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TEAM WORK  
LOOKS LIKE.**

The Greater London South County Scout Council  
annual report  
and accounts 2014 - 2015



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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

<b>President</b>	William M. Stern	
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	Howard B. Strong Roger Cooke	Peter James Gordon Carr
<b>Trustees</b>	County Executive Committee June 2014 to June 2015	
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	County Chairman County Commissioner County Treasurer County Secretary	Jeffrey Tetlow ** Paul O'Brien Philippa Clayton Robert Crow
<b>Elected</b>	David Attenborough, Robert Crow, Peter Evans *** Russell Jones, Daniel Stoddart	
<b>Nominated</b>	William Compton, Amber Cox, Robert Ludlow, Andrew Melia, Christopher Field*	
<b>Co-opted</b>	George Phipson - Chairman of Development Steering Group. Ian Cunningham – Health and Safety	
	* also Chairman of County Appointments Sub-Committee ** also Chairman of County Finance Sub-Committee *** also Chairman of County Sites Committee	
<b>Principal Bankers</b>	C.A.F. Bank	
<b>Auditor</b>	Latham Lambourne, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors First Floor, East Wing Priory Buildings, Church Hill Orpington, Kent, BR6 0HH	

## **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, County Secretary and the County Network Commissioner 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 six occasions since the last AGM in June 2014. 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 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 a full audit of the 2014 – 2015 annual accounts would be required which John Lambourne FCA has undertaken 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.

<b>Purpose</b>	Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
<b>Values</b>	As Scouts we are guided by these values:
<b>Integrity</b>	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
<b>Respect</b>	We have self-respect and respect for others.
<b>Care</b>	We support others and take care of the world we live in.
<b>Belief</b>	We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
<b>Co-operation</b>	We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.
<b>Method</b>	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. Chris Field has sadly stepped down from his role as the Appointments Chairman due to other commitments and we thank him for his work over the last 4 years.

#### **Finance Sub Committee**

The Finance sub-committee is under the chairmanship of Jeff Tetlow (County Chairman) and includes the County Commissioner, Deputy County Commissioner (Development and District Support), County Treasurer, County Secretary 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 cashflows 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'. For the 2014/15 annual subscriptions the County early adopted a change in the pricing structure expected to be implemented by HQ shortly. The annual fee for all adult members was lifted and the County levy was only charged to youth members. We feel this new pricing structure recognises the significant work of the volunteers within our County. Total income of £27,717 was generated. In line with the County Plan, the County Executive Committee have approved a transfer of £20,000 from unrestricted reserves to restricted funds to support the work of the County Development Steering Group.

## **Don Broome Scout Trust**

The Don Broome Scout Trust was established with a legacy left by Don Broome, the County's first Deputy County Commissioner. The Trust seeks to encourage and support the development of Scouting across Greater London South. Development has always meant providing better Scouting for more young people and since the Scout Association's Vision for 2018 provides a very clear picture of what better Scouting should look like.

So over the year under review we have continued to pursue our overall strategy of working – where possible – through the County and District development teams and local development officers; this enables us to meet local priorities as determined by local managers (the District Commissioners) and their teams. Of course applications are still welcome from individual Groups who have a development proposal which would benefit from financial help.

The grants we have made have been used to support the international element of the programme by funding equipment for the County's Jamboree Unit and encourage outdoor Scouting by providing assistance with the purchase of expedition equipment. We have also helped to open up Scouting to a wider range of young people by funding the purchase of materials and apparatus for use in publicising the movement - in particular for youth and adult recruitment events.

We continue with our programme of £250 start up grants for new sections. This is managed in co-ordination with the Alexander Fund which provides the grants in Wandsworth and Lambeth Districts. No formal application is needed for these and one grant is made for each new section opened so a Group opening more than one section at a time would receive more than one grant. Don wanted his legacy to be used for the benefit of our young people and this will only happen if it is spent on improving what we offer. So if you are a Group Scout Leader or an Explorer Scout or Scout Network Leader or Commissioner I would urge you to think carefully about how you can further improve the quality of Scouting you offer or open it up to more young people and whether our funds could help. If you have any ideas and want to discuss them informally before making an application you can talk to me, your District Commissioner or the County Development Service.

