Annual Report and Accounts 2025

Cardiff East Scouts













Cardiff East SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting May 28th 2026

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**

   a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th June

   b. Note the District's financial year

   c. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council

   d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

   e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council
4. **Review of the previous year**

   a. The District Lead Volunteer's annual review of Scouts Cardiff East.

   b. The Area Lead Volunteer's (or their representative's) remarks

   c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**

   a. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

   b. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board – no nominees at this point

   c. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor

   d. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the Area Scout Council
6. **Closing remarks**

Minutes from the AGM – June 18th 2025

Record of Annual General Meeting Cardiff East Scouts

Llanrumney Hall Wednesday 18th June 2025

There were 17 people in attendance, and 10 formal apologies were received. The names are noted in the Cardiff East District AGM Ledger.

The meeting was opened with a welcome from the district president Des Backhouse. Chris Kennard District Chair chaired the AGM.

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were shared and accepted with no objections. It was noted the scrutineer was changed to Carole Standfast with the change of treasurer mid year. The finical year was agreed as the 1st Jan to 31st Dec.

George Lawson Jones, Youth Lead was appointed to the Trustee Board in addition to the Trustees who were appointed at last years AGM for a 3 year term. We agreed that 5 Trustees were required for a quorum at Trustee board meetings. 10 scout council members for the AGM.

Steve Holmes DLV reflected on the highlights of 2024 as detailed in the report. He particularly noted the efforts put in to move a across to the new membership system and importance of completing safety training by the July deadline.

Cathie Steel ALV thanked all district volunteers for their hard work in delivering excellent scouting. Comments that Cardiff East District was bigger than Powys Region.

Jeremy Ray – Finical report. A detailed report was provided to attendees. The role of district treasurer is currently vacant, and we are grateful to Jeremy for taking up the reigns an the hard work he has put in to bring the accounts together. There we no notable issues to report with the accounts, apart from several expenses had been recorded incorrectly. Systems were now being put in place to prevent this in the future. We are now exploring using QuickBooks and OSM for our accounting. The Melvin Skidmore fund as a balance of £21,000. The 34th Cardiff account has now been closed and the funds transferred across. Once a new treasurer is in place a scrutineer will be appointed via the Trustee board.

Kyle Hewett and Cara MacArthur, we appointed to the Area Scout Council.

The evening concluded with Des presenting Long service awards to Kyle Hewett and Liz Collins and wood beads to Cara MacArthur.

Notes recorded by Kay Holmes

Welcome From the Chair of the Cardiff East Trustee Board

2025 was another great year for Cardiff East Scouts. The volunteers that we have continue to drive us forward and deliver safe, engaging, educational fun programmes for our young people. Volunteering within this organisation is incredibly fulfilling but it takes a lot of commitment, and we are ever grateful for all that they do and the commitment that they show.

I would also to take this opportunity to thank the both the district and group trustees who ensure everyone has the resources and support needed to deliver for the young people. I would also like to thank Jeremy for continuing to support us with the treasurer role and Amy for taking on the duties and keeping us compliant.

2026 will provide more opportunities for the district with another international camp and another incredible programme delivered by Steve and his team

I would like to close with a plea for support. We need more trustees within the district and group teams so, if you are interested, please reach out to me or one of the team.

Chirs Kennard

Chair of the district Trustee

A review of the Year - Lead volunteer

2025 was another busy year in Cardiff East, we are very proud of the wide range of opportunities, new experiences and essential life skills offered. Thank you to all adult volunteers who played an essential role. From planning and delivering weekly activities to organising overnight experiences, their contribution has been invaluable. These experiences ranged from traditional outdoor camping to indoor overnight stays and specialised activities such as climbing sessions, archery and grass sledging, to name a few. Notably, badge purchase continues to represent a major cost for most groups, reflecting the importance placed on rewarding progress and engagement and the volume of badges achieved at all levels.

Special thanks are extended to Kay, Amy, Sarah, Maylia, Pete, Sian, Alison, Joe, Bee, Lynn, Steve B, George, Rhys Collins, Kyle, Matty, and Cerys and the team across the district for your continued support throughout the year. Their commitment has been instrumental in maintaining the quality and consistency of activities and support delivered.

