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Annual Report 2016 / 2017  
Greater London South  
Charity No. : 303883



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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 Peter James  
Roger Cooke Gordon Carr  
Mike Jackson John Kingsmell

**Trustees** County Executive Committee  
September 2016 - 2017

**Ex-Officio** County Chairman Martyn Bain\*\*  
County Commissioner Paul O'Brien  
County Treasurer Arber Hoxha  
County Secretary Robert Crow

**Elected** David Attenborough, Russell Jones, Ian Cunningham, Linda Moore\*, Cheryl Stonebridge

**Nominated** William Compton, Andy Melia, Simon Emmett, Darren Lodge,

**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** Barclays Bank

**Independent Examiner** Latham Lambourne, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 18 Woodlands Park, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EL

# **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 2016. 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 examined for the 2016 - 2017 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

We present with great pleasure the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The Net Assets at the balance sheet total £ 179,474. The Total Incoming Resources for the year total £211,475, while the Total Resources Expenses total £232,628. After accounting adjustments representing depreciation on assets previously capitalised and unrealised gain/loss on the County's investment held, a Total Net Loss for the year of £9,028 is reported. Comparing this figure to previous years such as in 2016 it being a Total Net Loss of £17,057 and in 2015 it being a Total Net Loss of £20,317 shows that the county has performed better financially and we plan by next year to break even. It is worth mentioning that the South London Scout Centre continues to be profitable, attributing a net surplus of £44,544.

In line with the County Plan the Executive Committee has approved a transfer of £40,000 from unrestricted reserves to restricted funds to support the work of the County Development Steering Group. A further £22,000 was donated by the Don Broome Scout Trust for the same aforementioned objective.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Lambourne FCA and all at Latham Lambourne Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors for their continued support of the County throughout the year. I also thank Gordon Carr for his hard work resulting into the Greater London South Scout Centre being run extremely well. Finally, many thanks to Martyn Bain and all the other members for their constant support they have provided me with during the year.

**Arber Hoxha**  
County Treasurer

## 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**

Since 2014 we now have awarded 231 young person awards over seven campaigns and will be awarding another 21 awards for the period of September to November 2017. We had a successful awards evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 where we had 84 young award winners attend to collect their medals. If you have a young person who are 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, Reina. Her email address is [office@southlondonscouts.org.uk](mailto: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.
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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 one year 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**

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 providing the most effective support.

The last year has seen a significant period of change for the Development Service. Tighter funding conditions have meant that the Service has been refocused to ensure maximum support in the face of decreasing resources.

In March, the County said goodbye to Garry Leach after nine years as the Lewisham Development Officer, employed directly by the Lewisham Development Project. Garry has had a significant impact on development in Lewisham, and on behalf of the County, the Steering Group would like to pass on our thanks and best wishes. Alongside this, Marcus Burch's contract as the Development Officer for Lambeth and Wandsworth finished at the end of March. He has been an incredible support to Lambeth and Wandsworth, and the whole County, during his 18-months with us, and we are very sorry to see him go.

As a result of these team changes, the Development Service now comprises one Development Officer and the County Administrator, with Matt Butterfield and Reina O'Brien continuing in their respective roles. To ensure that the Service is continuing to provide effective and impactful support to groups and districts, a new support model has been agreed with the County Team and district commissioners that will prioritise resources to groups and development opportunities where they can do most, whilst ensuring that all parts of the County receive support. In addition, district commissioners are working more closely with HQ's Regional Services Team to explore additional projects that can be supported. The Steering Group believe that this is the best way for the County to continue to offer an effective Development Service that provides the support groups and districts need to offer Scouting to more young people.

A special thanks, as always, goes to Linda Hurford, who continues to manage the Development Service on a day-to-day basis. The Steering Group were particularly pleased to see that her time and effort, which is essential to ensuring the running of the Development Service, was recognised this year with the award of Silver Wolf. On behalf of the County, the Development Steering Group would like to offer our thanks for her commitment to support our employee team. Thanks must of course also go to our current and departing employees– Garry, Marcus, Matt, and Reina – for their hard work in supporting growth and development across the County.

