

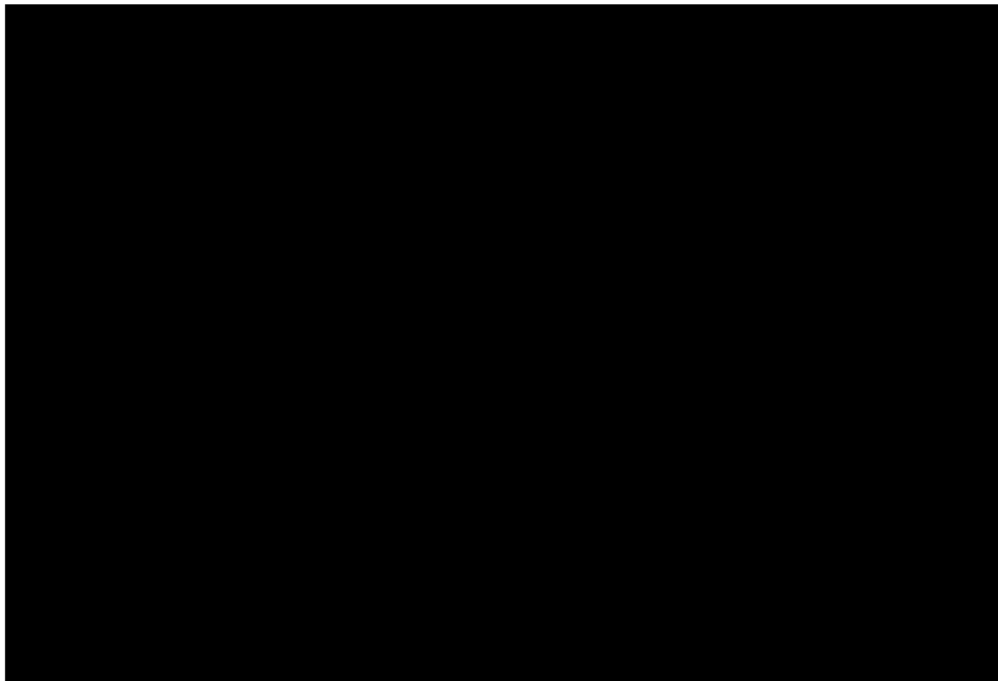
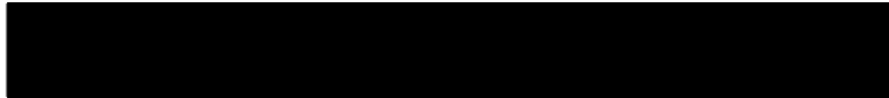


## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.**

**Greenock and District Scout Council**

**Registered Charity number SCO 04127**



**The Board Trustees were appointed on 16th September 2024 at the District's Annual General Meeting.**

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

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

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

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

**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 Commissioner as appropriate.**

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, District Lead Volunteer (ex-officio), District Youth Lead (ex-officio) and a maximum of 8 Trustees and meet every 3 months.

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

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 give young people skills for life.

#### **Risks and Internal Control**

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the HQ and Everton Camp Site buildings, property and equipment. The District have an established Property and Assets Committee which carries out Premises and Safety Audits at least annually identifying any remedial works and enhancements which may be required. The Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review any issues arising and identify solutions and timescales for completion. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Quarterly reports are submitted to the Trustee Board.

Reduced income from use of Everton Camp Site and Grant applications. The District hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The District could raise the charges for activities at Everton either temporarily or permanently to increase the income to cover any shortfall.

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 as well as the comprehensive insurance policies previously highlighted.

The Board have identified a requirement to establish a Finance Committee to support the Treasurer going forward.

#### **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.**

**Main activities in relation to these objectives**

**A series of events led by the District Cub Leader [REDACTED] has been instrumental in developing a number of brilliant programs and events. Notable activities included a District archery competition and a District cub camp.**

**Numerous successful District Scout section events led by the District Scout Leader [REDACTED] has seen events such as camps, first aid competitions and pioneering competitions take place as well as the annual Hardie Webster Competition which rigorously tests the skills acquired by our Scouts.**

**[REDACTED] our former District Explorer Scout Leader, along with his leadership team, continues to run the Annual Mark Muir Expedition Weekend. This demanding event pushes explorers to their limits, yet they always complete it with smiles. Explorer Scouts will be actively participating in both national and international events, including the World Scout Jamboree, the regional expedition to Peru and the Blair Atholl International Jamborette.**

**A critical aspect of our Explorer program is the strong connection with Inverclyde's Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. The exceptional service provided by [REDACTED] their team includes support for our explorer scouts. Inverclyde historically produces more Gold DofE awards than the whole of Glasgow, highlighting the quality and inclusiveness of the program. These awards are vital stepping stones**

for higher accolades such as the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Awards, culminating in the King's Scout Award. Over the past year, six networkers have achieved the King's Scout Award with several others nearing completion.

