



Rugby District Scouts EWDL International Fund Policy

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1. Introduction

The aim of this document is to set out how the EWDL International Funds will be managed and distributed by Rugby District Scouts.

The document provides a background to the funds and how the EWDL name will be retained going forward.

The Funds will be used to support International Trips undertaken by members of Rugby District Scouts **only** (Individual and / or Group Trips).

For clarity, 'International' is defined as Outside of the British Isles.

2. Background

The EWDLT (Edyvean Walker David Lindop Trust) was dissolved during 2026.

With the Charity Commission agreement, the EWDLT funds were transferred to Rugby District Scout Council, for supporting Rugby District Scouts International trips.

Reference letter dated 31 March 2026 from EWDLT to Rugby District Scouts:

As you are aware from previous discussion, the EWDL Trust duly applied to the Charity Commission for permission to dissolve our charity and to transfer assets to the Rugby District Scout Council to further the business objects of our governing documents. We took this action because we believe that the Rugby District Scout Council are in better position to take these forward than are the current Trustees of the EWDL Trust. The Charity Commission's reply was, slightly abridged:

'Under the circumstances, the charity's trustees can transfer their charity's funds and assets to another charity if doing so furthers the charity's purposes. Based on the information provided, it would appear, if the remaining funds were transferred as proposed, Rugby Scout Council could still use the funds for the purposes for which they were given (to be used for the costs and expenses in making or taking any journey or expedition outside the British Isles of a wholly educational nature). In view of the above, we have no objection to the proposed transfer of funds.'

Rugby District Scouts responded confirming they were willing to accept the terms, see extract from the letter below, sent on 31st March 2026

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 31 March 2026, notifying us of the intention to transfer the funds and assets from the EWDLT to Rugby District Scout Council.

I can confirm that Rugby District Scouts are willing to receive the transfer of the EWDLT assets and will continue to fulfil the purposes of the EWDLT and will retain the names of Norman Edyvean-Walker and David Lindop within any awards we make.”

The history of the EWDLT has been captured on the Rugby District Scouts website:

<https://rugbyscouts.org.uk/ewdl-international-fund>

3. Management of Funds

These funds are restricted and can only be used for supporting International Trips for members of Rugby District Scouts.

Rugby District Scouts will invest the majority of the EWDL funds in an appropriate Investment Account.

In addition to this dedicated Investment Account, Rugby District Scouts will manage an account for the day-to-day running of the EWDL International Funds i.e. for paying out grants.

Rugby District Scouts will monitor both sets of accounts and will transfer funds between the two as and when required: the expectation is to retain the lump sum in the investment account and transfer the interest to the day-to-day account, using this as the funds for supporting grants.

4. District or Group International Trips

International Trips that are either organised by Rugby District Scouts, or by an individual Group, coming under the Rugby District Scouts umbrella, can apply for funding towards their trip.

Funding will be based on the number of paying persons per trip, this includes adults as well as Young People (YP) and Young Leaders (YL).

Funding will be in the region of £75 per person, up to a maximum of £3000 whichever is the lower.

For example, if 30 people are attending a trip, then £2250 will be given towards the trip.

The funding will be given as a lump sum towards the trip, rather than individual funding.

Each trip must be willing to share their experiences with Rugby District Scouts after the event. This could include inviting members of Rugby District Scouts to a celebration day, but should, as a minimum, include submitting a report or presentation to Rugby District Scouts, enabling the event and funding to be advertised on their website.

5. Individual Young People Funding (e.g., World Scout Jamboree WSJ)

Where Young People (YP) must raise a significant amount of money for a trip, these YP can apply to Rugby District Scout Council for a donation towards their funding goal.

The amount donated will depend on the number of individuals attending and how much funds are available at the time.

As an example, for the WSJ Korea, in 2023, 9 YP applied for funding:

8 of which were given £150 towards their funding goals.

1 YP was declined as this YP had previously received funding and was not at the time an active member of Rugby District Scouts.

Some small conditions apply to these donations: -

- a) Each YP must be an active member of Rugby District Scout Association.
- b) Each YP must be willing to share their experiences with Rugby District after the event.
This, as a minimum, must include a report or presentation to Rugby District Scouts, enabling the event and funding to be advertised on their website.
- c) In the event of any monies being left over, each YP must return any surplus cash to District, so it can be re-distributed towards future events.
- d) Each YP cannot re-apply for a further donation within 4 years.
e.g., if they received a donation for the WSJ trip in 2023, they cannot apply for funding for Belize in 2024.

It should be noted that applications from International Support Team (IST) members will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

6. Funding Adjustment

Rugby District Scouts Trustee Board reserves the right to adjust the level of funding depending on circumstances.

Therefore, the figures suggested above are not set in stone, but are a goal.

For example, if the Investment Accounts funds are running low, interest rates are low or inflation high, or several international trips are occurring during the same financial year, or a large amount of individual funding has been requested, then Rugby District Scouts reserve the right to adjust the level of funding offered.

7. Actions that will be taken on cancellation of a trip or if an Individual is unable to attend

If a trip does not take place i.e. the trip is cancelled, or in the case of individual grants the YP cannot attend, grants should be returned to Rugby District Scouts, unless waived by the Trustee Board due to extenuating circumstances.

8. General

All applications will be considered on an individual basis.

The Rugby District Scouts Trustee Board reserves the right to reclaim monies paid out to individuals who leave the district before attending the event.

All applications need to be submitted to the District Chair or District Lead Volunteer at least two weeks prior to a District Trustee Board meeting, otherwise may not be considered until the following meeting.

9. Grant Applications

All applicants must complete the standard Application Form

All applications must be submitted at least **12 months prior to the event**, allowing time for Rugby District Trustee Board to budget and manage the funds accordingly.

This timeline may be waived in extenuating circumstances i.e. if a YP steps in to attend an international event at the last minute.

[Rugby District Scouts International Fund Application Form](#)

Rugby District Scouts will respond to each application.

All grant applications (both successful and unsuccessful) will be recorded for tracking purposes.

The timing of the payments associated with an approved grant will be set by the District Trustee Board, taking into account the date of the trip, and allowing for the Trustee Board to spread payments across the financial year.

10. Revision status

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