

The Guide Association Somerset
Operating as
Girlguiding Somerset

Annual Report 2024

The Executive Committee is responsible for the direction and general development of the principles, aims, policies, organisation, rules and guidelines of The Guide Association as set out in The Royal Charter and bye-laws.

The voting members of the Executive Committee as at 31st December 2024, are the charity trustees of Girlguiding Somerset in accordance with the relevant provisions of The Charities Acts.

Charity No: 297324

Trustees:

- Mrs B Osborne (County Commissioner)
- Mrs R Forbes (Assistant County Commissioner)
- Mrs T Wetherall (Bridgwater Division Commissioner)
- Miss J Barnes (Cadbury Division Commissioner)
- Mrs J Sinnott (Mendip Division Commissioner)
- Mrs V Hatch (Minehead Division Commissioner)
- Mrs K Pope (Seavington Division Commissioner)
- Mrs S Verrier (Taunton Division Commissioner)
- Mrs J Shackleton (Tone Division Commissioner)
- Mrs J Coburn (Wells Division Commissioner)
- Mrs L Carrington (Yeovil Division Commissioner)
- Mrs C Edmonds (Chair of Finance)
- Ms J Tompkins (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner: SM Bachrach, Chartered Accountant

Aims and Objectives: Somerset Girlguiding shares the aims and objectives of Girlguiding UK. It gives girls and young women opportunities to develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually and provides them with endless hours of fun, friendship and adventure. The girls gain valuable life skills which in turn enable them to make a positive contribution to their communities and the wider world.

We also aim to take care of our Adult Leaders who all willingly volunteer to help enrich the lives of girls and young women.

Somerset County is one of 16 Counties and Islands within the South West Region and is composed of 9 Divisions that run 163 units between them.

Girlguiding delivery

Our showcase event for 2024 was our County Camp, the first for many years, that saw us head to Mendip Outdoor Activity Centre in September. 42 Rainbows, 71 Brownies, 86 Guides and 13 Rangers joined us, supported by 63 adult volunteers – a grand total of 275 Somerset members enjoying a weekend full of fun and adventure.

Units headed off on camps and holidays throughout the year, and we were delighted that the multi-generational fund, established through the sale of the Somermead Campsite at the end of 2021, supported our members to enjoy a total of 1,817 nights away at a variety of events from small unit sleepovers, to large scale region events such as “Wet n Wild at Wimbleball” and several Nights with the Tigers at Dartmoor Zoo (both events organised by Girlguiding South West Region). The grant also supported our Guides who attended the Bath and West Show and provided the Messenger Service for the organisers. The grant was used in a number of different ways – to support girls to attend who would not be able to afford to otherwise; to help pay for unit transport; or to provide some extra activities at the event. However it was used, the grant helped make a tangible difference to our young members in the County, and we look forward to supporting many more in 2025.

In 2024, Somerset Girlguiding members continued to enjoy sailing experiences using our own sailing dinghy “Somerspirit” which is based at Sutton Bingham reservoir.

We also found time for a County Training Day in October 2024, where adult volunteers from across the County took part in a variety of different training sessions including

A key element of our green policy has been our pre-loved uniform shop which continues to help support Girlguiding families across the County, particularly during this cost of living challenge.

Financial review and summary

Our financial position at the end of 2024 shows an increase in funds primarily due to a healthy return on investments due to the UK Bank interest rate. We are

spending money in accordance with our charitable purposes, in particular with the provision of grants for UK and International trips, and large-scale events.

Our main income is received from our subscription payments which are based on membership numbers and calculated once a year in February. This financial statement shows a stable membership from 2023 to 2024.

	Current period general funds £	Current period restricted funds £	Current period designate d funds £	Current period Total £	Previous year Total £
Total receipts for the year	60,935.59	656.00	0.00	61,591.59	38,068.27
Total payments for the year	(34,674.24)	(865.00)	(9,200.00)	(44,739.24)	(27,698.38)
	26,261.35	(209.00)	(9,200.00)	16,852.35	10,369.89
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	170,726.14	209.00	290,560.00	461,495.14	451,125.25
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£196,987.49	£0.00	£281,360.00	£478,347.49	£461,495.14

General fund This fund exists to deal with the day-to-day receipts and payments of the association

Restricted fund This small fund is restricted for the provision of a Zoom licence for use by Girlguiding Somerset for online meetings. It was fully spent during 2024.

