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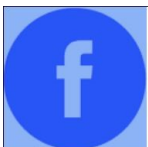
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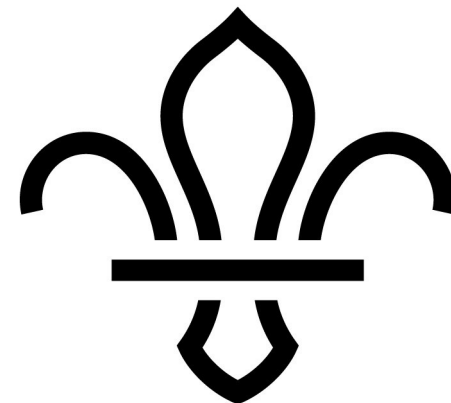
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SHEFFIELD SCOUT RESOURCES CHARITY



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(Charity Registration No. 524796)

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.Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on five occasions during the year.

Mr Alan Cull has continued as Honorary Secretary, and all members of the committee are grateful for his work. Mr David Worth has continued as Administrator and has ensured that the Committee has been kept up to date with the financial positions of the Charity and other accounts.

The Office in the Trippet Lane building has continued to support the Scout Movement within the City by implementing decisions of the Executive. The Honorary Secretary and the Administrator have continued to provide supportive advice to Groups for Headquarters building schemes and lease renewals, including a small part in the scheme which has resulted in a brand new state-of-the art Scout HQ for 105th Sheffield (High Green) Scout Group. Whilst it is very pleasing to see this new development there are some Scout Groups with difficult and complicated issues around leases etc that we are seeking to help resolve. In appropriate cases the Charity will make available financial resources to Groups for Headquarters building schemes.

The committee has continued to receive reports on work that has been undertaken at the Trippet Lane premises. The committee also receives reports from the Archive Team, the team are thanked for all their work.

The Charity, together with the four Sheffield Scout Districts, has continued to co-ordinate with local charities and Sheffield City Council as appropriate.

The Charity has continued to operate the Alec Oates Fund which assists members of the Movement, who may otherwise miss out on an activity, to attend camps and holidays. Mr Brian Hall who has overseen the Alec Oates Fund and our investments that are managed by Rathbones/Investec as well as playing a leading role in seeking grants for young people attending Jamborees, retired at our annual meeting in November 2024. Brian was thanked for his many years of work on behalf of Sheffield Scouting.

The Charity's investment service has continued to offer the best rates we can obtain to Sheffield Districts and Groups. Details of this service are highlighted in

the financial review found elsewhere in this report.

The Executive Committee has continued to receive regular reports on the performance of the Charity and The Scout & Guide Shop, the trading arm of the Charity. The very challenging trading environment resulted in a disappointing result with a deficit of £14.5K. A major task for the shop was the development of a new website powered by Shopify which went live on 30th March 2025. The Committee expressed their thanks to the whole shop team and especially Ian Siddons for all their work in developing and changing over to the new website.

Overall, the Charity had a net surplus of £1788 and remains in a financially sound position. More detailed financial information is given elsewhere in this report.

The Charity's associated Trust Company, Sheffield Scout (Holdings) Limited has continued to act as trustee for both the Charity and the majority of Groups and Districts in the City. The Executive Committee monitors the Company's work.

The Executive Committee would especially wish to thank all members of the staff and all voluntary helpers for their unstinting support during the last year.