Thanks should also be given to the members of the Development Steering Group – Martyn Bain, Chris Ellison, Philippa Jones and Trevor Quinton – who provide invaluable insight, support and guidance to the County in managing the Development Service.

Over the coming year, the Steering Group will continue to review the management of the Development Service, to ensure that it continues to offer the right support. The wider County review of funding arrangements will enable the Steering Group to set a long-term plan for sustaining the Development Service, subject to any future review of the County Strategic Plan.

# **COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

"Would the County Commissioner for Greater London South come in please your time is up"

This is my last Annual report as County Commissioner I will step down on the 12 July 2017. When I took on the role I was asked how would I like to leave the County when my time was up. "A little bit better than I found it" was my reply (Quote from our Founder) let's look back at the last 7 years and see if I have achieved my aim.

## **Governance 2010**

County Executive was working well but the District Structure was unworkable and support on the ground was very poor. 10 districts to support this was not working.

1 County Commissioner, 1 Deputy County Commissioner and 4 Assistant County Commissioners.

## **Governance 2017**

County Executive is fully operational, 3 Sub Committees fully functioning, 10 Districts Closed and 5 new borough districts opened. 5 fantastic DCs running amazing districts. A County team dedicated to supporting the districts headed by the Deputy County Commissioner for District Support. The Full County Team is made up of 1 County Commissioner, 4 Deputy County Commissioners and 16 Assistant County Commissioners.

## **Growth 2010**

Total Membership for South London 5140 members

## **Growth 2017**

Total Membership for South London 6228 members + 1088 MEMBERS

Our membership is over 6000 members the first time in over 25 years

## **Valuing our Volunteers 2010**

In the 7 years leading to 2010 South London gave out 152 Good Service Awards

## **Valuing our Volunteers 2017**

Since 2010 South London has given out 364 Good Service awards = 13 Silver Wolves, 25 Bar to the Silver Acorns, and over 80 Silver Acorns + all the other awards. The GLS Annual Award Ceremonies are now held to celebrate the Outstanding Achievements. We had over 60 award holders at our last event.

## **County Members / Team Support 2010**

No direct support for County Members / Team

### **County Members / Team Support 2017**

We now have a Part Time (Mon – Thurs) County Administrator who provided Admin support for the County Team, and provides a one stop shop for all matters relating to Greater London South County.

### **County Office 2010**

Small “Broom Cupboard” as the County office small desk and two filing cabinets.

### **County Office / County Board Room 2017**

Fully Equipped Admin office (The Bill Hall County Office) for the professional staff and hot desking for the County Team members.

Full Equipped Meeting room (The Howard Strong Board Room) with 52” Monitor for Conference calls and training. This has raised the profile of the County and made the whole experience of going to the Fort much more pleasurable.

As you can see this is a small section of some of the highlights that have been achieved over the last seven years.

Let’s have a look at the four Deputies departments and see what they have been up to over the last year.

I will finish at the end of Simon’s report:

### **Bill Compton**

#### **Deputy County Commissioner – Adventure**

#### **Air Activities**

It's been an exciting time for the SAC unfortunately back in the year we had to move off our site in Biggin Hill so we are now based at The Fort!

We held our first badge course at our new location a few months back 18 scouts took part learning about air navigation and geocaching. At the start of May we managed to get two scouts up in the air microlighting! Unfortunately we had to cancel due to poor wind conditions but hope to get 50 scouts in the air come August. Our final job this year will be to get our simulator up and running - this will be a massive job but we are excited about it!

#### **Water**

We had a county water weekend at the Scout Centre at West India Dock that people had a great time Canoeing, & sailing.

#### **The Fort**

This year we have had another very busy year with visitors from 24 different Counties staying a total of 18,550. (Thank you Gordon and your team for all their hard work).

## **Nights Away**

We have over the past year trained a number of nights away assessor's in District so that we can support leaders in groups in getting nights away permit's so that we can get more children out on overnight events.

## **Caving**

Over the past Year we have Scouts and Explorer members on Mine taster event (evenings or Sunday morning) 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 2018... Bill

## **Andy Melia**

### **Deputy County Commissioner - Development and District Support:**

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 good Scouting for all across the five boroughs.

