



Place to belong

Annual Report 2026



Scouts
South London



Place to Belong

Our plan for local action

Turning strategy into delivery across Royal Greenwich, Lambeth, Bromley, Lewisham, Southwark, Bexley and Wandsworth.

First draft for County discussion, June 2026.

Our vision:

To empower more young people through adventure, teamwork and shared values, to take the lead on making a positive difference in the world.

Getting three things right

- 1** Deliver a high-quality programme
- 2** Make volunteering sustainable and fulfilling
- 3** Simplify the support around both

Four strategic pillars

Pillar 1 Delivering an adventurous and inclusive programme Building programme confidence More permit holders · Outdoor skills · The Fort development	Pillar 2 Supporting our volunteers Putting our volunteers first Team-based models · Micro-volunteering · Recognition	Pillar 3 Growing together Supporting inclusive, sustainable growth New communities · Waiting lists · Just one more	Pillar 4 Empowering local action Developing local ownership and decision-making Local plans · Governance · Diverse income
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Key initiatives

The Fort — phased development Modernising SLS's own Scout Centre for local, national and international use, replacing ageing buildings with modern, adaptable accommodation.	Understanding families and friends Unlocking parents and carers as flexible micro-volunteers via a skills audit and clear menu of one-off tasks — our 'just one hour' approach.
A place to be young — young carers Removing barriers for young carers through borough partnerships, funded places, flexible attendance and leader awareness guidance.	From waiting list to participation A District-level system to place every joining enquiry, mapping real section capacity so no young person is simply left on a list.

How we measure success

Programme	Permit and activity delivery; youth programme satisfaction; Fort and outdoor venue use
People	Volunteer retention; vacancy rates; family helpers recruited and converted
Growth	Net membership growth; growth in priority communities; young carers welcomed
Engagement	Districts/Groups with active local plans; Start/Stop/Continue decisions implemented
Sustainability	Income diversity and resilience; reserves against target; Fort milestones met

Guiding principles:

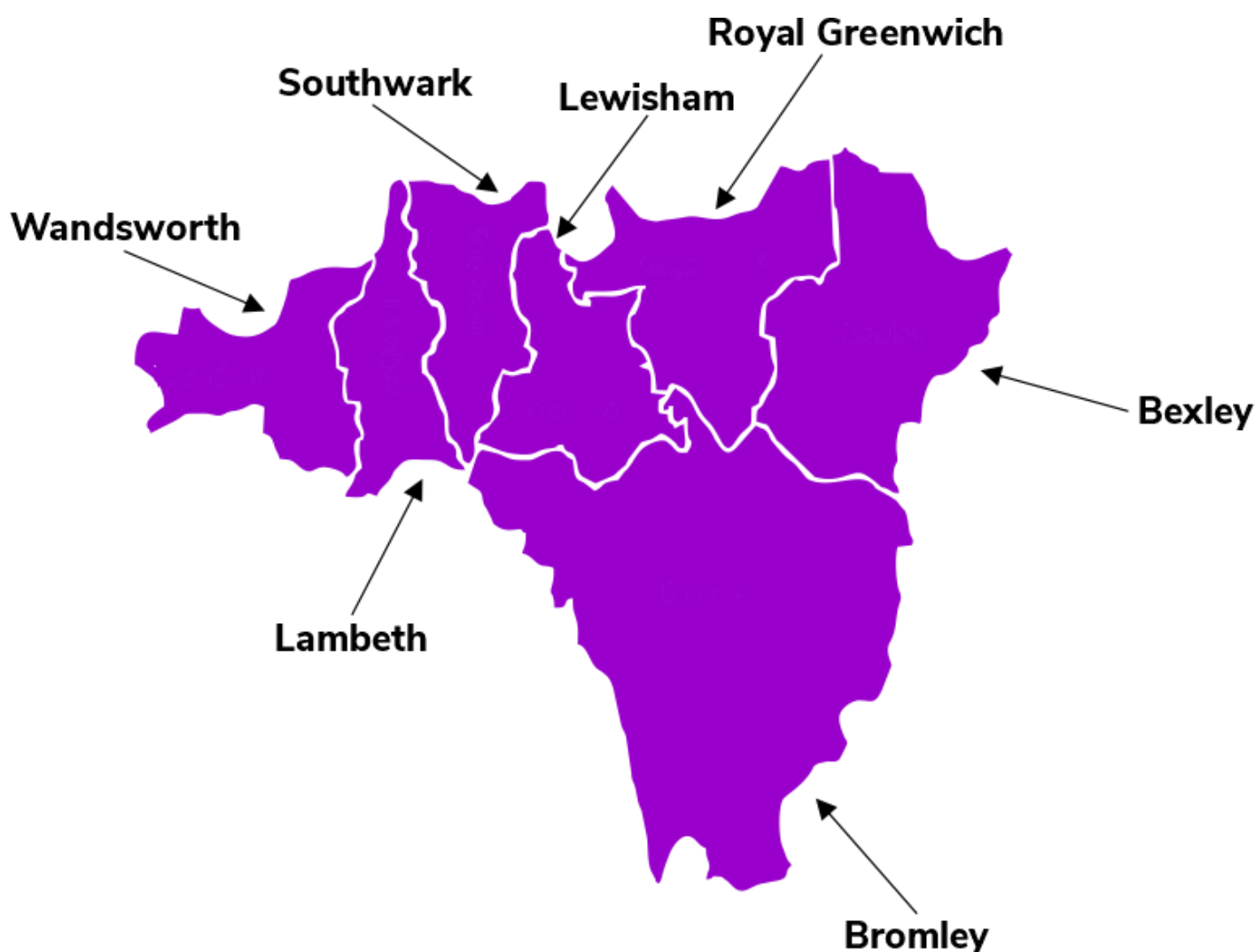
- Focus on what matters most
- Empower local leaders
- Keep it simple and practical
- Build confidence, not dependency
- Act, review, adapt

Our County...

South London Scouts is responsible for supporting and growing scouting in the London Boroughs of Royal Greenwich, Lewisham, Bexley, Southwark, Lambeth, Bromley, and Wandsworth.

As of 31st January this year we have 171 Scout Groups, 76 Explorer Scout Units and 7 District based Scout Networks spread across our 7 Scout Districts which mirror the London Borough boundaries.

Every week over 4,000 adult volunteers give some of their free time to help provide exciting programmes to over 10,000 young people aged between 4 and 25 years. They carry out a variety of roles at County, District, Group, and Unit level and we recognise the important contribution our volunteers make to the ongoing success of Scouting in our local communities.





As Scouts, we know that amazing things happen when we work as a team.

Our Ambition

to be a focussed, growing, sustainable provider of scouting which is youth-led, relevant, accessible and reflects the communities we serve

Our Focus

to help young people make friends, take part in adventure, and gain skills that will help them succeed in for life

Our Principles

to work smarter, function easier and to be better in ever thing we do

How our County Team works together in our new structure

Our county structure consists of four areas of work or functions...





Our Support function provides strategic leadership, line management, incident management and inspiration to our adults, and ensures our wider county team is fully developed, organised, and focussed on supporting programme delivery.

The function has overall responsibility for ensuring that the needs of our county, including the South London Scout Centre, and districts are met and provides advice on a number of day-to-day operational key areas and topics. It also monitors and coordinates the work of all of our county functions and has overall responsibility for the implementation of our county strategic plan.

This function is also home to our county youth team.



Our Programme function supports the youth programme across the county, enabling all young people to take part and work towards their top awards.

The function also aims to plan a programme of county events, activities, trips and expeditions for all sections.

It also provides a network of activity experts and activity support teams.



Our Volunteering function ensures that everyone that volunteers within our county teams have a quality volunteering experience.

This function also provides support to our groups and district volunteer development teams. This include tools and resources to help make it easy for people to join, be welcomed, and progress their personal development and learn new skills. The team also supports adult recognition, and appointment review of county team members.

This function is also home to our county young leaders scheme team.



Our Governance function ensures that scouting at county level is run safely and legally and supports this area of work across the county.

The county trustee board is specifically responsible to the county scout council and has a focus on supporting our county strategy; key policy decisions; approval of the county development plan and for acting on matters relating to finance, the county development and volunteer services and the South London Scout Centre.

Each function consists of a number of teams:



Find out more about each team at:
www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/county-team





County Development & Volunteer Support Service

Our county development service is a central part of our county approach to the growth and development of scouting across our seven districts.

The service is steered and monitored by the county leadership team which enables us to work in 'real time', identify the projects we provide support to, plan future workstreams and proactively support our District Lead Volunteers, Group Lead Volunteers and section leadership teams as situations arise.

The service works in partnership with new and existing volunteers and in collaboration with our scout districts, scout groups, explorer scout units and local communities to support the growth and development of local scouting to ensure that we continue to provide life changing adventure to even more young people across the seven London Boroughs that we serve.

