



**DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**including**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**and**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**31 March 2025**

**(accompanying document)**

Sevenoaks District Scout Council

Charity registered in England No: 303435

Scout Association registered No: 12717

# Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2025

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry (until Nov 2024)

## THE DISTRICT TRUSTEE BOARD:

### Ex-Officio Members:

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Ruth Huppach
District Secretary	Nicola Crawford (Until the date of the last AGM and then transitioned to a non Trustee position)
District Leader Volunteer team	Jo Brookbank, Michael Dreksler (until September 2024)
District Youth Commissioners	Vacant

**Elected Members:** Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Nigel Rainey, Nick Roberts, Jennifer Baker-Hirst, Mike Randall

**Co-opted Members:** Martin Cox, Richard Williams

## SUB-COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Jennifer Baker-Hirst, Martin Cox and Jo Brookbank  
ESTATES: Michael Schwarz, Nick Roberts, Richard Williams

## DISTRICT ROLES from November 2024:

14-24 Team Lead	Mike Randall (previously DESC)
District Scout Shop Mgr	Jade Roberts
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	Vacancy
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Volunteer Development Team	Chris Barrow and Nigel Rainey (previously appointments team Chair & team member)
Programme Team	Erik Barrow (Activities) and Chris Barrow (Temporarily whilst supporting transformation)
Support Team Lead	Michael Dreksler
District Beaver Team	Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nick Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy
District Award Team	Jeanette Schwarz and Chris Barrow
Bankers	Lloyds TSB
Other Investments:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd, Flagstone
Charity contact:	Jennifer Baker-Hirst, 9 The Glebe Field, Shoreham Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3DR

## Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The agreed quorum for the Sevenoaks District Scout Council AGM is 15, and for committee meetings in 2024/5 was one third plus one of the Trustee board.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is Governed by the Trustee Board, whose members are responsible for ensuring compliance with legislation applicable to charities.

The Trustee Board exists to support the District Leadership team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

## Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees have in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two authorised signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## Trustee board selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

## 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.

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## DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

Our Scouting year started, as always, with our St George's parade through Sevenoaks high street followed by our promise renewal service, annual awards and multiple activities arranged by each group in the district for our young people. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all with Richard Parry our District president joining us at the front of the parade proudly wearing our district scarf. A poignant memory, due to his sudden passing in November 2024. Richard never missed a parade or annual general meeting and always did his best for us all. We are thankful for his unending support which continues with an annual award to be created in his honour for our newly emerging Network section.

All groups and sections in the District took part in many nights away activities throughout the year with every group running successful Summer camps with many post year end attending Kent International Jamboree 25, which also saw many of our district volunteers supporting or running activities for thousands of young people. Extremely proud of our volunteers that contributed to this event as well as attending with youth members. A few of our Network members joined the Explorer team and this has inspired them to progress this section.

Several stand up paddleboard events took place during 2024, using our district equipment, on the river Medway and at Bewl water, with more adults gaining a qualification and experiences in this activity.

Youth membership remains stable although it fell a small amount over the year largely attributable to the Scout section which is likely just one of those peaks and troughs we see in Scout membership. Our youth membership continues to hover around one thousand.

The Scout and Explorer sections took part in a very successful "Plender hike" based in the North Downs starting from 4th Sevenoaks HQ in March 2025 organised by Michael Dreksler and Malcolm Fisher. The Beavers and many parents took to the water in a district splash event at Conningbrook lakes in July 2025.

This past year also saw the culmination of many hours of hard work over the past 4 years when the Friends of Downe finally took ownership of the Downe Activity Centre which is sited on the very edge of our District and has been the venue of many Sevenoaks group camps over the years since 1929! Sevenoaks District has supported the team throughout their journey and we know Sevenoaks will benefit from this wonderful site remaining available to our members. We are all looking forward to our next District camp, MAG7, at Downe in May 2026.

In Sept 2024, Michael Dreksler stepped down from the District Lead Volunteer team and took on the new District role of Support Team Lead. I am very grateful for his continuing support. I was reappointed as sole District Lead, following a county recruitment search.

Much of the year has been spent adjusting to the new scouting structure and digital system setting ourselves up for the future. This has coincided with some personal challenges for me and my family and my thanks go to Nigel Rainey, Chris and Erik Barrow who have been ensuring we kept pace with the changes. Continuing to keep us all safe as we continue with the same Scout activities as always.

