in leading to some inaccuracy in the data.



We have seen the number of youth members in the district with developmental disabilities increase from 5.5% in 2022 to 5.7%. This compares to only 2.5% in the national population<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Mencap (<https://www.mencap.org.uk/learning-disability-explained/research-and-statistics/how-common-learning-disability>)

## Historical Comparison



Our annual census is taken on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and our 2023 figures have grown beyond our 2020 membership. With a 36.5% growth in membership, we are again the fastest-growing district in the UK, as we were in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2022.

# Programme

Deputy District Commissioner for Programme: Adam Green

Assistant District Commissioner for

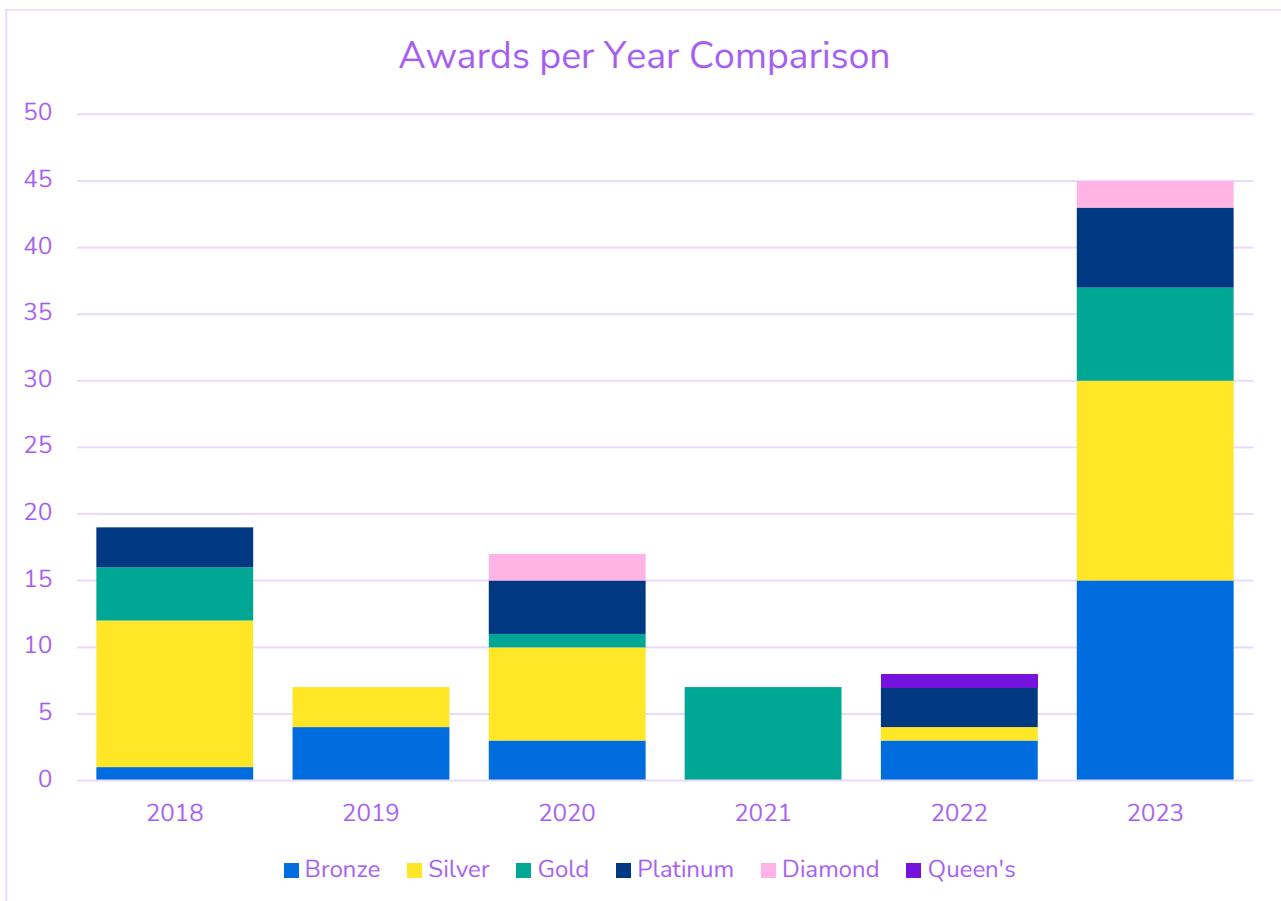
- **Scouts:** Marcin Dziura
- **Explorer Scouts:** Nick Blundell
- **Activities:** Tom Hughes

## Youth Awards

The awards we give our Youth members represent the culmination of significant activity within our youth sections. There are awards in all sections, allowing young people to progress through The Chief Scout's Bronze Award (Beavers), Silver (Cub), Gold (Scouts), Platinum (Explorers), Diamond (Explorers) and The Queen's Scout Award (Explorers and Network).

Award	Name	Group
<b>Chief Scout's Bronze Award</b>	Isabella Tsang	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Ava-Marie Corbyn-Thomas	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Thiago Da Costa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Aarushi Vyas	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Sebastian Zaprawa	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Theodor Holfeld	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Jasper Pescod	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Inigo Halsby	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Lorenzo Pappalardo	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Casper Shaw	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Zoe Futter	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Mollie Cooper	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Alice Smith	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Ted McGonagle	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Rufus Gurney	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden	
<b>Chief Scout's Silver Award</b>	Maximus Tsang	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Joshua Virciorovan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Oluwadamilola Olasupo	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Patrick Istoc	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Victas Choong	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
	Aaron Suissa	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Olivia Potter Marshall	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Owen Grabowski-Mette	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Zelie Rabier	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Jackson Skinner	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Owen Grabowski-Mette	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Salwa Rashad	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Wolf Stevens	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden	

	Martha Gray	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Marcie Lyford Clarke	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>Chief Scout's Gold Award</b>	Danny Skinner	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Hugh Jones	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Jay Dziura	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	India Watts	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Daisy Walker	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Zyad Mekky	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Ralph Dowson	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	<b>Chief Scout's Platinum Award</b>	Lois Cameron
Josh Skinner		Nomad ESU
Farah Ratray		Nomad ESU
Josh Gomes		Nomad ESU
Dylan O'Connor		Nomad ESU
Ruby Blindheim		Pioneer ESU
<b>Chief Scout's Diamond Award</b>	Layan Mekky	Nomad ESU
	Josh Skinner	Nomad ESU



## Events

This year saw a return to all our major District events.

It started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, with our Spring District Camp – however, this turned out to be a “freezer camp” with sub-zero temperatures on both nights. This was the first of our permit camps, helping three leaders successfully apply for their Nights Away Permit.



We ran a similar camp in October with three more leaders getting their Nights Away Permits.

The whole District was back together on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May for our St. George’s Day Award Ceremony. The District also took part in the Brent Borough Proclamation of Accession and the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Our Patrol Challenge camp returned with two Scout patrols and two Explorer Scout patrols entering. Our swimming galas continue to grow in popularity with a Junior Gala for Beavers and Cubs and a Senior Gala for Scouts, Explorers and Leaders.



Our District Campfire was oversubscribed again – even though we doubled capacity. The fireworks were great, and we were able to fundraise for our World Scout Jamboree and Haarlem Jamboree participants.

We entered 12 teams in the Monopoly Run Live, the largest group of competitors. We followed the day of rushing around London with a BBQ at 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden’s HQ.

We ran multiple taster sessions for canoe, kayak and sailing during the year, and the last event of the year was our Beaver Scout Science Day.

## Expeditions Active Support Unit

**Unit Manager:** Nick Blundell

### What are we

We set up Expeditions Active Support Unit to encourage both youth and adults to get into the countryside and hills to enjoy hikes and expeditions. We were asked to do this by designing hikes and expeditions for the Scout and Explorer Scout sections and all adults in Brent.

### Who are we

Over the last two years, we have grown from a small team of adults to now a quality team of adults, of which we have three Duke of Edinburgh Award assessors and three Duke of Edinburgh Award instructors. One of our team is working on his Scouts Hill walking qualification; we also have a summer mountain leader on the team. We are always interested in adults who want to join the team.

### What have we achieved over the last year?

For adults in Brent, we ran two hikes. The First one in the winter up over Invinghoe Beacon; approx. 10km long it ended up in a pub where we enjoyed Sunday lunch. The second one of which was again a winter walk. This time started and finished at Phasels Wood Scout Campsite again approx. 10km with a pub lunch stop. These walks are designed to help the participants gain knowledge and skills while having fun in the outdoors; we include route cards, route finding, compass revision, risk assessment and talks on group and personal kit for different times of year. The culmination of this will be a trip up to the Dark Peak in the Peak District in October 2023 with camping and adventure walking in the hills.

For Scouts aged 13 to 14 years of age we ran a very successful Gold Chief Scouts Award expedition and Expedition Challenge badge, where 20 Scouts completed the challenge. To complete the challenge, Scouts had to take part in our day's training course, as well as the weekend away (completing 4 hours of walking and camp craft, as well as completing an expedition journal).

For Explorer Scouts 14 to 18 years of age we ran a very successful Chief Scout's Platinum Award and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition, where we had four patrols of six Explorer Scouts. To complete the expedition element with us Explorers need to do two days on foot, walking 15km over that time, attending the training course and a presentation evening.

We are extremely proud of the effort shown by both sections and the support the rest of the team gave.

### Southern 50 hiking challenge

The expedition team also supports the Southern 50 competition hike, which we have now competed in twice; this challenge tests the ability of all who participate.

We entered two Explorer Scout teams, plus a team comprised mainly of adult leaders and one Explorer Scout. (But known as the "adult team.")

The teams set off at sunrise in dry but cold conditions. Both Explorer Scout teams competed in the 30km distance, while the adult team undertook the 50km distance.

Both Explorer Scout teams sped around the course to show you how fast they were if they had been competing in the previous year they would have been in the prizes in 2nd and 3rd place. However, such was the quality of this year's teams/competition that they barely made it into the top ten.

The adult team had a tougher challenge and finished around midnight. However, they came across two scout teams that had merged into one and were lost and very tired. They agreed to tag along with the adult team until the next checkpoint. Ultimately, they stayed with the adult team until the finish, thus completing the course and getting a certificate.

### Adults in the team

It has been a great year watching the continuous development of the adults within the team, as they gain confidence in teaching a technical skill, not only but also seeing the levels of navigation improve, also the responsibility of the team managing bases of routes and supporting young people on expeditions, even though it has been hard work, I can say with confidence that I'm very happy with the direction the unit is taking and look forward to working with them in 2024.

## Explorer Scouts

Explorer Scout provision is the responsibility of the Scout District under The Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. However, most of our Units partner with one of our groups sharing facilities and resources.

### Young Leader Explorer Scout Unit

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Vacant

We re-started our Young Leader training programme in November 2023 with Module A. The Unit meets on the second Saturday of the month running two modules per session.

### Dragon Explorer Scout Unit (8<sup>th</sup> Kenton)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Satish Halai

### Nomad Explorer Scout Unit

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Nick Blundell

### Pioneer Explorer Scout Unit (28<sup>th</sup> Willesden)

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Marcin Dziura

### Voyager Explorer Scout Unit (27<sup>th</sup> Willesden)

**Explorer Scout Leaders:** Usma Shah & Alam Udin

# People

**Local Training Manager:** Theresa Mills



## Wood Badge

Since September 1919, adult volunteers in the Scouts have been awarded the Wood Badge on the completion of their leader training. The basic badge comprises two wooden beads worn at the end of a leather lace.

Name	Role	Group
<b>Aslam Bakerally</b>	Scout Leader	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>Dominic Sommerville</b>	Scout Leader	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
<b>Jack Stride</b>	Assistant District Commissioner for Perception	
<b>Robert Adamson</b>	Scout Leader	20 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>Usma Shah</b>	Explorer Scout Leader	Voyager ESU

## Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards

Length of service awards are available to Members and Associate Members of the Association with eligible roles that accrue service, uniformed or not.



Award	Name	Role	Group
<b>5 Years</b>	Fatimalbatoul Medlej	Assistant Group Scout Leader	12 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Frank Penter	District Treasurer	
	John Stevens	Group Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Humaria Sheikh	Explorer Scout Leader	Voyager ESU
	Kosser Sheikh	Explorer Scout Leader	Voyager ESU
	Mohamad EL-Rumani	Group Scout Leader	12 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Naila Salim	Scout Leader	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Naseem Hosany	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Robin Mills	Group Supporter	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	<b>10 Years</b>	Harshil Shah	Assistant Explorer Scout Leader
James Wooley		Group Chair	20 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Katie Beard		District Duke of Edinburgh Award Advisor	
Mei Cheng		Group Treasurer	8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
<b>30 Years</b>	Nicholas Blundell	Assistant District Commissioner for Explorer Scouts	

## Awards for Meritorious Conduct

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

This is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard, that is, acts of bravery with no risk to life or dedication to the Scouts despite their difficulties. It can be awarded to both youth and adult members.



Name	Role	Group/Unit
Yvette Sowah	Group Chair	35 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

# Development

**Development Committee Chair:** David Kitchen

The Trustee Board have maintained their commitment to growth and has developed a successful approach to establishing new groups via the “six-week challenge” run by our amazing Growth and Development Officer (Derek) and his assistants Irene and Tom with additional help from Christian from Scout Headquarters. This process has led to new groups and additional sections being opened across the Borough with plans in place for next year aided by additional support from the County and The Scout Association’s initiatives.

Derek, our Growth & Development Officer, has successfully recruited Development Team Assistants deployed across the district to establish new sections and support groups in difficulty. We welcomed Irene in August 2022 and Tom in January 2023.

## New Provision

### 7<sup>th</sup> Wembley

The 7<sup>th</sup> Wembley started with Cubs first in June 2022 followed by Beavers in January 2023. Both six-week challenges were sold out and parents volunteered to help. The Cub pack started in September 2022, and towards the end of that term, they were ready to go it alone and the Group was formally registered with The Scout Association in December.

With a Group Scout Leader in place who had already been working on volunteers for the new Beaver Colony, all was set for the Beaver challenge in January. By April they were acting independently. Two leadership teams working well together, having fun and delivering engaging in fun programmes.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingsbury

In December we formerly registered the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingsbury Scout Group as a specialist scout group offering places to young people with additional needs. Until the end of this reporting year, we have not yet opened the group. This is largely due to difficulties around the venue. In March we secured the use of The Village School in Kingsbury which is a dedicated SEND school. The intention was to drive through plans to open by April to qualify for Uniformed Youth Fund funding, but the time scale was too tight. We now hope to open by the end of the summer term 2023.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Willesden

Although it had been registered as a new group in March 2020, February 2022 saw the launch of the 12<sup>th</sup> Willesden Scout Group with a six-week challenge for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The 12<sup>th</sup> had been working hard to recruit and train a team of volunteers, which started during the lockdown so all they needed were young people to sign up. This happened with all the section challenges being sold out. The challenge was a success,

and the group was created with all sections meeting at the same time in the same venue on a Saturday afternoon.

