

Faversham District Scout Council

England & Wales · Charity number 284893

Details

Other names	FAVERSHAM DISTRICT SCOUTS COUNCIL, FAVERSHAM SCOUTS COUNCIL, Faversham District Scouts, Shepherd Park Scout Activity Centre
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1982-06-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: In accordance with the aims and objectives of the Scout Association, activities are provided by trained volunteer leaders and are for young people aged 4 - 25 years. These include indoor and outdoor activities at weekly meetings and camps, to promote teamwork, comradeship and appreciation of the natural world and to make them responsible citizens of this world.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£41,470	£41,019	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,521	£35,627	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,746	£27,787	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,473	£15,589	-	-
2021-03-31	£22,843	£17,081	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cllr Trevor John Martin	Chair	2019-06-24
Alison Eardley		2024-06-17
Andrew James White		2013-06-20
Ash Bohme-Fox		2025-06-30
David Kirsch-Mills		2017-06-19
Dr Jessica Boyle		2023-06-19
Faith James-Blay		2024-09-10
Jools Ethan Elliott		2022-06-08
Kristiarn Matthew Barker		2023-06-19
Simon Paul Moore		2018-06-18

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Accounts

Faversham District Scout Council

Annual Report and Accounts
(on a receipts and payments basis)

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Scout Association Registration Number: 10001184

Hon President: Cllr Antony Hook

Current Trustees

Cllr T J Martin, District Chair
Mr S P Moore, Lead District Volunteer
Mr A J White
Mr J E Elliott
Mr D Kirsch-Mills
Mr D J Jones, Youth Lead
Mrs S F Beale
Mr K Barker
Dr J Boyle, District Treasurer
Mrs A Eardley (appointed 17/06/24)
Ms F James-Blay (appointed 10/09/24)

Former Trustees

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Mr A B Soffe (resigned 17/06/24)
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The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR of The Scout Association.

The District is governed by its Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the scout district which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible to the wider District Scout Council for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and nine Trustees (including two ex officio Trustees: the District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Lead) and meets four or five times each year.

Members of the Trustee Board complete "*Being a Scouts Trustee*" learning with the first six months of joining the Board.

The District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Finally, the District Trustee Board has a general duty to ensure that scout groups within the District are managed and governed in a way consistent with law and with POR. Where groups fall short of the expected standards, the district will assist and support them in achieving those standards.

The Trustees are aware of the major risks to which the District is exposed and have sought to take steps to mitigate these as far as possible.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, both those on the front line and those whose contributions go unseen by many, who give up enormous amounts of time to provide quality scouting to so many young people in our town.

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Achievements and Performance

The District has continued to support the operation of four scout groups around Faversham providing scouting to just over 330 young people, a decrease of 20 from last year. The Board is working with the District Leadership Team to support groups to improve the rate of growth in coming years. Demand for scouting in Faversham continues to be very high and a key limiting factor in the District's growth is the availability of adult volunteers to join section teams.

The Board continues to monitor the District Leadership's Team progress towards the multi-year vision for Faversham Scouts which has been set out previously. The Board notes that numbers of volunteers with district roles have increased, providing adequate support to groups in trickier situations remains difficult with the resources available. The Board is pleased that the number of sections in the district has grown, and that the number of squirrel dreys has doubled in the last year. It continues to be a long term goal that all groups in the District should have a Squirrel drey. This vision sets a clear path for the Faversham Scouts, emphasising the importance of volunteer development, structural enhancements, and community engagement in achieving a vibrant and sustainable future for the district.

During the year, the District Trustee Board approved the registration of a new Scout group for Faversham, the 4th Faversham (Alexander's Own) Scout Group which will be based at Bysing Wood Primary School. The Group is currently attracting interest from potential young people and volunteers and hopes to open in earnest in summer 2025.

A major focus of the year has been the transformation of the volunteer experience, aimed at revitalising the district through organisational restructuring, improved volunteer welcoming processes, and enhanced training supported by a new digital system. The new digital system accompanied by an updated edition of Policy, Organisation and Rules was launched in November 2024, and has now been implemented fully by the District. All volunteers are now operating within a team based model, and new volunteers are undertaking the new volunteer joining journey. These efforts reflect the district's commitment to creating a more flexible, inclusive, and efficient environment that supports the growth and development of both young scouts and volunteers, ensuring a rewarding and impactful Scouting experience for all involved. There do remain some teething problems with the new system particularly around the management and delivery of learning to volunteers which still need to be worked through in 2025.

The Shepherd Park Team has continued to grow and develop its vision of the site as an asset of which the District can be proud. Income from external campers has continued to grow this year, and the team have received very positive feedback from visiting groups.

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Financial Review

The District reports a cash surplus for the year of £451 (2024 deficit: £5,106) The District's investment and savings reserves stood at £166,504 (2024: £161,352) at the year end. The full annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 are appended to this report.

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on free reserves (unrestricted general funds less any illiquid assets) is explained fully in the Financial Controls Policy, last reviewed and adopted on 13 November 2024. Sufficient funds will be held to enable the District to operate for 18 months without income as a minimum.

