

Chelmsford Scouts Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025

Scouts
Chelmsford

Annual General Meeting
Sunday 5th October 2025
Skreens Park Activity Centre

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The Chelmsford District Scout Council is a Trust established under the rules of The Scout Association. Trustees are appointed under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Chelmsford District Scout Council

President
Richard Oscroft, MBE

Vice President
Roger Cole

Our trustees

Name	Role	Term End
Malcolm Taylor	Chair	2027
Frederick Balding	Secretary	2027
David Clarke	Treasurer	2027
Suzanne Ball	Co-Lead Volunteer	Ex-Officio
Leanne Oscroft	Co-Lead Volunteer	2027
Amy England	Youth Lead	Ex-Officio
Danyel Horner	Programme Team Lead	2025
Andrew Missen	Support Team Lead	2025
Christopher McCann	Safety Advisor	Co-opted

Our advisors

Kris Reynolds	Digital, media and communications
Christopher McCann	Safety

Independent Examiners
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Bankers
CAF Bank

Insurers
Unity Insurance Services

Charity number
302033

Trustee's report

This year has been another busy one across the Chelmsford District. A wide-ranging programme of activities and events has kept young people inspired and engaged, with our dedicated leaders continuing to deliver the movement's promise of Skills for Life.

Our mission

Scouting is here to actively engage and support young people in their personal development. We help them grow in confidence and character, and empower them to make a positive contribution to society and to the communities they call home.

Our values

The Scouting journey is shaped and guided by the values we live by:

- Integrity – acting honestly, with trustworthiness and loyalty.
- Respect – showing respect for ourselves and for others.
- Care – supporting those around us and caring for the world we live in.
- Belief – exploring personal faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.
- Co-operation – working together, making friends, and creating positive change.

Our goal

Our vision for Chelmsford District is to keep building Scouting that is inclusive, youth-led, and deeply rooted in our communities. We aim to do this through a progressive programme that challenges and excites, guided by the Scout Promise and Law and delivered by committed adult leaders in safe and supportive settings.

This responsibility sits alongside all others entrusted to us as providers of Scouting activities, and we take it seriously. Scouting remains open to all young people aged 4 to 25, regardless of background, ethnicity, gender, faith, ability, or circumstances.

Our structure

Chelmsford District currently supports 1,974 young people through a strong and varied structure:

- 26 Scout Groups, each operating as an independent charity with its own trustees. These deliver:
    - ★ Squirrels (ages 4–6)
    - ★ Beavers (ages 6–8)
    - ★ Cubs (ages 8–10)
    - ★ Scouts (ages 10–14)
- 8 Explorer Scout Units (ages 14–18), which operates at District level with finances reported as part of the District accounts.
- 1 Scout Network Unit (ages 18–25), which operates at District level with finances reported as part of the District accounts.

This framework ensures that young people receive support and opportunity at every stage of their Scouting journey.



Our volunteers

The Scout experience in Chelmsford is made possible by the dedication of over 500 trained adult volunteer leaders and 200 more volunteers who give their time in governance and Active Support roles. The District Trustee Board recognises that these volunteers are our most valuable resource—Scouting would not exist without them.

Recruitment and volunteer retention remain a priority. Before the pandemic, volunteer numbers were over 700, but this figure dropped to around 500 in the years following Covid. Encouragingly, the trend is now reversing, and by January 2025 our volunteer team had grown again to 569 adults.



Membership

Youth membership has stabilised, with only a slight decrease of 0.2% over the past year. Adult membership, however, has risen by 8.6%. Taken together, total District membership grew by 1.7%—a positive sign that both young people and adults continue to recognise the value of Scouting in our communities.

Governance and management

The Chelmsford District Scout Council is the electoral body that supports, guides, and encourages the growth of Scouting across the District. It operates under a written constitution, and the District Trustee Board is formally accountable to it. The list of Trustees can be found on page 1 of this report.

Trustees, including the Chair and Treasurer, are appointed at the District Scout Council's Annual General Meeting, following a selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. Each appointment is initially for a term of up to three years, with further terms considered and agreed by the Scout Council where appropriate. During the year, the Board may also co-opt additional Trustees to ensure effective governance and representation.



All Trustees are fully briefed on their responsibilities and are required to complete Trustee training within five months of appointment. The Board places great importance on ensuring young people have a voice in decision-making. We actively encourage participation from 18–25-year-olds, and are committed to offering opportunities across the District that will prepare young people to become future leaders and volunteers. This approach not only strengthens decision-making but also supports the long-term sustainability of the movement.

