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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2024



The Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts Trustee Report

Bankers: **Unity Trust Bank Plc, Nine Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HB**

Principle Address: **60 Watchouse Road, Galleywood, Chelmsford, CM2 8PU**

Custodian Trustees: **The Scout Association**

Charity Registration Number: **281576** (England and Wales)

Ex-Officio:

District Commissioner (Lead Volunteer)	Mr K. Bridge
Chair	Mr A. Hands (Until 31/03/24)
	Miss D. Morris (From 01/07/24 – 31/12/24)
Treasurer	Mr K. Yousaf
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	-
Elected Members:	Ms B. Mesquita De Oliveira Pegado
	Mr J Poole
	Mrs J. Bridge
	Mr C. Greenslade
Nominated Members:	Mrs J. Sacarello
	Mr A. Ahmed
	Mr S. Hockney
Independent Examiner:	Rob Handworker

Chair of Trustee's report:



The Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts is a Trust arising from the sale of the Roland House Scout Centre, London E1, according to wishes of the Right Honourable Roland E. Philipps MC in his last Will and Testament to be a vehicle for the support and promotion of Scouting in East London Scout District.

The Trust continues to provide a Headquarters building and provide financial support to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Roland was one of Scouting's most influential volunteers supporting thousands of disadvantaged young people across East London from 1912. He wrote training and inspiring books, establishing standards of excellence encouraging young people to build new skills and practice leadership.

One of his quotes when speaking about the young people in the area was:
"enthusiasm should roar like the north wind, and froth and bubble like Niagara Falls"

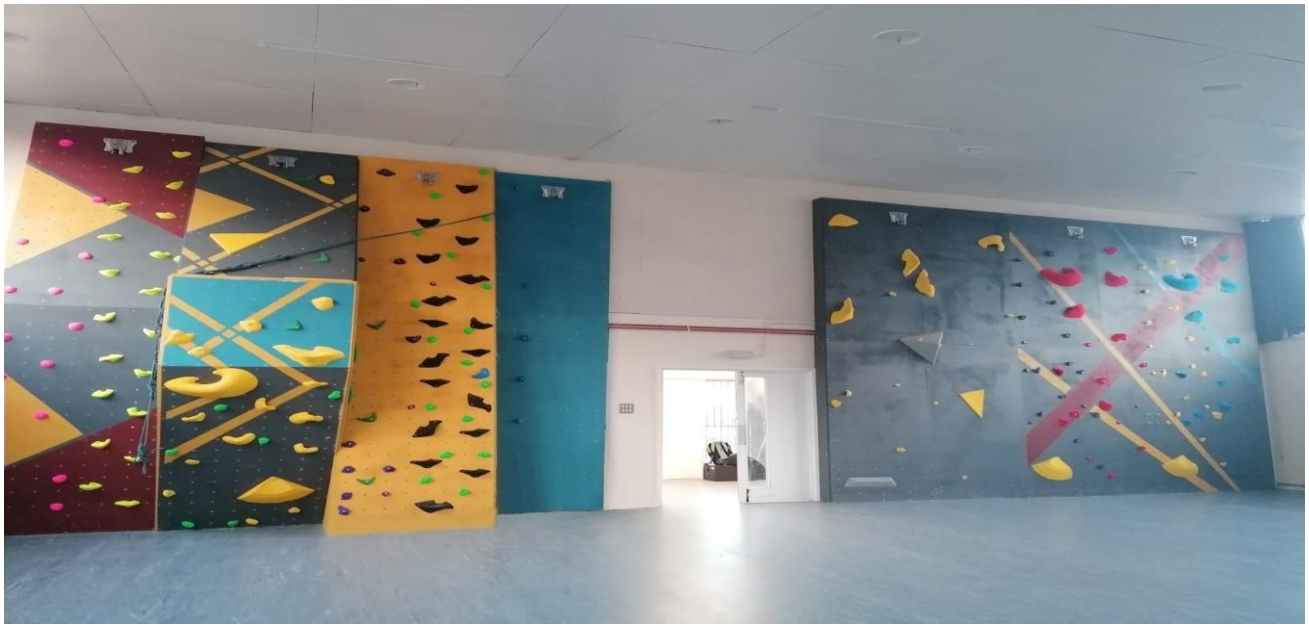
The trustee's continue to keep his vision alive by:

- Improving facilities at the Roland Philipps Scout Centre, boosting youth programme delivery, providing a hub for training courses and learning experiences, and providing a welcoming centre to enable a variety of 3rd sector organisations to reach out to and support local families.
- Provide funding to enable young people aged 4-24 to develop skills to succeed throughout their lives.
- Supporting young people to shape their own Scouting experience by funding leadership events
- Providing target range which supports the use of air rifle shooting, archery, crossbows and axe throwing thus improving eye hand coordination and a base for young members to complete their skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.
- Providing an indoor roped climbing wall and external bouldering wall, where young members can use this towards this physical section of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

We now have three Scout Groups, a nursery and a variety of community groups operating from the centre. As well as an indoor climbing range and an outside target sports facilities which provide adventurous activities to its members of East London Scout District.

Our thanks also to our unpaid volunteer centre manager Carl and team who keep the building in excellent condition.

Approved by the Trustees on the 4th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by Kevin Bridge, Lead Volunteer for East London Scout District.



Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts (Charity Registration Number 281576)

Receipts and Payments account for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Receipts and payments

		2024		2023
		£		£
Receipts				
Hire of building and car park fees		**29,720**		**31,540**
Bank interest		**69.53**		**1,836**
Refund of Business Rates				
Donations	Note 1			
Other similar income				
Total receipts		**29,789.53**		**33,376**
Payments				
Bank charges		**86.40**		**72**
Cleaning and refuse collection		**7,043**		**3,240**
Business rates				**322**
Electricity, Gas and phone		**21,355**		**38,058**
Insurance		**3,919**		**1,822**
Maintenance and Repairs		**12,768**		**1,259**
New facilities and improvements				**697**
Sundry		**695**		**363**
Equipment		**1,100**		
Catering		**370**		
Total payments		**47,336.40**		**45,833**
Net of receipts/(payments)		**-17,546.87**		**-12,457**
Cash funds last year end		**100,048**		113,365
Cash funds this year end		82,501.13		**100,048**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		2024		2023
		£		£
Cash funds				
Bank current account		3,845.51		**7,892**
Bank deposit account	Note 2	81,037.37		**92,156**
Total cash funds		84,882.88		**100,048**
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use				
Equipment		**24,240**		**23,140**

Heating System	-		-
Land and buildings	**635,000**		**635,000**
Sub total	**659,240**		**658,140**

Total net assets	**748,741.51**	**758,188**

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounts - The accounts do not incorporate the funds administered by East London District Scout Council or by the individual Scout Groups within East London Scout District
2. It was decided to transfer £7,000 to current account to pay utility costs.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 04th September 2024 signed on their behalf by

Kevin Bridge – East London District Commissioner (Lead Volunteer)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts 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 Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts 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

The previous accountant was unable to complete the audit exercise. The accounts will be audited by registered charity accountants before charity submit its accounts to Charity Commission.

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 Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts 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:

Address:

Date: