

Annual Report on behalf of the District Trustee Board

The Loughborough District Scouts Council Trustee Board (the District) is required to make an annual report each year as part of their Charity Status. The following has been adopted by the Trustees as their report for the year 2024-2025.

The Loughborough District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association (TSA). All Scout units are part of the Scouts' federation of charities and operate under The Scout Association's Royal Charter. The Royal Charter, in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) [May 2025 updates] of The Scout Association. The Loughborough District Scouts council is a trust established under the TSA rules which are common to all Scout Districts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and by individual application and nomination and are presented by the Trustees and voted for at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Trustee Board must act collectively as the Trustees of their Scout Unit, and in the best interests of the Scout Unit's members (POR 5b 1.1.3). A District Trustee Board has two Ex officio members being – the District Lead Volunteer and the District Youth Lead. (POR 5b 3.3.5).

The District's Governance is managed by the Loughborough District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to UK charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, District Lead Volunteer, District Youth Lead (POR 5c 2.4.2. 2025) and a maximum of 8 Trustees as previously agreed by the Scout Council, and meets generally every 4 or so months. Members of the Trustee Board must meet the requirements of being a Trustee and complete the 'Growing Roots' learning (which includes Safety and Safeguarding within 30 days) and also 'Being a Trustee in Scouts' learning with all to be completed within 6 months of joining the Board. At least two Trustees should be aged between 18 and 25 years old. This District Trustee Board exists as the governing body to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings, sites and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows the legal requirements and that within the current POR. Their support helps other volunteers in Groups or sections and the Oaks Camp site to run high quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life.

In taking into account the requirements of POR for Scout Trustee Boards we hereby provide an extract for general clarification regarding the Boards working:

"The District Trustee Board must act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and take steps to be confident that:

a. The charity is:

- well managed
- carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- complying with the charity's governing document and the law

- managing the charity's resources responsibly
- b. The charity is operating compliant with POR and the local charity regulator, including effective management of each of the Key Policies listed in POR Chapter 2.
- c. Young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels
- d. The District has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the District including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme (see Rule 5c 2.6.3 May 2025)"

In noting Risk and Internal Control the District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Loughborough District Scouting is exposed to, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the buildings, property and equipment. The District would likely request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the heritage centre, school centres and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with scout groups and other similar organisations.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members is covered via the Scout Association insurance policies. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy system. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all scout based activities as generally delegated to individual group scout leaders and their direct managers. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, fundraising, or grants to support scouting development. The

Oaks Campsite is reported to the Charity Commission within Loughborough Districts submissions, whilst it runs its own activities in collaboration with Charnwood District scout members. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income or a substantial need for funding within the District. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. The District and individual Groups are totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities within the District, Groups and the Oaks Campsite. The national drive to build Squirrel Dreys is still being restricted by a shortage of appropriate volunteer leaders. The individual Groups/Units decide if they can provide activities for young people aged 4 to 18. The growth in the number of volunteers to support scouting is essential to scouting and then would provide more opportunities for young people within the District.

Objectives and activities supported by the Loughborough District Trustee Board.

The Purpose of Scouting: Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting: As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method ensures that 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.

The Loughborough District Trustee Board therefore maintain that scouting in the District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and/or community development headings.

Presented by and on behalf of the Loughborough District Scouts Trustee Board

APPENDIX 1

Addendum to Loughborough District Scouts (LDS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Booklet

July 2025

- 1) Loughborough District Scouts Accounts
- 2) District 14 – 24 provision
- 3) Oaks in Charnwood Campsite Accounts

NB The master copies of proof of the External Scrutineer / Examination of the above LDS accounts is held by the District Trustee Board. These are available for inspection on request.

LDS Simplified summary of the Annual Accounts 2024-2025

Loughborough District Scout Expenditure Year to date 31.3.2025

opening balance	1/4/2024	£ 22,194.20
closing balance	31/03/2025	£35,358.17
movement		£13,163.97
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Income

Badges	£456.00	
Census	£39,297.30	
4th Shepshed Repayment	£3,665.87	
Fishing Rights	£250.00	
Cinema Trip	£270.00	
Camp	£8,062.50	
Total Income		£52,001.67

Expenses

Sundries Xs general classification	£242.28	
Census	£34,378.50	
Young Leaders	£329.47	
Cinema Trip	£1,186.00	
Overseas Donation	£150.00	
Insurance	£94.00	
Remembarence	£27.50	
Rent	£250.00	
Web Hosting	£100.00	
Silent Disco	£170.00	
Sundry Expenses	£200.00	
District Camp	£759.49	
Wheddon Fund	£35.00	
AGM	£121.96	
Total		£38,044.20

