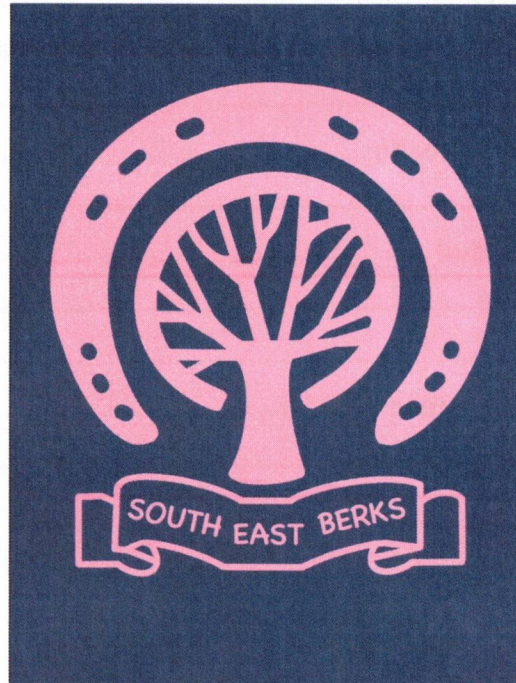


South East Berkshire District Scout Council

District Registration No: 10213



The 45th Annual General Meeting

Earleywood Scout Campsite
Wednesday 24th September 2025

Annual Report of the District Trustee Board
including the Annual Statement of Accounts



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District Lead Volunteers Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire

In the last year the District Trustee Board has continued to focus on the Goals which we began in 2024

- The Governance of the Groups within the District
 - We reviewed the results of our Group Governance Questionnaire to assess compliance at group level. It gave us an indication of where each group was and we're pleased to say overall the District was in a reasonable place
 - Alex directly supported several of the groups through the transition from Exec to Trustee Board & helped them with their AGM preparations
 - You will have heard/will shortly hear/read Helen's review for the tremendous support she and the Volunteer Development Team have also given to all the groups to help them transition to the new way of Scouting over this year
- Earleywood transition & future plans
 - Some progress has been made for Earleywood (see the separate report) & Berkshire County Scouts have formally agreed to the site being leased directly from Gilwell by SE and S Berkshire. Discussions with The Scout Association legal team regarding changing/extending the lease however were put on hold, due the amount of admin arising from compliance following the Coroner's Report from The Great Orme. The lease discussions will be resumed in 2026.
- Investment Plan
 - The District Trustee Board formally launched a scheme whereby groups could apply for project funding from the District for their own group.
 - In the short term the District Trustee Board also offered each group £250 as a one-off payment, to buy something their group needed. All groups applied and many payments were spent on soft axe throwing kits (thank you Costco!), tents, water heaters and other camping kit...so put to very good use.
 - We also formalised the District's policy for Explorers participating in International Scouting events (10% towards the cost of the trip)
- Supporting Growth
 - In this time frame we opened
 - A second Squirrel Drey & a second Beaver Colony at 1st Sunningdale
 - A second Squirrel Drey at The Parks
 - Squirrels at 1st Warfield
- Re-launch District Programme
 - You have heard/will shortly hear/read Derek's review of the great success this has been.

All in all a very busy year for the Trustee Board on top of all The Scout Association changes.

Yours in Scouting,
Hilary & Alex

DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT

The attached financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 24/09/2025 and shows the financial position of the charity as at 31st March 2025. The main income of the charity is the capitation fees and interest on accumulated funds.

Karan Mehra
District Treasurer

District Executive Committee Trustees 2024/2025

Chairperson Oliver Fisher
Secretary
Honorary Treasurer Karan Mehra

Ex Officio District Commissioner Hilary Crofton
BES Commissioner

Nominated None

Elected
Alex Sizeland George Creber
Ann Minchin
Steve Prover
Sam Winterson

Co-opted None

Examiner of Accounts

Mark G Sayers

Bankers

- a) Nat West Bank Plc
- b) Virgin Money

District Registration No.

10213

Charity Registration No.

