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Sale And District

Annual Report 2024

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Annual General Meeting Agenda

- Introduction
 - Introduction Ian McGeough
 - Apologies for absence Ian McGeough
- Governance Items
 - Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM Ian McGeough
 - Adopt model constitution for a District in POR chapter 5 as our Constitution. Ian McGeough
 - Note our Financial year is 1st Jan to 31st Dec. Ian McGeough
 - Agree the maximum number of Trustee Board Members Ian McGeough
 - Agree the Quorum for Scout Council Meetings. Ian McGeough
- Review the Previous Year
 - District Lead Volunteer's review of the past 12 months Andy Atherall
 - County Lead Volunteer's remarks
 - Presentation of annual report for 2024 Ian McGeough
 - Presentation of audited accounts Mike Harding
 - District Chairman's remarks Ian McGeough
- Make Appointments
 - Appoint the District Chairman Andy Atherall
 - Appoint the District Treasurer Ian McGeough
 - Appoint members of the District Trustee Board Ian McGeough
 - Appointment of the District President Ian McGeough
 - Appoint rep. to the County Scout Council Ian McGeough
 - Appoint the Accounts Examiner Mike Harding
- County Lead Volunteer – Presentations

The official part of the proceedings will be followed by: -

- A performance by the Sale Scout & Guide Band

Chairman's Report

Another year seems to fly by! This year, as always, has been a remarkable one for Sale and District, full of accomplishments that truly exemplify the spirit of Scouting. It's a privilege to reflect on our shared successes and celebrate the dedication and resilience of everyone involved in our community.

This year there must be a special mention of the Gang Show. It was an extraordinary event that not only showcased the immense talent of our young people but also underscored the power of teamwork and collaboration between the Scouting and Guiding communities. The Gang Show brought laughter, joy, and entertainment to everyone who attended, and I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who contributed—both on and off stage. Sadly, we know, this will be the last Gang Show for some time, but there is always the hope it will return in some form in the future, continuing to inspire and bring us together.

Another cause for celebration this year was the recognition of the work of so many dedicated Scouters within our district. Maybe we are catching up on some long overdue praise, but these awards serve as a reminder of the hard work, commitment, and passion that fuels everything we do. Special congratulations must go to Harry Peet and Bob Cole, who were both awarded the prestigious Silver Wolf. Their unwavering contributions to Scouting are nothing short of remarkable, and they truly embody the values we strive to uphold. While awards are not the reason we volunteer, it is always good to receive a BRAVO now and again.

As I reflect on this year, I am also reminded of the many collaborative efforts that make our district so strong. Events like Remembrance Sunday or St George's Day Parade showcase the spirit and unity of our community.

My personal thanks go to all the members of the District Trustee board that has ensured the smooth administrative running of all our groups and activities. Quietly working in the background, the trustee board has been instrumental in guiding us through challenges, providing resources, and ensuring that all groups comply with necessary regulations. My heartfelt thanks go to each member of the board, a representative of each group, for their commitment and hard work. A special mention thanks go to Andy Atherall, our District Lead Volunteer (DC!), whose dynamic enthusiasm and dedication keep us all connected. Andy's tireless efforts and inspirational leadership are a cornerstone of our success. We are incredibly fortunate to have him at the helm, guiding us with energy and vision.

Finally, I would like to convey the gratitude of the parents and guardians of the young people involved in our district. To every leader, volunteer, and supporter—thank you for the time, energy, and care you give to Scouting. Your contributions have a profound

impact on the lives of the young people you work with, helping them develop skills, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime. On behalf of all the families whose lives you've touched, thank you for all that you do.

Yours in Scouting,

Ian McGeough
District Chairman

District Lead Volunteer's Report

Seems hard to believe that I've been DC / DLV for seven years now, I can't decide if it's gone quickly or slowly, it depends on what's happening on any given day.

2024 has seen some of the biggest changes ever in Scouting. We've been transformed into a new organisation structure, with new titles, different roles and different ways of doing things. Like it or not it's here to stay, and we need to understand it and work with it so we can focus on our primary reason for being here – delivering front line Scouting and making a difference to the lives of our young people.

Compass has gone and we have a shiny new membership / learning / recruitment system, which, although it has a lot of bugs and issues, does deliver a far better learning experience than its predecessor. I'll take this opportunity to remind everyone that the new safety and safeguarding must be completed by July, regardless of when your actual expiry dates are,

In 2024 we have been able to recognise the hard work and service of our volunteers more than previous and I am delighted to report that there were 72 awards in total. Included were 21 Wood Badges, 19 length of service awards, 6 Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service, 12 Awards for Merit, 5 Bar to the Awards for Merit, 6 Silver Acorns and 2 Silver Wolf awards. These awards confirm what a dedicated and excellent team of volunteers we have throughout Sale. I would like to congratulate personally Bob Cole and Harry Peet on their Silver Wolf awards, Judith Summersgill on her 50 Years Service award and John Casson on 60 years' service. I'm also delighted to report that Bob Cole, one of our new Silver Wolf holders will be taking on the role of District President, and I am sure he will do well.

Alison Corser and Lewis Sinclair are doing great work with our Explorers, Network and Young Leaders. We are now seeing more Young Leaders not only completing their awards but coming back as leaders. Lewis has improved communication between Explorers and Network, ensuring we are now capturing Explorers as they turn 18 and bringing them into Network so they can complete both Scouting and DofE Awards. I would also like to thank Yasmin Lee for rebuilding Network from nothing into a unit that Lewis and she can take forward.

Our new first response training team, Dave Hannigan, Iraklis Lampadariou and Mark Brown are making a real difference in catching up with the training backlog as well as providing training for Explorers and Young Leaders to achieve Level 5 Emergency Aid / Young Leader Module K.

Our District parades also went well. St George's day was our best ever for attendance and stalls but still needs more helpers. Remembrance Day had a few changes but turned out to be more manageable than previous.

Our band has had a brilliant year, do read their report, and they performed an excellent set of modern music in this year's 60th Gang Show. Gang Show 2025 was full of mixed emotions. A fantastic 60th show, a first class cast and yet sadly our last show. My personal thanks to everyone who has been involved with the show over the years, and maybe in a couple years we can consider bringing the show back. It needs new volunteers on the management committee, a different business and funding model and new ideas and volunteers to build and run the show.