The District Trustees have the authority to vary the level of Reserve below the minimum and will note in meeting minutes the reason for such variation together with the plan and timescale to increase to the minimum level.

Reserves will be kept in a separate, interest-bearing bank account or similar low-risk product. Movement out of the Reserves bank account will only be undertaken with majority approval of Trustees. At 31 March 2025 there were approximately 48 months' operational expenditure available as free reserves.


Investment Policy

The District is in the very fortunate position to have been the recipient of several very significant legacies over the years. What remains of these legacies are held in a 35-day notice interest-bearing bank account. Units that remain invested in a St James' Place property fund cannot be accessed until the temporary suspension on withdrawals has been lifted. At 31 March 2025 this had a value of £19,602.

It is District policy to avoid using this capital for day to day purposes, instead reserving it for key projects such as the development of Shepherd Park. Funds will not be deposited into or withdrawn from the investment or savings accounts without the approval of the District Trustee Board.

The District Trustee Board approved this report on 27 June 2025.

Signed on behalf of the District Trustee Board



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Trevor Martin
District Chair



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Simon Moore
District Lead Volunteer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FAVERSHAM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Faversham District Scout Council

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Faversham District Scout Council 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 Faversham District Scout Council 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 Faversham District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed,

David Wallis

David Wallis ACA
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales
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Date: 6 July 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

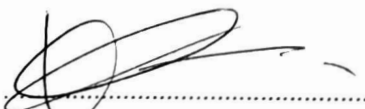
	2025	2025	2025	Total	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Admin	390	-	-	390	-
ESU monthly fees (via bank and cash)	-	-	4,512	4,512	3,786
Donations	1,545	-	-	1,545	4,770
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	412
Grants	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
Red Panda gift aid	-	-	355	355	175
Shepherd Park campers	7,608	-	-	7,608	5,685
Shepherd Park session fees	3,900	-	-	3,900	-
Shepherd Park utilities	3,777	-	-	3,777	-
Buildings insurance	2,682	-	-	2,682	3,453
Badge sales	360	-	-	360	-
Red Panda: other income	-	-	-	-	194
Bank interest	4,248	-	-	4,248	1,298
World Scout Jamboree income	-	-	-	-	2,400
Camps and Activities					
Whole District activities	392	-	-	392	403
Young Leaders activities	-	3,000	-	3,000	500
Explorer activities	-	-	1,980	1,980	1,884
Scout activities	864	-	-	864	-
Cub activities	1,761	-	-	1,761	4,945
Beaver activities	1,598	-	-	1,598	617
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>29,124</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>6,847</u>	<u>41,470</u>	<u>30,521</u>
Payments					
Capitation paid to county for ESUs	-	-	1,850	1,850	2,112
Utilities	3,684	-	-	3,684	8,777
Buildings insurance	4,296	-	-	4,296	4,083
Shepherd Park maintenance	11,795	-	-	11,795	9,124
Shepherd Park development	-	1,511	-	1,511	-
Badges	390	-	-	390	60
Admin	799	-	-	799	258
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	600
Red Panda: GoCardless fees	-	-	95	95	66
Golden Lions: GoCardless fees	-	-	8	8	-
4th Faversham Squirrels set-up costs	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Camps and Activities					
Whole District activities	392	-	-	392	430
Young Leader activities	-	1,689	-	1,689	195
Explorer activities	714	-	3,999	4,713	2,924
Scout activities	864	-	-	864	-
Cub activities	1,860	-	-	1,860	5,032
Beaver activities	1,324	-	-	1,324	676
Capital Movement					
Transfer to savings	4,248	-	-	4,248	1,291
<i>Total Payments</i>	<u>31,866</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>5,953</u>	<u>41,019</u>	<u>35,628</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	<u>(2,742)</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>(5,107)</u>
Transfer between accounts	<u>1,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,724)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(1,018)</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>(831)</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>(5,107)</u>
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	<u>9,996</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>7,602</u>	<u>18,402</u>	<u>23,509</u>
Cash funds at 31st March 2025	<u>8,978</u>	<u>3,105</u>	<u>6,771</u>	<u>18,853</u>	<u>18,402</u>


STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Designated £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Monetary Assets					
District bank account	4,925	3,105	1,526	9,556	10,633
Shepherd Park account	3,827	-	-	3,827	1,380
Golden Lions ESU account	-	-	1,590	1,590	1,645
Golden Lions ESU cash	-	-	-	-	22
Red Pandas ESU account	-	-	2,769	2,769	3,893
Scottish Widows deposit account	241	-	-	241	241
Expense cards	143	-	727	870	587
	<u>9,135</u>	<u>3,105</u>	<u>6,613</u>	<u>18,853</u>	<u>18,401</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
St James' Place investment (see note 4)	19,062	-	-	19,062	25,309
NatWest interest-bearing savings	146,992	-	-	146,992	136,043
Badges receivable	-	-	-	-	188
Shepherd Park fees receivable	-	-	-	-	30
Cub and Beaver activities receivable	-	-	-	-	122
Utilities receivable	-	-	-	-	4,721
	<u>166,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,054</u>	<u>166,413</u>
Monetary Liabilities					
Final KIJ payment for Golden Lions	-	-	950	950	1,744
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>1,744</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use					
Land and buildings (see note 5)	104,231	-	-	104,231	104,231
Shepherd Park development (see note 6)	135,789	-	-	135,789	135,789
Badge and scarf stock	657	-	-	657	280
Stamp collection (see note 10)	200	-	-	200	1,140
	<u>240,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240,877</u>	<u>241,440</u>