Difference in Income and Expenditure Above		£13,163.97
Movement above		£13,163.97
Difference		£0.00
Balance Above on Current Account		£35,358.17

Restricted Funds

New Colony Funds	£960.85	
Ring Fenced Funds	£3,200.00	
Wheddon Fund Balance	£1,888.55	
Total Restricted		£6,049.40
Deposit Account	£0.00	
PO Savings Account	£3,032.67	
Total Funds		£38,390.84
Off which restricted is		£6,049.40

**Loughborough District Scouts (Charity no. 521763)
Receipts and Payments Account**

For the year from	1/4/2024	To	31/3/2025
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Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	2024/2025 Endowment £	Total funds £	2023/2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	39,307	-	-	39,307	24,826
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,307	-	-	39,307	24,826
Grants					
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)					
BADGES	456	-	-	456	48
Fishing Rights	250	-	-	250	250
Cinema Trip	270	-	-	270	105
Camp	8,063	-	-	8,063	11,325
Sub total	9,039	-	-	9,039	11,728
OAKS CAMP SITE INCOME					
Loan repayment	3,666	-	-	3,666	-
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,666	-	-	3,666	-
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Income	52,012	-	-	52,012	36,554
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,012	-	-	52,012	36,554

**Loughborough District Scouts (Charity no. 521763)
Receipts and Payments Account**

For the year from	1/4/2023	To	31/3/2024
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Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	2024/2025 Endowment £	Total funds £	2022/2023 Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on	34,379	-	-	34,379	29,366
Youth programme and activities	-	-	-	-	245
Adult support and training	329	-	-	329	-
Rent	250	-	-	250	170
Water and Sewerage	-	-	-	-	-
Overseas Donation	1,336	-	-	1,336	-
Insurance	94	-	-	94	94
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-	-

Remembrance	28	-	-	28	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	1,179	-	-	1,179	11,002
Laser Tag	554	-	-	554	-
AGM and trustee expenses	122	-	-	122	77
WEB Hosting	100	-	-	100	100
Sundry	442	35	-	477	31,267
Liscences	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	38,813	35	-	38,848	42,955
OAKS CAMPSITE COSTS					
Detail 1	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER FUNDRAISING COSTS					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	38,813	35	-	38,848	42,955
Asset and investment purchases, etc	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	38,813	35	-	38,848	42,955
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,199	35	-	13,164	6,401
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	13,199	35	-	13,164	6,401

Loughborough District Scouts (Charity no. 521763) Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1/4/2023	To	31/3/2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Endowment £	Total funds £	2022/2023 Total funds £
Cash funds	29,309	6,049	-	35,358	22,194
Bank current account	-	-	-	-	-
Bank deposit account	3,033	-	-	3,033	3,033
Building society account	-	-	-	-	3,033
The Scout Association Short Term Debtors 4th Shepshed	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	32,341	6,049	-	38,390	25,227
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)</small>	<small>agreement error</small>	<small>agreement error</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>agreement error</small>	<small>agreement error</small>
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the	-	-	-	-	3,666
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	3,666
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Oaks Equipments (at value)	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					

Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	32,341	6,049	-	38,391	-	28,888

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 8th May 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Chair
	Treasurer

Loughborough District 14-24 provision

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts					
Subscriptions	4,270	-	-	4,270	5,704
Bush Fires Donations		-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-	-
Camp Fees	7,799	-	-	7,799	6,996
Duke of Edinburgh Award	-	-	-	-	155
Gift aid	882	-	-	882	841
Bear Grylls Camp		-	-	-	-
Donations received by others	548	-	-	548	110
Gilwell 24		-	-	-	-
Froggies Badges		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	55	-	-	55	-
Overseas Ventures		3,171	-	3,171	3,171
Sub total	13,554	3,171	-	16,725	16,977
Payments					
Camps	8,742	-	-	8,742	9,496
Youth programme		-	-	-	-
Rent	1,551	-	-	1,551	1,256
Duke of Edinburgh Award		-	-	-	142
Equipment	1,166	-	-	1,166	372
Unit Expenses	417	-	-	417	1,074
Training		-	-	-	-
Capitation	3,053	-	-	3,053	2,705
International Meeting Subsidies		-	-	-	-
Jamboree		-	-	-	-
Charnwood 2019		-	-	-	-
Donations for others forwarded	316	-	-	316	-
Accountants Fees	144	-	-	144	144
Froggies Badges		-	-	-	-
OSM	43	-	-	43	77
Payments Recovered		-	-	-	3
Miscellaneous	40	-	-	40	-
Sub total	15,471	-	-	15,471	15,269
Total receipts	13,554	3,171	-	16,725	16,977
Total payments	15,471	-	-	15,471	15,269
Net of receipts / (payments)	(1,917)	3,171	-	1,254	1,708