The year has had a few problems though, which have caused a lot of wasted time and effort in trying to rectify them.

The new membership is still not fit for purpose when managing a District, reports don't work, and processes are not fit for purpose needing time wasting workarounds. I've even had to consult data exported from Compass to work out who needed first response training. Far too much of my time has been spent reporting issues or just trying to do things that were easy to do the old system.

I do have some clear priorities for the District, aimed at maximising our provision of places and maximising the opportunities we can offer to our young people.

We need to restart district events programme which has lapsed since Covid and offer a range of section-level activities across the District – I see all sorts of trophies and shields on display in our HQs, which we are no longer running events for. We also need to restart section-level leader meetings across the District and have better liaison with our County team. The benefit of the new organisation is that I am not looking for ADCs who will do the entire range of activities, but people who can do one or two tasks each so please think about it – could you organise a section leader meeting two or three times per year? Could you organise an event or competition once a year? Or arrange for people to attend a County event? The more people who can do something, the less there is for each person to do. Dave Hannigan and I will be organising a meeting to kick this off

Adult recruitment, retention and succession planning are also a top priority. Nobody will do this for us, we must do it ourselves, with help in some cases. We are currently running a leader recruitment exercise at 17th with the aim of opening a second Scout Troop in September, so any positives or feedback will be distributed. Our waiting lists are such that we all need to look at expansion to try and provide the places our young people need.

And finally, I want to thank our District Trustees and Leadership Team. None of what we do would be possible without their support and hard work, and I am grateful to every one of them, as without them my job would be impossible

Yours in Scouting

Andy Atherall
District Lead Volunteer

Section Reports

Beaver Section



I am both embarrassed and disappointed to report that the Beavers section in Sale and District had yet another barren year of District events. I believe this is

primarily due to the lingering fallout of Covid and the subsequent sparsity of adult volunteers prepared to take on key roles.

Colonies appear to have regressed inwardly, doing their own thing, communication between Beaver Leaders of different colonies in different groups has practically ceased to occur, the upshot of this is that with the exception of the all-section St George's Day Parade and Remembrance Parade, we have simply failed to gather and in my opinion, Scouting has suffered because of this.

Volunteer burn-out is rife with established volunteers unable or unwilling to commit to extra-group events, whilst new volunteers generally lack the experience of District run events to become involved.

Every effort needs to be made, going forward to re-establish pre-Covid togetherness in order that we can once again collaborate for the benefit of all the young people in our District.

I do not exclude myself from responsibility and playing my part in the reset, however, like many others, my focus too has been first and foremost on my colonies, secondly on my Group, with the District making do with what I have left to offer, maybe with new volunteers gaining experience at colony level will enable the more experienced volunteers to focus their attention on broader concerns.

Yours in Scouting

Dave Hannigan
Programme Team

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Cub Section



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lingering fallout of Covid and the subsequent sparsity of adult volunteers prepared to take on key roles.

Packs appear to have regressed inwardly, doing their own thing, communication between Cub Leaders of different packs in different groups has practically ceased to occur, the upshot of this is that with the exception of the all-section St George's Day Parade and Remembrance Parade, we have simply failed to gather and in my opinion, Scouting has suffered because of this.

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Yours in Scouting

Dave Hannigan
Programme Team

Scout Section

SCOUTS

I am both embarrassed and disappointed to report that the Scouts section in Sale and District had yet another barren year of District events.

I believe this is primarily due to the lingering fallout of Covid and the subsequent sparsity of adult volunteers prepared to take on key roles.

Troops appear to have regressed inwardly, doing their own thing, communication between Scout Leaders of different troops in different groups has practically ceased to occur, the upshot of this is that with the exception of the all-section St George's Day Parade and Remembrance Parade, we have simply failed to gather and in my opinion, Scouting has suffered because of this. One exception has been the excellent Jamboree on the Air which Paul Maggs ran in October, transforming 14th Sale into an amateur radio station for the weekend. Scouts from 2nd Brooklands, 3rd Ashton, 7th Sale and 14th Sale (plus a few Cubs and Explorers) had a great time contacting other units in the UK and abroad. Paul will be running this again in October 2025 plus a couple of other amateur radio themed events in between.

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Yours in Scouting

Dave Hannigan
Programme Team

Explorer Scouts

EXPLORERS

MacAlpine Explorer Scout Unit

Activities

MacAlpine continues to focus on the DofE Award scheme, with much of our weekly activity programme dedicated to delivering the DofE expedition training framework and preparing for expeditions, as well as supporting individual Explorers working towards their awards. For the volunteering section of their awards, 14 MacAlpine Explorers are also members of the District Young Leader Unit.

We held a number of camps and DofE expeditions during the year. Our Winter Camp in North Wales was attended by 15 Explorers in February, three DofE Practice Expeditions took place in March and April and two Qualifying Expeditions in June and July. Our Gold Qualifying Expedition was held in the Lake District over five days in early September, followed by the John Bradbury Competitive Hike at Gradbach in the Peak District, where we entered three teams and did commendably well without taking any prizes.

Our Explorers participated in the St George's Day and Remembrance Sunday Parades in April and November, joining other Groups in the District to mark these important events.

We staged our annual Explorer of the Year Awards in October, when we welcomed the District Lead Volunteer and 14-24 Team Leader to celebrate our Explorers' achievements.

In December, our traditional Festive Fundraiser in Sale Moor was supported by 18 Explorers.