Mike Jackson

Chairman, The Don Broome Scout Trust

## **Jack Petchey Foundation**

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes awards to young people and adults in recognition of their achievements in their organisation. The County has been working with the Foundation for some years and we are grateful for their continued support. Since January 2014 we have made awards to 99 young people in our County and we will be awarding another 21 for the period of September to November 2015. If you wish to nominate a young person (aged 11 to 25) in your Group for an award please contact Reina O'Brien, County Administrator, who runs this scheme. We are now re-starting the adult award scheme and again if you know a leader who deserves to be nominated for this award contact Reina. Her email address is [office@southlondonscouts.org.uk](mailto:office@southlondonscouts.org.uk)

## **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). We are now entering a new phase in the evolution of the CDS as our funding from the Scout Association's Development Grants Board comes to an end. The Steering Group are considering future options for the continued sustainability of the Service, building on the County's commitment to maintain it in the Strategic Plan.

There have been changes to the team over the past year as we have said goodbye to George Phipson as Chair of the Development Steering Group and Jack Gibson as Development Officer for Lambeth and Wandsworth. George continues to support the County as Joint-Chair of Royal Greenwich, and we would like to thank him for his time, commitment, and incredibly able steering of the work of the DSG over the past two and a half years, during which time we successfully secured the on-going funding from the Development Grants Board. We are also very sad to see Jack leave. He has made a significant and long-lasting contribution to supporting the growth and development of Lambeth and Wandsworth, and will be sorely missed.

We were pleased to welcome Richard Morrison as the new Chair of the Development Steering Group in June. Richard has a wealth of experience in supporting development, and is also Chair of the Lewisham Development Project. His dual role has enabled further and more effective working between the different support services within the County; a system that continues to provide additional benefits to our members.

Matt Butterfield continues to support Royal Greenwich and Southwark Districts, and has been providing interim support in Lambeth and Wandsworth as we seek a replacement for Jack. 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 thanks. 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-established our relationship with Jack Petchey 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 growth throughout Lewisham. The team have recently said goodbye to their Development Officer, Reece Ludlow. Reece has made a significant contribution to bringing Scouting to areas in the borough where it has not been present for a number of years. We are pleased that she will continue to support the County as ACC (Cubs) and wish her luck with her future career. The Development Officers have spent much time focussing this year on supporting new provision including the opening of new Beaver colonies in Wandsworth and the creation of a new SAS Unit in Southwark. These sections continue to grow from strength-to-strength as the team have stepped back and handed over to volunteers. Alongside this, the CDS is instrumental in building the County's public profile with external partners, and has been exploring new and innovative ways of supporting groups and GSLs through mentoring and engagement with managers in other organisations.

Special thanks go to Linda Hurford, who manages the CDS on a day-to-day basis, and Chris Ellison who has taken over day-to-day management of the Lewisham project. Their 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 their commitment to support our employed staff. Thanks must of course also go to the development officers and other employees themselves – Garry, Jack, Matt, Reece and Reina – for their hard work in supporting growth and development across the County.

Challenges for the future continue to be how to support the development of effective managers across the County and to retain volunteers, especially new ones, to continue to provide Scouting for all young people in South London. This in turn will enable us to explore new funding options to maintain the Development Service in the long-term.

Andy Melia  
DCC Development and District Support

## COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015. The net assets at the balance sheet date total £229,664. The results of the County are shown in summary on page 9. The South London Scout Centre continues to be profitable, attributing a net surplus of £36,927 to the County. These funds were used to support countywide activities with a total net expenditure of £9,282 which results in a net operating profit of £27,645, confirming the County operated financially during the year under review without decreasing unrestricted cash reserves prior to the transfers approved as discussed below.

