

BROMLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 303547

Details

Other names BROMLEY BOY SCOUT LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-06-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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: Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bromley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£187,542	£231,122	-	-
2024-01-31	£189,810	£179,502	-	-
2023-01-31	£409,701	£173,495	-	-
2022-01-31	£120,444	£79,937	-	-
2021-01-31	£115,319	£48,754	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne-Marie Conneally	Chair	2025-01-31
Andrew Howard		2024-07-15
Asif Malik		2024-07-15
Derrick SANYAHUMBI		2024-09-23
Jonathan Pownall		2024-07-15
MR LES DOBBS		2012-01-15
Matthew James Higginbottom		2025-09-01
Russell Kevin Zaple		2012-01-15
Sheila Howard		2017-07-19
Timothy Younge		2024-07-15

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Accounts

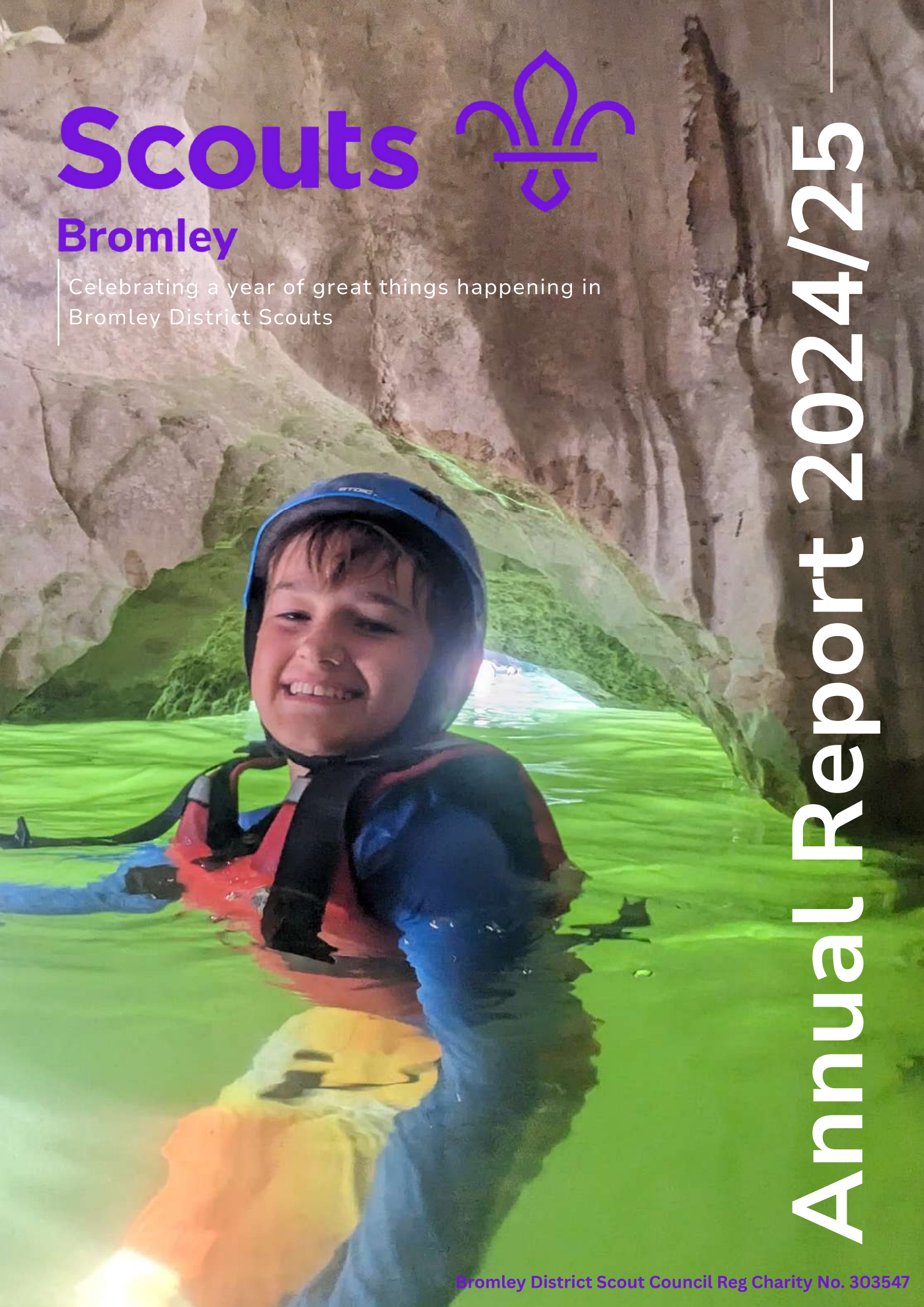
Scouts



Bromley

Celebrating a year of great things happening in
Bromley District Scouts

Annual Report 2024/25



Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25

Bromley District Scout Council
Reg Charity No. 303547



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Chair's Welcome



Firstly, thank you to the very many people across Bromley District who have been so welcoming to me in the first months of being a Trustee. As a parent of a teenage Scout and an almost Cub I thought I had some idea of Scouting. I have been truly humbled to see the level of commitment across the District at all levels and the astonishing amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.

Bromley as a District is unique in the country. It's the largest District in the UK, with 3307 young people, meaning that the work and co-ordination happening in our corner of South East London is genuinely unmatched elsewhere in the country. Alongside that, the 43 units that form our District also represent the biggest youth organisation in the London Borough of Bromley with 878 adult volunteers donating time, skills and enthusiasm at the last count. We have a specialist SEN unit at 9th West Wickham and an Islamic group at 1st Bromley both of which speak to a culture of inclusion and adaptation.

Achievements like this do not happen spontaneously and current successes are built on the hard work of previous leaders who have indeed passed on both #SkillsForLife and a culture of volunteering and service that we can be hugely proud of. There are some challenges in the future – to continue to offer Scouting opportunities to all we must recruit more adult volunteers. We are exploring how we can enhance this, and you may have seen a concerted effort from Sheila and leadership teams to raise the profile of Bromley Scouts with appearances at Council meetings, The Glades shopping centre and a partnership with Community Links volunteering service.

Finally, in the last year many of the District trustees have changed. I would like to thank those who have served before for the good shape we find ourselves in. Thanks also to the current team who have so helpfully shared their expertise and experience with me as we develop the work programme for the forthcoming years.

Thank you for all you do.

Anne-Marie



Meet The Trustees

The Trustees play an important role in ensuring the Bromley Scouts abide by the Charity Commission and The Scout Association rules. Trustees are usually invited to apply because they have skills from their professional life or life experience that are useful to Bromley Scouts. This might be skills in financial affairs, management, organisational governance or development or sometimes they have lots of experience in a certain sector. Having a well balanced group of trustees is good for an organisation.

You can find out a bit more about our current Trustees below.

 **Sheila Howard**



Trustee & Group Lead Volunteer

Sheila became Bromley District Lead Volunteer in December 2021 having founded 1st Beckenham South. She really enjoys how this role allows her to meet people in the District, tell non-members of the advantages and rewards of volunteering, whilst seeing that the young people have experiences and opportunities that they would not get from school. The Lead Volunteer role manages all the operational activities of Scouts.

"I love the various scout badges and helping children to learn skills and knowledge to earn them. I am so proud when they complete their top awards, as I know how much effort goes into achieving them!"

 **Jonathan Pownall**



Treasurer/Trustee

Jonathan has been Treasurer and Trustee for 23rd Bromley Scout Group since 2019 and for Bromley District Scouts since 2024. He is also a Director, Treasurer and Trustee of Bromley Mencap, on top of his 'day job' in a senior role at the UK's independent public spending watchdog, the National Audit Office. He is responsible for District Finances and compliance around this.

"It is a great strength of Scouting that we can draw on the richness of experience of volunteers from all sorts of different backgrounds. Scouting offers the opportunity to meet like-minded people, and develop deep friendships and skills for life. And myself and many of my contemporaries met our life partners through Scouting!"

 **Anne-Marie Conneally**



Chair of Trustees

Anne-Marie became involved in Scouting when she signed her husband Simon up as a leader so their son could join 1st Beckenham South. She became Chair of the Trustee in January 2025. She works in healthcare and has experience in the NHS and private sector.

"I'm in absolute awe of the number of people who volunteer in Bromley. We've got some volunteers who've been helping for over 50 years which is pretty amazing! I think the thing I would say is that a little bit of your time can make a big impact in someone else's life. I'm very proud of the amazing work that happens in Bromley and am keen to help support wherever I can"

Asif Khadim Malik



Trustee

Asif is an Assistant Cub Leader for 1st Bromley Al-Emaan Center - the District's first Muslim group which he helped found. He's an experienced Trustee and brings that experience to Bromley District. Outside of Scouts he is an Enterprise Architect and Managing Consultant - designing and delivering large complex programs for organisations in financial services, public sector and life sciences.

"Scouting is great for people looking to develop leadership skills, network, form bonds with the community and help develop the future. It is also a great place to travel, camp and be adventurous. My favourite badges these days are pioneering and digital maker"

Derrick Sanyahumbi



Trustee

Derrick's first experience with Scouts was through his children who were Beavers when we moved into Beckenham 10 years ago. I then took on the role of club secretary for 1st Penge Beckenham group for a year. I most recently joined the Scouts UK, Race Equity Trustee Board, before being invited to join Bromley District Scouts as a Trustee. He has lots of management experience and works in international trade and development.

"My favourite thing about Scouts is the use of the great outdoors for young people to have fun. It is important that your people know about and learn to appreciate their environment and the outdoors as they provide a healthy and more balanced lifestyle."

Andy Howard



Trustee

Andy joined Scouting as a Cub scout in 1974 going through Scouts and Venture Scout (loved it!) , before becoming Deputy District Commissioner for 15 years. He's held most leadership roles over the years including Group Scout Leader. He's a Trustee for both the District and 3rd Orpington where he helps out when possible.

"I love seeing children having a good time and growing up to be a valued part of the community. I really enjoy the camping aspect and working at Jamboree's. If it wasn't for scouts I would not have the great life I have today with very good friends of over 40 years or my wife who I meet while working at the Biggin Hill Air Show when the Scouts used to run all of the ticket gates"

Les Dobbs



Trustee

Coming from a Scouting family Les attended meetings from about the age of 5 going through Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts. In 1969 he received his first adult appointment as an Assistant Scout Leader. Since then he's had held a range of appointments at Group (54 yrs) District (22yrs) and County levels (19yrs). Thanks Les!

"The opportunity to make a positive change in the development of young people is incredibly satisfying. Also, a bit of a cliché but the "out" in scouting has always appealed to me at whatever stage of my life. Now slightly less strenuous than it used to be!"