1021253

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary

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<u>Receipts & Payments Account</u>	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Total Receipts for the year	£75,029.96	£56,258.22
Total Expenditure for the year	-£57,630.64	-£47,308.40
Net movement in funds	£17,399.32	£8,949.82
Cash & Bank brought forward	£131,557.31	£122,607.49
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and other non cash items included above		
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	£148,956.63	£131,557.31


Summary of Monetary Assets at 31st March 2024

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
District Executive Account	£78,661.54	£76,930.11
DASU Account	£6,768.11	£6,775.41
Earlywood	£63,526.98	£47,851.79
	£148,956.63	£131,557.31

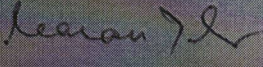
South East Berkshire Scout Fellowship and Earlywood Campsite, from the Charities Commission viewpoint come under the auspices of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council. However, the assets are not controlled directly by the South East Berkshire District Scout Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A signed copy available
for inspection at the AGM


District Chairman


District Commissioner


Honorary District Treasurer
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS

	2024/2025	2023/2024
District Executive Account		
Nat West current account	£42,130.79	£41,724.05
Virgin Bank	£36,530.75	£35,206.06
	<u>£78,661.54</u>	<u>£76,930.11</u>
District Exec. movement in funds	£1,731.43	£2,820.14
<u>Represents</u>		
District Funds	£45,783.98	£43,930.11
Reserved Funds	£30,877.56	£28,000.00
International	£2,000.00	£5,000.00
	<u>£78,661.54</u>	<u>£76,930.11</u>
District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)		
Nat West current account	£1,372.91	£1,406.16
Virgin Money	£5,391.65	£5,368.68
Cash in hand	3.55	£0.57
	<u>£6,768.11</u>	<u>£6,775.41</u>
DASU movement in funds	-£7.30	£59.46
Earleywood Account		
HSBC current account	£63,516.98	£47,841.79
Stripe Balance		
Cash in hand	£10.00	£10.00
Cheques outstanding		
Cheques not cleared		
	<u>£63,526.98</u>	<u>£47,851.79</u>
Earleywood movement in funds	£15,675.19	£6,070.22
<u>Represents</u>		
Transfer from Berkshire County	£6,413.89	£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments		
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure	£49,637.25	£33,253.16
Restricted reserves	£7,475.84	£8,184.74
	<u>£63,526.98</u>	<u>£47,851.79</u>
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£148,956.63</u>	<u>£131,557.31</u>

Consolidated Receipts

For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

RECEIPTS

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
District		
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£1,324.69	£1,079.70
District Capitation 2025	£4,236.25	£4,462.50
Donations	£55.00	£42.11
Sales of Badges	£153.50	£258.50
District Camp 2024		£476.50
Alps25 (Net Fund Movement)	£7,655.50	
	<u>£13,424.94</u>	<u>£6,319.31</u>
District ASU		
Subscriptions		
Sale of Badges	£14.00	
Interest	£22.97	£35.96
Gift Aid		
Ascot Round Table		£400.00
	<u>£36.97</u>	<u>£435.96</u>
Earleywood		
Site Fees including Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£55,899.48	£41,544.82
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£5,668.57	£2,941.74
Grants		
Extraordinary income		£5,016.39
	<u>£61,568.05</u>	<u>£49,502.95</u>
Total Receipts	<u>£75,029.96</u>	<u>£56,258.22</u>

Consolidated Expenditure

For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Expenditure		
District		
AGM 2024 Expenses	£157.39	£143.96
Contribution to WSJ 2023		£2,680.00
Scout Group Programme Activities	£4,777.94	
Scout Group Contribution	£3,388.58	
Contribution to Malawi 2024	£3,000.00	
MPLC Licence	£249.60	£231.96
District Expenses	£120.00	£443.25
	<u>£11,693.51</u>	<u>£3,499.17</u>
District ASU		
Unit Expenses	44.27	
Coronation Badges		£26.50
Fireworks Proceeds to Scout Groups		£300.00
Donations		£50.00
	<u>£44.27</u>	<u>£376.50</u>
Earleywood		
Insurance	£3,551.30	£3,554.02
Utilities	£7,805.20	£8,239.95
Maintenance	£24,507.86	£26,717.65
Cleaning	£5,533.38	£3,667.17
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£399.78	£519.61
Miscellaneous Other	£3,386.44	£734.33
Extra-ordinary expenditure	£708.90	
	<u>£45,892.86</u>	<u>£43,432.73</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>£57,630.64</u>	<u>£47,308.40</u>

