SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Regional Treasurer Bruce MacDonald

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Regional Lead Volunteer Martin Elliot

Regional Youth Lead George Brightman

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Scott Goddard Sue Timmins Colin Orr Steve Gamble

The members of the Regional Trustee Board, including the appointed and co-opted members are the trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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Chair Bonaly Scout Centre
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Manager of the Regional Activities Permit Bruce MacDonald

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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) (as amended).

Objectives and activities

The South East Scotland Regional Scout Council (SESRSC) objectives follow those of the Scout Association which is a UK-wide body, incorporated by Royal Charter. It operates in terms of its Constitution, which was revised and approved by Council at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 16th March 2021. Its aim is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. This is achieved through providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Achievements and performance

Our Regional Strategy for 2018-25 sets out key targets for South East Scotland Scouts under 4 areas – Growth, Inclusion, Youth Led and Community Impact.

Growth

Our youth membership increased by 3.2% to 7,068 continuing the upward trend from last year after its pandemic drop. Brilliant efforts by our volunteers across 89 groups in 7 districts mean that young people across the Region have continued to enjoy opportunities to take part in adventurous and fun-filled activities and we continue to see the growth in the activities that young people missed out on during the pandemic, particularly camping and residential experiences.

The increase in membership is particularly positive as a number of new or reopened sections started meeting, including 2 new Scout Groups – the 20th AlFonj (Edinburgh North East) and 7th Ehsan (Midlothian) Scout Groups. We currently have 101 Beaver Colonies (up 6), 107 Cub Packs (up 4), 91 Scout Troops (up 2), 39 Explorer Units (no change) and 7 Scout Networks (no change). We continue to see growth in the Squirrel section, introduced in 2021, for 4–5-year-olds with 15 dreys (up 7) meeting with a number of groups planning to launch this section in the coming year. This new section offers opportunities to provide Skills for Life to even more young people and to reach into communities within the Region where Scouting is not present.

Scouting in the Region wouldn't be possible without the 2,000+ amazing volunteers who make it happen in roles across Sections, Groups, Districts and Region including in our Service Teams where adult volunteers support work in the Districts and also at both the two Regional centres, Bonaly Scout Centre and Longcraig Scout Centre as well as the Edinburgh Gang Show.

The Regional Trustee Board and the Regional Leadership Team (RLT) support all members, both adult and young people, in South East Scotland. The RLT offers direct support through advice, guidance, and information. It also organises events and supports camps, both international and in the UK, such as at the Blair Atholl International Jamborette. The Region is also responsible for the very successful South East Explorer Expeditions (SEEE) programme, providing opportunities for young people in the Explorer Scout and Scout Network sections to complete expeditions for their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

However, we recognise that there is still substantial work required to obtain the ambitious targets set out in our strategy for 7,500 young people to be in Scouting within the Region supported by 2,250 adult volunteers. The Regional Trustee Board has provided substantial investment to support this, funding a Scouting Support Officer (SSO) to support the growth of Scouting in existing and new provision. In 2024 this investment increases with the expansion of our Scouting Support Staff with a second Scouting Support Lead employed in addition to the SSO.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Region has provided additional support for our Explorer Scout Young Leaders with a dedicated lead for this within our Programme team and dedicated Regional events, including a successful Young Leader Day at Bonaly Scout Centre. As a result, we have successfully achieved our strategic target of 300 Young Leaders, recording an amazing 372 in the 2025 Scout Census. These young leaders who are the same age as Explorer Scouts (14-18) support the adult volunteers to provide activities to younger sections as well as benefiting from their own training scheme, helping them to develop leadership skills and earn their Young Leader Belt, one of the top awards in Scouting.