Designated fund Following the sale of the Somermead campsite, the proceeds have been designated to provide a multi-generational grant fund to support all members of Girlguiding Somerset (young members and adults) with a “per night” amount towards any UK residential. The level of grant is managed through the executive committee of Girlguiding Somerset

The trustees are of the opinion that sufficient funds are held, in the appropriate form, to enable the funds to be used in accordance with the purposes for which they were set up.

Beverley Osborne

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County Commissioner, Girlguiding Somerset

SOMERSET GUIDE ASSOCIATION

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Number: 297324

TRUSTEES APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

We confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts on pages 3 to 10 have been prepared from the books and records of the Charity. All other relevant information has been made available for their preparation.

We also confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts are an accurate record of the Charity's activities in the period.

B Osborne– County Commissioner

Dated: 29 May 2025

J Tompkins – County Treasurer

Dated: 29 May 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF SOMERSET GUIDE ASSOCIATION ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 CHARITY NO.297324

I report to the trustees on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 19 August 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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SOMERSET GUIDE ASSOCIATION

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Current Period General Funds £	Current Period Restricted Funds	Current Period Designated Funds £	Current Period Total £	Previous Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS					
Bank Current account	3.30	0.00	0.00	3.30	41.37
Bank Deposit account	54,308.47	0.00	0.00	54,308.47	58,084.75
COIF Charities Deposit Fund - A/C 990700001C	124,035.72	0.00	0.00	124,035.72	403,369.02
COIF Charities Deposit Fund - A/C CO1008383-001	18,640.00	0.00	281,360.00	300,000.00	0.00
	£196,987.49	£0.00	£281,360.00	£478,347.49	£461,495.14
OTHER NON MONETARY ASSETS (for Charity's own use)					
Larspur Road Trailer (December 2021)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Exhibition Stand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.99
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£129.99

Stock

The Charity carries stock at a value of £892 (2023; £NIL).

Restricted funds

	B/fwd at 01.01.24	Expenditure	C/fwd at 31.12.24
Zoom Grant	£209.00	£209.00	£0.00

The restricted fund balance for the Zoom Grant has now been fully utilised.

	B/fwd at 01.01.24	Received from Peter Collins Trust	Expenditure	C/fwd at 31.12.24
RYA Training Grant	£0.00	156.00	£156.00	£0.00

	B/fwd at 01.01.24	Income - Received from Girlguiding SW	Expenditure	C/fwd at 31.12.24
UYF Training Grant	£0.00	500.00	£500.00	£0.00

Designated Funds

	B/fwd at 01.01.24	Income - sale of Somersmead campsite	Income - surplus on closure of bank account	Subscriptions paid	Transfer from General funds	C/fwd at 31.12.24
Somersmead UK Residential Grant Scheme	£290,560.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£9,200.00	£0.00	£281,360.00

The designated fund balance of £281,360 is made up of the previous sale of the Somersmead campsite plus the surplus on closure of the bank account. Further funds have been allocated from General Funds to make a total initial fund of £300,000 which will be used for to help units and Guides with the Girl Guiding costs on an applications basis. From this fund, a further £9,200 has been distributed as grants during the year.

We confirm that the above Statement of Assets is an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

B Osborne - County Commissioner

J Tompkins - County Treasurer

Dated 29 May 2025

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RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Current Period General Funds £	Current Period Restricted Funds	Current Period Designated Funds £	Current Period Total £	Previous Year Total £
Somermead UK Residential Grant Scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Subscription 2024	15,113.00	0.00	0.00	15,113.00	15,121.50
Less: 2024 amounts paid	(1,045.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,045.00)	(1,055.00)
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	14,068.00	0.00	0.00	14,068.00	14,066.50
Investment income					
Bank interest	723.72	0.00	0.00	723.72	546.87
COIF Charity deposit interest	20,666.70	0.00	0.00	20,666.70	16,935.55
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	35,458.42	0.00	0.00	35,458.42	31,548.92
Activities, events and fund raising	18,387.17	0.00	0.00	18,387.17	6,508.12
Grants and donations	7,090.00	656.00	0.00	7,746.00	11.23
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	£60,935.59	£656.00	£0.00	£61,591.59	£38,068.27