The strategic aim of the service is to work with the County Lead Volunteer and our District Lead Volunteers to ensure:

- **growth**
- **organisational development**
- **adult recruitment**
- **volunteer support**
- **volunteer retention**
- **membership retention**
- **sustainability**

Areas of support

The strategic aims are achieved by providing support in the following areas:

Growth

- **Adult recruitment:**
 - Promote the different opportunities and ways adults can get involved as a volunteer at all levels across the county
 - promote flexible volunteering
 - Attend targeted adult recruitment events
 - Support groups and districts with targeted adult recruitment drives
 - Assist with parent engagement
 - improving the 'volunteer journey' including, welcome and induction, early training, support and review
 - Management of the county joining system (join.southlondonscouts.org.uk)
- **Opening new provision:**
 - New scout groups (generally starting with beavers and then moving on to cubs and scouts in time)
 - New explorer scout units
 - New support teams (specialist, group, district and county teams)
 - Sections in established groups - helping groups achieve the full family of scouting
 - Starting additional sections in groups that have long waiting lists
 - Supporting districts and groups with targeted youth recruitment drives

Development

- Facilitate growing stronger together workshops to assist scout groups and explorer scout units to plan for the future to ensure they can continue to provide quality scouting to more young people and work smarter
- Facilitate district development days and assist with prioritising needs and producing a district development plan
- Support others to provide great scout groups and explorer scout units that people want to be part of

Support for line managers

- Support District Lead Volunteers and Group Lead Volunteers with growth and organisational development initiatives
- Provide inductions for newly appointed Group Lead Volunteers
- Support District Lead Volunteers and volunteer development teams to achieve action for growth
- Provide resources and advice to District Lead Volunteers to assist them with the appointment of effective Group Lead Volunteers

Resources

Provide:

- Planned and ad-hoc recruitment resources (adult and young people)
- Physical and digital recruitment tools
- Section taster evening activities, equipment and hands on support
- Going for growth tools
- On-line tools and resources

Support to growth facilitators

- Contribute to the induction of growth facilitators at all levels of the county
- Run growth and recruitment workshops (to support the increase of more adult involvement)
- Support volunteers at all levels of the county that have a direct responsibility for growth

Transforming the Volunteer Journey

- Help to plan for and lead the implementation of change locally across the county
- Support the county, our districts, groups and units to embrace and implement the positive changes to the volunteer journey
- Work with key volunteers to help adult volunteers and stakeholders across the county to understand and plan for successful implementation of the changes
- Take the outputs from the Skills for Life Strategy, in the form of national transformation plans, and help make them work in local contexts – considering local issues and readiness to implement change
- Champion and promote change, supporting members in the county, at all levels, to connect the dots about what the changes mean to them
- Coordinate a network of local transformation champions; creating a community of peer-to-peer support and collaboration
- Attend meetings and events to help inspire members about the changes to be implemented in their district, group or unit
- Creating momentum to keep going once the changes land; helping to ensure the changes are embedded and we can measure long term success

Our County Volunteer Support Services is dedicated to supporting our volunteers and ensuring that volunteering within South London Scouts is as rewarding, accessible, and effective as possible. At its core, the service exists to help volunteers succeed, working in partnership with teams across the county to provide the resources, administrative support, advice, and practical assistance needed to keep Scouting running smoothly.

From supporting recruitment and appointments, to helping volunteers access information, learning, and guidance, the team plays a key role in the day-to-day operation of the county. By coordinating processes, maintaining essential systems, and providing responsive support, our County Volunteer Support Services helps reduce the administrative burden on County volunteers, allowing them to focus their time and energy on supporting high-quality experiences for young people.

The service also acts as a central point of connection, bringing together volunteers from across South London, sharing best practice, and ensuring that support is available whenever it is needed. Through its work, our County Volunteer Support Services helps create a positive volunteering environment where individuals feel valued, supported, and empowered to make a difference. As our county continues to grow and evolve, the service remains committed to developing new ways of supporting volunteers, strengthening our capacity, and ensuring that everyone involved in Scouting has the tools and support they need to thrive.

Our services include:

- dealing with youth joining enquiries and maintenance of our enquiry system
- dealing with general enquiries
- ordering county supplies – eg scarves and badges
- general operational administration
- county event support
- county team support
- I.T. systems support
- governance support
- training administration
- details to the treasurer to monitor receipt of payments
- administration for the county shining stars awards scheme
- county-wide communications and emails
- county AGM and Awards night event planning and support
- annual census return
- digital and physical legacy management



County Leadership Team

As we look back over the past year, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress and continued dedication shown across our County Leadership Team. It has been a year of growth, change, and renewed energy in our mission to support Scouting across South London.

We are delighted to welcome Jo Fuller and Al Gray as the new Joint Lead Volunteers for Lewisham; they will be working with Kevin Murphy to continue and build the amazing support the District Team provides. We are thrilled to have such passionate and capable leaders taking on this role and look forward to the impact they will make as they help shape the future of Scouting across the district.

Meanwhile our search for a new District Lead Volunteer for Bromley continues as Shelia looks towards finishing in the role in December. We really look forward to welcoming a new leader who will help guide and support the district in the years ahead.

As we launch into the next phase of our journey through our new *Place to Belong* strategy, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to John, Stuart, Konrad, Joseph, Terry, Sheila, Kevin, Celia, Andrew, Remy, Jo, David, Judy, Matt, and Debbie (who faithfully keeps us organised by taking the notes). Together, they form our County Leadership Team, whose commitment, support, and leadership continue to drive Scouting forward across South London.

Together, they support and empower the incredible adult volunteers who make Scouting possible for more than 10,000 young people across South London. Through your dedication, vision, and collaboration, you help create the conditions for young people to grow, thrive, and enjoy the very best experiences that Scouting has to offer.

We look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead as we work together to make South London Scouts an even stronger, more inclusive, and more welcoming place to belong for everyone.





County Lead

It has been a privilege to serve as County Lead Volunteer for South London Scouts over the past year. This report reflects on our achievements, challenges, and progress across the county, and recognises the incredible dedication of our volunteers, young people, and supporters.

This year proudly marks our first full year as a newly formed county; I would like to personally thank everyone who has contributed to the ongoing development of Scouting in South London. Your enthusiasm, commitment, and teamwork continue to make this an exciting and inspirational journey, and together we are creating a truly safe and welcoming “Place for everyone to Belong.”

The 2025/2026 has been one of growth, resilience, and transformation. We have successfully navigated a period of significant change, including:

- Continued development of the national membership system
- Transition to new team-based structures
- Strengthening governance across Groups, Sections, Districts, and County

Through collaboration and determination, these challenges have become opportunities, enabling us to build a stronger and more unified county.

I am delighted to report that South London Scouts has grown by 3%, as confirmed by the latest census. Key highlights include:

- Explorer Scout Units experiencing consistent weekly growth
- The introduction of more Squirrels, now expanding across our districts
- Increased youth engagement across all sections

Our programme continues to deliver meaningful experiences for young people:

- County-wide camps, activities, and expeditions
- Strong participation in badge work and awards, including Chief Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Kings Scouts, Scouts of the World Awards & Explorer Belts
- Emphasis on adventure, skills development, teamwork, and community action

We celebrated a highly successful selection weekend for the World Scout Jamboree contingent. It has been inspiring to see participants already working together as they prepare for the challenges and life-changing experience that awaits them in Poland.

Our International Team has been instrumental in broadening opportunities, working on exciting proposals for international experiences in Japan and Iceland.

Encouragingly, this renewed focus is also evident at local level, with groups and districts increasingly organising their own international trips. Following the disruptions of Covid, international Scouting opportunities are now becoming far more accessible again, enriching the experiences available to our young people.

Adult development and learning have remained a key priority, ensuring our volunteers are confident, supported, and well-equipped.

Comprehensive training has taken place at all levels, including:

- Nights Away permits
- First Aid training
- Wood Badge modules
- Young Leader training, delivered both centrally and within districts

This investment ensures that both adult volunteers and young leaders have the essential tools to deliver safe, engaging, and high-quality Scouting experiences. We really do encourage anyone that has not gained their wood badge to take up the opportunity to develop yourself, learn new skills and strengthen Scouting.

We will continue to implement and promote our new county structure, aligned with The Scout Association's strategy through to 2035, delivered in three-year development phases. This ensures a clear, sustainable pathway for continued growth and improvement.

We remain committed to ensuring that Scouting in South London is inclusive and accessible to all:

- Expanding opportunities across diverse communities
- Removing barriers to participation
- Supporting the vision of Scouting as a place where everyone belongs

Our young people and volunteers continue to play a vital role in supporting and strengthening their communities.

This year has brought a few challenges, including:

- Managing change alongside continued growth
- Adapting to new systems and structures
- Ensuring consistency across a large and diverse county

However, through teamwork and resilience, we have successfully navigated these challenges and emerged stronger.

Looking ahead, our key priorities are:

- Continued growth in youth membership
- Strengthening volunteer recruitment, support, and retention
- Expanding inclusive access to Scouting
- Developing more adventurous and international opportunities
- Embedding strong governance and the new county structure

Without your devotion, dedication, and tireless efforts, our county would not have achieved such impressive growth or success in such a short time. Every volunteer plays a vital role in shaping the future of Scouting in South London.

I look forward with great excitement to the new adventures ahead for all of us, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued commitment and support.

Thank you for volunteering with the
Greater London South Scout Council — proudly known as South London Scouts.

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County Youth Lead

This year has been another big year for youth voice across South London Scouts. My focus as County Youth Lead has been on making sure young people are listened to, represented and given real opportunities to shape Scouting and their communities.