Russ Zapple



Trustee

Russ joined 7th Petts Wood when he was 8 - so over 50 years ago! He sits as a Trustee for Bromley Scouts and South London County making him a key link between the two and helps to keep us up to date with policies that are changing. Outside of Scouts he works in logistics for the food industry.

"Scouting has given me so many experiences through the years. Many are enjoyable but all are valuable life experience. Most of my closest friends are from scouting. Adrian and I were invested together over 50 years ago and remain close friends to this day. I love being part of providing fabulous events for young people. Playing key roles in Austria 2010 for 450 and Canpdowne 2013 for 1500 and seeing and hearing the joy they brought people was amazing."

Tim Younge



Trustee

Tim has been involved in Scouts for a long time! He's a leader at 5th Beckenham and after a career in major projects he has been putting his skills to good use by helping with works at DHQ and with fundraising events like the Beckenham Fireworks and the Easter Egg Hunt.

"I really enjoy the sense of community in Scouting. At the 5th we have a large group and it's lovely to watch the children move through sections, gaining confidence and growing in themselves. It's often true for adult leaders too - it's brilliant to see and I find it really rewarding. Plus I love a BBQ!"

Trustees' report

Reference and administration information

We present below the reference and administration details of the charity as required by law.

Administration

Name: Bromley District Scout Council

Registered Charity Number: 303547

Registered Address: 15 Prospect Place, Bromley, BR2 9HL

Trustees

The charity trustees who managed the charity from 1st February 2024 to the date of signing this report were the members of the District Trustee Board as follows:

- Anne-Marie Conneally - Chair
 - Jonathan Pownall - Treasurer
 - Sheila Howard - District Lead Volunteer
 - Les Dobbs*
 - Andrew Howard
 - Gary Hurle (leaving 23rd June 2025 to Operational Board)
 - Asif Malik
 - Derrick Sanyahumbi
 - Russell Zaple*
-
- Billy Moss - Youth Representative to the Trustee Board

Previous Appointments

- Tania Baker Secretary** (to 15 July 2024)
- Claire-Marie Hannam Treasurer (to 15 July 2024)
- Thomas Abbott (to 15 July 2024)
- Joe Collier (to 15 July 2024)
- Paul Cosgrave (to 15 July 2024)
- Colin Goodwin (to 15 July 2024)
- Jennifer Hamblyn (to 15 July 2024)
- Stuart Haydon (to 15 July 2024)
- Matthew Higginbottom (to 15 July 2024)
- Steven Lofting (to 15 July 2024)
- Evelyn Magee (to 15 July 2024)
- Terry Newman (to 15 July 2024)
- Tom Norris (to 15 July 2024)
- Mike Ungemuth (to 15 July 2024)

* Russell Zaple was Chair up to 15 July 2024; Les Dobbs acted as interim Chair from that date up to 31 January 2025. Both remain members of the Trustee Board.

** Under the new Scout Association governance arrangements taking effect from the AGM held on 15 July 2024, the Secretary role is no longer a Trustee Board level position.



Honorary Vice Presidents

Giles Barnett Ex DC Bromley (5 year appointment to July 2028)

Gary Peppiatt Ex DC Bromley (10 year appointment to July 2033)

Bankers

Current accounts

HSBC Bank plc

CAF Bank

Investment accounts

Barclays Bank plc

CAF Bank

COIF

Co-operative Bank plc

Hinckley & Rugby Building Society

Monmouthshire Building Society

Independent Examiner

Karl Kelledy FCCA

We are delighted to welcome Karl this year as our independent examiner. Karl is familiar with Scouts having previously been Treasurer of 22nd Bromley as well as having experience both as Treasurer of Bromley Voluntary Sector Trust and as a Church examiner. He meets the eligibility criteria being a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants and his professional career is in the banking sector.

Structure, governance and management

Governance

The charity is governed by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The charity also follows the requirements of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR).

The Trustees as a body are supported by a number of appointed sub-committees each with its area of specialism and focus: Finance, IT, Operational and Wilberforce.

Management

As reported last year, in line with guidelines from The Scout Association we have been restructuring to provide greater clarity and segregation between District operations and governance. A new District Constitution was drawn up and adopted by the District Scout Council at our AGM in July 2024.

The transition into the new framework continues. The District has made good progress in establishing new operational teams and structures. We have a new slimmed down Trustee board for the District and a separate Operational Team. Within that there are a number of subcommittees and groups that contribute to the effective running of the organisation. The following teams have been established and we are continuing to work towards clarifying roles and recruiting into these teams who play a critical role in the success of the District.

- Team 14-24 led by Tomo Abbot which covers Network and Explorers
- Volunteering Development Team
- Support Team – Compliance Support Training
- Helpers
- Leadership – Group Lead Volunteers (GLVs) in District
- Programme Team

Risk and internal controls

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified and constantly review the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. The Trustees have followed POR and, with reference to publications prepared by The Scout Association, have established systems to mitigate all the identified risks. These principally relate to the training and assessment of Leaders, Instructors and Trustees and the regular appraisal of all the District's activities. Risks are categorised as Legal & Regulatory, Governance, Financial, Operational or External. Risks and mitigations are noted with likelihood and impact assessed for each risk and actions identified. The Trustees aim to review each risk 6 monthly, annually or bi-annually dependant upon severity of risk.

Objectives and activities

Organisation and aims

The Scout Association exists by authority of Royal Charter which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association, which are approved by His Majesty's Privy Council. The Bye Laws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's and this District's affairs. A copy of the Bye Laws is available from the Association's Headquarters at Gilwell Park. The Scout Council of Bromley District is a Registered Charity - Bromley District Scout Council (Reg No. 303547) whose purpose is to develop young people within the structure of the Scout Association. It is one of 7 Districts within the new Greater London South Scout County, which encompasses the former Greater London South and South East Counties.

Our work is focused on promoting and developing Scouting within our District and providing support and guidance to over 40 Scout Groups. The programmes of youth orientated events and activities provided by the Scout Groups in Bromley District benefits young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills alongside practical and other important skills for life. Bromley Scouts welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith, gender or any personal circumstances and we believe this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of the skills, aptitudes and life experiences of our young people and the adult volunteers who support this work.

The purpose of the BDSC Charity aligns with that of the Scout Association, namely

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

Achievements and performance

Lead Volunteer report for Bromley District AGM 2025 – Sheila Howard

2024/25 has been a year of many successes! Not only coming through transformation and seeing growth within the District, but the amalgamation into Greater London South, and experiencing the amazing opportunities and experiences our District has offered to its young people.

Whilst the year has had too many good things to mention them all stand out events have included:

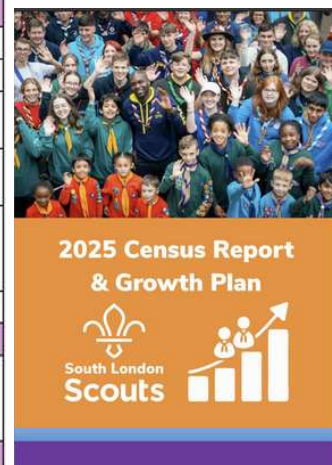
- An international District trip to the Ardeche
- The largest St George’s Day District celebration to date
- Launching the “60 for 60” volunteer recruitment campaign in partnership with Bromley Council
- The arrival of the 1st Crystal Palace Scout Group to the District; one of the oldest Groups in the country.
- Re-opening a much-loved group at 6th Mottingham
- Navigating our way through the implementation of the new membership system with special thanks to our go live supporters, Matt, Alys and Gary.



Census Review

	Dreys / Squirrels	Colonies / Beavers	Packs / Cubs	Troops / Scouts	Group Sections / Young People	Units # / Explorers	Network
Census Summary							
Number of Sections	11	44	50	42	147	29	2
Number of Young People	160	718	1,015	934	2,827	451	29
Average sections per Group / District *	0.3 (1.1)	1.0 (1.1)	1.2 (1.2)	1.0 (1.0)	3.4	29.0 (29.0)	-
Section size	Average 15	Average 16	Average 20	Average 22	Average 19	Average 16	Average 14
	Range from 10 to 24	Range from 3 to 25	Range from 2 to 33	Range from 3 to 48		Range from 3 to 38	Range from 0 to 29
Young leaders	14	51	40	16	121	-	-
Missing Sections							
Groups / Districts with no Section	33 (77%)	4 (9%)	0 (0%)	3 (7%)	33 (77%) **	0 (0%)	0
Waiting Lists							
Total young people on a waiting list in Bromley	242	247	280	309	1,078	0	-
Number of Waiting lists with more than 11 Young People	6	5	9	7	27	0	-
Other key factors							
Black, Asian and minority ethnic ~ Young people	27 (17%)	129 (18%)	170 (17%)	158 (17%)	0 (0%)	55 (12%)	0 (0%)
Sections with meeting place in IMD## Decile 1-3	1	2	2	2	7	1	0

#SkillsForLife



To set the census in context

	Movement	2025
Individual Members	↑ 1.1%	4185 (4141 in 2024)
Squirrels	↑ 27%	160
Beavers	↓ 8.1%	718
Cubs	↑ 1.4%	934
Scouts	No Change	1015
Explorers	↓ 6.6%	451
Network	↑ 262%	29

Adult Recognition

The District Team has been busy ensuring that leaders are recognised for their service and contributions to Scouting, which has now been made easier through direct nomination on the new system. We continue to have a record number of awards and leader recognitions in the District this year, as well as:

- Chief Scout Commendation x 23
- Award of Merit x 4
- Bar Award of Merit x 3
- Silver Acorn x 2

Our highest Scouting award of the Silver Wolf went to *Pauline Jones*, many congratulations on behalf of the District. The District also recognised *Alys Helm* for her enormous contribution to all aspects of Bromley Scouting at St George's Day. We also recognised *Evelyn Magee* for her long service to the District and for keeping the Orpington shop going so well.



Events

Bromley District Scouts Youth Events Team May 2024 – May 2025 – Tom Norris

Over the past year, the Bromley Scouts Youth Events Team has successfully delivered a diverse and engaging programme of events for all Sections. From outdoor adventures to skills-based activities and inclusive District-wide gatherings, the year has demonstrated the strength of our youth programme and the enthusiasm of both participants and volunteers. In total, more than 1,000 badges were earned and over 2,800 young people signed up to at least one event.

Section Highlights

Squirrels

Our youngest Section took part in seasonal and engaging experiences, including Carols Around the Campfire in December and a visit to the British Wildlife Centre in March. These events offered accessible, hands-on fun in a safe and welcoming environment.