My thanks also goes to Anthony Hitchings who has been a trustee since 2017 and has been a tower of strength and support as our District Chair. The operation of the District trustee board has been transformed under his leadership and over the coming year we will start the search for his successor.

Huge progress has been made towards developing the plans for our new District Headquarters and Community Barn in Seal and we are after 5 long years we are within site of starting to build.

*Jo Brookbank, District Leader Volunteer*

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 relate to a 12 month accounting period and are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

### Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £558,183 (2024 £556,981). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £61,662 in March 2025 (original purchase price £19,783). Restricted funds of £467,662 that were cash funds at the end of 2024 have been placed in long and short term deposits with Flagstone in this financial year, a cash deposit platform, which enables distribution of the funds across various banks in order to manage risk.

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 24/25 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

## DISTRICT ESTATES TEAM REPORT



The Estates Team have again been focusing on the Barn project. As reported last year this will provide a new home for the Seal Scout Group as well as facilities available for all Groups in the Sevenoaks District. It is located in Seal Parish on the western edge of the Tarmac Quarry development. Since the last report Tarmac have secured outline planning consent for the Quarry Development and this consent included the requirement that the Barn on Childsbridge Lane be used for community purposes. The Estates Team have been negotiating with Tarmac for a number of years for this Barn to be given to Sevenoaks District Scout Council and these negotiations are nearing a conclusion. In the meantime, various further planning consents have been secured relating to the Barn enabling it to be used by the scouts and consent has also been granted for the demolition and rebuilding of the Barn which will make the project more straightforward. A further planning

application has been submitted showing how the Barn will be developed and these plans will be on display at the AGM.

As the designs have progressed it has become clear that the Barn should not just be a venue for scouting but also for the wider Sevenoaks community. Discussions have taken place with various charity groups and these will continue as the project moves forward. This has resulted in the project being named the Sevenoaks Scouts Community Barn. Fundraising for the project is ongoing and with the monies raised from the sale of the Seal site and other surplus land and a generous grant from the Sevenoaks District Council Community Infrastructure Levy fund we have now raised over £1,000,000 which is over half of the anticipated total budget.

If we are to achieve our target of starting the development in the first half of 2026 we are actively looking for further volunteers to join the Barn Team. We have four separate groups addressing fundraising, marketing/communication/community engagement, design/construction and project management/finance/legal issues. If you have some spare time and interest in any of these areas please contact either Anthony Hitchings, Nicholas Roberts or Jo Brookbank.

Be part of creating a lasting legacy for Scouting in Sevenoaks and a community facility for all of the Sevenoaks area

*Nick Roberts , Estates Team Chair*

## **DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

The Youth Commissioner role has remained vacant this year and the search for youth representation on the Trustee Board is ongoing. This is an opportunity for somebody aged 18-25 to gain management experience that would reflect well on any CV. Mentoring and guidance will be provided. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested please let us know,

*Chairman*

## **EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION**

This past year has been an eventful one for the Sevenoaks District Explorers, marked by numerous activities and achievements that highlight the enthusiasm of our young people and the dedication of our leaders and volunteers. We have successfully engaged with our members through a diverse range of events, demonstrating a vibrant spirit within our district.

One of the significant highlights was our recent participation in the Kent International Jamboree, which attracted a remarkable number of seventy two young people from the district. This event, held over seven days, allowed our explorers to explore new skills, meet others, and enjoy camping in a supportive environment. Earlier in the year, the Monopoly Run further showcased our strong attendance, marking it as yet another successful activity within the year.



Throughout the year, our explorers took part in various engaging activities, including the Water Activities Weekend, a Scavenger Hunt, a Cooking Challenge, and several exciting themed nights such as Burns Night and All Things Irish. Activities like the Night Hike and Winter Survival weekends have not only been fun but have also helped teach essential survival skills. The ongoing commitment to plan events like the Explorers/Network Downe camp reflects our team's dedication to fostering unique experiences.

A special thank you is in order for all leaders and adult volunteers whose hard work has kept our district running smoothly. In particular, we extend our gratitude to Andy Mucklow, Jo Brookbank, and the team for their exceptional efforts in making the Kent International Jamboree. The commitment of our leaders is invaluable and is deeply appreciated by both the young people and their families.