The Trustees of Faversham District Scout Council approved this report on 27 June 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


 Trevor Martin
 District Chair


 Simon Moore
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting Policies**Basis of Accounting**

The Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Receipts and Payment framework for small non-company UK charities.

The Trustees consider the charity to be a going concern, and this assessment is reflected in the method of preparation of these accounts. When considering this assessment, the Trustees have considered a period of no less than twelve months from the date of signature of these accounts.

2 Funds

The general fund represents the funds of the District that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application to the general purpose of the District.

Restricted funds represent monies donated to the District for a specific purpose.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the District Trustees can be held responsible.

Subject to the above, Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Any amount owing to the charity
- Closing bank and cash balances as shown in the receipts and payments account.
- Monetary assets invested to generate interest
- Assets retained for the charity's own use

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Creditors for goods and services where the supply has been received or relates to the period ended 31 March 2025.
- Monies received in advance relating to following year.

4 Invested Funds

The savings and investments earn interest and dividends and these are accumulated in the portfolio. On the basis that there is effectively a substantial unrealised gain during the year the Trustees have again taken the view that it is not appropriate in 2024-5 to reflect the accumulated income and unrealised gain as a receipt but add them to the value of the savings and investments. The comparative figures have been amended to be consistent.

The value of the invested funds increases and decreases with market price fluctuations. The Trustees consider it would be appropriate to reflect such variations in value in the accounts until such time as they have materialised through a sale. At 31 March 2025 the market value of the investments was £19,062.

The majority of the investment funds are held in a NatWest 35-day notice interest-bearing account to enable easier access and management of the funds.

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5 Land and Buildings

Faversham District Scout Council owns three freehold properties within the district, all of which are used on a regular basis for scouting activities. Ownership has come about by way of gift or from funds gifted for the purpose. The figure in the accounts is an historic book figure and includes monies spent on improvements. It has not changed for a number of years and does not reflect the value of the properties. The District Trustees have sought without success to obtain a valuation of the properties without incurring valuation fees. Given that there is no plan to dispose of any of the properties or use their value for any other purposes, the Trustees are of the opinion that knowledge of their value would have little more than curiosity value. As such the expenditure of valuable scout funds on such an exercise is not considered to be necessary.

Values for insurance purposes are kept under review and cover at the 2024 renewal was set at £1,551,573.45.

6 Shepherd Park Development

The figure comprises the construction costs of the north field toilet block plus architect fees, planning applications and similar costs, and the cost of fundraising.

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance			Balance
	01.04.2024	Income	Expenses	31.03.2025
	£	£	£	£
Fire pit/campfire circles grants	500	2,500	(1,511)	1,489
YL start-up grant	305	-	(305)	-
YL programme activity grant	-	3,000	(1,384)	1,616
	<u>805</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>(3,200)</u>	<u>3,105</u>

Restricted funds comprise a £500 grant provided by County (2022) for the erection of a fire pit at Shepherd Park and a £2,500 grant from KCC for campfire circles (October 2024); a start-up grant for a Young Leader unit (£500 February 2024, £305 remaining by 31 March 2024) and a programme activity grant for Young Leaders (£3,000, received April 2024).

8 Designated Funds

	Balance				Balance
	01.04.2024	Income	Expenses	Transfer	31.03.2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Network	1,302	-	-	-	1,302
Golden Lions ESU	1,868	4,056	(4,022)	-	1,901
Red Pandas ESU	4,210	2,790	(2,097)	(1,724)	3,185
Young Leaders	224	-	-	-	224
	<u>7,604</u>	<u>6,847</u>	<u>(6,119)</u>	<u>(1,724)</u>	<u>6,612</u>

A historical expense, owed by Golden Lions to Mrs D Austin for a camp (£714) was paid from the District bank account because there was insufficient capital in the Golden Lions account. Therefore this sum will be transferred between the accounts in instalments during 2025-6 and is not recognised above.

The Red Panda expense card was used to purchase items for a District project (£147.69), therefore this will be refunded in 2025.

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9 Trustees remuneration

Trustees were not paid any remuneration during the year (2024: Nil).

10 Contingent Asset

The Faversham District Scout Council is the beneficiary of a legacy from the estate of the late Alan Swan, a long time scout leader who died 20 March 2021. The legacy comprised his entire stamp collection which has been sold in a number of lots at auction, raising a net total of £1,415.88 at 31 March 2025. There remains a few unsold lots which will continue to go into future auctions until sold. The remaining lots are therefore now recognised as a non-monetary asset of value £200.