### 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden

The 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden Tuesday Cub pack started with a six-week challenge in April 2022. The challenge was fully subscribed with 17 very keen and excitable Cubs, most of whom were not from the 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden's waiting list. The challenge went well, and the pack was supported up until the end of the term. A small leadership team was formed and supported by a good parent's rota. The pack resumed in September with support from the Development Team. Plans are in place to launch a Scout Challenge in April 2023.

### 35<sup>th</sup> Willesden

Squirrels were started at the 35<sup>th</sup> Willesden in January 2023 with a six-week challenge. This was a completely new experience for the Development Team having never opened a squirrel section. The Challenge was sold out, and two parents volunteered to be part of a Leadership Team.

### Leopold School Beaver and Cub project

The Development team ran a project at Leopold School in answer to a request from the school to set up a Beaver Colony and Cub pack as an after-school provision. The project ran for one term but was discontinued in September 2022. Members were offered places in local groups.

## Group Support

### 10<sup>th</sup> Willesden

The Beaver Colony was closed in September 2022 due to a lack of volunteer leaders. We reopened it in February 2023 with a six-week challenge at a new venue, John Keble School in Harlesden. The challenge was sold out, and two parents came forward to be part of the Leadership Team. The Beavers and the new volunteers were keen and eager to restart in April 2023 following a successful Challenge.

The Team have continued to support the 10<sup>th</sup> Willesden since they resumed in March 2022. Support has primarily been offered to the Cub section and initially the Beaver section to help them with programme planning, recruiting new volunteers and growing the sections.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Willesden

The Development Team have continued to offer weekly support to both the Cubs and the Scout sections ensuring that these sections could continue. To grow them in numbers and to help train and recruit new volunteers.

### 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden

Pioneer Explorer scout unit re-opened in February 2023, following a temporary closure with a six-week challenge which Marcin ran.

### 35<sup>th</sup> Willesden

In May 2022 we opened the Cub Pack which had been closed since the pandemic. We opened with a six-week challenge, which was sold out. We already had a volunteer Leader on board and successfully recruited a team to support her during the challenge.

# Operations

**Operation Committee Chair:** Trevor Toombs

The Operations Team is currently responsible for two properties: Randall Avenue at NW2 7SX, currently occupied by Nomad Explorer Scout Unit and hopefully the soon-to-be-restarted 37<sup>th</sup> Willesden Group, and Village Way at NW10 0LH currently our District HQ and HQ for the 27<sup>th</sup> Willesden Group.

My thanks to all the team of helpers this year and if you would like to join our team to support Scouting in Brent, please do talk to any of us. Until next year...

## Randall Ave

To be more functional and meet the wider range of needs on the site, the District agreed to provide more on-site storage. Several options were reviewed, and a pre-cast garage was deemed the most cost-effective, secure, and speedy option. The decision was made to remove the old shed and extend the existing concrete base. This was easier said than done, and thanks must be given to Martin Beard, David and Thomas Stevens, Wayne Eastmond and others for the enormous number of hours it has taken to clear the site and extend the base in all types of weather. We are pleased to confirm that the garage is now complete and in use by Nomad ESU, allowing the hall to be cleared to create a much better and usable space for the occupants. The next project is to re-organise the original garage.

Asbestos guttering has been replaced with plastic versions (thanks again to Martin). Qualified contractors have also removed a quantity of asbestos from the site. Some fencing on the site has been repaired, and some tree maintenance has also been done.

The electrical systems have needed some upgrades and replacements to be compliant; upgraded external lighting is planned for summer 2023. We hope to complete our certification of this project soon. Smart meters have also been installed to assist in generating accurate bills.

We are still awaiting the outcome of the survey for our CO2 carbon reduction grant which has delayed further projects being progressed.

The grass and other ground maintenance continue; thanks again to Thomas and others in the team.

## Village Way

The main news for this site is that after much effort, we have taken full possession of the site from the previous tenant of the external areas. We now have the task of planning the

future use of this land. This will entail getting quotes to clear the land of contamination and other waste, tree maintenance and fencing – all of which will need funding.

Meanwhile, ongoing maintenance was required for roofing, and some tree work was required (especially after some of the storms we have had) to keep the buildings waterproof, safe and secure. Considerable work has been done to maintain the grounds in as good a condition as nature will allow us in the time available.

As at Randall Avenue, we are still awaiting the outcome of the CO2 carbon reduction grant survey. Smart meters for the Electric circuits and water (no gas on site) have been installed onsite to assist with accurate billing.

# Finance

**District Treasurer:** Frank Penter

## Trustees' responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. Trustees are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the district and charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with any applicable charity laws and, in particular, the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on Brent District Scout Council's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the group's website is the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

The Finance Sub-Committee monitors the effectiveness of any external and internal audits. The Trustees believe that the system of internal controls has been adequate to provide reassurance against material misstatement or loss.

## Financial review

During the year the charity received a total income of £58,602 (2022: £111,869 inclusive of a Covid grant and incoming money associated with the boundary change).

The charity's resource expenses totalling for the year were £126,744 (2022: £134,146). As a result, the deficit for the year was £68,142 and has been subtracted from the accumulated funds (2022: deficit of £22,277).

This performance represents a return towards the 'norm' after two exceptional years related to covid and boundary changes.

£60k continues to be held by County in readiness for tenure costs associated with the Kenton and Kingsbury headquarters. We have progressed the situation at Kingsbury, albeit not with the length of tenure that we wanted. Kenton continues to be unresolved.

The Development Project's costs were £52k, compared to £46k the previous year (this represents a return to norm and additional costs as this project has become more active and successful). The trustees have intended for some years to be in a position whereby the accounts breakeven once the development project is removed. On this measure we have run the District at a £16k deficit. Last year the trustees discussed the fact that our objective here is not being achieved. This discussion has continued. An increase (albeit marginal) in our levy (charged to groups) and an increase in young people will help. We also hope that we may soon obtain a regular hirer of the District's property at Village Way.

# How we operate

This report and accounts cover the activities directly controlled by Brent District Scout Council (Charity Number 271413 England & Wales). The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association govern Brent District Scout Council.

Full details of the activities of the Scout Groups in Brent District are not reflected in this report and accounts. Scout Groups are autonomous charities and are affiliated with the District Scout Council.

## The District Trustee Board

The Trustee Board delegates its work to three standing sub-committees, these are:

- Development Sub-Committee
- Operations Sub-Committee
- Finance Sub-Committee

### Trustee Board

	From	To
<b>Martin Beard</b>	District Chair	
<b>David Kitchen</b>	District Commissioner	
<b>Frank Penter</b>	District Treasurer	
<b>Giles Wolfe</b>	District Secretary	
<b>Katie Bogue</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	
<b>Wayne Eastmond</b>		
<b>Theresa Mills</b>		
<b>Denise Pambakian</b>		
<b>Lorraine Draper</b>		28 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022
<b>Trevor Toombs</b>		

## Principal Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

## Independent Examiner

Goldwins Limited, 75 Maygrove Road, West Hampstead, LONDON NW6 2EG

## Principal Address

Scout Approach, Village Way, Neasden, LONDON NW10 0LH

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brent District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brent District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton BA FCA CTA FCIE  
Goldwins  
Chartered accountants  
75 Maygrove Road  
West Hampstead  
London NW6 2EG

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	912	1,737	2,649	21,360
Membership Subscriptions		34,615	4,915	39,530	26,587
Charitable activities:					
- Events and programmes	3	8,031	3,812	11,843	13,577
- Scout Building Income		1,618	-	1,618	19,892
- Shop income		1,509	-	1,509	382
- Others		-	-	-	29,925
Investment income	4	1,453	-	1,453	146
<b>Total income</b>		<b>48,138</b>	<b>10,464</b>	<b>58,602</b>	111,869
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	5	27,992	3,048	31,040	20,512
Charitable activities:					
- Events and programmes	5	63,982	7,055	71,037	62,854
- Building Expenses		4,353	-	4,353	19,100
- Shop purchases & expenses		5,338	-	5,338	1,349
- Others		14,976	-	14,976	30,331
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>116,641</b>	<b>10,103</b>	<b>126,744</b>	134,146
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(68,503)</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>(68,142)</b>	(22,277)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	6	<b>(68,503)</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>(68,142)</b>	(22,277)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(68,503)</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>(68,142)</b>	(22,277)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		698,785	7,533	706,318	728,595
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>630,282</b>	<b>7,894</b>	<b>638,176</b>	706,318

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.  
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.  
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	9		<u>3,150</u>		<u>3,150</u>
			<b>3,150</b>		<b>3,150</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Investments	10	397,399		532,634	
Stock	11	-		2,713	
Debtors	12	10,441		7,695	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>233,903</u>		<u>173,297</u>	
		<b>641,743</b>		<b>716,339</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(6,717)</u>		<u>(13,171)</u>	
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>635,026</b></u>		<u><b>703,168</b></u>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><u><b>638,176</b></u></u>		<u><u><b>706,318</b></u></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
	15				
Restricted funds:			<b>7,894</b>		<b>7,533</b>
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		<b>528,717</b>		580,840	
General funds		<u><b>101,565</b></u>		<u>117,945</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u><b>630,282</b></u>		<u><b>698,785</b></u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><u><b>638,176</b></u></u>		<u><u><b>706,318</b></u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



**Martin Beard**  
**District Chair**

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

**b) Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**c) Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

**e) Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**f) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h) Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable programmes and activities.

**i) Operating leases**

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**j) Tangible fixed assets**

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

**k) Investments**

Investment includes cash held on long term deposit.

**l) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**m) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**n) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

			<b>2023</b>	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations	912	1,737	<b>2,649</b>	4,386
	<b>912</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>4,386</b>
<b>Membership Subscriptions</b>				
General	34,615	-	<b>34,615</b>	22,886
Explorer Scouts	-	4,915	<b>4,915</b>	3,701
	<b>34,615</b>	<b>4,915</b>	<b>39,530</b>	<b>26,587</b>

**3 Income from charitable activities**

			<b>2023</b>	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Events and programmes</b>				
- Events	8,031	-	<b>8,031</b>	7,142
- ESU income	-	3,812	<b>3,812</b>	6,435
<b>Other charitable incomes</b>				
- Scout Building Income	1,618	-	<b>1,618</b>	19,892
- Shop Income	1,509	-	<b>1,509</b>	382
- Others	-	-	-	29,925
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>11,158</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>14,970</b>	<b>63,776</b>

**4 Income from investments**

			<b>2023</b>	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	1,453	-	<b>1,453</b>	146
	<b>1,453</b>	-	<b>1,453</b>	<b>146</b>

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**5.a Analysis of expenditure**

	Charitable activities				2023 Total £	2022 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others		
	£	£	£	£		
Membership	-	-	-	31,040	<b>31,040</b>	20,512
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	5,338	-	<b>5,338</b>	1,349
Property Operating Cost	-	1,786	-	-	<b>1,786</b>	11,414
Property Maintenance Cost	-	2,567	-	-	<b>2,567</b>	7,686
<b>Direct Costs:</b>						
Direct Event Costs	7,679	-	-	-	<b>7,679</b>	6,324
ESU Programme and Costs	7,055	-	-	-	<b>7,055</b>	4,854
District Programme and activities	4,056	-	-	-	<b>4,056</b>	3,835
Volunteers	200	-	-	-	<b>200</b>	947
Growth and development	52,047	-	-	-	<b>52,047</b>	46,894
<b>Grant:</b>						
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	3,487	<b>3,487</b>	5,000
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	2,515	<b>2,515</b>	16,524
<b>Support costs:</b>						
Governance costs	-	-	-	154	<b>154</b>	33
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	<b>1,890</b>	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	210	<b>210</b>	183
Insurance	-	-	-	2,527	<b>2,527</b>	5,424
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	3,000	<b>3,000</b>	125
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,193	<b>1,193</b>	1,152
<b>Total expenditure 2023</b>	<b>71,037</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>5,338</b>	<b>46,016</b>	<b>126,744</b>	134,146
Total expenditure 2022	62,854	19,100	1,349	50,843	134,146	

Of the total expenditure, £116,641 was unrestricted (2022: £127,104) and £10,103 was restricted (2022: £6,661).

**5.b Analysis of expenditure- Prior year (2022)**

	Charitable activities				2022 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others	
	£	£	£	£	
Membership	-	-	-	20,512	20,512
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	1,349	-	1,349
Property Operating Cost	-	11,414	-	-	11,414
Property Maintenance Cost	-	7,686	-	-	7,686
<b>Direct Costs:</b>					
Direct Event Costs	6,324	-	-	-	6,324
ESU Programme and Costs	4,854	-	-	-	4,854
District Programme and activities	3,835	-	-	-	3,835
Volunteers	947	-	-	-	947
Growth and development	46,894	-	-	-	46,894
<b>Grant:</b>					
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	16,524	16,524
<b>Support costs:</b>					
Governance costs	-	-	-	33	33
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	183	183
Insurance	-	-	-	5,424	5,424
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	125	125
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,152	1,152
<b>Total expenditure 2022</b>	<b>62,854</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>50,843</b>	<b>134,146</b>

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**6 Net income / (expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT):	<b>1,575</b>	1,575

**7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management**

The charity did not employ staff during the year.

The charity trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil).