Inclusion

Significant progress has been made in our strategic aim to actively reduced barriers to membership for both young people and adult volunteers to help make Scouting in the Region representative of our wider communities. Achievements during the year include:

- · Expanded Inclusion Team, with a range of exciting ideas which they plan to take forward
- · Regional representation at Edinburgh Pride in collaboration with GirlGuiding
- · Expanded training opportunities including Adjustments to Scouting and Let's Talk About Series
- Progress working with Scouts Scotland's newly appointed Local Growth Officer to increase presence in low Scotlish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) areas
- Regional Uniform Bank to gather and re-distribute uniforms and badges free of charge to young people
 who need them the most

Youth Led

South East Scotland Scouts aim that:

- · All young people in South East Scotland have an opportunity to shape their experiences at Scouts
- 50% of young people will be achieving at least one top award for their section

As a Region we have committed to all Regional search teams/recruitment panels having under 25 representation and as well as our first Regional Youth Lead, we have District Youth Leads appointed in 4 of our Districts who will work alongside their local Leadership Teams and Trustee Boards to ensure that young people's voices are included in the decisions that they make.

There is some good progress on our Top Awards goal, particularly in younger sections with 53% Squirrels, 42% Beavers (up 6%), 50% Cubs (up 3%, 45% Scouts (up 15%) gaining the top award for their section but only 12% of Explorers and Network achieving the Chief Scout's Platinum Awards and only 6% achieving the Diamond Award.

In 2024, South East Explorer Expeditions (SEEE), allowed a total of 176 Duke of Edinburgh's Awards to be signed off across hillwalking, cycling and canoeing including 26 Gold awards.

Community Impact

Community Impact is intrinsic in the Scouting programme across the Region. This is shown by a recent survey of Sections across the Region in which out of 101 returns, 91 had completed a Community Impact project in 2023 well above our Strategic target of 50%.

The Region also represented Scouting at key events including the marking of Edinburgh's 900th Anniversary at Edinburgh Castle and the 25th Anniversary of the Scottish Parliament.

Jamie's Journey, a Region wide event saw the Regional Lead Volunteer and Volunteer Development Lead complete the Edinburgh 7 Hills Challenge to raise money for South East Scotland Scouts and local charity Love From Jamie. This raised £2,300.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Other Progress

Support for volunteers is key and this is enhanced by our Scouting Support Officer (SSO) who has provided direct support to all districts. The work of the SSO to recruit new volunteers at all levels of Scouting within the Region has been crucial, both through Region wide campaigns and events and through focused support for particular districts and groups and has resulted in an increase in volunteer numbers. An extensive range of training opportunities for leaders have been provided via a hybrid model with training available both in person and virtually to support the different needs and availability of our volunteers. Aided by insight brought by our new Communications Lead, communication has continued to shift from reactive to proactive focusing on which channels to best use for different audiences and planning the calendar of upcoming communications.

In the past year numerous Good Service awards have been achieved by volunteers within the Region including the highest Scouting Awards: 1 Bar to the Silver Acorn, 5 Silver Acorns, 3 Bars to the Award for Merit, 11 Awards of Merit and 22 Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. In addition, 222 Long Service Awards have been achieved, including 2 Chief Scout's 70 year's Service Awards, a Chief Scout's 60 year's Service Award and 4 Chief Scout's 50 year's Service Awards recognising more than 2920 years of service to Scouting.

Mapping our path to 2025 and beyond Growth and Inclusion

Direct support from our Scouting Support Lead and Scouting Support Officer as well as Scouts Scotland's Local Growth Officers will help our Districts, Groups and Sections to grow sustainably and reach underserved communities.

Youth Led

George Brightman, Regional Youth Lead, is working to recruit District Youth Leads and to build up his Regional Youth Team, ensuring a youth-shaped approach throughout Scouting across the Region.

Supporting Volunteers

We have embraced the UK's transformation project, including warmer welcome conversations, new learning tools, digital support and a new teams-based approach to volunteering, which will be supported by refocused Trustee Boards.

Programme

We continue to support South East Explorer Expeditions (SEEE) to provide opportunities to complete Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions and have also provided opportunities to complete Explorer Belts.

We are also providing additional support to our Young Leaders including dedicated Regional events.

Regional Centres

Bonaly Scout Centre

Bonaly provides camping, training, residential opportunities, and outdoor activities for a variety of users from a wide range of youth organisations, schools, and community groups as well as Scout and Guide Groups. In the year 2024-25 we continued to see growth in the use of the facilities with regular bookings and increased interest in the programme of activities provided throughout the year by the Bonaly volunteer team which has also been growing in number and skills. Work on the site has continued to develop and improve the infrastructure in-line with an annual plan. Plans for 2025 and beyond include the provision of new activities and facilities to meet the needs of our broad variation in age ranges together with the ongoing maintenance and investment in our infrastructure across the site.