The year included a wide range of organised events across different sections:

- **25 January** – Cub Badge Day, Llanrumney Hall
- **8 February** – Beaver Sleepover, Boulders
- **22 March** – Squirrels in Space, Llanrumney Hall
- **16–18 May** – Golden Duck Challenge (Scouts)
- **7 June** – Cub Fun Day, Builth Wells
- **27–29 June** – Awesome Explorers
- **7 September** – Denmark Selection Event (Adults)
- **26–28 September** – Cub Camp, CRIA
- **8 November** – Denmark Welcome Meeting, Llanrumney Hall

These events provided opportunities for young people of all ages to engage in structured challenges, social development, and outdoor learning. We are particularly proud of the nights away achieved :

- **Squirrels:** 23 nights
- **Beavers:** 233 nights
- **Cubs:** 325 nights
- **Scouts:** 425 nights
- **Explorers:** 218 nights
- **Adults:** 203 nights

Total nights away: 1,499

The achievements of 2025 reflect a collective effort from volunteers and youth members. Despite the demands placed on volunteers, the district has successfully delivered a diverse and impactful programme. With strong foundations in place, the outlook for 2026 remains positive, with continued focus on growth, inclusion, and high-quality experiences.

Steve Holmes

District Lead Volunteer

14 – 25 Report

2025 has been another busy and enjoyable year for our Explorer Scout Section, with plenty of opportunities for our young people to challenge themselves, learn new skills, and have fun along the way.

One of the standout events this year was the District Explorer Camp. Our Explorers got stuck into a range of activities including crate stacking, axe throwing, car mechanics, and learning how to survive in cold conditions. It was great to see everyone getting involved, trying something new, and supporting each other throughout the weekend.

We also ran a survival camp where Explorers learned some of the basics of outdoor survival, including hammocking in the woods and cooking over open fires. It was a brilliant weekend that gave everyone the chance to build confidence, independence, and practical outdoor skills.

Towards the end of the year, we took a group of Explorers white water rafting. This was an amazing day out and definitely one of the highlights of the year. Everyone had a fantastic time and it was great to see so much teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the trip.

We're already looking ahead to 2026, where we'll be taking 40 Explorers to Denmark for our international trip. We're all really excited for what promises to be an unforgettable experience full of adventure, new cultures, new friendships, and lots of new experiences.

Finally, it's been fantastic to see so many badges awarded across the section this year, with many Explorers continuing to work towards their top awards. I'm looking forward to seeing even more of them achieve these over the coming year.

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to all of our Explorer leaders who give up so much of their own time to help run the programme and support our young people. Their dedication and hard work are what make these opportunities possible, and we simply wouldn't have such successful and thriving units without them.

Sian Clarke

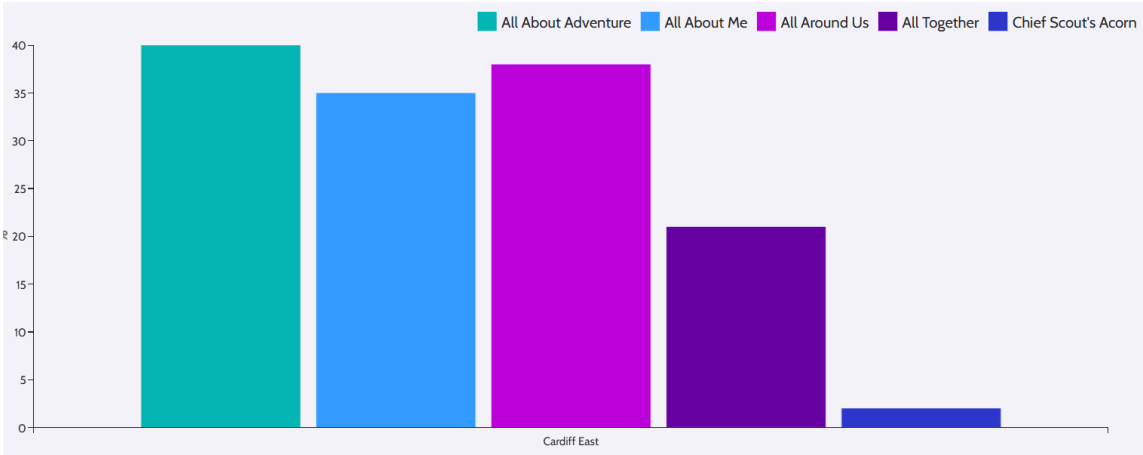
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A Year of Achievements

