

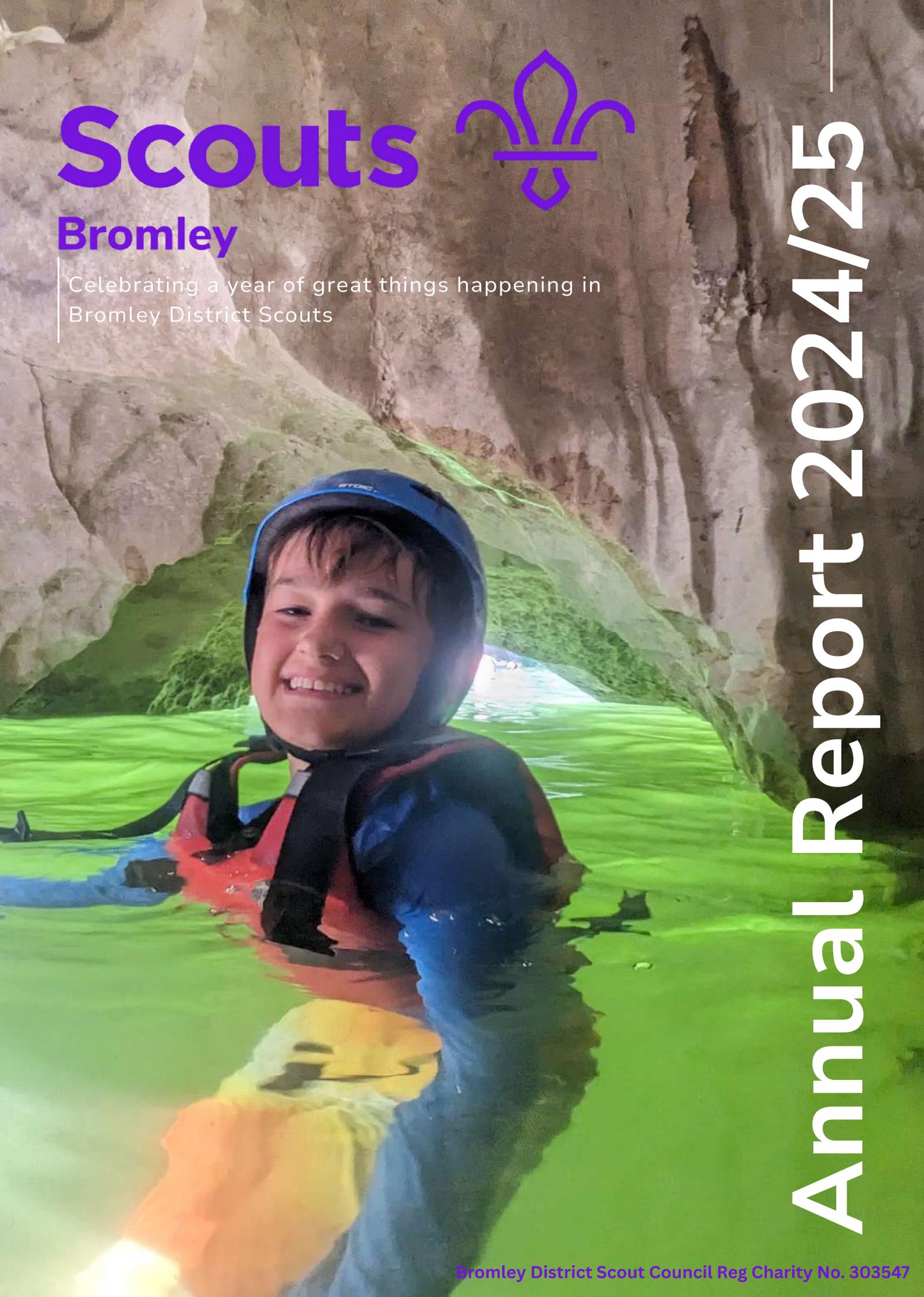
Scouts



Bromley

Celebrating a year of great things happening in
Bromley District Scouts

Annual Report 2024/25



Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25

Bromley District Scout Council
Reg Charity No. 303547



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Chair's Welcome



Firstly, thank you to the very many people across Bromley District who have been so welcoming to me in the first months of being a Trustee. As a parent of a teenage Scout and an almost Cub I thought I had some idea of Scouting. I have been truly humbled to see the level of commitment across the District at all levels and the astonishing amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.

Bromley as a District is unique in the country. It's the largest District in the UK, with 3307 young people, meaning that the work and co-ordination happening in our corner of South East London is genuinely unmatched elsewhere in the country. Alongside that, the 43 units that form our District also represent the biggest youth organisation in the London Borough of Bromley with 878 adult volunteers donating time, skills and enthusiasm at the last count. We have a specialist SEN unit at 9th West Wickham and an Islamic group at 1st Bromley both of which speak to a culture of inclusion and adaptation.

