

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

**CHARITY NUMBER
SCO11643**

South West Scotland Regional Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Trustee Board has the pleasure in presenting its annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ending 31st March 2025

Name and Address

The Region's name is South West Scotland Regional Scout Council and it may be contacted at:

30 Firth Road, Troon, KA10 6TF (Treasurer)

Constitution and Purpose

South West Scotland Regional Scout Council is constituted in terms of the rules of The Scout Association which is a charitable body incorporated by the Royal Charter. The Region is a registered Scottish Charity, Registered with OSCR, and its number is SCO11643.

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

Trustees September 23 to September 24

Ex Officio Members:



Nominated Members:

Nominated Members until September 2024



Elected Members:

Elected Members until September 2024



Co-opted members:

None

Trustee Board Members were confirmed at the AGM on 15th September 2024 to serve for a period of 3 years

Ex Officio Trustees -



Other Trustees -



18 – 25 Representative -



Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association and the Constitution of the South West Scotland Regional Scout Council.

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Activities and Achievements

The Regional Trustee Board meets on a quarterly basis and at their Annual General Meeting. The AGM was held on 1st September 2024 and following the AGM, there were presentations about 2 international opportunities held during summer 2024. Young people who attended the 2024 Blair Atholl Jamborette gave a presentation of their experiences there. This was followed by a presentation from scouts of the 28th Ayrshire whose summer camp was at the International Scout Centre at Kandersteg in Switzerland.

The Regional Trustee Board is aware of the financial challenges being faced by groups, especially with energy costs increasing dramatically. To help all groups become more financially stable, information was circulated to all groups on potential grant funding and good fundraising ideas, with the view of this being done twice a year. All membership fees due from the Districts were received timeously. The Regional levy has been used to fund some of the activities outlined in this report as well as the administrative functions of the Region. The financial position in the Region remains strong.

John Allison was appointed Regional Lead Volunteer in June 2024. Since then, he has travelled extensively across the Region, meeting with young people and adult volunteers to better understand the challenges facing local groups. A very successful Regional Conference was held in November 2024 attended by 92 adults, the first conference of that type for over 20 years. It was a great opportunity to network, find out important information on a range of topics and to pass on some new skills and ideas to the adults who attended. It was a great success and something that will be repeated.

The Transformation Team ran information sessions for adults across the region on the major changes being introduced by the Scout Association, with special emphasis on the importance of strong Governance, especially the introduction of Trustee Boards. Information was also given out on the new learning, especially the need for everyone to complete the new safety module. The changeover to the new way of working took place at the end of November 2024. A lot of work has been done since then by the Transformation Team and District Trustee Boards to support groups to implement the new processes.

A very successful Young Leader Course was run with over 30 young leaders attending. The majority of the trainers and facilitators were under 25 and did an excellent job. This involvement of younger leaders running young leader courses will hopefully continue.

36 young people represented the Region at the Blair Atholl International Jamborette in the summer of 2024 experiencing the fun of a large international camp coupled with the opportunity to meet other scouts from across the world.

It has been great to see groups and districts providing so many exciting opportunities for our young people and a huge thanks goes to all the dedicated leaders and Trustees who make this happen week in, week out.

Reserves Policy

The trustees believe that, excluding membership fees, around 12 months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of unrestricted reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected expenditure.

Approved by the South West Regional Scout Council Trustee Board and signed on its behalf by;

 Chair, South West Regional Scout Council

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Independent Examiner's Report

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South West Scotland Regional Scout Council

I report on the financial statements of the South West Scotland Regional Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

The Council's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Council's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

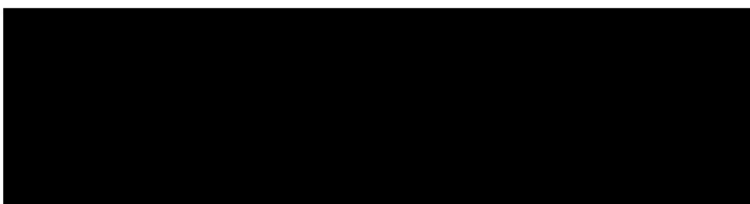
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect, the requirements

(a) To keep accounting records in accordance with the Regulations, and

(b) To prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the Regulations 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.