Youth voice should not just be a meeting, a form or a one-off event. It should be part of how we make decisions, plan activities and support young people across the county. Over the year, we have carried out a wide range of activities and supported young people to speak up, share their ideas and dream big.

A Place to Belong, A Place to Shape Scouting

The Scouts' strategy, A Place to Belong, has been a really useful way of framing our youth voice work this year. Belonging is not just about young people being welcomed into a space. It is also about young people knowing that they can help shape that space.

For me, youth voice is central to creating a real place to belong. Young people should not feel like Scouting is something that is simply delivered to them. They should feel that Scouting is something they are part of, something they can influence and something they can help shape for others.

Across South London, we have tried to turn this idea into action. Through Local Voice, young people have spoken directly with local councillors about the issues that matter to them. Through SLAYS, young people have begun representing South London Scouts in wider conversations. Through national youth voice work, including Speak Up, Spark Change, young people from South London have contributed to conversations about the future of Scouting. Through District Youth Leads and Young Leaders, we are continuing to build more ways for young people to lead, influence and be listened to closer to home.

This work shows that a place to belong must also be a place to speak up, a place to be heard and a place to shape Scouting. When young people are trusted with real opportunities to share their views, they bring ideas, challenge assumptions and help us make better decisions.

Local Voice

A major focus this year has been Local Voice.

Local Voice is about helping young people understand how local democracy works and giving them the chance to speak directly with decision-makers. It helps young people talk about the issues that matter to them and shows local councillors what young people in Scouts care about. Young people from across South London came together with local councillors for a day of activities and conversations. Instead of asking young people to sit in a formal meeting room, councillors swapped the chamber for the campsite, took part in activities and listened to young people in a more relaxed and natural way.

The conversations were honest, thoughtful and powerful. They showed that young people understand the issues affecting their communities and have strong ideas about what could change.

Local Voice also helped show that young people do not need adults to speak for them. They just need the space, support and confidence to speak for themselves.

This year also included local civic engagement through the Thamesmead Moorings youth-led hustings on 27 April 2026. This gave Scouts the chance to meet local election candidates, ask questions and learn more about the role of councillors and political parties.

This was a practical example of youth voice in action. It helped young people understand democracy before many of them are old enough to vote.

SLAYS

Another important piece of work this year has been developing SLAYS, our South London Ambassadors and Young Spokespeople.

SLAYS is about giving young people a clearer route to represent South London Scouts. It helps young people build confidence, speak about their experiences and take part in wider conversations.

This year, two of our South London Ambassadors and Young Spokespeople attended a Youth Town Hall focused on the digital world. The event covered topics such as online safety, misinformation and what it is like growing up online.

This was a great example of young people being involved in conversations about issues that directly affect them. It also showed the potential of SLAYS as a way of helping young people represent South London Scouts outside of our own events.

SLAYS is something we will continue to build on, giving more young people the chance to shape South London Scouts and encouraging them to speak up with confidence.

National youth voice

South London Scouts has also continued to be involved in national youth voice work. Through the Speak Up, Spark Change work linked to the UK Youth Forum and national consultation, young people from South London were able to share their views on the future of Scouting.

This matters because it connects what young people are saying locally with decisions being made nationally. It also helps young people see that their views can make a difference beyond their own group, unit or district.

District Youth Leads

A key part of the year has been strengthening youth leadership across our seven districts. We have continued to work towards having active youth leadership in every district, so that young people have more ways to share their views locally. I want to take this opportunity to thank Song for all the work he has done as a Youth Lead in Wandsworth District over the past couple of years.

We are still working on building our district youth teams, with the aim of having a Youth Lead in every district.

County events are important, but youth voice needs to happen closer to where young people are. It should be part of sections, groups, units, districts and county.

The aim is simple: every young person should have a way to speak up and help shape their Scouting experience.

Young Leaders

Young Leaders are also an important part of youth voice.

They are some of the most capable and committed young people in Scouts. They support younger sections every week, develop leadership skills and often become the next generation of adult volunteers.

This year, work began around bringing people together for a County Young Leaders Task Force discussion at The Fort. We have also strengthened our Young Leader opportunities, allowing any young person to attend a training session that works well for them.

This is important because Young Leaders should be supported, recognised and listened to. They are already leading in our sections, so they need to be part of shaping how the Young Leader scheme works across South London.

Making youth voice more visible

Communications has also been an important part of the work this year. We have shared more stories about young people speaking up, representing South London and taking part in civic and youth-led events.

This helps other young people see that these opportunities are for them too. It also helps adults and local communities understand that Scouts is not just about activities. It is also about helping young people become confident, active citizens.



Looking ahead

Looking ahead, there is still more to do.

We want to keep building on the progress made this year by:

- developing Local Voice as a regular county-wide opportunity
- developing SLAYS as a pathway for young ambassadors and spokespeople
- supporting District Youth Leads across all seven districts
- strengthening support for Young Leaders
- making sure youth voice is included in county decisions

Most importantly, we need to keep making sure young people are genuinely listened to. Youth voice is not about ticking a box. It is about creating a culture where young people know their views matter, adults are ready to listen, and decisions are better because they have been shaped together.

A Place to Belong should also be a place to shape Scouting. This year has shown what is possible when young people are given the space, support and confidence to lead.

Thank you to everyone who has supported youth voice this year, including the County Leadership Team, Trustee Board, District Leads, District Youth Leads, Local Voice volunteers, SLAYS, Young Leader teams and every adult who has encouraged young people to get involved. Most importantly, thank you to the young people themselves. Every question asked, idea shared and challenge raised helps make South London Scouts stronger.

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Programme

The Top Awards Team has continued this year to deliver an ambitious and inclusive Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme across South London Scouts.

Our role is to support Explorer Units in two key ways...

Firstly, we provide practical administrative support. This year we have delivered targeted help to Explorer Scout Units through on-demand DofE "surgeries" held directly with units. These sessions help leaders resolve issues on eDofE, navigate award requirements, and work through any challenges they may be facing. Where needed, we also offer direct 1-to-1 support for young people, assisting them in managing their sections, uploading evidence, securing assessor reports, and ensuring their awards are successfully completed and signed off.

Alongside this, we also support candidates working towards Chief Scout's or King's Scout Awards, as well as those undertaking Explorer Belt and other top-level awards, offering advice and guidance throughout their journey.

Our core programme, however, remains our expedition offer. We deliver structured training alongside a wide range of challenging and inspiring canoe expeditions on rivers including the Stour, Medway, Thames, Severn, Wye, and the Great Glen in Scotland. Each year, around 70–100 young people take part in these expeditions, completing the expedition section of their DofE or Chief/King's Scout Awards in a unique and memorable way. We also run a popular Scout paddle sport weekend, alongside a dedicated Expedition Challenge event.

Over the past ten years, the team has played a significant role in strengthening DofE participation and success across the county. From a position where completion rates were among the lowest nationally, we are now seeing consistent improvement, with increasing numbers of young people attending Gold Award celebrations at Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, and St James's Palace. A key priority has been ensuring the programme is inclusive and accessible, particularly for young people from lower-income households and Global Majority backgrounds. Given the economic challenges across our area, we continue to work hard to keep expedition and training costs as affordable as possible so that every young person has the opportunity to take part.

We are proud of the continued growth in participation and achievement, and we remain keen to support more Units to start or expand their DofE offer. Please do get in touch if you would like advice or support.

Top Awards Team Governance & Finance

The Top Awards Team operates as a County Scout Active Support Unit. Our work is funded primarily through participation fees for training, expeditions, and trips, alongside a small levy on the county DofE enrolment fee which helps cover certificate issuance and the costs of our annual celebration event.

In previous years we benefited from a range of grant funding, however this has become increasingly difficult as competition for limited funding has grown significantly. While our overall

finances remain stable, we are no longer generating the small annual surpluses that previously allowed us to invest in equipment maintenance and the training of new canoe instructors. As a result, maintaining future investment capacity has become more challenging, even though our core delivery remains secure.

A key opportunity for improving sustainability is increasing participation in our expedition programme, enabling us to benefit from economies of scale.

If you are aware of an Explorer Unit not currently involved in DofE, we would encourage you to get in touch for an informal, no-obligation conversation about how we can help. Contact: topawards@southlondonscouts.org.uk

Why include DofE in your Explorer Unit programme?

All members of the Top Awards Team are current or former Explorer Scout Leaders, and we understand the challenges that come with running an Explorer Unit. We have also seen first-hand the benefits of embedding DofE within a programme:

- Improved retention: Before DofE was widely embedded, many young people left around age 16. Now, the majority remain engaged until 18.
- Stronger parent engagement: Parents better understand the value of the programme, leading to greater support, fewer clashes with other commitments, and increased involvement.
- More invested leadership: With higher retention, more young people return later as adult volunteers or leaders.
- Growth in Young Leader engagement: The volunteering element encourages Explorers to support local Groups, strengthening links across districts.
- Better networking between units: DofE expeditions and training provide opportunities for leaders to connect, share ideas, and collaborate across the county.

Many Explorer Leaders tell us they avoid DofE due to perceived administrative burden. In reality, that is exactly why we exist: to remove that pressure. Most units find that with our support, they can run more expeditions, increase participation, and spend less time on administration than before.