Membership

Explorer numbers saw a decrease of seven on the previous year's historic high point to a total of 33:

Table 1: Explorer Numbers on 1 January (by DofE level and year):

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD-1	GOLD-2*	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
2015	8	11	0	0	19	17	2
2016	5	9	8	0	22	18	4
2017	14	4	8	0	26	21	5
2018	9	16	3	8	36	30	6
2019	12	11	11	2	36	25	11
2020	5	12	11	2	30	19	11
2021	9	3	10	3	25	12	13
2022	13	12	0	4	29	12	17
2023	13	11	12	0	36	16	20
2024	6	13	11	10	40	17	23
2025	10	5	10	8	33	17	16

*Gold is a two-year program

Awards

This year saw the second highest number of awards in MacAlpine's history, at 22, with a grand total of 148 DofE Awards achieved since the Unit's founding in 2013:

Table 2: DofE Awards (by level and year)

YEAR	BRONZE/PLAT	SILVER	GOLD	TOTAL
2015	10	0	0	10
2016	5	5	0	10
2017	3	7	0	10
2018	12	3	3	18
2019	7 / 1 = 8	5	0	13
2020	9	9	0	18
2021	0 / 1 = 1	2	1	4
2022	17	3	3	23
2023	10	9	1	20
2024	11	9	2	22
TOTALS	85	52	10	148

Leadership Team

2024 saw the biggest change in the leadership team since MacAlpine's founding in 2013, with Explorer Scout Leader (ESL) and founder of MacAlpine, Martin Bull, relocating from Sale and therefore standing down on 11 September. He was replaced as ESL by Assistant ESL Chris Lee. Martin has continued as part of the leadership team, moving

into the role of Secretary to the Unit (covering online admin), as well as continuing to participate in some camps.

The regular leadership team running Explorer Nights each week has therefore been reduced to three since September 2024: Chris Lee, Mark Sheppard and Chris Hoyle, and during this time we have also adapted to Scout Association and DofE Award changes. This has affected our weekly activity programme, although we have had some parent support and occasionally been able to call upon former leaders, who are not able to help regularly due to relocation, and leaders of other Scout Groups. We are also grateful for their continuing support of our camps and expeditions, without which it would not be possible to stage these events.

Overall, MacAlpine has experienced a decline in the number of leaders since 2020, and although we have tried to attract replacements over a number of years, these attempts have so far been unsuccessful. Recruiting additional leaders in 2025 remains a priority so that we can continue to offer exciting and positive experiences for Explorers.

Martin Bull & Chris Lee,
Explorer Section Team Leaders,
MacAlpine ESU

Wyvern Explorer Scout Unit

Here at Wyvern like previous years we have focused our time on scout-based activities. Our goal is to give the best possible scouting experience to our members, allowing them to believe in themselves and to play an active part in the group.

Our numbers remain stable at 25 young people and I'm hoping to increase these numbers soon, which will bring us to 30+.

We have 6 Leaders including myself. A huge thanks to Gordon Moffat, Sean Warman, Rebecca Winby, Louise Cooper, John Bate's for their support over the last year.

As always, we are keen on camping and since our last report, we have been on a number of camps which are always well supported.

- 3rd Ashton family camp. Dunham
- Autumn camp. Linnet Clough
- Winter camp. Linnet Clough

Activities are an integral part of scouting, we aim to get all our members through the elements of the chief scout platinum and are pleased to say that, Ellie Sharpe, Samantha Hemingway, Ruby Walsh, and Eva Starling have received their chief scout platinum awards, well done to all four of you. Hopefully they will go on to work towards the chief scout diamond award.

As mentioned earlier activities play an important part of scouting. Explorers have been working towards the air activity badge, making a working model plane (early stages). We tried a new venue, Graystone action sports in Trafford Park which I can highly recommend. Other activities we covered were

- Zip line
- Archery
- Quad biking
- Shooting
- Climbing
- Scout staples such as mapping, fire lighting, hiking, cooking, knots.

Other activities include our Karts annual service, the Explorers have asked to put a working motor onto them, so we will be looking at this in the near future.

Our Christmas end of term was held in a pizza restaurant (I had reservations about being in this kind of environment), but I need not have worried, the Explorers behaved impeccably.

This year's gang show was well attended, we had quite a few Explorers in the show, thank you to you all and to the ones who attended the matinee performance.

Going forward into the year ahead, we will be attending this year's Goodwood camp which is a three-day event held over the Early May Bank Holiday. Our main camp of the year will be a trip to brown sea island in August. I have also arranged an evening guided tour of hidden Manchester in June (Manchester city centre).

Before I sign off, I would like to thank Paul Maggs who after supporting Wyvern for a couple of years has decided to concentrate his time to 14th Sale.

We wish him well.

Greg Hart
Explorer Section Team Leader
Wyvern ESU.

Hive Explorer Scout Unit

I'm new to the unit, coming in as leader in September and only officially taking over in the last few weeks, so my report may be less detailed than usual.

However, in the last few weeks we have given out 2 diamond awards and 11 platinum. One of our explorers has fully completed the young leaders training gaining his belt (Well done Oliver!) and we have more in the programme.

We've had a number of Explorers completing their DofE bronze and silver awards with a few now working towards gold.

We have a mixed group of 25 Explorers and 4 leaders. Myself, Stephen Makepeace-Warne, Debra Shelton and Zohra Butt.

Recently we've worked on the racquet sports badge, which was run and organised by the explorers themselves, the Chef's badge which required cooking on a campfire, along with pakoras, steak and Eton Mess.

We've also been spending time on the Aviation and Community Impact badges including a successful litter pick of the canal path in Sale, learning about the history and principles of scouting and we look forward to a visit to Trafford Town Hall in April.

Camp wise we hope to attend Good Wood Camp again in May. And hope to complete a local one-night camp in the next month (leaders availability permitting). We've also been invited to the Family Camp with 14th Sale in June.

We try to run a youth led programme but also mix in some activities decided on and organised by the leaders.

Other notable meetings were night canoeing at Grip Adventure and a Christmas trip to Kick Air in Manchester.

Jo Sharpe
Explorer Section Team Leader
Hive ESU

Young Leader Unit

The Young Leader Unit started delivering training modules again in October 2023, and this report covers the period from then, up to December 2024.

From a standing start, the Young Leader Training Team have delivered 16 training sessions and 386 individual Modules have been completed.

In the 15 months from October 2023 to December 2024 we have also presented 6 Young Leader Qualification Certificates and Belts.

Congratulations go to the following:

- 2nd Brooklands – Oliver Bedford-Guy
- 3rd Ashton – Melody Yarwood
- 7th Sale - Arthur Hoskins
- 11th Sale – Iona Macnab
- 14th Sale – Ivo Hepburn and Megan Maggs

Thanks must be given to Ros Bryan who helped at all the sessions in 2023/24, to Andy Atherall who has helped at every session so far, Paul Maggs, Lewis Sinclair and Iraklis Lampadariou, and anyone else who has stepped in to be “another grown-up” on the day.