Achievements like this do not happen spontaneously and current successes are built on the hard work of previous leaders who have indeed passed on both #SkillsForLife and a culture of volunteering and service that we can be hugely proud of. There are some challenges in the future – to continue to offer Scouting opportunities to all we must recruit more adult volunteers. We are exploring how we can enhance this, and you may have seen a concerted effort from Sheila and leadership teams to raise the profile of Bromley Scouts with appearances at Council meetings, The Glades shopping centre and a partnership with Community Links volunteering service.

Finally, in the last year many of the District trustees have changed. I would like to thank those who have served before for the good shape we find ourselves in. Thanks also to the current team who have so helpfully shared their expertise and experience with me as we develop the work programme for the forthcoming years.

Thank you for all you do.

Anne-Marie



Meet The Trustees

The Trustees play an important role in ensuring the Bromley Scouts abide by the Charity Commission and The Scout Association rules. Trustees are usually invited to apply because they have skills from their professional life or life experience that are useful to Bromley Scouts. This might be skills in financial affairs, management, organisational governance or development or sometimes they have lots of experience in a certain sector. Having a well balanced group of trustees is good for an organisation.

You can find out a bit more about our current Trustees below.

 **Sheila Howard**



Trustee & Group Lead Volunteer

Sheila became Bromley District Lead Volunteer in December 2021 having founded 1st Beckenham South. She really enjoys how this role allows her to meet people in the District, tell non-members of the advantages and rewards of volunteering, whilst seeing that the young people have experiences and opportunities that they would not get from school. The Lead Volunteer role manages all the operational activities of Scouts.

"I love the various scout badges and helping children to learn skills and knowledge to earn them. I am so proud when they complete their top awards, as I know how much effort goes into achieving them!"

 **Jonathan Pownall**



Treasurer/Trustee

Jonathan has been Treasurer and Trustee for 23rd Bromley Scout Group since 2019 and for Bromley District Scouts since 2024. He is also a Director, Treasurer and Trustee of Bromley Mencap, on top of his 'day job' in a senior role at the UK's independent public spending watchdog, the National Audit Office. He is responsible for District Finances and compliance around this.

"It is a great strength of Scouting that we can draw on the richness of experience of volunteers from all sorts of different backgrounds. Scouting offers the opportunity to meet like-minded people, and develop deep friendships and skills for life. And myself and many of my contemporaries met our life partners through Scouting!"

 **Anne-Marie Conneally**



Chair of Trustees

Anne-Marie became involved in Scouting when she signed her husband Simon up as a leader so their son could join 1st Beckenham South. She became Chair of the Trustee in January 2025. She works in healthcare and has experience in the NHS and private sector.

"I'm in absolute awe of the number of people who volunteer in Bromley. We've got some volunteers who've been helping for over 50 years which is pretty amazing! I think the thing I would say is that a little bit of your time can make a big impact in someone else's life. I'm very proud of the amazing work that happens in Bromley and am keen to help support wherever I can"

Asif Khadim Malik



Trustee

Asif is an Assistant Cub Leader for 1st Bromley Al-Emaan Center - the District's first Muslim group which he helped found. He's an experienced Trustee and brings that experience to Bromley District. Outside of Scouts he is an Enterprise Architect and Managing Consultant - designing and delivering large complex programs for organisations in financial services, public sector and life sciences.

"Scouting is great for people looking to develop leadership skills, network, form bonds with the community and help develop the future. It is also a great place to travel, camp and be adventurous. My favourite badges these days are pioneering and digital maker"

Derrick Sanyahumbi



Trustee

Derrick's first experience with Scouts was through his children who were Beavers when we moved into Beckenham 10 years ago. I then took on the role of club secretary for 1st Penge Beckenham group for a year. I most recently joined the Scouts UK, Race Equity Trustee Board, before being invited to join Bromley District Scouts as a Trustee. He has lots of management experience and works in international trade and development.

"My favourite thing about Scouts is the use of the great outdoors for young people to have fun. It is important that your people know about and learn to appreciate their environment and the outdoors as they provide a healthy and more balanced lifestyle."

Andy Howard



Trustee

Andy joined Scouting as a Cub scout in 1974 going through Scouts and Venture Scout (loved it!) , before becoming Deputy District Commissioner for 15 years. He's held most leadership roles over the years including Group Scout Leader. He's a Trustee for both the District and 3rd Orpington where he helps out when possible.

"I love seeing children having a good time and growing up to be a valued part of the community. I really enjoy the camping aspect and working at Jamboree's. If it wasn't for scouts I would not have the great life I have today with very good friends of over 40 years or my wife who I meet while working at the Biggin Hill Air Show when the Scouts used to run all of the ticket gates"

Les Dobbs



Trustee

Coming from a Scouting family Les attended meetings from about the age of 5 going through Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts. In 1969 he received his first adult appointment as an Assistant Scout Leader. Since then he's had held a range of appointments at Group (54 yrs) District (22yrs) and County levels (19yrs). Thanks Les!