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PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Current Period General Funds £	Current Period Restricted Funds	Current Period Designated Funds £	Current Period Total £	Previous Year Total £
Grants and donations	2,500.00	0.00	9,200.00	11,700.00	11,463.30
	2,500.00	0.00	9,200.00	11,700.00	11,463.30
Activities, events and fund raising	26,000.16	0.00	0.00	26,000.16	12,096.27
	28,500.16	0.00	9,200.00	37,700.16	23,559.57
Administration expenses	6,174.08	865.00	0.00	7,039.08	4,138.81
	£34,674.24	£865.00	£9,200.00	£44,739.24	£27,698.38

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GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Opening balance				
Membership subscriptions 2024			15,113.00	15,113.00
<u>Investment income</u>				
Bank interest			723.72	723.72
COIF interest			20,666.70	20,666.70
<u>Grants and donations</u>				
Training Grants - RYA Training		156.00		156.00
Training Grants - UYF Training		500.00		500.00
Girlguiding SW donation - County Camp 2024			7,000.00	7,000.00
Wedmore 50 Club			50.00	50.00
Walton Women's Talk			40.00	40.00
<u>Activities, events and fund raising</u>				
Badges & Award Certificates			1,474.17	1,474.17
Rainbow Camp			87.00	87.00
Yeo G Camp x 2			200.00	200.00
County Camp 2024			16,626.00	16,626.00
	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£656.00</u>	<u>£61,980.59</u>	<u>£62,636.59</u>

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GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	£
<u>OUTGOINGS</u>				
H Q subscriptions 2024			1,045.00	1,045.00
<u>Activities, events and fund raising</u>				
Badges & Certificates			1,847.49	1,847.49
County Camp 2024 - Mendip Activity Centre			23,642.67	23,642.67
INTOPs event			310.00	310.00
Hall hire - for INTOPs weekend			200.00	200.00
<u>Grants & Donations</u>				
Support fund donation for Interrail Trip 2025			860.00	860.00
Support funding for Norjam (Norfolk Jamboree) 2025			200.00	200.00
Support funding for Gambia trip 2025			1,240.00	1,240.00
Support funding for International Jamboree July 2024			200.00	200.00
Somermead Grant	9,200.00			9,200.00
<u>Administration</u>				
Training		500.00	382.00	882.00
Training - RYA Level 2 - Sailing instructor training		156.00	312.00	468.00
Administration Expenses		209.00	2,237.88	2,446.88
Trustee Indemnity Insurance			444.42	444.42
Exec Meetings			480.50	480.50
Commissioner & President			1,444.33	1,444.33
Accountancy			720.00	720.00
Gifts and samples			152.95	152.95
	<u>£9,200.00</u>	<u>£865.00</u>	<u>£35,719.24</u>	<u>£45,784.24</u>
Balance brought forward				170,726.34
				<u>£216,510.58</u>

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GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	31-Dec 2024	31-Dec 2023
	£	£
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	124,035.72	103,799.02
Bank Current Accounts	3.30	41.37
Bank Deposit Accounts	54,308.47	66,885.95
CCLA C01008383-001	18,640.00	0.00
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Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>£196,987.49</u>	<u>£170,726.34</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1) **Accounting policies**

The accounts on pages 3 to 9 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

2) **Remuneration**

No remuneration has been paid to the charity's trustees in the year.

3) **Trustees remuneration**

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year

Trustees expenses

Out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to 3 trustees during the year amounting to £2,817 for travel and sundry items.

4) **Funds**

General Fund: This fund exists to deal with the day-to-day receipts and payments of the association.

Restricted Fund: This fund exists to show grants and donations received which have been restricted by the donor.

Designated Fund: This fund exists to show funds which have been allocated for a specific purpose project by the charity.

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