Beavers

Beavers enjoyed an energetic Camp Craft Badge Day in September, providing opportunities to develop practical skills in a fun setting. The year concluded with a well-attended Space Sleepover, which combined learning with adventure in a memorable overnight experience.

Cubs

Cubs had a busy and varied year. Activities included a Sleepover on a ship in May 2024, an Athletics Badge Day in October, and a creative DIY Badge Day in February. These events supported the development of physical activity, teamwork, and personal achievement.

Scouts

Scouts engaged in more challenging and adventurous activities throughout the year. Highlights included Water Sports Day in June, a Survival Camp in September, and the ever-popular Scouts of Steel competition in March, encouraging resilience and leadership in a fun, high-energy environment.



Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The underlying financial principle of the charity is to support and assist all the functions and activities undertaken by our members. To this end we do not set out to make an annual cash surplus. We aim to at least break-even on our day-to-day expenses and maintain sufficient unrestricted general funds for repair and maintenance of our properties and other assets, capital investment within the District when required and a loan facility for Groups needing financial support. The District Reserves Policy is incorporated in the Financial Management Policy which is regularly reviewed by the District Finance Sub-Committee and the Trustees as are actual reserve fund levels.

Review of transactions

The accounts comprise core District activities, the Wilberforce Scout Centre, the Youth Events team and those Explorer and Network Units attached to and accounting through the District. Overall, the net position for the year is a cash outflow of £58,580, although as some of these transactions involve the granting or repayment of loans, which are included in the statement of monetary assets, the overall position taking account of the impact on assets other than cash is a decrease in net assets of £42,318.

Membership subscriptions represent amounts due based on the January 2024 census and have been paid in full. Trading income from Scout Shop sales was higher than last year although income from renting out the District HQ premises was slightly lower. Operating expenses for District include reimbursement to Wilberforce of £11,016 for matting purchased. Significant elements of the remainder include District HQ premises (£2,178), utilities (£1,229) and service costs (£3,667), equipment purchases (£1,279) and the Motion Picture Licence (£1,597). Excluding loan payments and repayments to/from Groups (which are accounted for on a cash basis) there is a small underlying surplus of £566.

Trading income for the Wilberforce Scout Centre was also higher than last year. This has been offset by greater levels of expenditure. Repairs and maintenance at £28,993 are significantly increased over prior year. The main elements are: power supply for Jim's Cabin (£8,304), roofing (£4,780) and tree works (£9,360). Other expenses include electricity, gas, water and telecoms (£9,683).

The excess of payments over receipts for the Youth Events team represent spending of amounts collected in prior years for the visit to Ardeche, France which took place in September 2024. The Ardeche 2024 activity had total lifetime receipts of £98,622 and total lifetime payments of £99,637.

Receipts and payments for Explorers and Network include 41st Bromley and the Chislehurst Cavemen ESUs and Network and represent their day-to-day activities.

Financial Outlook

Bromley District Scout Council remains in a very strong financial position with unrestricted reserves of £614,330 including £479,984 in cash funds. These will enable us to invest further in Scouting in Bromley, providing support to Groups and maintaining facilities for the benefit of all.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Anne-Marie Conneally
District Chair
16 June 2025



Jonathan Pownall
MA ACA CISA
District Treasurer
16 June 2025

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st January 2025

	2024-25			2023-24	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £	
RECEIPTS					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	147,499		147,499	139,982	
Refund of prior year overpayments	(118)				
Less: membership subscriptions paid to County	(140,193)		(140,193)	(133,252)	
Net membership subscriptions retained	7,188	0	7,188	6,730	
Donations	1,288		1,288	70	
Gift Aid	227		227	0	
World Scout Jamboree 2027	2,000		2,000	0	
Group Closure				2,420	
Sub Total	3,515	0	3,515	12,390	
Grants					
Jack Petchey Foundation		Note 3	13,560	13,560	9,900
Group start-up funding (6th Mottingham)		Note 3	3,500	3,500	
Explorer / Network (Reds ESU)		Note 3			3,500
	0	17,060	17,060	3,500	
Trading Income					
Scout Shop sales	31,239		31,239	30,964	
Wilberforce Scout Centre	20,420		20,420	16,078	
District HQ - Parking & Rentals	6,023		6,023	6,166	
Sub Total	57,682	0	57,682	53,208	
Fundraising and events (gross)					
Youth Events	Note 3	54,288	29,491	83,779	97,645
Explorer Units & Network		7,558		7,558	11,930
Other Activities				0	(291)
Sub Total		61,846	29,491	91,337	109,284
Investment Income					
Bank interest		8,160		8,160	3,618
Sub Total		8,160	8,160	3,618	
Total Gross Income	138,391	46,551	184,942	188,730	
Loan repayments received					
9th Orpington	Note 4	430		430	430
9th Orpington (Loan 2)		670		670	650
3rd St. Paul's Cray		1,500		1,500	
Sub Total		2,600	2,600	1,080	
Total Receipts	140,991	46,551	187,542	189,810	

		2024-25			2023-24
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			Funds		
		£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Payments					
Youth Events	Note 3	57,297	65,019	122,316	68,554
Explorer Units & Network		6,034		6,034	12,245
Scout Youth Expense		478		478	145
Awards and Other Activities		517		517	193
Jack Petchey awards	Note 3		6,060	6,060	17,156
Council Tax		674		674	72
Utilities: <u>Electricity, Gas and Water</u>		7,895		7,895	997
Insurance		3,068		3,068	1,039
Repairs and Maintenance		30,822		30,822	3,137
Telecoms & Office Expense		3,619		3,619	1,464
Postage & Delivery		8		8	99
Travel and Meetings	Note 5	322		322	154
Motion Picture Licence		1,597		1,597	1,456
Grants & Donations	Note 3	1,300	2,534	3,834	1,262
Other outgoings - AGM etc		1,333		1,333	158
Sub Total		114,964	73,613	188,577	108,130
Trading Expenditure					
Scout Shop purchases		28,876		28,876	28,223
Wilberforce		11,695		11,695	42,580
Equipment purchased		1,280		1,280	-
Sub Total		41,851	-	41,851	70,803
Bank					
Bank Service Charges		186		186	145
Zettle card fees		508		508	424
Sub Total		694		694	569
Total Gross Expenditure		157,509	73,613	231,122	179,502
Loans made					
3rd St. Paul's Cray	Note 4	15,000		15,000	-
Total Payments		172,509	73,613	246,122	179,502
Net receipts/(payments)		(31,518)	(27,062)	(58,580)	9,229
Cash funds held as <u>at</u> 31 January 2024		508,676	40,931	549,607	
Cavemen ESU funds as <u>at</u> 1 February 2024	Note 6	2,826		2,826	
Cash funds held as <u>at</u> 31 January 2025		479,984	13,869	493,853	

	31 January 2025			31 January 2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>				
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	180,716	13,869	194,585	274,857
Deposit Accounts	298,975		298,975	274,608
Cash Floats	293		293	143
Total Cash funds	479,984	13,869	493,853	549,607
Other monetary assets				
Loans repayable by Groups	17,780	-	17,780	5,380
Undeposited Funds			-	115
Sub Total	17,780	-	17,780	5,495
<u>Non monetary assets for the charity's own use</u>				
Badge Stock	5,922	-	5,922	6,709
Shop Stock	9,292	-	9,292	7,355
District Headquarters (Property)	Note 2	-	84,451	84,451
Wilberforce Estate (Property)	Note 2	-	16,901	16,901
Sub Total	116,566	-	116,566	115,415
Net Assets	614,330	13,869	628,199	670,517

There are no liabilities at the year end.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Anne-Marie Conneally
District Chair
16 June 2025



Jonathan Pownall
MA ACA CISA
District Treasurer
16 June 2025

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 – Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Subscriptions

The District collects annual subscriptions from the Groups for each young member. These subscriptions include in amounts passed on to Greater London South Scout County and to The Scouts Headquarters. The amounts passed on are treated as agency income and shown as a deduction from membership subscriptions. Fees collected and paid the year ended 31st January 2025 totalled £140,193.

Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. It is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid.

Note 2 – Valuation of monetary assets

The District owns 2 pieces of real estate, District Headquarters at Prospect Place, Bromley and The Wilberforce Estate (including The Great Oaks building) in Keston. All properties are owned freehold and are unencumbered.

Land and buildings are stated at historic cost. The properties have not been revalued because the Trustees believe that no benefit for our charitable objectives would be achieved by the expenditure involved.

Despite book value, both buildings have been reassessed in conjunction with Unity Insurance and are insured for appropriate market values.

Note 3 - Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Unrestricted funds comprise the general fund, and funds that have been designated by the Trustees for intended purposes. During the year, District received a grant of £2,000 from County to subsidise the costs of leaders to attend the forthcoming World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. In accordance with the grant instruction these funds are not required to be restricted so have been treated as designated.

Restricted Funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes. Restricted funds recorded currently relate to Jack Petchey awards and start-up grants from The Scout Association.

	At 31/01/2024	Inflows	Outflows	Transfers	At 31/01/2025
Jack Petchey Fund	2,665	13,560	(6,060)	-	10,165
Grants: Group start-up (6th Mottingham)	-	3,500			3,500
Grants: Explorer / Network (Reds ESU)	2,738		(2,534)		204
Youth Events - Ardeche	35,528	29,491	(65,019)		-
	40,931	46,551	(73,613)	-	13,869

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex. The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme recognises outstanding young people aged 11-25.

The Reds ESU and 6th Mottingham grants represent start-up grants received from The Scout Association and held by District on their behalf.

The Youth Events fund represents monies received and paid for the Ardeche trip held in summer 2024.

Note 4 - Loans

Loan payments, repayments and outstanding balances are as follows:

	At 31/01/2024	Inflows	Outflows	Transfers	At 31/01/2025
9th Orpington	2,030	(430)			1,600
9th Orpington (2nd Loan)	3,350	(670)			2,680
3rd St. Paul's Cray		(1,500)	15,000		13,500
	5,380	(2,600)	15,000	-	17,780

Note 5 - Trustee Expenses and Gift Aid

During the year, trustees claimed a total of £321 in expenses. This was donated back to District and Gift Aid claimed on the donation.

Expenses do not include purchases made on behalf of the charity for which a Trustee has been reimbursed.

Note 6 – Reconciliation of net payments for the year to change in total funds

Total funds as at 31/01/2024	670,517
Add: Cavemen ESU funds as at 01/02/2024	2,826
Less: Net payments for the year	(58,580)
Add: Loan payments made by District (increases monetary asset of loans due)	15,000
Less: Loan repayments received from Groups (decreases monetary asset of loans due)	(2,600)
Add: Increase in Scout Shops closing stock balance	1,150
Less: clearing of opening undeposited funds asset balance	(114)
Total funds as at 31/01/2025	628,199

Cavemen ESU accounts have been included within the accounting boundary for District accounts for the first time in 2024-25.

