

# Annual Review and Accounts 2022-23



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# Welcome

What a fantastic year it has been for over 18,000 members of Surrey Scouts! Over 13,900 young people in Surrey are supported by over 4,200 adults and Scouting remains the largest co-educational youth organisation in Surrey, the United Kingdom and the world.

That world dimension is most apparent as we plan (at the time of writing) for over 700 Scouts and leaders from Surrey to come together with other scouts from around the world at Kandersteg international campsite in Switzerland this year. It is an amazingly adventurous experience for those fortunate enough to attend, and the culmination of years of careful planning. The leaders ensure that every single scout has a wonderful time by providing a balance of exciting challenges including mountaineering and river rafting; making sure that everyone is included.

Closer to home, thousands of Surrey Beaver Scouts and Scouts descended on Merrist Wood and Ardingly for two major events in this reporting year, *Bazzaz* and *Scoutabout*. *There was an amazing depth and breadth of activities provided at these major events, delivered by hard-working and committed leaders to bring normality back to Surrey Scouting after the pandemic. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces on both occasions. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the many leaders who, by committing to organise these major events, were determined to supply two wonderful, exciting and challenging major event opportunities for our young people. And they did!*

Adventure is the cornerstone of Scouting and nowhere is this more apparent than at the County Activity Centre at Bentley Copse. The Management Team has ensured a period of growth and development with new and exciting activities and serious investment in the infrastructure. Bentley Copse is open year-round and the adventure to be found here was typified in February when 500 Scouts were in camp for the annual Frost Camp.

Surrey Scouts are proud that the vast range of activities and adventures that we provide are available to all young people in the County. Thousands of young people and adults with a wide range of abilities participate fully in Surrey Scouting and, elsewhere in this report, you will read of our achievements in the growth of our membership, increasing the numbers from different communities, and how we welcome members from all backgrounds. Scouting in Surrey is genuinely inclusive, and increasingly diverse.

That 2022-23 has been yet another year of achievement and adventure is a tribute to the 4,200 leaders and those many other adult supporters who work so hard, week in, week out, to make Scouting happen in the villages and towns of Surrey. Their dedication and commitment ensure that so many young people enjoy the adventure that is Scouting, and it is a privilege to be able to thank them.

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**James Burge**  
County Chairman



**Joe Rogerson**  
County Commissioner

# Our Purpose and Method

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities and they live their Scout Promise.

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## **Our values, as Scouts, are at the heart of who we are and what we do:**

**Integrity** - We are honest, we try to do the right thing (even if no one is watching) and we stay true to ourselves.

**Respect** - We are thoughtful of people's feelings and values, treating everyone as we would like others to treat us.

**Care** - We are kind to others, looking after the world we live in.

**Belief** - We explore our beliefs and attitudes with wide-open minds.

**Cooperation** - We work with others to change the world for the better, making friends along the way.

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Surrey Scouts is open to all young people in Surrey aged between four and twenty-five no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Thousands of committed, experienced and trained volunteers, working in teams across the County, provide scouting in Surrey through 18 Districts and

174 Scout Groups.

The Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in our annual report. We have assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Scouting Movement complies with two key principles set by the Commission regarding public benefit:

## **1. Identifiable benefit**

The way in which we carry out Scouting helps young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society; we link this benefit directly to the Purpose of Scouting.

## **2. Public benefit**

Scouting is a national Movement open to young people aged between four and twenty-five and to adults. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. The Association enables those in poverty to benefit from Scouting; while the Association charges a subscription to its members, the benefits of Scouting are not constrained by a member's inability to pay. Locally, there are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who cannot afford to pay. There are also funds available for setting up new Groups and Sections and for young people's uniform and Scouting activities so that we do not exclude young people from activities if they are unable to pay.

# SURREY SCOUTS HAS:

PEOPLE	PROGRAMME	PLACES	PERCEPTION
<p>An ever-increasing number of youth members and of skilled, qualified adults.</p>	<p>All youth members benefitting from high quality, well resourced, balanced programmes.</p>	<p>Scouting enjoyed in safe, welcoming, fit-for-purpose places within Districts as well as in Groups that have a secure income and sound governance.</p>	<p>More visibility with Scouting being seen to play a key role in society.</p>
Amazing People	Amazing Programmes	Amazing Places	Amazing Media
<p>Promoting and enabling growth in adult and youth membership by upskilling Districts and Groups.</p> <p>Developing the Surrey Skills Academy to provide first class skills training to enable volunteers to enhance the progressive Programme.</p> <p>Ensuring compliance with mandatory learning through subsidiarity.</p>	<p>Promoting and enabling quality youth shaped programmes.</p> <p>Supporting quality youth shaped programmes.</p> <p>Monitoring quality youth shaped programmes.</p> <p>Increasing the number of Top Awards.</p> <p>Promoting and enabling international opportunities.</p>	<p>Promoting and enabling good governance.</p> <p>Promoting and enabling high quality administration.</p> <p>Developing Bentley Copse.</p>	<p>Providing quality media coverage.</p> <p>Supporting District and Group media.</p> <p>Providing media opportunities to Scouts.</p> <p>Promoting and enabling good quality county-wide communications.</p>
			

# How have we been doing?

## People

### Promoting and enabling growth:

Growth requires a combination of offering a great programme, plenty of new adult volunteers and ever more spaces for young people to join.

This year our youth membership is up by 1.4% to 13,822 young people across the 18 Districts in Surrey. We saw the largest growth in Scouts and Squirrel Scout sections, but a drop off in numbers in the Beaver Scout sections.

Our numbers of front-line volunteers (leaders, assistant leaders and section assistants) grew by 3.3% to 2,325 contributing to an overall increase in the numbers of all adult volunteers (up 1.3% to 4,367). We also saw a large growth of 111 Explorer Scout Young leaders (up by over 22%), assisting the front-line volunteers to deliver a great programme.

Our waiting list has continued to grow (to 5,799) and we will continue to look for opportunities to get as many of those young people as possible involved in Scouting.