Scrutineers Report: Earleywood Scout Campsite Accounts

LT700005 - Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees (July 2016)

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of Earleywood Scout Campsite

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended31st March 2025.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages ...1..... to ...1.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Robelli

Name: ROBERT EWES ALCA
Address: 12 AOKINS ROAD
WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE
RG10 0LS
Date: 19/5/2025

Independent Examiners Report: South East Berkshire District Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the South East Berkshire 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 South East Berkshire 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 South East Berkshire 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: **Mark Sayers**

Chartered Financial Planner & Independent Financial Advisor,

Date: 16th June 2025

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Chartered Financial Planner & Independent Financial Advisor, FPFs, ACIB, CFP
Chartered MCSI.

(FCA Registration No MGS00032).

Address: 6 Bedfordshire Down, Warfield, Bracknell, Berkshire RG42 3UA.

Top Awards

<i>Chief Scout Awards</i>	Quantity	% eligible
Acorn	36	73%
Bronze	45	38%
Silver	35	49%
Gold	11	27%
Platinum	9	19%
Diamond	1	2%
Explorer Belt	0	0%
Young Leader Belt	1	3%
Kings Scout Award	0	0%
Scouts of the World Award	0	0%
DofE Bronze	6	13%
DofE Silver	3	6%
DofE Gold	0	0%

Membership Numbers and Growth

Membership 2025

Membership 2025	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Total Members
1st Ascot (All Saints)	0	8	20	15	8	51
1st Binfield	12	35	52	46	17	162
1st South Ascot	11	21	23	25	8	88
1st Sunningdale	19	40	28	31	11	129
1st Warfield	10	14	20	0	0	44
The Parks	23	19	15	15	0	72
2nd Bracknell	0	26	31	20	12	89
4th Bracknell	0	12	6	25	13	56
6th Bracknell	0	3	15	10	8	36
Total Youth	75	178	210	187	77	727

Growth 2024 to 2025 (Census)

- Overall (4-18) + 2%
- Squirrels + 53%!
- Beavers - 5%
- Cubs - 3%
- Scouts + 3%
- Explorers - 4%
- Adults + 6%

Growth from 2018 to 2025



Programme Team

The Programme and 14-24 Teams deliver jointly events across the District

14-24 Activity

Regular weekly evening meetings are up and running for all Network members taking place Tuesday nights at 4th Bracknell.

Looking to get recruitment materials done in the Autumn term.

Events

9th October 24 - Army Leadership Day

- 7 Explorers from 3 Groups attended this free event run by the Army to earn their Leadership Activity badge

25 to 27th October 24 - Gilwell Scarefest Camp

- 11 Explorers across 3 Groups attended this fun packed scary weekend

14th November 24 - Cubs Bowling Event

- 124 Cubs took over 18 bowling lanes at Hollywood Bowl Bracknell
- 1st Binfield took home both team and individual trophies

22nd November 24 - Scouts Silent Disco

- 50 Scouts strutted their stuff, busted moves, played games and sang out loud at their neon silent disco

8th February 25 - Beaver Challenge & Sleepover

- 9 teams of 4 Beavers from 6 Groups completed 12 bases to test their team skills physically, mentally and laterally.
- Congratulations to 1st Warfield who have taken home the shield!
- 18 Beavers slept over and enjoyed an evening eating tea, watching a movie, played games and up early next day for breakfast and home

29th March 25 - Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs County Wild Adventure Days

- Over 100 Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs and 40 adults attended the County event

5th April 25 - Scouts/Explorers Three Towers Hike

- Scouts from 4th Bracknell and Explorers from 2nd Bracknell participated in this gruelling hike across The Ridgeway

22nd July 25 - Cubs Camp Fire

- Over 40 Cubs attended the camp fire at Earleywood Camp Site

August 25 - ALPS

- We joined up with South District and together took 25 Explorers, 1 Network and 5 Leaders on an adventure of a lifetime to South France to enjoy adventurous activities.