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New rules have taken effect from 1 April 2024 and from the 2024 AGM the Board will consist of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees (including two *ex officio* Trustees) and meet every three months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete "*Being a Scouts Trustee*" learning with the first six months of joining the Board.

The District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Finally, the District Trustee Board has a general duty to ensure that scout groups within the District are managed and governed in a way consistent with law and with POR. Where groups fall short of the expected standards, the district will assist and support them in achieving those standards.

DISTRICT TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, Governance and Management (cont.)

The Trustees are aware of the major risks to which the District is exposed and have sought to take steps to mitigate these as far as possible.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, both those on the front line and those whose contributions go unseen by many, who give up enormous amounts of time to provide quality scouting to so many young people in our town.

Achievements and Performance

The District has continued to support the operation of four scout groups around Faversham providing scouting to over 350 young people, an increase of over 30 from last year. The Board are very happy with the rate of growth and hope that this continues in coming years.

The District has direct responsibility for the provision of scouting to young people in the Explorer Scout and Scout Network sections. This responsibility is discharged via our District 14-24 Team. The Trustees continue to take a special interest in the 14-24 age range. It is the Trustees' intent to foster a seamless and enriching scouting experience, from early childhood through young adulthood, ensuring that the programs remain relevant, challenging and fulfilling for our older young people as they develop leadership skills and prepare for future endeavours.

The District Leadership Team has outlined a comprehensive vision aimed at strengthening the volunteer base, enhancing support for scout groups, and embarking on new initiatives to enrich the Scouting experience. Short-term objectives focus on preparing teams for organisational transformation, expanding volunteer numbers at the district level, and reducing reliance on key individuals within scout groups. The medium to long-term goals include opening new Squirrel Dreys, developing Shepherd Park, and planning for new scout groups in response to community growth. This vision sets a clear path for the Faversham Scouts, emphasising the importance of volunteer development, structural enhancements, and community engagement in achieving a vibrant and sustainable future for the district.

A major focus of the year has been the transformation of the Volunteer Experience, aimed at revitalising the district through organisational restructuring, improved volunteer welcoming processes, and enhanced training supported by a new digital system. This transformation includes a shift towards a team-based volunteering structure, slow introduction of specialised teams like the Programme Team, Volunteering Development Team and the Support Team. These efforts reflect the district's commitment to creating a more flexible, inclusive, and efficient environment that supports the growth and development of both young scouts and volunteers, ensuring a rewarding and impactful Scouting experience for all involved.

DISTRICT TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achievements and Performance (cont.)

A new team has been appointed to manage Shepherd Park going forward, and the Trustees await with interest the team's plans for the development of Shepherd Park that will be put forward in due course to maximise its potential as a key asset for scouting in Faversham.

Financial Review

The District reports a cash deficit for the year of £5,106 (2023 surplus: £3,959) The District's investment and savings reserves stood at £161,352 (2023: £158,727) at the year end. The full annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 are appended to this report.

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the district should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustees are satisfied that there is currently sufficient resources available to weather most risks that could be encountered.

Investment Policy

The District is in the very fortunate position to have been the recipient of several very significant legacies over the years. After a report authored by an independent financial adviser, the Board arranged for £134,753 to be transferred out of the St James' Place investment and into a 35-day notice interest-bearing bank account. Approximately 26,728 units remains invested in a St James' Place property fund and cannot be accessed because withdrawals have been temporarily suspended. At 31 March 2024 this had a value of £25,309.

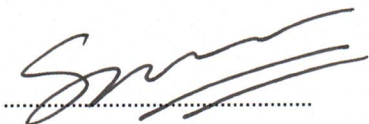
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The District Trustee Board approved this report on 16 May 2024.

Signed on behalf of the District Trustee Board



Trevor Martin
District Chair



Simon Moore
District Lead Volunteer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FAVERSHAM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Faversham District Scout Council

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Faversham District Scout Council 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 Faversham District Scout Council 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 Faversham District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: B. D. SMITH FCA.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 5, COPPICE VIEW, WEAVERING, HAIRSTONE, KENT ME14 5TX