### Celebrating achievement:

Our amazing volunteers have received the following Good Service awards in 2022/23:

- 73 Chief Scout's Commendations for Good Service
- 20 Awards for Merit
- 13 Bars to the Award for Merit
- 4 Silver Acorns
- 4 Bars to the Silver Acorn
- 2 Silver Wolves

### Providing top quality training:

Training for all roles in Surrey continues to be delivered centrally and locally both online and face to face. We are now also offering several modules using a blend of both methods which has led to an increase in uptake, particularly in the more time-consuming modules such as Nights Away and First Response. This versatile and convenient format enables sessions to be delivered throughout the year.

We continue to see excellent numbers of Wood Badge completions with over 250 Wood Badges being recommended in the review year and a further 42 in the first three months of the current year. Mandatory Ongoing Learning - Safety and Safeguarding – has substantially increased with close to 99% compliance

in each of those modules across the County and continuing to improve, a tremendous achievement with line managers playing a large part in achieving those results.

First Response sees a continued upwards trend in completions, testament to the efforts of the First Aid Training Team.

Moving forwards, the changes to the way adults will undertake learning soon will bring challenges as we get to grips with the new systems. However, we are working to ensure every training record is as up to date as possible, so that the transition works smoothly.

## Programme

This has been the year that Surrey County Scouts has made real progress on delivering an exciting and progressive programme. The core programme matrix has been widely adopted and well communicated through a second annual programme conference and a series of fifteen district-level roadshows. Feedback from these has been hugely positive and the county senior team has committed to developing new content and running a second series of roadshows.

The support for programme delivery has not just been theoretical. Our county-wide team of ADCs for each of the sections has met several times during the year and is committed to supporting leaders in developing strong and progressive programmes as well as supporting events at district and county level that promote scouting skills and increase the integration between sections. New digital communications channels for these groups have made a difference in sharing information.

Supporting adults to deliver the programme also means giving them the training they need to be confident in teaching the core skills and, this year, we have made progress with defining and launching the Surrey Skills Academy by identifying the set of skills-based modules needed and continuing to deliver some of the established elements while piloting some new shorter modules in Bushcraft and Pioneering.

That support for adults also includes Young Leaders, and this year we have delivered two Young Leader conferences, each with more than 100 attendees, and a bushcraft training camp for 32 Young Leaders. Through our contact with them, we have been able to communicate our strategy for more Explorer Scouts to achieve the King's Scout Award that makes it more accessible by making the criteria easier to understand and by making opportunities available such as the Explorer Belt and the Senior Young Leaders' scheme that fulfil critical elements of the award.

There remain some gaps in the programme team at county level, and we still have much to do to support and train our leaders to elevate programme delivery, but through the efforts of many we have made significant progress this year.

## **Increasing the number of Top Awards:**

Over the last year our amazing, dedicated leaders were able to ensure that 2,286 Scouts gained their top awards. That is a 47% improvement on the number of Scouts who achieved similarly in the previous year. That is a truly remarkable feat by our Scouts and their leaders. This year the number of young people achieving each award is as follows (January 2022 in brackets):

Chief Scout Acorn Award: 16 (-)  
Chief Scout Bronze Award: 803 (643)  
Chief Scout Silver Award: 672 (561)  
Chief Scout Gold Award: 341 (272)  
Chief Scout Platinum Award: 108 (48)  
Chief Scout Diamond Award: 55 (21)  
Queen's Scout Award: 7 (10)  
Explorer Belts: 17 (0)  
Young Leader Belts: 23 (22)

In addition, 244 (130) Duke of Edinburgh Awards were achieved by Surrey Scouts: Bronze: 138 (89); Silver: 83 (33), and Gold: 23 (8).

## **Promoting and enabling international opportunities:**

We saw a welcome post-pandemic return to international travel, with over 450 of Surrey Scouts' young people and leaders participating on a visit abroad in 2022-23. Destinations have included Switzerland, Norway, France, Spain and Belgium with programmes ranging from traditional Summer Camps, cycling and kayaking expeditions to band parades. In addition to the many fantastic Group/Unit organised visits abroad, there are an increasing number of trips organised that are open to any young person in the County. One example of the overseas trips was Operation Last Post in August 2022, which saw 120 Scouts and Leaders participating in a 3-day trip to Belgium and France to explore, learn and pay respects to the fallen. Another opportunity offered was the 2022 Explorer Belt expedition to Luxembourg, the first expedition in a new annual partnership with Greater London South West Scouts that involved a 10-day independent exploration in a small team for one of Scouting's Top Awards.

In the Summer 2023 United Kingdom Scouts will attend the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, a large camp with the aim of fostering international friendship, peace and learning. Surrey Scouts are sending 71 young people with places offered through a ballot system, giving every Scout within each District that applied an equal chance of getting a place. Months of training camps and fundraising activities have been taking place as the participants prepare for their adventure.

# Places

## **Promoting and enabling high-quality administration:**

Effective governance and high-quality administration remain a cornerstone of the County Plan. Whilst Covid now seems a distant memory the operating practices that were developed for administration in the County have remained and continue to prove effective. The County Office continues to be staffed alone by our Office Manager, Katy Cozens and follows the reduction in staff made in 2020.

Katy continues to work from home with periodic visits to the physical County Office and this has proved effective and efficient. The resumption of major County events (Bazzaz, Scram, Scoutabout etc.) has brought the office workload back to pre-pandemic levels and coping with this would not have been possible without much of the Bentley Copse administration being transferred to Jen Yates in her role as Customer Services Manager for the Activity Centre.

The reduced staffing in the County Office has resulted in considerable financial savings for the County whilst Katy's commitment has ensured the maintenance of a high level of efficiency. Sadly, the efficiency of the County Office is not matched by some of the departments at Scout Headquarters and we understand the very considerable frustration at the delay in issuing awards, particularly those for King's Scouts and Wood Badges that can take several months to be processed. We continue to make representations but can assure recipients that, once they are received in the County, they will receive immediate attention.

The number of financial transactions in the County is considerable across several accounts. This has been complicated still further this year by the need to ensure efficient financial management for the Units attending the World Jamboree. The County Treasurer instigated a fresh system for the Jamboree Units that has proved to be highly effective. Indeed, it has proved typical of the level of financial management that he has ensured exists in the County. He has kept the financial processes under constant review, including the effective generation of interest from the County reserves. This has been coupled to an excellent flow of financial information to the Trustees and enabled them to reduce the County membership fee for 2023/24.