Over the past year, the District Trustee Board met on six occasions. As part of its ongoing commitment to effective governance, the Board has continued to review and improve the way meetings are managed and to strengthen the flow of information between Trustees.

Alongside a full programme of Scouting, the District provides a range of benefits and resources that are available to all members:

- **Riffhams Campsite** – Free use of our District campsite for day or evening sessions.
- District Grants – Financial support available to both Groups and individual young people experiencing need.
- **District Activities & Events** – A packed programme that includes the annual Gang Show, inter-Group competitions, training opportunities, and development days for young people and leaders alike.
- **District Equipment** – Access to an extensive store of equipment available for loan or hire to support Scouting adventures.
- **District Scout Shop** – Discounts on uniforms and other essential items.
- **Motion Picture Licence** – A District-funded licence enabling all Sections, Groups, and Units to legally show films, DVDs, or streamed content at meetings and events.



Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in line with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under charity law in England and Wales, Trustees must produce financial statements each year that give a true and fair view of the charity's position, its income, and how resources have been applied during the period. In doing so, the Trustees are required to:

- select and apply suitable accounting policies consistently
- follow the principles and methods outlined in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice)
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- confirm compliance with applicable accounting standards, disclosing and explaining any material departures in the statements
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless there is evidence that the charity will not continue in operation

In addition, the Trustees are responsible for maintaining accounting records that provide an accurate picture of the charity's financial situation at any time. These records must ensure compliance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the charity's own governing documents.

Trustees also carry the responsibility of safeguarding the assets of the charity, taking all reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud or other irregularities.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have given due regard to the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 in ensuring that the District's aims continue to deliver clear public benefit. Our assessment is that Chelmsford District Scouts meets the public benefit criteria under two specific charitable purposes: the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

Scouting's principles clearly demonstrate how our work benefits the public:

- Helping young people develop towards their full potential through participation in the Scouting programme.
- Providing a direct and positive link between the purposes of Scouting and the personal growth, skills, and opportunities gained by young people.
- Ensuring all Scouting activities are organised with the health, safety, and wellbeing of young people as the top priority, while recognising that the benefits of these experiences far outweigh any associated risks.

Through this, we affirm that Scouting in Chelmsford District continues to make a meaningful and lasting contribution to young people, their communities, and wider society.

Risk assessment policy

The safety of young people and volunteers remains our top priority. Following the publication of the Critical Incident Report, The Scout Association has strengthened its approach to safeguarding and safety assurance across the movement. Over the past year, this has included the rollout of a new programme of mandatory Safety Learning, independently assured by RoSPA. By mid-July 2025, every Chelmsford District volunteer—including Trustees—had successfully completed this training. This provides volunteers with the knowledge and support they need to complete robust Risk Assessments and to comply fully with safety rules. The expectation is clear: all incidents must be reported to the Trustee Board, ensuring accountability and continual review of safety standards across all activities.

In addition to safeguarding, the District carefully monitors other potential risks and has systems in place to reduce or mitigate them:

- Riffhams Campsite – Risks relating to property, equipment, or buildings are managed through the Campsite Committee, which meets regularly to review operations. Insurance policies for buildings and contents have been updated to protect against potential permanent loss.
- Injury to Leaders, Volunteers and Members – The District is covered by accident insurance policies. All District events are subject to risk assessment, with safety incidents reviewed by the District Safety Adviser and reported to the Trustee Board when required.
- Reduced Income from Fundraising Activities – Covid-19 highlighted our vulnerability when key income sources—such as Riffhams Campsite, the annual Gang Show, and the District Scout Shop—were paused or significantly reduced. To address this, the District introduced a membership levy, which has helped reduce the deficit. As fundraising streams recover, the level and need for this levy will be reviewed annually.
- Internal Controls – Strong systems of internal control are in place. These include requiring two authorised signatories for all payments and maintaining comprehensive insurance to cover insurable risks.

Through these measures, the District continues to prioritise the wellbeing of young people, volunteers, and the long-term resilience of Scouting in Chelmsford.

Review of the year - April 2024 to March 2025

The past year has been one of significant change and progress for Chelmsford District as we moved into a post-transformation structure in December 2024. While several roles within the new teams still need to be filled, the transition has been smooth, and the new structure is already shaping the way we deliver Scouting locally.

A key focus over the year has been on compliance. We have worked hard to ensure the District remains fully compliant at all times, completing the mandatory safety training required after the Prevention of Death Report within the allocated timescales. This has strengthened both confidence and consistency across our teams.