Date: 16/5/2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

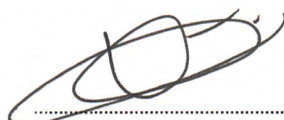
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
ESU Monthly Fees (via bank and cash)	-	-	3,786	3,786	3,667
Donations	4,770	-	-	4,770	254
Fundraising	412	-	-	412	-
Red Panda Gift Aid	-	-	175	175	38
Shepherd Park campers	5,685	-	-	5,685	3,233
Badge and Uniform Sales	-	-	-	-	1,066
Red Panda: Other Income	-	-	194	194	-
Bank and Building Society Interest	3	-	1,295	1,298	1
Utilities and Insurance	3,453	-	-	3,453	7,018
World Scout Jamboree Income	2,400	-	-	2,400	-
Camps and Activities					
Whole District Activities	403	-	-	403	208
Network Activities	-	-	-	-	885
Explorer Activities	-	-	1,884	1,884	455
Cub Activities	4,945	-	-	4,945	4,012
Beaver Activities	617	-	-	617	870
Young Leaders	-	500	-	500	39
Capital Movement					
Transfer from Savings/Investments	-	-	-	-	10,000
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>22,686</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>7,335</u>	<u>30,521</u>	<u>31,746</u>
Payments					
Capitation paid to county for ESUs	-	-	2,112	2,112	1,767
Utilities	8,777	-	-	8,777	2,328
Insurance	4,083	-	-	4,083	4,397
Shepherd Park Maintenance	9,124	-	-	9,124	3,406
Uniform and Badges	60	-	-	60	379
Activity Equipment	-	-	-	-	242
Admin	258	-	-	258	277
Legal Costs	600	-	-	600	1,712
Red Panda: GoCardless fees	-	-	66	66	-
Bank Commission	-	-	-	-	77
Capitation adjustment	-	-	-	-	19
Shepherd Park Project	-	-	-	-	906
Camps and Activities					
World Scout Jamboree	-	-	-	-	5,600
Whole District Activities	430	-	-	430	-
Network Activities	-	-	-	-	783
Young Leader Activities	-	195	-	195	-
Explorer Activities	-	-	2,924	2,924	1,344
Cub Activities	5,032	-	-	5,032	3,730
Beaver Activities	676	-	-	676	820
Capital Movement					
Transfer to Savings	-	-	1,291	1,291	-
<i>Total Payments</i>	<u>29,039</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>6,393</u>	<u>35,627</u>	<u>27,787</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	<u>(6,353)</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>(5,106)</u>	<u>3,959</u>
Transfer between funds	<u>1,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,873)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(4,480)</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>(931)</u>	<u>(5,106)</u>	<u>3,959</u>
Cash funds at 31st March 2023	<u>14,476</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>8,533</u>	<u>23,509</u>	<u>19,550</u>
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	<u>9,996</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>7,602</u>	<u>18,403</u>	<u>23,509</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets					
Bank & cash District bank account	8,303	805	1,525	10,633	16,076
Shepherd Park account	1,380	-	-	1,380	23
Golden Lions ESU account	-	-	1,645	1,645	4,035
Golden Lions ESU cash	-	-	22	22	-
Red Pandas ESU account	-	-	3,893	3,893	3,117
Scottish Widows deposit account	241	-	-	241	238
Expense cards	63	-	525	587	20
	<u>9,987</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>7,609</u>	<u>18,401</u>	<u>23,509</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
St James' Place investment (see note 4)	25,309	-	-	25,309	158,727
NatWest interest-bearing savings (see note 4)	136,043	-	-	136,043	-
Badges receivable	188	-	-	188	282
Shepherd Park fees receivable	30	-	-	30	604
Cub and Beaver activities receivable	122	-	-	122	50
Utilities receivable (see note 11)	4,721	-	-	4,721	778
World Jamboree	-	-	-	-	6,400
	<u>166,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,413</u>	<u>166,841</u>
Monetary Liabilities					
Use of 8th Faversham hall by Golden Lions	-	-	1,030	1,030	1,030
Wintercamp 2019 repayable to Mrs D Austin	-	-	714	714	714
Expenses owed to Mr A Shepherd	-	-	41	41	-
Due for utilities	-	-	-	-	2,063
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,785</u>	<u>1,744</u>	<u>3,807</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use					
Land and buildings (see note 5)	104,231	-	-	104,231	104,231
Shepherd Park development (see note 6)	135,789	-	-	135,789	136,695
Badge and scarf stock	280	-	-	280	431
Stamp collection (see note 10)	1,140	-	-	1,140	-
	<u>241,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,440</u>	<u>241,357</u>

The Trustees of Faversham District Scout Council approved this report on 16 May 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Trevor Martin
District Chair



Simon Moore
District Lead Volunteer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (effective January 2015).

2 Funds

The general fund represents the funds of the District that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application to the general purpose of the District.

Restricted funds represent monies donated to the District for a specific purpose.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the District Trustees can be held responsible.

Subject to the above, Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Any amount owing to the charity
- Closing bank and cash balances as shown in the receipts and payments account.

The following Liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Creditors for goods and services where the supply has been received or relates to the period ended 31 March 2024.
- Monies received in advance relating to following year.

4 Invested Funds

The savings and investments earn interest and dividends and these are accumulated in the portfolio. On the basis that there is effectively a substantial unrealised gain during the year the Trustees have again taken the view that it is not appropriate in 2023-4 to reflect the accumulated income and unrealised gain as a receipt but add them to the value of the savings and investments. The comparative figures have been amended to be consistent.