The major outlay for the County has long been our excellent Activity Centre at Bentley Copse and the commitment of the professional staff – Nick Cann, Jen Yates, Luke Daniels, and Ryan Lloyd, together with the generous services of the volunteers, particularly the Management Sub-Committee, has produced a positive financial result in addition to the high-quality of the activities provided.

The Trustees were aware that the Board lacked experience in Human Resources, which coupled with the increasing complexity of employment law, created a risk for the County. Accordingly, the Trustees entered into a five-year contract with Peninsula HR to provide professional support in this field. This includes the provision of an expert review and maintenance of our Health and Safety Policy and an effective working relationship has already been established with the company.

We continue to promote the requirement for Trustee members at all levels of Scouting to complete the necessary mandatory training. We are aware that the number of Trustees recorded on Compass is not consistent with those who sit at Group and District Trustee Boards and that this does not allow an

accurate reflection of the Trustee training undertaken. It is relevant to note that, after the end of the reporting year, Scout Headquarters has introduced new policies and guidance on governance which are in the process of implementation. A County conference for District Chairs, Treasurers and Secretaries to pursue these issues is planned for the autumn.

The Trustees wish to place on record their gratitude to Katy and the team at Bentley Copse for their superb professional support of Scouting in Surrey.

## **Developing Bentley Copse:**

We continue to implement our new strategic plan for Bentley Copse Activity Centre, which includes plans to increase usage and improvements to facilities to enhance the Programme. We await planning permission for a new toilet/shower facility, a new shooting range and a new indoor archery range that can also be used for other indoor activities when required.

In the reporting year, a healthy balance sheet (see the financial report), has provided much needed finance for re-investment into the site. The highlights include:

- Attracting around 35,000 visitors over the year against just 23,000 in the previous year.
- Installing a new septic system.
- The installation of ultra-fast internet to the site, enabling us to provide Wi-Fi to our users.
- Improving and creating new activities including:
  - Completing the Go kart track.
  - Refurbishing the Cave Maze.
  - Installing a new zipwire and
  - Installing an observatory.
- Holding two great events: Beavers Go Wild and Frost Camp
- Employing all four staff full-time.
- Holding successful training courses for Archery, Rifle and Pistol shooting and inspecting the PPE provided for Surrey Leaders.
- Providing improvements to the information we provide to groups, from marketing materials to activity instructions.

The Trustees are very grateful for the continued hard work of all the staff and volunteers who supported Bentley Copse throughout this last year to achieve such positive results, and we would welcome more volunteers to our Service Crew, who, together with our staff, do such a wonderful job for Surrey Scouts.

# Perception

During the last year, Surrey Scouts has continued to be publicised in a variety of means with all major events covered by photography and videography, with galleries and event videos being produced and shared across social media and our online gallery. With two of the county's large events running in one year, this has been a challenge but one the team has managed effectively. We have been fortunate to receive coverage in print media, too, where it exists at local level across the county, with positive articles relating to programme and achievement of our youth members.

Once again, the media team has played a significant role in delivering Reach for the Stars and which has a very positive reach to the community of parents who support and log their Beaver's engagement. The Smugmug gallery has undergone a reorganisation to make it easier to find events if looking as a parent or from the wider community.

# Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year that give a true and fair view of the situation of the Charity at the year-end, its incoming resources and resources spent during the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. This allows the Board to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Surrey County Scout Council is a charity registered in England and Wales number 305819. It is governed by the Scout Association Royal Charter (1912, as amended). It adopts the constitution defined in section 5.4 of the Scout Association POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules).

## Trustee Selection and Training

The current Trustees (except for the five County Officers who hold an ex-officio appointment to the Board) are either elected (five members) by the County Scout Council or nominated by the County Commissioner (one member - the Chair of the Bentley Copse Management Sub-Committee). The Annual General Meeting ratifies all appointments. Trustees often already have, from the appointments they hold as members of the County Scout Council, an understanding of both Scouting generally and of how the County is organised and run. On appointment, they receive a booklet containing the terms of reference of the County Executive and its Sub-Committees, together with details of how Surrey Scouts might be able to apply for grant aid towards the costs of training and other activities. A link to the online booklet (The Essential Trustee, what you need to know etc.), published by the Charities Commission that explains the legal duties and responsibilities of charity trustees, is also provided. With effect from January 2016, all new Trustees are required to be a member of The Scout Association and undertake their training course for Trustees.

## Risk Policy

We undertake risk assessments for all major County activities in accordance with the recommendations and requirements of the Scout Association's published document entitled "Policy, Organisation and Rules". Our Bentley Copse staff carries out regular risk assessments of the County's activity centre and report their findings to the Management Sub-Committee. The County maintains a risk register used as a risk management tool to fulfil regulatory compliance and to act as a repository for all risks identified to the

County Scout Council. It includes additional information about each risk, e.g., the nature of the risk, reference and owner and the appropriate mitigation measures. The principal financial risk is that the activity centre generates a significant deficit, and the main operational risks focus on child abuse and injury to members.

## **Need and Skill Requirements**

The Trustees entrust the training of adults in Scouting in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association, to the County Training Manager and her team under the guidance of the County Commissioner. The Trustees have the responsibility to train any paid staff.

The Trustees do not employ professional fundraisers.

## **Conclusion**

The Board of Trustees wishes to extend sincere thanks to all the adults who give of their time, effort, and expertise to enable young people in Surrey to enjoy Scouting at its very best.

The Board would like to acknowledge the substantial financial assistance given by several organisations and individuals, which enables Groups, Districts and the County to provide better and improved facilities for the benefit of the young people of Surrey.

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Surrey County Scout Council



**James Burge**  
County Chairman



**Howard Park**  
County Secretary

# Surrey County Scout Council

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# Financial Review 2022-23

## Financial Strategy

The financial strategy supports the aims and objectives of the County which are explained elsewhere in this Trustees' Report. We do this by maintaining sound finances, prudently managed, and maintaining reserves that allow us to cope with adverse situations – the pandemic in 2020-22 showed this approach worked well when tested. The Trustees review the latest financial statements at every one of their meetings and agree the allocation of surplus funds and investments when necessary.

The Trustees have reaffirmed that the Bentley Copse Activity Centre is a core part of our strategy:

- to provide affordable top-quality opportunities for Surrey Scouts to camp, outdoors or indoors, in a safe and secure environment
- to provide training facilities in which adults may learn the skills that they need to be leaders in Surrey Scouts
- to provide a range of up-to-date and relevant on-site activities to support the Scouting Programme and to enhance the camping experience of Surrey's Scouts.