"The opportunity to make a positive change in the development of young people is incredibly satisfying. Also, a bit of a cliché but the "out" in scouting has always appealed to me at whatever stage of my life. Now slightly less strenuous than it used to be!"

Russ Zapple



Trustee

Russ joined 7th Petts Wood when he was 8 - so over 50 years ago! He sits as a Trustee for Bromley Scouts and South London County making him a key link between the two and helps to keep us up to date with policies that are changing. Outside of Scouts he works in logistics for the food industry.

"Scouting has given me so many experiences through the years. Many are enjoyable but all are valuable life experience. Most of my closest friends are from scouting. Adrian and I were invested together over 50 years ago and remain close friends to this day. I love being part of providing fabulous events for young people. Playing key roles in Austria 2010 for 450 and Canpdowne 2013 for 1500 and seeing and hearing the joy they brought people was amazing."

Tim Younge



Trustee

Tim has been involved in Scouts for a long time! He's a leader at 5th Beckenham and after a career in major projects he has been putting his skills to good use by helping with works at DHQ and with fundraising events like the Beckenham Fireworks and the Easter Egg Hunt.

"I really enjoy the sense of community in Scouting. At the 5th we have a large group and it's lovely to watch the children move through sections, gaining confidence and growing in themselves. It's often true for adult leaders too - it's brilliant to see and I find it really rewarding. Plus I love a BBQ!"

Trustees' report

Reference and administration information

We present below the reference and administration details of the charity as required by law.

Administration

Name: Bromley District Scout Council

Registered Charity Number: 303547

Registered Address: 15 Prospect Place, Bromley, BR2 9HL

Trustees

The charity trustees who managed the charity from 1st February 2024 to the date of signing this report were the members of the District Trustee Board as follows:

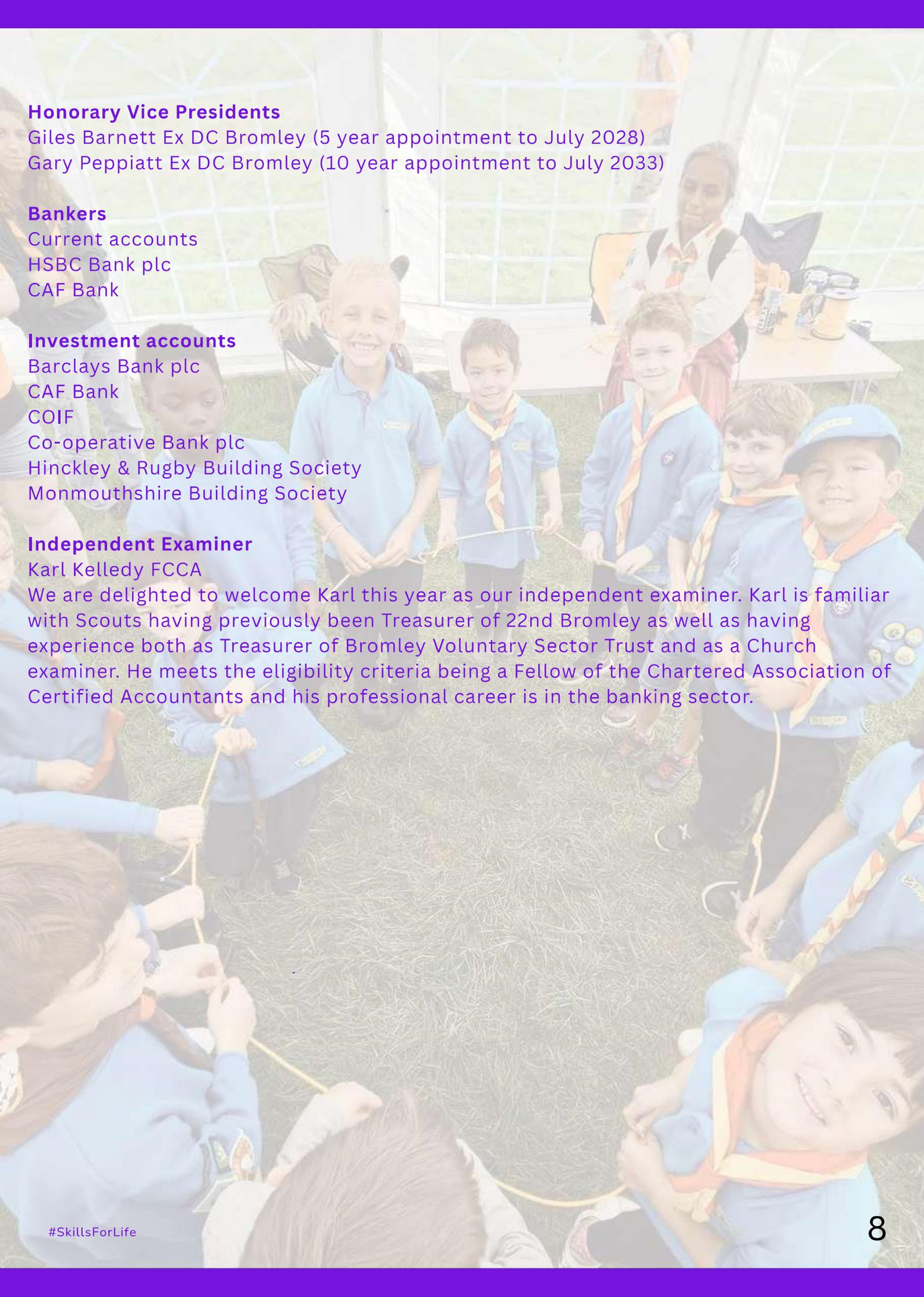
- Anne-Marie Conneally - Chair
 - Jonathan Pownall - Treasurer
 - Sheila Howard - District Lead Volunteer
 - Les Dobbs*
 - Andrew Howard
 - Gary Hurle (leaving 23rd June 2025 to Operational Board)
 - Asif Malik
 - Derrick Sanyahumbi
 - Russell Zaple*
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- Billy Moss - Youth Representative to the Trustee Board