Walking pathway

We recognise that canoeing is not for everyone. We are therefore working with leaders to strengthen a dedicated walking expedition pathway and to support units wishing to deliver their own walking-based DofE expeditions. If you are interested in gaining T1 or T2 walking permits, or becoming a DofE expedition assessor, please get in touch at topawards@southlondonscouts.org.uk.



South London Scouts - “The Teapot Pigeons” on the Road to the Jamboree 2027

After months of planning, spreadsheets, phone calls, forms and a ridiculous number of emails, the South London Scouts Jamboree Selection Weekend came to life in October 2025. It was made possible by the small army of incredible Scout Leaders and volunteers who stepped up to help deliver our slightly crazy vision! (Saying thank you will never be enough!)

After more than 60 hours on site, (with very little sleep) for the leadership team, it took just 6 hours and 45 minutes to whittle down the 260 applicants to 36 young people. Every single applicant was a credit to South London Scouts and they certainly did not make the task of selecting only 36 Unit members easy.

We are now nine months into our Jamboree journey and it feels as though we have not stopped! From our first day meet in December, where the Unit was presented with their County Unit scarves, to our Valentine's Weekend camp complete with “Jamboree Speed Dating” hosted by our very own Dwayne “Cupid” Fields, and most recently a 33km sponsored walk across the width of the County, the Unit has embraced every challenge and opportunity presented to them. Throughout our training events, the biggest topic of discussion has been our Unit name and identity. After much deliberation, I am delighted to announce that the South London Scouts Jamboree Unit will henceforth be known as **The Teapot Pigeons**.



January saw the leadership team travel to Yarnfield for the first of our Leader Training Weekends. Not only did we have the opportunity to meet the UK Contingent mascot, Oddie the Otter, but we also took part in a range of informative sessions, had a sneak preview of the Jamboree tents and received our UK Contingent scarves, which have since been presented to the Unit.

Preparations are continuing at pace and our Unit members have demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm, commitment and resilience as we prepare for what will undoubtedly be the adventure of a lifetime. Through camps, training activities, fundraising events and community engagement, they have continued to develop the skills, confidence and friendships that are at the heart of the Scouting experience.

The support received from parents, carers, leaders, County volunteers and supporters across South London has been outstanding. The success of the Unit to date is a reflection of the wider Scouting community working together to provide exceptional opportunities for our young people. As we move into the final year of preparation before travelling to Poland in 2027, excitement continues to build. There is still much to do, but the Unit and leadership team remain fully committed to ensuring that every member of The Teapot Pigeons has an unforgettable and life-changing World Scout Jamboree experience.

On behalf of the leadership team, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time, energy and support throughout the journey so far. We look forward to sharing further updates over the coming year and to proudly representing South London Scouts on the international stage.

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Volunteering Team

As with any process of bringing teams together, there have naturally been some early challenges along the way. Merging different ways of working, experiences, and expectations is never without its complexity, but it also creates real opportunity. It allows us to rethink how we do things, combine strengths, and develop a richer mix of ideas and approaches.

From this change, we are already beginning to see the foundations of a more connected and innovative County Volunteering Team emerging, stronger, more coherent, and better placed to support our volunteers.

Alongside this, our People Team has been renamed and realigned to better reflect its purpose. It now more clearly focuses on supporting the volunteer journey, recognition, county volunteering problem-solving, and learning and development, with a plan to ensure our volunteers are better connected, supported, and able to thrive in their roles.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to Liz Fricker, who steps away from her role as People Lead. Liz has made a significant contribution during her time in the role, helping to shape and guide the development of the People function through a period of important change. Her leadership, support, and commitment to volunteers across the County are greatly appreciated, and we wish her every success for the future.

If you are inspired by the direction of travel and would like to be involved in providing support to our volunteers' volunteering experiences, we would be very pleased to hear from you. You can contact us at office@southlondonscouts.org.uk.

Adult Learning

First Aid

First Aid training remains one of our most consistently in-demand areas, with 28 county run courses every year and almost all sessions fully booked. This sustained level of engagement highlights both the quality of delivery and the strong commitment from our members. Non-attendance without good reason remains low, reinforcing the value participants place on this training.

We are also seeing a positive shift in how Groups approach First Aid provision. An increasing number are exploring self-funded options, including commissioning their own trainers and offering spare places to others, demonstrating initiative, collaboration, and creative problem-solving across the County. Alongside this, more members are presenting externally gained First Aid qualifications and completing top-up training where needed, reflecting growing confidence and flexibility in meeting role requirements.

Wood Badge learning opportunities

Following changes to Wood Badge requirements, demand for ongoing wood badge modules has naturally declined. In response, we have adapted our offer to better reflect current needs.

Nights Away learning

We continue to deliver essential Nights Away training, including camping skills and core permit requirements. While uptake has been uneven in some areas, demand remains strong. In response, we are actively exploring additional venues to improve accessibility and balance provision across the County.

This work is laying the foundations for a more regionally inclusive model of delivery, ensuring that volunteers can access high-quality training closer to where they are based.

Volunteer Development Team

The continued progress and strength of our Volunteer Development Team wouldn't be possible without the incredible support and expertise of Matt Butterfield, our Growth, Development and Volunteer Support Services Manager, working as part of the County Development Service. Matt has been a constant force behind the scenes, offering practical support, insight, and tireless dedication to help grow, develop and support Scouting across South London. His work underpins so much of what we do to support our volunteers, from strengthening existing teams, and ensuring we're always moving forward.

A massive thank you to Matt for everything he continues to do for the County. His passion and commitment to volunteer development make a real difference every day.

A full report from Matt on his work and the wider development activity will follow separately.

A big hooray for our shining stars!

We're thrilled to share that over the last year we've had a fantastic 73 Shining Star Awards presented across the County - that's 27 adult volunteers and 46 youth members recognised for their outstanding dedication, energy, and impact!

A huge congratulations and THANK YOU to every one of our Shining Star recipients – your commitment to Scouting is making a real difference, and your efforts do not go unnoticed. Whether it's behind the scenes or on the front line, the passion you bring continues to inspire others and keep the spirit of Scouting thriving. You can find out more about our Shining Stars Award scheme and make nominations at: www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/shining-stars





Perception Team

Over the past year, our Perception Team has continued to evolve how we showcase the incredible opportunities available to young people across South London Scouts. In 2026, we have placed an even greater emphasis on capturing and sharing the energy of Scouting in action, highlighting the expanding range of adventurous and high-adventure activities such as sailing, caving, canoeing, climbing, and flying that our members are taking on with confidence and enthusiasm.

The impact of digital storytelling in 2026

Social media and digital platforms continue to be one of our most powerful tools for connection, engagement, and inspiration. In 2026, we are seeing a stronger shift towards real-time storytelling, bringing experiences to life as they happen and allowing our community to feel closer to the adventure than ever before. From celebrating individual and group achievements to showcasing large-scale county events, our channels have become dynamic spaces for sharing, learning, and belonging.

One of the most significant developments this year has been the way social media is strengthening collaboration across the county. Increased interaction between districts, groups, and volunteers is helping to break down barriers, share resources more effectively, and build a more connected and informed Scouting community. Ideas now move faster, best practice is more visible, and inspiration is easier to access than ever before.

We are also seeing the growing value of elevating the voices of our subject matter experts and experienced volunteers. By giving them a platform to share their knowledge, reflections, and practical advice, we are not only supporting the development of others but also celebrating the depth of skill, leadership, and experience that exists across South London Scouts.

Our digital presence continues to showcase new activities, first-time experiences, and ambitious adventures—encouraging more young people and volunteers to step forward, try something new, and get involved. The result is a clear increase in participation, creativity, and cross-county connection.

Most importantly, our online platforms are helping to open doors. They are connecting members to opportunities they may not have previously seen or considered, broadening horizons and reinforcing the message that adventure, growth, and leadership are accessible to everyone.

To stay connected and see what's happening across the county in 2026, follow and tag us on all platforms using [#SouthLondonScouts](#) [@SouthLondonScouts](#).



County Development & Volunteer Support Service

Our County Development Service has had another busy and productive year working alongside new and existing volunteers, and in partnership with our scout districts, groups, explorer scout units and local communities to support the growth of Scouting across our county. The 2026 National Census confirms the strength of what we are building together: South London Scouts now serves 10,149 young people across 171 Groups across our seven Scout Districts, growing in six of our seven districts, and supported by a volunteer base of 3,668 adults that has grown across every district this year.

Throughout the year Matt has continued to drive adult recruitment and organisational growth, working across multiple promotional channels, networking with local community groups, supporting targeted campaigns, and providing resources to empower districts, groups, and units to recruit locally.

Our Become a Scout & Volunteer with us enquiry platform

Our 'Become a Scout' and 'Volunteer with Us' enquiry platform continues to provide an easy, effective route for the public to connect directly with groups and units. We are currently in testing to integrate the enquiries received via our website directly into groups' and units' Online Scout Manager accounts, meaning enquiries will automatically appear in OSM with no manual input required. We will soon be rolling this out across the county and more information on what groups and units need to do to get set up will follow very soon.