Longcraig Scout Centre

Longcraig is situated at the heart of the Forth Bridge UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Firth of Forth. The year 2024-25 saw the centre provide its normal opportunities for Scout and Guide Groups to try water activities without the need for the Groups' own leaders to hold the relevant skills or permits. The centre is able to offer single and crewed sailing, kayaking, stand up paddle boards and traditional rafting with the centre's season operating from May until September, with May and June providing 80% or so of the entire season's usage. As a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) training centre, the centre is also normally able to offer courses in sailing and power-boating and provides training for leaders, either to help at Longcraig or run activities for their own Groups.

The official opening of the refurbished shower and changing facility was held on the 28th August 2024 and the improved facilities have been well received by all users, particularly during the winter months where the heating in the various rooms has been much appreciated.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Plans for 2025 and beyond include a desire to expand what can be offered at Longcraig with a key aim to further increase volunteer numbers and continue to enhance the facility and opportunities provided.

New volunteers are always welcome at both our Regional Centres.

Financial review

During the year, we had a deficit of £24,427 reflecting continuing investment in our centres and an additional scouting support employee. Our principal funding sources were income to the centres of £239,402 and subscriptions from members of £44,788. The performance at Bonaly Scout Centre continued to be significantly better than expected with a surplus of about £22,000 before projects and depreciation although Longcraig had a shortfall of about £5,000, not helped by increased energy costs. The shortfall excluding our centres was £25,000 because of the additional scouting support officer. In addition, we continued our investment at both centres spending over £190,000 to compete the upgrading of the toilet and shower facilities at both centres, installing solar panels, batteries, and an air to air pump at Longcraig and roof repairs and heaters and water tanks at Bonaly. This investment included £30,000 of grants and a legacy of £48,000. Overall, our finances remain in a strong position.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises a quarterly review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces incorporating the procedures to mitigate those risks and to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise. This work has identified that the major risk for the charity lies in the ability to maintain its buildings within the income generated. A key element in the management of this risk is a regular review of the property and ongoing maintenance. Our investment risk is currently considered low in view of the investment approach adopted. Our Centre income is vulnerable to a reduction in volunteers to maintain the visitor experience and we manage that by monitoring and ongoing recruitment of volunteers.

Reserves policy and going concern

SESRSC's reserves policy is to operate with a financial reserve of unrestricted funds of the equivalent of six months' total expenditure (excluding depreciation) in the latest accounts or budget whichever is the largest. This would be £188,000 for the current financial year. The total funds held at the yearend were £1,854,867 and excluding tangible assets and restricted funds was £413,000 none of which was otherwise committed at the year end. SESRSC believes that the current reserves of £413,000 comfortably meets the aims of the policy which would require a reserve of £188,000. SESRSC is considering capital investment plans for the future but as yet no commitments have been made.

Investment powers and policy

The Trustee Board has the same wide powers of investment as those vested in the Scout Association by Royal Charter. The policy of the Trustees, having regard to our liquidity requirements, is to invest available reserves in assets of low volatility, mainly in cash and short-term government bonds with the aim of exceeding bank base rate where possible. During the year we invested some of our funds in fixed-interest and index-linked government bonds via our fund manager Adam and Co to take advantage of the returns available. We will review our policy later in the year with a view to providing increased returns at an acceptable level of risk.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

South East Scotland Regional Scout Council (SESRSC) is an umbrella body of South East Scotland Scouts which in turn is one of eight regions of Scouts Scotland. South East Scotland Scouts comprises of Scout Groups operating in Borders, East Lothian, Edinburgh and Midlothian. SESRSC is a recognised Scotlish charity, and its affairs are managed by the Regional Trustee Board, which operates and takes decisions in accordance with the SESRSC's Constitution and Bylaws and is accountable to the members of the SESRSC at their Annual General Meeting. The Trustee Board consists of office-bearers, elected members and nominated members, and has the right to co-opt. Nominated membership, approved at the Annual General Meeting, is on the recommendation of the Regional Chair and Regional Lead Volunteer and can include representatives of kindred bodies, local Trustee Boards and subcommittee chairs. Elected members are drawn from the SESRSC and newly appointed Trustees complete a Trustee online learning "module" provided by the Scout Association. New members are also provided with a tailored local induction led by the Regional Lead Volunteer, Regional Chair and Regional Treasurer. A full list of members and office bearers is included on the legal and administrative information page.

