

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Ashford District Scout Council
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 8 1 3 8
HQ registration number	1 2 7 0 1
Charity's principal address	24 Towner Close Charing Postcode T N 2 7 0 B F

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1			
2	James Yeomans	Trustee Chair	
4	Colin Ladley	Trustee District Lead Volunteer	
5	Karen Blackiston	Trustee Treasurer	
6	Julian West	Trustee Deputy District Lead Volunteer	12.3.25
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	Lisa Thornton	Trustee Transformation and compliance	
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9	Ian Carey	Trustee District Development	
10	Kieran Lee	Trustee District Youth Leader	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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(e.g. trust deed, constitution) The District's governing documents are those of the 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 of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company) The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by) The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

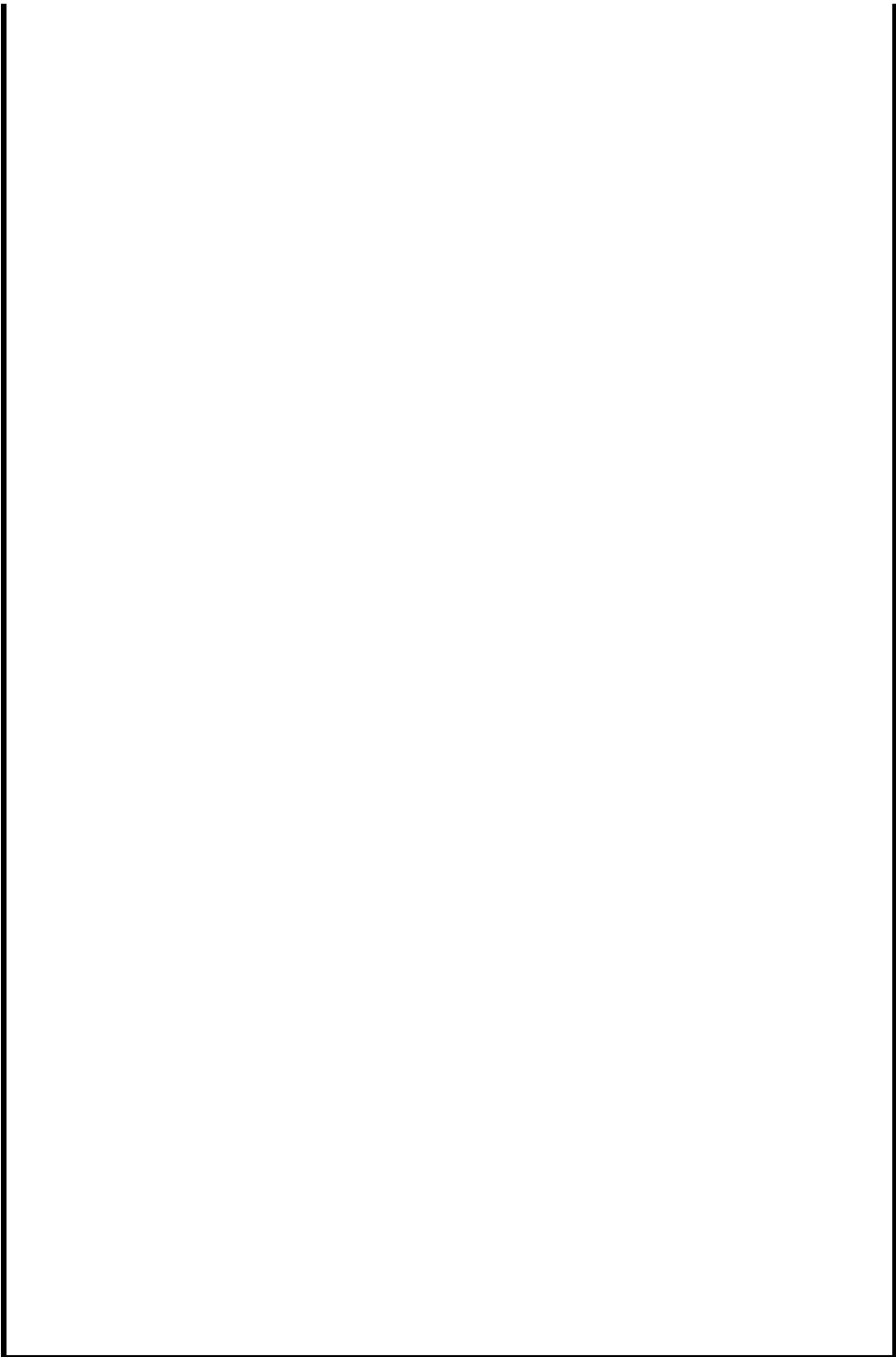
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: The District is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

This Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	The district has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.



Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>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.</p>

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

[Empty box for summary of main activities]

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

[Empty box for additional details]

Public benefit statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

[Empty box for summary of main achievements]

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

Quantify and explain any designations

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

James Yeomans	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman	
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Date

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Ashford District Scout Council Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31/03/2025
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Receipts and payments				
	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Whole year total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	55,461	-	55,461	44,942
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County)	(44,903)	-	(44,903)	(40,245)
Net membership subscriptions retained	10,558	-	10,558	4,697
District program and activities	23,882	-	23,882	9,169
World Scout Jamboree 2023	-	-	-	3,105
South Africa 2025		21,620	21,620	13,940
KIJ 2025		7,697	7,697	
Recognise explorer funds	4,113	-	4,113	-
Shop sales	12,953	-	12,953	12,188
Third party fundraising	215	-	215	102
Donations	470	-	470	1,435
Forge Lane contribution	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	3,257	-	3,257	-
Other	557	-	557	2,473
Sub total	56,005	29,317	85,322	47,109
Investment income				
Bank interest	153	-	153	122
Sub total	153	-	153	122
Total receipts	56,158	29,317	85,475	47,231

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Receipts and payments

	2024/25			Total funds £	2023/24 Whole year total funds £
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	-		
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
District programme and activities	24,385	-	-	24,385	12,143
District exec costs	1,012	-	-	1,012	1,792
Forge Lane utilities	2,112	-	-	2,112	2,170
Insurance	1,501	-	-	1,501	2,176
World Scout Jamboree 2023	-	-	-	-	2,500
South Africa 2025	-	700	-	700	-
KIJ 2025	-	7,350	-	7,350	-
Contributions to local groups	833	-	-	833	-
Donations	500	-	-	500	500
Shop purchases	10,052	-	-	10,052	9,723
Other	728	-	-	728	1,804
Sub total	41,123	8,050	-	49,173	32,808
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,035	21,267	-	36,302	14,423
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	61,612	14,067	-	75,679	61,256
Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Current cash funds	76,647	35,334	-	111,981	75,679

Statement of assets and liabilities

				31/03/2025	30-Mar-24
	£	£	£	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	18,051	25,334	-	43,385	18,722
Bank deposit account	383	10,000	-	10,383	10,231
AKAS account	52	-	-	52	553
Shop account	34,216	-	-	34,216	31,396
Explorers Accounts	23,021	-	-	23,021	13,696
RoostersActive Support account	924	-	-	924	1,081
Total cash funds	76,647	35,334	-	111,981	75,679

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ASHFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashford District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Ashford District Scout Council 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 Ashford District Scout Council 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 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 Ashford District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Name: LOUISE KAMES

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies
(if any): FCCA

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Date: 08/01/26