J C Lashmar
Chairman

The Scout and Guide Shop

FDL

Lisa Brearly
Retail Operations Manager

Scout Archives

The Archive provides a safe home for not only Sheffield, but also any Scouting connected item, and the team welcomes and provides a safe home for any donations. The Archivists can be contacted through Scout Headquarters and items can be left with the Scout Shop. Collection of items can be

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10. Designated Reserves	2025 £	2024 £
Memorial Fund	7,389	7,343
Gore-Flint Fund	73,713	73,713
	<u>81,102</u>	<u>81,056</u>
11. Properties Reserve	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus on disposal of Great Hucklow scout centre	199,073	199,073
Surplus on disposal of land at Abbey Brook Close	131,680	131,680
	<u>330,753</u>	<u>330,753</u>
12. General Accumulated Reserve	2025 £	2024 £
Balance brought forward	361,139	385,170
(Deficit) / Surplus	-343	-24,031
	<u>360,796</u>	<u>361,139</u>
13. Alec Oates Memorial Fund	2025 £	2024 £
Balance brought forward	42,395	41,874
Investment income	1,083	521
	<u>43,478</u>	<u>42,395</u>
Less Camping grants	950	0
	<u>42,528</u>	<u>42,395</u>
Represented by:		
Investments (Market value £30,842 (2024 - £32,304)	31,832	33,714
Cash and bank balances	10,696	8,681
	<u>42,528</u>	<u>42,395</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont.)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5. Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors and prepayments	31,772	29,861
	<u>31,772</u>	<u>29,861</u>
6. Cash and Bank Balances	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank current and deposit accounts	95,475	139,668
Cash held by investment brokers	66,273	21,848
Cash balances	176	368
	<u>161,924</u>	<u>161,884</u>
7. Creditors	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year :-		
Trade creditors and accruals	254,736	588,383
Taxation and social security	2,156	12,867
	<u>256,892</u>	<u>601,250</u>
8. Capital Reserve	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance brought forward	259,270	260,533
Surplus/(Deficit) on disposals of investments	4,627	-1,263
	<u>263,897</u>	<u>259,270</u>
9. Revaluation Reserve	2,025	2,024
	£	£
Surplus on revaluation of assets brought forward	<u>207,041</u>	<u>207,041</u>

arranged if required.

The Archives website, which contains information on all Sheffield Groups, remains live but has some features which are not operational at present. This can be viewed at <http://www.sheffieldscoutarchives.org.uk>. Basic group information can be found under the “Groups” link on the home screen navigation and in more detail, up to the 1980's, in the Annual Reports which can be located from the “Archives” link on the home page. The site also contains hundreds of images, press cuttings and films.

The team is much reduced and would welcome anyone who would like to spend a Monday (or any other) morning in pleasant company sorting out the history of Scouting in the city. Previous knowledge of Scouting would be useful but actual knowledge of Sheffield Scouting is not required!

David Worth

SHEFFIELD SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

2024–2025

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Don J Mellor (Acting)

Norfolk M Hardman (Acting)

Hallam H Clayton

Sheaf M Hardman (Acting)

GRANTS 2024

The Alec Oates Scout Fund

The fund was established in 1943 in memory of the two sons of Alec Oates killed while on active service in the RAF. The Fund permits the Trustees to “apply the income arising from the fund towards the provision of financial assistance for camping for Scouts in poor circumstances”. Since the fund was set up, additional legacies and donations have been received in the memory of former Scouts and the value of the fund at March 31st 2025 was £ 42,528.

7 applications were received during the year to 31st March 2025 and grants totalling £ 950 were made towards camp costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to incorporate the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset over its estimated useful life.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	2025 £	2024 £
Freehold land and buildings at valuation	500,000	500,000
Additions at cost less depreciation	18,883	23,215
	<u>518,883</u>	<u>523,215</u>
Fixtures and fittings at cost less depreciation :-		
Computers	0	0
Furniture and equipment	0	0
S G S Outdoors	22,632	25,087
	<u>22,632</u>	<u>25,087</u>
	<u>541,515</u>	<u>548,302</u>

3. Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
UK fixed interest	246,310	203,462
Overseas fixed interest	76,890	140,347
UK equities	88,184	98,346
European equities	22,291	22,311
North American equities	145,816	81,912
Japanese equities	9,294	9,294
Far East and Australasian equities	19,587	19,587
International equities	14,777	26,330
Emerging economies	9,348	9,348
Property	52,938	98,711
Alternative assets	102,452	137,922
Market Value £825,959 (2023 - £893,748)	<u>787,887</u>	<u>847,570</u>

