

365 DAYS OF ADVENTURE. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED...

The annual report of the Greater London South
County Executive Committee, including the
annual statement of accounts; 2015 - 2016



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GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Greater London South County Scout Council is an unincorporated association constituted in accordance with the Rules of The Scout Association (Registered No. 139, Charity No. 303883) covering the London Boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham, Royal Greenwich, Southwark and Wandsworth.

The Scout Association (Registered Charity No. 306101) is incorporated by Royal Charter to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The Charter of The Association provides for the making of Bye-Laws approved by Her Majesty in Council which, in turn, authorise the making of the Rules referred to above (known as 'Policy, Organisation and Rules', or 'P.O.R.'). The County's charity trustees are the County Executive Committee, who cannot act outside the Royal Charter, Bye-Laws and Rules of The Scout Association.

County Headquarters South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, London, SE21 7LH

President	William M. Stern	
Vice-Presidents	Howard B. Strong Roger Cooke	Peter James Gordon Carr
Trustees	County Executive Committee September 2015 - 2016	
Ex-Officio	County Chairman County Commissioner County Treasurer County Secretary	Martyn Bain** Paul O'Brien Arber Hoxha Robert Crow
Elected	David Attenborough, Peter Evans, Russell Jones, Daniel Stoddart, Ian Cunningham, Amber Cox	
Nominated	Jeff Tetlow, William Compton, Andy Melia, Simon Emmett, Robert Ludlow, Ashley George	
Co-opted	Chairman of County Sites Committee – Eileen Cooper	
	* also Chairman of County Appointments Sub-Committee	
	** also Chairman of County Finance Sub-Committee	
Principal Bankers	C.A.F. Bank	
Auditor	Latham Lambourne, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors First Floor, East Wing Priory Buildings, Church Hill Orpington, Kent, BR6	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

The members of the County Executive Committee are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R.) of The Scout Association. The County Chairman, County Commissioner, County Treasurer and the County Secretary are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. Other members are elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Greater London South County Scout Council. The members of Executive Committee, who are its trustees, have met on five occasions since the last AGM in September 2015. There are four sub-committees that undertake specific responsibilities within the County and the Executive Committee receives their reports.

The sub-committees are:

- County Finance Sub-Committee
- County Premises Sub-Committee
- County Appointments Advisory Committee
- County Development Steering Group

The Executive Committee has continued to work in partnership with the County Commissioner to provide both support and resources to contribute to the development of Scouting within Greater London South Scout County.

Charity legislation makes the trustees responsible for budgetary control and to keep accounts that disclose the financial position of the County, including the assets and investments held. The Trustees therefore determined that the accounts would be scrutinised for the 2015 - 2016 year by John Lambourne FCA for the County.

PURPOSE, VALUES AND METHOD.

The Purpose, Values and Method of Greater London South County Scout Council are the same as those contained within Chapter 1 of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Purpose

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

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 we live in.

Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

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

Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their promise.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Sub Committee reports

Appointments

The County Appointments Advisory Committee (CAAC) is a panel of three advisers (drawn from a larger pool within the County) to interview adults who have been recommended for a variety of County appointments and in doing so determine their suitability for the role. They have met on a number of occasions during the year and are pleased to have processed many new appointments. The CAAC have also had to determine the suitability of some adults to continue in their roles and have achieved this difficult task with sensitivity and compassion.

Finance Sub Committee

The Finance sub-committee is under the chairmanship of Martyn Bain (County Chairman) and includes the County Commissioner, the County Treasurer, the County Secretary, one Deputy County Commissioner and the South London Scout Centre Warden. During the year the sub-committee oversaw the preparation of the annual budgets by the expense holders which were subsequently approved by the County Executive Team. The Finance sub-committee continually monitors expenditure against budgets and reviews cash flows and reserves at each meeting. The team has recently taken on the responsibility for the review of the Fort's lease renewal due to expire in 2018 and they continue to prioritise the future financing of the county's activities to ensure sustainability.

Investment and Reserves Policy

The work of the Executive Committee involves issues concerning financial control, particularly in the budgeting of events, activities and building maintenance as well as regularly monitoring the financial risks to which the County may be exposed. The income to the County is generated from investments, donations, grants and the membership subscription paid by members of the County. The Investment Policy of the County is such that our reserves continue to be held in low risk managed portfolios; the Executive Committee has reviewed the investments to ensure we are able to achieve a fair rate of return on the capital reserves held. The Reserves Policy was declared by the County Executive Committee to be the 'maintenance of available funds, excluding known commitments and contingent liabilities, equal to a minimum of one year's budgeted revenue expenditure'.