██████████ the previous District Network Scout Commissioners, alongside ██████████ have excelled in coordinating the District network team for ages 18-24. Both ██████████ received the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service this year, a well deserved recognition.

██████████ serves as Everton Camp Warden and we extend our sincere gratitude to him and his team for their unwavering dedication to the development and safety of the site supported by a team of committed volunteers.

The Leapmoor Pipe Band continues its tradition with Sunday teaching and practice sessions, performing at numerous events, including the Annual Inverclyde Commemoration Service Wellpark Cenotaph.

The District Amateur Radio Club comprises five enthusiastic volunteers who engage sections and invite them to the well-equipped radio room at District HQ. They contribute to JOTA/JOTI and are always open to collaboration.

The renowned Greenock Gang Show returned to the Beacon Theatre last November, now produced by ██████████. Our gratitude extends to the cast, crew, band, and all helpers for their remarkable teamwork and professionalism.

District program lead ██████████ continues to secure funds to support our three RIBs. Many leaders have achieved powerboat qualifications, with some advancing to higher levels. ██████████ collaborates with ██████████ to promote water activities for young people within and beyond Inverclyde. Our efforts are supported by grants from Trinity House Regional Committee (Scotland), Dacia Activity Grants and the Leslie Sell Trust. We also acknowledge the Renfrew Sea Scouts, Largs and Inverkip Marinas. The Royal Gourock Yacht Club has been fantastic for their cooperation and use of the facilities. ██████████ is leading a project to repair and enhance the slipway at the yacht club – this will aid the club and our access to the Clyde. Additionally we appreciate Inverclyde Council's important grants to the District and Groups.

District Support team leader ██████████ with Scout Notes writer ██████████ and networkers ██████████ have been instrumental in maintaining and integrating our new district website Scout Notes magazines and social media. Their efforts ensure valuable news and events are shared, along with a comprehensive members area. We extend our thanks for their hard work in maintaining the website.

## **Public Benefits 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.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The District has successfully transitioned to a Trustee Board effective from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Quarterly meetings have been established with the Property and Assets Committee fully established and reporting to the Board. A Finance Committee is in the process of being established and will report to the Board in a similar way as the Property and Assets Committee.

The Annual Accounts have been produced for Audit in an earlier timescale compared with the previous year. A number of successful Grant Applications were made to Inverclyde Council, Trinity House (Scotland), Dacia Activity Grants and Lesley Sell Trust. At the annual census in January 2025, the District accounted for 863 youth members in 11 scout groups, 6 explorer scout units, with 49 sections across Inverclyde. Our adult volunteers counted as 222.

The district has expanded to include a third squirrel drey at Inverkip and Wemyss Bay with other groups considering similar initiatives. The three established dreys have been operating successfully, providing valuable experience to aid other groups in setting up their own dreys. We plan to open our fourth drey in Larkfield under the 33<sup>rd</sup> Scout Group after the summer holidays.

## **Financial Review**

The District's 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 9 months running costs, circa £30,000. The sum identified is basic underlying costs of running the District and therefore excludes the costs for Restricted/Designated project or cost items for which Grants or Donations are received together with Capitation Fees which are received on an Annual basis from Groups and paid to West Region.

The District held reserves of approximately £54,000 against this at year end. This is circa £24,000 above that required for operating expenses. This can be explained however by approximately more revenue generated than anticipated by the Gang Show held in November 2024, Capitation Fees payable to West Region as well as retaining around £4,000 to pay Scottish Power for electricity used at Everton since October 2024 due to problems with their billing system. This was resolved on 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 2025 when a payment of £4,933 was taken by Scottish Power for outstanding amounts to end June 2025.

#### Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

#### Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

#### Signatures

Full Names

Position

Chair

Date

15

September 2025

**Greenock & District Scout Council**  
**Statement of Receipts & Payments**  
**Year ended 31st March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Voluntary Income					
Subscriptions	3	44,386	-	44,386	20,575
Donations & Legacies					
Other		-	-	-	-
Fundraising Income					
Gang Show	4	14,880	(1,625)	13,255	(4,016)
Programme Activities, Events & Course					
Everton Camp and Lodge Fees	5	23,774	6,268	30,042	47,497
Grants Received	6	3,750	3,953	7,703	10,930
Investment Income					
Bank Interest		472	-	472	391
Other Income	7	-	2,660	2,660	5,760
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>87,262</b>	<b>11,256</b>	<b>98,518</b>	<b>81,137</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Programme Activities, Events & Courses	8	17,966	4,499	22,465	32,041
Administration Costs	9	15,970	5,148	21,118	15,903
Payments to SHQ for Subscriptions		35,399	-	35,399	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>69,335</b>	<b>9,647</b>	<b>78,982</b>	<b>47,944</b>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for year before transfers</b>		<b>17,927</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>19,536</b>	<b>33,193</b>



Greenock & District Scout Council  
Statement of Balances  
Year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>					
Balance as at 1 April 2024		88,645	11,831	100,476	67,283
Surplus for the year		17,927	1,609	19,536	33,193
Balance as at 31 March 2025	11	<u>106,572</u>	<u>13,440</u>	<u>120,012</u>	<u>100,476</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Everton Assets/Equipment				51,000	38,000
Mini Buses				3,000	3,000
Powerboats & Equipment				75,000	80,000
Group Subscriptions not yet paid				2,000	14,824
Finnart Street Building & Fittings				1,454	1,454
				<u>132,454</u>	<u>137,278</u>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>					
Dues due to SHQ				<u>34,696</u>	<u>35,399</u>

The following notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the District Executive Committee on 15 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Chairperson

Treasurer

**Greenock & District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**Year ended 31st March 2025**

**1 Basis of Preparation**

The accounts are prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

**2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses**

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2024 - £Nil).

Travelling expenses reimbursed to members of the District Executive Committee during the year totalled £nil (2024 - £nil).

**3 Subscription Income**

**2025**

**2024**

Received from Scout Groups & Members

44,386

20,575

**4 Fund Raising Income**

**Unrestricted  
2025**

**Restricted  
2025**

**Total  
2025**

**Total  
2024**

Gang Show (net cost)/net income

14,880

(1,625)

13,255

(4,016)

14,880 -

1,625

13,255

(4,016)

**5 Programme Activities, Events & Course**

**Unrestricted  
2025**

**Restricted  
2025**

**Total  
2025**

**Total  
2024**

Everton Income (note 5a)

23,774

6,268

30,042

47,497

23,774

6,268

30,042

47,497

**5a Everton Income**

Lodge fees

7,020

-

7,020

4,510

Camp fees

6,210

-

6,210

6,770

Activity Fees

1,452

-

1,452

1,738

Minibus Hires

2,450

-

2,450

1,822

Grazing Rights Payment

1,200

-

1,200

1,100

Duke of Edinburgh Support

4,812

-

4,812

4,980

Mini Bus

-

-

-

10,000

Power Boat

630

6,268

6,898

13,537

Everton Centenary

-

-

-

2,040

CMAL Grant

-

-

-

1,000

23,774

6,268

30,042

47,497

**Greenock & District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**Year ended 31st March 2025**

<b>6</b>	<b>Grants Received</b>	<b>Unrestricted 2025</b>	<b>Restricted 2025</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	Inverclyde Council	3,750	3,953	7,703	10,430
	Children In Poverty	-	-	-	500
		<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,953</u>	<u>7,703</u>	<u>10,930</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Income</b>	<b>Unrestricted 2025</b>	<b>Restricted 2025</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	Bute Income	-	-	-	3,718
	Funds Held for District Cubs	-	820	820	2,042
	Network	-	1,840	1,840	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>5,760</u>
<b>8</b>	<b>Programme Activities, Events &amp; Courses</b>	<b>Unrestricted 2025</b>	<b>Restricted 2025</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	Everton Running Costs (Note 8a)	17,966	4,499	22,465	32,041
		<u>17,966</u>	<u>4,499</u>	<u>22,465</u>	<u>32,041</u>
<b>8a</b>	<b>Everton Running Costs and Improvements</b>	<b>Unrestricted 2025</b>	<b>Restricted 2025</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	Telephone	605	-	605	461
	Abel Alarms/fire extinguisher	207	-	207	366
	Heat & light	5,942	-	5,942	4,822
	Activities	1,317	-	1,317	400
	Seaboat Costs	990	4,499	5,489	13,063
	Minibus expenses	1,050	-	1,050	582
	Everton expenses	7,855	-	7,855	11,130
	Everton Centenary	-	-	-	1,217
		<u>17,966</u>	<u>4,499</u>	<u>22,465</u>	<u>32,041</u>

