



# Scouts

## Newark And District

### Newark District Scout Council

Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1031735

Scout Association Registration Number: 14703

[www.newarkscouts.org.uk](http://www.newarkscouts.org.uk)



## Newark District Scout Council Officials

The Newark District Scout Council (the Scout Council) is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District. It is the body to which the District Trustees are accountable.

**President:** Val Spyve

**Vice President:** Michael Gill

### Trustees

Janette Barlow	(Appointed 27/01/2025)	District Chair
Jack Kellas		District Deputy Chair
Mike Prest	(Appointed 11/06/2025)	District Treasurer
Heather Randall	(Appointed 12/05/2025)	District Lead Volunteer
Victoria Nicholson		District Youth Lead
Joshua Thorn		District Youth Lead
Sharon Lathlane		
Thomas Cragg		
Amanda Stanislawski	(Appointed 27/01/2025)	
Richard Moyses	(Appointed 27/01/2025)	
Melinda Dixon	(27/01/2025-12/04/2025)	
Richard Dearlove	(Retired 31/03/2025)	District Lead Volunteer
Rowena Aiken	(Retired 20/02/2025)	District Treasurer
Chris Cobb	(Retired 04/12/2024)	
Steven Hartley	(Retired 04/12/2024)	
Ruth Rabon	(Retired 04/12/2024)	
Tony Roberts MBE	(Retired 14/04/2024)	District Chair

### Bankers

CAF Bank Limited

### Charity Address

28 Harewood Avenue, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 4AN

### Constitution and Governance

The constitution of the District Scout Council is laid down in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association (<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/>)



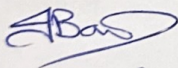
## **Chair of Trustees' Report**

I was honoured and privileged to take on the role of Chair of Trustees in January 2025, the final quarter of the financial year this Annual Report and Accounts cover.

I have been extremely impressed by the hardworking and dedicated volunteers who facilitate scouting in Newark District and wish to put on record my thanks for all they do to deliver fun and adventurous activities that equip our young people with Skills for Life.

During the 2024-25 financial year our Treasurer retired, leading to the recruitment of our current Treasurer, Mike Prest, who has produced this set of accounts. At the end of the financial year, we said goodbye to our District Lead Volunteer, Richard Dearlove, following many years of dedicated service to Scouting in Newark. Following Richard's departure Nottinghamshire Scouts carried out an open recruitment process and appointed Heather Randall as Newark's District Lead Volunteer. Heather has kindly provided a report on activities in the district from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

I am grateful for the work of the trustees who continue to support, promote and safeguard this charity and its charitable objectives. I look forward to providing a more comprehensive report at the next Annual General Meeting, by which time I will have chaired the Trustee Board for the entirety of that financial year.



**Janette Barlow**  
**Chair of Trustees**



### **Treasurer's Report**

Newark and District Scout Council has two accounts, a current account for everyday running of finances, receiving payments from groups, paying out for membership fees etc. It also covers Explorer unit expenses and funds a number of prepayment cards for everyday use.

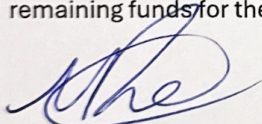
The current account balance for 31032025 was £22748 there was also a balance of £290 on the cards. We also have an investment account with a balance on 31032025 of £73089. Assets held by the district include scouting equipment and the Minibus which is hired out and after expenses generated a profit of £605.

All payments throughout the district are cashless using the GoCardless system and can be accessed via the Online Scout Manager OSM which brings everything together in an easy-to-use manner.

We also received donations of £278 for this financial year.

The Scout Councils policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Newark District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The trustees note that in addition to maintaining a scouting programme, buildings must remain safe and adhere to health and safety guidance, and we recognise some one-off capital investments may be required. The reserves of the year remained at £6958 restricted and £89169 was general unrestricted at the end of the financial year.

During the year the Trustees continually reassess the utilisation of the charities remaining funds for the benefit of Scouting within the district.



**Mike Prest**

**Treasurer**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Newark District Scout Council

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1031735

Set out on pages

14245

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Paula J. Dickworth*

Date:

13-1-26

Name:

Paula J. Dickworth

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

MAAT.