Previous Appointments

- Tania Baker Secretary** (to 15 July 2024)
- Claire-Marie Hannam Treasurer (to 15 July 2024)
- Thomas Abbott (to 15 July 2024)
- Joe Collier (to 15 July 2024)
- Paul Cosgrave (to 15 July 2024)
- Colin Goodwin (to 15 July 2024)
- Jennifer Hamblyn (to 15 July 2024)
- Stuart Haydon (to 15 July 2024)
- Matthew Higginbottom (to 15 July 2024)
- Steven Lofting (to 15 July 2024)
- Evelyn Magee (to 15 July 2024)
- Terry Newman (to 15 July 2024)
- Tom Norris (to 15 July 2024)
- Mike Ungemuth (to 15 July 2024)

* Russell Zaple was Chair up to 15 July 2024; Les Dobbs acted as interim Chair from that date up to 31 January 2025. Both remain members of the Trustee Board.

** Under the new Scout Association governance arrangements taking effect from the AGM held on 15 July 2024, the Secretary role is no longer a Trustee Board level position.



Honorary Vice Presidents

Giles Barnett Ex DC Bromley (5 year appointment to July 2028)

Gary Peppiatt Ex DC Bromley (10 year appointment to July 2033)

Bankers

Current accounts

HSBC Bank plc

CAF Bank

Investment accounts

Barclays Bank plc

CAF Bank

COIF

Co-operative Bank plc

Hinckley & Rugby Building Society

Monmouthshire Building Society

Independent Examiner

Karl Kelledy FCCA

We are delighted to welcome Karl this year as our independent examiner. Karl is familiar with Scouts having previously been Treasurer of 22nd Bromley as well as having experience both as Treasurer of Bromley Voluntary Sector Trust and as a Church examiner. He meets the eligibility criteria being a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants and his professional career is in the banking sector.

Structure, governance and management

Governance

The charity is governed by its governing document, a Deed of Trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The charity also follows the requirements of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR).

The Trustees as a body are supported by a number of appointed sub-committees each with its area of specialism and focus: Finance, IT, Operational and Wilberforce.

Management

As reported last year, in line with guidelines from The Scout Association we have been restructuring to provide greater clarity and segregation between District operations and governance. A new District Constitution was drawn up and adopted by the District Scout Council at our AGM in July 2024.

The transition into the new framework continues. The District has made good progress in establishing new operational teams and structures. We have a new slimmed down Trustee board for the District and a separate Operational Team. Within that there are a number of subcommittees and groups that contribute to the effective running of the organisation. The following teams have been established and we are continuing to work towards clarifying roles and recruiting into these teams who play a critical role in the success of the District.

- Team 14-24 led by Tomo Abbot which covers Network and Explorers
- Volunteering Development Team
- Support Team – Compliance Support Training
- Helpers
- Leadership – Group Lead Volunteers (GLVs) in District
- Programme Team

Risk and internal controls

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified and constantly review the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. The Trustees have followed POR and, with reference to publications prepared by The Scout Association, have established systems to mitigate all the identified risks. These principally relate to the training and assessment of Leaders, Instructors and Trustees and the regular appraisal of all the District's activities. Risks are categorised as Legal & Regulatory, Governance, Financial, Operational or External. Risks and mitigations are noted with likelihood and impact assessed for each risk and actions identified. The Trustees aim to review each risk 6 monthly, annually or bi-annually dependant upon severity of risk.

Objectives and activities

Organisation and aims

The Scout Association exists by authority of Royal Charter which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association, which are approved by His Majesty's Privy Council. The Bye Laws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's and this District's affairs. A copy of the Bye Laws is available from the Association's Headquarters at Gilwell Park. The Scout Council of Bromley District is a Registered Charity - Bromley District Scout Council (Reg No. 303547) whose purpose is to develop young people within the structure of the Scout Association. It is one of 7 Districts within the new Greater London South Scout County, which encompasses the former Greater London South and South East Counties.