Looking ahead, exciting plans are already taking shape. We are preparing for applications and planning related to the World Scout Jamboree to be held in Poland, which promises to be a memorable experience. Furthermore, we aim to participate in the Monopoly Run once again in 2026 and continue to build on our success during the Winter Survival Weekend. These upcoming initiatives look set to build on our strong tradition and develop our district further.

Throughout this year, the explorers have demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and engagement, making every event a success and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. We also appreciate the unwavering support of our parents, which plays a crucial role in our activities, along with the tireless efforts of all volunteers behind the scenes. We look forward to another year full of adventure, learning, and personal growth for our young people in scouting.

*Mike Randall, 14-24 Team Lead*

## PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES REPORT

This past year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) has been a significant period of transformation and growth for the Programme and Activities team in Sevenoaks. Following the national Scouts digital transformation, the District has restructured how it supports adventurous activities. The former Active Support Units (ASUs) for Archery, Climbing, Fencing, Rifle Shooting, Tomahawk, and Water activities have now been integrated as sub-teams within the broader District Programme Team. This change allows for more streamlined communication and coordination as we continue to deliver fantastic opportunities for our young people.

A cornerstone of our internal development has been the launch of our new, unified district website. Bringing our digital presence in line with the modern Scouting brand, the new site consolidates many of our previous sub-sites, offering a single, convenient login for our members. This platform has been instrumental in digitising key administrative processes:

- **Equipment Booking:** Our system now features a clear availability calendar and an automatic quoting system, simplifying the process for leaders to book district-owned kit.



- **Activity Approvals:** We have moved away from spreadsheets to an integrated online system for logging activity approvals. This allows leaders to submit requests for any activity taking place away from the usual meeting place—including adventurous activities and nights away events (Separate full Nights Away notifications on the national membership system are still required for approval by the NAN team)—for approval by their Group or District Lead Volunteer. The system creates greater transparency and provides valuable data, ensuring all activities are conducted safely and with the correct oversight.
- **Safety Reporting:** An online tool for reporting incidents and near misses has been implemented to ensure we can learn and improve from every situation.

Looking ahead, we are overhauling our expenses system, which will be integrated into the website during the final quarter of 2025. This will give members the ability to track the progress of their claims from submission to payment. The system will also be available for Groups to manage their own expenses, should they wish to opt-in.

While much of the year has focused on these structural improvements, we have continued to provide direct activities for members. A number of popular water activity days were held on the Tonbridge River during the summer of 2024, giving young people from across the district the chance to try paddleboarding. Our wide range of bookable equipment—including the silent disco, laser tag, fencing, and bubble football kits—remains available via the new website. We are excited to be adding new soft archery and soft axe-throwing kits to the inventory soon. Furthermore, a new 1000Wh portable power station is now available for booking, enabling off-grid use for our electrical equipment or for providing power on camps for leaders or medical devices.

Planning for the future is well underway. The next District-wide camp, **MAG7**, has been scheduled for **1st - 4th May 2026** at the newly re-opened Downe Activity Centre, with the booking system expected to go live in late 2025. We are also beginning the process for the next World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027, with the district anticipating having 6 to 8 places for young people. Information sessions will be held for prospective applicants before and after the summer break.

Finally, we continue to explore new ways to support our volunteers. We are looking for a co-Programme Team Lead to join Erik, with a focus on helping to coordinate district events such as sectional activity days and St George's Day. We are also investigating how the new website could host online learning modules and a more robust tracking system for Young Leaders. This would allow us to record GLV approvals, track start and end dates, and differentiate between Explorer Young Leader members and non-member volunteers (such as those completing their DofE). This data would be invaluable for managing membership fees and ensuring non-members transition to a full membership if they wish to continue volunteering, guaranteeing they have the necessary insurance coverage. It has been a year of foundational change, and we are excited by the opportunities these new systems and structures will bring. We always welcome suggestions for new district equipment that would be prohibitive for a single Group to purchase but would improve our collective activity offering to young people in Sevenoaks.

*Erik Barrow (Programme Team Leader - Activities)*

## Sevenoaks District Scouts: Volunteering Development Team Report

This report outlines the key activities and challenges faced by the Volunteering Development Team over the past year, as we've worked to manage the transition to the new membership system.

## New Membership System

The new system has introduced significant changes to how we manage our volunteer joining process. The entire process is now handled through the system, giving our **Team Leaders** a greater responsibility for onboarding new members and conducting regular role reviews.