Membership continues to grow. In 2024–2025, we saw overall growth of 1.7%, with an encouraging 8.6% increase in adult volunteers. While this growth is positive, there remains an ongoing need for additional adult volunteers to fill roles and ensure we can continue delivering high-quality Scouting across the District. Promoting volunteering opportunities remains a priority, as we reach out to encourage more adults to join our movement.

We are delighted that we now have four Squirrel Dreys established in Chelmsford, providing Scouting opportunities for children aged 4–6. A further two Dreys have been approved and are due to open in September 2025, extending access even further.

Another highlight of the year was our second District weekend at Skreens Park, which brought together youth members, leaders, and volunteers for a varied programme of events and celebration. The weekend included:

- Awards for young people
- Section leader meetings and training validations
- Transformation workshops
- Adult awards and recognition

The event was a great success, with many Wood Badges signed off and valuable new skills gained. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are pleased to confirm this will now be an annual fixture, with the next District weekend scheduled for October 2025.



We are immensely proud of the high-quality Scouting taking place across the District. This year has seen a noticeable increase in nights away opportunities for young people, offering a wide variety of experiences that balance adventure, fun, and personal growth. From simple sleepovers at HQ to more unusual opportunities such as an overnight stay at Ninja Warrior for our Beavers and Cubs, leaders have been creative in providing memorable experiences.

Our Squirrel Dreys have also been busy, holding their own sleepovers and joining in with group camps, ensuring even our youngest members get to enjoy the excitement of a night away.

Across all sections, young people have taken part in survival camps, back-to-basics experiences, and week-long activity camps. Each of these opportunities has given them the chance to learn, grow, and gain practical Skills for Life—while also creating memories and friendships that will last well beyond their Scouting journey.

This year has been a celebration of achievement across Chelmsford District. Many of our young people received top awards, from the Squirrel Acorn through to the prestigious King's Scout Award. Each of these represents a significant milestone, reflecting the dedication and effort of young people and their leaders alike. We are incredibly proud of every recipient and of the commitment it takes to reach these awards.



It has also been wonderful to see so many adult awards presented throughout the District. These honours recognise the tireless contributions of our volunteers, and each one is richly deserved.

Alongside awards, 2024–2025 has been filled with inspiring activities and events that have brought energy, skills, and unforgettable experiences to young people. Highlights have included:

- Handicraft competitions for Beavers and Cubnopoly challenges for Cubs
- Kayaking on local rivers
- The adventurous Plainsman Hike and Danbury Challenge Hike
- Sleepovers at Ninja Warrior
- A joyful Teddy Bears' Picnic for Squirrels and Beavers

Beyond these events, weekly meetings continue to provide young people with countless opportunities to grow. From visits to our local emergency services, to learning essential life skills, every section has worked hard to make Scouting exciting, developmental, and rewarding.



One of the highlights of the year was our St George's Day celebration, which saw young people lead the renewal of promise ceremony following a parade through the town. This memorable occasion reflected not only Scouting's strong traditions but also the vibrancy and enthusiasm of the next generation.

Formerly known as our Active Support Unit, the Events Support Team has once again played a vital role in the life of the District over the past year. Alongside organising their own social events, they have given their time and energy to support major activities such as the St George's Day celebrations and the annual Swimming Gala.

We are deeply grateful for their continued commitment, enthusiasm, and willingness to step in wherever needed. Their contribution makes a real difference, and we look forward to seeing them involved in supporting District events in the year ahead.

The District Trustee Board continues to work diligently behind the scenes, ensuring that our volunteers and young people receive the very best support. Their efforts may not always be visible, but they are central to maintaining the strength and success of Scouting across Chelmsford.



The Chelmsford Gang Show has also continued to flourish this year. Cast numbers have grown, and audiences have responded with great enthusiasm. Beyond the performances themselves, the Gang Show has become a powerful platform for young people to express themselves, build confidence, and develop new skills. For many, it offers opportunities they might never have encountered outside of Scouting. This visible growth and progression among our young performers is something we are especially proud of.

This year, several of our young people and adult volunteers from Chelmsford District have signed up to take part in exciting County international experiences, broadening their horizons and representing Scouting on a global stage.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every one of our volunteers—whether in leadership, support, or governance roles. Your dedication has made it possible for young people across the District to enjoy another year filled with new memories, valuable skills, friendships, and adventure. Quite simply, without their time, knowledge, and care, the Scouting journey in Chelmsford would not exist.

Looking ahead, our challenge and our opportunity is to bring new volunteers into the movement. By inviting more adults to give what time and skills they can, we can continue to strengthen the District, offer safe and high-quality Scouting, and ensure that even more young people can benefit from the incredible opportunities Scouting in Chelmsford has to offer.