The value of the invested funds increases and decreases with market price fluctuations. The Trustees consider it would be appropriate to reflect such variations in value in the accounts until such time as they have materialised through a sale. At 31 March 2024 the market value of the investments was £25,309.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Land and Buildings

Faversham District Scout Council owns three freehold properties within the district, all of which are used on a regular basis for scouting activities. Ownership has come about by way of gift or from funds gifted for the purpose. The figure in the accounts is an historic figure and includes monies spent on improvements. It has not changed for a number of years and does not reflect the value of the properties. The District Trustees have sought without success to obtain a valuation of the properties without incurring valuation fees. Given that there is no plan to dispose of any of the properties or use their value for any other purposes, the Trustees are of the opinion that knowledge of their value would have little more than curiosity value. As such the expenditure of valuable scout funds on such an exercise is not considered to be necessary.

Values for insurance purposes are kept under review and cover at the 2023 renewal was set at £1.43m.

6 Shepherd Park Development

The figure comprises the construction costs of the north field toilet block plus architect fees, planning applications and similar costs, and the cost of fundraising.

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance 01.04.2023	Income	Expenses	Balance 31.03.2024
	£	£	£	£
Fire pit	500	-	-	500
Start-up grant	-	500	(195)	305
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>805</u>

Restricted funds comprise a grant provided by County (2022) for the erection of a fire pit at Shepherd Park and the first instalment of a grant towards a Young Leader unit (2023).

8 Designated Funds

	Balance 01.04.2023	Income	Expenses	Transfer	Balance 31.03.2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Network	1,302	-	-	-	1,302
Golden Lions ESU	4,034	1,378	(1,481)	(2,066)	1,866
Red Pandas ESU	3,158	4,666	(3,621)	8	4,211
Young Leaders	39	-	-	185	224
	<u>8,533</u>	<u>6,044</u>	<u>(5,102)</u>	<u>(1,873)</u>	<u>7,602</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9 Trustees expenses

Trustees were not paid any remuneration or expenses during the year or expenses (2023: Nil).

10 Contingent Asset

The Faversham District Scout Council is the beneficiary of a legacy from the estate of the late Alan Swan, a long time scout leader who died 20 March 2021. The legacy consists of his entire stamp collection which is to be sold at auction with an estimated minimum value of £1,140 after deduction of costs. It is therefore now recognised as a non-monetary asset.

11 Money due from groups for utilities at Shepherd Park

The District Trustees recharge groups a proportion of the utility costs for their use of Shepherd Park. The formula has been in use now for more than ten years and for financial year 2024-5 onwards, a session fee will be levied instead. The figure shown represents the amount recoverable from groups under the formula for the final time.

Faversham District Scout Council

England & Wales - Charity number 284893

Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Scout Association Registration Number: 10001184

Hon President: Cllr A Hook

Charity Trustees

Cllr T J Martin - District Chair

Mr S P Moore (District Commissioner from 1 January 2023)

Mr A A D Johnson - District Commissioner (Retired 31 December 2022)

Mr D J Jones (Appointed 17 July 2022)

Mr J E Elliott (Appointed 8th June 2022)

Mr D Kirsch-Mills - District Deputy Chair

Mr P J White

Mr A J White

Mr A B Soffe

Mr D P Darby

Mrs S F Beale

Mr M P Parrett

The Rev'd S D Rowlands

Mr I R Parrett

Ms J L Greenwell

Ms V E Beale (Appointed 1 January 2023)

Holding Trustees

Mr E Davis

Mr K Neame

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DISTRICT TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustee Board of Faversham District Scout Council have the privilege of presenting their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2023

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Main Activities and Objectives

The District is responsible for supporting the growth and development of Scouting in Faversham and its surrounding villages. It does this primarily by providing support and encouragement to the four scout groups in the town. It has a particular responsibility for providing scouting directly to young people between the ages of 14 and 25 through its Explorer Scout Units and Scout Network. The District also runs certain large events for its members as well as supporting participation in County, National and International events.

The District owns and operates Shepherd Park Scout Activity Centre in Sheldwich which provides the District with some additional income to support the whole range of scouting activities.

DISTRICT TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Main activities and objectives (continued)

It also owns two other freehold properties and one leasehold property within the District which are used for scouting activities.

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

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All District Trustees complete Scouting Training modules, including a Trustee Induction, within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Its responsibilities include:

- The maintenance of District property
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment

DISTRICT TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

- District public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The District Trustee Board is responsible, together with the District Commissioner, for ensuring that all adults volunteering in the district are fit and proper persons to carry out the tasks given to them. Responsibility for carrying out this responsibility on a day to day basis falls to the Board's Appointments Advisory Sub-Committee the members of which are specially trained to carry out this role.

Finally, the District Trustee Board has a general duty to ensure that Scout Groups within the District are managed and governed in a way consistent with law and with POR. Where Groups fall short of the expected standards, the district will assist and support them in achieving those standards.

The Trustees are aware of the major risks to which the District is exposed and have sought to take steps to mitigate these as far as possible.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, both those on the front line and those contributions perhaps go unseen by many, who give up enormous amounts of time to provide quality scouting to so many young people in our town.