In addition, a net outflow of £35,246 was paid from the restricted funds representing activities of the Petchey Fund and Development Officers for which some of the income and donations have been received and recognised in prior years. These movements total a net outflow of resources of £7,601. After accounting adjustments representing depreciation on assets previously capitalised and the unrealised gain/loss on the County's share of activities in the Joint Venture and investments held, a total net loss for the year of £20,317 is reported. Detailed income and expenditure schedules are shown on pages 14 -15

In line with the County Plan the Executive Committee has approved a transfer of £20,000 from unrestricted reserves to restricted funds to support the work of the County Development Steering Group.

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. Finally, many thanks should also be noted for Gordon Carr who continues to run the operations of the Greater London South Scout Centre exceptionally.

Philippa Clayton  
County Treasurer

# 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.



Jeff Tetlow  
Chairman  
Signed on behalf of the Trust

## **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 three 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.

### **The County Office**

The County Office is proving to be an invaluable asset. It provides dedicated working space and facilities that are used regularly by the Development Service and the County Team.

### **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 base used for these activities is the County's own building, formerly known as the Scott-Chard Centre at Biggin Hill. This is situated on land held by Biggin Hill Airport Ltd on a 15 year lease from 2003 The committee continues to offer a wide range of 'air' related Scout Badge courses as well as public tours around historical parts of the old Biggin Hill Airfield.

# COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

I can say it does not feel like five years since I took over as CC for South London, We have grown year on year and made a huge difference in the lives of so many young people.

Let's have a look at some of the work that the County support teams have achieved over the last 12 months

## Adventure:

*DCC Adventure (Bill Compton)*

*ACC Air Activities (Ian Piper)*

*ACC 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.

In 2015 we will be at the forefront of introducing new Air Badge requirements into our programme, as the SAC is in the top three of centres for Scout Air Badges across the UK.

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. Further details of our activities can be found at [www.scoutaviationcentre.weebly.com](http://www.scoutaviationcentre.weebly.com)

Ian Piper  
ACC Air Activities

## The Fort

This year there have been many people visiting the Fort from scouts to schools and even children having a birthday party 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 assessors in District so that we can support leaders in groups in getting nights away permits so that we can get more children out on overnight events.

## Caving

Over the past year we have had Scout, Explorers & Network members on Mine taster events to Bedlams Mines leading to trips in the Bath & Mendips area.

## Water

We have supported many Districts in running their own water day. 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 2016.

Bill Compton  
DCC Adventure

**Development and District Support:**  
DCC Development & District Support (Andy Melia)  
DC for Lambeth ( Acting DC Wendy Hutcheson)  
DC for Lewisham (Tom Nixon)  
DC for Royal Greenwich (John Sweeney)  
DC for Southwark (Liz Fricker)  
DC for Wandsworth (Gavin Ferguson)  
ACC Development (Linda Hurford)  
ACC 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. Two key achievements this year have been the development of the County Commissioner's standards framework and the review of the County Development Service, ensuring that groups continue to receive the most effective support.

A new District Commissioner has been appointed for Lambeth District, following the departure of Rachel Mayes. Wendy Hutcheson took on the role in June 2015, and is working hard to build on the successes of the last few years. We would like to thank Rachel for the time and effort she put in to leading Lambeth, and wish her every success in the future. Alongside this, we have said goodbye to Jack Gibson as Development Officer for Lambeth and Wandsworth. Jack has been instrumental in the work to stabilise Wandsworth and set both districts on a path to growth, which resulted in a number of new sections across both districts over the last year. He will be missed across both Districts and within the County Team, and we wish him luck in his new job and say thank you for his hard work and dedication to the both districts and the wider County.