**8 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	Property £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At the start of the year	3,150	3,150
Additions in year	-	-
At the end of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At the start of the year	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<u><b>3,150</b></u>	<u><b>3,150</b></u>
At the start of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

**10 Investments**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	£
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>		
Cash held on long term deposit	<b>397,399</b>	532,634
	<u><b>397,399</b></u>	<u>532,634</u>

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**11 Stock**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
Scout Shop Inventory	-	2,713
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,713</u>

**12 Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	<b>9,693</b>	7,695
Prepayments	<b>748</b>	-
	<u><b>10,441</b></u>	<u>7,695</u>

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	<b>2,672</b>	3,827
Other creditors	<b>2,155</b>	7,454
Accruals	<b>1,890</b>	1,890
	<u><b>6,717</b></u>	<u>13,172</u>

**14 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	<b>Total funds</b>
	£		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,150	-	-	<b>3,150</b>
Net current assets	98,415	528,717	7,894	<b>635,026</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<u><b>101,565</b></u>	<u>528,717</u>	<u><b>7,894</b></u>	<u><b>638,176</b></u>

Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	General unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,150	-	-	3,150
Net current assets	114,795	580,840	7,533	703,168
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>117,945</u>	<u>580,840</u>	<u>7,533</u>	<u>706,318</u>

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<b>15 Movements in funds</b>	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	7,533	10,464	(10,103)	-	<b>7,894</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>7,533</b>	<b>10,464</b>	<b>(10,103)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,894</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2020-2023 Fund	59,031	-	(51,487)	(7,544)	-
Development Project 2023-2026 Fund	200,000	-	(560)	7,544	<b>206,984</b>
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	<b>100,000</b>
Capital Project Grant Fund	198,680	-	-	-	<b>198,680</b>
Hardship Fund	23,129	-	(76)	-	<b>23,053</b>
Total designated funds	580,840	-	(52,123)	-	<b>528,717</b>
<b>General funds</b>	117,945	48,138	(64,518)	-	<b>101,565</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>698,785</b>	<b>48,138</b>	<b>(116,641)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>630,282</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>706,318</b>	<b>58,602</b>	<b>(126,744)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>638,176</b>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

**Designated funds**

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for ongoing operating activities.

Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	4,058	10,136	(6,661)	-	7,533
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>10,136</b>	<b>(6,661)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,533</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2020-2023 Fund	101,122	4,500	(46,591)	-	59,031
Development Project 2023-2026 Fund	-	-	-	200,000	200,000
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Capital Project Grant Fund	200,000	-	(1,320)	-	198,680
Hardship Fund	24,629	-	(1,500)	-	23,129
Total designated funds	425,751	4,500	(49,411)	200,000	580,840
<b>General funds</b>	298,786	97,233	(78,074)	(200,000)	117,945
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>724,537</b>	<b>101,733</b>	<b>(127,485)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>698,785</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>728,595</b>	<b>111,869</b>	<b>(134,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>706,318</b>

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**16 Contingent assets or liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities.

**17 Legal status of the charity**

Brent District Scout Council is a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 271413).

**18 Related party transactions**

The charity has no related party transactions during the year.

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**19 Statement of financial activities (prior year)**

Comparative figures

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	21,360	-	21,360
Membership Subscriptions		22,886	3,701	26,587
Charitable activities:				
- Events and programmes	3	7,142	6,435	13,577
- Scout Building Income		19,892	-	19,892
- Shop income		382	-	382
- Others		29,925	-	29,925
Investment income	4	146	-	146
<b>Total income</b>		<b>101,733</b>	<b>10,136</b>	<b>111,869</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	5	18,705	1,807	20,512
Charitable activities:				
- Events and programmes	5	58,000	4,854	62,854
- Building Expenses		19,100	-	19,100
- Shop purchases & expenses		1,349	-	1,349
- Others		30,331	-	30,331
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>127,485</b>	<b>6,661</b>	<b>134,146</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(25,752)</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>(22,277)</b>
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(25,752)</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>(22,277)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(25,752)</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>(22,277)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		724,537	4,058	728,595
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>698,785</b>	<b>7,533</b>	<b>706,318</b>

**BRENT DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 271413

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report

# 2021 - 2022

**Brent District Scout Council**

Charity No. 271413

# Introduction

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We bring communities together and contribute to society. Above all, we aim to build better futures.

This report demonstrates how we did this during the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## Our purpose and method

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

The District Scout Council's Trustees have a duty to report on the Council's public benefit in their Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to 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.

We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Scouting Movement complies with two key principles set by the Commission regarding public benefit:

### 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society; this benefit is directly linked to the Purpose of Scouting.

### 2. Public benefit

Scouting is a national movement open to young people aged 6-25 and to adults. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. The District enables those in poverty to benefit from Scouting; while the District charges a subscription to its members, the benefits of Scouting are not constrained by a member's ability to pay. The District has arrangements to waive subscriptions, fund uniforms and subsidise activities so that young people are not excluded from activities if they face financial difficulties.

# District Commissioner

I am delighted that for the first time since 2015 a member of our District has achieved the Queen's Scout Award, congratulations to Aurianne Delcroix from Nomad ESU. Our current district goal is to help more young people to achieve Scouting's top awards, and this is the highest award a youth member can gain!

We started this year a different District with redrawn boundaries and 8<sup>th</sup> Kenton Scout Group joining us. With this restructure also came Chandos Lodge in Kingsbury, and despite of Covid restrictions we managed to run a Scout Group Challenge with our newest group 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury opening at the site in September 2021.

During the year we saw the slow return to scouting following the start of the Covid pandemic in 2020. Our groups restarted in-person meetings and struggled with changing rules, but as scouts we did our best and continued to offer life changing experiences and skills for life to our youth members. We were able to restart our District Programme of events and activities.

In February 2022 we brought together volunteers from across our Scout Groups for our District Conference, the second time we have done this with the intention to run it every three years. We returned to Frith Grange in Barnet for the weekend, with presentations and workshops on Saturday and practical training session on Sunday. On Saturday evening we were able to get back together and bond over a homemade chili-con-carne followed by a campfire.

The conference was a key event in reviewing how we have progressed on the District Plan we developed at the 2019 event and setting our priorities for the next three years.

I reiterate here my message on the federated structure of the Scout Association and the importance of Scout Groups. The Group system has been in operation for over 95 years and has proven successful in many very strong Groups.

I urge all our members to do everything in their power to build up the complete Group of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers, with the necessary complement of Leaders for each Section and with a Group Scout Leader at the head who can concentrate on the administration of the Group as a family unit without the distraction of running a Section.

The aim is that every young person entering the Scout Movement should find themselves in a family of Leaders, Scouts, and supporters, in which they feel at home in a scout atmosphere and in which they will want to remain; to secure this atmosphere:

1. each Section should be interested in all the other sections of the Group,
2. each Section should feel that a vital part of its work is preparing its members for the Section above,

3. the older Sections of Explorer Scouts should take a lively and practical interest in the progress of the younger Sections and set them such an example as to make them want to continue their membership until they are old enough to become Explorer Scouts.

I thank all our members who freely volunteer their time to make a difference to young people's lives in the London Borough or Brent.

*Do your best!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Kitchen', written in a cursive style.

David Kitchen  
District Commissioner

# District Chair

This is the first AGM of the enlarged Brent District following the expansion of Willesden District to align to Brent boundaries. We welcomed the 8th Kenton and Dragons ESU following their decision to join us and picked up responsibility for a scout site in Kingsbury. Despite early challenges we have implemented the first part of the Brent Plan and re-established scouting in Kingsbury. The 2nd Kingsbury and the 8th Kenton have both taken full responsibility for their sites although the District remains in discussion with Brent Council over their leases which remains a major concern. It is encouraging to see both groups flourishing with waiting lists to join some of the sections.

In February we submitted bids for a carbon reduction grant at both Randall Avenue and Village Way. This was the first grant to be awarded via the “You Decide” participatory budgeting model that Brent was trialling, and it is encouraging that we received the support of Brent residents and secured promised grants of £10,000 for each location. Despite this success Brent are still assessing what modifications are required and work has not begun as winter approaches. The District Executive continue to seek updates and hope to report on the successful implementation of the CO2 reduction measures in due course. Further bids from groups for Brent NCIL funding are in the process of being submitted for the July 2022 allocations. We encourage all groups to look out for opportunities to access these grants and energise their local communities to support scouting and hope to report more success next year.

After invoking legal advice, we have finally made progress on securing the whole of the Brent District site at Village Way for the use of scouting. This has been both a long and expensive saga that should be completed by the end of September 2022. Our key learning to be shared with all groups is that any lettings or “local arrangements” need to be formal agreements with written terms to protect both parties. We look forward to re-establishing a wider range of activities at the Brent District site and implement some remodelling of the facilities.

We have some amazing and committed people that together contribute to scouting across Brent. David, our District Commissioner, continues to implement a framework and strategy for scouting in Brent, trying to balance the need to support existing groups with growing scouting into new areas. The District Executive continues to invest historical resources in the development programme but is fully aware that this has a financial impact that will ultimately limit its scope. Derek, our Development Officer, has been innovative in securing additional resource via the “Kick Start” scheme and the recruitment of our Development Team Assistants that have been deployed across the district to establish new sections and support groups in difficulty. Our key constraint for both existing and growth groups is securing adult volunteers to run them, but this seems to be universal and is common across many organisations. We remain focused on the objective of strengthening and broadening the scout support network at all levels to ensure future

sustainability and membership growth within existing and new groups. This will be our focus going forwards.

We continue to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic and coming to terms with the “new normal”. All our groups are now operating face to face scouting although some have been severely weakened and are in need of significant support. The District Executive meets regularly both on Teams and in person. We are very indebted to the expertise of our District Treasurer (Frank) and Secretary (Giles) who have managed to continue to improve the robustness and discipline of the district’s administration while also providing support to individual groups. Properties currently being managed by the district are maintained, with Trevor taking the lead, supported at the Randall Avenue site by David and Thomas.

The financial reporting of the district has improved immensely under Frank’s guidance while Giles has added significant value to the recording and organization of District meetings and driving the health and safety agenda. We are deeply indebted to Trevor for his practical advice, insight, and irrepressible enthusiasm for scouting at Executive meetings. We should also acknowledge the contributions of Theresa, Robin, Wayne, Matthew, and Denise to the District Executive, their practical guidance enriches our discussions and informs the direction of scouting across Brent District.

Scouting in Brent is dynamic and continually evolving, we welcome new members and groups although our focus in 2022/23 will be to strengthen our existing groups as they emerge from the pandemic period while enhancing our financial position so that we can sustain our development programme. The support of the local community, leaders and volunteers are key to delivering a strong scouting experience to our members and I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed to achieving this across Brent District during this challenging year.

*Martin C Beard*

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Martin Beard  
District Chair

# Youth Awards

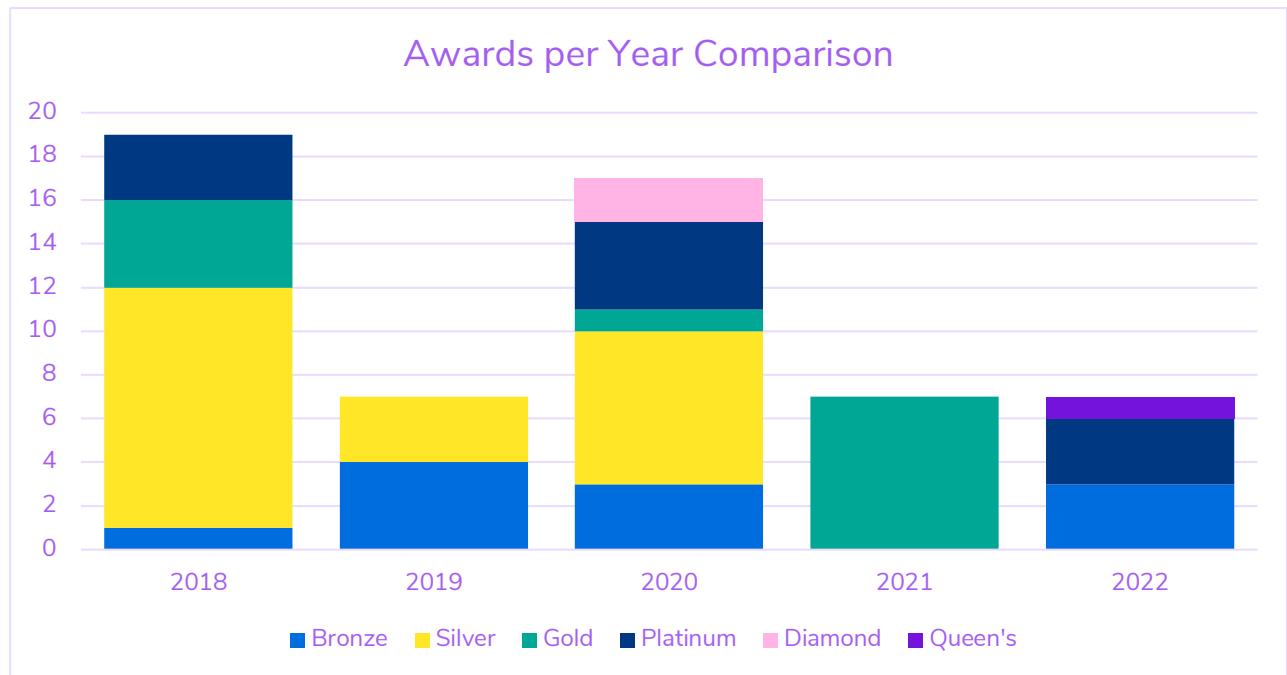
The awards that we give to our Youth members represent the culmination of significant activity within our youth sections. There are awards in all sections allowing young people to progress through The Chief Scout's Bronze Award (Beavers), Silver (Cub), Gold (Scouts), Platinum (Explorers), Diamond (Explorers) and The Queen's Scout Award (Explorers and Network).

In our 2020-2023 Growth & Development Plan we have a single aim that:

*More young people in Brent will achieve the Chief Scout's Awards and the Queen's Scout Award.*

The continuing Covid pandemic has clearly had a significant effect on scouting which has also reduced achievement here.

Award	Name	Group
<b>Bronze Chief Scout's Award</b>	Aris Pericleous	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Jackson Skinner	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Eddie Young	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
<b>Platinum Chief Scout's Award</b>	Amelia Hammond	Nomad ESU
	Layan Mekky	Nomad ESU
	Norah Rouffaert	Nomad ESU
<b>Queen's Scout Award</b>	Aurianne Delcroix	Nomad ESU



# Adult Awards

## Wood Badge

Since September 1919 adult volunteers in the Scouts have been awarded the Wood Badge on the completion of their leader training. The basic badge is made up of two wooden beads worn at the end of a leather lace.



Name	Role	Group
<b>Duncan Cogger</b>	Assistant Scout Leader	8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
<b>Marcin Dziura</b>	Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>Miah Somru</b>	Assistant Scout Leader	27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>Patrick O'Connor</b>	Assistant Scout Leader	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
<b>Hari Patel</b>	Assistant Explorer Scout Leader	Dragon ESU

## Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards

Length of service awards are available to Members and Associate Members of the Association with eligible roles that accrue service, uniformed or not.