We are pleased to have welcomed Vicki Armitage as the District Commissioner for Lewisham this year. Vicki formally took over the team on the 1st September, and has been working closely with the Lewisham Team and other DC's to develop the District and help bring a fresh approach to Scouting in Lewisham.

The focus for this year has been consolidation, with DCs working hard to open new sections in groups which do not currently offer the full family of Scouting. This has led to a number of new sections, and the formation of some new groups; including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Greenwich, a Muslim group; the reopening of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brixton in Lambeth; and the opening of 3<sup>rd</sup> Southwark. As a result, South London was one of the fastest growing counties in the region this year, and has grown by 25% since 2012. A massive success for the entire County, of which everyone should be proud. And a particular thanks to the Development and District Support Team for their hard work and leadership, which has enabled this achievement.

The County Development Service remains the key focus and mechanism for support across the County, and continues as a County priority. The team's work has prioritised support to the development of new provision at sectional level, alongside engaging with our communities to build understanding and promote opportunities to volunteer, and has been instrumental in the success of many of the new sections that have opened. These are great examples of the hard work and effective collaboration between the County, districts, groups and the County Development Team. With the changing team structure, resulting in having one development officer to support all five districts from April 2017, the resources of the County Development Service will be prioritised on recruiting new adults to support the retention or opening of new sections throughout the County.

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 working

with them and supporting them as we transition to a new County Commissioner in the coming year... Andy

**Darren Lodge**  
**Deputy County Commissioner – Programme**

Unfortunately, since my last report we still have had no uptake on the County Leader roles for our sections. Adverts are still available for these roles on the County website, so if you know of anybody that is interested, or I should approach, please come and talk to me. The sooner we can get people in place, the sooner we can support your Districts from a County level.

Earlier this year in January I organised and ran a joint Cub, Scout & Explorer International trip to Disneyland Paris. 48 young people and 28 adults attended this trip, which consisted of members from 4 of the 5 Districts in the County. A great weekend was had by all.

I have held a meeting with a select few people from the County to discuss the revamp of the High 5 Challenge badges – we are hoping to release this later this year, so watch this space.

I have a few other ideas in the pipeline but need the support of a team to be able to assist in this... Darren

**Simon Emmett**  
**Deputy County Commissioner - Adult Support & International**

At last year's AGM we launched our new County Website, and I'm pleased to report that this has been met with universal praise. Rory worked closely with website company Effusion, to ensure that it was a fully accessible interface for members, and for the general public too. This has ensured that information is available to parent's and members alike, without have to work their way through a confusing set of menus. Rory has also begun to organise media training for our youth members, specifically the explorers and network members. This is a great tool to ensure that our youth members voices are heard in the wider world, and not just within scouting.

In 2016 we reintroduced weekend residential courses to our adult training provision. These were so well received that not have we only continued with that provision, but have doubled the amount of courses that we offer. We are constantly reviewing these courses to ensure that encompass any changes from the Scout Association. One recent change has been to the Management modules, which now require online learning to be completed as part of the process. This is addition to these modules being now being run at a regional level.

Validation of modules after these courses are still however 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.

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 with the last 12 months seeing the highest number of international nights away record in the county. These trips, and along with the all of their trips organised in the last twelve months have given our youth members life changing experiences. It should be noted that the Visits Abroad process has now clarified that all overseas meetings, individual visits to overseas scout groups, and even reconnaissance visits for further trips, are now covered by the process too.

We are also in the middle of our selection process for the 24th World Scout Jamboree. I am pleased to announce that we have been allocated a full unit, and are therefore currently selecting our leadership team of 1unit leader, and 3 assistants. The selection of our 36 participants will also take place on the weekend of 7th & 8th October... Simon

POB cont.

So I thank you all for your support over the last year / seven years. It has been the most challenging, fun, frustrating, emotional, proudest role I have ever had in Scouting. It has been my greatest honor to support and lead our truly amazing County.