Date: 05 September 2025

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts & Payments Account

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025 Total	2024
		£		£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Income						
Subscriptions	Note 1	112379.00			112379.00	95122.00
Investment Income						
Bank Interest		0.00		0.00	0.00	2114.17
Activities						
Marquee hire/Badge sales	Note 2	3269.59			3269.59	2709.60
Network event	Note 5	2500.00			2500.00	112.00
Training	Note 4	140.00			140.00	1165.00
Young Leader training	Note 6	3875.00			3875.00	4760.00
Grants received	Note 3	16025.00			16025.00	480.00
Jamboree raffles		0.00			0.00	956.00
Sundry		0.00			0.00	103.00
Nights Away	Note 15	720.00			720.00	103.00
Roverway 2024	Note 9	0.00	2528.00		2528.00	4003.00
Blair Atholl selection		0.00			0.00	1350.00
Blair Atholl 2024	Note 8	0.00	5720.00		5720.00	15850.00
Explorer belt selection		0.00			0.00	480.00
Explorer belt 2024	Note 10	0.00	30811.79		30811.79	13289.00
World Jamboree 2023	Note 7	0.00			0.00	4374.00
		<u>138908.59</u>	<u>39059.79</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>177968.38</u>	<u>146867.77</u>
PAYMENTS						
Cost of Fundraising activities						
Voluntary Income						
Membership	Note 1	104786.50			104786.50	88085.00
Membership rebates	Note 1	0.00			0.00	1700.00
Activities						
Marquee hire/Badge sales	Note 2	1103.44			1103.44	733.00
Training	Note 4	5.60			5.60	2295.51
Network event	Note 5	1594.02			1594.02	0.00
Young Leader training	Note 6	3763.94			3763.94	4281.87
Website		390.00			390.00	411.59
Insurance		1115.32			1115.32	886.48
Travel, accommodation & meetings	Note 14	2043.57			2043.57	2246.82
Grant to Jamboree		0.00			0.00	499.86
Miscellaneous	Note 13	5233.42			5233.42	1549.38
Grants utilised	Note 3	13750.00			13750.00	0.00
Interest distributed					0.00	0.00
Nights Away	Note 15	643.41			643.41	0.00
Roverway 2024	Note 9	0.00	2081.00		2081.00	4450.00
Blair Atholl selection		0			0.00	2787.06
Blair Atholl 2024	Note 8	0.00	14385.25		14385.25	4947.57
Explorer belt selection		0			0.00	984.72
Explorer belt 2024	Note 10	0.00	9964.26		9964.26	843.32
World Jamboree 2023	Note 7	0			0.00	17011.25
		<u>134429.22</u>	<u>26430.51</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>160859.73</u>	<u>133713.43</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		<u>4479.37</u>	<u>12629.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17108.65</u>	<u>13154.34</u>

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Statement of balances

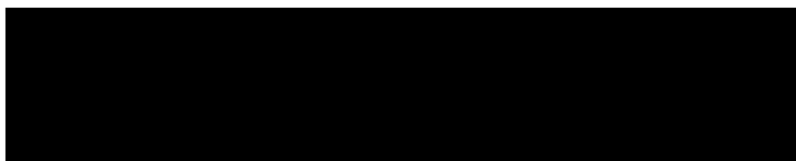
As at 31 March 2025

Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted, Designated and Restricted)

Fund Balances as at 31st March 2025				Total Current Period	Total last period
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted		
General Fund	94424.34			94424.34	83038.86
R R Fines fund			26056.42	26056.42	26056.42
John Currie fund			5211.29	5211.29	5211.28
Census 2024	Note 11	0.00		0.00	43329.00
Blair Atholl Jamborette 2024	Note 8	2237.18		2237.18	10902.43
Explorer Belt 2025	Note 10	33293.21		33293.21	12445.68
Marquee & badge hire account		0.00		0.00	4809.68
Training accounts		2275.00		2275.00	3924.43
	94424.34	37805.39	31267.71	163497.44	189717.79
Financed By					
Balances at Bank of Scotland				111351.91	137572.26
Balances at United Trust Bank				52145.53	52145.53
Balances at RBS				0.00	0.00
Balance at Stripe				0.00	0.00
				163497.44	189717.79
	Note 16				

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Regional Executive Committee on the 4th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by :-



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Notes to the accounts

As at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
1 Subscription income 2024/25		
Received from districts	112379.00	95122.00
	<u>112379.00</u>	<u>95122.00</u>
Rebated - Region grant to districts	0.00	1700.00
Paid to Scout Headquarters	104786.50	88085.00
	<u>104786.50</u>	<u>89785.00</u>
Net Income	<u>7592.50</u>	<u>5337.00</u>
2 Marquee hire & Badge sales		
Income		
Marquee hire	2659.40	2465.00
Bank interest	0.00	0.00
Badge sales	610.19	244.60
	<u>3269.59</u>	<u>2709.60</u>
Costs		
Badge purchases	323.94	333.00
Administration	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Rent of hall to dry canvas	779.50	400.00
	<u>1103.44</u>	<u>733.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>2166.15</u>	<u>1976.60</u>
3 Grants & Awards		
Postcode Community Millionaire	10000.00	
Mae Paterson - Bequest	1000.00	
Scouts Scoutland - Training	2500.00	
Scouts Scoutland - YLT	2525.00	
	<u>16025.00</u>	
North Ayrshire & Arran - from PCM	8000.00	
Branding video -from PCM	725.00	
Allocated to Volunteer Rally	2500.00	
Allocated to Young Leader Training -	2525.00	
	<u>13750.00</u>	
Not allocated - carried forward	2275.00	
(PCM £2000 less Branding £725 = £1275 Plus Bequest £1000)		
4 Training courses		
Income		
Income from courses	140.00	1165.00
Scouts Scotland	0.00	480.00
Bank interest	0.00	0.00
	<u>140.00</u>	<u>1645.00</u>
Costs		
Archery equipment	0.00	1017.49
Tow Bar	0.00	460.00
Module 38	0.00	653.18
T-Shirts	0.00	62.28
Refund re previous year	0.00	80.00
Bank charges	5.60	22.56
	<u>5.60</u>	<u>2295.51</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>134.40</u>	<u>-650.51</u>