Award	Name	Role
<b>5 Years</b>	Matthew Lyons	Badge Secretary
	Patrick O'Connor	ASL, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
<b>10 Years</b>	Dhiren Halai	ASL, 8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
	Rajan Lakhu	AESL, Dragon ESU
<b>15 Years</b>	Wayne Eastmond	SL, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden
	Satish Halai	ESL, Dragon ESU
	Denise Pambakian	Sec. 25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>20 Years</b>	Karen Doyle	CSL, 28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
<b>25 Years</b>	Duncan Cogger	ASL, 8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton
<b>40 Years</b>	Cam Faherty	Exec. 8 <sup>th</sup> Kenton

## Good Service Awards

### Commissioner's Commendation

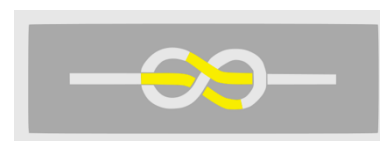
The Commissioner's Commendation is a local award that can be used by any commissioners to recognise adult and youth members and non-members for their contribution to the Scouts.



Name	Role
Derek Wheeler	Growth & Development Officer

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service is given in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out. It should be regarded as the Chief Scout's recognition of the very real contribution made to the Association by the individual concerned.



Name	Role	Group/Unit
Matthew Funnell	Treasurer	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Dominic Sommerville	Scout Leader	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury
Huma Syed	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

## Awards for Meritorious Conduct

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

This is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard, that is, acts of bravery with no risk to life or dedication to the Scouts despite their difficulties. It can be awarded to both youth and adult members.



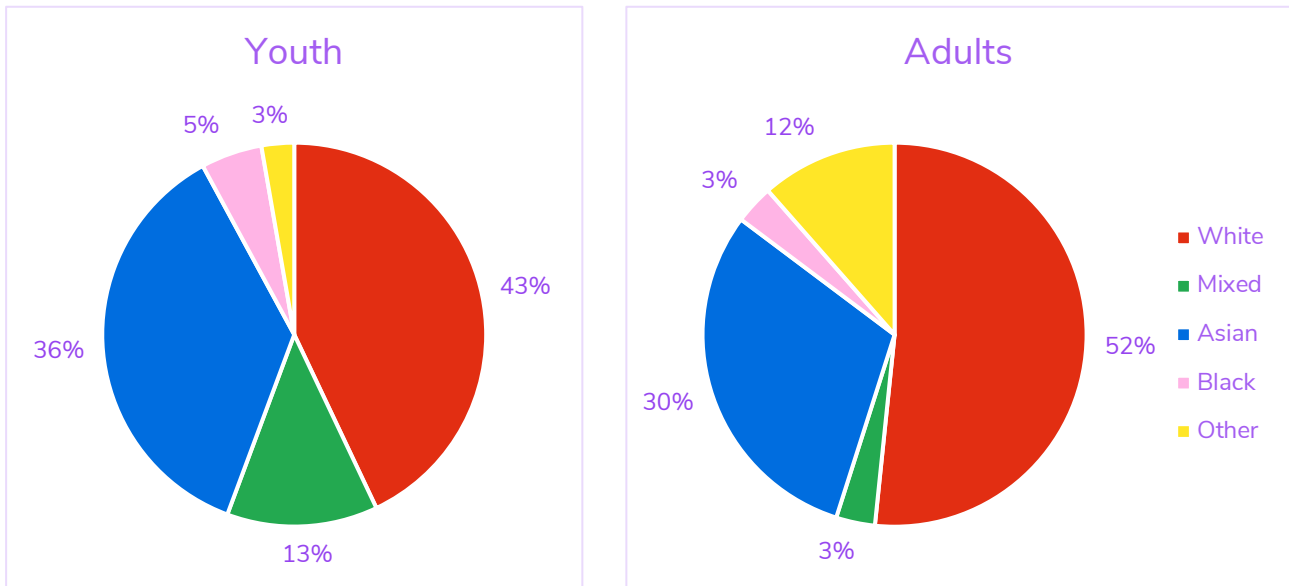
Name	Role	Group/Unit
Patrick O'Connor	Assistant Scout Leader	23 <sup>rd</sup> Willesden

# Membership

	2021*			2022			2021 v 2022		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>Youth membership</b>									
Beaver scouts	38	23	61	82	42	124	+50	+19	+69
Cub scouts	69	33	102	87	35	122	+18	+2	+20
Scouts	67	56	123	93	46	139	+26	-10	+36
Explorer scouts	12	5	17	19	14	33	+7	+16	+23
Network members	6	5	11	6	-	6	-	-5	-5
<b>Total youth membership</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>+95</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>+110</b>
<b>Leadership</b>									
Section leaders	29	28	51	34	28	62	+5	-	+5
Sectional assistants	8	7	8	8	10	18	-	+3	+3
<b>Total leadership</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+8</b>
<b>Management</b>									
Group & Deputy Group Scout Leaders	6	5	11	5	6	11	-1	+1	-
Commissioners	2	1	3	4	-	4	+2	-1	+1
<b>Total management</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+1</b>
<b>Governance (excludes those with other roles)</b>									
Group Governance	12	16	28	14	22	36	+2	+6	+8
District Governance	4	-	4	4	-	4	-	-	-
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+8</b>
<b>Support Roles</b>									
Group Support Roles	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-1	-1
District Support Roles	1	5	6	4	6	10	+3	+1	+4
Active Support	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	+1	+1
<b>Total support</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+4</b>
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>+104</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>+125</b>
<b>Units</b>									
Beaver Scout Colonies			11			10			-1
Cub Scout Packs			13			10			-3
Scout Troops			12			12			
Explorer Scout Units			5			5			
Active Support Units			1			1			
Groups			12			13			+1

\* adjusted to include 8<sup>th</sup> Kenton Scout Group who transferred to Brent District on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

## Diversity



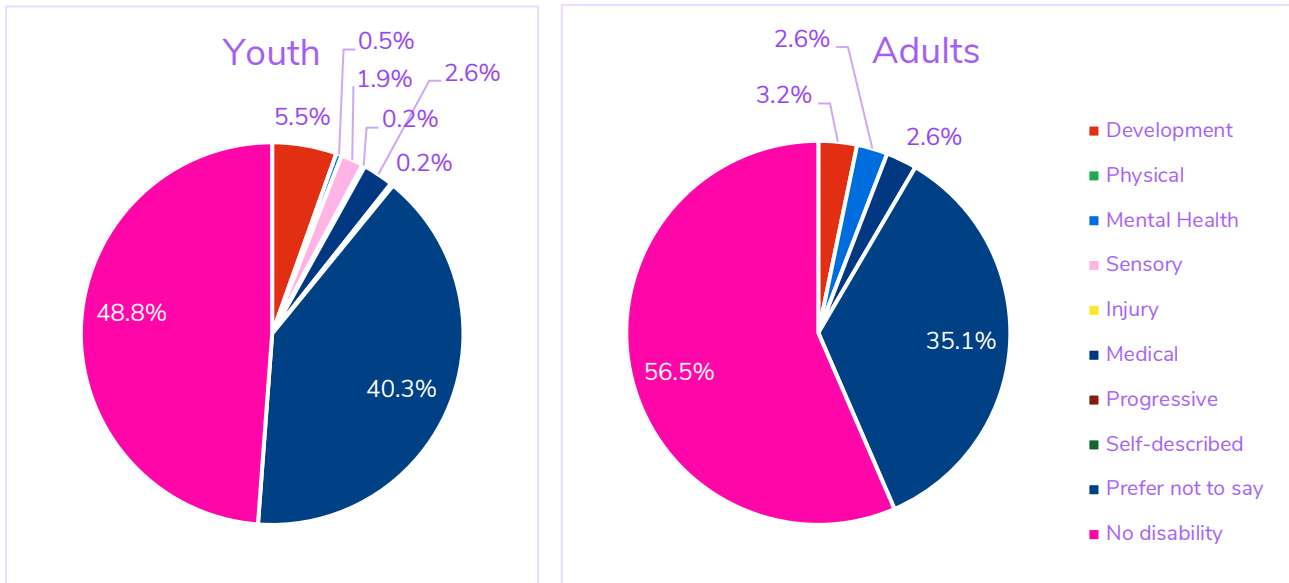
Brent is one of the most ethnically diverse boroughs in London. The latest GLA projections indicate that almost two thirds of the population (64%) are from Black, Asian and Minority ethnic (BAME) groups<sup>1</sup>. In our youth membership 57% are from BAME backgrounds, our data shows that our membership is underrepresented in Black groups, with only 5% compared to 17% overall in the Borough.

The GLA figures are for the total population of all ages, and only estimates 6% are mixed ethnicity; however, our youth membership is 13%, perhaps a reflection of the youth population and the specific locations in which we operate.

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<sup>1</sup> Community profiling: diversity in Brent (<https://data.brent.gov.uk/dataset/vqkrd/community-profile-evidence-pack>)

## Disabilities

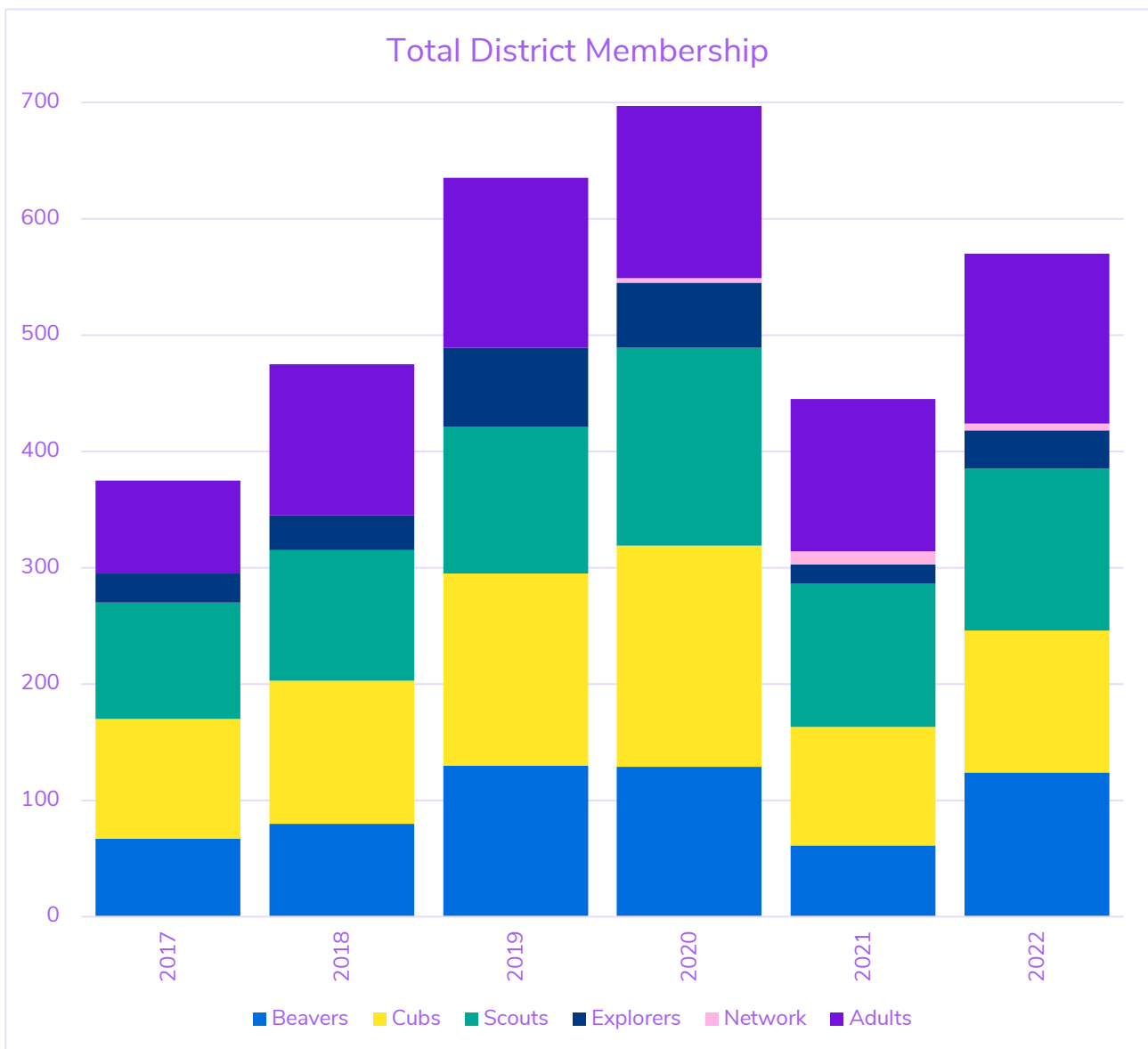


Approximately 2.5% of children in the UK are believed to have a learning disability<sup>2</sup>. However, in our youth membership this is 5.5%.

We strive to meet our Equal Opportunities Policy (<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/2-key-policies/equal-opportunities-policy/>) and have an open door to those with improvement ideas.

<sup>2</sup> Mencap (<https://www.mencap.org.uk/learning-disability-explained/research-and-statistics/how-common-learning-disability>)

## Historical Comparison



Our annual census is taken on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and we see that our 2022 figures had not recovered to those in 2019, however our internal membership numbers showed that by the end of March we had surpassed our 2019 membership level.

These historic figures include 8<sup>th</sup> Kenton Scout Group who transferred to Brent District on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

The fastest growth in 2022 was in Beaver Scouts, with membership numbers overtaking those in 2020, and the most Beaver Scouts we have ever had in Brent.

# Programme

This year saw the relaxation of many Covid lock down rules that allowed us to offer a wide range of District programme than we could in the previous year.

We started the year with two weekends of adventure days at Paccar Scout Camp run by our Scout County, Greater London Middlesex West. These events saw 120 young people taking part in outdoor adventures activity since the lock downs start, or for the first time at all.

During the summer holidays we ran a District Scout section camp. Going back to basics, Scouts cooked all their own meals on open fires.

In the Autumn we were able to resume some of our usual programme. Our District Bonfire Night Campfire was however restricted to a limit of 200 people to ensure that we could cater for all attendees with the equipment available. We plan to invest in a new BBQ for next year to be able to increase the numbers to 400.

As we are now an extended District covering the whole of Brent, we attended the London Borough of Brent Civic Remembrance Sunday Parade in Barham Park. While our attendance was small this year it was an opportunity to research and plan our attendance in future years.

Our final events of 2021 were two swimming galas. Given our increased membership due to both absorbing part of the old Stanmore District and opening new sections we have split the event into Juniors and Seniors to be able to fit it all in.

March 2022 saw the return of the Cub Scout Science Day – in 2019 this was the last event we held before going into lockdown.

We also held our 5-a-side football competition in March with seven teams competing from Cub, Scouts and Explorers. Following the closure of the Power league site at Wembley we have moved to their Harrow site, sadly outside of Brent.