13th September 25 - Squirrels/Beavers Hike

- Over 100 YP, adults and their siblings hiked across Bracknell, ending up at Lilly Hill Park for a picnic and camp fire

19 to 21st September 25 - Parent & Child Camp

- Over 220 campers across 6 Groups supported by over 20 camp crew Explorers and Leaders competed in the annual parent & child camp
- The coveted Trading Post was taken home by 1st Binfield and The Crew Challenge retained by 1st South Ascot

Notifications

Busy year across the District, as we got out and about quite a lot:

- 399 - Activity Notification (AN), meetings held outside the usual meeting place i.e. Scout Hut, Community Hall, etc
- 38 - Nights Away Notification (NAN) - camping, sleepovers in tents or in buildings

Permits

Leaders have expressed an interest to obtain permits and pleased to see new or renewals issued for:

- 14 - Nights Away
- 2 - Air Rifle
- 4 - Archery
- 2 - Climbing
- 1 - Crate stacking

Still plenty of Leaders interested and looking to get them onto courses

District Activity Support Sub-Team

Prior to the autumn of 2024 the Support Sub-team was known as the District Active Support Unit (DASU). Following changes at a National level we became an Activity Support Sub-team under the umbrella of the District Support Team.

The DASU held its own funds and reported annually to the District Executive now known as the Trustee Board.

The DASU held funds with NatWest Bank and Virgin Money. Funds held with NatWest have been transferred to SE Berks District and the funds held with Virgin Money are in the process of being transferred to the District. Awaiting confirmation that this has been done. The Funds previously held by the DASU will be held as a restricted fund within the District.

Over the last twelve months or so the Sub-team have only supported the District at two events - the 2024 Parent and Child Camp and more recently the Squirrel / Beaver Hike.

Members of the sub team continue to meet but only in an informal mode and during the day.

In recent months several members have decided to become retired members and consequentially have restricted access to some activities and young people.

However the DASU and prior to that the District Scout Fellowship have been pleased to support the District in a wide variety of ways over many, many years and have had enjoyable time in doing so.

Anthony (Tony) Fulford - Activity Support Sub-team Leader

Earleywood

This year (to the end of March 2025) has been fantastic for bookings at Earleywood (up 10% on the prior year), with the site being enjoyed by more Scout & other groups than ever. They all love the woodland feel and the opportunity to develop outdoors skills with the YP.

Changes at Earleywood in the last 12 months

- Improved Communications with Customers:
 - At the beginning of the year we decided to pay Zoe Arden to manage the bookings and this has helped enormously with all aspects of the customer communication.
 - Zoe has overseen an extensive review of the Earleywood website, updating our Ts & Cs and adding many more photos with clear descriptions of the facilities. The website is now hosted through Pete Jeffries and the County team and looks much more professional.
 - Zoe has re-vamped the Earleywood information booklet, the information in OSM and introduced “self-hosting” guides.
 - Zoe is also proactively sending out the feedback form to all customers who book overnight and this is providing a valuable source of information from our customers perspective.
 - Zoe has undertaken an extensive review of the Earleywood prices, comparing our charges with similar sites and simplifying the structure, making it easier to understand (and book!)
- Consolidation of Administration/Paperwork:
 - With the creation of the SE Berkshire District Teams account, Earleywood is now a sub team within it and all the associated filing, minutes, certificates etc have been moved from Dropbox & Google dox to this one repository, so it is all in one place.
- Focus on Activities and Instructors
 - Zoe has introduced WhatsApp groups for instructors by permit activity, which has made finding instructors for bookings much easier.
 - With Zoe’s help we have introduced a reward programme for instructors, so for every 5 hours volunteering a permit activity for another group, they receive a free 1-hour session for their own group.
 - Zoe has also investigated running Archery permit and Rifle Shooting permit training sessions at Earleywood, to create a greater pool of instructors to call upon.

We have BIG plans for Earleywood and we’ve only just begun!!! We look forward to updating you with our progress at the next AGM!

Hilary, Phill & the whole Earleywood Team