The County Development Service remains the key focus and mechanism for support across the County, and continues as a key priority. Work to reach out to our communities and engage with a wider audience has resulted in the development of a pilot project providing mentoring support to group scout leaders. We are looking to expand this in the coming year and build on our successes in external engagement. It is one of 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 and District Support

## Youth Programme:

DCC Programme (Robert Ludlow)  
ACC Beaver Scouts (Vacant)  
ACC Cub Scouts (Reese Ludlow)  
ACC Scouts (Darren Lodge)  
ACC Explorer Scouts (Vacant)  
ACC Young Leaders (Vacant)  
ACC Scout Network (Vacant)  
ACC International (Simon Emmett)  
County Advisor Programme (Peter Lillie)

The Youth Programme Team has continued to work hard to help assist Districts wherever the need for additional support has arisen. The past twelve months has been a bit of a challenge, given that some of our Assistant County Commissioners have had to step down due to moving away or moving on to other roles in Scouting. I thank Gemma McGill and Alex Ward for their valuable contributions to the County. We are now actively looking for new individuals to come and fill the vacant ACC roles, as well as actively recruiting for County Leaders to come join their team and assist the ACCs.

The team have endeavored to provide a quality supplementary programme that complements those carried out by Groups and Districts. Over the year, the Beaver section saw a night spent at the Firepower Museum with lots of bangs, dressing-up in historical uniforms and military equipment, as well as learning about life experiences of the Second World War. The Scouts held another extremely successful oversubscribed Mechanic Badge day, which has become a very popular feature on the Scout section calendar. The forthcoming year promises to be a fun packed time, especially with the 2016 being the Centenary of Cub Scouting.

Robert Ludlow  
DCC Programme

I would like to thank all the members of my team for all their hard work and dedication over the last year in supporting the Districts. But the biggest thanks goes to all the leaders at the coal face who every night of the week give up their time to put on exciting programmes and develop their young people. We have a lot of exciting times ahead this coming scouting year with the 100 Years of Cub Scouting, re-launch of the County Adult Support weekend, the County Conference and the new County Standards programme "The County Commissioners Cypher". Its going to be a great year ahead,



**Paul O'Brien**  
County Commissioner

Census	Male	Female	This Year Total	Last Year Total
<b>YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>				
Beaver Scouts	893	330	1,223	1,265
Cub Scouts	1,238	441	1,679	1,725
Scouts	926	407	1,333	1,337
Explorer Scouts	239	117	356	355
Network members	1	7	8	16
<b>TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>3,297</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>4,599</b>	<b>4,698</b>

<b>LEADERSHIP</b>				
Sections leaders	273	249	522	540
Sectional Assistants & Skills Instructors	74	81	155	139
Group Scout Leaders	53	30	83	88
District Skills Instructors	1	1	2	1
District Advisers	1	0	1	1
District Scouters	1	0	1	3
District Commissioners	11	4	15	15
County Skills Instructors	6	1	7	0
County Advisers	0	0	0	0
County Scouters	0	0	0	2
County Commissioners	2	0	2	5
<b>TOTAL LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>794</b>

<b>ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT</b>				
District Administrators	38	43	81	89
District Office Bearers	9	4	13	14
County Administrators	2	1	3	3
County Office Bearers	2	1	3	3
Active Support	58	33	91	113
Individual Members and Associate Members	34	19	53	68
<b>TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>290</b>

<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>3,862</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>5,631</b>	<b>5,668</b>
Members	3,855	1,758	5,613	5,729
Associate Members	7	11	18	41
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>			<b>5,547</b>	<b>5,780</b>

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

We have audited the financial statements of Greater London South County Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

We have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

## Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



John Lambourne  
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Latham Lambourne Ltd  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Date 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2015

