

Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

Start date End date
From 1 1 2024 To 31 12 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Names of the Trustees

	Trustee name	Office/Position (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Lloyd	District Commissioner		County Commissioner
2	Susan Walley	District Chair		SMDSC
3	Derek Simkins	District Treasurer		SMDSC
4	Vacant	District Secretary		
5	Graham Deavall	Trustee		SMDSC
6	Philip Shemilt	Trustee		SMDSC
7	Adrian Ship	Trustee		SMDSC
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9				
10				
11				

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA	VAST, The Dudson Centre, Hope Street, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5DD

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council is an Exempt Charity.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The District Commissioner is appointed by the County Commissioner. All other trustees are either nominated by the District Commissioner and approved or directly elected at the Annual General Meeting of the charity.

Internal controls

How the charity manages risks (e.g. what internal controls it has)	<p>The District has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.</p> <p>During 2024 Trustees have reviewed internal financial controls (using form CC8) at board meetings, including specifying reserve policies for the District, as well as Consall Camp.</p> <p>All District bank accounts continue to be organised through the Unity Banking system which is ensuring greater clarity and allowing the Trustees improved financial risk management.</p>
Other governance matters	<p>Disclosure and Barring Service checks are carried out prior to the start of trusteeship. These checks are repeated every five years in line with POR.</p> <p>Trustees are required to undertake four mandatory training elements as a requirement of membership of the Scout Association. The four elements are Essential Information for Executive Committee Members; GDPR; Safety and Safeguarding. These elements are completed through online training and records are kept on Compass (The Scout Associations secure tool to keep track of adult members in the Association).</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- 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 co-operate with others and make friends.

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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the charity's aims

Included within this section is the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Governance roles. Explorer Scouts (aged 14-17). In January 2024, there were 491 young people (6-25 years) 157 Cub Scouts (aged 8-10), 148 Scouts (aged 10-14) and 45 The annual census also recorded 191 adult members, including from the previous year. comprising 130 Beaver Scouts (aged 6-8), recorded as members on the 2024 Annual Census, significantly up

Consequences of Coronavirus continued to affect Consall Camp and with rising inflation there was a significant impact on the cost of Utilities and Maintenance across the camp. The Consall Management Group, with the Executive, worked on mitigating these rising costs and during 2024 a three year Development Plan was established.

This plan was implemented in November 2024 replacing the Warden with a team of volunteers, and upgrading the site in line with new regulations.

The trustees have had regard for the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The District does not make grants to outside organisations.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The District has continued to run District events including St George's Day in April, Dragon Boating in June and a District Sports day for Beavers and Cubs in September, plus the District Camp.

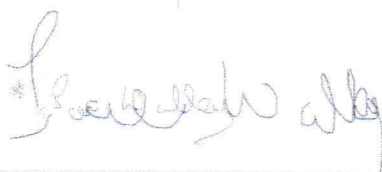
We continued to foster 2 groups from a neighbouring District, and in Sept 2024 officially adopted them, along with 1 other group and a Explorer Unit to expand our District to close to 500 members.

Section D

Achievements and performance

A national restructuring process along with a new online membership system was introduced in the Autumn term, meaning that local scouting structures and roles changed to a more team based approach.

Over the year we had several young people achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief Scout awards along with Duke Of Edinburgh's Awards.



Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources in the current account to continue day to day running of all the charitable activities in the year, should income and fundraising fail to raise sufficient money to replace authorised expenditure.

State the level of reserves and why they are held

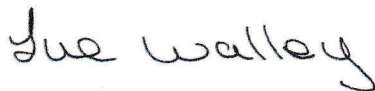
The minimum reserves have been set at £5,000 for the year for Consall Scout Camp and £5,000 for the District in order to maintain a level sufficient to cover 12 months fixed cost expenses.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full names

Susan Walley

Position

District Chair

Date

20th September 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date 10/10/2025

Daryl Denson ACMA
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STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Receipts and payments

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	£ 15,700	£ 14,852
Campsite income	£ 37,307	£ 31,240
District income	£ 4,612	£ 4,971
Explorer income	£ 2,779	£ 1,936
Donations and legacies	£ 533	£ 267
Other income	£ 6,272	£ -
Sub total	£ 67,203	£ 53,266
Grants		
Covid grant inc Furlough scheme	£ -	£ -
Other grants	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Fundraising (gross)		
Special camps	£ -	6,665
Korea jamboree	£ -	352
Bagpacking	£ -	£ -
Other fundraising activities	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ 7,017
Investment income		
Bank interest	£ -	£ -
Building Society interest	£ -	£ -
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ -	£ -
Property rent income	£ -	£ -
Other investment income	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Total Gross Income	£ 67,203	£ 60,283
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£ -	
Total receipts	£ 67,203	£ 60,283

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Receipts and payments

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National,County	£ 14,444	£ 14,740
Youth programme and activities	£ 4,322	£ 3,658
Event, adult support and training	£ 2,499	£ 468
Rent	£ 140	£ 240
Water and sewerage	£ 4,109	£ 2,564
Electricity and gas	£ 12,593	£ 7,685
Insurance	£ 3,875	£ 3,703
Repairs and renewals	£ 4,393	£ 6,211
Materials and equipment	£ 1,182	£ 1,747
Shop materials	£ 741	£ 1,172
Admin, postage and printing	£ 2,708	£ 1,424
Employee costs	£ 21,224	£ 13,412
Other camp costs	£ 1,566	£ 2,493
AGM and trustee expenses	£ 1,027	£ 460
Bank and account fees	£ 856	£ 890
Other camp site costs	£ -	£ 653
Other costs - jamboree, Moorjam	£ 460	£ 8,671
Other costs - cleaning	£ 384	£ 303
Other costs - fuel, sundries	£ 203	£ 251
Sub total	£ 76,726	£ 70,745
Fundraising expenses		
Special camps	£ -	£ -
Other fundraising costs	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 76,726	£ 70,745
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£ -	£ -
Total payments	£ 76,726	£ 70,745
Net of (payments)/receipts	(£ 9,523)	(£ 10,462)

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Receipts and Payments Account

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Cash funds		
Unity Bank current accounts	£ 37,094	£ 46,490
Building society account	£ -	£ -
Cash/Floats	£ -	£ 127
Total cash funds	£ 37,094	£ 46,617
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	£ -	£ -
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£ -	£ -
Insurance claim	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	£ -	£ -
Quoted investments	£ -	£ -
Other investments - detail	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	£ -	
Shop stock	£ -	£ 1,337
Other stock	£ -	£ -
Buildings Note 1	£ 1,136,277	£ 1,064,855
Motor vehicles	£ 18,799	£ 18,799
Scouting equipment, furniture etc Note 2	£ 60,543	£ 60,543
Other	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 1,215,619	£ 1,145,534
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid (Jamboree Fees)	£ -	£ 123
Due to HMRC	£ -	£ 208
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£ -	£ -
Subscriptions not yet paid	£ -	£ -
Loan - detail	£ -	£ -
Other liabilities	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ 331

valuation of buildings owned by the charity but situated on land held in trust and not owned by the charity

Note 2 - This is the (declared) insurance valuation of equipment held by the District and fixtures/fittings at Consall

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

09/10/2025
and signed on their behalf by:-

Signature 

Print Name

Derek Simkins