**Greenock & District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**Year ended 31st March 2025**

9	Administration Costs	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	HQ Expenses	184	-	184	1,547
	Heat & light for HQ	1,147	-	1,147	369
	Insurance	3,432	-	3,432	6,206
	MPLC Licence	533	-	533	496
	DC Expenses	275	-	275	38
	Grants to support groups	3,370	3,079	6,449	4,933
	Cost of Investigation	4,000	-	4,000	-
	Broadband	532	-	532	498
	Bute expenses	-	-	-	32
	District Cub Expenses	-	229	229	440
	Gangshow - Storage Container	1,147	-	1,147	1,200
	Network	756	1,840	2,596	-
	Activity Expenses	594	-	594	-
	Everton expenses	-	-	-	144
		15,970	5,148	21,118	15,903

All administration costs in 2024 were unrestricted.

10	Bank Balances	2025	2024
	Royal Bank Current A/C	4,608	1,009
	Royal Bank Deposit A/C	125	125
	Royal Bank Instant Access A/C	38,378	41,513
	NSB	15,259	15,108
	Everton Bank A/C	33,828	26,252
	Royal Bank Gang Show A/C	27,814	16,469
		120,012	100,476

**Greenock & District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**Year ended 31st March 2025**

11	Reserves					As at
		01/04/2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31/03/2025
	<b>Restricted Reserves</b>					
	Scouts Scotland	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
	Sea Boat	921	6,268 (	4,499)	-	2,690
	Training	965	-	-	-	965
	Grants for Groups - Hall Lets	-	3,953 (	3,079)	-	874
	Network Support Funds	-	1,840 (	1,840)	-	-
	Gang Show	1,625	- (	1,625)	-	-
	CMAL Grant	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	District Cubs	1,602	820 (	229)	-	2,193
	Bute	3,718	-	-	-	3,718
	<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED RESERVES</b>	<b>11,831</b>	<b>12,881 (</b>	<b>11,272)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,440</b>
	General Reserves	36,288	85,637 (	67,710)	-	54,215
	Margaret Street Trust Fund	28,357	-	-	-	28,357
	Designated Funds (1)	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	Designated Funds (2)	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	Designated Funds (3)	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
	<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>88,645</b>	<b>85,637 (</b>	<b>67,710)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,572</b>
	<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>100,476</b>	<b>98,518 (</b>	<b>78,982)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,012</b>

**Purpose of restricted funds:**

Designated Funds (1)

Funds set aside to support members attending international Scouting events

Designated Funds (2)

Funding of biannual Gang Show

Designated Funds (3)

Funds reserved for purchase of minibus

Scouts Scotland

Funds received to support the start up of a new group in the district.

Sea Boat

Funds received towards the purchase of a Sea Boat.

Training

Funds received towards future training costs.

Margaret Street Trust Fund

Funds received and designated by the trustees for one off costs in relation to Scouting.

Bute

Monies received to assist in possible reinstatement of Group.

Gang Show

Monies received to help of the costs of the 2024 Gang Show.

**Greenock & District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**Year ended 31st March 2025**

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Grants for Groups - Hall Lets

Monies received to assist groups with council school lets.

CMAL Grant

Monies received for Improvements to Everton Lodge.

District Cubs

Monies held on behalf of the District Cubs.

Network Support Funds

Monies held on behalf of the District Network.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE OF GREENOCK & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of Greenock & District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 which comprise of the Statement of Receipts & Payments, Statement of Balances and the related notes.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The District Executive, who act as trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The District Executive considers that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 seeks explanations from the 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 accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of 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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.



**Chartered Accountant**  
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Chartered Accountants  
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Date: 15 September 2025