The role changes have been a particular focus. All previous **Section Assistants** and **Active Support Members** have had their roles converted to **Team Members** within either a section team or a group or district sub-team. This has added additional tasks, as these members are now retrospectively required to provide references and attend a Welcome meeting. For those now defined as **Team Members** within a section, this also means they are required to complete their first aid training for the first time.

## Challenges and Progress

We have seen significant challenges with the new digital processes, following “transformation”, but we are making progress in addressing them.

One of our main priorities has been to clear the backlog of members who have not yet completed the new “joining” process, despite being existing volunteers before transformation and therefore don't have a full role according to the system. The process of chasing and managing references has been particularly challenging.

Currently, we are focusing on the following numbers that are mostly due to the digital platform changes and changes that are requiring additional process. For example some existing roles that have been held, some for many years, required new reference checks as a result of being entered into the new platform:

- **140 members** do not have a full role. This is for a variety of reasons, including incomplete Welcome meetings, outstanding references, or pending new training requirements such as **Growing Roots** as well as officially accepting terms and conditions.
- **37 members** need to complete a Welcome meeting.
- **46 people** still need to provide references.

In the past six months, we're proud to report that we have welcomed **54 new volunteers** into the district. This is a testament to the hard work of all our leaders and the appeal of our programme.

## Looking Ahead

Our main goal in the coming months is to continue working through this backlog to ensure all our volunteers are fully registered and have completed the necessary requirements for their roles. This will help us maintain a safe and well-supported environment for all our young people.

We would like to thank all of our leaders for their patience and hard work during this transition.

*Chris Barrow, Volunteering Development Team Leader*

## Training & Development Report

This year saw the introduction of the new Membership system Scouts rolled out from November 24, and the lead up to this was known as the “Transformation”. Members were required to check their profiles, and correct anything that wasn’t correct and if there was too much information that had to be reduced, to enable them to get a new login for the Membership system. This was fraught with a lack of response from members who were then unable to log into the system. The system itself had problems from the start and to this day, but support was available from District, County and HQ, and whilst it has been a challenge at times, it is getting better. We also had the outcome of the Coroner’s report into the death of a young person in Snowdonia, and due to the outcome and issuing of a Prevention of Future Deaths notice. Scouts have had to develop new learning, in conjunction with ROSPA with temporary suspensions being carried out for non-compliant members in the fields of Safety and Safeguarding. Training in the new system is mainly online based and gradually as programmes are developed, what is currently not done online should be moving to it in the future, to ensure all members receive the same learning.

## Compliance

As mentioned above, compliance has been a major focus of The Scouts since transformation and will continue going forward. Sevenoaks in the main have had a good response to this, with a limited number of members having been temporarily suspended, compared to some of the Districts in the County.

*Nigel Rainey, Volunteering Development Team leader - Training & Development Lead*

## ADULT AWARDS

It has not been possible to download a report for awards from the new membership system. A bug report has been submitted and it is hoped that awards will be included once that is rectified.

## CENSUS

	2024									2025							
	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	Ne	Ldr	YL		Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	Ne	Ldr	YL
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	0	18	25	33	0	0	13	7		0	22	28	31	0	0	14	4
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	5	34	73	82	0	0	37	25		14	32	71	84	0	0	43	30
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	25	38	43	59	0	0	25	4		18	32	43	53	0	0	20	4
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	0	16	21	16	0	0	7	1		0	13	16	26	0	0	7	2
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	0	13	18	12	0	0	8	1		0	14	21	13	0	0	7	1
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	0	15	11	16	0	0	4	1		0	14	9	10	0	0	6	2
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	4	15	19	28	0	0	10	2		8	17	21	15	0	0	8	5
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	0	34	19	25	0	0	20	4		0	32	35	16	0	0	22	7
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	0	23	34	24	0	0	10	3		0	21	24	23	0	0	11	6
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	0	19	22	18	0	0	8	1		0	20	13	15	0	0	7	0
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	0	14	19	19	0	0	9	2		0	11	20	11	0	0	9	3
Sevenoaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks - Scout Network	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0
Sevenoaks Explorer Scout provision	0	0	0	0	109	0	13	0		0	0	0	0	131	0	14	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>64</b>
					<b>1018</b>									<b>997</b>			

Sq = Squirrels, Be = Beavers, Cu = Cubs, Sc = Scouts, Ex = Explorers, YL = Explorer Young Leaders, Ne = Network, Ldr = Leaders and Section Assistants.