To deliver this strategy, the Trustees have identified capital works of some £1.5 to 2.0 million to be implemented over the next 10 years. The first phase of this is to replace the existing toilet block, to replace the dilapidated shooting range, and to build a new multi-purpose climbing and archery centre. The cost of these works is likely to be close to £1 million and planning permission has recently been sought. A successful 2022-23 year has allowed us to add a further £100 thousand to our County Development Fund, bringing the total to £500 thousand, which includes the significant contribution from Richard Shortman's legacy. This will enable the first stage of the building programme to commence, assuming planning permission is granted. We will need to raise the remaining funds through fundraising and by ensuring that Bentley Copse delivers a substantial and regular surplus.

## 2022-23 Financial Outcome

The accounts for Surrey Scouts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice applying incorporating Financial Reporting Standard 102, known as "Charities SORP (FRS 102)". The Financial Statements are shown on Pages 19 to 30, and the Independent Examiner's Report is shown on page 18.

The net operating income for 2022-23, including gains on investments, is £144,732 (2021-22 £47,048). This reflects an excellent post-COVID performance from Bentley Copse and continued good control of costs at both Bentley Copse and County. It also includes the assets (£68,457) of the Surrey Scout Training Trust (SSTT) which were transferred to Surrey Scouts in October 2022. The beneficiaries of the SSTT have always been associated with Surrey Scouts, so the transfer will bring the disbursement of training funds under one roof. A separate County Training Fund has been created to administer the funds.

Surplus cash is held on the Flagstone platform, which allows funds to be spread across multiple high-rated bank and building society accounts thus spreading the risk and ensuring that we retain full access to the Financial Services Compensation Fund that is restricted to £85,000 for each separate financial institution. Some funds are held as short-term investments with M&G and COIF.

## County events, activities, and administration (excluding Bentley Copse)

'County' Income is derived primarily from membership fees received from Groups (net of the amount passed on to Scout Headquarters), donations and grants and income for County-led activities such as Beavers Go Wild, Scoutabout, the World Jamboree, etc. Total 'County' income received in 2022-23 was £574,210 (2021-22 £161,796), reflecting the return of county-wide events, in particular Bazzaz and Scoutabout and the donation of the SSTT funds outlined above.

Net membership fees received from Groups was £119,289 (2021-22: £89,015). Prior year membership fees included a one-off subsidy of £2.00 per member to help mitigate the effect of a 25% increase in United Kingdom Headquarters membership fees, plus the financial impact of fewer scouts registered on 31 January 2021, a direct result of the impact on local meetings due to the pandemic. The Trustees were very pleased to see membership numbers recover from the depressed level during COVID.

Interest and dividends on cash and investments were higher at £15,549 (2021-22: £2,033) due to the increase in bank interest rates during 2022 and 2023.

'County' Expenditure supports the County-led activities, plus leader training, the salaries of County office administrative staff and the cost of utilities, insurance, depreciation, the AGM and the independent examiner's fee.

County administrative costs were £67,393 (2021-22: £52,675), about half of which relates to payroll. £4,903 (2021-22: £2,867) grants were disbursed from the funds transferred from the Surrey Scout Training Trust (renamed the County Training Fund), the County Commissioner's Discretionary Fund and the Forster Memorial Fund. The remaining regular costs incurred by County include stationery, photocopying, office utilities, subscriptions, depreciation, and Independent Examination fees.

Surrey operates or participates in eight Active Support Units which manage their own finances. These "Clubs" include Water Activities, Cruising, Events and Rifles and produced a combined loss of £(18,219) (2021-22: surplus of £1,914). This loss is partly due to activities restarting post-pandemic and specific agreed accounting adjustments at the Surrey Scouts Water Activities Centre to write off the value of the water craft, thus bringing the accounting treatment in line with other Clubs.

The net 'County' result including donations, interest received, Clubs and investment gains/losses was a surplus of £121,567 (2021-22: £44,665).

## Bentley Copse Activity Centre

Bentley Copse income is derived from fees charged for hiring the site and buildings for camping, training, and courses; charges for activities such as go-karting, shooting, zip-wire etc.; and sales from the site shop.

Bentley Copse operations continued to recover from the pandemic. Revenue from camping and courses was £297,327, an increase of 56% over prior year (2021-22: £190,462) but more encouragingly an increase of over 30% on the last pre-pandemic 'normal' year in 2019-20. The site made an operating surplus of £23,170 compared to £2,132 in 2021-22 – but it should be noted that the 2021-22 figure included government COVID grants of £39,004: the turnaround represents a truly excellent performance.

The majority of Bentley Copse costs are fixed, and the financial outcome is the result of a strong focus on keeping discretionary costs in check. Operating costs excluding the shop were £277,503 (2021-22: 231,816). Most of the increase this year related to staffing costs – we now have four full-time staff compared with two full-time and two part-time in the previous year – plus extra costs for cleaning, tanked gas, and maintenance. Following a review of site fixed assets, £4,036 was written off during the year.

Capital expenditure was £118,716 (2021-22: £23,265). Over £102,000 was to replace the septic tanks, a necessary exercise every twenty years or so. Other expenditure included new bell tents, the IT fibre network and climbing equipment. Capital expenditure in 2023-24 is likely to be considerably more than £100 thousand reflecting a catch-up on maintenance and continued improvements to site infrastructure.

## Reserves

The Trustees have a policy of retaining sufficient reserves to cover a minimum of twelve months of 'normal' fixed expenditure such as utilities, insurance, depreciation and staff salaries, which is approximately £300 thousand. The Trustees have agreed that this level remains appropriate.

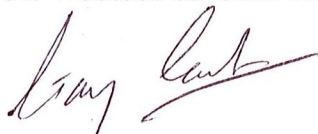
Funds at 31 March 2023 are £1,543,584 (31 March 2022: £1,398,852), the majority of which are unrestricted. This includes £68,457 of funds transferred from the Surrey Scout Training Trust. It should be noted that over £550,000 represents net funds received in advance for membership fees, Surrey events and Bentley Copse deposits; £350,000 is the Richard Shortman legacy; £46,000 is Club funds and over £130,000 is designated and restricted funds. The 'usable' working capital available to the Trustees is therefore closely matched to the £300,000 reserves target.