Jack Petchey Foundation

We have now been running this scheme since January 2014 and now have awarded 168 young person awards over five campaigns and will be awarding another 21 awards for the period of September to November 2016. We had a successful awards evening on 17th May where we had 72 young award winners attend to collect their medals. If you have a young person who is aged between 11 and 25 and would like to be considered for an award please contact Reina O'Brien, County Administrator, who runs this scheme. We are now starting the adult award scheme and again if you feel you have a leader who deserves to be nominated for this award contact Reina. Her email address is office@southlondonscouts.org.uk

GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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 charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable organisation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

COUNTY ASSETS AND PROPERTY

South London Scout Headquarters and County Office

The land and buildings at the South London Scout Centre are held on a full repairing lease for 30 years, from 22 June 1988, from The Dulwich Estate.

Although the lease will be up for renewal in two years repairs and maintenance continues to ensure that standards are maintained and improved to meet the increasing demand with the day-to-day use made of the site by local groups and Scouts the facilities meet the ever increasing high standard expected by users.

Scout Aviation Centre

Ian Piper is the ACC for Air Activities as well as the Chairman of the Air Activities Committee and County Adviser. The County has been given notice that Biggin Hill airport have decided to revoke the lease three years early and the Air Activities will no longer be based there. We have taken steps to relocate the team and equipment to the Fort. We hope to continue the wonderful scout aviation work and courses that the team have done. We thank the team for all their hard work and hope it continues for many years to come.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Development Steering Group

The County Development Service (CDS) remains central to the County's approach to recruitment and development, overseen by the Development Steering Group (DSG). The County remains committed to maintaining the Development Service, and continues to review operations to ensure we are provided the most effective support.

We were pleased to welcome Marcus Burch as the new Development Officer for Lambeth and Wandsworth in November. Marcus brings a wealth of experience having previously worked for the Scout Association as a regional development officer. He has continued on the

strong foundations laid by Jack Gibson, and developed good relationships with both districts, supporting their strategic development.

Richard Morrison stood down as the Chair of the Development Steering Group in January. He continues to support Scouting as a volunteer in Lewisham, and the DSG would like to say thank you for his commitment and guidance over the last four years. Richard helped to integrate the operations of the County and Lewisham development services. Chris Ellison has since joined the Development Steering Group as a representative of Lewisham District, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge from his work with the Lewisham Development Service. We are pleased to welcome Chris to the team, and thank him for his input.

Matt Butterfield continues to support Royal Greenwich and Southwark Districts. His passion and commitment to his work is a considerable asset to the County and its members, and on behalf of everyone, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for all his efforts. Alongside him, Reina O'Brien continues to offer support to the County Team and Executive as County Administrator. During the past year, she has successfully re-launched the Jack Petchey awards ceremony, celebrating the achievements of our youth members, and continues to oversee the management of joining enquiries across the County. In addition, the Lewisham Development Projects continues to employ Garry Leach as a Development Officer in the District, and his work is instrumental in supporting development throughout Lewisham.

A special thanks goes to Linda Hurford, who continues to manage the Development Service on a day-to-day basis. Her time and effort is essential to ensuring the effective management of the development officers, and on behalf of the County, the Development Steering Group would like to offer our thanks for her commitment to support our employed staff. Thanks must of course also go to the development officers and other employees themselves – Garry, Marcus, Matt, and Reina – for their hard work in supporting growth and development across the County.

Over the coming year, the Steering Group will be reviewing the management of the Development Service, to ensure that it continues to offer the right support. The expected end of the Lewisham development project in 2017 requires new ways of thinking around project management. Alongside this, work will continue to explore new funding options to maintain the Development Service in the long-term.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Wow, doesn't seem a year ago I was writing the report for the AGM. We are now six years in to my tenure and now I have end date... I had my review with the Regional Commissioner in the summer and it was agreed I could have another year's extension until next year's AGM. So the clock is ticking.

This has been a great year for Scouting in South London. Sadly, Rob and Reese Ludlow have had to step down from the County. I would like to say thank you to their hard work and dedication to South London Scouting. I welcome Darren Lodge into the role of Deputy County Commissioner for Programme and I know he already has things happening and plans for the year. I also welcome Simon Emmett to the team as Deputy County Commissioner for Adult support in which he has been working to keep the training courses flowing.