I am confident that we now have the basis of a strong training team in the District and there are plans to expand the training further into externally accredited qualifications.

The Young Leader training scheme relies on all Adult Leaders within Groups/Sections to mentor the Explorer Scout Young Leaders and to help them achieve their Missions. The Missions are where they put what they have learnt in the Module Training into practice in Section Meetings.

Their first Mission is to run three different types of games – this then needs evaluating with one of the Section Leadership team. For Mission two, they have to deliver an activity within the Section meeting – including completing Risk Assessments, drawing up a plan for the section meeting, working out the logistics of who is doing what and then running the activity and getting feedback from the Section members and someone from the Section Leadership team.

Mission three is to get ideas from the young members, present these ideas to a Section Planning Meeting and then turn these ideas into programme activities.

Mission four is where they bring together all of their training knowledge, skills and experience gained into running a series of activities over at least three weeks – activities that have come out of the ideas gathered at mission three. One of the YL Training team will come to observe at least one of the sessions to also give feedback to the YLs.

Alison Corser
Young Leader Section Team Leader

Network

network

Joule Network is currently being re-envisaged to best organise it, from updating information on OSM to

learning the new scout system and adding new members to it, in tandem with making sure our members stay active. We will now look for a network leader to maintain the Joule network troop and allow me and Yasmine to focus on our main roles.

Regarding the shortage of leaders in the district, the Joule Network could play a role in addressing this gap, particularly with explorers reaching 18 years old. A key part of the solution lies in retaining these individuals as network members and, ideally, encouraging them to step into leadership roles. This means actively encouraging both current and future network section members to take on leadership positions, ensuring a steady stream of leaders to help alleviate the current deficit. Additionally, we should reassure new 18-year-old leaders that there will always be opportunities for them to stay involved, both during and after university, so they don't feel compelled to leave scouting entirely. This effort is especially crucial given the district's growing waiting lists for each group and section.

Aside from this, we have had one trip this year, which was the Go Ape adventure, which every member who attended enjoyed, in addition to the network members who attended the Remembrance Sunday and St George's Day parades with their respective groups/sections.

A thank-you goes out to the Explorer Leaders and Alison Corser (Young Leaders) for maintaining our Explorer and Young Leader units within the district and ensuring we have future leaders best prepared for their adult scouting journeys. I'd like to thank Andrew Jenkinson for his contribution and leadership at Hive Explorers and for maintaining the troop.

I'd also like to thank Yasmin Lee for the outstanding contribution she has provided within the context of being the Joule Network leader and her role as District Youth Lead Volunteer over the course of the last five years, and I and the rest of the district wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours within and outside of scouting, and I can't wait to see what she achieves next.

Lewis Sinclair & Yasmin Lee
Network Section Team Leaders

Youth Lead's Report

Despite all the ongoing changes within the district and UK scouting movement, I would like to thank our District Lead Volunteer, Sale and District Executive team, our volunteers and behind the scenes helpers for assisting this transition as smoothly as possible to further enhance young people's scouting journey in Sale and District.

My favourite highlight of this year is the Sale Gang Show's 60th Anniversary with an amazing cast, lots of wonderful music and skits. Most importantly, it was wonderful to see many supporters from around Sale and District, and Greater Manchester attending to celebrate our milestone anniversary, to reminisce our long history of running Sale Gang shows. It is a bittersweet moment to know that this is a temporary end of Sale Gang Show, however all the Gang Show memories will always be there and that we closed the show on a high.

On a personal note, due to personal challenges from being geographically further away from Sale, ongoing health issues and the unpredictable workload of pursuing an animation career. I have made the difficult decision to step down from my role as District Youth Lead Volunteer.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who I met on my journey of scouting in Sale and District, it all started during my volunteering as a young leader at 14th Sale for my gold DofE which I still hope to complete within this year. I am so proud to be involved in this supportive and close-knitted community during my time as a District Youth Lead Volunteer. I have learnt so much from working with others, communication, planning, organising, working with young children, and taking part in first aid training and safeguarding. These transferable skills have become skills for life that are essential to my animation career today mentoring young children in animation workshops and projects.

Special mention to Andy Atherall for his outstanding contribution he has provided not only to me, but to all the young people, leaders and volunteers in Sale and District Scouts in his role as District Lead Volunteer. Andy had always gone up and beyond to support Sale and District and have truly changed lives for many Young People and Adult Volunteers.

A huge thank you to all volunteers, parent helpers, young leaders, Network, Appointments Committee and District Executive Committee for all the support and guidance during my role as District Youth Lead Volunteer over the past five years. Thank you to everyone and I am planning to continue my volunteering as a behind the scenes helper in Sale and District.

Yasmin Lee
District Youth Lead

Sale Scout and Guide Gang Show



Farewell to Sale Gang Show

It is no secret that the decision has been made to bring the curtain down on Sale Gang Show. February 2025 marked our final performance, and this decision was not taken lightly. As mentioned last year, we faced financial difficulties, and unfortunately, the situation did not improve. Despite the unwavering commitment of our cast, volunteers, committee members, and long-standing supporters, we simply could not raise the necessary funds to continue. For many years, we relied heavily on donations, and we extend our sincere gratitude to the Scouting community for their continuous support. However, in recent years, fundraising has become increasingly challenging, making it impossible to sustain the show.

That being said, we must not let this overshadow the incredible performances we delivered in our final years. Both the 2024 and 2025 shows were outstanding, with ticket sales slowly increasing and strong support from the Sale Scouting and Guiding communities. A special thanks must go to the volunteers and commissioners from both organisations who tirelessly promoted the show, ensuring we had both enthusiastic cast members and appreciative audiences.

This year was particularly special as we celebrated our 60th show. To mark the occasion, we delved into the archives to showcase the 'best bits' of our history, honouring our founder, Peter McElhinney, and the legendary Gang Show creator, Ralph Reader. To stand out and celebrate in style, we introduced new red sparkly neckers, adding an extra touch of magic while singing Crest of a Wave, enhanced with lights and strobes for a one-time-only spectacle. Past cast members returned for a nostalgic performance of Don't Tell the Abbot, while our youngest performers charmed audiences with a delightful tribute to Roald Dahl.