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
Voluntary Income	13	4,535	0	4,535	688
Investment Income		557	621	1,178	1,277
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>					
County activities		35,152	26,256	61,408	40,087
Greater London South Scout Centre Activities		110,454	0	110,454	105,684
Petchey Fund		0	19,600	19,600	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>150,698</b>	<b>46,477</b>	<b>197,175</b>	<b>147,795</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Petchey Fund	14	0	11,372	11,372	514
Development Officers Fund		0	70,351	70,351	61,928
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>					
County activities - Governance Costs		20,534	0	20,534	20,968
County activities - Programme & Training		28,991	0	28,991	26,430
Greater London South Scout Centre Activities		73,527	0	73,527	72,473
<b>Other Resources Expended</b>					
Share of Joint Venture (Profit)/Loss		-81	0	-81	-96
Depreciation of fixed assets		12,797	0	12,797	13,237
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>135,768</b>	<b>81,723</b>	<b>217,491</b>	<b>195,454</b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before other recognised gains</b>		<b>14,929</b>	<b>-35,246</b>	<b>-20,317</b>	<b>-47,718</b>
<b>Other Recognised Gains/ Losses</b>					
Gains/losses on investment assets	4	4,873	0	4,873	-2,346
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>19,802</b>	<b>-35,246</b>	<b>-15,444</b>	<b>-50,064</b>
Transfers		-20,000	20,000	0	0
Balances Brought Forward at 1st April 2014		115,865	129,243	245,108	295,173
		0		0	0
<b>Balances Carried Forward at 31st March 2015</b>		<b>115,667</b>	<b>113,997</b>	<b>229,664</b>	<b>245,108</b>

## GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

### Balance Sheet at 31st March 2015

	Note	2015	2014
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	25,044	37,841
Investments	4	118,608	112,802
Joint Venture	8	595	514
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	5	6,915	1,454
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>99,736</u>	<u>166,112</u>
		106,651	167,566
<b>Liabilities:</b> amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>21,234</u>	<u>73,615</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		85,417	93,951
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>229,664</u>	<u>245,108</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted	7	115,667	115,865
Restricted		113,997	129,243
		<u>229,664</u>	<u>245,108</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 17 Sept 2015 and signed on their behalf by:



Robert Crow (Acting Chairman)



Phillipa Jones (Treasurer)

# GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2015

### 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 2015
- 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	
	2015	2014
	£	£
Turnover		
County Contributions	2987	3451
Events	0	0
Donations	0	0
Total Income	<u>2987</u>	<u>3451</u>
Administration costs	200	300
Events	2160	1875
Accommodation charges	0	0
Other costs	139	701
Net receipts	<u>488</u>	<u>575</u>

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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	0	0	0
At 31 March 2015	<u>147,311</u>	<u>61,574</u>	<u>37,118</u>	<u>246,003</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Brought forward	117,402	53,642	37,118	169,923
Charge for year	9,973	2,824	0	12,797
At 31 March 2015	<u>127,375</u>	<u>56,466</u>	<u>37,118</u>	<u>220,959</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 31 March 2015	<u>19,936</u>	<u>5,108</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,044</u>
At 31 March 2014	<u>29,909</u>	<u>7,932</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>37,841</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

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Quoted Investments</b>		
Market Value 1st April 2014	26,069	28,405
Sold in year	0	0
Net unrealized investment gains/(losses)	<u>5,498</u>	<u>-2,346</u>
Market Value 31st March 2015	<u>31,557</u>	<u>26,069</u>
<b>Other Investments</b>		
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0	0
Income Bonds	10,000	10,000
CAF Platinum / Fixed Deposit	77,051	76,743
Buckinghamshire Building Society	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>87,051</u>	<u>86,743</u>

## 5 Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Prepayments and accrued interest	5,734	1,454
Other debtors	1,181	0
	<u>6,915</u>	<u>1,454</u>

## 6 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2015 £	2014 £
Accruals	1,800	1,800
Deposits in advance	19,434	63,757
PAYE	0	0
Other creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>8,058</u>
	<u>21,234</u>	<u>73,615</u>

