

Gordano District Scouts Trustee Board Meeting - 24th March 2025

Finance Report

District Finances

Forecast Account Balances as at 1st April 2025 (after receipt of membership fees & payment of capitation)

At the time of writing we have received 80% of £77k due in membership fees from Groups and ESUs. We are due to make certain disbursements, in particular £63k due to County for our National and County fees and £9k to Glenny Wood as agreed in our User Agreement.

To give a more accurate figure the figures below represent the forecast position after the remaining capitation has been received and the payments have been made.

Current Account - £352

Deposit Account - £55,146

WSJ Fund - £4,485

Portishead Development Fund - £485

Growth & Development - £19,907

District Events - £7,000

Clevedon Explorers - £2,401

General Funds - £20,868

2025 Income/Spend Against Finance Plan Variances

Income

District Capitation – Plan £15,000 – Received £14,304

Badge sales – Full Year Plan £500 – Q1 Received £490

Expenditure

Glenny Wood User Agreement – Budget - £10,000 – Spend - £9,321

At the last meeting we agreed to write off the stock of ‘activity’ badges (most of which are old logo). These badges were worth in the region £1,200. We are however continuing to offer the badges for sale via the Glenny Wood website.

Since that meeting we have had a surprising, but welcome surge in interest in the badges and have received £282 from sales. £250 of this is from one customer based in Eastleigh, Hampshire. This has reduced our stock of obsolete badges by almost 25%.

Glenny Wood Finances (after receipt of User Agreement funds from District).

Current Account - £836

Deposit Account - £25,652

2024 Accounts

Our accountants, Anthony Smith & Co, have carried out an Independent Examination of our 2024 accounts and have issued their certificate in accordance with the Scouts POR.

A copy of the accounts and their certificate is included with this report.

I have carried out my own independent check of the Districts ESUs and Ten Tors accounts and I am satisfied that all accounts are being operated correctly.

Because I have been actively involved with managing the accounts for Kilkenny and Horizon, Phil Woolcock will be carrying out a further independent check and will confirm his satisfaction in due course (I hope).

District Finance Rules and Expense Cards

As I reported at the previous meeting, I have been investigating the use of Expense Cards by two of the District’s Explorer Units and have sought guidance from the Scout Association. Having received their advice, I am carrying out further research and considering anomalies with the use of the cards with the wording of the POR.

I expect to complete this work within the coming weeks and will circulate proposed rules and best practice in the coming weeks.