Lewisham has seen a few changes over the last year with Tom Nixon stepping down from his role as District Commissioner for Lewisham, and we were happy to welcome Ashley George to the role, but due to other commitments he was unable to stay. I would like to take this moment to thank Tom for all his hard work, dedication and passion, and wish him well in the

next venture he takes on. I also thank Ashley for stepping in to the role, and am glad he is now concentrating on working with young people within the district. I am happy to say that after a bit of a search we have now found a replacement for Lewisham, Vicki Armitage, and myself and the County team welcome her and look forward to working together over the next year.

So back to this being my last year as County Commissioner. It has been a true honour to support the inspirational scouters of South London. My wishes for my final year are that the members of my County have an amazing, fun-filled Scouting year that sees them inspiring young people and making lots of lifelong friends. We are starting off with a bang in January with a trip to Disney Land Paris for over a hundred member of the County. Now let's look at what my Deputies and their teams have been up to.

Adventure:

District County Commissioner - Adventure (Bill Compton)
Assistant County Commissioner - Air Activities (Ian Piper)
Assistant County Commissioner - Water Activities (Paul Wotton)
County Nights Away Adviser (John Sweeney)

Air Activities:

The Air Activities Committee has had its busiest ever year providing opportunities for all sections and members in GLS, based on the County's unique facility at the Scout Aviation Centre (SAC), Biggin Hill Airport. Here are some highlights:



- The SAC was very well used and we welcomed 920 users, including members from 30 different Groups across GLS and GLSE.
- During the year we ran 13 air badge courses across all four sections. We also had 4 air experience flying sessions for Scouts/Explorers, 19 airport tours for Beavers/Cubs and other events such as flight simulator sessions.
- We are delighted that Air Shows have restarted at Biggin Hill and our Scouts and Explorers are involved, as well as offering historic tours to the general public.

None of this would be possible without the hard working members of the County Air Activities Team, and colleagues in GLSE, who have put in long hours so we can offer air activities to all sections in the County throughout the year.

Water

There were two Water Sports day's at The Docklands Scout Project that over a hundred young people from the County had a great time Cannoning, & sailing.



The Fort

This year there have been many people visiting or camping at the Fort, from scouts in the UK and abroad to schools or even children having birthday Parties so it's no surprise it's been another record year (Thank you Gordon and your team).

Nights Away

We have over the past year trained a number of nights away assessor's for the local District's. They now can support leaders in groups to



getting nights away permits, so that they can get more children out on overnight events.

Caving

Over the past Year we have Scout, Explorers & Network members on Mine taster event to Bedlams Mines, and then leading to trips in the Bath & Mendips for the weekend.

Can I say a big THANK YOU to all members of my team for all their hard work in the past year and here's to another great year of adventure in 2017.

Bill Compton
DCC Adventure

Development and District Support:

Deputy County Commissioner - Development & District Support – (Andy Melia)

District Commissioner - Lambeth (Wendy Hutcheson)

District Commissioner - Lewisham (Vicki Armitage)

District Commissioner - Royal Greenwich (John Sweeney)

District Commissioner - Southwark (Liz Fricker)

District Commissioner - Wandsworth (Gavin Ferguson)

Assistant County Commissioner - Development (Linda Hurford)

Assistant County Commissioner - District Support (Trevor Quinton)

The work of the Development & District Support Team is vital to the effective management of Scouting in the County, and continues to strengthen and build on our aim to provide Scouting for all across the five boroughs. Changes to the team have brought new faces and fresh ideas into the mix.

Tom Nixon has stepped down as District Commissioner for Lewisham District, and Paul O'Brien has taken on interim management. A search process has been undertaken, and Vicki Armitage will take on the role of District Commissioner from 1 September 2016. Vicki is currently developing knowledge and relationships across the district and reviewing current operations and activities. We would like to thank Tom for the time and effort he put in to leading Lewisham, and wish him every success in the future. Alongside this, we have said welcomed Marcus Burch as Development Officer for Lambeth and Wandsworth. Marcus joins us from the Regional Development Service, and has already provided support to new sections across both districts.

The County Development Service remains the key focus and mechanism for support across the County, and continues as a key priority. Work continues to focus on supporting the development of new provision at sectional level, and engage with our communities to build understanding and promote opportunities to volunteer. This has included developing new sections in areas where Scouting has not been present for a long period such as Walworth and Roehampton. These are some of the many examples of the hard work and effective collaboration between the County, districts, groups and the County Development Team.