Membership Snapshot - Census 2026

The 2026 census tells a clear and consistent story: demand for Scouting across South London is strong. The limiting factor is adult capacity and, in some districts, governance. The table below summarises the position across all seven districts.

District	Members	Change	Groups	Waiting	Adults	+/-
Bexley	1,836	+32	37	207	759	+144
Bromley	3,299	+21	44	1,276	798	+55
Lambeth	664	+3	12	34	261	+95
Lewisham	1,351	+140	24	621	690	+337
Royal Greenwich	1,407	+88	24	84	495	+8
Southwark	914	+61	14	352	373	+119
Wandsworth	678	-27	16	331	292	+102
COUNTY TOTAL	10,149		171	2,905	3,668	

New Sections Opened This Year

It has been fantastic to see so many of our groups and districts develop and grow, with sections opening across the county:

Section Type	New Sections
Squirrel Dreys	7
Beaver Colonies	3
Cub Packs	3
Scout Troops	3
Explorer Units	3

We continue to see strong growth in Explorer Scout units and are working to open new units to meet demand. A full list of current projects and recently opened sections can be viewed at www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/current-projects-and-workstreams

The Squirrel Drey Opportunity

The census identifies the Squirrel Drey gap as the single most consistent growth opportunity across the county. We have 32 Dreys across the County meaning 81% of our groups have no provision for 4–6 year olds. Three districts (Lambeth, Southwark, and Wandsworth) have zero Dreys. Providing more Dreys is the single most impactful action we can take: every Drey opened today becomes the Beaver Colony intake of 2027–28. As part of our new Place to Belong strategy we will provide support, starter kits, and mentoring to every Group ready to open one.

Our Waiting Lists

2,905 young people are on waiting lists to join Scouting across our County. This is not a demand problem - it is a capacity problem. The concentration is stark: Bromley accounts for 1,276 waiting, Lewisham 621, and Southwark and Wandsworth together a further 683. Converting even a fraction of these lists into new section nights would be the fastest route to sustainable county growth, and Matt is working with district teams to develop targeted action plans at each hotspot.

Transforming the Volunteer Journey

After many years of planning, we have moved to really embedding our new ways of volunteering together, and the impact is already visible in the census data. Adult roles grew in every district this year, and Matt continues to support the implementation of our new volunteer themes county-wide, developing a suite of tools to support the welcome and induction of new volunteers at all levels.

We are passionate about making sure that volunteering with Scouting in South London is 'hassle free'. The work Matt has done in partnership with our districts to support the rollout of our new ways of working continues to be recognised as a shining example of best practice across the UK.



Volunteer Recruitment

The 2026 census confirms what we already know from experience: adult capacity is the limiting factor everywhere. Yet the direction of travel is positive. Every district grew its adult base this year. The headline figures are striking: Lewisham nearly doubled its volunteer base (+337 adult roles), Wandsworth diversified dramatically (BAME volunteers rising from 9 to 79), and Southwark has achieved near-complete governance with virtually no Group Lead Volunteer vacancies.

The challenge now is not just recruiting adults, it is directing that capacity into sections. WE will focus over the coming year on ensuring that adult growth translates directly into young people joining.

To support adult recruitment Matt is in the process of refreshing our wide range of resources and initiatives, which will all be available in the 'Volunteer Support' area of our website at www.southlondonscouts.org.uk/volunteer-support

Looking Forward

The 2026 census is a moment of genuine encouragement and clear direction. We have the demand, the community interest, and, increasingly, the adults to grow Scouting significantly. The work now is to convert those inputs into sections on the ground: above all Squirrel Dreys, new capacity at the waiting-list hotspots, and groups that are sustainably governed.

Matt continues to support our districts and groups with their day-to-day and ongoing needs, identified through regular meetings with District Leads and calls from Group Leads and section leadership teams. We remain committed to providing practical, timely support to anyone in our county who needs it, and continues to maintain and develop the county website areas covering joining, volunteering, and volunteer support.

As you can see, it has been another busy and productive 12 months for our Development and Volunteer Support Service, and this report only scratches the surface of the work Matt carries out throughout the year. The service remains central to the county's approach to providing effective, focused, impactful support to groups, units and districts; prioritising resources where they can have the most impact; and ensuring all parts of the county receive the support they need.

You can contact Matt at

matt.butterfield@southlondonscouts.org.uk or on 07766 540 057.





With wonderful facilities and easy access to local transport connections, the South London Scout Centre is such an easy place to experience. We are so pleased that the centre continues to thrive and build on its busy programme of activity.

The centre is a 16-minute train journey from central London and is within easy walking distance of Dulwich Picture Gallery, Horniman Museum, and Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. We offer amazing camping facilities and great indoor accommodation all with easy access to central London and all it has to offer.

Our most sincere thanks go to Guy Brooks, who joined us as Centre Manager in December and has made an outstanding start in his new role. Guy has thrown himself wholeheartedly into what has been a very busy first summer season, and we are truly grateful for the dedication and energy he brings to the centre each and every day. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Guy's family for their support, it means a great deal to us all.

Centre development

Our development ambitions for the centre remain as strong as ever, and we are excited about what lies ahead. We have recently added two new cabins to the camping fields, and as we move forward with our wider plans, we have had successful early meetings with two architectural companies, we look forward to sharing more about the direction of travel in due course.

With the centre's excellent links into the heart of London, our aim is to provide a versatile facility that can be used all year round. We want to modernise the centre's indoor accommodation and onsite facilities, whilst being an exemplar of sustainability techniques and technology, providing an excellent environment for young people to gain skills for life and prepare them to succeed.





Phase One - Laying the foundations – Complete ✓

Visitors centre and county services hub – Centre team facilities

We have provided:

- a new centralised centre reception and office and county services hub
- additional accommodation in our Troop Room offering
- service crew and county team accommodation and facilities
- shelter on the camping field (2 of 5 complete)

Longer term phases

Here's a high level overview of our development intentions:

Phase Two

1. install a number of onsite activities for users to book whilst staying at the centre
2. replace the existing camping cooking shelters around the centre
3. carry out any appropriate, limited, improvements to site security

Phase Three

demolish the existing Sunley building and construct the new accommodation building

Phase Four

1. lay new roadways around the site
2. resurface the outside and onsite car park areas which will then have multi use as either parking or hard surface activity areas
3. install new external gates and fencing
4. install traffic management system

Phase five

upgrade the WCs and washroom facilities in the Ismay building to bring them up to a higher standard and to include more facilities with adapted access and gender-neutral needs

Fundraising for The Fort development

This achievement marks an exciting phase in the fort's development, as we embark on enhancing its facilities. With a significant influx of visitors, exceeding 500+ every weekend during the summer months, we are actively seeking centre team crew members to support the centre's operations. If you're interested, please contact The Fort Team. In hand with this, our focus for the upcoming year will be on promoting The Fort and fundraising for the construction of new buildings and facilities.

Look out for more information on this exciting project, and how you can support our plans and more importantly, get involved in the very near future.

Early concepts.....