Independent Examiner's Report

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

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Bromley 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 Bromley 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 Bromley 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
Karl Kelledy
Relevant professional qualification - FCCA
Address 4 Cecil Way, Hayes, Kent, BR2 7JU

Date
16 June 2025





BROMLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 303547

Accounts



Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the year ending 31st January 2024
For
Bromley District Scout Council
Registered Charity Number: 303547



Bromley District Scout Council
Trustees Report 2023-2024 (Year ended 31st January 2024)

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Introduction

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st January 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting & Audit Requirements for Group, Districts, Counties/Areas & Scottish Regions Item Code LT103950, Edition no 2. (1st February 2017)

Reference and Administration details

Registered Charity Number: 303547

Registered Address: 15 Prospect Place, Bromley BR2 9HL

Bankers

Principal Bankers

HSBC Plc 184 High Street , Bromley, BR1 1HL

Other Current Accounts

CO-OP Current Account

Events CAF Account

Deposit Accounts

Barclays

Monmouthshire

Wilberforce Deposit Accounts

CAF Gold Deposit

COIF – Aggregate

Hinckley & Rugby BS

Wilberforce:Current Account

CAF Current (Principal)

Independent Examiner

Sally Tompkins FCCA

6 Canterbury Close

Dartford

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Trustees (July 2023-July 2024)

Thomas Abbott	Ex-Officio	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Tania Baker	Ex Officio	District Secretary
Jennifer Hamblyn	Ex Officio	District Network Leader
Claire Hannam	Ex Officio	District Treasurer
Matthew Higginbottom	Ex Officio	District Youth Commissioner
Sheila Howard	Ex Officio	District Commissioner
Russell Zaple	Ex Officio	District Chair
Les Dobbs	Elected	District Wilberforce Centre Manager
Colin Goodwin	Elected	
Terry Newman	Elected	Chair Appointment Sub Committee
Tom Norris	Elected	Youth Events Team Lead (Deputy District Commissioner)
Joe Collier	DC Nomination	
Paul Cosgrave	DC Nomination	Appointed March 2023
Stuart Haydon	DC Nomination	
Gary Hurlle	DC Nomination	Appointed March 2023
Steven Lofting	DC Nomination	
Gary Peppiatt	Co-Opted	(Resigned March 2023)
Mike Ungemuth	Co-Opted	
Evelyn Magee	Co-Opted	

Honorary Vice Presidents

Giles Barnett	Ex DC Bromley (5 year appointment to July 2028)
Gary Peppiatt	Ex DC Bromley (10 year appointment to July 2033)

MP Orpington *	Gareth Bacon MP
MP Bromley and Chislehurst*	Sir Bob Neill MP
MP Lewisham West & Penge*	Ellie Reeves MP)
MP Beckenham*	Col Bob Stewart DSO MP

* On 27th June 2024 the Trustees agreed not to renew the appointments of the MPs representing the Bromley District area.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

The charity is governed by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The charity also follows the requirements of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR). The Trustees as a body are also referred to as the District Executive Committee and are supported by a number of appointed sub-committees each with its area of specialism and focus.

As reported last year, in line with guidelines from Scouts (The Scout Association) we have been restructuring to provide greater clarity and segregation between District operations and governance. A new District Constitution has been drawn up and approved by the Trustees for adoption by the District Scout Council at our AGM in July 2024.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified and constantly review the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. The Trustees have followed POR and, with reference to publications prepared by Scouts (The Scout Association), have established systems to mitigate all the identified risks. These principally relate to the training and assessment of Leaders, Instructors and Trustees and the regular appraisal of all the District's activities.

Financial Year & Basis of Accounting

The financial year ends 31st January. Accounts are recorded on a cash, receipts and payments basis adjusted to shop stock.

Objectives and Activities

Organisation and Aims

Scouts (The Scout Association) exists by authority of Royal Charter which gives authority to the By-Laws of the Association, which are approved by Her Majesty's Privy Council. The By-Laws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's and this District's affairs. A copy of the By-Laws is available from the Association's Headquarters at Gilwell Park.

The Scout Council of Bromley District is a Registered Charity - Bromley District Scout Council (Reg No. 303547) whose purpose is to develop young people within the structure of the Scout Association. It is one of two Districts within the Greater London South-East Scout County.

Our work is focused on promoting and developing Scouting within the London Borough of Bromley and providing support and guidance to over 40 Scout Groups within the Borough. The programmes of youth orientated events and activities provided by the Scout Groups in Bromley District benefits young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills alongside practical and other important skills for life. Bromley Scouts welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith, gender or any personal circumstances and we believe this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of the skills, aptitudes and life experiences of our young people and the adult volunteers who support this work.

The purpose of the BDSC Charity aligns with that of Scouts (the National Scout Association), namely "Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development. Empowering them to make a positive contribution to society".

Review of Activity

Overview

2023/24 has focussed not only on growth of the District but perhaps more so on stability and preparation for the transformation of the new scouting journey. We have seen some fantastic District events and celebrated the start of the Kings reign. We now have 11 squirrel dreys to date and have thanked our leaders with service recognition awards.

2024 Census (compared to 2023)

Individual Membership

Total membership has gone down 24, was 4209 now 4185	(-0.6%)
Adults down marginally again by 12 from 859 to 847	(-1.4%)
Young members (incl. young leaders) down from 3,350 to 3338	(-0.4%)

Section movement:

Squirrels	up 68%	(126)
Beavers	down -4.4%	(781)
Cubs	down -5.6%	(1001)
Scouts	down 1.2%	(934)
Explorers	up 14.6%	(488)
Network	down -70.4%	(8)

New Groups

We are working hard with region to bring back scouting to Mottingham and hope for a re-start of the group in September.

Events

The Events Team have had a busy year with a packed programme for the sections and another successful District activity St George's Day, which saw attendance of 1200, with 933 being young people!

Up and coming international events

The district trip to the Ardeche in France in August later this year looks to be a big hit, with 95 young people and 25 adults signed up, what a fantastic experience for all participants.

Adult Recognition

The District Team has been busy ensuring that leaders are recognised for their service and contributions to scouting. We have had a record number of awards and presentations made in the district this year we have even had a Kings coronation medal awarded!

Chief Scout Commendation x 31

Award of Merit x 7

Bar Award of Merit x 3

Transformation

The District Team has been making great strides to get us ready for transformation, which has seen us improve not only mandatory training compliance but complete other training towards wood beads. We are in a good place for record transfer when the new scouting system goes live.

Why is Bromley so amazing?

Because, we have fantastic leaders and volunteers in Bromley! Achieving what we do for Young People in Bromley would not be possible without the generosity, hard work and professionalism of all our volunteers. On behalf of the young people of Bromley, our sincerest thanks go out to all our adult

volunteers; from the front-line section leaders and their helpers to Group and District Trustees and countless others helping in Groups or District, keeping finances in control, managing risks, organising events, running our shops, maintaining our facilities, and so the list goes on and on, far too many to mention. Thank you all.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The underlying financial principle of the charity is to support and assist all the functions and activities undertaken by our members. To this end we do not set out to make an annual cash surplus. We aim to at least break-even on our day-to-day expenses and maintain sufficient unrestricted general funds for repair and maintenance of our properties and other assets, capital investment within the District when required and a loan facility for Groups needing financial support.

The District Reserves Policy is incorporated in the Financial Management Policy which is regularly reviewed by the District Finance Sub-Committee and the Trustees as are actual reserve fund levels.

Review of Transactions

Membership subscriptions income was received in full.

When comparing our accounts to previous years we must always be mindful that they are prepared on a cash basis meaning that transactions are recorded as they happen and there are no accruals.

Last year (22/23) for example, we benefited from a huge £285k cash inflow from the sale of property, this year (23/24) we have had income of some £35k ahead of payment for an Explorer trip to France which will be paid out in 24/25. Netting that £35k off, in accrual type accounting our surplus of £9k would be a deficit of circa (£26k).

Headline outgoings of note in 23/24 include:

Investment in new doors and windows at Wilberforce Great Oaks building	£23k
Loan to 9 th Orpington (to be repaid)	£ 4k
Net outgoing of Jack Petchy funds	£ 7k
Annual subsidy of Youth Events costs	<u>£ 5k</u>
	£39k

Trading income (Shops & DHQ rent) was down £6k from last year offset by £4k of Interest earned and £1k increase in Membership fees.

Net/net, broadly, the books have balanced with expenditure being investment led and funded from adequate reserves.

The Finance Sub Committee have regularly reviewed accounts/transactions and have raised no concerns to the Trustee Board. Similarly, they have scrutinised various loan applications and spend proposals making considered recommendations to the Trustee Board. The work of the FSC plays a major part in ensuring the sound financial management of Bromley District and thanks is extended to them for their hard work, commitment and advice.

With a substantial increase in cash reserves, work took place to move more cash into new interest paying accounts and to minimise risk of holding more than £85k in one single institution (Government protection to £85k). Good progress was made during in year and further opportunities are being explored.

Financial Outlook

Bromley is in a strong position and the Trustees have no fundamental concerns financially.

However it is worthy of note 2024/25 will carry some large expenditure and a deficit funded by reserves should be anticipated.

Known / Anticipated Costs:

Explorer Ardeche Trip	£35k	(from 2023/24 income)
Wilberforce Archery / Fencing activity investment	£ 5k	
Wilberforce Exterior Electrical works	£10k	
Wilberforce Tree work	£15k	
Temporary Roadway for Events (Capital investment)	£10k	
Others	<u>£??k</u>	
	£70k	

Bromley District held £508k of unrestricted reserves as at 31st Jan 2024 and with annual overheads / fixed operating costs of say £50k pa, this represents a substantial cash reserve.

Bromley District is therefore in a secure financial position. Its reserves leave it well placed to withstand unexpected expenses but also allows it to consider a significant Capital investment for the future development of Scouting in Bromley.

From July 2024 the District structure will change in various ways. From a financial perspective much of the work carried out by the current Treasurer and FSC will transfer to a new Operations Finance team leaving the Trustees to 'ensure' rather than 'do'. The split of responsibilities is clear in principle but will no doubt pose various challenges through the journey. With a strong Operational Team and a strong Trustee Board, we will navigate through the change effectively whilst maintaining our strategic objectives and financial stability of the District/Charity.