Our work is focused on promoting and developing Scouting within our District and providing support and guidance to over 40 Scout Groups. The programmes of youth orientated events and activities provided by the Scout Groups in Bromley District benefits young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills alongside practical and other important skills for life. Bromley Scouts welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith, gender or any personal circumstances and we believe this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of the skills, aptitudes and life experiences of our young people and the adult volunteers who support this work.

The purpose of the BDSC Charity aligns with that of the Scout Association, namely

“Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.”

Achievements and performance

Lead Volunteer report for Bromley District AGM 2025 – Sheila Howard

2024/25 has been a year of many successes! Not only coming through transformation and seeing growth within the District, but the amalgamation into Greater London South, and experiencing the amazing opportunities and experiences our District has offered to its young people.

Whilst the year has had too many good things to mention them all stand out events have included:

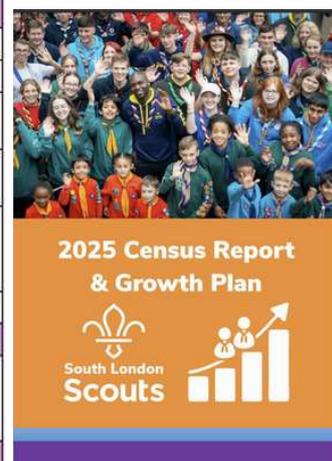
- An international District trip to the Ardeche
- The largest St George’s Day District celebration to date
- Launching the “60 for 60” volunteer recruitment campaign in partnership with Bromley Council
- The arrival of the 1st Crystal Palace Scout Group to the District; one of the oldest Groups in the country.
- Re-opening a much-loved group at 6th Mottingham
- Navigating our way through the implementation of the new membership system with special thanks to our go live supporters, Matt, Alys and Gary.



Census Review

| | Dreys / Squirrels | Colonies / Beavers | Packs / Cubs | Troops / Scouts | Group Sections / Young People | Units # / Explorers | Network |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Census Summary | | | | | | | |
| Number of Sections | 11 | 44 | 50 | 42 | 147 | 29 | 2 |
| Number of Young People | 160 | 718 | 1,015 | 934 | 2,827 | 451 | 29 |
| Average sections per Group / District * | 0.3 (1.1) | 1.0 (1.1) | 1.2 (1.2) | 1.0 (1.0) | 3.4 | 29.0 (29.0) | - |
| Section size | Average 15 | Average 16 | Average 20 | Average 22 | Average 19 | Average 16 | Average 14 |
| | Range from 10 to 24 | Range from 3 to 25 | Range from 2 to 33 | Range from 3 to 48 | | Range from 3 to 38 | Range from 0 to 29 |
| Young leaders | 14 | 51 | 40 | 16 | 121 | - | - |
| Missing Sections | | | | | | | |
| Groups / Districts with no Section | 33 (77%) | 4 (9%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (7%) | 33 (77%) ** | 0 (0%) | 0 |
| Waiting Lists | | | | | | | |
| Total young people on a waiting list in Bromley | 242 | 247 | 280 | 309 | 1,078 | 0 | - |
| Number of Waiting lists with more than 11 Young People | 6 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 27 | 0 | - |
| Other key factors | | | | | | | |
| Black, Asian and minority ethnic ~ Young people | 27 (17%) | 129 (18%) | 170 (17%) | 158 (17%) | 0 (0%) | 55 (12%) | 0 (0%) |
| Sections with meeting place in IMD## Decile 1-3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 |

#SkillsForLife



To set the census in context

| | Movement | 2025 |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Individual Members | ↑ 1.1% | 4185 (4141 in 2024) |
| Squirrels | ↑ 27% | 160 |
| Beavers | ↓ 8.1% | 718 |
| Cubs | ↑ 1.4% | 934 |
| Scouts | No Change | 1015 |
| Explorers | ↓ 6.6% | 451 |
| Network | ↑ 262% | 29 |

Adult Recognition

The District Team has been busy ensuring that leaders are recognised for their service and contributions to Scouting, which has now been made easier through direct nomination on the new system. We continue to have a record number of awards and leader recognitions in the District this year, as well as:

- Chief Scout Commendation x 23
- Award of Merit x 4
- Bar Award of Merit x 3
- Silver Acorn x 2

Our highest Scouting award of the Silver Wolf went to *Pauline Jones*, many congratulations on behalf of the District. The District also recognised *Alys Helm* for her enormous contribution to all aspects of Bromley Scouting at St George's Day. We also recognised *Evelyn Magee* for her long service to the District and for keeping the Orpington shop going so well.



Events

Bromley District Scouts Youth Events Team May 2024 – May 2025 – Tom Norris

Over the past year, the Bromley Scouts Youth Events Team has successfully delivered a diverse and engaging programme of events for all Sections. From outdoor adventures to skills-based activities and inclusive District-wide gatherings, the year has demonstrated the strength of our youth programme and the enthusiasm of both participants and volunteers. In total, more than 1,000 badges were earned and over 2,800 young people signed up to at least one event.