# Development

## New Provision

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury Scout Group

Following the transfer of Chandos Lodge on Stag Lane, Kingsbury from the closing Stanmore District we launched a Scout Group Challenge to open a new group there. The challenge ran in June and July and following the summer holidays the new group was founded in September and has been growing since with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

### 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden Scout Group – Additional Sections

28<sup>th</sup> Willesden has the largest waiting list of any of our groups and to alleviate this the District has supported the opening of a second Beaver Colony running a challenge in September and October and the section opening in November.

Following this we ran a Cub Scout Challenge in February and March, and the new section will open in April 2022.

## Group Support

### 10<sup>th</sup> Willesden Scout Group

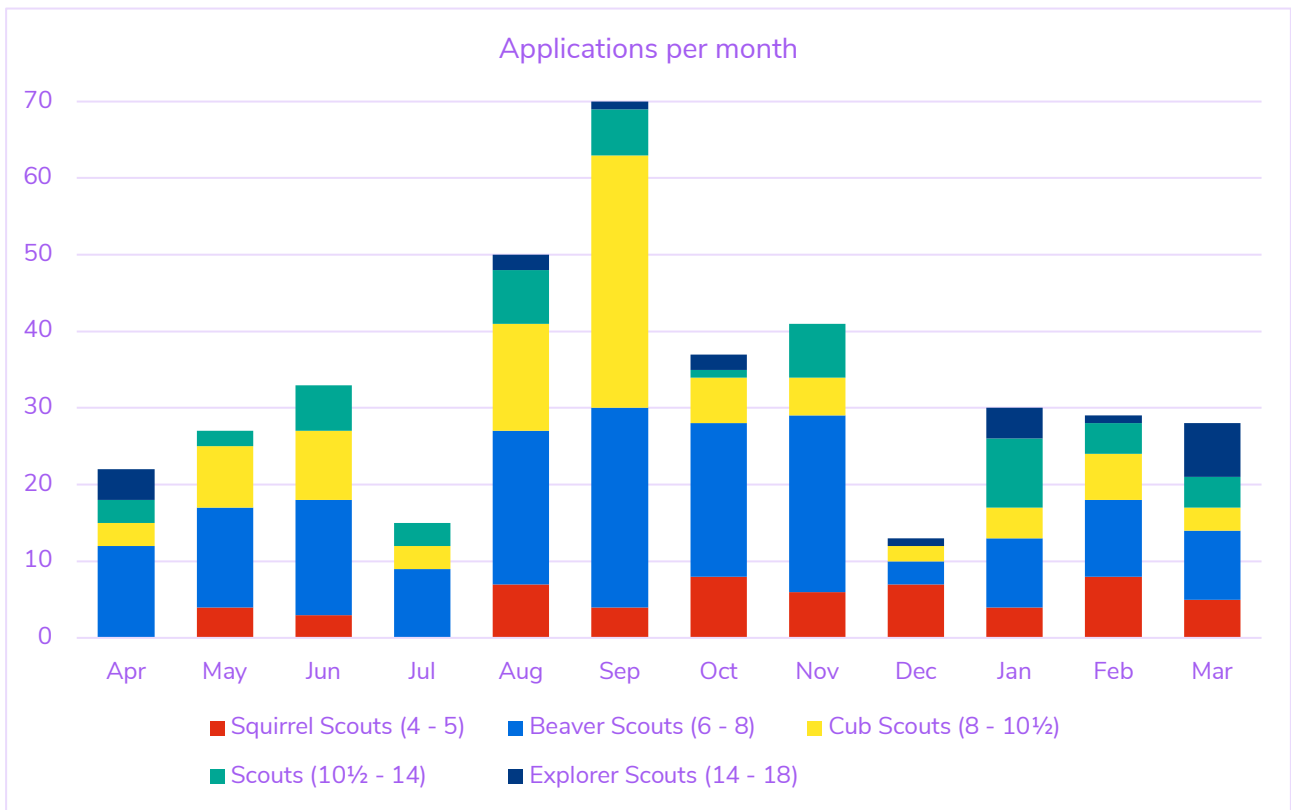
Opening in 2018 10<sup>th</sup> Willesden is one of our newest groups and already before Covid had 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and a Scout Troop with a total youth membership of over 80 in 2020, the joint biggest group in the District at the time.

However, following a hike in hire charges at the Brent Enterprise Hub from £30 to £90 per hour 10<sup>th</sup> Willesden needed to find a new venue to re-open after Covid. We supported in finding several options, and the group settled on Stonebridge Primary School, still at £40 per hour it is more than twice the cost of any other halls our scout groups hire.

The group also lost many adult volunteers and youth members while they were closed during lock downs. In March we supported the re-opening of the Group with only 14 youth members and 7 adult volunteers. We are concerned that if the group does not grow rapidly it will not be able to cover its base operating costs.

## Membership Application Monitoring

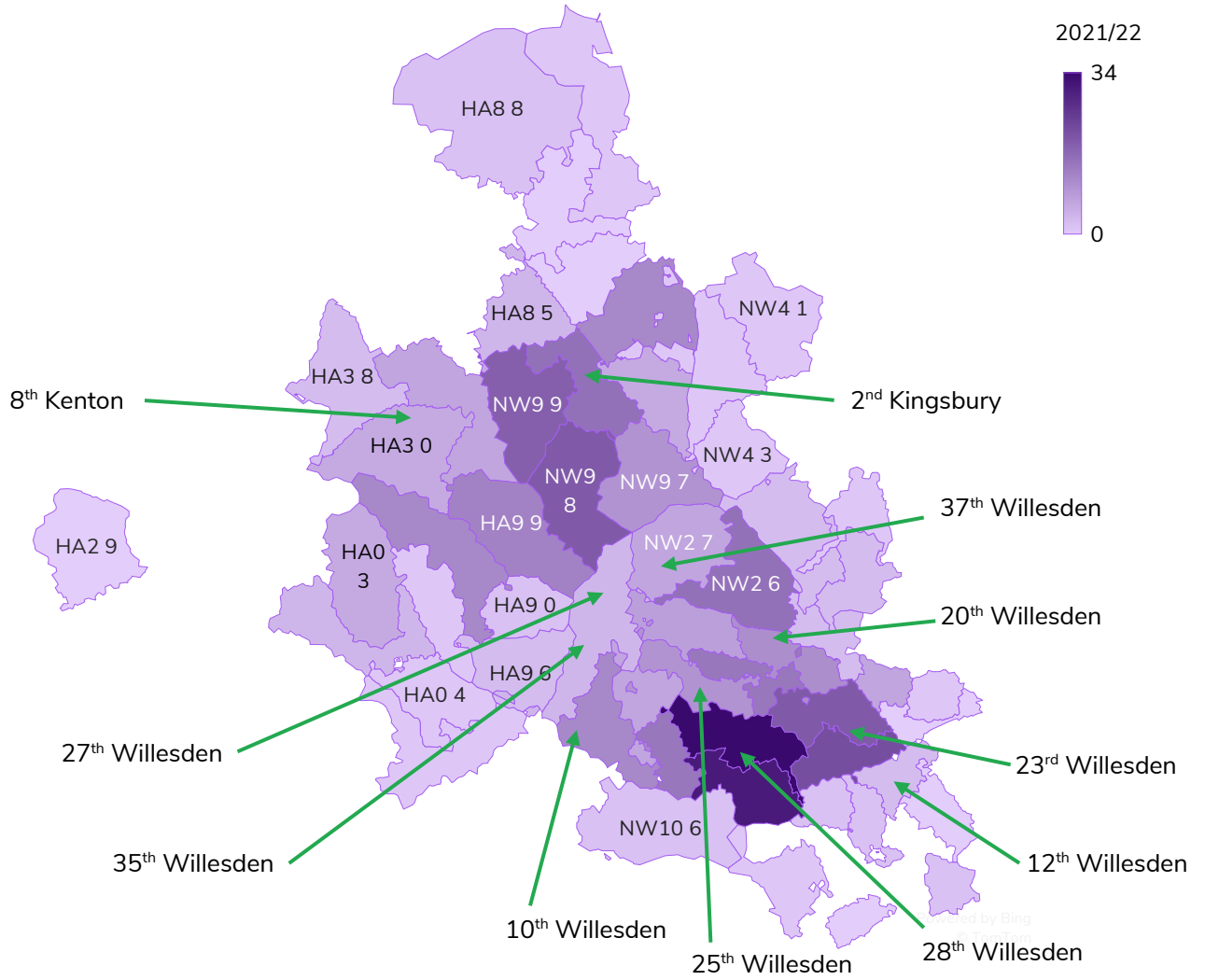
From the start of this year, we implemented a new membership application form allowing us to closely monitor the number and location of applications.



We saw a clear peak of applications in August and September and lows in July and December. We believe this may be associated with school terms, but we will need to collect multiple years to confirm this hypothesis.

Our tracking has also allowed us to map applications across the district. As expected NW10 3 and NW10 5, continue to be the areas with the greatest number of applications centred around 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden Scout Group. However, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of applications in the NW9 area around the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingsbury Scout Group.

# Application by Postcode Sector



# Operations

The Property Sub-Committee was renamed to Operations Sub-Committee to reflect the wider terms of reference this year as we assumed responsibility for the 2 HQ in Kenton and Kingsbury into the Brent District.

The 8th Kenton HQ was put under the control of the Group in the early stages of the amalgamation, although we maintained control of the HQ in Stag Lane until the re-opening of the group as the 2nd Kingsbury in September 2021. A supporting role is being provided until the new team get used to its needs.

David Stevens and son Thomas have continued to work at Randall Avenue, as projects are undertaken. The Extended porch area is now complete, as is the installation of the new Alleyway approach low energy lighting. The main heater is now functioning, and Asbestos reports and Electrical Installation Inspections have taken place. Some tree work was also completed too.

As mentioned elsewhere in this report we were successful in getting a Carbon Reduction grant, but we still await the reports and suggestions of modifications from the appropriate department. This has meant that some of our planned upgrades have been put on hold pending their reports.

At Village Way there is less need of attention beyond general maintenance and the further repair of the outbuilding roof due again to excessively high winds. We also undertook an Asbestos Report, and Electrical Testing and Certification of the premises. Unity High School made the decision to move to new premises as they resumed their face-to-face schooling, so we have lost their revenue stream. With better news, we again won a carbon Reduction grant, which as at Randall Avenue, has caused us to put a hold on planned improvements, which will unfortunately affect the building this winter.

# Finance

## Trustees' responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. Trustees are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the district and charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with any applicable charity laws and, in particular, the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on Brent District Scout Council's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the group's website is the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

The Finance Sub-Committee monitors the effectiveness of any external and internal audits. The Trustees believe that the system of internal controls has been adequate to provide reassurance against material misstatement or loss.

## Financial review

During the year the charity received a total income of £111,869 (2021: £65,926) which included covid grants at £21,334.

The charity's resource expenses totalling for the year were £134,146 (2021: £72,930). As a result, the deficit for the year was £22,277 and has been subtracted from the accumulated funds (2021: deficit of £7,004).

This performance represents a second year of difference to our 'norm' of the recent era as a result of Covid-19 and also the change in the District's boundaries.

On Covid – we received further grants of over £21k as part of the government's support package. We also delivered the grant scheme (noted in last year's report) for restarting scouting that saw £2k distributed.

The boundary change also affected our finances – Stanmore (and District) District was wound up with some scouting moving to Brent (formally Willesden) District. In line with Scout Association rules, the assets of the former district were assumed by the county who then made a distribution – in this case to Brent and Harrow, where the majority of Stanmore activity moved. The County Treasurer and Commissioner engaged in useful conversations with officers of Brent district and outgoing officers of Stanmore district which resulted in an income of £29,926 to Brent. This was a combination of funds for specific jobs at either Kenton or Kingsbury HQs, funds to seed a new group at Kingsbury and then 10% of the remaining funds (as 10% of the youth members moved to Brent).

In addition to funds, we received both HQs – in line with our property policy, and in consultation with the groups that operated these buildings we moved quickly to transfer these buildings to the groups, along with associated funds. Our brief operation of these facilities increased our income further as both had daytime hires in place. A little over £14k of the grants to organisations relates to transfers out of hire income and specific funds received to these two groups.

Outside the presented accounts, it is worth noting that prior to the 10% transaction being made, £60k was retained by the county. This now sits as a restricted fund that we can apply to for the specific task of resolving the occupancy arrangements at Kingsbury and Kenton. Any funds not used will then be gifted 10/90 to Brent and Harrow.

The Development Project's costs were £46k, compared to closer to £29k the previous year (which was low due to the furlough scheme). The executive has intended for some years to be in a position whereby the accounts breakeven once the development project is removed. On this measure we did well, however, this is in the context of the covid grants and Stanmore income. Next year will be a tougher test of this measure. During the year, the executive discussed the fact that our objective here is not being achieved. This discussion will continue. To achieve our aim, we need a combination of greater income, reduced costs and more scouting (increasing our levy income).

# How we operate

This report and accounts cover the activities directly controlled by Brent District Scout Council (Charity Number 271413 England & Wales), The District Scout Council is governed by the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Full details of the activities of the Scout Groups in Brent District are not reflected in this report and accounts. Scout Groups are autonomous charities affiliated to the District Scout Council.

## The District Trustee Executive Committee

The management of the District Scout Council's business is vested in the District Executive Committee, all members of the Committee are Trustees.