POB... OUT... (Mike Drop!)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul O'Brien', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Paul O'Brien**  
County Commissioner

## **COUNTY CHAIRMANS SUMMARY**

Well another year has passed, I started my report last year with the words "it seems the past year has gone by very quickly" Well I have to be honest I have no idea where these past 10 months have gone being that we have moved the Annual meeting back to where it used to be held in July rather than September. It has been again a busy time within the County with making sure the trustees keep on top of all the issues that come their way. Again, the sub committees have been hard at work covering their different areas and I do need to make special note to the premise subcommittee, as this has probably been the busiest committee outside the main executive. We have a lot going on with changes to the structure of how we are looking at running the South London Centre in the coming years. I would like to thank Eileen for all the support and effort she has done in her first year as chair and of course Gordon for his continuing support and time with ensuring we have a fully functioning Centre that can not only be used by the county for meetings and training, but for local and further afield scouts to enjoy weekend and weeklong breaks in doors and under canvas. The negotiations are still moving forward regarding securing the new lease with Dulwich estates which hopefully will be done by this time next year.

The Scout Aviation Centre as reported last year needed to be rehomed and I am pleased to say space has been made available at the Fort for the simulator to be re-installed and work is moving somewhat slowly on refitting as we have to look to people with the experience on how it all fits together to find time in their busy lives to give more time, but it is happening and soon we will be able to offer the activity fully to our youth members.

The finance committee over the past year have also been overseeing changes as the county have changed banks from CAF to a new Barclays community account which we see giving us a better service. The new county treasurer has been working well and again my thanks to Philippa our past treasurer for her continuing support with staffing finance support.

We have changes to look forwarded to in the coming year with the new appointment of a County Commissioner and the possibility of new members of the executive joining and moving the county further forward. I would like to thank all the members of the main committee and sub committees for all their hard work and to Paul for his support during the year.

Martyn Bain  
County Chairman

**GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
	13				
Income from donations and legacies		2,566	0	2,566	2,327
Investment Income		459	0	459	544
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>					
County activities		58,120	22,001	80,121	27,775
Greater London South Scout Centre Activities		112,329	0	112,329	110,418
Petchey Fund		0	16,000	16,000	14,900
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>173,474</b>	<b>38,001</b>	<b>211,475</b>	<b>155,964</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
	14				
Petchey Fund		0	16,075	16,075	12,600
Development Officers Fund		0	68,432	68,432	62,369
County activities - Support Costs		19,026	0	19,026	21,282
County activities - Programme & Training		49,185	0	49,185	14,402
Greater London South Scout Centre Activities		67,785	0	67,785	62,368
Share of Joint Venture (Profit)/Loss		0	0	0	0
Depreciation of fixed assets		12,390	0	12,390	11,831
(Gains)/losses on investment assets	4	-265	0	-265	149
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>148,121</b>	<b>84,507</b>	<b>232,628</b>	<b>185,001</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>					
Transfers		25,353	-46,506	-21,153	-29,037
Balances Brought Forward at 1st April 2016		-40,000	40,000	0	0
		158,624	42,003	200,627	229,664
<b>Balances Carried Forward at 31st March 2017</b>		<b>143,977</b>	<b>35,497</b>	<b>179,474</b>	<b>200,627</b>

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

**GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Balance Sheet at 31st March 2017**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	2,305	13,213
Investments	4	93,584	93,095
Joint Venture	9	595	595
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	5	0	0
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>252,442</u>	<u>190,001</u>
		252,442	190,001
<b>Liabilities:</b> amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>169,452</u>	<u>96,277</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		82,990	93,724
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>179,474</u></u>	<u><u>200,627</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted	7	143,977	158,624
Restricted		35,497	42,003
		<u><u>179,474</u></u>	<u><u>200,627</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

(Chairman)

(Treasurer)

## GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

### Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2017

#### 1 Accounting Policies

- a) **Basis of accounting**  
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of 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 2015). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
- b) **Income**  
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
- c) **Expenditure**  
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to category.
- d) **Fixed Assets**  
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 ( years remaining at the Scout Centre) |
| Equipment             | 15% on cost   |
| Fixtures and fittings | 10% on cost   |
- e) **Fund accounting**  
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.  
Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
- f) **Leasing commitments**  
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease period.
- g) **Pension costs**  
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 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	
	2017	2016
	£	£
Turnover		
County Contributions	0	2987
Events	0	0
Donations	0	0
Total Income	0	2987
Administration costs	0	200
Events	0	2160
Accommodation charges	0	0
Other costs	0	139

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**3 Tangible Assets**

	Leasehold Improvements	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>COST or VALUATION</b>				
Bought forward	147,311	61,574	37,118	246,003
Additions	0	1,482	0	1,482
At 31 March 2017	<u>147,311</u>	<u>63,056</u>	<u>37,118</u>	<u>247,485</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Brought forward	137,348	58,324	37,118	232,790
Charge for year	9,963	2,427	0	12,390
At 31 March 2017	<u>147,311</u>	<u>60,751</u>	<u>37,118</u>	<u>245,180</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2017	<u>0</u>	<u>2,305</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,305</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>9,963</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,213</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**

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Quoted Investments</b>		
Market Value 1st April 2016	5,734	31,557
Sold in year	0	-25,674
Net unrealized investment gains/(losses)	265	-149
Market Value 31st March 2017	<u>5,999</u>	<u>5,734</u>
<b>Other Investments</b>		
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0	0
Income Bonds	10,000	10,000
CAF Platinum / Fixed Deposit	77,585	77,361
Buckinghamshire Building Society	0	0
	<u>87,585</u>	<u>87,361</u>

**5 Debtors**

	2017 £	2016 £
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**6 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	2017 £	2016 £
Accruals	1,200	1,800
Deposits in advance	159,670	85,140
PAYE	0	0
Other creditors	8,582	9,337
	<u>169,452</u>	<u>96,277</u>

**7 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	Tangible Assets	Investments	Net Current Assets	Joint Ventures	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	2,305	93,584	47,493	595	143,977

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8	Movement in Funds	At 1.4.16	incoming	resources		at 31.3.17
		£	resources	expended	transfers	£
			£	£	£	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
	General fund	158,624	173,474	-148,121	-40,000	143,977
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
	Petchey	10,691	16,000	-16,075		10,616
	District Officer	31,312	22,001	-68,432	40,000	24,881
		42,003	38,001	-84,507	40,000	35,497
	Total Funds	<u>200,627</u>	<u>211,475</u>	<u>-232,628</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>179,474</u>

9	Joint Venture	Greater London	2016
		Scout Region	Total
		£	£
	Share		
	Net Income	0	0
	Net Payments	0	0
	Brought forward balance	595	595
	Balance written off	0	0
	Value	<u>595</u>	<u>595</u>

10	Employees Remuneration	2017	2016
		£	£
	Salary	72,468	64,223
	Social Security Costs	3,743	5,788
	Pension Costs	650	0
		<u>76,861</u>	<u>70,011</u>

At 31 March 2017 there were 3 employees (2016 - 3)

11	Trustees Remuneration and Expenses	2017	2016
		£	£
	Remuneration paid to Trustees	0	0
	Expenses Reimbursed to Trustees	2,267	0
	Number of Trustees Reimbursed	2	0

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..

12	Independent Examination Fees	2017	2016
		£	£
	Independent Examination fee	1,200	1,200
	Fees for other services	282	282
		<u>1,482</u>	<u>1,482</u>

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**13 Detailed Incoming Resources**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
	£	£	£	£
<b>Investment Income</b>				
<b>Interest &amp; Fund Raising</b>				
CAF Fixed interest	234		234	234
CAF	225		225	310
Gilts	0		0	0
Other Interest	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>544</u>
<b>County Income</b>				
Voluntary Income, Donations & Grants	2,566	0	2,566	2,327
Membership Levy	36,337	0	36,337	31,598
Fees, Grants etc - courses	1,035	0	1,035	2,601
Air Activities	1,857	0	1,857	1,501
Caving	0	0	0	0
Disney	18,891	0	18,891	0
	<u>60,686</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>60,686</u>	<u>38,027</u>
<b>South London Scout Centre Income</b>				
South London Scout Centre	112,329	0	112,329	110,418
<b>Jack Petchey Funds</b>				
Awards and expenses		16,000	16,000	14,900
	<u>0</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>14,900</u>
<b>County Development Funds</b>				
YUF Grant			0	4,000
County Development Grants	0	22,001	22,001	-11,925
	<u>0</u>	<u>22,001</u>	<u>22,001</u>	<u>-7,925</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><u>173,474</u></u>	<u><u>38,001</u></u>	<u><u>211,475</u></u>	<u><u>155,964</u></u>

