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Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2025



The Roland Philipps Fund for Scouts Trustee Report

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

Principle Address: **65 Copley Street, London E1 3DF**

Custodian Trustees: **The Scout Association**

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

Ex-Officio:

District Lead Volunteer	Mr K. Bridge
Chair	Not appointed - vacancy
Treasurer	Mrs M. Mirowska
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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

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"

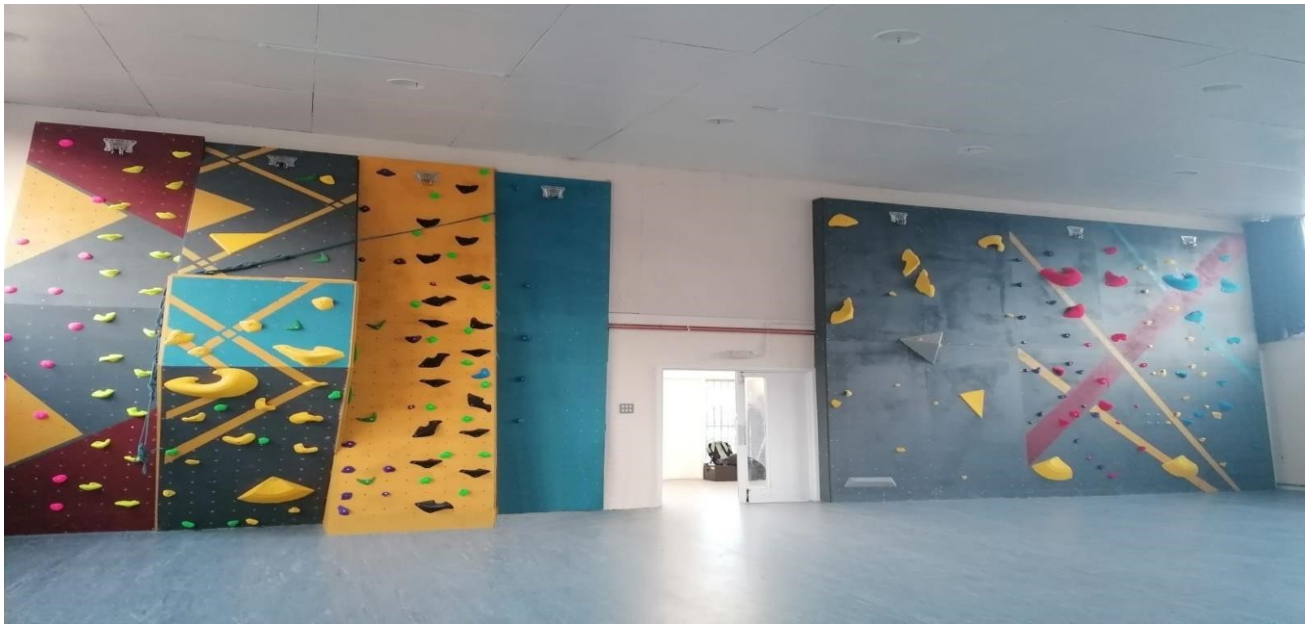
The trustee's continue to keep his vision alive by:

- 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 3rd September 2026 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 2025

Receipts and payments

		2025		2024
		£		£
Receipts				
Hire of building and car park fees		49,230		29,720
Bank interest		1,761		69
Refund of Insurance		657		
Donations	Note 1			
Other similar income				
Total receipts		**51,648**		**29,789**
Payments				
Bank charges		**72.00**		**86**
Cleaning and refuse collection		**8,153**		**7,043**
Business rates				
Electricity, Gas and phone		**27,015**		**21,355**
Insurance		**4,267**		**3,919**
Maintenance and Repairs		**10,511**		**12,768**
New facilities and improvements				
Sundry		**1,521**		**695**
Equipment				**1,100**
Catering				**370**
Total payments		**51,539**		**47,336**
Net of receipts/(payments)		**109**		**(17,547)**
Cash funds last year end		84,883		100,048
Prior Year Adjustment				2,382
Cash funds this year end		**84,992**		**84,883**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		2025		2024
		£		£
Cash funds				
Bank current account		18,391		3,846
Bank deposit account	Note 2	66,601		81,037
Total cash funds		**84,992**		**84,883**
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use				

Equipment	**24,240**		**24,240**
Heating System	-		-
Land and buildings	**635,000**		**635,000**
Sub total	**659,240**		**659,240**

Total net assets	**744,232**		**744,123**

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 £16,197 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 3rd September 2026 signed on their behalf by

Kevin Bridge – East London District Lead Volunteer