Riffhams campsite

Riffhams continues to be a much-valued resource for the District, providing young people with the chance to enjoy outdoor adventures and residential experiences.
In 2024–25, the campsite welcomed:

- 127 evening visits from Groups within the District
- 81 overnight stays, providing residential experiences for 2,362 young people



Financially, Riffhams generated £6,333.25 in income, with expenses of £2,769.35, resulting in a positive balance of £3,563.90.

The Riffhams team has worked extremely hard to improve the site over the past year. A charity day supported by Ford in June 2024 provided valuable help, and thanks to a grant from the County Council, we were able to install new ladies' toilets and a new shower facility.

The Riffhams Service Team has also grown in numbers, with volunteers who not only give their time but also take real pride and enjoyment in keeping the campsite in excellent condition.

Thank you

The Scout Association's Transformation Programme, which began last year, continued through 2024 and officially went live in December. The transition to a team-based approach across all sections—Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Network—is progressing well, with positive feedback from volunteers and members alike.

Changes within Group governance and Trustee Board structures are also being embraced with commitment and professionalism. The District Trustees would like to place on record their sincere thanks to all our volunteer leaders, who have not only helped to implement these significant changes but have also continued to deliver and develop the Scouting programme across Chelmsford. Their adaptability, energy, and ongoing support remain at the heart of the District's success.

Gone home

We've had to say goodbye to a couple of our members over the past year. Molly Hilton who was heavily involved in 1st Broomfield Scout Group and John Brogan who'd held many roles in groups and within the District over the years. Both will be greatly missed by all.

Report of the District Treasurer

As in the previous year, the Trustees set a budget projecting a small surplus. This target was successfully exceeded, with results slightly higher than the previous year, largely due to Gift Aid receipts.

During the year, the District also received a significant legacy of £30,000, which is being treated as a Restricted Fund, in line with the donor's request that it be used specifically to support Scouting at Riffhams.

For the second consecutive year, a District Levy was applied, enabling Chelmsford District Scout Council to gradually rebuild its Reserve Funds, which had been substantially reduced during the Covid years.

Looking ahead, our financial strategy remains to set 'break-even' budgets, while aiming to continue making small surpluses to strengthen our Reserves—without reducing the level of support we provide across the District.

The signed and audited accounts for the 2024/2025 financial year can be found starting at page 10 of this document.

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of Chelmsford District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

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 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

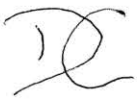
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:



Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex Date 29/09/2025

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior period Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	7,268	30,000	37,268	873
Charitable activities					
Membership	2	11,705	-	11,705	8,730
Activities for generating funds	4	16,747	-	16,747	18,601
Activities & sections	6	54,818	-	54,818	66,379
Investment income	5	4,269	-	4,269	2,799
Total incoming resources		**94,807**	**30,000**	**124,807**	**97,381**
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising costs	7	9,571	-	9,571	9,535
Costs of charitable activities	8	78,476	400	78,876	80,196
Total resources expended		**88,046**	**400**	**88,446**	**89,730**
Net income/(expense) for the year		**6,761**	**29,600**	**36,361**	**7,651**
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expense) for the year		**6,761**	**29,600**	**36,361**	**7,651**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds B/Fwd		220,632	3,600	224,232	216,581
Total Funds C/Fwd		**227,393**	**33,200**	**260,593**	**224,232**

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		103,200		103,600
Current assets					
Stock		5,945		5,088	
Debtors	12	25,800		23,309	
Cash at bank and in hand		240,946		180,419	
		272,691		208,816	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	115,298		88,184	
Net current assets			157,393		120,632
Net assets			**260,593**		**224,232**
Funds	14				
Unrestricted income funds			144,147		220,632
Restricted funds			33,200		3,600
Revaluation Reserve			83,246		-
			260,593		**224,232**

Signed _____ Date 8/09/25
M Taylor - Chairman

Signed _____ Date 8/09/25
D Clarke - Treasurer

CHELMSFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Incoming resources

All income is accounted for on a receivable basis, other than income received in respect of expenditure which is deferred to the period in which the activity or event takes place.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis.VAT is not recoverable by the charity and is included with the expenditure to which it relates.

Support costs which could not be attributed directly to activities are apportioned equally between activities.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Items costing at least £500 will be capitalised. They are calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected life as follows:

No fixed depreciation allowance is made for buildings and land. Occasional revaluation is made when a permanent change in value occurs.
Freehold improvements are depreciated straight line at 10%.
All other assets are depreciated straight line at 25%.