The Executive Committee delegates its work to three standing sub-committees, these are:

- Development Sub-Committee
- Operations Sub-Committee
- Finance Sub-Committee

### Executive Members

	From	To
<b>Martin Beard</b>	District Chair	
<b>David Kitchen</b>	District Commissioner	
<b>Frank Penter</b>	District Treasurer	
<b>Giles Wolfe</b>	District Secretary	
<b>Hugh Woolley</b>	District Youth Commissioner	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022
<b>Folasade Babarinde</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
<b>Katie Bogue</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	
<b>Wayne Eastmond</b>		
<b>Matthew Lyons</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021
<b>Robin Mills</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	
<b>Theresa Mills</b>		
<b>Denise Pambakian</b>		
<b>Lorraine Draper</b>		
<b>Trevor Toombs</b>		
<b>James Wooley</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

## **Principle Bankers**

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

## **Independent Examiner**

Goldwins Limited, 75 Maygrove Road, West Hampstead, LONDON NW6 2EG

## **Principle Address**

Scout Approach, Village Way, Neasden, LONDON NW10 0LH

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brent District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brent District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton BA FCA CTA FCIE  
Goldwins  
Chartered accountants  
75 Maygrove Road  
West Hampstead  
London NW6 2EG

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	21,360	-	21,360	42,980
Membership Subscriptions		22,886	3,701	26,587	15,476
Charitable activities:	3				
- Events and programmes		7,142	6,435	13,577	1,011
- Scout Building Income		19,892	-	19,892	4,164
- Shop income		382	-	382	84
- Others		29,925	-	29,925	400
Investment income	4	146	-	146	1,811
<b>Total income</b>		<b>101,733</b>	<b>10,136</b>	<b>111,869</b>	<b>65,926</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	5	18,705	1,807	20,512	12,105
Charitable activities:	5				
- Events and programmes		58,000	4,854	62,854	30,238
- Building Expenses		19,100	-	19,100	3,673
- Shop purchases & expenses		1,349	-	1,349	88
- Others		30,331	-	30,331	26,826
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>127,485</b>	<b>6,661</b>	<b>134,146</b>	<b>72,930</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(25,752)</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>(22,277)</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	6	<b>(25,752)</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>(22,277)</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(25,752)</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>(22,277)</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		724,537	4,058	728,595	735,599
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>698,785</b>	<b>7,533</b>	<b>706,318</b>	<b>728,595</b>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.  
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.  
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	9		<u>3,150</u>		<u>3,150</u>
			<b>3,150</b>		<b>3,150</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Investments	10	532,634		530,254	
Stock	11	2,713		3,795	
Debtors	12	7,695		7,986	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>173,297</u>		<u>184,012</u>	
		<b>716,339</b>		<b>726,047</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(13,171)</u>		<u>(602)</u>	
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>703,168</b></u>		<u><b>725,445</b></u>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>706,318</b></u>		<u><b>728,595</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds:	15		<b>7,533</b>		<b>4,058</b>
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		<b>580,840</b>		425,751	
General funds		<u><b>117,945</b></u>		<u>298,786</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u><b>698,785</b></u>		<u><b>724,537</b></u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><b>706,318</b></u>		<u><b>728,595</b></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 28th September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

*Martin C Beard*  
[Martin C Beard \(Sep 28, 2022 16:54 GMT+1\)](#)

**Martin Beard**  
**District Chair**

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

**b) Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**c) Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

**e) Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**f) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h) Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable programmes and activities.

**i) Operating leases**

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**j) Tangible fixed assets**

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

**k) Investments**

Investment includes cash held on long term deposit.

**l) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**m) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**n) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

			<b>2022</b>	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
London Borough of Brent (Covid-19 grants)	21,334	-	<b>21,334</b>	42,970
Donations	26	-	<b>26</b>	10
	<b>21,360</b>	-	<b>21,360</b>	<b>42,980</b>
<b>Membership Subscriptions</b>				
General	22,886	-	<b>22,886</b>	14,376
Explorer Scouts	-	3,701	<b>3,701</b>	1,100
	<b>22,886</b>	<b>3,701</b>	<b>26,587</b>	<b>15,476</b>

**3 Income from charitable activities**

			<b>2022</b>	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Events and programmes</b>				
- Events	7,142	-	<b>7,142</b>	795
- ESU income	-	6,435	<b>6,435</b>	216
<b>Other charitable incomes</b>				
- Scout Building Income	19,892	-	<b>19,892</b>	4,164
- Shop Income	382	-	<b>382</b>	84
- Others	29,925	-	<b>29,925</b>	400
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>57,341</b>	<b>6,435</b>	<b>63,776</b>	<b>5,659</b>

**4 Income from investments**

			<b>2022</b>	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	146	-	<b>146</b>	1,811
	<b>146</b>	-	<b>146</b>	<b>1,811</b>

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**5.a Analysis of expenditure**

	Charitable activities				2022 Total £	2021 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others		
	£	£	£	£		
Membership	-	-	-	20,512	<b>20,512</b>	12,105
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	1,349	-	<b>1,349</b>	88
Property Operating Cost	-	11,414	-	-	<b>11,414</b>	1,675
Property Maintenance Cost	-	7,686	-	-	<b>7,686</b>	1,998
<b>Direct Costs:</b>						
Direct Event Costs	6,324	-	-	-	<b>6,324</b>	432
ESU Programme and Costs	4,854	-	-	-	<b>4,854</b>	801
District Programme and activities	3,835	-	-	-	<b>3,835</b>	-
Volunteers	947	-	-	-	<b>947</b>	272
Growth and development	46,894	-	-	-	<b>46,894</b>	28,733
<b>Grant:</b>						
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	5,000	<b>5,000</b>	-
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	16,524	<b>16,524</b>	14,005
<b>Support costs:</b>						
Governance costs	-	-	-	33	<b>33</b>	7
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	<b>1,890</b>	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	183	<b>183</b>	18
Insurance	-	-	-	5,424	<b>5,424</b>	2,206
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	125	<b>125</b>	7,053
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,152	<b>1,152</b>	1,647
<b>Total expenditure 2022</b>	<b>62,854</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>50,843</b>	<b>134,146</b>	72,930
Total expenditure 2021	30,238	3,673	88	38,931	72,930	

Of the total expenditure, £127,104 was unrestricted (2021: £71,883) and £6,661 was restricted (2021: £1,047).

**5.b Analysis of expenditure- Prior year (2021)**

	Charitable activities				2021 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others	
	£	£	£	£	
Membership	-	-	-	12,105	12,105
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	88	-	88
Property Operating Cost	-	1,675	-	-	1,675
Property Maintenance Cost	-	1,998	-	-	1,998
<b>Direct Costs:</b>					
Direct Event Costs	432	-	-	-	432
ESU Programme and Costs	801	-	-	-	801
District Programme and activities	-	-	-	-	0
Volunteers	272	-	-	-	272
Growth and development	28,733	-	-	-	28,733
<b>Grant:</b>					
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	-	-
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	14,005	14,005
<b>Support costs:</b>					
Governance costs	-	-	-	7	7
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	1,890
Bank Fees	-	-	-	18	18
Insurance	-	-	-	2,206	2,206
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	7,053	7,053
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,647	1,647
<b>Total expenditure 2021</b>	<b>30,238</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>38,931</b>	<b>72,930</b>

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**6 Net income / (expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration:	<u><b>1,890</b></u>	<u>1,890</u>

**7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management**

The charity did not employ staff during the year.

The charity trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2021: nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021: £nil).

**8 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Property</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At the start of the year	3,150	<b>3,150</b>
Additions in year	-	-
At the end of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u><b>3,150</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At the start of the year	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<u><b>3,150</b></u>	<u><b>3,150</b></u>
At the start of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

**10 Investments**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>		
Cash held on long term deposit	<u><b>532,634</b></u>	<u>530,254</u>
	<u><b>532,634</b></u>	<u>530,254</u>

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**11 Stock**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Scout Shop Inventory	<b>2,713</b>	3,795
	<b><u>2,713</u></b>	<u>3,795</u>

**12 Debtors**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	<b>7,695</b>	7,986
Prepayments	-	-
	<b><u>7,695</u></b>	<u>7,986</u>

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	<b>3,827</b>	(1,288)
Other creditors	<b>7,454</b>	-
Accruals	<b>1,890</b>	1,890
	<b><u>13,171</u></b>	<u>602</u>

**14 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General unrestrict ed funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	<b>Total funds</b>
	£		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,150	-	-	<b>3,150</b>
Net current assets	114,795	580,840	7,533	<b>703,168</b>
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<b><u>117,945</u></b>	<u>580,840</u>	<u>7,533</u>	<b><u>706,318</u></b>

Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	unrestrict ed funds	Designated funds	Restricted	Total funds
	£		£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,150	-	-	3,150
Net current assets	295,636	425,751	4,058	725,445
Net assets at the end of the year	<u>298,786</u>	<u>425,751</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>728,595</u>

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**15 Movements in funds**

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	4,058	10,136	(6,661)	-	<b>7,533</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>10,136</b>	<b>(6,661)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,533</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2020-2023 Fund	101,122	4,500	(46,591)	-	<b>59,031</b>
Development Project 2023-2026 Fund	-	-	-	200,000	<b>200,000</b>
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	<b>100,000</b>
Capital Project Grant Fund	200,000	-	(1,320)	-	<b>198,680</b>
Hardship Fund	24,629	-	(1,500)	-	<b>23,129</b>
Total designated funds	425,751	4,500	(49,411)	200,000	<b>580,840</b>
<b>General funds</b>	298,786	97,233	(78,074)	(200,000)	<b>117,945</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>724,537</b>	<b>101,733</b>	<b>(127,485)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>698,785</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>728,595</b>	<b>111,869</b>	<b>(134,146)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>706,318</b>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

**Designated funds**

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for ongoing operating activities.

Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	2,321	1,316	(1,047)	1,468	4,058
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>(1,047)</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>4,058</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>Designated funds:</b>					
Development Project 2020-2023 Fund	129,855	-	(28,733)	-	101,122
District HQ Re-development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Capital Project Grant Fund	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Hardship Fund	1,000	32,228	(8,599)	-	24,629
Total designated funds	430,855	32,228	(37,332)	-	425,751
General funds	302,423	32,382	(34,551)	(1,468)	298,786
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>733,278</b>	<b>64,610</b>	<b>(71,883)</b>	<b>(1,468)</b>	<b>724,537</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>735,599</b>	<b>65,926</b>	<b>(72,930)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>728,595</b>

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**16 Contingent assets or liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities.

**17 Legal status of the charity**

Brent District Scout Council is a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 271413).

**18 Related party transactions**

The charity has no related party transactions during the year.

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**19 Statement of financial activities (prior year)**

Comparative figures

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	42,980	-	42,980
Membership Subscriptions		14,376	1,100	15,476
Charitable activities:				
- Events and programmes	3	795	216	1,011
- Scout Building Income		4,164	-	4,164
- Shop income		84	-	84
- Others		400	-	400
Investment income	4	1,811	-	1,811
<b>Total income</b>		<b>64,610</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>65,926</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	5	11,859	246	12,105
Charitable activities:				
- Events and programmes	5	29,437	801	30,238
- Building Expenses		3,673	-	3,673
- Shop purchases & expenses		88	-	88
- Others		26,826	-	26,826
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>71,883</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>72,930</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(7,273)</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(7,273)</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(7,273)</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		733,278	2,321	735,599
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>726,005</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>728,595</b>

**BRENT DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 271413

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report 2020 - 2021

**Brent District Scout Council**

Charity No. 271413

# Brent District Scout Council

## Annual Report for The Year Ended 31 March 2021

### Introduction

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We bring communities together and contribute to society. Above all, we aim to build better futures.

This report demonstrates how we did this during the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

### Our purpose and method

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

The District Scout Council's Trustees have a duty to report on the Council's public benefit in their Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to 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.

We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Scouting Movement complies with two key principles set by the Commission regarding public benefit:

#### 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society; this benefit is directly linked to the Purpose of Scouting.

#### 2. Public benefit

Scouting is a national movement open to young people aged 6-25 and to adults. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. The District enables those in poverty to benefit from Scouting; while the District charges a subscription to its members, the benefits of Scouting are not constrained by a member's ability to pay. The District has arrangements to waive subscriptions, fund uniforms and subsidise activities so that young people are not excluded from activities if they face financial difficulties.

# Brent District Scout Council

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### District Commissioner

*A Scout is never taken by surprise  
he knows exactly what to do  
when anything unexpected happens.*

Robert Baden-Powell

This year has been full of the unexpected, but as we should, we have done our best to continue scouting.

The covid pandemic has affected us all in many ways at work, in education and our social lives. For some there will be long lasting changes and we mourn the loss of loved ones.

It was fortunate that we had already started to use online video calling for some of our district meetings giving our groups access to the technology to deliver online scouting. This was further advanced with support, programmes and events from both Greater London Middlesex West Scout County and The Scout Association.

Our District Events calendar was very different but still started off with our St. George's Day Awards Event, our first entry into online scouting with a memorable (or not) rendition of the National Anthem.

Members took part in; Easter Eggstravaganza Camp at Home, The Hike to the Moon, The Virtual Animal Adventure, The Great Indoors Weekender, and ELEVATE.

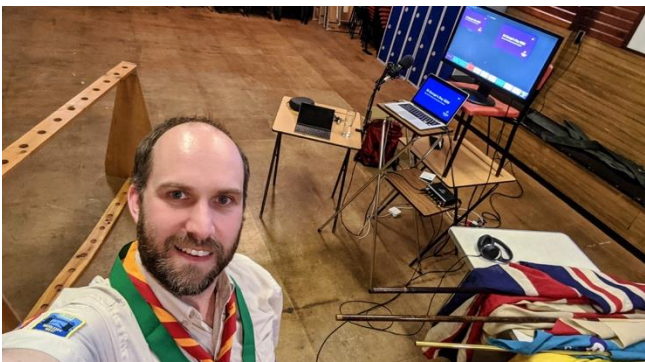
Given all the changes to scouting, it is unsurprising that we have not reached our goals for top awards this year. However, I must congratulate those that did, using inventive ways to fulfil the requirements of the Chief Scout's Award.

As 2021 started the County Commissioner approached me to discuss the restructuring of districts in the northeast of the county. During January & February we held consultation discussions with our membership and with members in the other district affected.

It is evidence of the County's support for our vision and drive to grow scouting that they asked us to take on a wider geographical area and the management of groups previously in other districts.

Following this process, the trustees of Willesden District Scout Council agreed to change our name to Brent District Scout Council, this aligns us with the Borough Council with advantages for co-operative working. With this we also welcome new members to our district who are excited to join our journey to offer scouting to more young people in The London Borough of Brent.

We must now look to the future, there are already signs that the demand for outdoor activity and what scouting has to offer will be greater than we have seen in recent years.



Do your best!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Kitchen'.

David Kitchen

# District Chair

The Covid-19 pandemic has challenged the Scouting movement to adapt and accommodate change at an unprecedented rate. At the beginning of April 2020, under full lockdown, groups had to re-invent themselves and developed a virtual offering that could be delivered remotely. Little did we know that this would be the case for the whole of 2020/2021 year.

Although this was a struggle for many leaders, scout programmes were re-designed, and most groups managed to deliver some elements of scouting to our members at a time when they desperately needed our support. The significant impact of Covid and the temporary suspension of face-to-face scouting dramatically impacted membership numbers and especially our fledgling new groups. The District and its Development Officer continued to support groups throughout this difficult time.

The Scout Association have always focused on the safety of our membership and instituted a system of risk assessments linked to making scouting Covid secure. The Trustees also reviewed and have enhanced the oversight of health and safety procedures and risk assessments at group properties under a new task group headed by the District Secretary. A grants application process for urgent work has also been established.

