

Chelmsford Scouts Annual Report and Accounts 2023-2024



Annual General Meeting

Sunday 15th September 2024

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

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Trustees

Roger Cole (Chair) - Ex-Officio
Frederick Balding (Secretary) - Ex-Officio
David Clarke (Treasurer) - Ex-Officio
Suzanne Ball (Lead Volunteer) - Ex-Officio
Leanne Oscroft (Lead Volunteer) - Ex-Officio
Bruce Knight (14-24 Team Lead) - Ex-Officio
Danyel Horner (Programme Team Lead) - Nominated
Nicola Hills (Volunteering Development Team Lead) - Nominated
Andrew Missen (Support Team Lead) - Elected
Christopher Harpley (Riffhams Campsite Manager) - Elected
Stephanie Bendall - Nominated
Malcolm Taylor - Elected
Christopher McCann (Safety Advisor) - Co-Opted
Christopher Oscroft (Scout Network Team Lead) - Ex-Officio

Advisors

Kristopher Reynolds - Media & Communications
Yan Guo - Financial Support

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

CAF Bank

Insurers

Unity Insurance Services

Charity Registration Number

302033

Trustees Report

2023/2024 saw a full programme of activities and events throughout the District, with our dedicated leaders delivering “Skills for Life” to our young members.

Our Mission

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society in general and local communities.

Our Values

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.

Our Goal

Our aim is to continue to develop Scouting in the Chelmsford District, to become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to strengthen our role within the community. The method by which we aim to achieve this through providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive self-education, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership in a safe environment for all concerned. This responsibility ranks equally with other responsibilities incumbent upon those providing Scouting activities and events.



Scouting is open to all young people between the ages of 4 and 25, regardless of their background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status; mental or physical ability; financial status, political or religious belief.

Scouting for the almost 2,000 young people in Chelmsford District is provided through 26 Scout Groups (consisting of Squirrels (aged 4-6 years), Beavers (aged 6-8 years), Cubs (aged 8-10½ years) and Scouts (aged 10½-14 years)), 9 District Explorer Scout Units (for ages 14-18), and a District Scout Network Unit (18–25 year-olds). The 26 Scout Groups operate as independent charities with their own Trustees and prepare their accounts independently. The Explorer and Network Units are District based and their accounts are part of the District reporting.

The Scout programme in Chelmsford is delivered by over 300 trained adult volunteer leaders, aided by over 200 adult volunteers in Governance and Active Support roles. The District Trustee Board acknowledges that these volunteers are its most valuable asset and resource, without whose support, it would not be possible to provide Scouting for the young people in our District. As a membership organisation, one of the main priorities has been to recruit and retain adult volunteers.

Pre-Covid, our adult volunteer numbers were over 700 but post-Covid this had dropped to about 500. However, numbers are slowly increasing again and in Jan 2024 stood at 571 adult volunteers.



Structure, Governance & Management

Chelmsford District Scout Council is the body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District. It has fully adopted the “model” constitution as outlined in The Scout Association’s Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) 5.5. The District Trustee Board is accountable to the Chelmsford District Scout Council and details of the current Trustees are shown on page 1.

The Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Chelmsford District Scout Council either by election, nomination or by Ex-Officio appointments. Trustees may also be co-opted by the Trustee Board during the year.

Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities, and all undertake Trustee training within 5 months of appointment. The Trustees ensure that young people are involved in decision making and strive to have at least one 18–25 year-old as a member of the District Trustee Board. Young

people are also given opportunities across the District, and encouraged to become the Leaders of the future, thereby enhancing the prospects of better retention of young people through to potential adult volunteering roles.



The District Trustee Board met on six occasions during the year. The Board is supported by 4 sub-committees (Finance, Riffhams Campsite, Gang Show and Appointments Advisory) with the District Scout Shop and Grants each being led by a nominated trustee with any major decisions taken by the full Board. Where appropriate the Trustees continue to undertake activities to improve the management of Trustee meetings, the information flow for Trustees and governance for Sub Committees.

In addition to the active Scouting programmes, the District offers the following benefits to ALL it's members:

- **Riffhams Campsite** - free use for day/evening sessions at our District campsite.
- **District Grants** - available to groups and to young people in need.
- **District Activities & Events** - a wide range of District activities including annual Gang Show; the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; competitions; training events and development days.
- **District Equipment** - a large inventory of equipment in our District store for loan or hire.
- **District Scout Shop** - offers a discount on uniforms and other items compared to RRP.
- **District Motion Picture License** - enables all sections/groups/units to legally play DVDs or stream movies in meeting rooms or at camp and events.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of incoming financial resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principals in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed.