1.5. Taxation

The Council is a registered charity and, as such is exempt from corporation tax.

1.6. Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:
Unrestricted general funds- these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees

Designated Funds - these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particluar restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

1.7. Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and the net realisable value. Cost includes all direct costs incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

1.8. Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.9 Going Concern

These accounts have been produced on a going concern basis.

2 Voluntary income

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Membership		
Membership fees received from Groups in the District	88,445	79,068
Subscriptions from Explorers & Network	13,926	10,555
Less payable to Essex Scouts	(90,666)	(80,893)
	11,705	**8,730**

Total membership fees paid to Essex Scouts in the year including membership fees of the 7 Explorer units. The membership fees include a District Levy of £5,415.

3 Donations and legacies

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations	37,268	873
	37,268	**873**

Restricted donations and legacies amounted to £30,000 (2024 - £Nil).

4 Activities for generating funds

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Retail	10,414	8,913
Riffhams camp site	6,333	5,613
Grants	-	4,000
Other income	-	75
	16,747	**18,601**

Restricted grants amounted to £Nil (2024 - £4,000)

5 Investment income

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Bank interest	4,269	2,799
	4,269	**2,799**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Income from activities and sections

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Programme, activities & events	54,818	66,379
	54,818	**66,379**

7 Fundraising costs

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Retail	6,801	7,235
Riffhams camp site	2,769	2,300
	9,571	**9,535**

8 Costs of charitable activities

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations and grants	275	225
Programme, activities & events	58,107	61,433
Support cost allocated	20,494	18,538
	78,876	**80,196**

Restricted expenses were £Nil (2024 - £Nil).

9 Trustees' expenses

No trustee received any remuneration during the year.

Trustees were reimbursed for expenses at a total of £3,939 (2024 £3,620).

10 Analysis of support costs

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Insurance	1,697	1,686
Premises hire	2,398	2,097
Property expenses	11,544	10,655
General admin including postage	2,126	994
Bank Charges	1,049	946
Computer & website costs	616	742
Equipment	-	199
Examination & accountancy	340	340
Depreciation	400	400
Travel expenses	50	-
Miscellaneous	275	480
	20,494	**18,538**

Restricted support costs were £400 (2024 - £400).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land £	Freehold Improvements	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	100,000	4,000	26,496	130,496
Additions	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	100,000	4,000	26,496	130,496
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	-	400	26,496	26,896
Charge for the year	-	400	-	400
At 31 March 2025	-	800	26,496	27,296
Net book values				
At 31 March 2025	100,000	3,200	-	103,200
At 31 March 2024	100,000	3,600	-	103,600

King Edward VIII Scout Park (Riffhams), Lingwood Common, Little Baddow is a freehold property (12 acres) with beneficial interest* acquired in 2004.
*The freehold is held by The Scout Association Trust Corporation on behalf of the District.

The freehold improvement additions in 2024 were purchased from a restricted grant from Essex County Council. The funds are now spent in monetary terms, and the restricted funds will reduce each year with the relevant depreciation charge.

12 Debtors

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Other debtors	3,801	1,869
Prepaid expenses	21,999	16,471
Prepaid income	-	4,000
Accounts receivable	-	968
	25,800	**23,309**

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Accounts payable	98,835	83,560
Deferred income	16,123	4,284
Accruals	340	340
	115,298	**88,184**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

14 Fund balances

	Balance 01/04/2024 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2025 £
Unrestricted	220,632	94,807	(88,046)	-	227,393
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Essex County Council	3,600		(400)		3,200
Legacy		30,000	-		30,000
Total	**224,232**	**124,807**	**(88,446)**	-	**260,593**

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2025 £
Fund balances are represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	100,000	127,393	227,393
Restricted funds	3,200	30,000	33,200
	103,200	**157,393**	**260,593**

16 Related Parties

There were no related parties in the year.

17 Number of staff

The charity has nil employees for the period (2024 - Nil).

The 2025 census

	January 2024	January 2025	Change
Squirrel Scouts	54	73	+35.2%
Beaver Scouts	504	499	-1.0%
Cub Scouts	662	656	-0.9%
Scouts	546	540	-1.0%
Explorer Scouts	202	203	+0.5%
Network Scouts	9	3	-66.6%
Adult Volunteers	524	569	+8.6%

Our total membership increased by 1.7%, from 2501 in January 2024 to 2543 in January 2025.

Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	network
4 Squirrel Dreys	30 Beaver Colonies	33 Cub Packs	30 Scout Troops	7 Explorer Scout Units	1 Scout Network

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