Free Reserves are £561,227, which can be seen in note 11 being the Net Current Assets for the unrestricted funds.

The balance of both restricted and unrestricted funds is held by the Trustees to cover:

- Fixed costs during unanticipated events such as the recent pandemic
- Capital expenditure at Bentley Copse to maintain the site and to improve the offering to Scout Groups and other customers.
- Unplanned deficits at major County events and support for future World Jamborees
- Funding of projects at County, District and Group level including capital works through grants or loans, programmes, leader and young person support and training of leaders

Given the current level of reserves and the ability to reduce or limit expenditure quickly in an emergency, the Trustees consider Surrey Scouts to be a viable going concern.



Gary Ernest  
County Treasurer  
July 2023

# Independent examiner's report

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Surrey County Scout Council

I report on the accounts for the Surrey County Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner:

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ICAEW.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 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:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records or comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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 financial statements to be reached.



**Stephen Meredith**

31 August 2023

Alliotts LLP,

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Friary Court, 13-21 High Street, Guildford GU1 3DL

# Balance Sheet

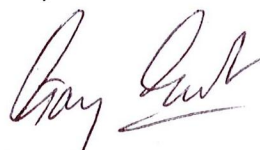
As at 31 March

	Note	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	5	£658,895	£624,667
Investments	6	£125,165	£93,983
		<u>£784,061</u>	<u>£718,650</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Shop Stock		£5,096	£9,163
Investment in Clubs	10	£46,290	£64,509
Debtors	7	£450,955	£121,565
Bank and cash balances		£1,257,609	£922,927
		<u>£1,759,951</u>	<u>£1,118,164</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>£1,000,428</u>	<u>£437,963</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>£759,523</u>	<u>£680,202</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>£1,543,584</u>	<u>£1,398,852</u>
<b>Represented by</b>			
General fund	10	£707,083	£705,630
Designated funds	10	£787,250	£643,595
Restricted funds	10	£49,251	£49,627
		<u>£1,543,584</u>	<u>£1,398,852</u>

The financial statements on pages 19 to 30 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 18th July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



James Burge  
County Chairman



Gary Ernest  
County Treasurer

# Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	General Funds	Designated Bentley	Designated Other	Restricted Funds	Total	2022 Total Note 2
County Membership Subscriptions	15	£119,289	-	-	-	£119,289	£89,016
Donations and grants		£6,291	£1,030	£68,457	-	£75,778	£42,226
Other Income		£22	£610	-	-	£632	£6,315
<b>Total subscriptions, donations, grants, and other income</b>		<b>£125,601</b>	<b>£1,640</b>	<b>£68,457</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£195,698</b>	<b>£137,557</b>
<b>Investments</b>							
Interest and dividends		£14,103	-	-	£1,445	£15,549	£2,033
<b>Charitable activities</b>							
Sections		-	-	-	-	-	-
Beavers Go Wild		£196	-	-	-	£196	-
World Jamboree		-	-	-	-	-	-
SCRAM		-	-	-	-	-	-
Scoutabout		£195,714	-	-	-	£195,714	-
Kandersteg		-	-	-	-	-	-
Bazzaz		£49,714	-	-	-	£49,714	-
D of E (Surrey Scouts)		£8,743	-	-	-	£8,743	£6,065
Operation Last Post		£21,095	-	-	-	£21,095	-
Explorer Belt		-	-	-	-	-	£3,020
Other activities/sales		£5,775	-	-	-	£5,775	£5,295
Adult training		£3,378	-	-	-	£3,378	£1,587
Clubs		-	-	£81,665	-	£81,665	£39,932
		£284,615	-	£81,665	-	£366,280	£55,898
<b>Other trading income</b>							
Camp site fees		-	£297,327	-	-	£297,327	£190,462
Camp site shop sales		-	£9,639	-	-	£9,639	£6,968
Other income		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	£306,966	-	-	£306,966	£197,430
<b>Total income</b>		<b>£424,320</b>	<b>£308,606</b>	<b>£150,122</b>	<b>£1,445</b>	<b>£884,493</b>	<b>£392,919</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	3	<b>£347,861</b>	<b>£285,435</b>	<b>£104,638</b>	<b>£150</b>	<b>£738,084</b>	<b>£354,214</b>
<b>Net operating income for the year</b>		<b>£76,459</b>	<b>£23,170</b>	<b>£45,484</b>	<b>£1,295</b>	<b>£146,409</b>	<b>£38,704</b>
Net gains/losses on investments	6	£(6)	-	-	£(1,671)	£(1,677)	£8,343
Movement between funds	10	£(75,000)	£(25,000)	£100,000	-	-	-
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		<b>£1,453</b>	<b>£(1,830)</b>	<b>£145,484</b>	<b>£(376)</b>	<b>£144,732</b>	<b>£47,048</b>
Total funds brought forward	2	£705,630	£159,047	£484,548	£49,627	£1,398,852	£1,351,804
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	10	<b>£707,083</b>	<b>£157,218</b>	<b>£630,032</b>	<b>£49,251</b>	<b>£1,543,584</b>	<b>£1,398,852</b>

## Note 1

### Accounting Policies for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with standards set by the Charity Commission, in particular "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound sterling, which may mean that some column totals do not add up arithmetically. For example,  $0.6 + 0.6 = 1.2$ , but when rounded, this will show as  $1 + 1 = 1$ .

#### Club accounts

Several County activities are operated through specialist Active Support Units (previously known as Activity Clubs). The balances of the Clubs have been included in the financial statements of the County and included separately in the balance sheet as a current asset.

#### Depreciation

Assets costing less than £500 are written off in the year of purchase. Depreciation of fixed assets is made on a straight-line basis at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life. These rates are generally between 20% and 50% per annum for equipment and transport assets and between 2% and 10% for buildings and infrastructure. Land is not depreciated.

#### Grants receivable

Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions have been met and the grants will be received.

#### Stock

Stock is valued on a first in, first out basis at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Investments

Investments are stated at market valuation. Any gain or loss on revaluation is credited or debited in the Statement of Financial Activities against the relevant fund. Income from investments is accounted for when received.

#### Fund accounting

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Expenditure, which meets these restrictions, is identified to the Fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable, or generated, for the objects of the charitable company without further specified purpose and available as unrestricted funds. Some unrestricted funds may be designated by the Trustees for specific purposes.