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds					
Bank current accounts	5,995	-	-	5,995	7,912
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-	-
	5,995	-	-	5,995	7,912

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

The Oaks Scout Campsite

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24

Receipts and payments

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
KCT Springfield Farm electricity	7,934	6,043
Calor gas refund		356
Donations from Districts		200
Donations from County Scouts and Guides (Charnwood)		1,024
Sub total	7,934	7,624
Grants		
Caterpillar		300
Grants from County Scouts	11,300	
Sub total	11,300	300
Fundraising events (gross)		
	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Scout campsite income		
day/evening visit fees	1,684	1,063
camp/night fees	20,658	23,861
Clarke Hut building	4,935	5,650
Alpine Hut building	3,559	3,314
Archery	1,623	1,658
Black Hole	2,473	2,138
Boulder wall	1,228	1,671
Climbing/abseiling	1,365	949
Grass sledges	902	1,722
Jungle trail	2,438	2,435
Mini crossbows	854	994
Mountain boards	1,023	1,269
Orienteering	122	207
Shooting range	1,729	1,905
Tomahawks	1,612	1,773
Zorb football	1,265	1,100
Clothing sales	369	401
Trading Post	9,650	9,599
Insurance claim (Gents toilets)	10,027	
Sub total	67,514	61,710
Investment income		
Bank interest		
Building Society interest	1,388	611
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	1,388	611
Total Gross Income	88,136	70,245
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	88,136	70,245

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24

Receipts and payments

	2024		2023
	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
	£		£
Payments			
Electricity	10,853		7,817
Gas	2,376		2,445
Phone/IT/website	478		464
Waste disposal	2,065		1,477
Septic tank emptying	415		395
Professional cleaning	1,502		1,112
Repairs, maintenance and renewals	5,530		6,484
Vehicle and machinery fuel and maintenance	1,780		198
Insurance - buidings and contents	1,730		1,578
Insurance - vehicles	915		512
MPLC	317		289
H&S surveys/annual checks	6,288		801
Volunteer training courses	1,155		230
Volunteer travel expenses	66		334
Administration - OSM/audit/office expenses	848		939
AGM and trustee expenses	488		603
Archery	394		104
Black Hole			
Bouider wall	24		
Climbing/abseiling	647		
Grass sledges	437		180
Jungle trail	5790		822
Mini crossbows	25		30
Mountain boards	277		
Orienteering			
Shooting range	385		382
Tomahawks	13		131
Zorb football	35		365
Trading Post	5,339		10,529
Alpine hut refurbishmemnt			3,401
Climbing tower refurbishment	977		11,245
Tree survey and surgery			10,520
Toilet refurbishment	146		9,777
Tomahawk range - back wall (2023) fence (2024)	6,336		1,145
painting exterior of wooden buildings and shutter repairs			2,986
kitchen utensil packs			724
campfire stage			354
crew hut shower			1,658
staff clothing	1,291		2,523
stone for driveway	483		483
new signage			276
bat detector kit			90
Gents toilet repairs	16,783		
50th anniversary celebration	1,776		
	-	-	-
Sub total	77,965	-	83,400
Fundraising expenses			
	-		-
Sub total	-		-
Total Gross Expenditure	77,965		83,400
Asset and investment purchases, etc.			
ride-on mower			
	12,600		
Total payments	90,565	-	83,400
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,429	-	13,155
Cash funds last year end			78,139
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Cash funds this year end

62,558	64,984
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The Oaks Scout Campsite

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds	31st Dec 2023 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account (main)	5,241	12,055
Bank current account (shop)	-	-
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	57,317	52,929
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	62,558	64,984
(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 use		
Badge stock	2,500	2,085
Shop stock	3,000	3,990
Land and buildings	300,000	300,000
Motor vehicles	25,000	15,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	18,000	20,000
Other	2,700	3,000
Sub total	351,200	344,075
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	413,758	409,059

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14th January 2025 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Print Name

P. Cooper	Chair
B. Moore	Treasurer

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Loughborough and Charnwood Scout Councils**

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Oaks Scout Campsite** 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 **Oaks Scout Campsite** 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 **Oaks Scout Campsite** 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 other 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: H. M. PEARSON

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

Address: 41 TYNEDALE ROAD,

Charnwood Secretary

LOUGHBOROUGH

LE11 3TA

24th January 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Loughborough District Explorer Scouts

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

521763

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

30-05-25

Name:

Mr Antony Humphreys

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Address:

Rose Villa, 42 Glebe Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 1JR

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of Loughborough District Scouts Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st March 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages to

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Susan Bird

Address: 18 Main Street

Long Whetton

Loughborough

Leics, LE12 5NG

Date: 16th June 2025