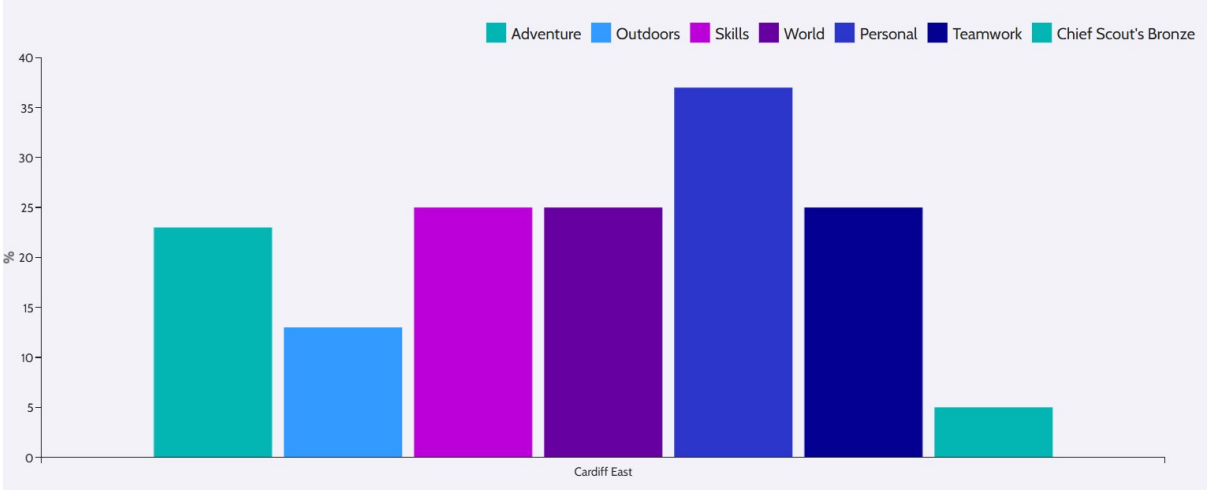
Badges and awards are the heartbeat of our movement, they not only show the achievements of our youth members but are a reflection of the dedication, and commitment of our adult volunteers. Fantastic programmes earn lots of badges!

Below are the badges achieved by percentage for each sections taken from the district OSM.