Furthermore, the Trustees should ensure that they:

- Follow Scouts policies and relevant legislation
- Follow POR, key policies (including safety, safeguarding, data protection and equality, diversion & inclusion) and charity regulations
- Make sure buildings, assets and property are safe and working well
- Look after records of ownership of property and equipment
- Have the correct insurance for people, buildings and equipment
- Manage risks, maintain a risk register and put the appropriate risk mitigations in place
- Take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Reserves Policy

The Charity's reserve policy is reviewed regularly. The Trustees have stipulated that cash reserves should fall to no less than £60,000 to support our Scouting activities in the district for at least 12 months. The Trustees confirm that the District held at least £60,000 reserves (held in cash or invested in mainstream banks or building societies) at year end. Capital developments and improvements such as at our District Campsite (Riffhams) will be reviewed against this background. Grants will be sought for major capital projects but allocation of funds from our reserves might well be approved by the Trustees from time to time. During the year the Trustees continually reassess the utilisation and investment of the Charity's cash reserves for the benefit of Scouting within the District.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The main principles of Scouting demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit in the following ways:

- Developing young people towards their full potential, through the Scouting programme.
- Demonstrating there is a clear link between the purpose of Scouting and the benefits to young people.
- The various and numerous Scouting activities are managed with the health and safety of the young people always a priority. We plan to ensure that the benefit of these activities far outweighs any associated potential risks.

Risk Assessment Policy

The conclusion of the national inquest into the scout who tragically died on the Great Orme has brought into sharp focus the need to ensure our volunteers are given all the necessary training and support when it comes to writing Risk Assessments and complying with Safety Rules. Keeping Young People safe from harm remains a number one priority at Scouts.

Other areas of potential risk include:

- Riffhams Campsite - damage to buildings or other areas of the property or equipment. A Campsite committee meet regularly to review site management and the District has recently reviewed buildings and contents insurance to mitigate against permanent loss.



- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. – The District is covered by accident insurance policies. Safety incidents are reviewed by the District Safety adviser and any issues brought to the attention of the Trustee Board. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all District events.
- Reduced income from fundraising activities – The District has previously relied on income from its Riffhams Campsite; the annual Gang Show and the District Scout Shop; boosted by occasional fundraising by the Active Support Unit. Covid-19 showed how vulnerable the District was when these fund-raising activities were curtailed or ceased and income effectively dried up. The introduction of a District membership levy has enabled us to reduce the deficit and as income streams start to return to normal we will annually review the level/need for the District membership levy.
- Internal Controls – The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against mismanagement or loss. These include mandatory 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Achievements & Performance

During the past year we have focused on getting ready for the forthcoming “Transformation Journey” which we hope is going to happen by the end of 2024. In the meantime, we are continuing to focus on building the new teams so we can support groups during this process where needed.

As a district have been focusing on encouraging compliance of mandatory training and endeavouring to stay 100% compliant.

We have completed the “Compass” database cleanse ready for transformation to happen.

We grew as a district by 6.2% last year with an encouraging increase in adult volunteers. We are still not back to pre-pandemic levels for adult volunteers, but we are for young people. We still need more adults to fill roles so that we can continue to offer the good quality Scouting that we see across our district. We promote scouting wherever and whenever we can, trying to encourage more adults to volunteer. We now have 4 Squirrel dreys in the district.

We held our first district weekend at Skreens offering recruitment workshops, training validations, transformations workshops and training modules together with an awards evening for adults.



This was a successful weekend with lots of wood badges signed off and skills learned. We are making this an annual event and will be holding another weekend event in September 2024.

We are extremely proud of the good quality scouting that we see within in Chelmsford district. This year has seen an increase in nights-away experiences offered to our young people, ranging from sleepovers at the HQ to sleeping in a castle plus many camps across all sections. Squirrels have held sleepovers and have taken part in group camps.

We have seen survival camps; back-to-basics events and week-long activity camps, all of which have allowed the young people to make cherished memories and to learn Skills for Life.

We have also seen many top awards being presented to the young people of Chelmsford District, from the Squirrel acorn through to the King Scout award, all of which makes us incredibly proud. An extreme amount of work goes into achieving these awards.

We have also had many adult awards including a Silver Wolf, all of which are very well deserved.

We also presented Chief Scout Personal Awards to six young people within the district who went “above and beyond”.



Our Inspirational activities throughout the year have ranged from the Handicraft competitions for Beavers and Cubs to a Christmas festive hike. We have offered our young people the opportunity to kayak on local rivers; walk the “Plainsman Hike”; sleep over at Colchester Castle; Theme Park Visits; Cubnopoly. We took part in JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) and gained 150 communications badges that day to mention but a few. On a weekly basis, our sections from Squirrels and beyond, have visited the various emergency services; been taught life skills, generally allowing them to grow through their Scouting adventure, all under the guidance of our volunteers.