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Sale Gang Show. However, the memories, friendships, and impact of our performances will remain forever. Once again, I extend my deepest thanks to everyone who has been a part of this journey. We hold onto the hope that one day, young people from Sale will once again grace the Waterside stage, keeping the spirit of Gang Show alive.

Robyn Stevenson
Gang Show Chairman

Sale District Scout and Guide Band

As in previous years 2024 started with our now annual performance in the Sale Gang Show. It's a great way to showcase the band and we are so grateful to the Gang Show for allowing us to take part.



This year's theme was an unusual one; we decided to play music which had been 'borrowed' by Christmas featuring Troika, Sleigh Ride, Stay Another Day, Winter Wonderland and Jingle Bells. All these pieces originally had nothing to do with Christmas but over the years they have become synonymous with the festival.



Immediately following the Gang Show we went to watch the Birmingham International Tattoo where we were treated to an evening of marching bands, cannon runs & dog displays.

Into March and we held our first Band Workshop of the year at 14th Sale before our drummers attended their own workshop with the Royal Marines at the end of the month.

April, and another new event, TYMBAFest Midlands where members of the band joined with other youngsters to learn new pieces of music.



St George's Day Parade in Worthington Park was a great day with the band leading the parade once again and also playing the Ukraine National Anthem for our friends from The PLAST Scout Organisation who were marching with the District



During May we were invited to play at a special Presentation Evening for the Girlguiding Greater Manchester West County at Sale Rugby Club and also at The Scout District AGM.



In the summer we visited Northampton to join forces with the Northampton Scout Band once again and march in the Northampton Carnival, a much cooler day than the previous year.



At the end of June, we played a bit closer to home at Ashton-on-Mersey's Party In The Park



Following our rendition of the Ukraine National Anthem we were honoured to be invited to The Festival of Hope event in August. After a daylong display of dancing, singing, gymnastics and a whole host of other activities the band played as the final act for the Ukraine Scouts.



Thanks to members of the Northampton Scout Band who came and joined in with us and thanks to our Ukraine friends for the invite.

As the end of the year approached, we were asked to play at quite a number of events with it being our busiest December ever.

The local running group #MileShyClub invited us to provide some festive music before their annual Santa Dash around Sale Water Park. It was wet, it was cold, but it was good fun! Off to St Martin's Church again for our annual performance at 3rd Ashton's Christmas Carol Service followed by a trip to St James to play for Sale District Guides for their Carol Service.



Mid-December and we were back at Ashton Park to launch the Carols in the Park event followed by the Lantern Parade and Nativity Trail in Altrincham Town Centre on the same day. This was our first job for the Altrincham Bid organisation and through this we have already had more jobs passed our way.



I want to wrap up this year's report by highlighting the awards that our Band Members have received in 2024. It's brilliant that everyone compliments their already busy Scouting life by being in the band as well.

Sarah Goodstadt – Silver Acorn

Sally Yarwood – Bar to the Medal of Merit

Dennis Yarwood - Bar to the Medal of Merit

William Yarwood – Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Melody Yarwood – Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Daniel Rushton - Chief Scout Platinum and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Oliver Fletcher - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

William Lightening - Chief Scout Gold

Matilda Yarwood - Chief Scout Gold

My thanks go to all the Band Members, our adult Leaders, Sarah, Sally, Emily, William & Melody.

Thanks to Andrea for looking after the pennies, the rest of the Band Committee for their support and to the parents for helping when asked.

Special thanks to Harry and the team at 3rd Ashton for hosting us every week.

We are a District Band and would love to see new members join us – if you have any musicians in your Group send them along.

Dennis Yarwood
Band Master

Awards

Congratulations to the following people on their awards in 2024.

Award	Name	Unit
Silver Wolf	Harry Peet	3rd Ashton
Silver Wolf	Bob Cole	Sale District
Silver Acorn	Paul Maggs	14th Sale
Silver Acorn	Carol Gilbert	17th Sale
Silver Acorn	Sarah Goodstadt	3rd Ashton
Silver Acorn	Bob Whiteley	7th Sale
Silver Acorn	Tony Sant	7th Sale
Silver Acorn	Andy Atherall	Sale District
Silver Acorn	Mike Harding	Sale District
Bar to the Award for Merit	Clive Winby	2nd Brooklands
Bar to the Award for Merit	Sally Yarwood	3rd Ashton
Bar to the Award for Merit	Rachel Lyttle	Sale Central
Bar to the Award for Merit	Richard Taylor	Sale District
Bar to the Award for Merit	Dennis Yarwood	Sale Scout & Guide Band
Award for Merit	Joanne Gray	17th Sale
Award for Merit	Martin Odenrode	17th Sale
Award for Merit	Carys Pugh	2nd Brooklands
Award for Merit	Alasdair Ferro	3rd Ashton
Award for Merit	Andrea Morgan	3rd Ashton
Award for Merit	Mandy Westhead	3rd Ashton
Award for Merit	Patrick Gallois	7th Sale
Award for Merit	Martin Bull	MacAlpine ESU
Award for Merit	Colin Lea	Sale Central
Award for Merit	Ros Bryan	Sale Central
Award for Merit	Ian McGeough	Sale District
Award for Merit	Sean Warman	Wyvern ESU
Chief Scout's Commendation	Phil Dodgson	2nd Brooklands
Chief Scout's Commendation	Carol Ferro	3rd Ashton
Chief Scout's Commendation	Simon Murray	3rd Ashton
Chief Scout's Commendation	Mike Counsell	MacAlpine ESU
Chief Scout's Commendation	Kerryann Banks	Sale Central
Chief Scout's Commendation	Matt Darke	Sale Central
Wood Badge	John Ludlow	11th Sale
Wood Badge	Lisa Parker	11th Sale
Wood Badge	Andrew Jenkinson	14th Sale
Wood Badge	Sharon Jenkinson	14th Sale
Wood Badge	Jason Garner	17th Sale

