Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Guide Association
Greater London West

Charity Registration No. 305817

Contents	Page
Trustees and advisers	1
Trustees Report	2-4
Independent Examiner's Report	5
Receipts and payments	6
Statement of assets and liabilities	7
Notes to the financial statements	8-10

Trustees	Samanth Axbey Anna Garrett Michelle Roberts Christine Donovan Janet Hill Megan Kirkby Heather Fowler
Charity number	305817
Charity's address	Heyswood campsite Beltwood Lane Cobham, KT11 1EN
Independent examiner	Derek Holmes 3 Larks Close Ferndown Dorset, BH22 9TF
Banker	Lloyds Bank Plc 49/53 High Street Sutton Surrey, SM1 1DT

Trustees Report

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Guide Association Greater London West is a registered Charity and is a separately constituted branch of the Guide Association, which is incorporated by Royal Charter.

Governance, leadership, strategic management and control of the Charity is undertaken by the Girlguiding Greater London West County board, whose members are the Charity Trustees. The board meets at least three times a year. The membership and functions of the board are governed by its constitution. Guiding operations is led by the County Commissioner.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the County are those of the Girl Guides Association and can be summarised as:

- To enable and encourage girls and young women to fulfil their potential to take an active and responsible role in society;
- To have sufficient adult volunteer leaders to enable every girl and young woman to have the opportunity to join us;
- To sustain and promote a stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities based on guiding principles;
- To ensure that all adult leaders within the County are appropriately trained and fully supported;
- To **identify** and make use of all available resources and expertise for the benefit of members;
- To act as a communication channel between the Divisions and other units in the County as well as the Region and Guide Association nationally.

Aims

The Guide Association, as part of a world-wide movement, enables girls and young women to fulfil their potential to take an active and responsible role in society through its distinctive, stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities delivered by trained volunteer leaders.

Vision

The vision is to be recognised as the leading organisation for girls and young women and to widen and increase its membership.

Statement of public benefit

The County of Greater London West is a branch of Girlguiding UK, which with its branches forms the United Kingdom's leading charity for girls and young women. A report on Girlguiding UK's public benefit activities during the previous year can be found in its latest Annual Report.

The county of Greater London West has continued to provide its own public benefit activities in particular by providing organisational and administrative support and training to subsidiary branches of Girlguiding UK within the County, and organising activities principally for the benefit of those branches, and also promoting more broadly the charitable objectives of Girlguiding UK for the benefit of girls and young women.

The Guide Association Greater London West

County of Greater London West
The purpose of the County is to deliver the above in the County of Greater London West in accordance with the current Guiding Manual. The County consists of just over 3,686 members and covers the area of the four London Boroughs of Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Sutton.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Qualifications gained and Awards presented during 2025

Adult Leader Qualifications: 17
Young Leader Qualifications: 18
Going Away Qualifications: 4
Jack Petchey awards: 104
Queens Guide Awards: 1
Girlguiding UK Hero Award: 2
Girlguiding London and South East Region Diamond Award: 1
Long Service Awards 5 year – 13, 10 years – 9, 20 years -12, 30 years 6, 40 years 5, 50 years 1

International: Six girls were selected for region internationals: Four girls to attend an international jamboree in Sweden and two to Interrail across Europe.

Duke of Edinburgh: GLW continues to provides a significant number of D of E awards in the region of London and South east England (an area comprising 20 counties). There continues to be an average of 44 members signed up for Bronze Silver and Gold over the year with a steady flow of girls completing at all levels.

County Group Trainings:

1 x full day face to face Going Away training for Leaders wishing to take girls away on residentials
4 x full day face to face 1st Response trainings
1 x part day face to face 1st Response training
2 x on line zoom 1st Response training
1 x full day face to face Young Leader Development Programme training
1 x full day day (2 sessions) attended by 80+ adult members and young leaders on topics such as:

- activities for Rainbow & Brownies or Guides and Ranger
- STEM activities,
- neurodiversity,
- Safer Guiding,
- effective communication and celebrating every member
- accessing the Girlguiding database and online learning
- programme ideas
- mentoring
- an introduction to Peer Education
- general air and shares on Duke of Edinburgh award, Queens Guide awards, internationals and craft

Other Two young members trained as Peer Educators during the year and join the small team who are booked by units across the county to run sessions entitled Think Resilient, Breaking Free and Safe the World.

Heyswood campsite: In addition to ongoing maintenance work at our campsite, new trees were planted and a new orienteering course created. The pond was reinstated with a new liner, new hand dryers were purchased for some of the toilets and outdoor percussion chimes were installed near the play area.

The disruption caused by the Highways England road widening project continued to impact on the use of the site for most of the year, taking up a huge amount of volunteers' time. Special thanks to Christine Donovan and chair of the Heyswood Management Committee, and her team, for their sterling efforts in attending numerous meetings, negotiating with various external bodies and ensuring that the site remained safe and accessible for members during this challenging time. Unrestricted access to our site resumed towards the end of the year as National Highway's road widening project neared completion. A new gated access road was created as part of this process with gated fencing alongside to secure our camping area.