We held our St Georges day renewal of promise ceremony (April 2024), run by the young people, after parading through Chelmsford. Our Events Support Team has held some social events during the past year and has supported the District by willingly helping at various activities such as St. George’s Day and the annual Swimming Gala. Our thanks go to them for their continued commitment, and we look forward to seeing them supporting the District at future events. Our Trustee Board, continues to work in the background ensuring management and governance of the District’s assets and ensuring we have the resources to offer the best support to our volunteers and young people.



The 2023 Chelmsford Scouts Gang Show (Our Voice) continued to go from strength to strength. Cast numbers are increasing and reaction to the show has been very positive. Feedback has also been received regarding the visible growth and development of the young performers, who may never have been given this opportunity outside of Scouting.

Several adult volunteers and Explorer scouts from the District attended the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and whilst the experience wasn’t quite what they signed up for, each and every one of them made the most of what they had and had a great time.

The parallel international trips to the USA and Jersey were also a great success and the young people and adults that attended these thoroughly enjoyed mixing with scouts from overseas.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to each one of our adult volunteers – both those in leadership and support roles. We hope you have enjoyed making new memories; learning new skills; teaching old skills; meeting new friends and strengthening old friendships throughout the past year. Without your time, knowledge and care our young people wouldn’t be on this journey.

We want to continue offering high quality and safe Scouting to our young people, and to grow the district. The challenge now is to offer this amazing opportunity to new volunteers, encourage them to give what they can, thus allowing them and our young people to experience the incredible Scouting programme that Chelmsford has to offer.

Riffhams Campsite

2023/24 has seen increased usage of the campsite resulting in improved income. The site continues to be widely used by our local scout groups. Day/evening activities continue to be free of charge for District users and overnight camping is at reduced rates.



The campsite manager and the service team have worked hard together making numerous improvements to the site including increasing the number of girls toilets at the campsite thanks to a grant facilitated by our local Essex County Councillor Mike Steel and a further grant from the Essex County Scouts Building fund.

Another community day by Ford employees is scheduled to install a canopy outside the girl's toilets; improve drainage on The Glen camping area; repair the boundary fence line; extend the carpark and install an outside washing-up area.



Thank you

The changes required as part of the Scout Association's Transformation Programme have now begun and are likely to continue to be implemented in the coming year 2024/25.

The Trustees wish to express their thanks to the volunteer leaders who are implementing these changes as well as continuing to support the work and development of Scouting in the Chelmsford District.

Finally, some of our loyal Scouting colleagues have "gone home" in 2023-24:

- Ed "Mac" McCall was a member of the Bicknacre Priory Scout Group as well as being part of the District's activity team.
- Mike Hiom (27th Chelmsford) was active for well over 20 years, initially with the 27th Chelmsford cub section, and later in governance roles with 23rd Chelmsford.
- Angela Hiskey had been involved with Chelmsford Scouts and our Gang Show over many years and was part of the very active "Hiskey" Scouting family.
- Robin Mardell who was part of the Gang Show team for many years and was responsible for scenery and set-build.
- Sandra Brogan was part of our Mini Gang team for many years and created hundreds of fantastic costumes for our cast. She was also a Cub Leader with 14th Chelmsford.



Report of the District Treasurer

The Covid period had resulted in 3 years of lost income with annual deficits during this period in excess of £10,000 per annum and our cash assets declining by over £40,000 and fast approaching our reserve figure. In 2023/24 we set a budget which indicated a small surplus with the expectation that income generation would improve from Riffhams campsite, the Gang Show and the Scout Shop. We had also felt it necessary to introduce a District levy of £3 in 2022/23 to try to bring us back towards a balanced budget and this levy was continued in 2023/24.

The 2023/24 year-end out-turn shows a surplus of £4K mainly assisted by:

- Reduction in insurance charges
- Improved interest on savings investments
- Surplus from 2023 Gang Show
- Surplus from Riffhams campsite
- District levy contribution.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of Chelmsford District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 9th August 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior period Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	3	873	-	873	6,210
Charitable activities					
Membership	2	8,730	-	8,730	6,490
Activities for generating funds	4	14,601	4,000	18,601	15,964
Activities & sections	6	66,379	-	66,379	49,012
Investment income	5	2,799	-	2,799	1,300
Total incoming resources		93,381	4,000	97,381	78,976
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising costs	7	9,535	-	9,535	7,721
Costs of charitable activities	8	79,796	400	80,196	66,791
Total resources expended		89,330	400	89,730	74,512
Net income/(expense) for the year		4,051	3,600	7,651	4,465
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expense) for the year		4,051	3,600	7,651	4,465
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds B/Fwd		216,581	-	216,581	205,772
Total Funds C/Fwd		220,632	3,600	224,232	210,237

