

SOLENT SCOUTS TRAINING CENTRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

**Report & Accounts
For the year ended**

30 September 2024

Solent Scout Training Centre

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* – Appointment

Name

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Maintenance Manager
Booking Secretary
Assistant Warden – Shop
Site Co-Ordinator
Site Admin

Richard Thompson
Roger Freemantle
Joe Harbour
Elaine Jewell
Alan Crabb
Mary Freemantle
Mick Edwards
Carl Pettit
Amanda Thompson

TRUSTEES: *Elected*

See Overleaf

As per attached sheet

MEMBERS: *Nominated* – Appointment

Name

BANKERS

Lloyds Bank Plc

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES (if any)

Scout Association Trust Corporation

OTHER ADVISERS

Group/District Registration Number with The Scout Association

N/A

Charity Registration Number

302293

Contact Name and Address

Joe Harbour, Training Centre Treasurer
1A Uplands Road, Rowlands Castle, Hants, PO9 6BT

Solent Training Centre SCOUT GROUP / DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ELECTED BY MEMBER DISTRICTS

Denewulf District	D.C. Michael McHugh Sam Taylor Sam Parker
Fareham West District	D.C. Mark Elbourn Malcolm Harvey Ross James Cook Eric Williams
Gosport District	D.C. Pete Giffin Mike Brown Charles Nunn
City of Portsmouth	D.C. Kieron Bland Mark Briggs Ron Jacobs Bob Miles
Elected – Co-Opted	Pete Lawley

Trustees Annual Report
For the year ended 30 September 2024

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

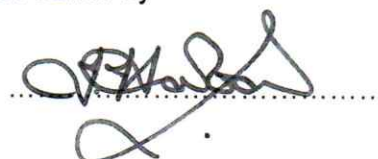
See attached Warden's schedule

The Group/District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups/Districts.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association

The accounts have been drawn up on the accruals basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on 14 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by

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Lyons Copse Agm Site Report 2024.

This year has been very up and down with at times high numbers on site followed by weeks with very few on site.

There has been several cancelations , due to weather or just groups not being able to get the numbers to warrant running their camps.

Our change to whole site numbers has eased the strain on the site which due to at times very bad weather has eased the pressure on the site and our team.

This has helped us recover form our wettest year on record, not being able to mow the fields until late in June nearly 2 months behind.

Site Overall:

Camping numbers are steady but we have been hit with weather issues in the early part of 2024. This has seen a delay in full camping returning. However groups have been quick to rebook if they had to cancel their camp. Our plans are still to aim to keep the camping numbers under control, with keeping to one group per field. This will allow for toilet allocation to each group and also young people and leaders to get back to the camping experience without competing with another group.

What has taken off big time is evening bookings with groups using the site to get out into the fresh air.

The tower, rafting, Barn etc has never been used so much. Again we are having to restrict numbers to 2 groups per night. We are also asking for host groups to let themselves into the site, otherwise the local volunteers are turning out every night. We also now have in place, flood lighting for the Tower.

There has been a big surge in the use of the Cave bus for evening events.

We have been asked about pond testing due to the smell, this is fully in place and we have passed no issues. Our plan is to carry out the testing every six months.

Safety:

All building checks, Pat testing , fire alarms and gas appliances safety audited with no major issues.

We have had a survey on the Lodge carried out with no concrete issues identified.

Our full site electrical safety check has also now been completed, with upgrade work on the main buildings completed. We still have a few minor issues to resolve but not affecting the site safety

No Major accidents reported in 2023 -24 that needed site issues to be actioned.

Buildings:

Toilets.

We are back to general toilet use and this has eased the work for the cleaning team. We have fitted all the toilets with stock cupboards so groups can keep them clean and refill items as needed. Groups camping are allocated toilets to keep clean over the weekend etc.

Lawrence toilets has now been full clad and insulated., Lights are in the process of being converted to LED.

The Lodge:

The Lodge now has new sliding front doors, a far better option than the old folding ones.

Our main hall is now fully LED and we are looking to upgrade the kitchen next so almost full LED.

Our thanks to all those who donated the units to allow this to happen.

Pine Cabin:

The cabin toilet layout has been changed with the added multi sex unit. This has been trialled and now requires it final decoration.

The solar panels are now in place and so we can draw on green energy to reduce our bills.

General items:

We now have a new road entrance and a 2 way traffic flow around the site . This should help with busy weekends etc. Our plan is to now look at the car parking .

Our site team have planted 30 new trees on the edge of Lawrence paddock , (a lot bigger ones than those we have done before) Our thanks to Jamie for arranging the donation from Hilliers. Now we are looking to move onto the Ash tree issue once the forestry commission have put in place our felling licence.

Looking at our ongoing fuel costs and trying to keep or fees as low as we can we are now making sure we charge groups for the extra power usage ie: bouncy castle use etc. This will also include a water charge for swimming pools on site. We will also have to look at an electric car policy on site as groups on site for a week are often charging their cars, something which we have not catered for and have enough fuel supply for ?

Moving forward as a site we now need to start looking at the future and trying to get new people on board to start having back up support in place for all the site functions / team.