South London Scout Centre
Design Feasibility Report - September 2025

halebrown architects

Possible toilet block

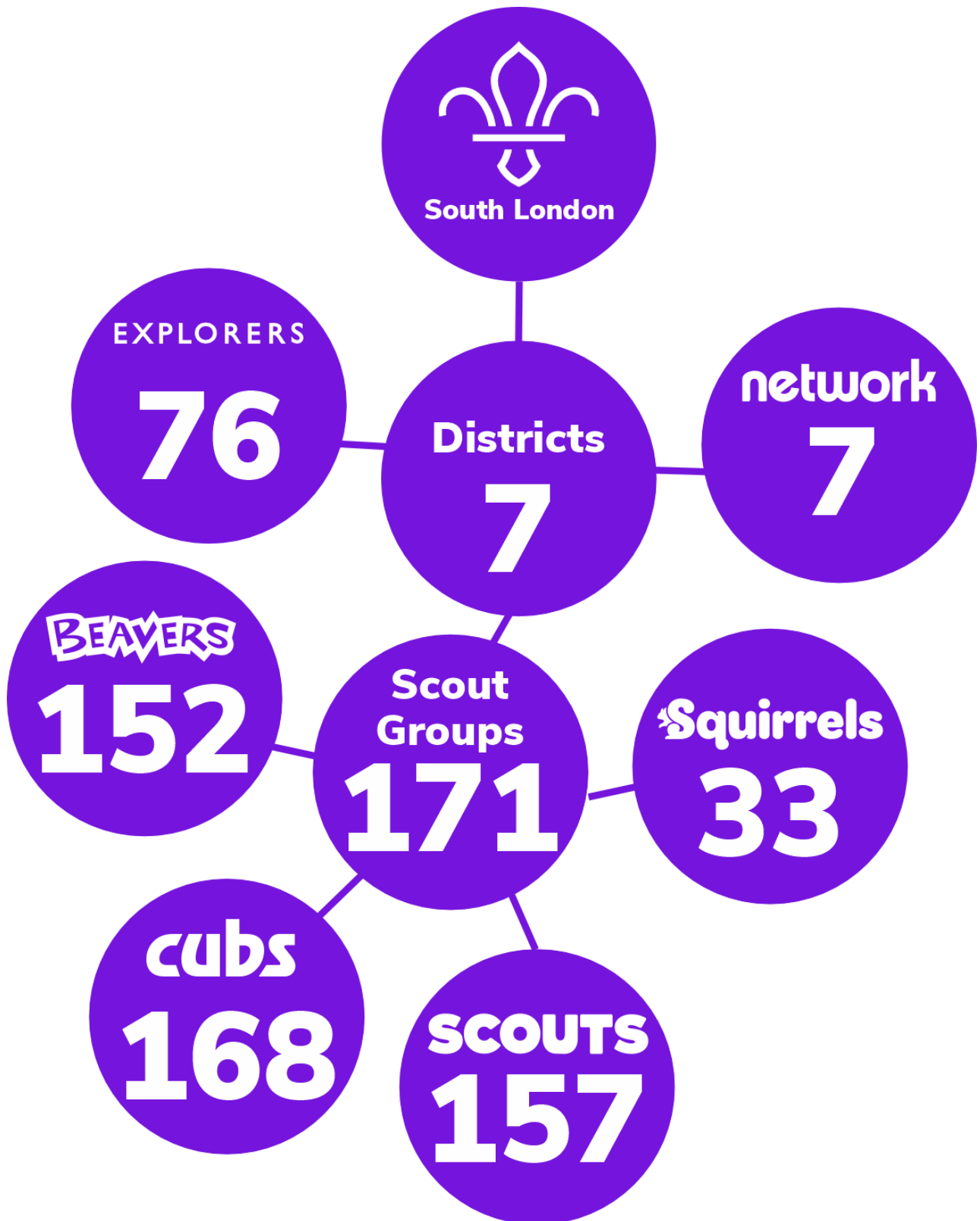


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Our Provision

(as of 31 Jan. 2025)



Our County in numbers...

(as of 31st January 2026)

Young People

Squirrels	378
BEAVERS	2174
cubs	3064
SCOUTS	3168
EXPLORERS	1342
network	82
Total	10,208



Our County guide

Our county guide provides all the information you need to get to know our county, the members of each of our teams, and the services and support they provide.

southlondonscouts.org.uk/countyguide

Young Leaders



394

Adults

Programme facing (Leadership)	2229
Management roles	176
Governance	989
Organisational support	775
Other	100
Total	4169



Our Governance

Our governance is an important part of the day-to-day running of our county and exists to support the County team in meeting its responsibilities.

Good governance focuses on oversight and strategy. The County Trustee Board acts as the charity trustees of Greater London South, acting collectively in the county's best interests with reasonable care and skill. As set out in POR 5b.2.1.4, trustees must collectively:

- ensure the county is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- comply with the county's governing document and the law
- act in the county's best interests
- manage the county's resources responsibly
- act with reasonable care and skill
- ensure the county operates in compliance with POR and with charity law, including effective management of the Key Policies set out in POR Chapter 2a – in particular those relating to safeguarding, safety, data protection, equal opportunities, vetting, privacy, religious policy, and the youth member anti-bullying policy

In doing so, the Board must satisfy itself that the county is:

- well managed and carrying out its charitable purposes for public benefit
- compliant with The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules, its own governing documents, and UK charity law
- managing its resources – funds, people, property and equipment – responsibly
- maintaining a positive image in the local community
- ensuring young people are meaningfully involved in decision-making at all levels

Specific Responsibilities of the Board

The Trustee Board is collectively responsible for the following:

Risk and Compliance

1. Develop and maintain a risk register, including appropriate mitigations.
2. Ensure compliance with all Key Policies in POR Chapter 2a, including responsibilities under the Safeguarding Policy (POR 2a.7) and Safety Policy (POR 2a.8).
3. Take responsibility for adherence to data protection legislation (UK GDPR), recognising that the county may act at different times as a data controller and as a data processor.
4. Maintain confidentiality regarding appropriate Trustee Board business, individually and collectively.

Finance

5. Ensure the county's finances are properly managed, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets.
6. Maintain a reserves policy (including a plan for use of reserves outside the minimum), an investment policy, and a public benefit statement.

Property, Equipment and Insurance

7. Ensure that people, property and equipment are appropriately insured.
8. Ensure that any property and equipment owned or used by the county is properly protected and maintained.

Transparency and Annual Reporting

9. Prepare and approve the annual accounts, and arrange for them to be signed off by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as appointed by the Scout Council at the AGM.
10. Prepare and approve the Trustees' Annual Report (which must include the annual accounts).
11. Present the approved Trustees' Annual Report and accounts to the Scout Council at the AGM.
12. Following the AGM, ensure that a copy is sent to the District Trustee Board administration and, where the county is a registered charity, filed with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Sub-Teams

The Board currently has three principal sub-teams to assist with its responsibilities: the Finance Sub-Team, the Staff Support Sub-Team, and the Risk Sub-Team. The Board receives their reports and considers their proposals, actioning recommendations as necessary. The Board is responsible for appointing the chair of each sub-team and for ensuring their effective operation, in accordance with POR 5b.

Development of Scouting

13. Promote and support the development of Scouting across the county.
14. Plan to ensure sufficient resources are available to meet the planned work of the county and to enable delivery of high-quality programmes and the youth training programme.

Administration and Appointments

15. Ensure effective administration is in place to support the work of the Trustee Board.
16. Appoint any administrators, advisers and co-opted members of the Trustee Board as required.

Employed Staff

Where staff are employed, the Board must:

17. Act as a responsible employer in accordance with Scouting's values and relevant legislation.
18. Ensure that effective line management is in place for each employed staff member, clearly established and communicated.
19. Ensure that appropriate personnel insurance is in place.

Membership of the County Trustee Board

The County Trustee Board plays a vital role in ensuring sound governance, compliance, and strategic oversight for Scouting across the county. The composition of the Board reflects a commitment to transparency, diverse perspectives, and skills-based leadership, in line with current guidance from scouts.org.uk and POR.

Members of the County Trustee Board are appointed in accordance with the current edition of POR. The Board comprises a minimum of five and a maximum of twelve trustees in total across all categories. The maximum number must be approved by the County Scout Council at the AGM.

It is good practice for the Board, and any sub-teams, to include at least two trustees aged between 18 and 25. Trustees must have reached their 18th birthday before taking on a trustee role. Appointed and co-opted trustees must not serve more than nine years in any trustee role on this specific Trustee Board. All trustees must meet the eligibility requirements set out in POR and uphold their legal duties as charity trustees.

Ex Officio Trustees

The following post-holders are ex officio members of the County Trustee Board by virtue of the roles they hold:

- County Lead Volunteer
- County Chair
- County Treasurer
- County Youth Lead

Ex officio trustees serve as trustees for as long as they hold the qualifying role. Their membership of the Board ceases as soon as they no longer hold that role.

Appointed Trustees

Board members are elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Greater London South County Scout Council. They are selected for their ability to support the Board's governance responsibilities and to bring relevant skills, experience or external perspectives – from within or beyond Scouting. The number of appointed trustees, and the overall maximum size of the Board, must be agreed at the AGM.

Co-opted Trustees

Co-opted trustees are appointed by the County Trustee Board to bring additional skills, experience or perspectives not represented among existing members. The number of co-opted trustees must not exceed the number of appointed trustees, and the overall maximum of twelve trustees applies across all categories.

Observers and Advisers

Other individuals may be invited to attend meetings in an advisory or observer capacity at the discretion of the County Chair, where their presence supports the Board's current business. Such individuals are not trustees and have no voting rights.

Meetings

The County Trustee Board meets on average ten times per year. Further detail on meeting conduct is set out in the county's constitution.

Other people deemed appropriate for the Board's current business may be invited to attend a meeting at the Chair's discretion.



The County Chair

It is a privilege to write my first report as Chair of South London Scouts and to reflect on what has been a significant and important year for our County.

Over the past year, much of our focus has been on continuing to bring together our two former Counties into a single, stronger South London Scouts. Bringing together different structures, practices and ways of working has required a great deal of effort from volunteers across the County. While much of this work has taken place behind the scenes, it has been essential in creating strong foundations for the future and ensuring that we are well placed to support Scouting across all of our communities.

This has been a year in which governance has come into sharper focus, demonstrating why strong governance is so important. The world around us continues to change, bringing new expectations, responsibilities and challenges for charities of all sizes. As organisations grow and mature, it is natural that greater attention is given to governance, oversight and accountability. Strong governance is not about creating barriers to delivery; it is about creating the confidence and foundations that allow organisations to grow, develop and innovate safely and sustainably.

Effective governance helps us keep young people safe, safeguard the charity's finances and assets, support our volunteers in delivering great Scouting, and maintain the trust and confidence that parents, communities and stakeholders place in us. By continuing to strengthen these foundations, we are ensuring that South London Scouts remains well placed to serve young people not only today, but for many years to come.

As a Trustee Board, we have been focused not only on strengthening our governance arrangements, but also on ensuring that our decision-making is informed by voices from across the whole County. We are fortunate to serve a diverse area, with different communities, experiences and perspectives. It is important that these voices are represented in the work we do. Over the last year we have worked to improve representation from all Districts, helping to ensure that local challenges, opportunities and successes are reflected in the decisions made at County level.