### **Going concern**

These accounts have been prepared under the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

### **Financial instruments**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less.

### **Incoming resources**

Income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. Income from bookings at Bentley Copse are recorded in the year that the first day of the camping activity takes place.

### **Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they are allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources. Irrecoverable VAT is included in costs.

### **Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying of the amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historic experience and other relevant factors. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed regularly. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

## Note 2

### Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	General Funds	Designated Bentley	Designated Other	Restricted Funds	Total
County Membership Subscriptions		£89,016	-	-	-	£89,016
Donations and grants		£1,645	£40,581	-	-	£42,226
Other Income		£4,862	£1,454	-	-	£6,315
<b>Total subscriptions, donations, grants, and other income</b>		<b>£95,522</b>	<b>£42,035</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£137,557</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
Interest and dividends		£735	-	-	£1,298	£2,033
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Sections		-	-	-	-	-
Beavers Go Wild		-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree		-	-	-	-	-
SCRAM		-	-	-	-	-
KIX		-	-	-	-	-
Bazzaz		-	-	-	-	-
D of E		£6,065	-	-	-	£6,065
Fright Ex		-	-	-	-	-
Explorer Belt		£3,020	-	-	-	£3,020
Other activities/sales		£5,295	-	-	-	£5,295
Adult training		£1,587	-	-	-	£1,587
Clubs		-	-	£39,932	-	£39,932
		£15,966	-	£39,932	-	£55,898
<b>Other trading income</b>						
Camp site fees		-	£190,462	-	-	£190,462
Camp site shop sales		-	£6,968	-	-	£6,968
Other income		-	-	-	-	-
		-	£197,430	-	-	£197,430
<b>Total income</b>		<b>£112,223</b>	<b>£239,465</b>	<b>£39,932</b>	<b>£1,298</b>	<b>£392,919</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>£76,224</b>	<b>£237,333</b>	<b>£38,018</b>	<b>£2,639</b>	<b>£354,214</b>
<b>Net operating income for the year</b>		<b>£35,999</b>	<b>£2,132</b>	<b>£1,914</b>	<b>£(1,341)</b>	<b>£38,704</b>
Net gains/losses on investments	6	£6,486	-	-	£1,857	£8,343
Movement between funds	10	(£364,000)	£364,000	-	-	-
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		<b>(£321,515)</b>	<b>£366,132</b>	<b>£1,914</b>	<b>£516</b>	<b>£47,048</b>
Total funds brought forward		£1,027,145	£156,915	£118,634	£49,111	£1,351,804
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>£705,630</b>	<b>£523,047</b>	<b>£120,548</b>	<b>£49,627</b>	<b>£1,398,852</b>

### Note 3

## Statement of Financial Activities

### Resources expended for the year ended March 31st 2023

	Note	General Funds	Designated Bentley	Designated Other	Restricted Funds	Total	2022 Total
<b>Premises</b>							
Utilities/Waste/Council Tax		£1,837	£40,190	-	-	£42,027	£34,460
Insurance		£699	£13,334	-	-	£14,033	£14,786
Repairs/renewals/minor etc.		£264	£34,074	-	-	£34,338	£34,029
		<u>£2,800</u>	<u>£87,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£90,399</u>	<u>£83,275</u>
<b>Donations and grants</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£4,754</u>	<u>£150</u>	<u>£4,904</u>	<u>£2,867</u>
<b>Activities</b>							
Sections		£6,588	-	-	-	£6,588	£6,341
Beavers Go Wild		-	-	-	-	-	£108
World Jamboree		-	-	-	-	-	-
SCRAM		-	-	-	-	-	-
Scoutabout		£186,233	-	-	-	£186,233	-
Kandersteg		-	-	-	-	-	-
Bazzaz		£48,793	-	-	-	£48,793	-
D of E (Surrey Scouts)		£7,140	-	-	-	£7,140	£6,671
Operation Last Post		£18,773	-	-	-	£18,773	-
Explorer Belt		-	-	-	-	-	£2,902
Other activities		£7,167	£37,339	-	-	£44,505	£29,531
Adult Training		£10,678	-	-	-	£10,678	£10,166
Clubs' Income		-	-	£99,884	-	£99,884	£38,018
		<u>£285,371</u>	<u>£37,339</u>	<u>£99,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£422,594</u>	<u>£93,738</u>
<b>Site expenditure</b>							
Staff costs		-	£82,933	-	-	£82,933	£50,001
Campsite administration		-	£11,803	-	-	£11,803	£12,683
Cost of camp site shop sales		-	£7,932	-	-	£7,932	£5,517
Other		-	£2,189	-	-	£2,189	£7,145
		<u>-</u>	<u>£104,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£104,858</u>	<u>£75,346</u>
<b>Support Costs</b>							
Staff costs - administration		£34,225	-	-	-	£34,225	£29,997
County office - administration		£18,354	-	-	-	£18,354	£9,658
Communication		-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>£52,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£52,579</u>	<u>£39,655</u>
<b>Governance</b>							
Examiner's fee	12	£2,602	-	-	-	£2,602	£2,400
AGM and other costs		£1,130	-	-	-	£1,130	£2,290
		<u>£3,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£3,732</u>	<u>£4,690</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>							
Land & Buildings		£2,430	£31,946	-	-	£34,376	£42,545
Infrastructure		-	£10,966	-	-	£10,966	-
Equipment		£949	£5,635	-	-	£6,584	-
Vehicles		-	£3,057	-	-	£3,057	£12,098
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	£4,036	-
		<u>£3,379</u>	<u>£55,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£59,020</u>	<u>£54,643</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>£347,861</u>	<u>£285,435</u>	<u>£104,638</u>	<u>£150</u>	<u>£738,084</u>	<u>£354,214</u>

