

Redditch District Trustee Board Trustees Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The District Trustee Board consists of Trustees to undertake the management of the Charity. The Board meet regularly with a minimum of five meetings per annum. The day-to-day management is with the District Chair in conjunction with the District Lead Volunteer team.

Principal activities

The purpose of the Charity is the provision of Scouting groups for young people of all ages plus adults.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows: -

P Nash (Chair)	A Bennet
J Payne (District Commissioner team).	N Spencer
K Sterland-Smith (District Treasurer)	R Farrington
S Harffey (District Secretary)	G Penny
V Hart	

Through careful management, the organisation is financially viable. The majority of income is obtained from membership and fund-raising events.

Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions General Guidance on public benefit, when reviewing the charitable aims and objectives, and in planning future activities. The trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives set.

Organisational Structure

District Trustee Board
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Scout Groups
|
Volunteers

Risk Management

Major risks have been identified and have mitigation procedures in place. Risks are reviewed periodically and there is an annual review of the level of funding that is necessary to cover potential risks.

Financial Review and Developments

The Trustee Board has met five times throughout the year to conduct the business of Scouting in Redditch.

Overall, the Charity made a surplus of £4558 during 2024/25. The main reasons for the surplus were loan repayments from Groups and Grants. The District successfully spent the District subscriptions on planned District activities. The District Scout Shop made a surplus of £850

There is an opportunity for Groups within the District to apply for a grant or loan for the future investment in Scouting, usually related to property. During the year the Trustees created two new funds for Groups to apply for assistance, relating to International Scouting activities and for Individual hardship needs.

There are currently two loans outstanding from 1st Matchborough, relating to roof repairs in 2007 and heating repairs in 2015, and to 11th Redditch Scout Group, for an extension to their headquarters.

The trustees have identified the activities and achievements of the District and these are largely contained in the reports of the Board Chairman and Lead Volunteer. They include: -

- Safety in Scouting
- Supporting the development of Network Scouting
- Successful new leader recruitment events
- Maintaining the District property and equipment
- Maintaining the viability of all the Groups in the District
- Promotional activity to increase participation in the Scouting movement at a local level
- Development of the conservation land at Astwood Bank

District Reserves

The District policy on reserves is to hold sufficient reserves to continue the charitable activities of the District, should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Board-Trustees consider that the District should hold a minimum sum equivalent to 12 months running costs. General Funds held on the 31st of March 2025 were £157 027, which exceeds the minimum requirement, and this provides an opportunity for the District to support one-off initiatives relating to the future investment of Scouting in Redditch.

The Charity holds sufficient reserves in the bank account and a 7-day investment account at the Scout Association, so that funds are available, as required, to pay expenditure and support developments. A minimum funding equivalent of two month's expenditure has been identified as a suitable cash reserve.

Reserves not required in the short or medium term have been invested. As at 31st March 2025, £63402 was held in the CAF Charity Account. In addition, £35641 is held in Barclays Community Account.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that provide 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 the financial statements the trustees have: -

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- declared and explained any material departures in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The Board decided at their meeting in October that the account headings should be changed to reflect the designated use of monies held by the District. Three new Headings will be introduced Redditch District Building Development Loan Fund (RDBDLF), International Support Fund and Individual Needs Support Fund, these changes are reflected in the accounts for 2024/25.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate system of controls, financial or otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the Charity. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have funding for the current year (2025/26) which will allow the Charity to maintain the current activities.

District Thanks

The trustees would like to offer their thanks to all Volunteers and District Officers, for their contribution and hard work during the year, and also for their experience and skills which they willingly give to Scouting in the District.



On behalf of the Trustees

Peter Nash
Chair of the Trustees
June 2025

REDDITCH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming Resources:					
Subscriptions		4,526	21,981	26,507	24,311
Rent		0	0	0	990
Donations		0	0	0	37
Loan Repayments		3,913	0	3,913	3,913
Interest - General		200	0	200	415
Jamboree Fundraising		0	0	0	398
Profit from Scout Shop		850	0	850	784
TOTAL INCOME		9,489	21,981	31,470	30,848
Outgoing Resources					
Direct Charitable	2	415	24,566	24,981	27,897
Management & Administration	3	1,931	0	1,931	1,455
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,346	24,566	26,912	29,352
SURPLUS/ - DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		7,143	-2,585	4,558	1,496