Award	Name	Unit
Wood Badge	Stuart Bateman	17th Sale
Wood Badge	Andy Besant-Roberts	2nd Brooklands
Wood Badge	Dawn Munday	2nd Brooklands
Wood Badge	Joe Westhead	3rd Ashton
Wood Badge	Bob Whiteley	7th Sale
Wood Badge	Carol Severn	7th Sale
Wood Badge	Megan Maggs	7th Sale
Wood Badge	Andrew Jenkinson	Hive ESU
Wood Badge	Chris Lee	MacAlpine ESU
Wood Badge	Greg Hart	Wyvern ESU
Wood Badge	Martin Bull	MacAlpine ESU
Wood Badge	Rebecca Winby	Wyvern ESU
Wood Badge	Dave Hannigan	Sale Central
Wood Badge	Emma Spragg	Sale Central
Wood Badge	James Goodwin	Sale Central
60 Years Service	John Casson	14th Sale
50 Years Service	Judith Summersgill	Sale District
40 Years Service	Bob Whiteley	7th Sale
20 Years Service	Ian Moore	17th Sale
20 Years Service	Les Sutcliffe	7th Sale
15 Years Service	Phil Dodgson	2nd Brooklands
15 Years Service	Rob Blairs	3rd Ashton
15 Years Service	Hannah Darke	Sale Central
15 Years Service	Matt Darke	Sale Central
10 Years Service	Jess Digweed	11th Sale
10 Years Service	Georgie McCarthy	17th Sale
5 Years Service	Mark Wallis	17th Sale
5 Years Service	Stuart Bateman	17th Sale
5 Years Service	David Ferro	3rd Ashton
5 Years Service	Sophie Walsh	3rd Ashton
5 Years Service	Ciara Hannigan	Sale Central
5 Years Service	Jennie Dootson	Sale Central
5 Years Service	Keri Hannigan	Sale Central
5 Years Service	Yasmin Lee	Sale District

Charity Commission Information

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Sale & District Scouts
Other names the charity is known by	Sale District Scout Council
HQ Registration Number	10001925
Registered Charity Number	1042185
Charity's Principal Address	c/o 6 Gloucester Drive, Sale, M33 5DH

Trustee Details

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Ian McGeough	Chairman	
Michael Harding	Treasurer	
Andrew Atherall	District Lead Volunteer	
Andrea Morgan		
Harry Peet		
Clive Winby		
Yasmin Lee	District Youth Lead Volunteer	
Christine Gleaves	Deputy District Lead Volunteer	
Gavin Stark		01/01/24 – 10/12/24
Paul Harris		
Lewis Sinclair		
Paul Maggs		

Structure Governance and Management

Type of governing document	The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. District Constitution is based on a model constitution defined within the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The District is a trust established under the rules which are common to all Scout units.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance information	The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of The Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Structure Governance and Management	
	<p>The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 10 Trustees (including two Ex-Officio Trustees) and meets every other month.</p> <p>Members of the Trustee Board complete Basic Training including Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Induction within six months of joining.</p> <p>This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.</p>
Risks	<p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>The District Trustee Board have identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property, and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. • Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the membership subscription fees contributes to The Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. • Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The District Trustee Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently • Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the

Structure Governance and Management	
	<p>activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a Section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Section or the District as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a Group. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the District.
Internal Controls	The District has in place systems of <i>internal controls</i> that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities	
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting 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.</p> <p>The Scout Method 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</p>

Objectives and Activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>We deliver a full programme of activities across 32 sections, a full range of activities and challenges allowing each young person the opportunity to achieve the highest award in their section.</p> <p>We also run a successful Gang Show and a band, providing musical and performance opportunities that our young people may not otherwise have access to.</p>
Public benefit statement	The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and Performance	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>Our Young Leader training has proved to be a huge success with Young Leader numbers increasing more than expected and more young leaders turning 18 becoming adults.</p> <p>We run a successful St George's Day parade and fun day, and Remembrance Day parade, keeping Scouting visible to the public.</p>

Financial Review	
Reserves Policy	<p>The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. (Excluding Membership Fees) The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs, circa £13,000.</p> <p>The District held reserves of approximately £31,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by the additional funds being held for the opening and development of new groups and sections, funds being held for providing assistance for young people in the District to attend international events and giving the opportunity to fund or make donations for specific events and activities.</p>
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	No funds in deficit

Financial Review	
Investment Policy	<p>This policy governs the investment of any cash surplus, after funds for operating costs and reserves have been allocated. The Sale and District Scouts (the District) reserves policy is to retain a sum equivalent to at least 24 months' operating costs in available monies in UK bank Instant Access accounts. This sum needs to include regular expenditure such as insurance and any other significant spends anticipated during the year. An amount of no less than £8000 must be available in the combined Current and Commercial Instant Access Accounts (Treasurers Accounts) at any one time. Consideration must be made for the payment of Insurance (March) or any other significant expenditure.</p> <p>The policy is underpinned by three principles -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximising income from the best available interest rates at time of investment, using products offered by UK banks and building societies, available to charities and protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. All products must be from banks or building societies based in the UK and governed by the Prudential Finance Authority. We choose 12-month fixed interest accounts or bonds and fixed interest notice accounts that require that the returns from matured accounts be paid into the District's current account. We will ensure several funds are held at any one time in order to reduce dependency on one provider and to allow for funds to come available throughout the financial year should we need them. 2. Meeting the standard investment criteria stipulated by the Trustee Act 2000, as required by sections 5.7.5.7 and 13.4.1.3 of the POR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦Suitability. We select schemes that offer the best interest rates without exposing the District to excessive risk. ◦Diversity. We use a minimum of 2, and a maximum of 4, providers. As well as mitigating our overall risk position, this ensures an overlap of the maturity of the investments releasing money into the District's current account. 3. Furthermore, we will endeavour, wherever possible, to use providers that help us put our investments on an ethical and sustainable footing. We will seek to invest in banks and building societies that have demonstrated that their banking practices are based on ethical and sustainable banking, or are moving towards these aims.
Further Financial Review Details	See the annual financial report at the end of this document.

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

We are planning a push on adult recruitment, especially for the Scout and Explorer sections, as we need to both stabilise existing units and open new units to cope with the increased demand for places.