## Note 3 (cont.)

### Statement of Financial Activities

#### Resources expended for the year ended March 31st 2022

	Note	General Funds	Designated Bentley	Designated Other	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Premises</b>						
Utilities		£1,749	£32,711	-	-	£34,460
Insurance		£606	£14,180	-	-	£14,786
Repairs, renewals/minor equipment		£204	£33,825	-	-	£34,029
		£2,558	£80,717	-	-	£83,275
<b>Donations and grants</b>		£228	-	-	£2,639	£2,867
<b>Activities</b>						
Sections		£6,341	-	-	-	£6,341
Beavers Go Wild		£108	-	-	-	£108
Jamboree		-	-	-	-	-
SCRAM		-	-	-	-	-
KIX		-	-	-	-	-
Bazzaz		-	-	-	-	-
D of E		£6,671	-	-	-	£6,671
Fright Ex		-	-	-	-	-
Explorer Belt		£2,902	-	-	-	£2,902
Other activities		-	£29,531	-	-	£29,531
Adult Training		£10,166	-	-	-	£10,166
Clubs		-	-	£38,018	-	£38,018
		£26,189	£29,531	£38,018	-	£93,738
<b>Site expenditure</b>						
Staff costs		-	£50,001	-	-	£50,001
Campsite administration		-	£12,683	-	-	£12,683
Cost of camp site shop sales		-	£5,517	-	-	£5,517
Other		-	£7,145	-	-	£7,145
		-	£75,346	-	-	£75,346
<b>Support Costs</b>						
Staff costs - administration		£29,997	-	-	-	£29,997
County office- administration		£9,658	-	-	-	£9,658
Communication		-	-	-	-	-
		£39,655	-	-	-	£39,655
<b>Governance</b>						
Examiner's fee	12	£2,400	-	-	-	£2,400
AGM and other costs		£2,290	-	-	-	£2,290
		£4,690	-	-	-	£4,690
<b>Depreciation</b>						
Buildings		£1,840	£40,704	-	-	£42,544
Equipment & Vehicles		£1,064	£11,035	-	-	£12,098
		£2,904	£51,739	-	-	£54,643
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>£76,224</b>	<b>£237,333</b>	<b>£38,018</b>	<b>£2,639</b>	<b>£354,214</b>

## Note 4

### Statement of cash flows

	Current year To 31 Mar 2023	Prior year To 31 Mar 2022	Table
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
<i>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</i>	£445,240	£66,513	A
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Dividends and interest from investments	£15,549	£2,033	
Gains/(losses) on investments	£(1,677)	£8,343	
Purchase of buildings and equipment less WIP b/f	£(93,248)	£(48,733)	
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities:</b>	<b>£(79,376)</b>	<b>(£38,357)</b>	
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</i>	<i>£365,865</i>	<i>£28,156</i>	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>£1,016,910</b>	<b>£988,754</b>	B
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>£1,382,775</b>	<b>£1,016,910</b>	B

#### Table A

##### Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	Current year	Prior Year
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>£144,732</b>	<b>£47,048</b>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	£54,983	£54,643
(Gains)/losses on investments	£1,677	£(8,343)
(Gains)/losses on fixed assets	£4,036	£0
Dividends and interest from investments	£(15,549)	£(2,033)
Investment in clubs	£18,219	£(1,914)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	£4,066	£(1,026)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors and prepayments	£(329,390)	£(84,508)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	£562,465	£62,647
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>£376,783</b>	<b>£66,513</b>

#### Table B

##### Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Current year	Current year
Cash in hand	£1,257,609	£922,927
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	£125,165	£93,983
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>£1,382,775</b>	<b>£1,016,910</b>

## Note 5 Tangible Assets

	Land/Buildings/ Infrastructure	Equipment and Vehicles	Total
<b>Cost</b>			
Balance as at 1 April 2022	£1,281,080	£117,531	£1,398,611
Additions	£107,795	£10,920	£118,716
Disposals/Write-Offs	£(27,121)	£(19,228)	£(46,349)
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>£1,361,754</u>	<u>£109,224</u>	<u>£1,470,978</u>
<b>Cumulative Depreciation</b>			
Balance as at 1 April 2022	£726,490	£72,922	£799,412
Charged for the year	£45,342	£9,641	£54,983
Disposals/Write-Offs	£(23,954)	£(18,358)	£(42,313)
Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>£747,878</u>	<u>£64,205</u>	<u>£812,083</u>
<b>Net Book Values</b>			
At 31 March 2022	£554,590	£44,609	£599,199
At 31 March 2023	<u>£613,876</u>	<u>£45,019</u>	<u>£658,895</u>
<b>Capital Work In Progress</b>			
At 31 March 2022	£25,468		£25,468
At 31 March 2023	£0		£0

## Note 6 Investments

	2022/23		2021/22	
<b>At Valuation</b>				
Opening market value at 1 April		£93,983		£85,640
Investments transferred from Surrey Training Fund		£32,859		£0
Net gain(loss) in year on revaluation		£(1,677)		£8,343
Closing market value at 31 March		<u>£125,165</u>		<u>£93,983</u>
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Valuation 31 Mar 2023</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Valuation 31 Mar 2022</b>
M&G Charifund Income Units - held for the General Fund	£3,549	£12,266	£3,549	£13,065
COIF Investment Units - held for the General Fund*	£49,931	£87,226	£14,333	£53,574
	<u>£53,480</u>	<u>£99,492</u>	<u>£17,882</u>	<u>£66,639</u>
M&G Charifund Income Units - held for the restricted Forster fund	£15,020	£25,673	£15,020	£27,344
	<u>£68,500</u>	<u>£125,165</u>	<u>£32,902</u>	<u>£93,983</u>

\*Includes units transferred from Surrey Scout Training Trust in October 2022

## Note 7

### Debtors at balance sheet date

	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
Prepayments	£430,636	£104,909
Other debtors	£20,319	£16,656
	<u>£450,955</u>	<u>£121,565</u>

## Note 8

### Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
Amounts received in advance	£988,087	£430,668
Accruals and other creditors	£12,341	£7,294
	<u>£1,000,428</u>	<u>£437,963</u>

## Note 9

### Staff and Trustees

The number of staff employed by the Council on 31st March:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Bentley Copse Activity Centre	4	4
County administration	1	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

	2022/23	2021/22
Wages and salaries	£109,423	£75,918
Employer's social security costs & pension contributions	£7,735	£4,080
	<u>£117,159</u>	<u>£79,998</u>

None of the employees earned over £60,000 (2022: none)

None of the trustees received remuneration or benefits from the charity. (2022: none).

Three trustees were reimbursed £3,720 for travel and other expenses (2022: three, £1,751).