A special note of thanks to all five district commissioners alongside Linda and Trevor for their hard work and dedication. They provide much support behind the scenes, as well as acting as key role models for good Scouting and effective management. I am lucky to lead such a great team, and look forward to continued successes in the coming year.

Andy Melia

DCC Development & District Support

Programme

Deputy County Commissioners for Programme – Darren Lodge

County Leader 6 – 10 – Vacant

County Leader 10 – 14 – Vacant

County Leader 14 – 25 – Vacant

County Youth Commissioner – Vacant

Since taking over the reins from Rob Ludlow in July 2016 I met with POB to discuss the restructure of the Programme team. As you can see above we have decided to drop the Assistant County Commissioner Role and go with County Leaders for the above age ranges. An advert was recently sent out to advertise these roles, and hopefully we will have some success in recruiting a team. If you are interested please come and talk to me.

Earlier this year the Scout section held its annual Mechanics badge course for 25 scouts, with a good spread of attendees from each District. This is the 5th year that I have run this event and it seems to be well attended each year, and have had good feedback from the leaders and youngsters respectively.

Unfortunately, as we have not had Assistant County Commissioner's / County Leaders for the sections for most of this year no other events have been run. But since taking up the role I have managed to organise a joint Cub, Scout & Explorer International trip to Disneyland Paris for the early part of next year and so far we have had a great response from sections wanting to attend.

I have also started to arrange (along with Matt Butterfield) a meeting to discuss the revamp of the High 5 Challenge badges – more details to come soon.

We have also managed to put in the diary a County Youth Conference *#Youshape 2017* for 25th – 26th February next year, which we will be advertising very shortly for elder Scouts, Explorers & Network.

Darren Lodge

Deputy County Commissioner - Programme

Adult Support & International

Deputy County Commissioner - Simon Emmett

County Training Manager – Vacant (POB acting)

Assistant County Commissioner for Additional Needs – Michael Standing

Assistant County Commissioner for Scout Active Support – Vacant

County Media Development Manager – Rory Sheridan

The last year has been one of quite significant change within the structure. One of the most visual of those changes has been the commissioning, design and building of a new county website. The old site had begun to not only look stale, but was able to function in a way that we needed it to. It was with a great deal of thanks that we owe to our Media Development Manager, Rory Sheridan, and his team, and web design company Effusion for all of the time that they have spent building a new site. This has been quite a large project, as the entire structure of the site has been developed bespoke for the county, to make it fully accessible and easy to use for both leaders, and the general public wishing to gain information about the work that we do. Rory's plan for the next year is to introduce media training for our youth members, specifically explorers and network members. This will be a great tool to ensure that our youth members voices are heard in the wider world, and not just within scouting.

Training has always been something that we are passionate about in the county, and from feedback that we received from participants, we have reintroduced weekend residential courses. By returning to these courses we have designed them to cover all of the modules in just two weekends. We ran both of the weekends this year, and both were fully subscribed. This has been a great response and we will be continuing with this format for the next year too. The training also additionally held a training course for GSLs and Commissioners which also followed the weekend residential format too, which was also well received. We have taken on all the feedback received from these courses, and aim to make them even better for 2017. Validation of modules after these courses are still an issue, and we are working with District Commissioner's and Local Training Manager's to ensure that the validation of the modules happen at the earliest opportunity following the course.

Ongoing training is part of the training cycle that is just as important as the wood badge modules. We are working hard to clear the backlog of leaders requiring safeguarding training. This is quite a hard task as we only have two people trained in the county to deliver this module, but we are working on recruiting further trainers. This training can be completed as an e-learning module, and any leaders that have should let their Local Training Managers know, so that their compass records can be updated.

In 2017 there will also be a new ongoing learning course that will be required for all leaders, about Safety. Details of this course will be published in the near future.

The training team is however, quite small, and I do have a plea to the districts, and that is to highlight the need for more trainers and tutors to help the team, and if they know of anyone that is keen to help, let us know. The bigger the team, the greater the range of knowledge for new leaders to tap in to.

