



**Thanet District Scout Council
Receipts & Payments Accounts**

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity Commission Registered Number: 303423

SCOUTING GIVES YOU

SKILLS FOR LIFE

We help young people and volunteers develop the practical, employability and character skills they need to succeed

Thanet District Scout Council

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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District Treasurer's Report

Overview

I am pleased to report that the District continues to be in a healthy financial position.

The campsite remains a key asset, whilst there was a deficit in the year, the current year has already seen substantial bookings, and prices were increased in January 2025, which is making the outlook more positive. However, the costs of running the campsite, particularly utilities and maintenance, continue to rise. In addition, we are currently experiencing issues with the drainage system, and a significant investment of around £50,000 will be required to rectify this. We are actively exploring grant funding and other sources of support to help meet this cost.

With the closure of 10th Margate, their assets have been transferred to the District. We are now considering the best options to maximise the value of their scout hut, with the intention of reinvesting any proceeds back into the District.

During the year we were also able to purchase archery equipment, funded through the generous legacy left by the late Mrs Downs, which will benefit young people across Thanet.

Overall reserves at the year end appear to be down; however, this is primarily due to timing differences in the way membership fees were treated in previous years. In the past, fees were collected from groups before the year end but not paid over to County until after year end, which inflated our reported reserves. The trustees felt this approach did not reflect the District's true financial position, and so made the decision this year to pay the membership fees to County before the year end. This ensures the accounts now provide a more accurate picture of the charity's financial position at the year end date.

In summary, the District remains in a strong financial position, providing a solid foundation to develop and grow Scouting in Thanet.

Independent Examination

We would like to thank Jonathan Spurling of Spurling Cannon for examining these accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission without charge and at very short notice. Due to my involvement with Spurling Cannon we are actively looking for a new Independent Examiner going forward.

Investments & Reserves

The District retains a substantial level of reserves held in investment accounts. Further details on our reserves can be found on pages 7 & 8, during the year the Trustees have given further consideration to the Charities Reserves policy, and in particular the General Reserve and the Campsite Reserve. The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which would enable the Charity and the district to be supported if unprecedented events (i.e. Covid-19) occurred. The trustees also aim to maintain a specific reserve for the campsite in designated funds which equates to approximately eighteen months of campsite expenditure.

Public Benefit Statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Criteria under both the Advancement of Education and Advancement of Citizenship or Community Development Headings.

Richard Phillpott - District Treasurer

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Independent Examiners Report

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Thanet District Scout Council 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.

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.

Jonathan Spurling FCCA

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17th September 2025

Thanet District Scout Council Year Ended 31 March 2025

Receipts & Payments Account

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Total Receipts for the year	80,953	89,609
Total payments for the year	129,194	83,498
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>(48,241)</u>	<u>6,111</u>
Transfer between fund	-	-
	<u>(48,241)</u>	<u>6,111</u>
Cash, Bank & Similar funds brought forward	175,086	168,975
Cash, Bank & Similar funds carried forward	<u><u>126,845</u></u>	<u><u>175,086</u></u>

The above account and accepting statement(s) of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 29th September 2025

and signed on their behalf by

Richard Phillpott - District Treasurer

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Receipts

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	56,565	51,979
GIFT AID RECLAIMED	-	-
	<u>56,565</u>	<u>51,979</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank interest	3,263	1,652
	<u>3,263</u>	<u>1,652</u>
DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
Donations	129	40
Grants	-	-
	<u>129</u>	<u>40</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Squirrels	2,150	1,465
Beavers	372	177
Cubs	-	118
Scouts	4	-
Explorers	-	8,953
Networkers	-	-
D of E	510	1,790
Young Leaders	-	533
WSJ 2023	-	5,049
Ypres 2025	720	-
10th Margate	2,627	-
Uniform	-	-
Badge shop	3,863	5,826
Campsite	8,872	11,766
Thanet Scout Active Support Unit (TSASU)	-	226
Thanet Scouts Activities	-	-
Sundry	99	35
	<u>19,217</u>	<u>35,938</u>
FUNDRAISING GROSS		
St Georges Day - Campsite AED	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Adjustment for badge shop opening balance	-	-
Adjustment for TSASU opening balance	-	-
Adjustment for Activities a/c 2 opening balance	1,780	-
	<u>1,780</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECIEPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>80,953</u></u>	<u><u>89,609</u></u>