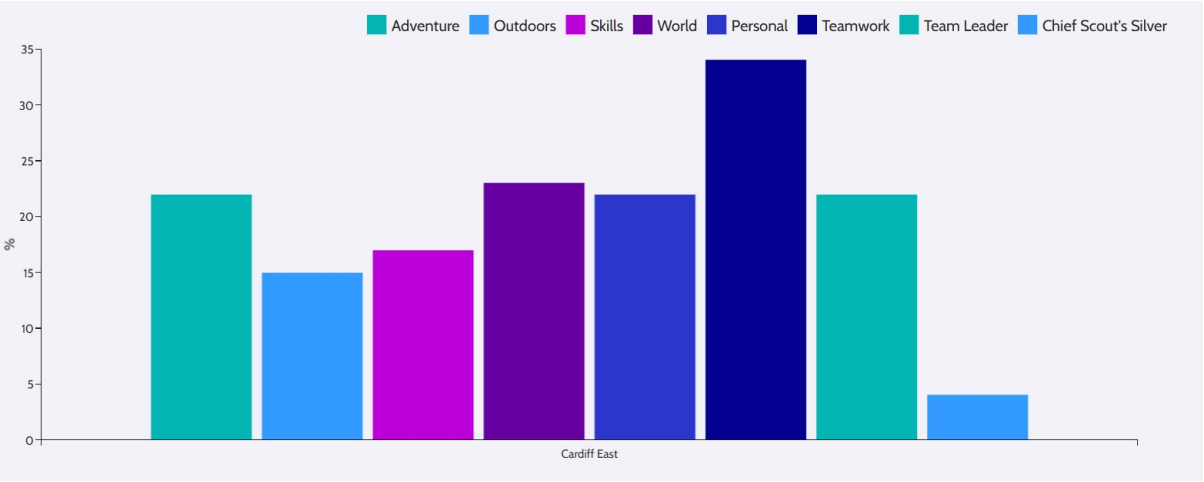
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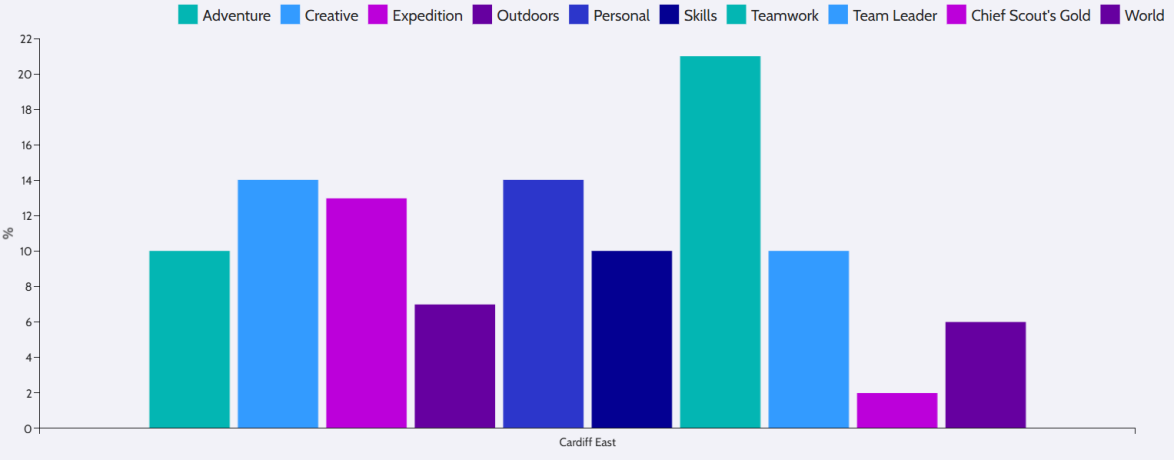
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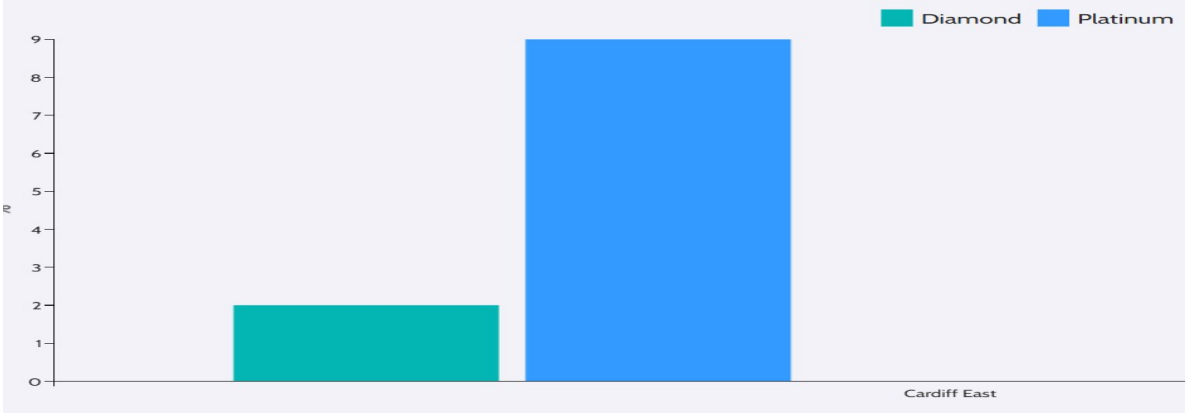
