

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Time: 7.30 for 8.00pm

Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Leatherhead , Forty Foot Road, Leatherhead. Surrey

## AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Governance topics**

1. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

2. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

3. Note the District's financial year

4. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council

5. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

6. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

7. **Review of the previous year**

1. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Leatherhead District

2. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

5. **Making appointments**

1. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

2. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

3. (Re-)appoint District President and/or Vice Presidents

4. Appoint the Independent Examiner for 2025/26

5. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council

6. **Closing remarks**

Following the formal part of the AGM, the county representative will be asked to say a few words. There will also be a presentation of awards.

Guests are invited to stay for refreshments and informal chat.

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<b>District Chair</b> Mr. Matt Hoath	<b>District Treasurer</b> Mrs. Debbie Hart	<b>District President</b> Mr. David King
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<b>District Lead Volunteers</b> Mrs. Fiona Page & Mr. Stuart Kidd
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<b>Trustee Board Members</b> Mr. Oliver Thornton, Mr. Stephen Moss, Mrs. Liz Plowden, Mr. Parag Patel, Mr. David King, Mr. Freddie McNiff & Mr. Rik Page
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<b>LDS Boidier Hurst Campsite Representatives</b> Mr. Samuel Baker, Mr. Oliver Thornton & Mr. John Humphrys
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<b>District Team Members</b> Mr. Rik Page, Mr. Andrew Marlow, Liz Plowden, Mr. Parag Patel, Mr. Freddie McNiff, Mr. Adam Plowden, Mr. Samuel Baker, Mr. Oliver Thornton & Mrs. Aurora Sinclair
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<b>Badge Secretary</b> Mr. David Wall
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<b>District Shop</b> Mrs. Christine Davis
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**District Chair's report**

I am very pleased to issue my second report as District Chair.

It's been a great year for the Leatherhead district. We have been growing our numbers, especially in squirrels and at the opposite end, by pushing forward with new and more frequent Network events.

We were involved in some exciting events, such as the Explorer Belt expedition to Sweden and Roverway, but not forgetting all the County, District and Group activities that our members are given the opportunity to participate in.

We still maintain a high level of top awards achieved by our members and this is something that we should be very proud about.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved within the Leatherhead District for all your dedication and commitment. It really makes our district a great place to be for the younger people.

The district is in a financially sound position and we continue to support our groups as much as possible. Thanks very much to Debbie Hart, who took over the Treasurer role last year.

We have a lot of equipment which is now stored at our new facility at Walton Firs and a big thanks to Oliver Thornton for getting this project completed.

Lastly, I would like to thank David Wall for his many years of brilliant service as Badge Secretary and welcome our new colleague Ros Glover, who has stepped into this role. Thank you and best wishes, Ros.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the 2024-5 year so great and I look forward, with all of you, to making the next year even more memorable.

Matt Hoath  
District Chair

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**District Treasurer's report**

This is my first report as District Treasurer, having assumed the role at the last AGM. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to Sue Wall for facilitating a smooth and well-organized handover. I am also grateful to all members of the District for their support and patience as I have familiarised myself with the responsibilities of this role.

I would particularly like to acknowledge Neil McDowall, who kindly undertook the audit of this year's accounts. His meticulous review and thoughtful questions have been invaluable, especially given the number and complexity of the accounts involved.

From a financial perspective, the accounts as whole recorded an overall surplus this year. However, it is important to note that this is primarily attributable to advance payments received for two major summer camps: the Kent International Jamboree and the 1st Bookham Explorer trip to Spain. Excluding these advance payments, the core District accounts reflect a deficit of approximately £2,500.

Fortunately, the District holds sufficient reserves to absorb this shortfall, and also maintain the current level of membership contributions for 2025. In addition, we are actively exploring opportunities to reduce expenditure where possible, with the aim of achieving a balanced budget without placing additional financial pressure on our members.

I look forward to continuing to support the District in the year ahead.

Mrs. Debbie Hart

District Treasurer

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### District Lead Volunteer's report

The period from 2024 to 2025 was an unusual and challenging time for Scouting. The Scouting Association experienced significant changes, making this one of the most difficult periods of transition in recent years. The demand for a new adult system, following the expiration of Compass, coincided with the urgent need for change after the tragic loss of one of our young members. This period was further complicated by, at times, unrealistic promises and the necessity of reviewing and strengthening our safety processes.

Alongside these administrative changes came many other adjustments, including new training and joining methods, as well as changes to team structures. One thing was clear: despite all these challenges, our district managed to navigate them successfully. The excellent response from our Leads and their teams was invaluable and deeply appreciated.

We hope that, in the long term, these changes will not affect the heart of what we do—bringing Scouting to young people. The teams across the District continue to provide outstanding opportunities in every section and group, and we look forward to this continuing for many years to come.

We would like to thank every one of our teams who provide Scouting—whether in sections, in support, or in leadership. We offer our full support and gratitude to all who continue to give their time, energy, and dedication.

We would like to thank **Mr. David Wall** for his dedicated service and the many roles he has fulfilled in Scouting as he announces his retirement. We are deeply grateful for his contributions and wish him every success in the future.

We are also pleased to announce that the new Badge Secretary will be **Mrs. Ros Glover**. We thank her for volunteering and warmly welcome her to the team.

Fiona Page & Stuart Kidd  
District Lead Volunteers