*Michael Dreksler, Support Team Leader*

## DISTRICT UNIFORM SHOP

Shop orders are received on a weekly basis during term time from almost every group in the district as well as new volunteers requiring uniform reflecting the need for a local shop. As such we have found we need to increase our stock levels to accommodate the regular orders. We are struggling with volunteer support to keep up with demand for this essential service for parents and groups and welcome any offers of help.

Please do ensure you share the website with new parents so we can continue to benefit from the revenue this adds to the district funds and also share that a parent or two's support with admin and maintaining the website would be gratefully appreciated.

*Jade Roberts, Scout Shop Manager*

**Squirrels** **BEAVERS** **cubs** **SCOUTS** **EXPLORERS** **network**

# SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435

Scout Association Registered No. 12717

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2025

	2024-25 £'s	2023-24 £'s
NOTES		
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>£'s</b>	<b>£'s</b>
<b>Cash Fund</b>		
Bank Current Account	51,745	30,284
		0
Restricted Funds	506,439	526,696
<b>Total Bank Account</b>	<b>558,184</b>	<b>556,981</b>
Bank Deposit Account	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>559,184</b>	<b>557,981</b>
<b>Investment Assets</b>		
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund	61,663	63,627
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>	<b>61,663</b>	<b>63,627</b>
<b>Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use</b>		
Badge and Shop Stock	9,814	8,715
Land at Halstead	3,274	3,274
<b>TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE</b>	<b>13,088</b>	<b>11,989</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>633,935</b>	<b>633,596</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>633,935</b>	<b>633,596</b>

### Notes:

Restricted funds are the proceeds from the sale of the District Seal HQ and previous assets along with grant monies which are to be invested in a new District HQ which will significantly enhance Scouting provision in the District. Funds have been placed in long and short term deposits with Flagstone, a cash deposit platform, which enables distribution of the funds across various banks in order to manage risk.

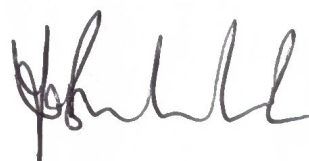
### Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees



A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 11/01/2026



J Brookbank, District Lead Volunteer

Date: 11/01/2026.



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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2025

Notes	2024-25						2023-24					
	Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
<b>INCOME</b>												
<b>Subscriptions</b>												
Subscriptions Received from Groups	63,893		0		63,893		54,804		0		54,804	
Subscriptions Received from Explorers	4,378		0		4,378		3,461		0		3,461	
Subscriptions Paid to National/County	(56,173)		0		(56,173)		(49,909)		0		(49,909)	
<b>Net Membership Income</b>		<b>12,098</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>12,098</b>			<b>8,356</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>8,356</b>
<b>Activities</b>												
WSJ Income	2	0		483	483		0		4,837		4,837	
Mag 7	3	0		65	65		0		10,042		10,042	
Kilimanjaro	4	0			0		0		27		27	
Uniform Shop and badge sales		10,881		0	10,881		11,515		0		11,515	
Explorer Units		24,705		0	24,705		15,578		0		15,578	
Activity Income	5	2,735		0	2,735		2,554		0		2,554	
Seal HQ Recharge		0		0	0		10		0		10	
Other Income		0			0		0		1,050		1,050	
<b>Activities Income</b>		<b>38,321</b>		<b>548</b>	<b>38,869</b>		<b>29,657</b>		<b>15,956</b>		<b>45,614</b>	
<b>Proceeds from Land sale</b>	6		0		0			0		<b>441,547</b>		<b>441,547</b>
<b>Investments</b>												
Bank and Deposit Income		18,401		0	18,401		1,744		0		1,744	
Other Grant Income		0		430	430		0		0		0	
<b>Investment Income</b>		<b>18,401</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>18,831</b>		<b>1,744</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>1,744</b>	
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>		<b>68,820</b>		<b>978</b>	<b>69,798</b>		<b>39,757</b>		<b>457,503</b>		<b>497,260</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>												
WSJ Fees		0		0	0		0		(4,424)		(4,424)	
Mag 7	3	0		(735)	(735)		0		(45,821)		(45,821)	
Uniform Shop and Badge Costs		(11,726)		0	(11,726)		(6,675)		0		(6,675)	
Kilimanjaro		0		0	0		0		(115)		(115)	
Activity Expenses		(1,742)		0	(1,742)		(2,146)		0		(2,146)	
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Barn Development		0		(20,100)	(20,100)		0		0		0	
Sale of Seal HQ		0		0	0		0		(4,981)		(4,981)	
<b>Total Property Expense</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>(20,100)</b>	<b>(20,100)</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>(4,981)</b>		<b>(4,981)</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>(46,260)</b>		<b>(21,235)</b>	<b>(67,495)</b>		<b>(40,525)</b>		<b>(70,250)</b>		<b>(110,776)</b>	
<b>EXCESS INCOME</b>		<b>22,559</b>		<b>(20,257)</b>	<b>2,302</b>		<b>(769)</b>		<b>387,253</b>		<b>386,485</b>	
<b>BANK BALANCES</b>												
Cash Funds Brought Forward					556,981						172,102	
Excess Income for the Year					2,302						386,485	
Expenditure on Stock					(1,099)						(1,506)	
Cash Funds Carried Forward					<b>558,184</b>						<b>556,981</b>	
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL												