The trustees' report was approved by the B	oard of Trustees.
John Cannon	Martin Elliot
Regional Chair	Regional Lead Volunteer
Dated:	Dated:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeks explanations from the 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 financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;

have not been met.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025		Restricted funds 2025	Total U 2025	Inrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Income and endowmen			£	L	Z.	£	£
Donations and legacies	3	7,206	29,604	36,810	88,425	163,233	251,658
Charitable activities	4	347,125	23,004	347,125	304,616	100,200	304,616
Investments	5	3,552	1,742	5,294	6,970	1,508	8,478
Other income	6	3,868		3,868	1,935	-	1,935
Total income		361,751	31,346	393,097	401,946	164,741	566,687
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	1,283	-	1,283	337	-	337
Charitable activities	8	418,148	6,579	424,727	322,786	2,050	324,836
Total expenditure		419,431	6,579	426,010	323,123	2,050	325,173
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	8,486		8,486	3,437		3,437
Net income		(49,194)	24,767	(24,427)	82,260	162,691	244,951
Other recognised gains Revaluation of tangible	and los	ses					
fixed assets					17,081		17,081
Net movement in funds	•	(49,194)	24,767	(24,427)	99,341	162,691	262,032
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		1,625,179	254,115	1,879,294	1,525,838	91,424	1,617,262
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		1,575,985	278,882	1,854,867	1,625,179	254,115	1,879,294

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		20:	25	2024		
	Notes	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	14		1,383,049		1,272,764	
Investments	15		487,272		405,074	
			1,870,321		1,677,838	
Current assets						
Stocks	16	3,761		4,296		
Debtors	17	31,609		28,078		
Cash at bank and in hand		407,105		584,807		
		442,475		617,181		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(457,929)		(415,725)		
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(15,454)		201,456	
Total assets less current liabilities			1,854,867		1,879,294	
Income funds						
Restricted funds	21		278,882		254,115	
Unrestricted funds			1,575,985		1,625,179	
			1,854,867		1,879,294	
The financial statements were approved I	by the Trustee	es on				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

South East Scotland Regional Scout Council is a charity incorporated by Royal Charter, registered charity number SC010563. The registered office address is given with the administrative details page.

The principal activity of the charity is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and "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)" (as amended). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102,

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity can meet its obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future, and as a consequence have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. There are no current material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Total unrestricted funds are higher than one year's total expenditure.

1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and similar income

Donations and similar income are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource and receipt is probable.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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Legacies

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that grant of confirmation or probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of a grant of confirmation or probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Grants receivable and local authority fees

Grants receivable and local authority fees are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Membership Income

Membership Subscriptions are included in the year in which the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities includes income from activities and is recognised as earned (as the related service is provided).

Investment income, rental income and similar income

Income from investments and from rental income and similar sources is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Capital Grants

Grants received to fund the purchase or construction of a fixed asset are retained in a restricted fund until the asset is purchased or completed. If there are no further restrictions, the grant is transferred to unrestricted funds and released in line with the depreciation of the relevant asset. If restrictions continue, the grant remains in restricted funds and the relevant depreciation is charged to the fund until the restriction on the fund expires or the fund balance is nil.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

Recognition and allocation of expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the Statement of Financial Activities, the charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross.

Costs of raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in activities that raise funds.

Costs of raising funds are costs incurred for the management of the investment portfolio.