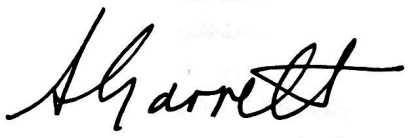
County events at the site were the Guide Gold Award Challenge, the Guide Camp Permit assessment weekend, a Going Away training day for the Going Away Qualification and a Family Easter Egg hunt. Camps and residentials continued to increase as the disruption from National Highways became less intrusive and plans are underway for the resumption of large scale, section specific county events next year.

Sage Community days have once again been invaluable in helping with general site maintenance.

Thanks too to the Friends of Heyswood who organise regular fundraising events, such as the quiz night, which enable new facilities to be added to the site.

General: The County website has been updated and moved to a new platform. Leaders have continued to provide a huge range of opportunities to over three thousand girls and young women across our County. As well as their unit meetings members have had the chance to participate in residentials, trips, sports activities Gang Shows, Marching Bands, community service projects and section specific largescale Girlguiding events such as Assemble in Amsterdam and Google Takeover Days

Finally, a huge thanks to all those who help in any way to bring Girlguiding to the girls and young women in Greater London West.



Anna Garrett
Acting County Commissioner
29 September 2026

The Guide Association Greater London West

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trustee's 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 2011 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the account do not accord with those records. or

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Derek Holmes

Derek Holmes FCA
Chartered Accountant

3 Larks Close
Ferndown
Dorset
BH22 9TF

29 September 2026

The Guide Association Greater London West

Receipts and payments for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Net	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Net
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from donations and legacies	37,809		37,809	42,655		42,655
Income from charitable activities	107,417		107,417	110,367		110,367
Restricted income from charitable activities		49,585	49,585		49,868	49,868
Other incoming resources	25,867		25,867	18,665		18,665
Investment income	5,894		5,894	5,915		5,915
Total incoming resources	**176,987**	**49,585**	**226,572**	**177,602**	**49,868**	**227,470**
Expenditure on raising funds	(1,580)		(1,580)	(588)		(588)
Expenditure on charitable activities	(81,707)		(81,707)	(90,420)		(90,420)
Restricted expenditure on charitable activities		(51,358)	(51,358)		(51,856)	(51,856)
Other expenditure	(42,659)		(42,659)	(19,982)		(19,982)
Total resources expended	**(125,946)**	**(51,358)**	**(177,304)**	**(110,990)**	**(51,856)**	**(162,846)**
Net movement in funds	51,041	(1,773)	49,268	66,612	(1,988)	64,624
Cash funds brought forward	375,189	2,673	377,862	308,577	4,661	313,238
Cash funds carried forward	**426,230**	**900**	**427,130**	**375,189**	**2,673**	**377,862**

The Guide Association Greater London West

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash funds			
Cash at bank and in hand		427,130	377,862
Other monetary assets			
Tangible assets	4	166,297	193,736
Liabilities			
Creditors: due within one year	5	(300)	(300)
Funds of the charity		**593,127**	**571,298**

Approved by the trustees on 29 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Anna Garrett
Assistant County Commissioner

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Charitable status

As a charity the Guides Association Greater London West is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

1.2 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on receipts and payments accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) and with applicable accounting standards and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.3 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the cash is received. Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising and other activities) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when received. Any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year is included in Investment gains and losses.

1.4 Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised when it is paid. Liabilities are shown as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the Report and Financial Statements and the costs of trustee meetings.

1.5 Assets

Tangible assets have been valued for the statement of assets and liabilities using their depreciated cost.

1.6 Reserves

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The Trustees aims to maintain unrestricted free reserves equivalent to at least one year of normal cash expenditure. At year end, unrestricted reserves totalled £375,189, compared with typical annual cash expenditure of £170,000, meaning the County holds sufficient funds to continue operations in the event of reduced income. In addition, the County seeks to maintain reserves that enable ongoing enhancement and development of Heyswood campsite, recognising its importance to the County's programme and financial activity.

2. Analysis of incoming and expended resources

	2025			2024		
	Incoming	Expended	Net	Incoming	Expended	Net
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Census/ Subs.	29,177	(1,580)	27,597	27,663	(588)	27,075
Grants	986		986	0	0	-
Legacies and Donations	7,647	-	7,647	14,992	-	14,992
Heyswood campsite*	76,390	(46,088)	30,302	76,974	(59,380)	17,594
Badge Sales/Purchases	12,034	(13,349)	(1,315)	11,974	(11,292)	682
Trading/Other Sales	18,994	(22,271)	(3,277)	21,420	(19,748)	1,672
Jack Petchey Awards	49,585	(51,358)	(1,773)	49,868	(51,856)	(1,988)
County income	702		702	-		-
Events / Activities	24,645	(21,154)	3,491	753	(2,474)	(1,721)
Training		(703)	(703)		(1,257)	(1,257)
International	10	(2,000)	(1,990)	-	(2,745)	(2,745)
Administration	508	(18,801)	(18,293)	17,911	(13,506)	4,405
Bank Interest	5,894		5,894	5,915		5,915
Net income (outgoing)	226,572	(177,304)	49,268	227,470	(162,846)	64,624

*Heyswood campsite is subsidised by census payments along with specific legacies and donations for it.

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Refurb BP Lodge	Low Ropes Course	Twin Zip Basket Swing	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Valuation					
Brought forward	128,064	48,304	6,171	11,197	193,736
Carried forward	**122,967**	**30,206**	**4,167**	**8,957**	**166,297**

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fee accruals	300	300

6. Restricted income funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Jack Petchey	900	2,673