Achievements and Performance

The District has continued to support the operation of four Scout Groups around Faversham providing scouting to over 300 young people. The numbers of young people taking part in Faversham Scouts seems relatively stable and now is the time to consider growth strategies.

The District has direct responsibility for the provision of scouting to young people in the Explorer Scout and Scout Network sections. With the appointment of a new District Leadership Team in January 2023, responsibility for leading the 14-24 provision has been passed to Jools Elliott. Both Explorer Units have full and active programmes, with a number of Explorers achieving top awards in the last year, the Young Leaders scheme has always been well supported in Faversham, and after a period of inactivity, Faversham Network is meeting regularly again. We are pleased to be supporting two young people who will be travelling to the World Scout Jamboree in the summer.

The priority of the District Team this year has been to support the further consolidation of our offer to young people, as normal service has resumed properly following the pandemic.

DISTRICT TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and Performance (continued)

During the period under review the Trustees have taken an interest in the forthcoming "transformation" of Scouting, the first signs of it appear in this report in the name Trustee Board rather than the traditional "Executive Committee", the Board receives regular updates from its Transformation Adviser and will support with interest as this process reshapes the entire structure of the District's operations going forward. During the year the District was also one of the Mayor of Faversham's Charities, and in May 2023 we were very pleased to received a donation of £4,000 from him towards our general fund.

The District Trustee Board wishes to record its grateful thanks to all the leaders (both Young and old), committee members, helpers who have continued to work to make scouting work in Faversham during this year. In particular we would like to thank our former District Commissioner, Ash Johnson, who stood down during the year for his leadership over the last six or so years, particularly during COVID. We wish him well for his future endeavours outside of Scouting.

Financial Review

The Board reports a cash surplus for the year of £3,959 (2022 £7,884) The District's investment reserves stood at £158,727 (2022 £177,458) at the year end. The full annual accounts for the year ended the 31st March 2023 are appended to this report.

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Investment Policy

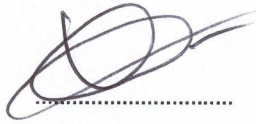
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It is District Policy to avoid using this capital for day to day purposes, instead reserving it for key projects such as the development of Shepherd Park. Funds will not be deposited into or withdrawn from the Investment Account without the approval of the District Trustee Board.

DISTRICT TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The District Trustee Board approved the above report on 14th June 2023.

Signed on behalf of the District Trustee Board



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Trevor Martin
District Chair



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Simon Moore
District Commissioner

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FAVERSHAM DISTRICT
SCOUT COUNCIL

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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Faversham District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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Signed

Date


14th June

2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Subscriptions	-	-	3,667	3,667	3,235
Donations	184	-	70	254	47
Gift Aid	38	-	-	38	-
Grants received	-	-	-	-	18,693
St George's day Net	208	-	-	208	-
Shepherd Park	3,233	-	-	3,233	408
Badge and Uniform Sales	738	-	328	1,066	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	610
Bank and Building Society Interest	1	-	-	1	1
Property, Utilities and Insurance	7,018	-	-	7,018	-
Camps and Activities					
Network Activities (District Challenge)	-	-	885	885	-
Explorer Activities	-	-	455	455	479
Cub Activities	4,012	-	-	4,012	-
Beaver Activities	870	-	-	870	-
Young Leaders	-	-	39	39	-
Capital Movement					
Transfer from Investment Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Total Receipts	<u>26,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,444</u>	<u>31,746</u>	<u>23,473</u>
Payments					
Capitation paid to County	1,767	-	-	1,767	1,290
Electricity and Gas	2,328	-	-	2,328	895
Waste and Water	-	-	-	-	969
Insurance and Rent	4,397	-	-	4,397	4,407
Repairs and Maintenance, Shepherd Park	3,406	-	-	3,406	723
Uniform and Badges	60	-	319	379	217
Activity Equipment	242	-	-	242	-
Sundries	224	-	53	277	139
Legal Cost	1,712	-	-	1,712	-
Bank Commission	-	-	77	77	-
Capitation adjustment	19	-	-	19	2,408
Shepherd Park Project	906	-	-	906	2,324
Camps and Activities					
World Scout Jamboree	5,600	-	-	5,600	800
Network Activities	-	-	783	783	-
Explorer Activities	-	-	1,344	1,344	1,417
Cub Activities	3,730	-	-	3,730	-
Beaver Activities	820	-	-	820	-
Total Payments	<u>25,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,576</u>	<u>27,787</u>	<u>15,589</u>
Net of receipts /(payments)	1,091	-	2,868	3,959	7884
Transfer between funds	837	-	(837)	-	-
	1,928	-	2,031	3,959	7,884
Cash funds at 31st March 2022	12,548	500	6,502	19,550	11,666
Cash funds at 31st March 2023	<u>14,476</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>8,533</u>	<u>23,509</u>	<u>19,550</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets					
Bank & cash Balances					
Current Account	14,235	500	1,341	16,076	14,011
Shepherd Park Account	23	-	-	23	-
Faversham Explorer Funds	1	-	4,034	4,035	3,459
Red Pandas Explorers Funds	(41)	-	3,158	3,117	1,843
Deposit Account	238	-	-	238	237
Debit card balance	20	-	-	20	-
	<u>14,476</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>8,533</u>	<u>23,509</u>	<u>19,550</u>
Other Monetary Assets					
Investment Funds	158,727	-	-	158,727	177,458
Amounts due for Badges	282	-	-	282	962
Shepherd Park fees receivable	604	-	-	604	488
Activity amounts receivable	-	-	-	-	156
Due from groups for insurance and Utilities	778	-	-	778	4,463
World Jamboree	6,400	-	-	6,400	800
Cuboree - due from Groups	50	-	-	50	-
	<u>166,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,841</u>	<u>184,327</u>
Monetary Liabilities					
Shepherd Park maintenance	-	-	-	-	496
Use of 8th Hall by Faversham Explorers (Lions)	-	-	1,030	1,030	-
Due for Utilities	2,063	-	-	2,063	-
Capitation due to Groups (2022 discount)	-	-	-	-	118
Wintercamp- Gilwell 2020 repayable to Mrs D Austin	-	-	714	714	714
	<u>2,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,744</u>	<u>3,807</u>	<u>614</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use					
Land and Buildings	104,231	-	-	104,231	104,231
Shepherd Park development	136,695	-	-	136,695	135,789
Badge and scarf Stock	431	-	-	431	419
	<u>241,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,357</u>	<u>240,439</u>