Finally, after five years of over and above service we sincerely thank Claire Hannam as she steps down from the role of District Treasurer. Claire inherited some significant financial challenges and has steadfastly moved us forward in financial reporting and control . Thank you.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Statements

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st January 2024

	2023/2024			2022/2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations, legacies and similar Income				
Membership Subscriptions	139,983	-	139,983	129,735
Less: Membership Subscriptions paid March 2023	(133,252)	-	(133,252)	(124,025)
Net Membership subscriptions	6,730	-	6,730	5,710
Donations	70		70	1,068
Gift Aid	-	-	-	333
Jack Petchy		9,900	9,900	29,451
Group Closure	2,420		2,420	
Sub Total	2,490	9,900	12,390	30,852
Grants & Legacies				
Grants: Covid 19	-	-	-	8,001
Grants: Explorer / Network (Reds ESU)		3,500	3,500	
	-	3,500	3,500	8,001
Trading Income				
Scout Shop Sales	30,965	-	30,965	31,635
Wilberforce	16,078	-	16,078	18,504
DHQ - Parking & Rentals	6,166	-	6,166	9,294
Sub Total	53,208	-	53,208	59,433
Fundraising (Gross)				
Youth Events	28,514	69,131	97,645	12,605
Explorer Units & Network	11,930	-	11,930	13,970
Other Activities	(291)	-	(291)	375
Sub Total	40,153	69,131	109,284	26,950
Investment Income				
Deposit Income (Interest Receivables)	3,575	-	3,575	329
Youth Events Interest	43		43	
Sub Total	3,618		3,618	329
Total Income	106,199	82,531	188,730	131,275
Sale of Asset				
Less Auction Fees	-		-	286,000
Less Legal Fees	-		-	(6,864)
Sub Total	-		-	(1,140)
Total Gross Income	106,199	82,531	188,730	409,271
Loans Repaid				
9th Orpington	430		430	430
9th Orpington (Loan 2)	650		650	
Sub Total	1,080		1,080	430
Total Receipts	107,279	82,531	189,810	409,701

		2023/2024			2022/2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	
<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
Charitable Payments					
Youth Events	Note 3	34,951	33,603	68,554	11,725
Explorer Units & Network		12,245	-	12,245	12,327
Professional Fees		-	-	-	1,550
Scout Youth Expense		145		145	-
Awards and Other Activities		193		193	565
Jack Petchy	Note 3		17,156	17,156	34,600
Council Tax		72	-	72	371
Utilities :Electricity,Gas and Water		997	-	997	2,298
Insurance		1,039	-	1,039	785
Repairs and Maintenance		3,137	-	3,137	33,306
Office Expense		1,464	-	1,464	1,521
Postage & Telephone		99	-	99	172
Travel and Meetings	Note 6	154	-	154	-
Motion Picture Licence		1,456	-	1,456	1,323
Grants & Donations	Note 3	500	762	1,262	23,182
Other Outgo - AGM etc		158		158	1,205
Sub Total		56,609	51,521	108,130	124,930
Trading Expenditure					
Scout Shop Purchases		28,223	-	28,223	27,652
Wilberforce		42,580	-	42,580	12,948
Equipment Purchased		-	-	-	7,404
Sub Total		70,803	-	70,803	48,005
Bank					
Bank Service Charges		85	-	85	172
Bank Service Charges Youth Events		60		60	
Izettle card fees		424		424	389
Sub Total		569	-	569	561
Total Gross Expenditure		127,981	51,521	179,502	173,495
Asset and Investment Purchases etc.		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		127,981	51,521	179,502	173,495
** Net Receipts (Year-end Surplus/(Deficit))		(21,782)	31,010	9,229	235,776

Balance Sheet at 31st January 2024

	31 January 2024			31 January 2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	233,162	40,931	274,093	363,605
Deposit Accounts	130,093	-	130,093	129,014
Wilberforce Accounts	145,279	-	145,279	50,915
Cash Floats	143	-	143	143
Total Cash funds	508,676	40,931	549,607	543,676
Other monetary assets				
Loans	5,380	-	5,380	2,460
Debts Due		-	-	-
Undeposited Funds	115		115	
Sub Total	5,495	-	5,495	2,460
Non Monetary Assets for charity's own use				
Badge Stock	6,709	-	6,709	6,709
Shop Stock	7,355	-	7,355	7,355
District Headquarters (Property) Note 4	84,451	-	84,451	84,451
Wilberforce Estate (Property) Note 4	16,901	-	16,901	16,901
Other Equipment		-	-	-
Sub Total	115,415	-	115,415	115,415
Liabilities				
Capitation Next Year	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	(245)
Sub Total	-	-	-	(245)
Net Assets	629,586	40,931	670,517	661,307

The notes on pages 12-13 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the District Board of Trustees on 27th June 2024 and signed on the Trustees' behalf by:



28th June 2024

Russell Zaple Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Convention

The Financial Statement has been prepared on a cash basis.

2. Subscriptions

The District collects annual subscriptions from the Groups for each young member. These subscriptions include amounts passed on to Greater London South-East Scout County and to The Scouts Headquarters. The amounts passed on are treated as agency income and whilst shown, they are excluded from these financial statements. Fees collected and paid in the year ended 31st January 2024 totalled £133,252. (22/23= £124,025 . 21/22= £104,301).

3. Income and Expenditure

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis adjusted to shop stock. All incoming resources and resources expended are included in the financial statements when funds are received or when payments are made.

4. Depreciation

Fixed Assets are stated at historic cost.

There is no depreciation of assets. No depreciation is provided on buildings or freehold land because the trustees believe that the maintenance of the buildings to a good standard makes this unnecessary. Further, cost of other recorded assets are accounted on an income/expenditure basis.

The properties have not been revalued because the Trustees believe that no benefit for our charitable objectives would be achieved by the expenditure involved. (see also note 6)

5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Unrestricted funds comprise the general fund, and funds that have been designated by the Trustees for intended purposes.

Restricted Funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes. Restricted funds recorded currently relate only to Jack Petchey funds. Other funds within the accounts may be designated for certain purposes. Such designations are wholly at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds comprise:

	31/01/2023 Inflows	Outflows	Transfers	At 31/01/2024
Jack Petchey Fund	9,921	9,900 (17,156)	-	2,665
Grants: Explorer / Network (Reds ESU)		3,500 (762)		2,738
Youth Events - Ardeche		69,131 (33,603)		35,528
	9,921	82,531 (51,521)	-	40,931

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex. The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme, recognises outstanding young people aged 11-25.

Grant Reds ESU obtained for their group. Held in district accounts as to date bank account not opened.

Youth Events - Monies held for Ardeche trip Summer of 2024

6. Land and Buildings

The District owns 2 pieces of real estate. 'District Headquarters' at Prospect Place, Bromley and 'The Wilberforce Estate' (including The Great-Oaks building) in Keston. All properties are owned Freehold and are unencumbered.

Despite book value, both buildings have been reassessed in conjunction with Unity Insurance and are insured for appropriate market values.

7. Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

8. Loans

The District offers an interest-free loan facility to Groups. Several Groups have benefited from the facility over time. A further loan of £4,000 was made to 9th Orpington for soundproofing in addition to one already being repaid in line with the agreement. A loan of £15,000 was approved for 3rd St Pauls Cray for purchase of a ULEZ compliant minibus but this will appear in next year's financial statement.

Loan Repayments

Loans Repaid to Current Asset	At 31/01/23	During Year	Inflows	Outflows	Transfers	At 31/01/2024
9th Orpington	2,460		(430)			2,030
9th Orpington (2nd Loan)		4,000	(650)			3,350
	2,460	4,000	(1,080)	-	-	5,380

Bromley District Scout Council remains free from any financial loan liabilities of its own.

9. Trustee Expenses and Gift Aid

Trustees claimed a total of £0 in expenses. Expenses do not include purchases made on behalf of the charity for which a Trustee has been reimbursed.

No Gift aid was claimed in 2022/23.

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the financial statements of the Bromley District Scout Council for the year ended 31 January 2024, which are set out on pages 9-13, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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England & Wales - Charity number 303547

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Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the year ending 31st January 2023

For

Bromley District Scout Council

Registered Charity Number: 303547



Bromley District Scout Council
Trustees Report 2022-2023 (Year ended 31st January 2023)

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Other Current Accounts

CO-OP Current Account

Events CAF Account

Deposit Accounts

Barclays

Monmouthshire

Wilberforce Deposit Accounts

CAF Gold Deposit

COIF – Aggregate

Hinckley & Rugby BS

Wilberforce:Current Account

CAF Current (Principal)

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Review of Activity

2022/23 has been a year of returning to normal, fun packed activities and celebration. We came out of the COVID pandemic with a growth in youth membership, welcomed 9 Squirrel Dreys to the District and offered many young people new experiences and opportunities.

2023 Census (compared to 2022)

Individual Membership

Total membership up satisfactorily 118 from 4091 to 4209 (+3%)

Adults down marginally 6 from 865 to 859 (-1%)

Young members (incl. young leaders) pleasingly up 124 from 3,226 to 3,350 (+4%)

Section movement:

Squirrels up 178%

Beavers down 1%

Cubs up 3%

Scouts up 7%

Explorers up 5%

Network down 50

New Groups

The 1st Bromley Scout Muslim Group has been re-launched and has 10 young people who are enjoying scouting in Beavers with a Cub section hoped for later this year.

Events

The Events Team have been busy with a packed programme for the sections and a re-launch of the District activity St George’s Day, which saw attendance of 955 young people and 222 adult volunteers. Believed to be our highest ever District event attendance. The moon walk in June will see 340 children take part, the largest number to date for this event..

The District trip to the Ardeche in France next year already has 90 young people signed-up and looks to be a fantastic experience for participants.

Community Impact

The planting of the Platinum Jubilee Wood, in conjunction with Bromley Council was a great success, thanks to the support from the District Events Team. 39 Scout Groups in the District took part, with 409 leaders and young people registering to plant a tree on the day. We planted around 500 trees for the Community and it is hoped that this is the first of many community impact projects with the Council.

Representation and Recognition

We are proud that a small number of Bromley Scouts were selected to support the lying in state of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd who was Patron of the Scouts for decades and similarly proud that some Bromley Scouts represented the District at the King’s coronation events, and Colonel’s Review. We congratulated and celebrated another Scout from Bromley who was awarded the coveted Chief Scout’s Unsung Hero Award.

Communications

We have laid foundations for improved District communication with a District website revamp and the recruitment of a District Media / Comms Lead. Further developments are planned for the coming year.

Investing In Our Future

We made significant investment in new doors and windows at District HQ. Likewise at Wilberforce upgrading facilities to meet latest fire regulations and commencing work on new archery and mini golf activities. Following the sale of the ex 1st Cray Valley HQ for significantly more than we anticipated, we have started to consider how best to invest those windfall funds. As Wilberforce approaches it's 50th anniversary, investing it that to be ready for the next fifty years is the obvious focus.