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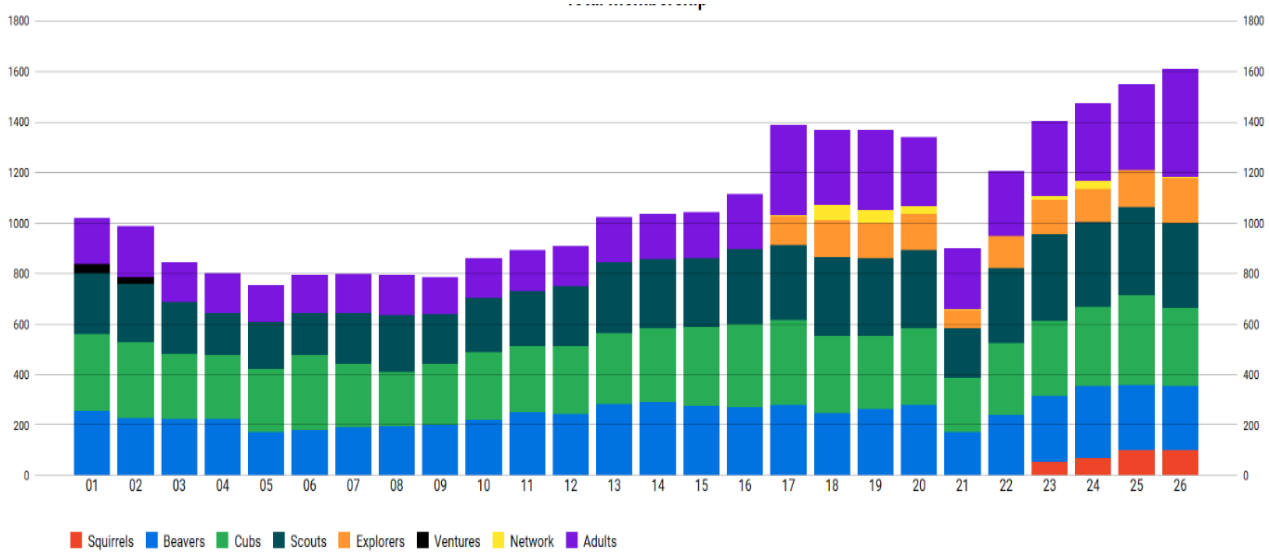
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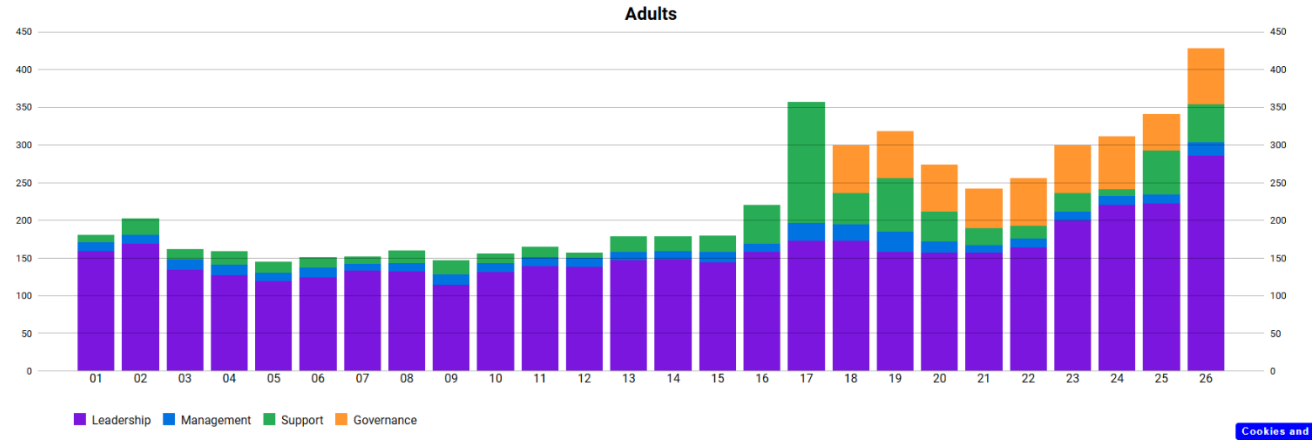