REDDITCH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible Assets:					
Astwood Bank Land			18,763		18,348
Current Assets:					
<i>District Cash and Bank Balances</i>					
CAF Current Account		63,402		63,262	
Barclays Community Account		35,641		54,843	
Unit Trusts		356		356	
BARCLAYS - Cubs		9,275		6,937	
BARCLAYS - Beavers		7,002		2,707	
BARCLAYS - Shop		6,446		6,080	
BARCLAYS - Scouts		52		52	
BARCLAYS - Explorers		0		100	
BARCLAYS - Network		0		1	
Redditch District Explorers	11	7,425		7,425	
Redditch District Scout Active Support	11	1,186		1,186	
Redditch District Scouts	11	552		552	
Loans to Groups Outstanding		16,681		19,799	
		<u>148,018</u>		<u>163,300</u>	
Debtors	4	3,950		2,654	
Payments in Advance	5	25,520		21,981	
Stock	6	<u>4,309</u>	181,796	<u>4,125</u>	192,060
Liabilities:					
Creditors	7		0		-14,441
Receipts in Advance	8		0		-100
<i>Funds held in trust</i>					
From closed group to support future new Groups		-3,606		-3,606	
Greenlands Service Charge		<u>-10,805</u>		<u>-10,880</u>	
			-14,411		-14,486
NET ASSETS			<u>186,148</u>		<u>181,381</u>
DISTRICT FUNDS:					
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General Funds			157,027		152,185
Restricted Funds - Redditch District Building Development Fund			29,121		29,196
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>186,148</u>		<u>181,381</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Nash
Chair of Trustees

REDDITCH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts:

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations, all of which are continuing. The accruals concept has been applied so that income and expenditure are recognised as they are earned and incurred by the Charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting for Charities.

b) Taxation:

Redditch District Scout Council is registered with the Charity Commission and under the provisions of Section 505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 is exempt from liability to taxation.

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c) Income:

Voluntary income donations are accounted for as received by the Charity.

d) Value Added Tax:

Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the Charity and as such is included in the relevant cost in the Income and Expenditure statements.

2) DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Subs Headquarters	0	21,981	21,981	19,933
Jamboree	0	0	0	6,834
Rent	0	75	75	300
Upgrading Astwood Bank Land	415	0	415	830
Grant funded improvements	0	2,510	2,510	0
	<u>415</u>	<u>24,566</u>	<u>24,981</u>	<u>27,897</u>

3) MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
Admin Expenses	968	0	968	162
Lottery Fee	20	0	20	20
MPLC Licence	218	0	218	199
District Commissioner Expenses	73	0	73	953
District Development	0	0	0	69
Volunteer Insurance	52	0	52	52
Storage Insurance	600	0	600	0
	<u>1,931</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,931</u>	<u>1,455</u>

4) DEBTORS:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
Amounts outstanding from groups	1,020	0	1,020	1,604
Subscriptions	2,930	0	2,930	1,050
	<u>3,950</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>2,654</u>

5) PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
HQ & County Subscriptions	25,520	0	25,520	21,981

6) STOCK

The stock consists of items held in the District Scout Shop which is valued at cost price.

7) CREDITORS:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
Monies held on behalf of Royal Enfield	0	0	0	7,487
Monies held on behalf of Astwood Bank	0	0	0	4,934
Ground Rent to RBC	0	0	0	75
Small Lotteries Licence	0	0	0	20
Group expenses	0	0	0	1,925
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,441</u>

8) RECEIPTS IN ADVANCE:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
Donations for gift	0	0	0	100

9) FUND BALANCES:

The fund balances as held at 31st March 2025 were for the following purposes

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
General	117,533	0	117,533	80,990
Capital	39,494	0	39,494	71,195
Trust Funds	0	14,411	14,411	14,486
Gang Show	0	14,710	14,710	14,710
	<u>157,027</u>	<u>29,121</u>	<u>186,148</u>	<u>181,381</u>

General reserves include balances held in District bank accounts but not Groups.

10) BANK BALANCES IN LOCAL GROUPS:

Local Groups held the following cash and bank at the end of their financial year:-

	2025	2024
	£	£
Astwood Bank	13,208	35,081
Church Hill	359	359
1st Matchborough	23,867	23,867
1st Redditch	4,213	4,213
Explorers	12,254	8,231
11th Redditch	20,093	17,601
Royal Enfield	14,153	14,153
TOTAL	88,147	103,506

Where information was not received, prior year balances have been used.

11) DISTRICT BALANCES:

In the absence of actual figures, the prior year figures have been used as a best estimate.

12) TRUSTEES:

No trustees received an income from the Charity.

Trustees' expenses were reimbursed.

13) CONTROLLING PARTIES:

The Charity is under control of its trustees.

REDDITCH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025**

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AGM Expenses	0	0	0	0
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF REDDITCH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ending 31st March 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. As 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 explanation from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

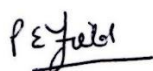
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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
- 3) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of Redditch District Scout Council have not been met.



Paul Edward Field 13th July 2025