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Registered Charity Number 303435

Scout Association Registered No. 12717

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2025

	2024-25 £'s	2023-24 £'s
NOTES		
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>£'s</b>	<b>£'s</b>
<b>Cash Fund</b>		
Bank Current Account	51,745	30,284
		0
Restricted Funds	506,439	526,696
<b>Total Bank Account</b>	<b>558,184</b>	<b>556,981</b>
Bank Deposit Account	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>559,184</b>	<b>557,981</b>
<b>Investment Assets</b>		
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund	61,663	63,627
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>	<b>61,663</b>	<b>63,627</b>
<b>Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use</b>		
Badge and Shop Stock	9,814	8,715
Land at Halstead	3,274	3,274
<b>TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE</b>	<b>13,088</b>	<b>11,989</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>633,935</b>	<b>633,596</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>633,935</b>	<b>633,596</b>

### Notes:

Restricted funds are the proceeds from the sale of the District Seal HQ and previous assets along with grant monies which are to be invested in a new District HQ which will significantly enhance Scouting provision in the District. Funds have been placed in long and short term deposits with Flagstone, a cash deposit platform, which enables distribution of the funds across various banks in order to manage risk.

### Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees



A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 11/01/2026



J Brookbank, District Lead Volunteer

Date: 11/01/2026.



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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2025

Notes	2024-25						2023-24					
	Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
<b>INCOME</b>												
<b>Subscriptions</b>												
Subscriptions Received from Groups	63,893		0		63,893		54,804		0		54,804	
Subscriptions Received from Explorers	4,378		0		4,378		3,461		0		3,461	
Subscriptions Paid to National/County	(56,173)		0		(56,173)		(49,909)		0		(49,909)	
<b>Net Membership Income</b>		<b>12,098</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>12,098</b>			<b>8,356</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>8,356</b>
<b>Activities</b>												
WSJ Income	2	0		483	483		0		4,837		4,837	
Mag 7	3	0		65	65		0		10,042		10,042	
Kilimanjaro	4	0			0		0		27		27	
Uniform Shop and badge sales		10,881		0	10,881		11,515		0		11,515	
Explorer Units		24,705		0	24,705		15,578		0		15,578	
Activity Income	5	2,735		0	2,735		2,554		0		2,554	
Seal HQ Recharge		0		0	0		10		0		10	
Other Income		0			0		0		1,050		1,050	
<b>Activities Income</b>		<b>38,321</b>		<b>548</b>	<b>38,869</b>		<b>29,657</b>		<b>15,956</b>		<b>45,614</b>	
<b>Proceeds from Land sale</b>	6		0		0			0		<b>441,547</b>		<b>441,547</b>
<b>Investments</b>												
Bank and Deposit Income		18,401		0	18,401		1,744		0		1,744	
Other Grant Income		0		430	430		0		0		0	
<b>Investment Income</b>		<b>18,401</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>18,831</b>		<b>1,744</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>1,744</b>	
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>		<b>68,820</b>		<b>978</b>	<b>69,798</b>		<b>39,757</b>		<b>457,503</b>		<b>497,260</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>												
WSJ Fees		0		0	0		0		(4,424)		(4,424)	
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