Declaration

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

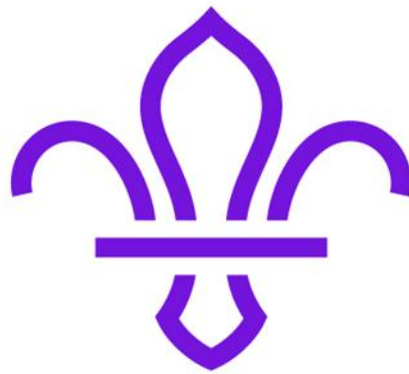
Chairman

District Lead Volunteer

Ian McGeough

Andy Atherall



Scouts

Sale And District

Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

The bank balances on the accounts held by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Current Account - Lloyds	£ 2,860.56
Commercial Instant Access - Lloyds	£ 15,064.55
Leeds and Holbeck Account	£ 132.39
Cambridge & Counties	£ 51,740.41

The accounts should be read with the following notes:

- a) The General Fund is operated by the District Treasurer and the receipts, payments and bank statements are reviewed by the District Examiner.
- b) The Beaver, Explorer and Band's figures are from information reviewed by, but not operated by, the District Treasurer.
- c) The Gang Show's figures are from information reviewed by, but not operated by, the District Examiner.
- d) The combined District income and expenditure figures, plus the combined District Balance sheet are compiled from the aforementioned figures.



Michael J Harding
District Treasurer

I have examined and confirmed the records provided, bank accounts, receipts and payments of the General Fund. The combined District figures are compiled from these figures together with other accounts reviewed by, but not operated by, the District Treasurer.



Chris Varley F.C.A.
District Examiner
Date 29 April 2025

District Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

General	£ 49,138.12	£ 41,584.96
Gang Show	£ 11,290.27	£ 9,773.27
Band	£ 1,742.93	-£ 1,553.61
Beavers	£ -	£ -
Cubs	£ -	£ -
MacAlpine ESU	£ 3,297.79	£ 3,470.20
Wyvern ESU	£ 5,242.44	£ 1,608.43
Hive ESU	£ 4,237.46	£ 4,987.60
	<u>£ 74,949.01</u>	<u>£ 59,870.85</u>

Expenditure

General	£ 46,800.86	£ 38,472.38
Gang Show	£ 12,305.16	£ 11,252.42
Band	£ 900.95	£ 904.67
Beavers	£ -	£ -
Cubs	£ -	£ -
MacAlpine ESU	£ 4,086.59	-£ 817.10
Wyvern ESU	£ 4,726.11	£ 2,150.58
Hive ESU	£ 3,453.28	£ 4,113.07
	<u>£ 72,272.95</u>	<u>£ 56,076.02</u>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>£ 2,676.06</u>	<u>£ 3,794.83</u>
Depreciation	-£ 600.00	£ -
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>£ 2,076.06</u>	<u>£ 3,794.83</u>

District Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Assets**

General	£ 69,799.91	£ 68,087.65
Gang Show	£ 6,688.10	£ 8,302.99
Band	£ 4,716.46	£ 3,874.48
Beavers	£ 1,708.57	£ 1,708.57
Cubs	£ -	£ -
MacAlpine ESU	£ 6,707.79	£ 7,496.59
Wyvern ESU	£ 8,892.57	£ 8,376.24
Hive ESU	£ 1,946.13	£ 1,161.95
	<u>£100,459.53</u>	<u>£ 99,008.47</u>

Liabilities

General	£ 34,484.19	£ 32,562.49
Gang Show	£ -	£ -
Band	£ -	£ -
Beavers	£ -	£ -
Cubs	£ -	£ -
MacAlpine ESU	£ -	£ -
Wyvern ESU	£ -	£ -
Hive ESU	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ 34,484.19</u>	<u>£ 32,562.49</u>

Accumulated General Funds	<u>£ 65,975.34</u>	<u>£ 66,445.98</u>
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Accumulated Funds brought forward 1st January 2023	£ 66,445.98	£ 64,020.68
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 2,076.06	£ 3,794.83
Transfer to Jamboree Fund	-£ 2,000.00	-£ 1,000.00
Cub Balance transferred to District	£ -	-£ 369.53
Transfer to Young Leaders Funds	-£ 546.70	£ -

Accumulated Funds carried forward 31st December 2024	<u>£ 65,975.34</u>	<u>£ 66,445.98</u>
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Development Fund	£ 30,844.80	£ 31,469.80
Scout Funds	£ 2,831.96	£ 2,831.96
Cub Funds	£ 369.53	£ 369.53
Young Leaders Funds	£ 657.69	£ 110.99
Jamboree Fund	-£ 219.79	-£ 2,219.79

Total District Funds carried forward 31st December 2024	<u>£100,459.53</u>	<u>£ 99,008.47</u>
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General Account Income and Expenditure Account

<u>Year to 31st December 2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Income		
Membership Subscription	£ 44,691.50	£ 41,038.50
Donations	£ 550.00	£ 523.91
Young Leaders Funds Income	£ 1,091.66	£ -
Roverway Refund	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Interest	£ 1,804.96	£ 22.55
	<u>£ 49,138.12</u>	<u>£ 41,584.96</u>
Expenditure		
Membership Subscription	£ 38,363.50	£ 35,014.50
Net Badge cost	£ 600.74	£ 622.00
Young Leaders Funds Expenditure	£ 544.96	£ -
Insurance	£ 618.00	£ 533.92
Donations	£ 1,652.81	£ 1,000.00
Net Event Expenditure	£ 320.51	£ -
Administration	£ 1,247.74	£ 384.07
Grants	£ 598.32	£ 1,067.89
Training	£ 2,854.28	£ 150.00
	<u>£ 46,800.86</u>	<u>£ 38,472.38</u>
 Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	 <u>£ 2,337.26</u>	 <u>£ 3,112.58</u>
 Depreciation	 £ -	 £ -
 Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	 <u>£ 2,337.26</u>	 <u>£ 3,112.58</u>

General Account Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Fixed Assets**