How is This All Possible?

We have a simply amazing team of leaders and volunteers in Bromley! Achieving what we do for Young People in Bromley would not be possible without the generosity, hard work and professionalism of all our volunteers. On behalf of the young people of Bromley, our sincerest thanks go out to all our adult volunteers; from the front-line section leaders and their helpers to Group and District Trustees and countless others helping in Groups or District, keeping finances in control, managing risks, organising events, running our shops, maintaining our facilities, and so the list goes on and on, far too many to mention, but sincerest thanks to every 859 of them. Thank you.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The underlying financial principle of the charity is to support and assist all the functions and activities undertaken by our members. To this end we do not set out to make an annual cash surplus. We aim to at least break-even on our day-to-day expenses and maintain sufficient unrestricted general funds for repair and maintenance of our properties and other assets, capital investment within the District when required and a loan facility for Groups needing financial support.

The District Reserves Policy is incorporated in the Financial Management Policy which is regularly reviewed by the District Finance Sub-Committee and the Trustees as are actual reserve fund levels.

Review of Transactions

Membership subscriptions income was received in full.

The major income of this year was the sale of 1st Cray Valley due to its closure, which resulted in both the assets and liabilities reverting to District ownership. This included building and land. Having been unable to utilise the building for either Scouting or community it was decided to sell the property.

The major outgoings this year were investments including: Wilberforce, where a protective corridor had to be installed along with some other works to meet latest fire regulations and a new ride-on lawnmower and new windows and doors at District HQ.

Our Scout Shops' income, although down on the previous year has a net surplus of c£4k. Very roughly this is equivalent to a £1.20 per head subsidy on the District subscription, so the more people use the shops the better.

Restricted funds are for Jack Petchey. In 22/23 we have awarded £23,800 and returned £10,800 to Jack Petchey in unclaimed awards. Our Jack Petchey team are focused on promoting the scheme to maximise benefit to District members.

Overseas events

World Scout Jamboree. The Trustees reviewed our policy on funding Bromley-based leaders and participants of WSJs in 2021/22 and it was agreed to continue to support these financially. Broadly consistent with previous years (every 4), we anticipated a cost of c£22k and we actually paid £22,250 in 2022/23. We also introduced a new subsidy of £5k PA to the Youth Events budget so that all young people can benefit from subsidised activities as of 2023/24

Financial Outlook

Our Finances are in good shape thanks to prudent management over time. Our reserves are extremely strong and this past year we have invested some of our reserves into higher interest accounts to ensure continued and improved support for the District for future years.

As we are all aware, this past year, costs have risen exponentially which will increase our outgoings and possibly reduce our incomings. As a district where possible we endeavour to cover our normal running costs with our incomings which may be in the balance going forward.

There is also the change of structure within the Scouting movement, and we are unknowing at present, how this will affect our finances. With this said, our finances are in a strong position.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Statements

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st January 2023

	2022/2023			2021/2022
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
RECEIPTS				
Donations, legacies and similar Income				
Membership Subscriptions	129,735	-	129,735	107,865
Less: Membership Subscriptions paid April 2022	(124,025)	-	(124,025)	(104,301)
Net Membership subscriptions	5,710	-	5,710	3,564
Donations	1,068	-	1,068	15,391
Gift Aid	333	-	333	-
Jack Petchy		Note 3	29,451	29,451
Sub Total	1,401	29,451	30,852	41,460
Grants & Legacies				
Grants: Covid 19	8,001	-	8,001	33,588
	8,001	-	8,001	33,588
Trading Income				
Scout Shop Sales	31,635	-	31,635	24,511
Wilberforce	18,504	-	18,504	8,224
DHQ - Parking & Rentals	9,294	-	9,294	3,894
Sub Total	59,433	-	59,433	36,629
Fundraising (Gross)				
Youth Events	12,605	-	12,605	-
Explorer Units & Network	13,970	-	13,970	3,005
Other Activities	375	-	375	1,750
Sub Total	26,950	-	26,950	4,755
Investment Income				
Deposit Income (Interest Receivables)	329	-	329	19
Sub Total	329	-	329	19
Total Income	101,824	29,451	131,275	120,014
Sale of Asset				
Sale of Asset	Note 4	286,000	286,000	-
Less Auction Fees		(6,864)	(6,864)	
Less Legal Fees		(1,140)	(1,140)	
Sub Total		277,996	277,996	-
Total Gross Income		379,820	409,271	120,444
Loans Repaid				
9th Orpington	Note 5	430	430	430
Sub Total		430	430	430
Total Receipts		380,250	409,701	120,874

	2022/2023			2021/2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Charitable Payments				
Youth Events	11,725		11,725	100
Explorer Units & Network	12,327	-	12,327	2,822
Professional Fees	1,550	-	1,550	3,090
Other Activities	565		565	-
Jack Petchy	Note 3	34,600	34,600	25,950
Council Tax	371	-	371	186
Utilities :Electricity, Gas and Water	2,298	-	2,298	1,717
Insurance	785	-	785	1,611
Repairs and Maintenance	33,306	-	33,306	10,286
Office Expense	1,521	-	1,521	1,349
Postage & Telephone	172	-	172	337
Mileage Payments	-	-	-	332
Motion Picture Licence	1,323	-	1,323	1,140
Grants & Donations	23,182		23,182	-
Other Outgo - AGM etc	1,205	-	1,205	286
Project Coppice	-	-	-	309
Sub Total	90,330	34,600	124,930	49,514
Trading Expenditure				
Scout Shop Purchases	27,652	-	27,652	18,823
Wilberforce	12,948	-	12,948	11,146
Equipment Purchased	7,404	-	7,404	-
Sub Total	48,005	-	48,005	29,969
Bank				
Bank Service Charges	172	-	172	214
izettle card fees	389		389	240
Sub Total	561		561	454
Total Gross Expenditure	138,895	34,600	173,495	79,937
Asset and Investment Purchases etc.	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	138,895	34,600	173,495	79,937
** Net Receipts (Year-end Surplus/(Deficit))	240,925	(5,149)	235,776	40,507

Balance sheet at 31st January 2023

	31 January 2023			2021/2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	353,684	9,921	363,605	82,324
Deposit Accounts	129,014	-	129,014	134,738
Wilberforce Accounts	50,915	-	50,915	89,717
Cash Floats	143	-	143	143
Total Cash funds	533,756	9,921	543,676	306,922
Other monetary assets				
Loans	2,460	-	2,460	2,890
Debts Due		-	-	-
Sub Total	2,460	-	2,460	2,890
Non Monetary Assets for charity's own use				
Badge Stock	6,709	-	6,709	7,015
Shop Stock	7,355	-	7,355	7,355
District Headquarters (Property) <small>Note 2</small>	84,451	-	84,451	84,451
Wilberforce Estate (Property) <small>Note 2</small>	16,901	-	16,901	16,901
1st Cray Valley (Property) Sold <small>Note 4</small>				15,000
Other Equipment		-	-	-
Sub Total	115,415	-	115,415	130,722
Liabilities				
Capitation Next Year	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	(245)		(245)	(3)
Sub Total	(245)	-	(245)	(3)
Net Assets	651,387	9,921	661,307	440,531
Accumulated Funds			425,531	
Net Receipts			235,776	
Total			661,307	

The notes on pages 12-13 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the District Board of Trustees on 22nd June 2022 and signed on the Trustees' behalf by:



23rd June 2023

Russell Zaple Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Convention

The Financial Statement has been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the 2017 SOR P.

2. Subscriptions

The District collects annual subscriptions from the Groups for each young member. These subscriptions include amounts passed on to Greater London South-East Scout County and to The Scouts Headquarters. The amounts passed on are treated as agency income and whilst shown, they are excluded from these financial statements. Fees collected and paid in the year ended 31st January 2023 totalled £124,025 (£104,301 2021/22).

3. Income and Expenditure

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis adjusted to shop stock. All incoming resources and resources expended are included in the financial statements when funds are received or when payments are made.

4. Depreciation

Fixed Assets are stated at historic cost.

There is no depreciation of assets. No depreciation is provided on buildings or freehold land because the trustees believe that the maintenance of the buildings to a good standard makes this unnecessary. Further, cost of other recorded assets are accounted on an income/expenditure basis.

The properties have not been revalued because the Trustees believe that no benefit for our charitable objectives would be achieved by the expenditure involved.

5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Unrestricted funds comprise the general fund, and funds that have been designated by the Trustees for intended purposes.

Restricted Funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes. Restricted funds recorded currently relate only to Jack Petchey funds. Other funds within the accounts may be designated for certain purposes. Such designations are wholly at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds comprise:						
		31/01/2022 Inflows	Outflows	Transfers	At 31/01/2023	
Jack Petchey Fund		15,069	29,451	(34,600)	-	9,921
		15,069	29,451	(34,600)	-	9,921

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex. The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme recognises outstanding achievements of young people aged 11-25.

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The District offers an interest-free loan facility to Groups. Several Groups have benefited from the facility over time. No new loans were applied for and just one Group has an outstanding balance and is on track with agreed repayments.

Bromley District Scout Council remains free from any financial loan liabilities of its own.

9. Trustee Expenses and Gift Aid

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No Gift aid was claimed in 2022/23.

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The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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Review of Activity

The previous year 20/21 was dominated by Covid with zero face to face scouting throughout most of the year and that continued through until the end of March 2021. Leaders and Managers paid great attention to and developed comprehensive risk assessments to ensure that our phased return to 'normal' Scouting was executed as safely as possible for all concerned. We were unable to hold any District-wide events but supported Groups as they transitioned back towards business as usual.

The first half of the year saw Bromley District bidding to invest in the purchase of a 23 acre section of Downe campsite which the Scout Association had decided to close and sell. In addition to our own funds, some £70k was pledged by Bromley Groups, £30k pledged through a 'Go-Fund-Me' campaign and £10k from 3rd party donations. In all, we raised the requisite £250k of pledged funding but ultimately the Scout Association elected to sell to a newly formed charity who were prepared to purchase the entire site. The process demonstrated the unity of the District and identified that we have healthy reserves that we can afford to invest in developing as a District.

The Scout Association (TSA) launched a new section for 3-5 year olds called Squirrels. Our very own 3rd Saint Pauls Cray were a pilot for this and featured in the TSA's online promotion. Squirrels is proving to be very popular. We have already opened several new 'Dreys' and a number of Groups are working on doing so too.

The planned opening of the new Muslim Group 1st Bromley in Keston in 2020 was put on hold as a result of Covid but discussions have recently restarted, and we hope to progress that in 2022-23. Sadly, we had to close the 4th Bromley who had been struggling for leaders and members although the leaders transferred to 1st West Wickham which is now seeing signs of a resurgence.