## 7 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Tangible Assets	Investments	Net Current Assets	Joint Ventures	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	25,044	118,608	-28,580	595	115,667
Restricted funds	0	0	113,997	0	113,997
	<u>25,044</u>	<u>118,608</u>	<u>85,417</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>229,664</u>

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## 8 Joint Venture

	Greater London Scout Region £	Total £
Share		
Net Income	497	575
Net Payments	-416	-479
Brought forward balance	514	418
Balance written off	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Value	<u>595</u>	<u>514</u>

## 9 Employees Remuneration

	2015 £	2014 £
Salary	72,610	68,034
Social Security Costs	6,723	6,295
	<u>79,333</u>	<u>74,329</u>

At 31 March 2015 there were 3 employees (2014 - 3)

## 10 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

	2015 £	2014 £
Remuneration paid to Trustees	0	0
Expenses Reimbursed to Trustees	3,652	6,172
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

	2015 £	2014 £
Audit fee	1,800	1,800
Fees for other services	258	204
	<u>2,058</u>	<u>2,004</u>

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### 13 Detailed Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
<b>Investment Income</b>				
<b>Interest &amp; Fund Raising</b>				
COIF	112	123	235	252
CAF	150	168	318	379
Gifts	295	330	625	629
Other Interest	0	0	0	4
Bank Interest	0	0	0	13
			0	0
	<u>557</u>	<u>621</u>	<u>1,178</u>	<u>1,277</u>
<b>County Income</b>				
Voluntary Income, Donations & Grants	4,535	0	4,535	688
Membership Levy	27,717	0	27,717	23,088
Fees, Grants etc - courses	4,154	0	4,154	1,908
Air Activities	2,635	0	2,635	2,184
Caving	646	0	646	584
County Shop	0	0	0	716
	<u>39,687</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,687</u>	<u>29,168</u>
<b>South London Scout Centre Income</b>				
South London Scout Centre	110,454	0	110,454	105,684
<b>Jack Petchey Funds</b>				
Awards and expenses	0	19,600	19,600	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>19,600</u>	<u>19,600</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>County Development Funds</b>				
County Development Grants	0	26,256	26,256	11,607
	<u>0</u>	<u>26,256</u>	<u>26,256</u>	<u>11,607</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>150,698</u>	<u>46,477</u>	<u>197,175</u>	<u>147,736</u>

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**14 Detailed Resources Expenditure**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
	£	£	£	£
<b>County Operating Costs</b>				
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Office costs including stationery & printing	4,503	0	4,503	3,618
Office Holders Expenses	244	0	244	0
Professional Fees & Licences	2,426	0	2,426	3,483
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0
Payroll Expenses	13,361	0	13,361	13,267
Moot donations	0	0	0	600
<b>Programme &amp; Training</b>				
Courses	424	0	424	1,840
Equipment & Resources	279	0	279	3,871
Air Activities	2,059	0	2,059	1,788
Caving	1,702	0	1,702	1,087
Support For All Districts	2,815	0	2,815	4,958
Fort funday	4,318	0	4,318	0
County Leadership expenses	2,985	0	2,985	3,775
Conferences/AGM	5,425	0	5,425	5,549
Mail Shots/Website	0	0	0	0
Indaba	0	0	0	0
Jamboree event expenses	8,985	0	8,985	3,588
	<b>49,525</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,525</b>	<b>47,398</b>
<b>South London Scout Centre Operating Costs</b>				
South London Scout Centre	73,527	0	73,527	72,473
<b>Jack Petchey Funds</b>				
Awards and expenses	0	11,372	11,372	514
	<b>0</b>	<b>11,372</b>	<b>11,372</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>County Development Funds</b>				
County Development costs	0	70,351	70,351	61,928
	<b>0</b>	<b>70,351</b>	<b>70,351</b>	<b>61,928</b>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>123,052</b>	<b>81,723</b>	<b>204,775</b>	<b>182,313</b>