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		103,600		100,000
Current assets					
Stock		5,088		5,578	
Debtors	12	23,309		17,851	
Cash at bank and in hand		180,419		107,058	
		<u>208,816</u>		<u>130,487</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>88,184</u>		<u>13,906</u>	
Net current assets			120,632		116,581
Net assets			<u><u>224,232</u></u>		<u><u>216,581</u></u>
Funds	14				
Unrestricted income funds			137,386		133,335
Restricted funds			3,600		-
Revaluation Reserve			83,246		83,246
			<u><u>224,232</u></u>		<u><u>216,581</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practice 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 particular 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".

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Voluntary income	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Membership		
Membership fees received from Groups in the District	79,068	70,550
Subscriptions from Explorers & Network	10,555	7,858
Less payable to Essex Scouts	(80,893)	(71,918)
	<u>8,730</u>	<u>6,490</u>

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 £5,391.

3 Donations and legacies	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations	873	6,210
	<u>873</u>	<u>6,210</u>

Restricted donations amounted to £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

4 Activities for generating funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Retail	8,913	9,258
Riffhams camp site	5,613	4,656
Grants	4,000	-
Other income	75	2,050
	<u>18,601</u>	<u>15,964</u>

Restricted grants amounted to £4,000 (2022 - £Nil)

5 Investment income	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank interest	2,799	1,300
	<u>2,799</u>	<u>1,300</u>

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6 Income from activities and sections	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Programme, activities & events	66,379	49,012
	66,379	49,012
7 Fundraising costs	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Retail	7,235	5,604
Riffhams camp site	2,300	2,116
	9,535	7,720
8 Costs of charitable activities	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations and grants	225	76
Programme, activities & events	61,433	48,247
Support cost allocated	18,538	18,467
	80,196	66,791
Restricted expenses were £Nil (2022 - £Nil).		
9 Trustees' expenses		
No trustee received any remuneration during the year. Trustees were reimbursed for expenses at a total of £3,620 (2022 £Nil).		
10 Analysis of support costs	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Insurance	1,686	4,095
Premises hire	2,097	299
Property expenses	10,655	9,855
General admin including postage	994	1,518
Bank Charges	946	795
Computer & website costs	742	591
Equipment	199	329
Examination & accountancy	340	502
Depreciation	400	
Miscellaneous	480	483
	18,538	18,467

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land £	Freehold Improvements	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2023	100,000	-	26,496	126,496
Additions	-	4,000	-	4,000
As at 31 March 2024	<u>100,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>26,496</u>	<u>130,496</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2023	-	-	26,496	26,496
Charge for the year	-	400	-	400
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>26,496</u>	<u>26,896</u>
Net book values				
At 31 March 2024	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,600</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,000</u>

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

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Other debtors	1,869	1,487
Prepaid expenses	16,471	16,298
Prepaid income	4,000	-
Accounts receivable	968	66
	<u>23,309</u>	<u>17,851</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Accounts payable	83,560	10,239
Deferred income	4,284	3,165
Accruals	340	502
	<u>88,184</u>	<u>13,906</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Fund balances	Balance 01/04/2023 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance 31/03/2024 £
Unrestricted	216,581	93,381	(89,330)	-	220,632
Restricted	-	4,000	(400)	-	3,600
Total	<u>216,581</u>	<u>97,381</u>	<u>(89,730)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,232</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances are represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	103,600	117,032	220,632
Restricted funds	-	3,600	3,600
	<u>103,600</u>	<u>120,632</u>	<u>224,232</u>

16 Related Parties

There were no related parties in the year.

17 Going Concern

These accounts have been produced on a going concern basis.

18 Number of staff

The charity has nil employees for the period (2023 - Nil).

Census

Membership

	January 2023	January 2024	% Change
Squirrel Scouts	27	54	+100%
Beaver Scouts	482	504	+4.6%
Cub Scouts	639	662	+3.6%
Scouts	529	546	+3.2%
Explorer Scouts	191	207	+8.4%
Network Scouts	20	9	-45%
Adults	516	571	+10.7%
Total Young People	1888	1982	+5.0%
Total Membership	2404	2553	+6.2%

Sections

	January 2023	January 2024
Squirrel Dreys	1	4
Beaver Colonies	30	30
Cub Packs	32	32
Scout Troops	30	30
Explorer Scout Units	10	8
Scout Networks	1	1
Active Support Units	2	2



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