The District met virtually and despite some IT challenges has continued to develop under fresh impetus from our District Treasurer (Frank) and Secretary (Giles) within a framework developed by our District Commissioner. Properties currently being managed by the District continued to be maintained with Trevor taking the lead, supported at the Randall Avenue site by David and Thomas.

As highlighted within the District Treasurers report our income from lettings evaporated overnight, but Covid grants and the furlough scheme have ensured the District financial position remains solid and positioned to assist individual groups where difficulties were identified, while fully funding the District and County membership fees for some groups.

We remain focused on the objective of strengthening and broadening the support network at all levels and develop our young leaders to ensure future sustainability and membership growth within existing and new groups.

Personally, I would like to thank all the amazing and committed people that together contribute to scouting across Brent. Over the course of the year David, our District Commissioner, has worked hard to support groups and develop a framework and strategy for scouting in Brent, while accessing innovative opportunities which are highlighted in his report.

Within the Executive, I would like to thank David, Derek, Frank, Giles and Trevor who have spent an immense amount of time and energy supporting Scouting across the District, establishing a more robust Executive structure with the financial and administrative disciplines and procedures to support our growth and development strategy in the future.

Frank has amazing enthusiasm and has transformed the financial reporting of the District and is actively supporting groups to establish more robust financial disciplines. Giles has also upgraded the recording and organization of District meetings while making a significant impact to the debates over risk assessments and strategy. Trevor's legendary energy and passion for scouting remains unabated and we are deeply indebted to his practical advice, insight, and humour at Executive meetings. Theresa, Lorraine, Wayne, Hugh, James, Matthew, and Denise all contributed to keeping the District Executive moving forward and supporting scouting through a very difficult time.

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Sadly, we said a final farewell to Ted Peck, who passed away early February, a great supporter of scouting and of Willesden District where he was Chair for many years. He will always be remembered with fondness and gratitude for his contribution to the District.

As the year drew to a close the County announced a re-organization of Districts to align closer to local authority boundaries. After consultation with existing Willesden groups the Trustees embraced this change and have worked hard to prepare for the transition of Willesden District into Brent District. We welcome the 8th Kenton and Dragons Explorer Unit and the addition of the 1st Kingsbury scout site to form the new Brent District from April 2021. A Brent Plan has been developed and we are both excited and look forward to implementing this over the next two years.

As a youth movement we have been challenged to adapt and evolve at an unprecedented rate in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. The “blended” scouting and virtual meetings across 2020/21 have been very different but in true scouting spirit our leaders have risen to the challenge. We have only been able to achieve this through the support of the local community, leaders and volunteers and I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has contributed to scouting across Willesden District.

*Martin G Beard*

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Martin Beard (Dec 16, 2021 15:55 GMT)

Martin Beard

# Youth Awards

The awards that we give to our Youth members represent the culmination of significant activity within our youth sections. There are awards in all sections allowing young people to progress through The Chief Scout's Bronze Award (Beavers), Silver (Cub), Gold (Scouts), Platinum (Explorers), Diamond (Explorers) and The Queen's Scout Award (Explorers and Network).

In our 2020-2023 Growth & Development Plan we have a single aim that:

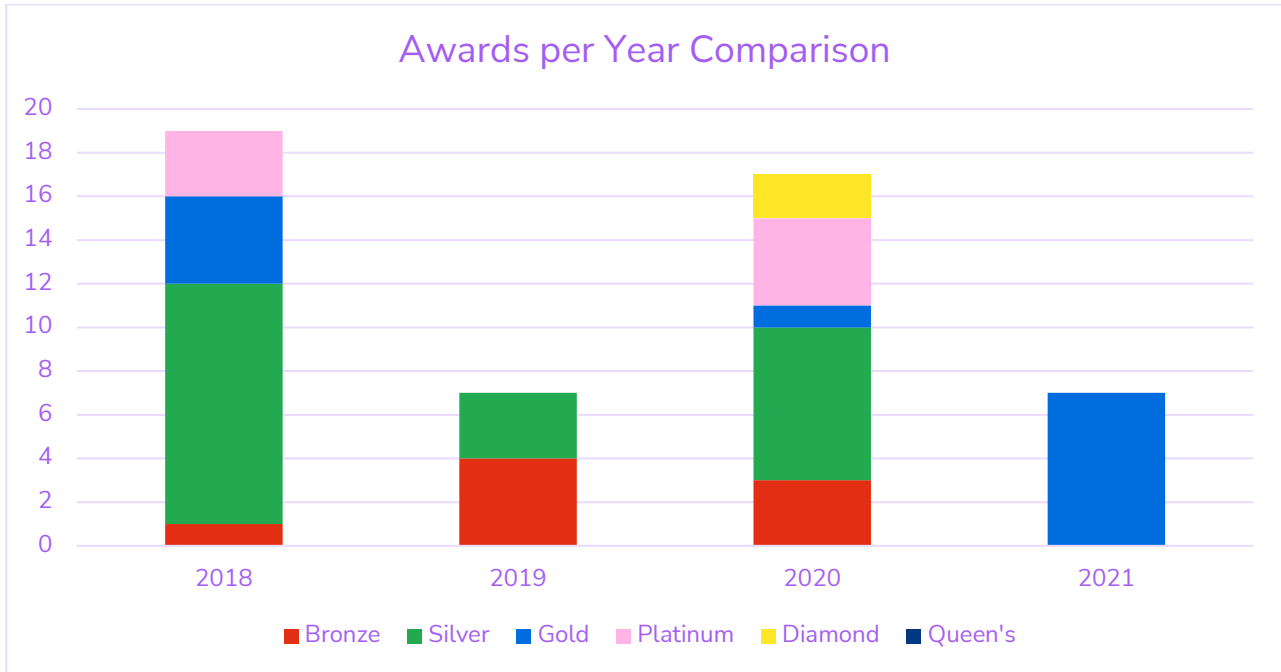
*More young people in Brent will achieve the Chief Scout's Awards and the Queen's Scout Award.*

Given that we are only at the end of first year of this plan we didn't expect significant results. However, covid has clearly had a significant effect on scouting which has also reduced achievement here. The 28<sup>th</sup> Willesden should be particularly congratulated for the achievement detailed below.

Award	Name	Section
<b>Chief Scout's Gold Award</b>	Elsie Ampofo	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Esme Lott	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Isla Culmer-Jenkins	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Rhys Heal	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Charlie Watts	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Christian Lambert	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Ruby Blindheim	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

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# Adult Awards

## Wood Badge

Since September 1919 adult volunteers in the Scouts have been awarded the Wood Badge on the completion of their leader training. The basic badge is made up of two wooden beads worn at the end of a leather lace.



Name	Role	Section
Bob Cox	Group Scout Leader	20 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Marcin Dziura	Assistant Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Matt Funnell	Group Scout Leader	25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
David Kitchen	District Commissioner	
Ian Rouse	Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Dominic Somerville	Scout Leader	20 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
Huma Syed	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

## Chief Scout's Length of Service Awards

Length of service awards are available to Members and Associate Members of the Association with eligible roles that accrue service, uniformed or not.



Award	Name	Role
5 Years	Haseena Ismail	BSL, 27 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Matt Funnell	GSL, 25 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Christian Rouffaert	Treasurer, 20 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Huma Syed	ACSL, 28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden
	Alam Udin	
20 Years	Tom Doyle	CSA, 28 <sup>th</sup> Willesden

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### Good Service Awards

None of these were awarded during the year. It would be great to see nomination for these in future years.

- To be awarded a Good Service Award the nominee must meet the following criteria which apply to all awards:
- The Good Service Awards are open to any adult who holds an adult appointment as a member or associate member of the Scouts.
- They must have completed a specific length of service for the award.
- They must have completed any mandatory training relevant to their role (or be within three years of appointment of the role/s).
- They must hold a valid disclosure (if required).
- They must not have received a Good Service award in the last 5 years.
- They must hold the correct previous award (if relevant).

Nominations can be made through our District website:

<https://www.brentscouts.org.uk/volunteers/awards-recognition>

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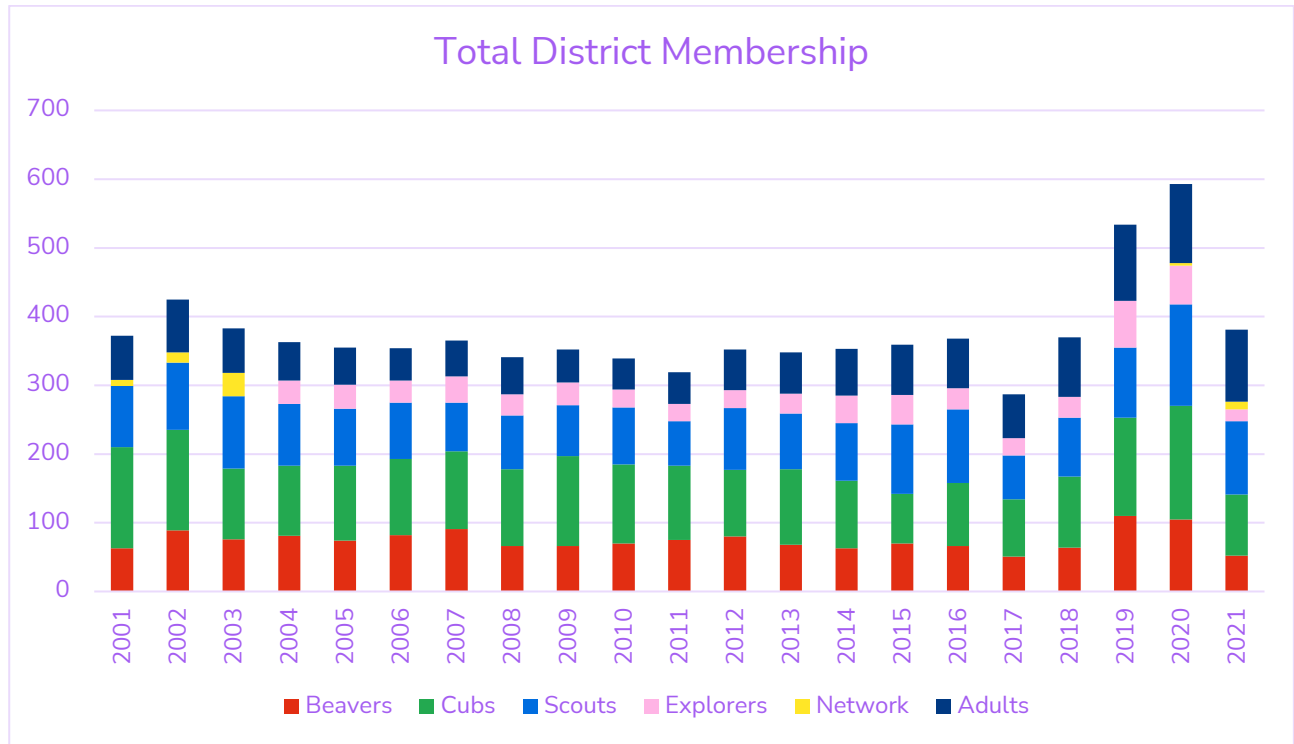
# Membership

	2020			2021			2020 v 2021		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>Youth membership</b>									
Beaver scouts	62	43	105	32	20	52	-30	-23	-53
Cub scouts	103	62	165	63	26	89	-40	-36	-76
Scouts	87	61	148	62	45	107	-25	-16	-41
Explorer scouts	38	18	56	12	5	17	-26	-13	-39
Network members	3	1	4	6	5	11	+3	+4	+7
<b>Total youth membership</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>-118</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>-202</b>
<b>Leadership</b>									
Section leaders	24	35	59	23	28	51	-1	-7	-8
Sectional assistants	5	8	13	4	4	8	-1	-4	-5
<b>Total leadership</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b>Management</b>									
Group & Deputy Group Scout Leaders	7	5	12	6	4	10	-1	-1	-2
Commissioners	1		1	2	1	3	+1	+1	+2
<b>Total management</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Governance (excludes those with other roles)</b>									
Group Governance	5	6	11	9	12	21	+4	+6	+10
District Governance	2	2	4	4		4	+2	-2	0
<b>Total Governance</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>+10</b>
<b>Support Roles</b>									
Group Support Roles		1	1		2	2	0	+1	+1
District Support Roles	2		2	1	5	6	-1	+5	+4
Active Support	4	2	6		1	1	-4	-1	-5
<b>Total support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total membership</b>									
	<b>343</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>381</b>			
<b>Units</b>									
Beaver Scout Colonies			9			10			+1
Cub Scout Packs			9			12			+3
Scout Troops			9			11			+2
Explorer Scout Units			5			5			
Active Support Units			1			1			
Groups			8			11			+3

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### Historical Comparison



# Development

Our development project has been very limited this year. The Executive Committee agreed with The Scout Association that our Growth & Development Officer, Derek, along with many other staff at HQ would be furloughed.

As the pandemic progressed, we saw some of our groups successfully operating online meetings; with other groups falling behind. We re-started our project in August with Derek supporting and running Zoom sessions for our groups. This programme included sessions based on the Environmental Conservation Badge for Scouts and was delivered by Matt from 25<sup>th</sup> Willesden with Wayne and Trevor from 23<sup>rd</sup> Willesden with content support from Giles, District Secretary.

In March, in anticipation of relaxation of social distancing rules we planned a series of activity days for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at Paccar Scout Camp in April 2021.

# Property

Like most other areas of the District the use of the District HQ in Village Way Neasden and at Randall Avenue stopped overnight with the start of the Covid Lockdown at the end of March 2020.

Unity High School and the 27th Group as well as Nomad ESU and other users were unable to continue with normal activities. This situation continued for all of the year although some of you will remember our famous St Georges Day parade which David Kitchen masterminded (alone) from the hall of Village Way on 23rd April. Little did we know then, what was in store!

Apart from regular visits to the premises as a security and safety precaution and to continue management of the grounds the buildings have laid dormant for much of the year. In addition, some of the roofing at Village Way got damaged in the very high winds during the year which necessitated a large portion of the Bungalow roofing needing replacement.

Randall Avenue became a District property shortly before this year with Nomad ESU continuing to meet there after the transfer. Much work was undertaken by the Unit, its parents and supporters to make it more usable. A special mention to David Stevens and son Thomas who have kept the grass under control during the lockdown, undertaking some ground and fencing maintenance, also extending the porch area for more effective use. In addition, David and Trevor designed a low voltage lighting scheme for the alleyway approach to the HQ between the houses. Unfortunately, the 3rd lockdown and other factors have however delayed its installation.

Much of the planned Property work scheduled last year has been carried forward to 2021/2.