The county has also seen a number of young people experiencing international adventures over the last 12 months. Two of the largest trips that the county saw the Lewisham district's trips to the Harambee project in Kenya, and the trekking expedition to Nepal. I am also pleased to announce that we even had a contingent of explorers and network members attend Rover way in France. These trips, and along with the all of their trips organised in the last twelve months have given our youth members life changing experiences. I am glad to say that I am seeing more Visits Abroad forms, which is a great testimony to our leaders for organising these trips.

Simon Emmett
DCC Adult Support & International



Paul O'Brien
County Commissioner

COUNTY CHAIRMANS SUMMARY

It seems the past year has gone by very quickly and looking back thinking of what has happened I wonder how everything got fitted in. We managed to find a new county treasurer in Arber and he has been working hard on getting to know this group of people that do scouting, as he has never been involved before and bringing his outside knowledge to help with county finance has been most helpful and I can honestly say he has worked hard to understand what we do and how this all fits in with our budget headings and different names of committees etc. I am sure with his understanding we will move even further forward with controlling the county finance.

I am pleased to say we have achieved during the year a full sub - committee for the premises and after one hiccup we have found a chair person in Eileen who controls the meetings and makes sure we are all kept on track. Of course I have to state the main stay of the committee is Gordon without his input and knowledge of the centre things would be far more difficult, over the year a number of new equipment has been purchased to improve the facilities we have at the Fort.

We have also had the upsetting news that the Scout Aviation centre which has been housed at Biggin hill airport for many years has had its lease ended early by 3 ½ years. The Air activities team have been working very hard to sort all this out. The county executive have been keen to give as much support as possible and hopefully the facilities will find a new home so the young members can still have the benefit of this type of activity.

The other sub-committees have been working as normal during the year and I would like to thank those members who take the time in attending.

The executive agreed during the year that the county needed a more up to date Web site with the changing systems that most young people now have access to the internet every hour of the day, so money was agreed to be spent and involve a company to design a new site and this will be presented at the end of the annual general meeting so people can see what has been achieved.

During the year I have tried to keep to my promise of getting round to see as many district meetings as possible and attend AGMs. I have made contact with district chairs to pass on information when I felt it was needed.

I decided as the new chairman in it was a good time to look at the terms and reference of the main sub-committees to see if they needed updating in any way and over the year these have all been looked at and amended where required and agreed by the executive.

We have also started the renegotiation of the new lease for the Fort with Dulwich estates so that we keep the facilities we have been so used to over the years and it is hoped this will go well.

It is pleasing to see the amount of leaders attending the training courses that have been run over the year by the county training team so well done to Simon and his team.

I would just like to finish again by thanking all the members of the main executive and others on sub-committees for the hard work that has been done over the year, and my thanks to Paul for his support when needed during the year and Reina for having to put up with many emails and phone calls to do something I have needed in my role of County Chairman, and to Matthew outside his development role in being a sounding board with his knowledge of scouting making sure I do things right.

Martyn Bain

County Chairman

GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Income and Expenditure					
Income	13				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Voluntary Income		2,327	0	2,327	4,535
Investment Income		544	0	544	1,178
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
County activities		39,700	-11,925	27,775	61,408
Greater London South Scout Centre Activities		110,418	0	110,418	110,454
Petchey Fund		0	14,900	14,900	19,600
Total Incoming Resources		152,989	2,975	155,964	197,175
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	14				
Petchey Fund		0	12,600	12,600	11,372
Development Officers Fund		0	62,369	62,369	70,351
Costs of Generating Funds					
County activities - Governance Costs		21,282	0	21,282	20,534
County activities - Programme & Training		14,402	0	14,402	28,991
Greater London South Scout Centre Activities		62,368	0	62,368	73,527
Other Resources Expended					
Share of Joint Venture (Profit)/Loss		0	0	0	-81
Depreciation of fixed assets		11,831	0	11,831	12,797
Total Resources Expended		109,883	74,969	184,852	217,491
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before other recognised gains		43,106	-71,994	-28,888	-20,317
Other Recognised Gains/ Losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	4	-149	0	-149	4,873
Net Movement in Funds		42,957	-71,994	-29,037	-15,444
Transfers				0	0
Balances Brought Forward at 1st April 2015		115,667	113,997	229,664	245,109
		0		0	0
Balances Carried Forward at 31st March 2016		158,624	42,003	200,627	229,664

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these accounts.

GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	13,213	25,044
Investments	4	93,095	118,608
Joint Venture	8	595	595
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	0	6,915
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>190,001</u>	<u>99,736</u>
		190,001	106,651
Liabilities amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>96,277</u>	<u>21,234</u>
Net Current Assets		93,724	85,417
Net Assets		<u>200,627</u>	<u>229,664</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted	7	158,624	115,667
Restricted		42,003	113,997
		<u>200,627</u>	<u>229,664</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

(Chairman)

(Treasurer)

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GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2016

1 Accounting Policies

- a) Basis of accounting
These accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention (modified to include the revaluation of quoted investments) in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (SORP 2005). Investments are quoted at middle market value as at 31st March 2016
- b) Donations are accounted for when received.
- c) All other income and expenditure is accounted on the accruals concept. Where these are identifiable in respect of the individual section activities they are allocated to these activities.
- d) Until 1st April 1996 all fixed assets, including the lease of the property, were written off when purchased as part of the income and expenditure account. Since that date all assets greater than £1,000 have been capitalised and are being depreciated at the following rates:

Property improvements	over the length of the lease (5 years remaining at the Scout Centre)
Equipment	15% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	10% on cost

2 Joint Venture

Greater London Scout Region

The County, together with five other Counties in the Greater London area, has an equal interest in the Greater London Scout Region. This was set up to provide a forum for co-ordination and discussion at a London wide level, and the organization of regional activities. The project is accounted for on a joint venture basis, each County including one sixth of the Region accounts within their own. These accounts were independently examined.

A summary of the financial result for the joint venture is included below.

	Greater London Scout Region	
	2016	2015
	£	£
Turnover		
County Contributions	0	2987
Events	0	0
Donations	0	0
Total Income	<u>0</u>	<u>2987</u>
Administration costs	0	200
Events	0	2160
Accommodation charges	0	0
Other costs	0	139
Net receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>488</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2016

3 Tangible Assets

	Leasehold Improvement	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
COST or VALUATION				
Bought forward	147,311	61,574	37,118	246,003
Additions	0	0	0	0
At 31 March 2016	<u>147,311</u>	<u>61,574</u>	<u>37,118</u>	<u>246,003</u>
Depreciation				
Brought forward	127,375	56,466	37,118	220,959
Charge for year	9,973	1,858	0	11,831
At 31 March 2016	<u>137,348</u>	<u>58,324</u>	<u>37,118</u>	<u>232,790</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2016	<u>9,963</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,213</u>
At 31 March 2015	<u>19,936</u>	<u>5,108</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,044</u>

The land and buildings at the South London Scout Centre are held on a full repairing lease for thirty years from 24th June 1988. During 2002 a revaluation of the Scout Centre fixed assets was completed. The land and building known as the Scott Chard Centre at Biggin Hill is held on a 15 year lease from 3 June 2003

4 Fixed Asset Investments

	2016 £	2015 £
Quoted Investments		
Market Value 1st April 2015	31,557	26,059
Sold in year	-25,674	0
Net unrealized investment gains/(losses)	-149	5,498
Market Value 31st March 2016	<u>5,734</u>	<u>31,557</u>
Other Investments		
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0	0
Income Bonds	10,000	10,000
CAF Platinum / Fixed Deposit	77,361	77,051
Buckinghamshire Building Society	0	0
	<u>87,361</u>	<u>87,051</u>

5 Debtors

	2016 £	2015 £
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	5,734
Other debtors	0	1,181
	<u>0</u>	<u>6,915</u>

6 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2016 £	2015 £
Accruals	1,800	1,800
Deposits in advance	85,140	19,434
PAYE	0	0
Other creditors	9,337	0
	<u>96,277</u>	<u>21,234</u>

7 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Tangible Assets £	Net Current Investments Assets £	Joint Ventures £	Total £	£
Unrestricted funds	13,213	93,095	51,721	595	158,624
Restricted funds	0	0	42,003	0	42,003
	<u>13,213</u>	<u>93,095</u>	<u>93,724</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>200,627</u>

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8 Joint Venture

	Greater London Scout Region £	2,015 Total £
Share		
Net Income	0	497
Net Payments	0	-416
Brought forward balance	595	514
Balance written off	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Value	<u>595</u>	<u>595</u>

9 Employees Remuneration

	2016 £	2015 £
Salary	64,223	72,610
Social Security Costs	5,788	6,723
	<u>70,011</u>	<u>79,333</u>

At 31 March 2016 there were 3 employees (2015 - 3)

10 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

	2016 £	2015 £
Remuneration paid to Trustees	0	0
Expenses Reimbursed to Trustees	0	3,652
Number of Trustees Reimbursed	5	5

Trustees were reimbursed for necessary out of pocket expenses spent on Council business at agreed rates, and for expenditure made by them on behalf of the Council..