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**14 Detailed Resources Expenditure**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
	£	£	£	£
<b>County Operating Costs</b>				
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Office costs including stationery & printing	2,356	0	2,356	5,252
Office Holders Expenses	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees & Licences	614	0	614	2,082
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expenses	16,056	0	16,056	13,948
<b>Programme &amp; Training</b>				
Courses	2,890	0	2,890	1,503
Equipment & Resources	3,696	0	3,696	5,858
Air Activities	6,117	0	6,117	2,372
Caving	303	0	303	408
Support For All Districts	3,817	0	3,817	1,692
Water Day	2,475	0	2,475	0
County Leadership expenses	2,267	0	2,267	2,282
Conferences/AGM	86	0	86	0
Website	8,566	0	8,566	0
Awards	77	0	77	287
Disney	18,891	0	18,891	0
Jamboree event expenses	0	0	0	0
	<u>68,211</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68,211</u>	<u>35,684</u>
<b>South London Scout Centre Operating Costs</b>				
South London Scout Centre	67,785	0	67,785	62,368
<b>Jack Petchey Funds</b>				
Awards and expenses	0	16,075	16,075	12,600
	<u>0</u>	<u>16,075</u>	<u>16,075</u>	<u>12,600</u>
<b>County Development Funds</b>				
County Development costs	0	68,432	68,432	62,369
	<u>0</u>	<u>68,432</u>	<u>68,432</u>	<u>62,369</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u><u>135,996</u></u>	<u><u>84,507</u></u>	<u><u>220,503</u></u>	<u><u>173,021</u></u>

## 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 2017 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.

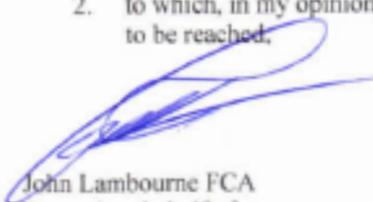
#### Basis of independent Examiners report

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 methods and principles of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of 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 2015).
  - the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have 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  
18 Woodlands Park, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EL  
3 July 2017

## Census of Membership in Gt. London South For the year ending 31st January 2017

	Male	Female	Total
<b>YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>			
Beaver Scouts	827	345	1,172
Cub Scouts	1,222	507	1,729
Scouts	884	407	1,291
Explorer Scouts	238	132	370
Network members	40	32	72
<b>TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>4,634</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>			
Sections leaders	315	271	586
Sectional Assistants & Skills Instructors	88	77	165
Group Scout Leaders	56	41	97
District Skills Instructors	3	0	3
District Advisers	7	4	11
District Scouters	0	3	3
District Commissioners	9	7	16
County+ Skills Instructors	6	2	8
County+ Advisers	10	6	16
County+ Scouters	0	4	4
County+ Commissioners	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT</b>			
District Administrators	10	7	17
District Office Bearers	9	4	13
County+ Administrators	0	1	1
County+ Office Bearers	3	2	5
Active Support	130	88	218
Individual Members and Associate Members	191	238	429
<b>TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>683</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>6,228</b>
Members	4,015	2,124	6,139
Associate Members	35	54	89
Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription ie Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network			<b>4,562</b>
<b>STATISTICAL INFORMATION</b>			
Young Leaders	78	45	123
Network members (recorded elsewhere)	65	37	102
Total Network members	105	69	174
<b>UNITS</b>			
Beaver Scout Colonies			82
Cub Scout Packs			95
Scout Troops			86
Venture Scout Units			0
Explorer Scout Units			26