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Payments

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	<u>99,560</u>	<u>45,105</u>
	99,560	45,105
DONATIONS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
ACTIVITIES		
Squirrels	2,226	1,265
Beavers	237	741
Cubs	80	301
Scouts	-	-
Explorers	-	8,063
Networkers	-	5
D of E	99	1,737
Young Leaders	16	278
KIJ 2022	-	-
WSJ 2023	-	3,500
Ypres 2025	-	-
10th Margate	2,730	-
Uniform	1,009	501
Badge shop	4,024	5,183
Campsite	13,672	13,646
St Georges Day	1,786	870
Thanet Scout Active Support Unit (TSASU)	42	315
Thanet Scouts Activities	92	92
Equipment	2,810	-
Sundry	<u>340</u>	<u>31</u>
	29,163	36,528
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
ADMIN EXPENSES		
Printing and Stationery	159	175
Commissioners Expenses	-	-
AGM	-	40
Training	83	326
Bank charges	60	60
Legal and Professional fees	52	1,170
Bookkeeping software	<u>117</u>	<u>94</u>
	471	1,865
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>129,194</u>	<u>83,498</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
MONETARY ASSETS		
cash bank and similar funds		
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT 1	8,374	22,279
BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT 2	15,413	31,569
BANK TERM DEPOSIT	12,325	47,061
FIXED RATE ACCOUNT	66,000	66,000
CAMPSITE ACCOUNT	17,816	3,083
CASH IN HAND	2,215	1,880
BADGE SHOP (BANK & CASH)	2,275	2,434
THANET SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT (BANK & CASH)	139	181
THANET SCOUTS ACTIVITIES (BANK & CASH)	2,289	599
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	126,845	175,086
NON MONETRAY ASSETS		
SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT - MASRSHIDE - INSURANCE VALUE	32,564	28,206
LAND & BUILDINGS - MARSHSIDE - INSURANCE VALUE	1,540,560	1,469,200
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS	1,573,124	1,497,406

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS

Name of Fund	Notes (pg 8)	Balance as at 31.03.24	Movement in Year	Balance as at 31.03.25
General				
General Fund		84,505	-	46,474
General reserve	1	30,000		30,000
Designated				
Squirrels		200	-	76
Beavers	2	-	278	134
Cubs		244	-	80
Scouts		-		-
Explorers		1,094		271
Young Leaders		254	-	254
D of E	-	379		379
WSJ 2023	-	0		-
Ypres 2025			720	720
Eurojam	3	1,461	-	1,461
Campsite reserve	4	20,000	-	4,800
Campsite AED	5	173		173
Badge Shop		2,437	-	160
TSASU		181	-	42
Thanet Scouts Activities	-	159	1,687	1,528
Restricted				
Uniform		368		37
Climbing wall	6	1,768		177
Eric Spicer Memorial Fund	7	4,959		497
Martin Dias Memorial Fund	8	3,517		353
Dunbar Legacy	9	3,623		363
CT9 Fund	10	6,381		640
Downs Legacy	11	10,579	-	2,031
International	12	4,157	1,878	6,036
		<u>175,086</u>		<u>126,845</u>

Represented by

CAFCash account	22,279	8,375
CAF Savings 1	31,569	15,413
CAF Savings 2	47,061	12,325
Campsite account	3,083	17,816
Fixed rate bond	66,000	66,000
Cash - Treasurer	956	1,271
Cash - Campsite	925	945
Badge Shop	2,434	2,274
TSASU	181	139
Thanet Scout Activities	597	509
Thanet Scout Activities 2		1,779
	<u>175,086</u>	<u>126,845</u>

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS

- 1 General Reserve - The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which would enable the Charity and the district to be supported if unprecedented events (i.e. Covid-19) occurred.
- 2 Beavers - negative funds at year end due to timing difference and money owed from groups at the year end.
- 3 Eurojam - balance transferred to International Fund in 2025
- 4 Campsite Reserve - The trustees aim to maintain a specific reserve for the campsite in designated funds which equates to approximately eighteen months of campsite expenditure.
- 5 Campsite AED - money raised at St Georges Day events
- 6 Climbing Wall - funds raised towards climbing wall at Campsite
- 7 Eric Spicer Memorial Fund - funds donated in memory of the late Eric Spicer to be used on general Scouting within Thanet
- 8 Martin Dias Memorial Fund - funds donated in memory of the late Martin Dias to be used toward special/adventurous expeditions
- 9 Dunbar Legacy - legacy to be used specifically for Pioneering Equipment
- 10 CT9 Fund - Donation from the Margate Masonic Lodge to assist those facing difficulties in staying in Scouting due to financial pressures in the CT9 postcode
- 11 Legacy from the late Mrs Downs to be used for district Archery equipment and campsite improvements which will directly benefit Scouts
- 12 International Fund - to be used towards International Expeditions

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EXPLORER UNIT ACCOUNTS

	Warrens ESU	Spitfires ESU	Rams ESU	Phoenix ESU	Bradstowe ESU	Total
Receipts						
Camps & Activities	5,353	84	1,250	1,041	453	8,181
Fundraising	380	-	1,253	-	-	1,633
Uniform/Badges	200	-	173	100	214	686
Donations	-	50	500	330	93	973
Membership fees	4,050	2,560	3,642	6,938	1,693	18,883
Misc.	259	-	150	-	-	409
Bank interest	-	19	-	-	-	19
Total Income	10,242	2,713	6,968	8,409	2,452	30,783
Payments						
Camps & Activities	5,971	557	3,240	957	1,348	12,073
Membership fees	1,505	774	3,113	3,443	1,102	9,936
Fundraising	-	-	467	-	-	467
Uniform/Badges	224	-	310	-	123	657
Donations	-	29	-	-	-	29
Group Management Charge	900	-	-	4,008	-	4,908
Misc	189	-	137	-	-	326
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	8,789	1,359	7,266	8,409	2,573	28,395
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Surplus/Deficit	1,453	1,354	297	-	121	2,388
Bank & Cash balances						
Balance 31/03/2024	1,276	139	1,419	-	923	3,757
Movement in year	1,453	1,354	297	-	121	2,388
Balance 31/03/2025	2,729	1,493	1,122	-	802	6,145