Covid inevitably had a negative effect on our membership with our Jan 2021 census reporting an overall drop of 19% with the youngest sections (Beavers and Cubs) hardest hit. Pleasingly, Census 2022 reported a significant recovery in youth membership bringing us back close to 2020 levels and there has been a strong intake of new Adult volunteer support too with 106 new leaders, 31 new Group Executive and 72 change of role appointments approved. The future looks bright.

Our Great Oaks building and campsite at Wilberforce saw minimal use in the previous year but we offered outdoor use free of charge to Bromley Groups for a period of time to help facilitate return to face to face scouting and have seen bookings slowly return to near normal levels. We have taken the opportunity to invest significantly in upgrading the electrics at Wilberforce and plan to invest further in the facility in the coming year.

After eight years in role, Gary Peppiatt decided it was time for him to step down as District Commissioner. On behalf of the District, the Trustees wish to record our enormous respect, thanks and gratitude for Gary's inspirational leadership and remarkable achievements for the District. We are grateful too that Gary remains as a Trustee and has agreed to Chair our newly formed Facilities Management Sub Committee.

Following a comprehensive selection and recruitment process which included a panel from Headquarters, County, Bromley, Bexley and Youth representatives, The County Commissioner has appointed Sheila Howard as our new District Commissioner. A Trustee of Bromley and a GSL in Beckenham, Sheila is well known to the District and comes with much energy and exciting ideas to lead us through our next chapter. We look forward to working with Sheila and wish her every success.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The underlying financial principle of the charity is to support and assist all the functions and activities undertaken by our members. To this end we do not set out to make an annual cash surplus. We aim to at least break even on our day-to-day expenses and maintain sufficient unrestricted general funds for repair and maintenance of our properties and other assets, capital investment within the District when required and a loan facility for Groups needing financial support.

Reserve fund levels are regularly reviewed by the District Finance Sub-Committee and the Trustees.

Review of Transactions

Membership subscriptions income was received in full.

Again, this financial year was affected by Covid and impacted our income and expense as it did in 2020/21. In this context, prior years comparison must be treated with caution.

Our Scout Shops increased their income this year netting a circa £6k reported profit. It should be noted that year-end stock count was not possible (accounts note 3) so prior year stocks are reported but believed to be broadly accurate. Very roughly this is equivalent to a £2 per head subsidy on the District subscriptions, so the more people use the shops the better.

Due to restricted activity, Wilberforce recorded a small deficit of £3k which was more than compensated by Government covid grants shown centrally. Just short of £10k was invested in improving electrics at Wilberforce but this was borne centrally, not in reported Wilberforce costs. Youth Events were unable to run any events but we did maintain some albeit reduced income from rentals of our Headquarters building and carpark.

As mentioned above, we were fortunate to receive c£33.6k in Government Covid 19 grants which has supported our income and offset some of our expenditure this year.

Regrettably, the 4th Mottingham Group closed in 2020/21. There were no resultant liabilities for the District and it's remaining funds of £4,259 were transferred to District funds and included in the Donations and Legacies.

Restricted funds are for Jack Petchy. In 21/22 we have awarded £23,700 and returned £2,250 returned to Jack Petchy in unclaimed awards. Our Jack Petchy team are focused on promoting the scheme to maximise benefit to District members.

Overseas events

European Jamboree: Poland. The 2020 European Jamboree was initially postponed to 2021, then cancelled. We subsidised participants by £1,750 and have received a full refund which is shown in Miscellaneous receipts.

World Scout Jamboree. The Trustees reviewed our policy on funding Bromley-based leaders and participants of WSJs and agreed to continue to support these financially. Broadly consistent with previous years (every 4), we anticipate a cost of c£22k in 2022/23. We also introduced a new subsidy of £5k pa to the Youth Events budget so that all young people can benefit from subsidised activities. This will begin in 2022/23.

Financial Outlook

Our Finances are in good shape thanks to prudent management over time and Government support though Covid related grants. No further grants are anticipated but membership numbers are increasing and thus fee income and our shops and facilities are beginning to return previously enjoyed revenue streams. Our reserves are extremely strong and we are actively considering options to invest some of our reserves into our facilities to ensure continued and improved support for the District.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Statements

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st January 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Notes	2020/2021
Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	3,564	-	3,564	1	9,246
Shop sales	24,511	-	24,511		7,993
Wilberforce	8,224	-	8,224		5,754
DHQ Revenue	3,894	-	3,894		2,425
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,750			2	
Explorers and Network	3,005	-	3,005		9,740
Youth events and other activities	-	-	-		4,592
Grants	33,588	-	33,588	3	54,292
Donations & Legacies	15,391	-	15,391	4	345
Gift Aid	-	-	-		-
Interest	19	-	19		115
Asset and investment sales	-	-	-		-
Loan repayments	430	-	430		1,318
Jack Petchy	-	26,069	26,069		19,500
Total Receipts	94,375	26,069	120,444		115,319
Payments					
Shop expenses	18,823	-	18,823		8,239
Wilberforce	11,146	-	11,146	5	10,292
Explorers and Network	2,822	-	2,822		10,762
Youth events and other activities	100	-	100		5,797
Grants & Donations	-	-	-		1,800
Insurance	1,611	-	1,611		761
Utilities	1,717	-	1,717		1,410
Repairs and maintenance	10,286	-	10,286	6	2,888
Council Tax	186	-	186		-
Bank /Zettle Charges	454	-	454		-
Professional Fees	3,090	-	3,090	7	-
Office expenses	1,686	-	1,686		1,055
Travel and expenses	332	-	332		36
Motion Picture Licence	1,140	-	1,140		1,107
Sundry expenses	595	-	595		58
Loans to Groups	-	-	-		-
Jack Petchy	-	25,950	25,950		4,550
Assets and Investment	-	-	-		-
Total Payments	53,987	25,950	79,937		48,754
Surplus / (Deficit)	40,388	119	40,507		66,566

Balance sheet at 31st January 2022

	31 January 2022			31 January 2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	67,255	15,069	82,324	50,677
Deposit Accounts	134,738	-	134,738	134,732
Wilberforce Accounts	89,717	-	89,717	80,411
Cash Floats	143	-	143	144
Total Cash funds	291,853	15,069	306,922	265,965
Other monetary assets				
Loans	2,890	-	2,890	3,320
Debts Due	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	2,890	-	2,890	3,320
Non Monetary Assets				
Badge Stock	7,015	-	7,015	7,463
Shop Stock	7,355	-	7,355	7,355
District Headquarters (Property)	84,451	-	84,451	84,451
Wilberforce Estate (Property)	16,901	-	16,901	16,901
1st Cray Valley (Property)	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Other Equipment	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	130,722	-	130,722	131,170
Liabilities				
Loans	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	3	-	3	-
Sub Total	3	-	3	-
Net Assets	425,462	15,069	440,531	400,455

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the District Executive Committee on 9th June 2022 and signed on the Trustees' behalf by:



9th June 2022

Russell Zapple Chair of the Trustees.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Convention

The Financial Statement has been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the 2017 SOR P.

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The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis adjusted to shop stock. All incoming resources and resources expended are included in the financial statements when funds are received or when payments are made.

3. Stock and Depreciation

Shop stock was not fully checked and accounted this year-end due to Covid-19 restrictions, Stock has been reported as at last year-end and is believed to be broadly accurate.

There is no depreciation of assets. No depreciation is provided on buildings or freehold land because the trustees believe that the maintenance of the buildings to a good standard makes this unnecessary. Further, cost of other recorded assets are accounted on an income/expenditure basis.

The properties have not been revalued because the trustees believe that no benefit for our charitable objectives would be achieved by the expenditure involved.

4. Subscriptions

The District collects annual subscriptions from the Groups for each young member. These subscriptions include amounts passed on to Greater London South-East Scout County and to The Scouts headquarters. The amounts passed on are treated as agency income and whilst shown they are excluded from these financial statements. Fees collected and paid in the year ended 31st January 2022 totalled £104,301 (£129,108 2020/21).

5. Land and Buildings

The District owns 3 pieces of real estate. 'District Headquarters' at Prospect Place, Bromley, 'The Wilberforce Estate' (including The Great-Oaks building) in Keston and 'Our Den' in The Landway, St Mary Cray (former 1st Cray Valley HQ). All properties are owned Freehold and are unencumbered. The Landway property, having been redundant for many years and following extensive review, the Trustees have decided to dispose of the asset by public auction. This is in progress and expected to complete in 2022/33.

6. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

7. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Unrestricted funds comprise the general fund, and funds that have been designated by the Trustees for intended purposes.

Restricted Funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

Restricted funds recorded currently relate only to Jack Petchy funds. Other funds within the accounts may be Designated for certain purposes. Such designations are wholly at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. Loans

The District offers an interest free- loan facility to Groups. Several Groups have benefited from the facility over time. No new loans were applied for and just one Group has an outstanding balance and is on track with agreed repayments.

Bromley District Scout Council remains free from any financial loan liabilities of its own.

9. Trustee Expenses and Gift Aid

Trustees claimed a total of £332 in expenses, exclusively on travel. Expenses do not include purchases made on behalf of the charity for which a trustee has been reimbursed.

No Gift aid was claimed in 2021/22

10. General Notes to the Accounts

1. All due Membership fees received
2. Refund of European Jamboree subsidy
3. c£11k x 3 properties
4. Predominantly donations made during Project Coppice but not restricted.
5. Wilberforce expenses excludes £9k electrics upgrade investment
6. District R&M includes £9k Wilberforce electrical upgrade investment
7. Landway property architect fees (£1.2k) Safety Consultant Fees (£1.8k)

Independent examiner's report

I report on the financial statements of the Bromley District Scout Council for the year ended 31 January 2022, which are set out on pages 7-8, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

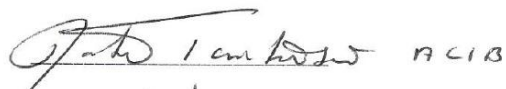
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have 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.