My thanks again to the site crew who have been working tirelessly week after week to keep the site in tact and running despite the weather trying to stop things, well done all.

Alan Crabb

Voluntary Site Manager

Lyons Copse.

**Statement of Financial Activities Summary
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

	2024	2023
	Fund	Year
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (page B4)	68,291	68,470
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (page B5)	<u>70,807</u>	<u>62,377</u>
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(2,516)	6,093
Gains (losses) on investment assets		
Realised		
Unrealised		
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	(2,516)	6,093
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>495,796</u>	<u>489,703</u>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£ 493,280</u>	<u>£ 495,796</u>

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 30 September 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
General camping fees		30,112	36,186
Lyons Lodges Camping fees		<u>26,429</u>	<u>24,009</u>
		<u>56,541</u>	<u>60,195</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank / building society interest			
	Cambridge & Counties Bank	2,289	2,233
	Skipton Building Society	<u>2,063</u>	<u>753</u>
		4,352	2,986
		<u>60,893</u>	<u>63,181</u>
DONATIONS - In memory of Alan Nossitor		<u>210</u>	<u>150</u>
		61,103	63,331
ACTIVITIES			
Tuck Shop	3	2,062	2,690
Gas / Electric - Total Utilities		752	618
Activities		2,129	1,831
Refunds / Sundry		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		66,046	68,470
Cave Bus Income		2,245	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		68,291	68,470
OTHER INCOME			
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>£ 68,291</u>	<u>£ 68,470</u>

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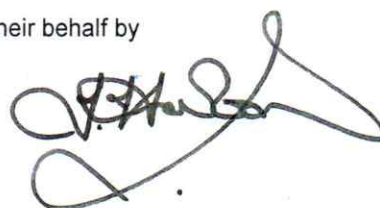
		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
PREMISES			
General / Warden		3,604	5,205
Capital expenditure	1	27,290	21,596
Rates		1,843	3,151
Light & heat		10,544	9,399
Insurance		11,070	10,337
Repairs and renewals		-	-
TV Licence		159	159
		<u>54,510</u>	<u>49,847</u>
ACTIVITIES			
Tuck Shop	3	1,956	2,823
Write offs & expenses		412	56
		<u>56,878</u>	<u>52,726</u>
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES			
		<u>56,878</u>	<u>52,726</u>
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES			
		1,891	1,675
Refuse Collection / Sewage		3,776	5,701
		<u>62,545</u>	<u>60,102</u>
TRUSTEES EXPENSES			
		<u>62,545</u>	<u>60,102</u>
OTHER EXPENDITURE -			
Refund of fees		4,467	25
PSA		917	441
Sundry		1,776	1,809
Cave Bus Hire		1,102	-
		<u>8,262</u>	<u>2,275</u>
		<u>70,807</u>	<u>62,377</u>
DEPRECIATION - STOCKS WRITTEN OFF			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED			
		<u>£ 70,807</u>	<u>£ 62,377</u>

Balance Sheet

as at 30 September 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	317,452	317,452
Investments			
Payments on account/assets in course of construction			
		<u>317,452</u>	<u>317,452</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks - Tuckshop		<u>1,469</u>	<u>1,899</u>
		1,469	1,899
Debtors			
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service			
Cash at bank and in hand -			
Lloyds Current A/c		8,905	6,466
Tuckshop Bank		1,414	2,308
Cambridge Counties Bank Bonds		93,830	91,542
Skipton B.Soc Savings Account		<u>70,128</u>	<u>76,065</u>
		174,277	176,381
Tuckshop Cash In Hand		<u>82</u>	<u>64</u>
		<u>174,359</u>	<u>176,445</u>
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Amounts due within one year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		175,828	178,344
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
Less: LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Amounts due after more than one year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		175,828	178,344
NET ASSETS		<u>493,280</u>	<u>495,796</u>
Represented by:-			
GENERAL FUND		<u>£ 493,280</u>	<u>£ 495,796</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 14 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by



The notes on pages B7 to B8 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1) Breakdown of capital expenditure

Removal of dead & dangerous trees	7,560
Solar panels deposit, survey & planning permission	6,811
Upgrade of electrics	4,753
New mower	2,460
Tractor repairs, tyres & fuel	2,420
Toilts refurb	2,158
Road plannings	912
Hedge trimming	216

27,290

2) No depreciation is charged on freehold land or site buildings as it is considered by the committee that the open market value of the site is greater than book value.

3) Tuck Shop

	£	£
Bank reconciliation		
Balance b/f	2,308	
Sales / bankings	2,062	
Purchases / payments		1,956
Expenses & write offs	-	-
Transfer to site a/c	-	1,000
Balance c/f	-	1,414
	<u>£ 4,370</u>	<u>£ 4,370</u>

4) Archery

The archery is run by County who maintain equipment and income received is passed to them. Equipment is held and insured by SSTC.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOLENT TRAINING CENTRE SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's/District's constitution have not been met.

Name: Barter Durgan
Qualification: Chartered Accountants
Address: 10 Victoria Road South, Southsea, Hants, PO5 2DA
Date: 3rd November 2024