Explorers



Overview of Growth





During 2025 we have seen a slight decline in our youth numbers. However, we have seen a growth in adult volunteers.

Section	Number	Percentage
Squirrels	100	+1%
Beavers	254	-2%
Cubs	309	-13%
Scouts	338	-3%
Explorers	177	+19%
Adults	428	+25%
Total	1608	+4%

Roll Of Honour 2025



Silver Wolf - Steve Barkley

Cardiff East Team – Ty Hafan Scouts



Bar to Award of Merit - Amy Hewett

84th Cardiff Cardiff East Programme Lead



Chief Scouts Commendation of Good Service

Cherie Marshall - 25th Cardiff

Sian Clarke – Wild Wolves ESU / 14-25 Team

Financial Report Jan 25 – Dec 25

Jeremy Ray – Area Treasurer (Covering 2025)

Over view of Balances (@ 31 Dec 2025)

NATWEST

- 17757886 Main £ 20044.44

- 17757916 Deposit £73290.18

(Melvin Skidmore Funds £20700/34th SG £2052/£50538.18General))

- 17766559 Fundraising £0.00

- 17757894 Activities £15977.35

-17761572 International £20655.89

Actions

- OSM Prepaid Cards – Key team members now hold OSM cards with agreed budget
- 2024 Accounts – uploaded to Charity Commission

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
	01.01.2025	To	31.12.2025

Receipts and payments

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	79,535	65,308
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 77,958	- 65,753
Donations	-	-
Camp Income	4,889	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Other similar income (Loan Repaid by 45th Scout Group/34th Scout Group Closed)	7,434	-
Sub total	13,900	- 445
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Black Tie Dinner	-	3,280
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	-	3,280
District Income		
DENMARK 2026 DEPOSITS	22,737	
Hire of Equipment	25	30
Hire of Van/Minibus	2,455	845
Activities	5,620	10,922
Sub total	30,837	11,797
Investment income		
Bank interest	538	531
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	538	531
Total Gross Income	45,275	15,163
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	45,275	15,163

Cardiff East District Scout Council(Charity no.509577)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
	01.01.2025	To	31.12.2025

Receipts and payments

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	4,372	3,021
Adult support and training	102	38
Melvin Skidmore Grants	530	320
Grant to Brave Dragons ESU	-	1,005
Loan to 45th Scout Group	-	2,144
Insurance	-	-
Repairs and Renewals	410	-
Materials and equipment	-	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	4,725	5,820
Uniforms & Badges	501	316
Admininstration	811	-
Van/Minibus Costs	5,824	2,521
Denmark International Trip 2026	2,081	
BBQ	325	1,000
Sub total	19,681	16,185
Fundraising expenses		
Black Tie Dinner	59	3,650
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	59	3,650
Total Gross Expenditure	19,740	19,835
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	19,740	19,835
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,535	- 4,672
Cash funds last year end	104,432	109,104
Cash funds this year end	129,967	104,432

For the	01.01.2025	To	31.12.2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31.12.2025 Unrestricted funds £	30.12.2024 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	20,044	95,869
Bank Current account No 2	15,977	8,563
Deposit Account	73,290	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment	-	-
International Trip	20,656	-
Total cash funds	129,967	104,432
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles (dep by 25%pa)	4,500	6,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc (dep by 25%	8,523	11,364
Other	-	-
Sub total	13,023	17,364
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	142,990	121,796

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Christopher Kennard
	Jeremy L Ray

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts to 31st December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

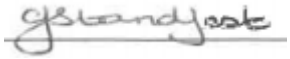
Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(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 he examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 14th June 2025

Name: Carole Standfast B.Sc.(Econ)(Hons)