Charitable activities and governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit or independent examiner fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Plant, equipment and fixtures and fittings are capitalised if the expenditure exceeds £5,000. Heritable property will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the trustees view of the most appropriate treatment for the particular property.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land No depreciation charged
Freehold buildings Straight line over 30 years
Equipment Straight line over 15 to 30 years
Motor vehicles 4 years (25%) straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Investments in securities are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is taken as the mid-market value of the investment reported by the investment managers at the reporting date. Gains and losses on disposal and revaluation of investments are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

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1.9 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases, where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.13 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.14 Creditors

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Other than the valuation of land and buildings, the trustees are not aware of any significant estimates or judgements that would have a material impact on the financial statements.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds general	Restricted funds	Total	
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Donations and gifts	3,216	-	3,216	75,276	-	75,276	
Grants	3,990	29,604	33,594	13,149	163,233	176,382	
	7,206	29,604	36,810	88,425	163,233	251,658	

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4 Charitable activities income

	Activity centres	Regional scout activities	Total 2025	Activity centres	Regional scout activities	Total 2024
	2025	2025		2024	2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bonaly income	229,102	-	229,102	205,359	-	205,359
Longcraig income Tuck shop, badges	10,300	-	10,300	11,755	-	11,755
and events income	4,371	58,564	62,935	4,595	38,601	43,196
Subscriptions		44,788	44,788		44,306	44,306
	243,773	103,352	347,125	221,709	82,907	304,616
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Analysis by fund Unrestricted funds -						
general	243,773	103,352	347,125	221,709	82,907	304,616
	243,773	103,352	347,125	221,709	82,907	304,616

5 Investments income

	Unrestricted funds general	Restricted Total Unrestricted funds funds general		Restricted funds	Total	
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest on listed investments	3,293	-	3,293	2,098	-	2,098
cash	259	1,742	2,001	4,872	1,508	6,380
	3,552	1,742	5,294	6,970	1,508	8,478

6 Other income

	Unrestricted Unfunds	nrestricted funds
	general 2025	general 2024
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,868	1,935

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7 Raising funds expenditure

Programme and training

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				Un	Unrestricted Unres			
					funds general 2025 £	funds general 2024 £		
Investment management					1,283	337		
					1,283	337		
Charitable activities expenditure								
	Activity centres 2025	Regional scout activities 2025	Total 2025	Activity centres	Regional scout activities 2024	Total 2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£		
Depreciation and impairment Bonaly costs	49,922 219,212		49,922 219,212	35,095 203,685		35,095 203,685		
Longcraig costs Tuck shop, badges and events costs	18,230 2,598	29,727	18,230 32,325	20,191 3,243	- 12,421	20,191 15,664		

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Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	296,023	122,125	418,148	273,357	49,429	322,786
Restricted funds	-	6,579	6,579	-	2,050	2,050
						
	296,023	128,704	424,727	273,357	51,479	324,836

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9	Support costs						
	• •	Support Go		2025	Support Go		2024
		costs	costs		costs	costs	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Professional fees	3,788	-	3,788	3,776	-	3,776
	Audit fees	-	-	-	-	8,700	8,700
	Independent examination	-	3,480	3,480	-	-	-
	Accountancy fees	-	2,131	2,131	-	3,000	3,000
		3,788	5,611	9,399	3,776	11,700	15,476
	Analysed between						
	Charitable activities	3,788	5,611	9,399	3,776	11,700	15,476

Support costs

Whenever possible, costs are allocated directly to particular activities. Support costs are then identified and apportioned to charitable activities as follows: Activities centres 64% and Regional scout activities 36% (2024 - Activities centres 72% and Regional scout activities 28%).

Governance costs

The governance costs only includes accounts preparation and independent examination fees. These fees are apportioned to charitable activities as follows: Activities centres 64% and Regional scout activities 36% (2024 - Activities centres 72% and Regional scout activities 28%).

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or prior years.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Permanent staff	4	3
Wages and salaries	104,553	55,816
Social security costs	4,617	-
Other pension costs	2,345	1,269
	111,515	57,085

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11 Employees (Continued)

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise of the Regional Chair, Regional Treasurer, Regional Lead Volunteer, Chair Bonaly Scout Centre and Chair Longcraig Scout Centre. The total remuneration paid to key management personnel was £nil (2024 - £nil).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2024 - none).

12 Income and expenditure in relation to agency fees

Income received by the charity in an agency role, together with the related expenditure, is excluded from the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) as follows:

During the year £317,681 (2024 - £268,047) was collected from Districts in South East Scotland Region for subscriptions to SHQ. This sum was paid to SHQ after the year end and so was included in creditors at the year end. At the year end £52,365 (2024 - £44,788) of subscriptions retained for the region.