11 Auditors Fees

	2016 £	2015 £
Independent Examination fee	1,200	0
Audit fee	0	1,800
Fees for other services	282	258
	<u>1,482</u>	<u>2,058</u>

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13 Detailed Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2016	Total Funds 2015
	£	£	£	£
Investment Income				
Interest & Fund Raising				
COIF	234		234	235
CAF	310		310	318
Gilts	0		0	625
Other Interest	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
			0	0
	544	0	544	1,178
County Income				
Voluntary Income, Donations & Grants	2,327	0	2,327	4,535
Membership Levy	31,598	0	31,598	27,717
Fees, Grants etc - courses	2,601	0	2,601	4,154
Air Activities	1,501	0	1,501	2,635
Caving	0	0	0	646
	38,027	0	38,027	39,687
South London Scout Centre Income				
South London Scout Centre	110,418	0	110,418	110,454
Jack Petchey Funds				
Awards and expenses		14,900	14,900	19,600
	0	14,900	14,900	19,600
County Development Funds				
YUF Grant	4,000		4,000	0
County Development Grants	0	-11,925	-11,925	26,256
	4,000	-11,925	-7,925	26,256
Total Income	152,989	2,975	155,964	197,175

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14 Detailed Resources Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2016	Total Funds 2015
	£	£	£	£
County Operating Costs				
Governance Costs				
Office costs including stationery & printing	5,252	0	5,252	4,503
Office Holders Expenses	0	0	0	244
Professional Fees & Licences	2,082	0	2,082	2,426
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expenses	13,948	0	13,948	13,361
Moot donations	0	0	0	0
Programme & Training				
Courses	1,503	0	1,503	424
Equipment & Resources	5,858	0	5,858	279
Air Activities	2,372	0	2,372	2,059
Caving	408	0	408	1,702
Support For All Districts	1,692	0	1,692	2,815
Fort funday	0	0	0	4,316
County Leadership expenses	2,282	0	2,282	2,985
Conferences/AGM	0	0	0	5,425
Tops Awards	287	0	287	0
Indaba	0	0	0	0
Jamboree event expenses	0	0	0	8,985
	<u>35,684</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,684</u>	<u>49,525</u>
South London Scout Centre Operating Costs				
South London Scout Centre	62,368	0	62,368	73,527
Jack Petchey Funds				
Awards and expenses	0	12,600	12,600	11,372
	<u>0</u>	<u>12,600</u>	<u>12,600</u>	<u>11,372</u>
County Development Funds				
County Development costs	0	62,369	62,369	70,351
	<u>0</u>	<u>62,369</u>	<u>62,369</u>	<u>70,351</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>98,052</u>	<u>74,969</u>	<u>173,021</u>	<u>204,775</u>
	109,883			
	-11,831			

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of

Greater London South County Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2016 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I may state to the charity's trustees those matters which I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), does not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 consideration 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act); and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,

John Lambourne FCA
For and on behalf of
Latham Lambourne Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Priory Buildings, Church Hill, Orpington, Kent BR6 0HH

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**Census of Membership in Gt. London South
For the year ending 31st January 2016**

	Male	Female	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP			
Beaver Scouts	888	316	1,204
Cub Scouts	1,199	469	1,668
Scouts	879	392	1,271
Explorer Scouts	262	130	392
Network members	15	12	27
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,243	1,319	4,562
LEADERSHIP			
Sections leaders	291	253	544
Sectional Assistants & Skills Instructors	102	99	201
Group Scout Leaders	48	36	84
District Skills Instructors	4	1	5
District Advisers	2	0	2
District Scouters	0	0	0
District Commissioners	10	5	15
County+ Skills Instructors	3	0	3
County+ Advisers	4	1	5
County+ Scouters	0	0	0
County+ Commissioners	5	0	5
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	469	395	864
ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT			
District Administrators	17	13	30
District Office Bearers	9	5	14
County+ Administrators	0	1	1
County+ Office Bearers	3	0	3
Active Support	89	65	154
Individual Members and Associate Members	52	52	104
TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT	170	136	306
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	3,882	1,850	5,732
Members	3,864	1,831	5,695
Associate Members	18	19	37
Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription ie Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network			4,535

STATISTICAL INFORMATION