4. Investment in S G S Outdoors Ltd

	2025 £	2024 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	2	541,515		548,302	
Investments	3	787,887		847,570	
Investment in S G S Outdoors Ltd	4	4		4	
			1,329,406		1,395,876
Current Assets					
Stock		695,665		995,693	
Debtors	5	31,772		29,861	
Loans to groups		3,010		14,904	
Cash and bank balances	6	161,924		161,884	
			892,371		1,202,342
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	256,892		601,250	
Loans from districts and groups		721,296		757,709	
			978,188		1,358,959
Net Current Assets			-85,817		-156,617
Net Assets			1,243,589		1,239,259
Reserves					
Capital reserve	8		263,897		259,270
Revaluation reserve	9		207,041		207,041
Designated reserves	10		81,102		81,056
Properties reserve	11		330,753		330,753
General accumulated reserve	12		360,796		361,139
			1,243,589		1,239,259

These financial statements were approved on 29 September 2025

J C Lashmar

MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Census taken as at 31st January 2025 showed total Membership of the Scout Association in the City of Sheffield

District	Squirrels		Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorers		Youth Total		Adult Total		Totals	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Don	26	37	152	149	219	201	182	181	62	65	641	633	201	196	842	829
Hallam	18	26	430	460	540	606	622	610	282	278	1892	1980	502	538	2394	2518
Norfolk	37	26	125	115	165	140	164	138	64	59	555	478	155	146	710	624
Sheaf	0	0	140	130	191	184	206	205	61	80	598	599	191	153	789	752
Total	81	89	847	854	1115	1131	1174	1134	469	482	3686	3690	1049	1033	4735	4723

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Income and Expenditure Account of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 and the Balance Sheet as at that date follow this review. The activities of the Charity now fall into three sectors and these are dealt with individually below.

Administrative Services and Trippet Lane Premises

Income for the year was close to both the budget and the previous year at £84.4k. The slight reduction in the use of the building was balanced by an increase in interest receipts. All establishment expenses were also in line with budget with the exception of a minor increase in repairs. The Charity had a surplus of £16.3k in line with budget. An increase of £1.5k over the previous year. Our direct financial support for Scouting activities reduced by £1.5k to £13.5k due to applications for support.

The Charity's budget for 2025/26 indicates a surplus of £ 17.2k. This is after providing direct support to the 4 Sheffield Scout Districts and Sheffield Guides.

The Charity expresses its sincere thanks its lay advisors for the considerable time and effort they expend in providing advice, encouragement and support for the Scout Movement within the City of Sheffield.

Consolidated Investment Service and Group Loan Scheme

At 31st March 2025 46 Districts and Groups had active accounts in the scheme, although 6 of these held zero balances. Deposits with the Charity totalled £721,295, a net decrease (including capitalised interest) during the year of £36,414.

Interest of £16,371.59 was paid to investors during the year. The Scheme's earnings during the year were less than the interest paid by £1,229 and this increased the accumulated deficit to £7,746. This is not expected to reduce during the current year due to static interest rates and the Charity's agreement to maintain interest rates at the current level.