13 Net (losses)/gains on investments

	Unrestricted L funds general 2025	Jnrestricted funds general 2024
	£	£
Unrealised gain on investments Realised gain on investments	7,589 897 ———	3,437
	8,486	3,437

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14	Tangible fixed assets					
		Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost or valuation					
	At 1 April 2024	1,055,419	201,742	243,414	17,673	1,518,248
	Additions	78,156	29,597	46,589	10,749	165,091
	Disposals	-	-	(12,060)	-	(12,060)
	At 31 March 2025	1,133,575	231,339	277,943	28,422	1,671,279
	Depreciation and impairment					
	At 1 April 2024	-	5,043	222,768	17,673	245,484
	Depreciation charged in the year	31,998	8,667	9,294	-	49,959
	Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(7,213)	-	(7,213)
	At 31 March 2025	31,998	13,710	224,849	17,673	288,230
	Carrying amount					
	At 31 March 2025	1,101,577	217,629	53,094	10,749	1,383,049
	At 31 March 2024	1,055,419	196,699	20,646		1,272,764

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

An independent valuation was carried out in April 2024 by CKD Galbraith LLP, on a market value basis. All of the freehold land and buildings are included in this valuation.

At 31 March 2025, had the revalued assets been carried at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, their carrying amount would have been approximately £123,308 (2024 - £129,321).

Bonaly Scout Centre

SESRSC is the beneficial owner of land and buildings at Bonaly. The land is 24 acres. Both land and buildings, including improvements are held at a total value of £685,084 in the Balance Sheet.

15 Fixed asset investments

		investments £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 April 2024		405,074
		174,713
		7,589
Disposals		(100,103)
At 31 March 2025		487,273
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2025		487,273
At 31 March 2024		405,074
Stocks	2025 £	2024 £
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Finished goods and goods for resale	3,761	4,296
Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	23,177	12,170
Other debtors	1,982	1,881
Prepayments and accrued income	6,450	14,027
	31,609	28,078
	At 1 April 2024 Additions Valuation changes Disposals At 31 March 2025 Carrying amount At 31 March 2025 At 31 March 2024 Stocks Finished goods and goods for resale Debtors Amounts falling due within one year: Trade debtors Other debtors	At 1 April 2024 Additions Valuation changes Disposals At 31 March 2025 Carrying amount At 31 March 2025 At 31 March 2024 Stocks 2025 £ Finished goods and goods for resale Debtors Amounts falling due within one year: Trade debtors Other debtors 1,982 Prepayments and accrued income

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

18	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2025	2024
		Notes	£	£
	Other taxation and social security		1,813	2,737
	Deferred income	19	434,364	352,745
	Trade creditors		13,996	16,050
	Other creditors		3,856	2,694
	Accruals		3,900	41,499
			457,929	415,725
19	Deferred income			
			2025	2024
			£	£
	Subscriptions paid in advance		370,046	312,835
	Other deferred income		64,318	39,910
			434,364	352,745
			2025	2024
			£	£
	Deferred income is included within:			
	Current liabilities		434,364	352,745
	Movements in the year:			
	Deferred income at 1 April 2024		352,745	74,589
	Released from previous periods		(352,745)	(74,589)
	Resources deferred in the year		434,364	352,745
	Deferred income at 31 March 2025		434,364	352,745
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

20 Unrestricted funds - general funds

The charities general unrestricted funds are made up as follows:

	Balance at 1 April 2024			evaluations, gains and losses	31 March	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds Revaluation reserve	1,408,595 216,584	361,751	(419,431)	8,022 (8,022)	8,486	1,367,423 208,562
	1,625,179	361,751	(419,431)	-	8,486	1,575,985
			Movement	in funds		
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income E	xpenditure	Transfers Re	evaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	
General funds Revaluation reserve	1,304,960 220,878	401,946 -	(323,123)	21,375 (21,375)	3,437 17,081	1,408,595 216,584
	1,525,838	401,946	(323,123)		20,518	1,625,179

