Royal Kingston District Scout Council

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025/26

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	1 April 2025	To	31 March 2026

Charity Name	**Royal Kingston District Scout Council**
Charity Registration Number	**303762**
HQ Registration Number	

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. **The Purpose of Scouting** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. **The Values of Scouting** As Scouts we are guided by these values **Integrity** – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal **Respect** – We have self-respect and respect for others **Care** – We support others and take care of the world in which we live **Belief -** We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes **Co-operation** – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends **The Scout Method** Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their promise
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	These are set out by the District Lead Volunteer and the Chair in their respective reports.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	This is shown on pages 6 to 8 of this report.
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the District reserves should be sufficient to enable it to meet its ongoing expenditures. The District will monitor its reserves when setting its annual membership fee to ensure that the reserves do not increase unnecessarily
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The Trustee Board considers that it maintains sufficient reserves to invest in longer term investments in accordance with The Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. These are in the form of a range of investment funds which are managed by an Independent Financial Advisor. The value of the investments are shown on the Balance Sheet below.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustee, 4 elected Trustees and 1 co-opted Trustee) and meets 6 times a year. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly.

	The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required; • Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board; • Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; • Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; • Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; • Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	**42 The Mount** **Worcester Park** **Surrey** **KT4 8UD**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**
Martin Jung	Chair	21 January 2026
Jane Pringle	Lead Volunteer	1 October 2025
Andy Beckett	Treasurer	
Stewart Carney		1 October 2025
Samantha Dekker		9 March 2026
Fergus Lang		
Peter Morris		
Holly Walters		1 October 2025

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature		
Full name	Martin Jung	Andy Beckett
Position held	Chair	Treasurer
Date	18 May 2026	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ROYAL KINGSTON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2026, which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities set out on pages 6 to 8.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

   to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and

   to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: COLIN SMITH

Address: Surbiton, Surrey

Date: June 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2026

Incoming Resources	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2025/26 Restricted funds £	2025/26 Total funds £	2024/25 Total funds £
Voluntary Income				
Membership fees received	102,360	-	102,360	94,528
Less paid to HQ/County	(85,344)	-	(85,344)	(81,702)
Sub total	17,016	-	17,016	12,826
Charitable Activities				
Contributions to District Events	172,248	-	172,248	195,757
Sub total	172,248	-	172,248	195,757
Investment income				
Bank interest	322	-	322	344
(Decrease)/increase in value of Investment funds	3,602	-	3,602	(640)
Sub total	3,924	-	3,924	(296)
Other income				
Other income	16,600	-	16,600	16,450
Sub total	16,600	-	16,600	16,450
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	209,788	-	209,788	224,737

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2025/26 Restricted funds £	2025/26 Total funds £	2024/25 Total funds £
Resources Expended				
Charitable Activities				
Youth programme and activities	146,252	-	146,252	260,212
Southwood Activity Centre	14,960	-	14,960	34,476
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Mayor's Charity Fund	-	780	780	-
Sub total	161,212	780	161,992	294,688
Support Costs				
AGM and team expenses	-	-	-	-
Adult support and training	162	-	162	491
Wifi/website	413	-	413	302
Insurance	351	-	351	454
Bank charges	95	-	95	89
Jamboree funding	4,000	-	4,000	-
Sundry expenses	1,020	-	1,020	1,159
Sub total	6,041	-	6,041	2,495
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	167,253	780	168,033	297,183
Net incoming resources for the year	42,535	(780)	41,755	(72,446)
Total funds brought forward	198,602	3,320	201,922	201,922
Total funds carried forward	241,137	2,540	243,677	129,476

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Cash funds		
Bank accounts	137,879	99,726
Total cash funds	137,879	99,726
Investments		
Investment Funds	105,798	102,196
Total other monetary assets	105,798	102,196
		72,446
Total Assets	243,677	201,922
Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	241,137	198,602
Restricted Funds	2,540	3,320
Total funds	243,677	201,922
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Buildings (insurance value)	483,325	464,736
Scouting equipment, furniture etc (insurance value)	46,461	43,422
Total funds	529,786	508,158

The above statement of financial activities and balance sheet were approved by the Trustees on 18 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by

M Jung — Chair

A Beckett — Treasurer