Section Highlights

Squirrels

Our youngest Section took part in seasonal and engaging experiences, including Carols Around the Campfire in December and a visit to the British Wildlife Centre in March. These events offered accessible, hands-on fun in a safe and welcoming environment.

Beavers

Beavers enjoyed an energetic Camp Craft Badge Day in September, providing opportunities to develop practical skills in a fun setting. The year concluded with a well-attended Space Sleepover, which combined learning with adventure in a memorable overnight experience.

Cubs

Cubs had a busy and varied year. Activities included a Sleepover on a ship in May 2024, an Athletics Badge Day in October, and a creative DIY Badge Day in February. These events supported the development of physical activity, teamwork, and personal achievement.

Scouts

Scouts engaged in more challenging and adventurous activities throughout the year. Highlights included Water Sports Day in June, a Survival Camp in September, and the ever-popular Scouts of Steel competition in March, encouraging resilience and leadership in a fun, high-energy environment.



Explorers

Explorers enjoyed a full and varied programme, beginning with MESH Camp in July and participation in both Scouts of Steel and the Explorer Challenge in March. These events provided excellent opportunities for teamwork, problem-solving, and outdoor adventure.

District-Wide Events

Events involving multiple sections played an important role in fostering community and shared experience across the District. Over a hundred Scouts and Explorers went on an adventure to Ardeche in France. The Swimming Badge Evening in November was open to all age groups and saw excellent attendance. The St George's Day Celebration in April 2025 brought the entire District together for a day of celebration and high-adrenaline activities, reinforcing our shared values and spirit of Scouting – the biggest event from the YET ever.

Acknowledgements

None of these achievements would have been possible without the ongoing dedication of our Youth Events Team volunteers. Their time, energy, and commitment continue to be the foundation of a thriving and inclusive programme of youth activities. On behalf of the District, we extend our sincere thanks to all who contributed to another successful year.



Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The underlying financial principle of the charity is to support and assist all the functions and activities undertaken by our members. To this end we do not set out to make an annual cash surplus. We aim to at least break-even on our day-to-day expenses and maintain sufficient unrestricted general funds for repair and maintenance of our properties and other assets, capital investment within the District when required and a loan facility for Groups needing financial support. The District Reserves Policy is incorporated in the Financial Management Policy which is regularly reviewed by the District Finance Sub-Committee and the Trustees as are actual reserve fund levels.

Review of transactions

The accounts comprise core District activities, the Wilberforce Scout Centre, the Youth Events team and those Explorer and Network Units attached to and accounting through the District. Overall, the net position for the year is a cash outflow of £58,580, although as some of these transactions involve the granting or repayment of loans, which are included in the statement of monetary assets, the overall position taking account of the impact on assets other than cash is a decrease in net assets of £42,318.

Membership subscriptions represent amounts due based on the January 2024 census and have been paid in full. Trading income from Scout Shop sales was higher than last year although income from renting out the District HQ premises was slightly lower. Operating expenses for District include reimbursement to Wilberforce of £11,016 for matting purchased. Significant elements of the remainder include District HQ premises (£2,178), utilities (£1,229) and service costs (£3,667), equipment purchases (£1,279) and the Motion Picture Licence (£1,597). Excluding loan payments and repayments to/from Groups (which are accounted for on a cash basis) there is a small underlying surplus of £566.

Trading income for the Wilberforce Scout Centre was also higher than last year. This has been offset by greater levels of expenditure. Repairs and maintenance at £28,993 are significantly increased over prior year. The main elements are: power supply for Jim's Cabin (£8,304), roofing (£4,780) and tree works (£9,360). Other expenses include electricity, gas, water and telecoms (£9,683).

The excess of payments over receipts for the Youth Events team represent spending of amounts collected in prior years for the visit to Ardeche, France which took place in September 2024. The Ardeche 2024 activity had total lifetime receipts of £98,622 and total lifetime payments of £99,637.

Receipts and payments for Explorers and Network include 41st Bromley and the Chislehurst Cavemen ESUs and Network and represent their day-to-day activities.