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

21 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Mo	vement in fu	nds	
	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income I	Expenditure	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
William Lynburn Trust Fund	47,370	1,308	(5,250)	_	43,428
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund	5,536	162	-	_	5,698
International Expeditions	3,520	103	-	-	3,623
Development Fund	4,767	139	_	_	4,906
Jamboree	1,329	_	(1,329)	_	-
Walter McDougall	1,040	30	(1,5=5)	_	1,070
Longcraig Amenity Hub	27,320	_	_	_	27,320
Project Grant	163,233	29,604	-	-	192,837
	254,115	31,346	(6,579)		278,882
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		Mo	vement in fu	nds	
	Balance at 1 April 2023			Revaluations, gains and	Balance at 31 March
				Revaluations,	
William Lynburn Trust Fund	1 April 2023 £	Income I	Expenditure £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £
William Lynburn Trust Fund Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund	1 April 2023 £ 47,993	Income I	Expenditure	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund	1 April 2023 £ 47,993 5,407	Income I £ 1,127	Expenditure £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370 5,536
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund International Expeditions	1 April 2023 £ 47,993 5,407 3,438	1,127 129	Expenditure £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370 5,536 3,520
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund	1 April 2023 £ 47,993 5,407 3,438 4,656	1,127 129 82	£ (1,750) 	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370 5,536 3,520 4,767
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund International Expeditions Development Fund Jamboree	1 April 2023 £ 47,993 5,407 3,438 4,656 1,594	1,127 129 82 111	Expenditure £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370 5,536 3,520 4,767 1,329
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund International Expeditions Development Fund Jamboree Walter McDougall	47,993 5,407 3,438 4,656 1,594 1,016	1,127 129 82 111 35	£ (1,750) 	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370 5,536 3,520 4,767 1,329 1,040
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund International Expeditions Development Fund Jamboree	1 April 2023 £ 47,993 5,407 3,438 4,656 1,594	1,127 129 82 111 35	£ (1,750) 	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370 5,536 3,520 4,767 1,329
Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund International Expeditions Development Fund Jamboree Walter McDougall Longcraig Amenity Hub	47,993 5,407 3,438 4,656 1,594 1,016	1,127 129 82 111 35 24	£ (1,750) 	Revaluations, gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £ 47,370 5,536 3,520 4,767 1,329 1,040 27,320

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

21 Restricted funds (Continued)

William Lyburn Trust Fund

Legacies of £60,000 were received in the early 1990's from the estate of the late William Lyburn to form the Trust Fund to pay grants to those of Scout and Venture Scout age for special designated activities. In accordance with its powers, the trustees amended the rules of the scheme. Transfers between this fund and the general fund are used to restrict losses incurred on the investments, as agreed by the board of trustees.

Beitha Younger Special Needs Fund

For work with those with special needs and associated projects.

International Expeditions

Funds to support expeditions of a community development nature to other countries.

Development Fund

One of the original funders did not want the unspent element of their grant refunded.

Jamboree

To support members attending Jamborees.

Walter McDougall

A donation of £2,000 was received from the estate of the late Walter McDougall who was a long serving Scouter in Haymarket District (now known as Craigalmond District). The money was given specifically for disadvantaged scouts in the Districts formed by Edinburgh Area Scout Council. These are now represented by Pentland, Braid, Edinburgh North East and Craigalmond Districts.

Longcraig Amenity Costs

Funding received to support development of amenity facilities at Longcraig.

Project Grants

Funding received to support future developments at both Longcraig and Bonaly.

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,190,212	192,837	1,383,049	1,109,531	163,233	1,272,764
Investments	487,272	-	487,272	405,074	-	405,074
Current assets	(101,499)	86,045	(15,454)	110,574	90,882	201,456
	1,575,985	278,882	1,854,867	1,625,179	254,115	1,879,294

23 Operating lease commitments

	2025 £	2024 £
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Within one year	200	200
Between two and five years	200	200

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

23 Operating lease commitments

(Continued)

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Longcraig Scout Centre

The lease with the Dalmeny Estate for the Longcraig Scout Centre has been extended to expire in December 2070 but the charity may give 2 years notice at any given period to end the lease.

24 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions in the current year. In the prior year, the charity received a donation of £1,150 from Love from Jamie. Martin Elliot, a trustee of this charity, is a trustee of Love from Jamie.