Although the handover of properties in Kingsbury and Kenton happened after the end of this year, much due diligence work and planning took place in 2020/21. Various trustees met regularly with colleagues from the 8<sup>th</sup> Kenton, Greater London Middlesex West County and Stanmore and District to ensure that all liabilities were understood prior to the Executive Decision to accept these locations.

# **Brent District Scout Council**

## **Annual Report for The Year Ended 31 March 2021**

### **Trustees' responsibilities**

Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. Trustees are also responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the district and charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the charity's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with any applicable charity laws and, in particular, the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial statements are published on Brent District Scout Council's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the group's website is the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

The Finance Sub-Committee monitors the effectiveness of any external and internal audits. The Trustees believe that the system of internal controls has been adequate to provide reassurance against material misstatement or loss.

# Finance

## Financial review

During the year the charity received a total income of £65,926 (2020: £62,143) which included covid grants at £42,970.

The charity's resource expenses totalling for the year were £72,930 (2020: £93,342). As a result, the deficit for the year was £7,004 and has been subtracted from the accumulated funds (2020: deficit of £31,199).

In normal times you may consider the above performance to be a great financial success. However, as with all aspects of our lives, Covid-19 has had a significant and enduring effect. On the one hand, we were able to obtain almost £43k in grants (as a result of operating 2 buildings). On the other, our membership numbers dropped, we lost our long-term hirer at Village Way and we had to create a grant scheme for our groups at pace in order to prevent complete financial failure of some of them.

We were lucky that during the hardest points of the lockdown, The Scout Association engaged with the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (i.e., furlough) allowing us to save money on the cost of our Development Officer at a time when there was little for him to do.

The Development Project's costs were only a little under £29k, compared to closer to £48k the previous year, as a result. This means our normal measure of judging our performance after expenditure from the designated funds shows us in a surplus scenario for the first time in many years (but only as a result of covid!).

The loss of our regular hirer at Village Way underlined a structural issue with our finances that the trustees discussed towards the end of the year – at its simplest, notwithstanding our development project, our expenditure is greater than our income. Although the changes to the district's boundaries and the addition of two buildings will affect this in the short term, we need to be mindful that our policy is for buildings to be owned as close to the delivery of scouting as possible, and when we achieve that, our costs will be greater than our income and therefore there will need to be an increase in the district levy charged to all groups or a significant increase in membership numbers.

Under the quick and inspirational leadership of David, and the expectation of the national association, we agreed a series of policies to fund groups in the District through the covid crisis, using the building-based grants we received. This resulted in grants being issued to cover 100% of the annual membership subscription to all but three groups.

Further restart grants have been agreed and will appear in next year's accounts, alongside a further £16k in grants received.

# How we operate

This report and accounts cover the activities directly controlled by Brent District Scout Council (Charity Number 271413 England & Wales), The District Scout Council is governed by the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Full details of the activities of the Scout Groups in Brent District are not reflected in this report and accounts. These bodies are autonomous charities affiliated to the District Scout Council.

## The District Executive Committee (Trustees)

The management of the District Scout Council's business is vested in the District Executive Committee, all members of the Committee are Trustees.

The Executive Committee delegates its work to three standing sub-committees, these are:

- Finance Sub-Committee
- Development Sub-Committee
- Property Sub-Committee

### Executive Members

		From	To
<b>Martin Beard</b>	District Chair		
<b>David Kitchen</b>	District Commissioner		
<b>Frank Penter</b>	District Treasurer	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	
<b>Deirdre Bretnach</b>	District Secretary		30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020
<b>Giles Wolfe</b>	District Secretary	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	
<b>Hugh Woolley</b>	District Youth Commissioner	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	
<b>Wayne Eastmond</b>			
<b>Matthew Lyons</b>			
<b>Theresa Mills</b>			
<b>Denise Pambakian</b>			
<b>Jess Bill</b>			30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020
<b>Lorraine Draper</b>			
<b>Trevor Toombs</b>			
<b>James Wooley</b>		30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	

# **Brent District Scout Council**

## **Annual Report for The Year Ended 31 March 2021**

### **Principle Bankers**

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

### **Independent Examiner**

Goldwins Limited, 75 Maygrove Road, West Hampstead, LONDON NW6 2EG

### **Principle Address**

Scout Approach, Village Way, Neasden, LONDON NW10 0LH

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brent District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brent District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Epton BA FCA CTA FCIE  
Goldwins  
Chartered accountants  
75 Maygrove Road  
West Hampstead  
London NW6 2EG

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)  
**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	42,980	-	42,980	3,080
Membership Subscriptions		14,376	1,100	15,476	26,620
Charitable activities:	3				
- Events and programmes		795	216	1,011	8,121
- Scout Building Income		4,164	-	4,164	15,773
- Shop income		84	-	84	2,837
- Others		400	-	400	2,261
Investment income	4	1,811	-	1,811	3,451
<b>Total income</b>		<b>64,610</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>65,926</b>	62,143
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	5	11,859	246	12,105	21,781
Charitable activities:	5				
- Events and programmes		29,437	801	30,238	57,411
- Building Expenses		3,673	-	3,673	2,802
- Shop purchases & expenses		88	-	88	3,237
- Others		26,826	-	26,826	8,111
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>71,883</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>72,930</b>	93,342
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		(7,273)	269	(7,004)	(31,199)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	6	<b>(7,273)</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>	(31,199)
Transfers between funds		(1,468)	1,468	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(8,741)</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>	(31,199)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		733,278	2,321	735,599	766,798
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>724,537</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>728,595</b>	735,599

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.  
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.  
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Tangible assets	9		<u>3,150</u>		<u>2,750</u>
			<b>3,150</b>		<b>2,750</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Investments	10	530,254		689,919	
Stock	11	3,795		3,795	
Debtors	12	7,986		27,957	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>184,012</u>		<u>12,643</u>	
		<b>726,047</b>		<b>734,314</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(602)</u>		<u>(1,465)</u>	
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>725,445</b></u>		<u><b>732,849</b></u>
<b>Total net assets / (liabilities)</b>			<u><b>728,595</b></u>		<u><b>735,599</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds:	15		<b>4,058</b>		2,321
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds		<u>724,537</u>		<u>733,278</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u><b>724,537</b></u>		<u><b>733,278</b></u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><b>728,595</b></u>		<u><b>735,599</b></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on .....31.August.....2021 and signed on their behalf by:

*Martin Beard*

[Martin Beard \(Dec 16, 2021 15:55 GMT\)](#)

**Martin Beard**  
**District Chair**

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2021**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

**b) Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

**c) Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

**d) Donations of gifts, services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

**e) Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**f) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

**h) Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable programmes and activities.

**i) Operating leases**

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

**j) Tangible fixed assets**

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

**k) Investments**

Investment includes cash held on long term deposit.

**l) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**m) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**n) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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**2 Income from donations and legacies**

			<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
The Scout association				
-ESU Grant	-	-	-	3,000
London Borough of Brent (Covid-19 grants)	42,970	-	<b>42,970</b>	-
Donations	10	-	<b>10</b>	81
	<u>42,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>42,980</b></u>	<u>3,081</u>
<b>Membership Subscriptions</b>				
General	14,376	-	<b>14,376</b>	22,871
Explorer Scouts	-	1,100	<b>1,100</b>	3,750
	<u>14,376</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u><b>15,476</b></u>	<u>26,621</u>

**3 Income from charitable activities**

			<b>2021</b>	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Events and programmes</b>				
- Events	795	-	795	3,861
- ESU income	-	216	216	4,259
<b>Other charitable incomes</b>				
- Scout Building Income	4,164	-	4,164	15,773
- Shop Income	84	-	84	2,837
- Others	400	-	400	2,261
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<u><b>5,443</b></u>	<u><b>216</b></u>	<u><b>5,659</b></u>	<u><b>28,992</b></u>

**4 Income from investments**

			<b>2021</b>	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	1,811	-	<b>1,811</b>	3,451
	<u>1,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,811</b></u>	<u>3,451</u>

**Brent District Scout Council**  
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**5.a Analysis of expenditure**

	Charitable activities				2021 Total £	2020 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others		
	£	£	£	£		
Membership	-	-	-	12,105	<b>12,105</b>	21,781
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	88	-	<b>88</b>	3,237
Property Operating Cost	-	1,675	-	-	<b>1,675</b>	2,368
Property Maintenance Cost	-	1,998	-	-	<b>1,998</b>	434
<b>Direct Costs:</b>						
Direct Event Costs	432	-	-	-	<b>432</b>	3,807
ESU Programme and Costs	801	-	-	-	<b>801</b>	3,379
District Programme and activities	-	-	-	-	-	1,560
Volunteers	272	-	-	-	<b>272</b>	574
Growth and development	28,733	-	-	-	<b>28,733</b>	47,935
<b>Grant:</b>						
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	-	-	2,020
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	14,005	<b>14,005</b>	1,512
<b>Support costs:</b>						
Governance costs	-	-	-	7	<b>7</b>	156
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,890	<b>1,890</b>	1,800
Bank Fees	-	-	-	18	<b>18</b>	101
Insurance	-	-	-	2,206	<b>2,206</b>	1,502
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	7,053	<b>7,053</b>	-
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,647	<b>1,647</b>	1,176
<b>Total expenditure 2021</b>	<b>30,238</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>38,931</b>	<b>72,930</b>	<b>93,342</b>
Total expenditure 2020	<b>57,411</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>29,892</b>	<b>93,342</b>	

Of the total expenditure, £71,883 was unrestricted (2020: £85,804) and £1,047 was restricted (2020: £7,539).

**5.b Analysis of expenditure- Prior year (2020)**

	Charitable activities				2020 Total £
	Events and programmes	Building	Shop	Others	
	£	£	£	£	
Membership	-	-	-	21,781	21,781
Scout Shop purchase	-	-	3,237	-	3,237
Property Operating Cost	-	2,368	-	-	2,368
Property Maintenance Cost	-	434	-	-	434
<b>Direct Costs:</b>					
Direct Event Costs	3,807	-	-	-	3,807
ESU Programme and Costs	3,379	-	-	-	3,379
District Programme and activities	1,560	-	-	-	1,560
Volunteers	574	-	-	-	574
Growth and development	47,935	-	-	-	47,935
<b>Grant:</b>					
Grants to Individuals	-	-	-	2,020	2,020
Grants to Organisations	-	-	-	1,512	1,512
<b>Support costs:</b>					
Governance costs	156	-	-	-	156
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	1,800	1,800
Bank Fees	-	-	-	101	101
Insurance	-	-	-	1,502	1,502
Digital Systems & Telecommunications	-	-	-	1,176	1,176
<b>Total expenditure 2020</b>	<b>57,411</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>29,892</b>	<b>93,342</b>

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**6 Net income / (expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging / (crediting):	<b>2021</b>	2020
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration:	<u><b>1,890</b></u>	<u>1,800</u>

**7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel**

The charity did not employ staff during the year.

The charity trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2020: nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020: £nil).

**8 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	Property £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At the start of the year	3,150	<b>3,150</b>
Additions in year	-	-
At the end of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u><b>3,150</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At the start of the year	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
<b>At the end of the year</b>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>
At the start of the year	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

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**10 Investments**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Investments at fair value:</b>		
Cash held on long term deposit	530,254	689,919
	<u>530,254</u>	<u>689,919</u>

**11 Stock**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Scout Shop Inventory	3,795	3,795
	<u>3,795</u>	<u>3,795</u>

**12 Debtors**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,986	27,904
Prepayments	-	53
	<u>7,986</u>	<u>27,957</u>

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	(1,288)	(335)
Accruals	1,890	1,800
	<u>602</u>	<u>1,465</u>

**14 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,150	-	3,150
Investments	530,254	-	530,254
Net current assets	191,133	4,058	195,191
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<u>724,537</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>728,595</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	General unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,750	-	2,750
Investments	689,919	-	689,919
Net current assets	40,609	2,321	42,931
<b>Net assets at the end of the year</b>	<u>733,278</u>	<u>2,321</u>	<u>735,599</u>

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<b>15 Movements in funds</b>	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Explorer Scouts	2,321	1,316	(1,047)	1,468	<b>4,058</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>(1,047)</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>4,058</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>General funds</b>	733,278	64,610	(71,883)	(1,468)	<b>724,537</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>733,278</b>	<b>64,610</b>	<b>(71,883)</b>	<b>(1,468)</b>	<b>724,537</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>735,599</b>	<b>65,926</b>	<b>(72,930)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>728,595</b>

**Purposes of restricted funds**

Scouting is carried out helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
World Scout Jamboree Participant Fund	92	-	(92)	-	-
District Bonfire	475	-	(475)	-	-
Explorer Scouts	(2,607)	11,009	(6,081)	-	2,321
Others	838	53	(891)	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>(1,202)</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>(7,539)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,321</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	768,000	51,081	(85,803)	-	733,278
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>768,000</b>	<b>51,081</b>	<b>(85,803)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>733,278</b>
<b>Total funds including pension fund</b>	<b>766,798</b>	<b>62,143</b>	<b>(93,342)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>735,599</b>

**16 Contingent assets or liabilities**

There are no contingent liabilities.

**17 Legal status of the charity**

Brent District Scout Council is a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 271413).

**18 Related party transactions**

The charity has no related party transactions during the year.

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**19 Statement of financial activities (prior year)**

Comparative figures

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	27	3,053	<b>3,080</b>
Membership Subscriptions		22,871	3,750	<b>26,621</b>
Charitable activities:				
- Events and programmes	3	3,861	4,259	<b>8,121</b>
- Scout Building Income		15,773	-	<b>15,773</b>
- Shop income		2,837	-	<b>2,837</b>
- Others		2,261	-	<b>2,261</b>
Investment income	4	3,451	-	<b>3,451</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<b>51,081</b>	<b>11,062</b>	<b>62,143</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Membership Subscriptions	5	19,079	2,702	<b>21,781</b>
Charitable activities:				
- Events and programmes	5	54,032	3,379	<b>57,411</b>
- Building Expenses		2,802	-	<b>2,802</b>
- Shop purchases & expenses		3,237	-	<b>3,237</b>
- Others		6,653	1,458	<b>8,111</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>85,803</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>93,342</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before net gains / (losses) on investments</b>		<b>(34,722)</b>	<b>3,523</b>	<b>(31,199)</b>
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	-
<b>Net income / (expenditure) for the year</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(34,722)</b>	<b>3,523</b>	<b>(31,199)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(34,722)</b>	<b>3,523</b>	<b>(31,199)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		768,000	(1,202)	<b>766,798</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>733,278</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>735,599</b>






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