Financial Outlook

Bromley District Scout Council remains in a very strong financial position with unrestricted reserves of £614,330 including £479,984 in cash funds. These will enable us to invest further in Scouting in Bromley, providing support to Groups and maintaining facilities for the benefit of all.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Anne-Marie Conneally
District Chair
16 June 2025



Jonathan Pownall
MA ACA CISA
District Treasurer
16 June 2025

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st January 2025

| | 2024-25 | | | 2023-24 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | Total Funds £ |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Donations, legacies and similar income | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 147,499 | | 147,499 | 139,982 |
| Refund of prior year overpayments | (118) | | | |
| Less: membership subscriptions paid to County | (140,193) | | (140,193) | (133,252) |
| Net membership subscriptions retained | 7,188 | 0 | 7,188 | 6,730 |
| Donations | 1,288 | | 1,288 | 70 |
| Gift Aid | 227 | | 227 | 0 |
| World Scout Jamboree 2027 | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 0 |
| Group Closure | | | | 2,420 |
| Sub Total | 3,515 | 0 | 3,515 | 12,390 |
| Grants | | | | |
| Jack Petchey Foundation | | Note 3 | 13,560 | 13,560 |
| Group start-up funding (6th Mottingham) | | Note 3 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Explorer / Network (Reds ESU) | | Note 3 | | 3,500 |
| | 0 | 17,060 | 17,060 | 3,500 |
| Trading Income | | | | |
| Scout Shop sales | 31,239 | | 31,239 | 30,964 |
| Wilberforce Scout Centre | 20,420 | | 20,420 | 16,078 |
| District HQ - Parking & Rentals | 6,023 | | 6,023 | 6,166 |
| Sub Total | 57,682 | 0 | 57,682 | 53,208 |
| Fundraising and events (gross) | | | | |
| Youth Events | Note 3 | 54,288 | 29,491 | 83,779 |
| Explorer Units & Network | | 7,558 | | 7,558 |
| Other Activities | | | | 0 |
| Sub Total | | 61,846 | 29,491 | 91,337 |
| Investment Income | | | | |
| Bank interest | | 8,160 | | 8,160 |
| Sub Total | | 8,160 | 8,160 | 3,618 |
| Total Gross Income | 138,391 | 46,551 | 184,942 | 188,730 |
| Loan repayments received | | | | |
| 9th Orpington | Note 4 | 430 | | 430 |
| 9th Orpington (Loan 2) | | 670 | | 650 |
| 3rd St. Paul's Cray | | 1,500 | | 1,500 |
| Sub Total | | 2,600 | 2,600 | 1,080 |
| Total Receipts | 140,991 | 46,551 | 187,542 | 189,810 |

| | | 2024-25 | | | 2023-24 |
|---|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | | Funds | Funds | Funds | Funds |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>PAYMENTS</u> | | | | | |
| Charitable Payments | | | | | |
| Youth Events | Note 3 | 57,297 | 65,019 | 122,316 | 68,554 |
| Explorer Units & Network | | 6,034 | | 6,034 | 12,245 |
| Scout Youth Expense | | 478 | | 478 | 145 |
| Awards and Other Activities | | 517 | | 517 | 193 |
| Jack Petchey awards | Note 3 | | 6,060 | 6,060 | 17,156 |
| Council Tax | | 674 | | 674 | 72 |
| Utilities: <u>Electricity, Gas and Water</u> | | 7,895 | | 7,895 | 997 |
| Insurance | | 3,068 | | 3,068 | 1,039 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | 30,822 | | 30,822 | 3,137 |
| Telecoms & Office Expense | | 3,619 | | 3,619 | 1,464 |
| Postage & Delivery | | 8 | | 8 | 99 |
| Travel and Meetings | Note 5 | 322 | | 322 | 154 |
| Motion Picture Licence | | 1,597 | | 1,597 | 1,456 |
| Grants & Donations | Note 3 | 1,300 | 2,534 | 3,834 | 1,262 |
| Other outgoings - AGM etc | | 1,333 | | 1,333 | 158 |
| Sub Total | | 114,964 | 73,613 | 188,577 | 108,130 |
| Trading Expenditure | | | | | |
| Scout Shop purchases | | 28,876 | | 28,876 | 28,223 |
| Wilberforce | | 11,695 | | 11,695 | 42,580 |
| Equipment purchased | | 1,280 | | 1,280 | - |
| Sub Total | | 41,851 | - | 41,851 | 70,803 |
| Bank | | | | | |
| Bank Service Charges | | 186 | | 186 | 145 |
| Zettle card fees | | 508 | | 508 | 424 |
| Sub Total | | 694 | | 694 | 569 |
| Total Gross Expenditure | | 157,509 | 73,613 | 231,122 | 179,502 |
| Loans made | | | | | |
| 3rd St. Paul's Cray | Note 4 | 15,000 | | 15,000 | - |
| Total Payments | | 172,509 | 73,613 | 246,122 | 179,502 |
| Net receipts/(payments) | | (31,518) | (27,062) | (58,580) | 9,229 |
| Cash funds held as <u>at</u> 31 January 2024 | | 508,676 | 40,931 | 549,607 | |
| Cavemen ESU funds as <u>at</u> 1 February 2024 | Note 6 | 2,826 | | 2,826 | |
| Cash funds held as <u>at</u> 31 January 2025 | | 479,984 | 13,869 | 493,853 | |