5 Network event		
Volunteer rally		
Scouts Scotland - volunteer rally Note 3	<u>2500.00</u>	
Accommodation	<u>390.00</u>	
Catering	<u>900.00</u>	
Materials	<u>202.50</u>	
Other	<u>101.52</u>	
	<u>1594.02</u>	
Surplus	<u>905.98</u>	
6 Young Leader Training		
Scouts Scotland Grant	2525.00	2740.00
Leslie Sells Trust	0.00	700.00
Receipts from participants	<u>1350.00</u>	<u>1320.00</u>
	<u>3875.00</u>	<u>4760.00</u>
S U Scotland - accommodation	3120.00	3256.00
Food	552.50	684.70
Miscellaneous	<u>91.44</u>	<u>341.17</u>
	<u>3763.94</u>	<u>4281.87</u>
Surplus/Deficit	<u>111.06</u>	<u>478.13</u>
There are outstanding costs of £247.04 for this event paid April 2025		
7 World Jamboree 2023		
Receipts from participants	0.00	4374.00
Award from region	0.00	0.00
Fundraising events	0.00	0.00
Lesley Sells Trust		
Bucket collection	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00	4374.00
Payments to organisers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17011.25</u>
Temporary surplus for year	0.00	(12637.25)
Brought forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12637.25</u>
Temporary surplus carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
8 Blair Atholl Jamborette 2024		
Receipts from participants	5720.00	15850.00
Expenses paid to date	<u>-14385.25</u>	<u>-4947.57</u>
Temporary surplus for year	<u>-8665.25</u>	<u>10902.43</u>
Brought forward	<u>10902.43</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus/Designated fund carried forward	<u>2237.18</u>	<u>10902.43</u>
9 Roverway 2024		
Receipts from participants	1528.00	3920.00
Refund from SHQ	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>83.00</u>
	<u>2528.00</u>	<u>4003.00</u>
Paid to SHQ	998.00	4450.00
Refunded to non participant	<u>1083.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>2081.00</u>	<u>4450.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit	<u>447.00</u>	<u>-447.00</u>
10 Explorer Belt 2025		
Receipts from participants	30811.79	13289.00
Expenses paid this year	<u>-9964.26</u>	<u>-843.32</u>
Temporary surplus for year	<u>20847.53</u>	<u>12445.68</u>
Brought forward	<u>12445.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Designated fund carried forward	<u>33293.21</u>	<u>12445.68</u>
11 Census 2023-2025		
Designated fund brought forward	43329.00	0.00
Receipts from districts	157135.00	48666.00
Paid to HQ	<u>-192871.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Region Income	<u>-7592.50</u>	<u>-5337.00</u>
Designated fund carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>43329.00</u>

12 District bequests		
Interest earned in respect of the RR Fines and John Currie Trusts	0.00	0.00
Current year	0.00	0.00
Brought forward	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Distributed to districts on maturity	0.00	0.00
Held	0.00	0.00

These funds are held in a 3 year Bond at United Trust Bank, maturing November 2025.
The interest will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the trust when the Bond matures.

13 Sundry expenses	
RCI costs Paid solicitor	5112.00
Received from districts	2332.00
Agreed Region contribution	2780.00
Summit 2025 delegate fees	1500.00
Scout association Office bearer courses	150.00
Sum Up terminals purchased	284.40
Canvas purchased	500.00
Other	19.02
	5233.42

14 Travel expenses	
██████ - Kandersteg	1646.59
Miscellaneous	396.98
	2043.57

15 Nights Away 2024	
Receipts from participants	720.00
Accommodation	84.00
Travel	409.41
	493.41
surplus 2024	226.59
Deposit paid 2025 event	150.00
	76.59

16 Reconciliation of Funds		
Opening balance of funds 1st April 2024	189717.79	133234.45
Surplus/(Deficit) Current year	17108.65	13154.34
Funds held due to SHQ re Census 2024	0.00	43329.00
Funds paid to SHQ for Census 2024	-43329.00	
Funds at 31st March 2025	163497.44	189717.79