The average rate of interest paid during the year to all investors was 2.296%, a rate greater than available commercially in the High Street for relatively small, short term deposit balances.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations		
General donations	0	0
Headquarters donations	4,374	3,971
Grants received		18
	<u>4,374</u>	<u>3,989</u>
Investment income etc.		
Income from investments	2,081	2,098
Interest received	25,099	21,267
Rents received	23,061	23,711
Car parking	13,228	11,830
Management charges	16,512	21,048
	<u>79,981</u>	<u>79,954</u>
Operating surpluses/(losses)		
The Scout and Guide Shop	-16,663	-38,832
	<u>67,692</u>	<u>45,111</u>
Administration Expenses		
Salaries	12,002	11,600
Pensions	530	530
Printing and stationery	379	361
Telephone	189	87
Insurance	11,095	11,357
Bank charges	90	81
Professional fees	5,945	4,013
Miscellaneous expenses	4,448	222
	<u>34,678</u>	<u>28,251</u>
Establishment expenses		
Light and heat	3,226	3,111
Rates	1,170	843
Repairs and maintenance	9,580	16,451
Cleaning	1,522	1,443
Depreciation	4,332	3,943
	<u>19,830</u>	<u>25,791</u>
Scouting activities		
Grants, training and equipment	27	100
Donations	13,500	15,000
	<u>13,527</u>	<u>15,100</u>
	<u>68,035</u>	<u>69,142</u>
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>-343</u>	<u>-24,031</u>
Less subvention payment to S G S Outdoors	0	0
Retained (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>-343</u>	<u>-24,031</u>

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 2 to 6.

In accordance with the terms of our engagement, we have compiled the financial statements which comprises the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/>.

This report is made to you in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 30 September 2023. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Sheffield Scout Resources Charity for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

John S Danson & Co

Chartered Accountants
35 Salisbury Road
Dronfield
Derbyshire
S18 1UG


29 September 2025

The standard rate of interest, introduced at 1st April 2022 of 2.25% has been maintained. The continuing difficulties in the financial markets indicates that the re-introduction of the interest rate supplements will continue to be delayed.

The Charity continues to offer provide financial support in the form of low-interest rate loans to Sheffield Scout headquarters building and repair projects. At present there no active loans.

The Scout and Guide Shop

During the year product sales reduced by 9.1% to £1,182 m. The overall gross trading margin increased by 11.12% % due to increased sales owing to a reduction in sales via Amazon.

Sales volume related Operating and Administration expenses, excluding staffing costs, reduced significantly due to reduced volume especially on Amazon sales. Salary costs increased by 9.9% due to further strengthening the shop management team. Due to the improved gross margin and the other factors mentioned the shop operations improved by 58.5 % to a loss of  £16.7k.

Stocks of products have decreased significantly by £291.7k to £695.6k. This reduction has enabled us to reduce trade creditors by £345.9k to £226.3k. To achieve that reduction the shop has been financed by additional short-term support from our own, SSRC, reserves. Interest is paid to the Charity on this borrowing.

A new website was launched at the beginning of the new financial year and, with that and our continuing close relationship with Scout Shops, sales are budgeted to increase by 8.56% to £ 1.481m in 2025/26. Despite this volume increase significant reductions in sales margins have enforced by both of our major suppliers, Scout Shop and Girl Guide Trading, and this means that we still expect to incur a loss of £25.8k for the year. This however is based on a very cautious sales budget due to the difficulty of estimating the benefit brought by the new, up to date, sales website.

The comments received by the staff indicates that the shop continues to provides a very positive service to both movements locally and across the country. Our thanks go to the staff for all their efforts in maximising sales and managing the continued challenging trading conditions.

FDL Supplies

Due to a combination of low sales demand and the commissioning of our new Shopify website at 31st March 2025, which could handle both retail and wholesale sales, the decision was taken to wind up the separate FDL operation. All the stocks and financial balances were transferred to The Scout and Guide Shop at March 30th and therefore no separate accounts for the 12 months to March 31st 2025 have been produced. The Shop will continue to produce its own range of products for members of both movements and, with the new website, we can provide a better service to other District Scout and Guide shops.

Donations and Subscriptions

The Charity would like to thank all donors and subscribers for their continued support for the Charity and its work in supporting the Scout movement in the City of Sheffield

Overall Position

The operation of the Charity developed a loss of £343, a reduction of £23,688 over the previous year. The overall budget for the year 2025/26 is for a loss of £ 8.7k to be achieved. That loss is after the application of non-cash depreciation of £7.63 k and the Charity providing positive direct financial support to the Scout and Guide movement of £14.1 k.

David Worth
Administrator

SHEFFIELD SCOUT RESOURCES CHARITY

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