

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Basildon District Scout Council

Registered charity number

801684

HQ registration number

10001401

Charity's principal address

112 Cumberland Avenue
Benfleet
Essex
SS7 5PA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Lee Petty	Chairman	April 2024 – March 2025
Steve Gostling	Treasurer	
Diane Brown	District Lead Volunteer	
Joe Coward	District Youth Lead	
Gary Brown		
Helen Cambridge		
Adam Coles		
Reece Pounder		
Natalie Botha		
Paul Holland		
Karen Batman		

Names of advisers

Type of advisor	Name
Independent Examiner	Bryan Bridger

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Districts governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees
- b) trustee's consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout district which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees).

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

Approximately 5 Meetings are held each year including the AGM.

The District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high- quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

A New district safety team has been put in place to support groups and volunteers with risk assessments, premises safety, and any other safety matters.

We have been fully focused on encouraging compliance of mandatory training by all adult members.

We have a dedicated comms team who oversee the running of the district website, assign scouting emails to members and who distribute district emails to members to ensure GDPR is followed.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Some of the main District section activities organised this year have included: Carol services for all sections, St Georges day event and campfire.

Squirrels: Woodland adventure & Job fair.

Beavers: Camp at Kingston Ridge.

Cubs: Archery Competition, Mini backpack & ADC Challenge.

Scouts: Camp at Thriftwood, Camp cook, County backpack, Essex International Jamboree.

Explorers: County Marathon, Southern 50, London Monopoly Run and numerous camps and teambuilding exercises.

Network: **Hobgoblin** continues to thrive being one of the few active Networks in the County.

Kingston Ridge Campsite continues to provide our young people with local camping and outdoor facilities, also enabling them to participate and complete badge activities they may not be able to complete at their normal weekly meeting premises.

The district continues to support Kingston Ridge, with around 93% of the district's portion of the membership fee going to the campsite.

The district purchases an entertainment license each year which enables every group/section to legally play DVDs, stream movies/tv programmes at their meeting place or local events.

Available funding from the District is via application and full approval from the trustee board

Available Funding includes:

District Section activity/equipment support: A maximum of £300 per district section per annum.

Youth Development Fund: Enterprise

Scouting Support Fund: Remaining District sections

Funding is made available for individual district section youth members who would otherwise be excluded from attending and/or participating in events due to financial hardship.

Public benefit statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year we have been getting to grips with transformation and the new system. We have all teams up and running bar a volunteering and development team which we are hoping to have in place soon.

We have opened another Explorer unit 'Nova' and a new squirrel dray at 1st Laindon scout group.

Both the support team and 4-14 team have grown in size.

To reflect that Januarys Census figures have shown an increase in both youth and adult members.

A new mess tent has been purchased for district sections to use at camps and events. This is to eliminate the wear and tear on groups borrowed equipment.

Going forward future fund raising by district will be put in place to purchase more equipment for this.

Section E	Financial Review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the district should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to 12 month's running costs, circa £8,000. (minimum)

The District held reserves of approximately £20,000 at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods

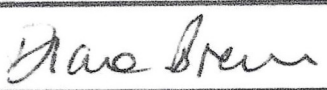

The programs team are busy fundraising for a trip to Netherlands in 2026
 Genesis Explorers have arranged a trip to Croatia in 2026
 Nova Explorers are attending Kent International Jamboree 2025

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Diane Brown	Helen Cambridge
Position	District Lead Volunteer	District Trustee
Date	22/7/2025	28/7/2025

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT - 2024/25

I am pleased to present the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts show that the District ran a cash deficit of £9047; a large part of this was due to an overall outflow from the EIJ and Netherlands 2026 which was paid for by the large inflow last year. Overall EIJ ran a surplus which will be carried over to Netherlands 2026. The figures below give the underlying surplus/deficit for each of the principal District activities:

	£
Campsite	(6683)
District General	(1848)
Explorers	6042
BEAST	(2506)
EIJ	(15644)
Netherlands 2026	11432

The assets of the major designated funds in the District are:

General Purpose	20000
Youth Development	1079
Campsite	12600
Scouting Support Fund	1800
Explorers	21700
'BEAST	3900

The campsite ran a large deficit due to a drop in fee income and sizeable spending on development. The site is still very well used, and the district levy covers most of the basic costs. Their reserves are sufficient to keep the site well maintained and a useful asset for the district.