| | 31 January 2025 | | | 31 January 2024 |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | Total |
| | Funds | Funds | Funds | Funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u> | | | | |
| Cash Funds | | | | |
| Current Accounts | 180,716 | 13,869 | 194,585 | 274,857 |
| Deposit Accounts | 298,975 | | 298,975 | 274,608 |
| Cash Floats | 293 | | 293 | 143 |
| Total Cash funds | 479,984 | 13,869 | 493,853 | 549,607 |
| Other monetary assets | | | | |
| Loans repayable by Groups | 17,780 | - | 17,780 | 5,380 |
| Undeposited Funds | | | - | 115 |
| Sub Total | 17,780 | - | 17,780 | 5,495 |
| <u>Non monetary assets for the charity's own use</u> | | | | |
| Badge Stock | 5,922 | - | 5,922 | 6,709 |
| Shop Stock | 9,292 | - | 9,292 | 7,355 |
| District Headquarters (Property) | Note 2 | - | 84,451 | 84,451 |
| Wilberforce Estate (Property) | Note 2 | - | 16,901 | 16,901 |
| Sub Total | 116,566 | - | 116,566 | 115,415 |
| Net Assets | 614,330 | 13,869 | 628,199 | 670,517 |

There are no liabilities at the year end.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Anne-Marie Conneally
District Chair
16 June 2025



Jonathan Pownall
MA ACA CISA
District Treasurer
16 June 2025

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 – Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Subscriptions

The District collects annual subscriptions from the Groups for each young member. These subscriptions include in amounts passed on to Greater London South Scout County and to The Scouts Headquarters. The amounts passed on are treated as agency income and shown as a deduction from membership subscriptions. Fees collected and paid the year ended 31st January 2025 totalled £140,193.

Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. It is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid.

Note 2 – Valuation of monetary assets

The District owns 2 pieces of real estate, District Headquarters at Prospect Place, Bromley and The Wilberforce Estate (including The Great Oaks building) in Keston. All properties are owned freehold and are unencumbered.

Land and buildings are stated at historic cost. The properties have not been revalued because the Trustees believe that no benefit for our charitable objectives would be achieved by the expenditure involved.

Despite book value, both buildings have been reassessed in conjunction with Unity Insurance and are insured for appropriate market values.

Note 3 - Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Unrestricted funds comprise the general fund, and funds that have been designated by the Trustees for intended purposes. During the year, District received a grant of £2,000 from County to subsidise the costs of leaders to attend the forthcoming World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. In accordance with the grant instruction these funds are not required to be restricted so have been treated as designated.

Restricted Funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes. Restricted funds recorded currently relate to Jack Petchey awards and start-up grants from The Scout Association.

| | At 31/01/2024 | Inflows | Outflows | Transfers | At 31/01/2025 |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Jack Petchey Fund | 2,665 | 13,560 | (6,060) | - | 10,165 |
| Grants: Group start-up (6th Mottingham) | - | 3,500 | | | 3,500 |
| Grants: Explorer / Network (Reds ESU) | 2,738 | | (2,534) | | 204 |
| Youth Events - Ardeche | 35,528 | 29,491 | (65,019) | | - |
| | 40,931 | 46,551 | (73,613) | - | 13,869 |

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex. The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme recognises outstanding young people aged 11-25.

The Reds ESU and 6th Mottingham grants represent start-up grants received from The Scout Association and held by District on their behalf.

The Youth Events fund represents monies received and paid for the Ardeche trip held in summer 2024.

Note 4 - Loans

Loan payments, repayments and outstanding balances are as follows:

| | At 31/01/2024 | Inflows | Outflows | Transfers | At 31/01/2025 |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| 9th Orpington | 2,030 | (430) | | | 1,600 |
| 9th Orpington (2nd Loan) | 3,350 | (670) | | | 2,680 |
| 3rd St. Paul's Cray | | (1,500) | 15,000 | | 13,500 |
| | 5,380 | (2,600) | 15,000 | - | 17,780 |

Note 5 - Trustee Expenses and Gift Aid

During the year, trustees claimed a total of £321 in expenses. This was donated back to District and Gift Aid claimed on the donation.

Expenses do not include purchases made on behalf of the charity for which a Trustee has been reimbursed.

Note 6 – Reconciliation of net payments for the year to change in total funds

| | |
|--|----------|
| Total funds as at 31/01/2024 | 670,517 |
| Add: Cavemen ESU funds as at 01/02/2024 | 2,826 |
| Less: Net payments for the year | (58,580) |
| Add: Loan payments made by District (increases monetary asset of loans due) | 15,000 |
| Less: Loan repayments received from Groups (decreases monetary asset of loans due) | (2,600) |
| Add: Increase in Scout Shops closing stock balance | 1,150 |
| Less: clearing of opening undeposited funds asset balance | (114) |
| Total funds as at 31/01/2025 | 628,199 |

Cavemen ESU accounts have been included within the accounting boundary for District accounts for the first time in 2024-25.

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bromley District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bromley District Scout Council for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Bromley District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Bromley District Scout Council 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 Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 the Bromley District Scout Council 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.

Signed



Name
Karl Kelledy
Relevant professional qualification - FCCA
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Date
16 June 2025