Address:

Balderton  
NG24 3QH



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**NEWARK AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
For the year to 31st March 2025

	31.03.25	31.03.25	31.03.25	31.03.24	31.03.24	31.03.24
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Membership Fees	27645	0	27645	27069	0	27069
Fees paid to county	-23655	0	-23655	-22568	0	-22568
Net membership fees	3990	0	3990	4501	0	4501
Youth Program Activities	22612	0	22612	26617	0	26617
Grants	0	0	0	500	0	500
Donations	278	0	278	450	0	450
Gift Aid	0	0	0	2684	0	2684
Fund raising	0	0	0	1303	0	1303
Minibus hire	2810	0	2810	1510	0	1510
Badge & Necker Sales	175	0	175	209	0	209
Bank interest	3287	0	3287	1817	0	1817
	<b>33152</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33152</b>	<b>39591</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39591</b>
			0			0
Payment			0			0
Youth Programme Activities	13030	0	13030	23979	0	23979
Grants	555	0	555	2817	0	2817
Donations	0	0	0	320	0	320
Badge and Necker Purchases	12	0	12	873	0	873
Support Services	2521	0	2521	4261	0	4261
Repairs and Maintenance	2205	0	2205	118	0	118
Training and Development	0	0	0	142	0	142
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	426	0	426
Go Cardless and Prepaid Cards	8172	0	8172	1055	0	1055
Bank Fees	60	0	60	63	0	63
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>26555</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26555</b>	<b>34054</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34054</b>
Asset purchases	0		0	613		613
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>34667</b>		<b>34667</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>6597</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6597</b>	<b>4924</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4924</b>
						0
Cash Funds Brought Forward	82572	6958	89530	77648	6958	84606
<b>Cash Funds at year end</b>	<b>89169</b>	<b>6958</b>	<b>96127</b>	<b>82572</b>	<b>6958</b>	<b>89530</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	31.03.25	31.03.24
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Petty Cash	0	0
Current Account	22748	15880
Prepaid Card Funds	290	3812
Investment Account	73089	69838
	<b>96127</b>	<b>89530</b>

**Notes regarding other monetary assets:**


Trade Debtors	810	374
Gift Aid	0	0
Group Membership Fees	0	708
	<b>810</b>	<b>1082</b>



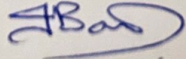
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<b>Stock</b>		
District and County Badges	502	502
<b>Assets for Own Use</b>		
Minibus @ purchase price	62000	62000
Activity Equipment	11153	11153
Office Equipment	208	208
	<u>73361</u>	<u>73361</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
County Membership Fees	0	0
<b>Notes</b>		
<b>1 Membership Fees</b>		
Fees from Groups - current year	23295	27069
Fees from Groups - prior year	4350	0
less paid to County	-23655	-22568
<b>Net total</b>	<b>3990</b>	<b>4501</b>
HQ fee per member	£42.50	£35.50
County add on per member	£14.00	£14.00
Number of members	415	434
District Levy	£6.00	£6.00

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22/01/2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

 26.01.26.

Mike Prest  
Trustee - Treasurer

 26/1/26

Janette Barlow  
Trustee - District Chair



## **District Lead Volunteer's Report**

Our last AGM was held around 1 year ago, and has been held later than usual this year, due to our new Treasurer needing to fully understand the work undertaken by their predecessors before producing the annual accounts for examination.

The accounts remain healthy within the district; however, I will work with trustees to look at how we can utilise some of these funds to further enhance our offering within the district.

Over the last year there has been a change in DLV, and I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Richard Dearlove for his time and commitment.

Further recruitment has continued to be a challenging prospect, with numbers of volunteers reducing. We are currently looking for one Group Lead Volunteer (GLV), having just appointed a new GLV for Coddington and a number of individual sections have limited contingency if a volunteer is suddenly unavailable.

The district currently consists of 7 Scout Groups with a total of: 2 Squirrel Dreys operational with plans to open further dreys over the coming years, 7 Beaver Colonies, 7 Cub Packs, 6 Scout Troops, 2 ESUs

Moving forward, my team and I are focussed on supporting group and unit sustainability and retention so that young people in Newark and surrounding areas can continue to develop Skills For Life.

My main priorities continue to be adult recruitment, full budgeting to be set for the district, and supporting the individual groups and their leadership teams.

I am indebted to the very many hardworking and committed adult volunteers, young leaders and young people across our district, who together, make Newark and District Scouts the very best it can be.

**Heather Randall**

**District Lead Volunteer**