Genesis explorers had a successful year producing a good surplus which will enable them to continue their events programme. The large census paid this year is simply due to the previous year's census being paid late and is included in this year.

Nova explorers have got *off* to a good start; with some financial assistance from the District they are now on a secure footing for the future.

The District ran a deficit, but this was mainly due to the investment in a new mess tent; otherwise it was cash neutral. Most district and section events ran small surpluses which helps give secure funding for the running of future events. The District reserves are healthy and are considered sufficient to allow it to continue to support scouting in Basildon.

Finally I would like to thank Bryan Bridger again for examining our accounts this year.

BASILDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ACCOUNTS FOR 2024/25

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BASILDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**Page 1****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	This Year	Previous Year
Total Receipts for the year	107600	110603
Total Payments for the year	116647	93897
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Net receipts for the year	(9047)	16706
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	95787	79085
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Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	86739	95787

The accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the District Trustee Board on 8th July 2025 and signed at the AGM by:

**Diane Brown****Acting District Chairman**

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

	This Year	Previous Year
Membership subscriptions	27269	21392
Less paid:	20056	16774
	7213	4618
DONATIONS		895
ACTIVITIES		
Campsite	3591	7838
Badges	2481	3715
Network	1313	401
Squirrels	426	200
Beavers	1607	568
Cubs	325	1950
Scouts	6015	1343
Archery	120	355
Leviathan ASU		444
Jamboree & N America		2409
EU Jamboree	4448	40059
Netherlands 2026	31000	
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	1528	
JACK PETCHEY	2700	4000
SCOUT SUPPORT		65
BEAST	16741	16544
EXPLORERS - Genesis	23353	25199
Nova	4739	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	107600	110603

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	This Year	Previous Year
Campsite	15958	14140
Badges	2687	3421
Network	617	359
Archery	75	448
Leviathan ASU	331	350
Squirrels	220	84
Beavers	1201	624
Cubs	157	1940
Scouts	6020	1360
Jamboree & N America		4350
ElJ Jamboree	20092	22655
Netherlands 2026	19568	
HALL HIRE	525	239
DONATION	250	
SUNDRY PAYMENTS		1928
Video License	296	
Network Transfer	956	
Nova Support	2020	
District Mess Tent	1900	
JACK PETCHEY	2477	3793
SCOUT SUPPORT		416
BEAST	19247	19767
EXPLORERS - Genesis	19745	18023
Nova	2305	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	116647	93897

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND
LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	This Year	Previous Year
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash in hand	657	964
Bank current accounts	83860	90501
Investment accounts	2222	4322
	86739	95787

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Assets for the Charity's own use

Badge Secretary's Stock	3500	3600
Campsite- Land, Buildings & Equipment	134000	145000
Explorers' Scout Equipment	20000	20000
BEAST	22000	19000
	179500	187600

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BASILDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on my examination of the accounts of Basildon District for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the trustee and examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 Charities Commission under section 145(S)(b) of the Act.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

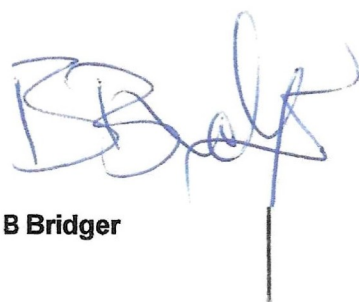
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Basildon District 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.

No scrutinized accounts were received for BWB Gang Show and therefore do not form part of these accounts.



B Bridger

14 July 2025

KINGSTON RIDGE CAMPSITE

	2025	2024
INCOME		
District Levy	5684	5568
Site Fees	2622	7838
Donations	83	
Miscellaneous	886	
	9274	13406
EXPENDITURE		
Site Maintenance	5170	3358
Insurance	3571	3376
Water	1032	936
Council Rates		94
Miscellaneous	1367	5465
Campsite Development	4816	911
	15958	11140
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(6683)	(734)