One of the most significant developments this year has been the creation of two new Trustee Board sub-teams dedicated to Finance and Risk. These groups bring together volunteers from across the County and Districts, drawing upon a wide range of professional skills and experience. Their work is already helping us modernise our approach, strengthen oversight, improve planning and ensure that South London Scouts continues to operate on strong and sustainable foundations.

This work will continue throughout the coming year as these groups further develop their plans and priorities. We will also begin establishing a specialist project group to explore the future redevelopment of our County Centre. This is an important long-term project and one that has the potential to create improved facilities and opportunities for future generations of young people and volunteers.

Looking ahead, we will also be exploring new ways for people to volunteer with us. We know that many people want to support Scouting but may not be able to commit to a traditional weekly role. By creating more flexible and accessible volunteering opportunities, we hope to draw upon the incredible range of skills, experience and enthusiasm that exists across our communities. Having more people involved will allow us to broaden the experiences we can offer, introduce young people to new skills and perspectives, open new opportunities for adventure and personal development, and ensure that Scouting remains accessible, inclusive and relevant to the communities we serve.

Whilst governance, finance and strategy are important, they are not the reason we exist. Everything we do is ultimately about supporting young people and enabling them to gain skills for life. Strong governance provides the foundations that allow great Scouting to happen, but it is our volunteers who turn those foundations into reality.

Across South London, thousands of volunteers give their time, energy and commitment every week to support more than 10,000 young people. Behind every campfire, expedition, badge presentation, international trip, community project, training course, Trustee Board meeting and section meeting stands a volunteer who has chosen to give their time to others.

Whether you lead a section, help organise events, serve as a Trustee, maintain equipment and facilities, support finances, deliver training, assist with administration, or simply step forward whenever help is needed, your contribution matters. The impact you have extends far beyond the hours you give. Through your dedication, young people develop confidence, resilience, leadership skills, friendships and memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

On behalf of the Trustee Board, thank you. South London Scouts would not exist without you. Everything we achieve as a County is built upon your commitment, generosity and belief in the value of Scouting.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am excited by the opportunities before us. We have made significant progress in bringing together our new County, we continue to strengthen the foundations that support our volunteers, and we remain ambitious about what we can achieve for young people.

By working together, supporting one another and keeping young people at the heart of everything we do, I am confident that South London Scouts will continue to grow, thrive and provide life-changing opportunities for many years to come.

David Dowle

County Chair

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Greater London South County Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st January 2026

Reference and Administration details

Greater London South County Scout Council ("the Council") is constituted in accordance with the Rules of The Scout Association and covers the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, Royal Greenwich and Wandsworth.

Administrative Details

President	Vacant			
Vice-Presidents	Howard B. Strong	Peter James	Linda Hurford	Roger Cooke
	Gordon Carr	Mike Jackson	Martyn Bain	

The County President and Vice-Presidents are not Trustees and have no executive role.

Trustees – County Trustee Board – 19th July 2025 to 30th June 2026

Ex-Officio

County Chair – David Dowle
County Lead Volunteer – Judy Freeman
County Youth Lead – Joseph Shippam
County Treasurer – Tim Birse

Trustees:

Ben Ensom, Bill Gunn, Russell Jones, Wendy Hutcheson, Cheryl Stonebridge, Russell Zaple

Principal Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
CAF Bank Limited

Independent Examiner

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

Registered Offices and County Headquarters

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General enquiries

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Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

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

The Council’s governing documents are those of The Scout Association (Registered Charity number 306101). They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Scout Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Council is a trust established under The Scout Association’s rules, which are common to all Scouts in the United Kingdom.

The Council’s role is to offer leadership and support to the Scout Districts and Groups within our geographic administrative area. It supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the county. It comprises members of the county team, representatives from the Scout Network, county Scout Active Support Units, and our districts and groups within the county.

The county is led by the Lead Volunteer for South London Scouts and is governed by the County Trustee Board (“the Board” or “the CTB”). The Board is accountable to the Council for the satisfactory running of the county. The members of the Board are responsible, as Charity Trustees, for all matters concerning property and finance and for ensuring the proper use of the county’s resources to support Scouting in the county. Members of the Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

Merger of Counties

On 13th July 2024 the Counties of Greater London South (covering the London Boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, Royal Greenwich and Wandsworth) and Greater London South-East (“GLSE”) (covering the London Boroughs of Bexley and Bromley) voted to merge their activities, both operationally and to create a single registered charity. The merger was effected by Greater London South-East transferring all its assets, liabilities and operations to Greater London South. Greater London South-East has been de-registered by the Charity Commission.

The Board decided to adopt the financial period end date of 31st January used by GLSE. Accordingly, the prior period figures shown in the Financial Statements cover the activities of the county for a ten-month period from 1st April 2024 to 31st January 2025, and those of GLSE from 13th July 2024 to 31st January 2025.

Risk and Internal Control

The county has in place systems of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two ‘signatories’ for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Trustees have identified the following as potential key risks:

- Exposure to financial loss from events – mitigated by a robust events approval process
- Reputational damage from adverse press coverage – mitigated by use of our perception team and the Scout Association media team
- Reduced income from a fall in membership – mitigated by support and training of volunteer Scout Leaders to enable a challenging, vigorous and appealing programme for young people
- Safeguarding – risk of a safeguarding incident involving our members. Mitigated by our appointments process, including DBS searches and a mandatory safeguarding training package
- Safety – risk to health through unsafe practices. Mitigated by mandatory safety training, a system of adventurous activity permits and adherence to Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules
- Major incident at the South London Scout Centre – mitigated through extensive team training and adherence to regulatory and legislative requirements for health and safety, maintenance of buildings and equipment, and provision of hazardous activities

Key Policies

We follow and adhere to The Scout Association's key policies relating to:

- Equal Opportunities
- Privacy and Data Protection
- Religious
- Safety and Safeguarding
- Vetting
- Youth Member Anti-Bullying

These are listed alphabetically rather than in any order of importance or priority. They can be found in the current edition of the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association and at www.scouts.org.uk/aboutus/policy

Investment and Reserves Policy

Investment Policy

South London Scouts is committed to strong financial stewardship, ensuring that we can support high-quality Scouting for young people across the county now and into the future. The County is seeking ways to diversify its income, recognising that relying solely on annual membership subscriptions places a limit on what we can achieve.

- The County will invest in tangible assets only when necessary for the delivery of County services (e.g. tools, equipment, or facilities). Any assets no longer in use and with financial value should be sold.
- Up to 20% of the County's unrestricted net assets, as reported in the latest accounts, may be invested in risk-bearing financial instruments such as shares, long duration bonds, or similar products. These investments must be made through collective investment schemes offering a broad spread of underlying assets. All such schemes require approval by the County Trustee Board (CTB).
- Cash and near-cash funds managed by professional investment managers may be used, provided that no single fund holds more than 20% of the County's unrestricted net assets. These funds must be held in trust.

- Bank deposits must be placed in accounts protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), and no more than the FSCS protection limit should be held in any one account.

Reserves Policy

The County aims to maintain unrestricted funds equivalent to two years of budgeted revenue expenditure, excluding known commitments and ringfenced funds earmarked for planned development. County subscription levels will be set with the goal of meeting and sustaining this reserve target. Building and maintaining strong reserves allows the County to weather unexpected costs, invest in future development, and generate additional income through interest and investment returns.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

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

The Values of Scouting

- Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation – We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout 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

Public Benefit Statement

We are part of The Scout Association, the UK's biggest coeducational youth organisation. We help children and young adults reach their full potential and gain skills for life.

We actively engage and support our members in their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development and to achieve their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We operate within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely. Our charitable objectives help young people learn by doing, share in spiritual reflection and take responsibility. Working together, they make choices, take part in new, challenging, and unique experiences, help others and live their Scout Promise.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. Activities as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, expeditions overseas, photography, climbing and zorbing. We help

young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world by contributing to social change and making a positive contribution to society.

There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express creativity, and experience the wider world.

We believe that we've met the Charity Commission for England and Wales's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development and being as diverse as the communities we serve.

Achievements and Performance

Organisationally we continue to merge the activities of the two predecessor Counties so that we operate increasingly as a single entity. This takes hard work and a commitment to accepting change. Most of our volunteers have accepted this need and made changes in what they do cheerfully.

Operationally one of the County's main responsibilities is to select, train and manage our team for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. We had over 200 applications for the 40 places, showing the esteem in which the County organisation is held.

Financial Review

The accounts attached are the County's first for a twelve-month period following restructure. The prior year figures relate to a ten-month period for Greater London South, and a six-month period for Greater London South East.

Our primary source of income for our unrestricted general fund is the county membership fee charged in respect of each youth member. Scout Groups collect a subscription which covers their own costs as well as the fees charged by the District, County and National Headquarters. Funds are passed up the chain from Groups each March and April. We set the County membership fee for 2025 at £10 with no great experience of how costs would emerge in our first year of working together.

In the event, general fund unrestricted income for the period was £119,400 and associated expenditure was £121,500, a small deficit of £2,100 which is a very creditable result given the uncertainties.

Major changes occurred in the management of The Fort, as explained elsewhere. Moving from a volunteer Warden to employed staff will change the finances of the Centre. Despite paying salaries for the last quarter of the year, the Centre made a small surplus of £1,300.