The District Trustee Board approved the above report on 14th June 2023

Signed on behalf of the District Trustee Board



Trevor Martin
District Chair



Simon Moore
District Commissioner

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting Policies**Basis of Accounting**

The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (effective January 2015).

2 Funds

The General Fund - represents the funds of the District that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application to the general purpose of the District.

Restricted funds represent monies donated to the District for a specific purpose.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the District Trustee Board can be held responsible.

Subject to the above receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Any amount owing to the Charity
- Closing Bank and Cash Balances as shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

The following Liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Creditors for goods and services where the supply has been received or relates to the period ended 31st March 2023.
- Monies received in advance relating to following year.

4 Invested Funds

The investments earn interest and dividends and these are accumulated in the Portfolio. The value of the portfolio also includes a combination of unrealised gains and losses the Trustees have again taken the view that it is not appropriate in 2022/23 to reflect the accumulated income and unrealised loss as a receipt/payment in the receipts and payments account. The £10,000 represents a withdrawal from the investment fund.

Income is accumulated within the fund and the value of the invested funds increases and decreases with Market price fluctuations. The Trustees reflect these changes within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. At 31st March 2023 the market value of the investments was £158,727.

5 Land and Buildings

Faversham District Scout Council owns three freehold properties within the district, all of which are used on a regular basis for scouting activities. Ownership has come about by way of gift or from funds gifted for the purpose. The figure in the accounts is an historic figure and includes monies spent on improvements. It has not changed for a number of years and does not reflect the value of the properties. The Trustee Board has sought without success to obtain a valuation of the properties without incurring valuation fees. Given that there is no plan to dispose of any of the properties or use their value for any other purposes, the Trustees are of the opinion that knowledge of their value would have little more than curiosity value. As such the expenditure of valuable scout funds on such an exercise is not considered to be necessary. Values for insurance purposes are kept under review and cover at the 2022 renewal was set at £1.43M.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Shepherd Park Development

The figure comprises the construction costs of the north field toilet block plus architect fees, planning applications and similar costs, and the cost of fundraising.

7 Restricted Funds

	Balance 1.04.2022	Income	Expenses	Balance 31.03.2023
	£	£	£	£
Fire pit	-	500	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>

A grant provided by County for the erecting of a Fire Pit at Shepherd Park

7 Designated Funds

	Balance 1.04.2022	Income	Expenses	Transfer	Balance 31.03.2023
	£	£	£	£	£
DofE	200				200
Network	1,000	885	(783)		1,102
Faversham Explorers (Lions)	3,459	975	(400)		4,034
Red Pandas Explorers	1,843	3,545	(1,393)	(837)	3,158
Young Leaders		39			39
	<u>6,302</u>	<u>5,444</u>	<u>(2,576)</u>	<u>(837)</u>	<u>8,533</u>

8 Trustees expenses

Trustees were not paid any remuneration or expenses during the year or expenses (2021 Nil)

9 Contingent Asset

The Faversham District Scout Council is the beneficiary of a legacy from the estate of the late Alan Swan a long time scout Leader who died on the 20th March 2021. The legacy consists of his entire stamp collection, the collection still has to be valued and as there is considerable uncertainty as to its value, it has not been recognised as a non monetary asset.

10 Money due from Groups for Utilities at Shepherd Park

The District Trustees recharge groups a proportion of the utility costs for their use of Shepherd Park. The current formula has been in use now for ten years and a request has been received to renegotiate the current formula as a result of changes of usage pattern. The District trustees are keeping this request under consideration and the figure shown represents the lowest amount recoverable from resident Groups.