30/5/2022

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BROMLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 303547

Accounts

Registered Charity Number: 303547



Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the year ending 31st January 2021

For

Bromley District Scout Council

Bromley District Scout Council Trustees Report 2020-2021

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Introduction

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st January 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting & Audit Requirements for Group, Districts, Counties/Areas & Scottish Regions Item Code LT103950, Edition no 2. (1st February 2017)

Reference and Administration details

Registered Charity Number: 303547

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Independent Examiner

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Trustees

Thomas Abbot	Ex-Officio	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Tania Baker	Ex Officio	District Secretary
Saskia Clubb	Ex Officio	District Network Leader
Claire Hannam	Ex Officio	District Treasurer
Gary Peppiatt	Ex Officio	District Commissioner
Tiegan Rowland	Ex Officio	District Youth Commissioner
Russell Zaple	Ex Officio	District Chair

Brian Allen	Elected	District Centre Manager
Les Dobbs	Elected	
Colin Goodwin	Elected	
Chris Jones	Elected	
Terry Newman	Elected	Chair Appointment Sub Committee
Tom Norris	Elected	Deputy District Commissioner

Joe Collier	DC Nomination	
Sophie Dunbar	DC Nomination	
Sue Elwood	DC Nomination	
Stuart Haydon	DC Nomination	
Sheila Howard	DC Nomination	
Steven Lofting	DC Nomination	
Jeannie Pittard-Whitmarsh	DC Nomination (Deceased Jan 2021)	

Mike Ungemuth	Co-Opted	
Evelyn Magee	Co-Opted	

Honorary Vice Presidents

Gareth Bacon MP	(Orpington)
Sir Bob Neill MP	(Bromley & Chislehurst)
Ellie Reeves MP	(Lewisham West & Penge)
Col Bob Stewart DSO MP	(Beckenham)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

The charity is governed by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The charity also follows the requirements of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR). The Trustees as a body are referred to as the County District Executive Committee.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified and constantly review the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. The

Trustees have followed POR and, with reference to publications prepared by the Scout Association, have established systems to mitigate all the identified risks. These principally relate to the training and assessment of Leaders, Instructors and Executive Members and the regular appraisal of all the District's activities.

Financial year

In the prior year, the District Executive Committee decided to change the year end from 31st March to 31st January. This was to ensure that large income from annual subscriptions which is due from the Groups at the end of March occurs in the correct financial year. These financial statements are for a full year from 1st February 2020 to 31st January 2021. Comparatives are for the ten-month period from 1st April 2019 to 31st January 2020.

Objectives and Activities

Organisation and Aims

The Scout Association exists by authority of Royal Charter which gives authority to the By Laws of the Association, which are approved by Her Majesty's Privy Council. The By-Laws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's and this County's affairs. A copy of the By-Laws is available from the Association's Headquarters at Gilwell Park.

The Scout Council of Bromley District is a Registered Charity -Bromley District Scout Council (No 303547) whose purpose is to develop young people within the structure of the Scout Association. It is one of two Districts within the Greater London South-East Scout County

Our work is focused on promoting and developing Scouting within the London Borough of Bromley and providing support and guidance to the 44 Scout Groups within the Borough. The programmes of youth orientated events and activities provided by the Scout Groups in Bromley District benefits young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills alongside practical and other important skills for life. Bromley Scouts welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith, gender or any personal circumstances and we believe this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of the skills, aptitudes and life experiences of our young people and the adult volunteers who support this work.

The purpose of the BDSC Charity aligns with that of the National Scout Association, namely "Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development. Empowering them to make a positive contribution to society".

Review of Activity

2020 was dominated by Covid-19 pandemic.

We got off to a strong start, reporting a 1.7% increase in membership in our census in January 2020. We had opened a new explorer unit at 9th Orpington and work was well underway to open a new Group (1st Bromley El-Amman) to be based at Keston Mosque for which we had recruited 15 adult volunteers and had a potential 50 young people lined up to join. Plans were underway for our second St Georges Activity day at Downe and various regular and other exciting activities including expeditions to South of France and Poland.

That all came to an abrupt halt when face to face Scouting was suspended in March 2020.

Thanks to the incredible dedication and sheer inventiveness of our adult volunteers we have been able to adapt our programme and have kept some two and a half thousand Young People engaged with Scouting through virtual platforms of Zoom, Facebook-live, Whatsapp, etc. Young people have continued to gain new skills working on our badge and award programme and enjoyed keeping in touch with friends at virtual section meetings, virtual camps, virtual campfires and various other inventive initiatives driven by our amazing team of volunteers.

Sadly, a higher number than normal of loyal and long-serving volunteers passed away or as we say in Scouting “went home” during the year and our thanks goes to each of them for all that they did for us, in some cases over many, many years and for the memories they leave.

On a more positive note, during the year we managed to recruit 97 new adult volunteers, 44 leaders were awarded the coveted wood beads and 73 gained a long service award. Incredible.

To say 2020 was a difficult year is an understatement. Thanks to the amazing and impressive dedication of our adult volunteers, we have kept going and on behalf of the Young People of Bromley, they cannot be thanked enough for all their efforts.

We all look forward to a return to face to face Scouting and will surely recover quickly and grow stronger from our experiences of 2020.

Financial Review

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Review of Transactions

Subscription income was due on 25th March 2020 and was received in full.

As we are all aware this year has had an impact on income and expense, namely youth events refunding monies, and with Wilberforce and the Scout Shops having a reduction of income circa £20k each.

We have been extremely fortunate to have received over £54k from the government in Covid – 19 grants which has increased our income dramatically and offset some of our losses this year.

Our restricted funds of £19,500 are for Jack Petchy of which we have since awarded £4,550.

At the end of the financial year the district is in a healthy position financially.

Overseas events

World Scout Jamboree. The Trustees reviewed their policy on funding leaders and participants of WSJs and agreed to continue to support these financially. The amount of support per head will be determined 2 years in advance of a WSJ.

European Jamboree: Poland. The 2020 European Jamboree was initially postponed to 2021, but by November the organisers had received insufficient indications of firm support that they decided to cancel the event. We had subsidised participants by £1,750 and anticipate a full refund.

District Expedition France 2021 A District expedition to France was planned for 2021.. Unfortunately this has been postponed due to Covid-19 and a new date is yet to be arranged. This had a very minor impact on finances.

Financial Outlook

2020/21 will be a challenging year for Bromley District and perhaps more particularly for the 44 Groups that operate within the District. We have started the year with a continued ban on face to face Scouting and 752 fewer young people than last year, 70% of whom are from the Beaver and Cub sections. We can therefore expect reduced membership fee income, together with a negative impact on sales at the shops, at our Wilberforce centre and from business parking at our District HQ. However, there are no significant expenses anticipated in 2021/22, our core operating overheads are low and our reserves are strong.

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Financial Statements

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st January 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2019/2020
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	9,246	-	9,246	15,656
Shop sales	7,993	-	7,993	28,354
Wilberforce	5,754	-	5,754	25,477
DHQ parking	2,425	-	2,425	3,577
Explorers and Network	9,740	-	9,740	9,231
Youth events and other activities	4,592	-	4,592	33,652
Grants	54,292	-	54,292	-
Donations & Legacies	345	-	345	6,588
Gift Aid	-	-	-	108
Interest	115	-	115	150
Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	1,318	-	1,318	2,430
Jack Petchy	-	19,500	19,500	-
Total Receipts	95,819	19,500	115,319	125,223
Payments				
Shop expenses	8,239	-	8,239	24,366
Wilberforce	10,292	-	10,292	17,743
Explorers and Network	10,762	-	10,762	10,184
Youth events and other activities	5,797	-	5,797	39,545
Young Leaders	-	-	-	488
Grants & Donations	1,800	-	1,800	6,000
Insurance	761	-	761	1,420
Utilities	1,410	-	1,410	1,261
Repairs and maintenance	2,888	-	2,888	2,600
Council Tax	-	-	-	705
Office expenses	1,055	-	1,055	1,007
Travel and expenses	36	-	36	42
Motion Picture Licence	1,107	-	1,107	1,075
Sundry expenses	58	-	58	995
Loans to Groups	-	-	-	-
Jack Petchy	-	4,550	4,550	-
Assets and Investment	-	-	-	16,778
Total Payments	44,204	4,550	48,754	124,209
Surplus / (Deficit)	51,616	14,950	66,566	1,014

A total of £129,108 fees were collected on behalf of Greater London South East Scout County and The Scout Association.

The figures for 2019-2020 relate to a ten month period.

Balance sheet at 31st January 2021

	31 January 2021			31 January 2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cash Funds				
Current Accounts	35,727	14,950	50,677	37,897
Deposit Accounts	134,732	-	134,732	134,667
Wilberforce Accounts	80,411	-	80,411	26,767
Cash Floats	144	-	144	177
Total Cash funds	251,015	14,950	265,965	199,508
Other monetary assets				
Loans	3,320	-	3,320	4,638
Debts Due	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	3,320	-	3,320	4,638
Non Monetary Assets				
Badge Stock	7,463	-	7,463	7,463
Shop Stock	7,355	-	7,355	7,355
District Headquarters (Property)	84,451	-	84,451	84,451
Wilberforce Estate (Property)	16,901	-	16,901	16,901
1st Cray Valley (Property)	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Other Equipment	-	-	-	564
Sub Total	131,170	-	131,170	131,735
Liabilities				
Loans	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	2,460
Sub Total	-	-	-	2,460
Net Assets	385,505	14,950	400,455	333,421

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the District Executive Committee on 1st July 2021 and signed on the Trustees' behalf by:



2ND JULY 2021

Russell Zapple Chair.

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The properties have not been revalued because the trustees believe that no benefit for our charitable objectives would be achieved by the expenditure involved.

4. Subscriptions

The District collects annual subscriptions from the Groups for each young member. These subscriptions include amounts passed on to Greater London South-East Scout County and to The Scouts headquarters. The amounts passed on are treated as agency income and whilst shown they are excluded from these financial statements. Fees collected and paid in the year ended 31st January 2021 totalled £129,108 (£125,550 2019/20).

5. Land and Buildings

The District owns 3 pieces of real estate. 'District Headquarters' at Prospect Place, Bromley, 'The Wilberforce Estate' (including The Great-Oaks building) in Keston and 'Our Den' in The Landway, St Mary Cray (former 1st Cray Valley HQ). All properties are owned Freehold and are unencumbered.

6. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

7. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Unrestricted funds comprise the general fund, and funds that have been designated by the Trustees for intended purposes.

Restricted Funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes. Restricted funds recorded relate to Jack Petchy funds.

8. Loans

The District offers a loan facility for Groups in need of financial support. No new loans were granted in the year. One loan was cleared (6th Mottingham) and one remains in place (9th Orpington) with an agreed repayment schedule in place.

9. Trustee Expenses and Gift Aid

Expenses totalling £327 were claimed during the year. £58 was for travel expenses with the remainder reimbursement for operating costs.

No Gift Aid was claimed in the year.

Independent examiner's report

I report on the financial statements of the Bromley District Scout Council for the year ended 31 January 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 7, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

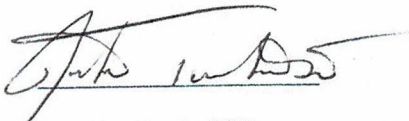
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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