The County membership fee for 2026 has been set at £10.50 per youth member. This should generate a modest increase in reserves as part of our plan to support subscriptions with investment income. We have also reviewed charges for use of the South London Scout Centre to ensure that charges cover the new anticipated level of costs.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law 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. 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 the charity 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.



Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Greater London South County Scout Council:

I report on the accounts of the Council for the period ended 31 January 2026 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 Examiner

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect: the requirements to keep proper accounting records (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
- 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
10th June 2026



GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

NOTE	2026	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
		General £	Designated £	£	2026 £	2025 £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
3a	Membership fee, donations, etc.	101,683	1,373	1,930	104,986	46,921
3b	Grants received	1,993	2,200	53,760	57,953	39,283
3c	Charitable income	4,891	26,981	7,220	39,092	51,405
3d	Income from assets	10,881	142,060	0	152,941	139,531
	Total incoming resources	119,448	172,614	62,910	354,972	277,140
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>						
Charitable expenditure						
4a	Events and support to Groups	33,208	24,117	20,391	77,716	89,180
4b	Staff and administration	83,594	13,718	620	97,932	59,946
4c	Premises	4,710	131,983	0	136,693	167,961
	Total resources expended	121,512	169,818	21,011	312,341	317,087
	<u>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</u>	-2,064	2,796	41,899	42,631	-39,947
	GLSE balances transferred	0	0	0	0	161,358
6	Gains & Losses on Investments	-4,482	0	0	-4,482	1,746
	<u>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</u>	-6,546	2,796	41,899	38,149	123,157
	Balances brought forward	407,703	149,063	13,533	570,299	447,142
	<u>BALANCES AT 31 JANUARY</u>	401,157	151,859	55,432	608,448	570,299

Note: Restricted funds are collected or donated for a specific purpose. Designated funds have been given without restriction, but have been allocated by the County Trustee Board towards a specific purpose or project.

GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31st January 2026

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The 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 costs related to each category.

d) Fixed Assets

The Trustees have decided to follow the policy adopted by Greater London South-East of writing off all capital purchases to the Statement of Financial Activities at the point of purchase. None of the fixed assets currently owned by the County has any material realisable value on disposal. The Trustees believe that this policy, which is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards, is appropriate to give readers of the accounts a clear view as to the financial affairs of the County.

e) Membership subscriptions

The County collects membership subscriptions from the constituent districts which include the subscriptions charged by National Headquarters. The amounts which are passed on to Headquarters are treated as agency income and are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as a deduction from the gross income received.

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 as paid.

h) Merger of Charities and change in Accounting Period

On 13th July 2024 the Counties of Greater London South and Greater London South-East ("GLSE") voted to merge their activities, both operationally and to create a single registered charity. The merger was effected

by GLSE transferring all its assets, liabilities and operations to Greater London South. Greater London South-East has been de-registered by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees decided to adopt the financial period end date of 31st January used by GLSE. Accordingly, the prior period figures shown in the Financial Statements cover the activities of the county for a ten-month period from 1st April 2024 to 31st January 2025, including the former GLSE from 13th July 2024 to 31st January 2025. Activities of GLSE prior to the merger are not shown in the Statement of Financial Activities; fund balances transferred on the merger date are separately identified.

2 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 restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specified purposes.

Restricted funds arise from the Jack Petchey Award Scheme, where amounts received that are not awarded as grants need to be returned to the Jack Petchey Foundation. They also include funds raised for, and the expenses of, County-run overseas expeditions, including our contingent to the World Scout Jamboree. In these cases, any material excess funds would normally be returned to the donors, normally the parents of young people participating.

The County Trustee Board also designates part of its unrestricted fund for specific purposes. Despite making a designation, the Board may use designated funds for any purpose within the objects of the charity. The County has two such designated funds: for the South London Scout Centre and for the Top Awards Team. The latter run advanced adventurous activities for participants from across the County, helping them to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and other challenges.

The accounts of the Top Awards Team have not hitherto been consolidated in the County Financial Statements. This year they are consolidated into both the current and prior year figures. The prior year figures shown are therefore not consistent with the published figures for 2025-26. The Trustees consider that there is no material difference in the Balance Sheet.

GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026**

	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	General	Designated		2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
3 INCOMING RESOURCES					
3a Membership fee, donations and similar income					
Membership Fees	515,130	0	1,930	517,060	217,408
<i>less</i> membership fees passed on	-417,010	0		-417,010	-171,638
Membership fees retained	98,120	0	1,930	100,050	45,770
Donations	563	1,373	0	1,936	1,151
Legacies	3,000	0	0	3,000	0
Total	101,683	1,373	1,930	104,986	46,921
3b Grants received					
Jack Petchey funds	0	0	45,200	45,200	9,283
Other grant funding	1,993	2,200	8,560	12,753	30,000
Total	1,993	2,200	53,760	57,953	39,283
3c Charitable income					
D of E Award fees	4,891	1,348	0	6,239	5,395
Youth event fees	0	25,633	7,220	32,853	46,010
Total	4,891	26,981	7,220	39,092	51,405
3d Income from assets					
South London Scout Centre fees	0	140,031	0	140,031	131,193
Interest and dividends	10,881	2,029	0	12,910	8,338
Total	10,881	142,060	0	152,941	139,531
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	119,448	172,614	62,910	354,972	277,140

GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED	TOTAL	TOTAL
	General	Designated		FUNDS	FUNDS
	£	£	£	2026	2025
				£	£
4 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable expenditure					
4a Events and support to Groups					
Youth events	5,599	22,912	0	28,511	28,405
County events	0	0	0	0	32,735
Jack Petchey grants made	0	0	16,683	16,683	12,800
OSM Gold plus	16,432	0	0	16,432	3,870
Adult Training	3,283	1,205	0	4,488	4,088
Youth Training Courses	2,807	0	3,708	6,515	1,726
D of E Award Scheme costs	5,034	0	0	5,034	3,514
Adult Awards	53	0	0	53	2,042
Total	33,208	24,117	20,391	77,716	89,180
4b Staff and administration					
Salary/NI/Pension	44,929	8,318	0	53,247	35,243
Staff expenses	3,118	1,420	0	4,538	2,136
Office Holders Expenses	3,581	0	0	3,581	3,247
Administration costs	1,937	3,980	215	6,132	6,629
Printing and copying	2,443	0	0	2,443	5,326
Office Equipment	1,773	0	0	1,773	3,630
Professional Fees & Licences	0	0	0	0	2,040
Badges and uniform	0	0	405	405	0
Conferences/AGM	7,875	0	0	7,875	0
Website	10,514	0	0	10,514	1,695
IT support	7,424	0	0	7,424	0
Total	83,594	13,718	620	97,932	59,946
4c Premises					
Rent & Council tax	0	17,740	0	17,740	17,414
Waste disposal	0	3,105	0	3,105	2,348
Utilities	0	23,337	0	23,337	19,984
Insurance	1,864	4,472	0	6,336	5,252
Building upkeep/maintenance	0	42,105	0	42,105	42,621
Estate maintenance	0	2,241	0	2,241	3,728
Camping/Estate Equipment	0	10,766	0	10,766	1,063
SLSC major developments	2,846	28,217	0	31,063	75,551
Total	4,710	131,983	0	136,693	167,961
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	121,512	169,818	21,011	312,341	317,087

GREATER LONDON SOUTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
5 STAFF COSTS		
Salaries and fees	51,091	34,376
Social security costs	0	0
Pension costs	1,246	867
Total	52,337	35,243

At 31st January 2026 there were 2 employees (2025 - 1)

6 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investment Assets

During the year the Trustees reviewed their Investment Policy and took advantage of the ability to increase investment in risk assets using existing funds from the COIF series managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd

	COIF Ethical Investment Fund		COIF Short-dated Bond Fund		Total
	No of units	Value (£)	No of units	Value (£)	Value (£)
Unit holding at 1st February 2025	10,616.840	34,256	4,244.530	5,388	39,644
Purchases during year	20,240.975	60,000	35,277.807	45,000	105,000
Revaluation		-5,219		737	-4,482
Unit holding at 31st January 2026	30,857.815	89,037	39,522.337	51,125	140,162

	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	General	Designated		2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£

7 DEBTORS

Prepayments	1,200	3,914	0	5,114	3,794
Other debtors	1,750	300	0	2,050	0
Total	2,950	4,214	0	7,164	3,794

8 LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,620
Other creditors	25,000	0	0	25,000	1,493
Total	26,700	0	0	26,700	3,113

**17TH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	UNRESTRICTED		RESTRICTED	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	General	Designated		2026	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	140,162	0	0	140,162	39,643
Short term deposits	277,041	137,424	40,877	455,342	487,963
Cash at Bank and in hand	7,704	10,221	14,555	32,480	42,012
Debtors	2,950	4,214	0	7,164	3,794
Liabilities	-26,700	0	0	-26,700	-3,113
Total	401,157	151,859	55,432	608,448	570,299

10 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Remuneration paid to Trustees	0	0
Expenses Reimbursed to Trustees	3,553	1,497
Number of Trustees Reimbursed	3	5

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

11 INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent Examination fee	1,420	1,360
Fees for other services	280	260
	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,620</u>



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