## Note 10

### Funds and fund movements

#### Designated Funds:

The Bentley Copse Accumulated Fund was established to develop the Bentley Copse camp site, now called the Bentley Copse Activity Centre

The Clubs (Active Support Unit) Fund supports smaller clubs and activities in the Surrey area.

The County Development Fund is for the development of facilities and activities across the County including at Bentley Copse. It includes the former Sectional Reserve Fund.

The Jamboree Fund has been designated to support World Scout Jamborees. The next one is planned for July 2023 and the fund will be used for planning, selection, training and support of individuals attending this event.

The County Commissioner's Discretionary Fund is to assist in individual hardship cases to allow full access to Scouting Activities

The Surrey Scout Training Trust (SSTT) has been managed as a separate Trust for many years: the beneficiaries of the SSTT are Surrey Scouts. The SSTT trustees agreed in 2022 to transfer the assets of the SSTT to Surrey County Scout Council. The transfer of assets took place in October 2022. The funds will henceforth be administered by Surrey County for the benefit of Surrey scouts and leaders.

#### Restricted Funds:

The Forster Memorial Fund was established in memory of Sir Ralph Forster Bt. for the support of members of the Scout Association under 25 years of age to develop their careers or citizenship.

**Note 10 (cont.)**

**Funds and fund movements**

<b>2022/23</b>	<b>B/forward 1 April 2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments</b>	<b>Movements between funds</b>	<b>Net movement during year</b>	<b>C/forward 31 March 2023</b>
General Fund	£705,630	£424,320	£(347,861)	£(6)	£(75,000)	£1,453	£707,083
Bentley Copse Accumulated Fund	£159,047	£308,606	£(285,435)	-	£(25,000)	£(1,830)	£157,218
Clubs (Active Support Units)	£64,509	£81,665	£(99,884)	-	-	£(18,219)	£46,290
Sectional Reserve Fund	£0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Fund	£17,238	-	-	-	-	-	£17,238
County Development Fund	£400,000	-	-	-	£100,000	£100,000	£500,000
C/Commissioner's Discretionary Fund	£2,800	-	£(1,000)	-	-	£(1,000)	£1,800
County Training Fund	-	£68,457	£(3,754)	-	-	£64,703	£64,703
	<b>£643,595</b>	<b>£458,728</b>	<b>£(390,074)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£75,000</b>	<b>£143,655</b>	<b>£787,250</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>							
Forster Memorial Fund	£49,627	£1,445	£(150)	£(1,671)	-	£(376)	£49,251
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>£1,398,852</b>	<b>£816,036</b>	<b>£(738,084)</b>	<b>£(1,671)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£144,732</b>	<b>£1,543,584</b>
<b>2021/22</b>	<b>B/forward 1 April 2021</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Unrealised gains/ (losses) on investments</b>	<b>Movements between funds</b>	<b>Net movement during year</b>	<b>C/forward 31 March 2022</b>
General Fund	£1,027,145	£112,223	£(76,224)	£6,486	£(364,000)	£(321,515)	£705,630
Bentley Copse Accumulated Fund	£156,915	£239,465	£(237,333)	-	-	£2,132	£159,047
Clubs (Active Support Units)	£62,595	£39,932	£(38,018)	-	-	£1,914	£64,509
Sectional Reserve Fund	£24,250	-	-	-	£(24,250)	£(24,250)	-
Jamboree Fund	£17,238	-	-	-	-	-	£17,238
County Development Fund	£11,750	-	-	-	£388,250	£388,250	£400,000
C/Commissioner's Discretionary Fund	£2,800	-	-	-	-	-	£2,800
	<b>£275,549</b>	<b>£279,397</b>	<b>£(275,351)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£364,000</b>	<b>£368,046</b>	<b>£643,595</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>							
Forster Memorial Fund	£49,111	£1,298	£(2,639)	£1,857	£0	£516	£49,627
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>£1,351,804</b>	<b>£392,919</b>	<b>£(354,214)</b>	<b>£8,343</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£47,048</b>	<b>£1,398,852</b>

## Note 11

### Net Asset breakdown

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets	Fund balances
31st March 2023				
Unrestricted Funds	£46,363	£99,492	£561,227	£707,083
Designated Funds				
Bentley Copse	£612,532	-	£(455,314)	£157,218
Other		-	£630,032	£630,032
TOTAL	<u>£612,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£174,718</u>	<u>£787,250</u>
Restricted Funds	-	£25,673	£23,578	£49,251
TOTAL	<u>£658,895</u>	<u>£125,165</u>	<u>£759,523</u>	<u>£1,543,584</u>

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Net current assets	Fund balances
31st March 2022				
Unrestricted Funds	£46,629	£66,639	£592,362	£705,630
Designated Funds				
Bentley Copse	£578,038	-	£(418,991)	£159,047
Other	£0	-	£484,548	£484,548
TOTAL	<u>£578,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£65,557</u>	<u>£643,595</u>
Restricted Funds	-	£27,344	£22,283	£49,627
TOTAL	<u>£624,667</u>	<u>£93,983</u>	<u>£680,202</u>	<u>£1,398,852</u>

## Note 12

### Independent Examiner's fee

	2023	2022
	£2,600	£2,490

The independent examiner received no remuneration in respect of services other than for the examination of the Financial statements (invoiced and paid during financial year).

## Note 13

### Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments outstanding at 31st March 2023 (31st March 2022: £98,850 for replacement of the site's septic tanks).

## Note 14

### Related party transactions

No Trustee responsible for planning, controlling, and directing the charity had any transactions with the Charity apart from those shown in note 13.

## Note 15

### Membership Subscriptions

County membership subscriptions are collected from Groups via Districts together with UK HQ subscriptions which are passed on directly to UK Scouts HQ. The figures shown in the Statement of Financial Activities is net of the amounts passed on to UK Scouts HQ. Details as follows:

	2023	2022
Gross subscriptions collected from Districts	£589,627	£ 531,024
Amount forwarded to UK Scout HQ	<u>£(470,339)</u>	<u>£(442,008)</u>
County membership subscriptions retained	£119,289	£89,016

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As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more.

Each week, we give over twelve thousand young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future. We are talking about teamwork, leadership, and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians.

We believe in bringing people together. We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We are part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

We have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We are growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and we are making a bigger impact in our communities.

We are proud to say we are a values-based movement. Our Scout values of integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation guide everything we do.

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