Trophies	£ 1.00	£ 1.00
Office Equipment	£ 1.00	£ 1.00
	£ 2.00	£ 2.00

Current Assets

Cash in hand	£ -	£ -
Current Account - Lloyds	£ 2,860.56	£ 17,953.26
Commercial Instant Access - Lloyds	£ 15,064.55	£ -
Building Society Account	£ 132.39	£ 132.39
Cambridge & Counties	£ 51,740.41	£ 50,000.00
Loans	£ -	£ -
	£ 69,797.91	£ 68,085.65

Total Assets**£ 69,799.91****£ 68,087.65****Liabilities**

Creditors/Accruals	£ -	£ -
Development Fund	£ 30,844.80	£ 31,469.80
Scout Funds	£ 2,831.96	£ 2,831.96
Cub Funds	£ 369.53	£ 369.53
Young Leaders Funds	£ 657.69	£ 110.99
Jamboree Fund	-£ 219.79	-£ 2,219.79
	£ 34,484.19	£ 32,562.49

Accumulated funds carried forward**£ 35,315.72****£ 35,525.16**

Accumulated Funds brought forward	£ 35,525.16	£ 33,412.58
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£ 2,337.26	£ 3,112.58
Transfer to Jamboree Funds	-£ 2,000.00	-£ 1,000.00
Transfer to Young Leaders Funds	-£ 546.70	£ -

Accumulated Funds carried forward**£ 35,315.72****£ 35,525.16**

Gang Show Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

Ticket Sales	£ 8,014.74	£ 6,253.53
Subscriptions	£ 1,110.00	£ 1,256.96
Fund Raising	£ -	£ 23.00
Donations	£ 500.00	£ 1,250.00
Programme Sales	£ 409.04	£ 243.78
Gift Aid	£ 516.88	£ -
Miscellaneous	£ 739.61	£ 746.00
	<u>£ 11,290.27</u>	<u>£ 9,773.27</u>

Expenditure

Room Hire	£ 4,369.80	£ 4,942.80
Brochure/Publicity	£ -	£ -
Production Costs	£ 6,954.80	£ 5,656.15
Front of House Costs	£ 793.40	£ 321.34
Insurance	£ -	£ -
Miscellaneous	£ 187.16	£ 332.13
	<u>£ 12,305.16</u>	<u>£ 11,252.42</u>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

-£ 1,014.89-£ 1,479.15

Depreciation

-£ 600.00£ -

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

-£ 1,614.89-£ 1,479.15

Gang Show Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Fixed Assets**

Curtains	£ 600.00	£ 1,200.00
	£ 600.00	£ 1,200.00

Current Assets

Bank Account	£ 6,088.10	£ 7,102.99
Debtors/Accrued Income	£ -	£ -
	£ 6,088.10	£ 7,102.99

Total Assets**£ 6,688.10****£ 8,302.99****Liabilities**

Creditors/Accruals	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -

Total Liabilities**£ -****£ -****£ 6,688.10****£ 8,302.99**

Accumulated Funds brought forward	£ 8,302.99	£ 9,782.14
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£ 1,614.89	-£ 1,479.15
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Accumulated Funds carried forward	<u>£ 6,688.10</u>	<u>£ 8,302.99</u>
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Band Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

Subs	£ 1,044.00	£ 456.00
Camps	£ 312.81	-£ 2,009.61
Donations	£ 37.25	£ -
Performances	£ 348.87	£ -
	<u>£ 1,742.93</u>	<u>-£ 1,553.61</u>

Expenditure

Neckers/Woggles	£ 108.00	£ 30.00
Music Equipment	£ 578.74	£ 483.84
Donations	£ -	£ 150.00
General Expenses	£ 214.21	£ 240.83
	<u>£ 900.95</u>	<u>£ 904.67</u>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

<u>£ 841.98</u>	<u>-£ 2,458.28</u>
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Depreciation

£ -	£ -
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

<u>£ 841.98</u>	<u>-£ 2,458.28</u>
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Band Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Fixed Assets**

Band Instruments

£ 350.00

£ 350.00

£ 350.00

£ 350.00

Current Assets

Cash/Bank Account

£ 4,366.46

£ 4,366.46

£ 3,524.48

£ 3,524.48

Total Assets

£ 4,716.46

£ 3,874.48

Liabilities

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Total Liabilities

£ -

£ -

£ 4,716.46

£ 3,874.48

Accumulated Funds brought forward

£ 3,874.48

£ 6,332.76

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£ 841.98

~~£~~ 2,458.28

Accumulated Funds carried forward

£ 4,716.46

£ 3,874.48

Beavers Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

Events

£	-
£	-

£	-
£	-

Expenditure

Events

£	-
£	-

£	-
£	-

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

£	-
£	-

£	-
£	-

Depreciation

£	-
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£	-
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£	-
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£	-
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Beavers Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Current Assets**

Cash/Bank Account

£ 1,708.57

£ 1,708.57

£ 1,708.57

£ 1,708.57

Total Assets**£ 1,708.57****£ 1,708.57****Liabilities**

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Total Liabilities**£ -****£ -****£ 1,708.57****£ 1,708.57**

Accumulated Funds brought forward

£ 1,708.57

£ 1,708.57

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£ -

£ -

Accumulated Funds carried forward

£ 1,708.57**£ 1,708.57**

Cubs Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

Bridge & Back Canoe Race

£ -

£ -

Karen Keane Comp

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -**Expenditure**

Cooking Comp

£ -

£ -

Bridge & Back Canoe Race

£ -

£ -

Karen Keane Comp

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

£ -

£ -

Depreciation

£ -

£ -

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£ -

£ -

Cubs Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Current Assets**

Cash/Bank Account

£ -

£ -

£ -

Total Assets

£ -

£ -

Liabilities

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Total Liabilities

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Accumulated Funds brought forward

£ -

£ 369.53

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£ -

£ -

Balance transferred to District

£ -

-£ 369.53

Accumulated Funds carried forward

£ -

£ -

Account closed

MacAlpine ESU Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

Joining Fees	£ 369.52	£ 240.00
Subscriptions	£ 2,647.00	£ 3,230.20
Fundraising	£ 281.27	£ -
	<u>£ 3,297.79</u>	<u>£ 3,470.20</u>

Expenditure

Administration	£ 572.86	£ 716.82
Hire fees	£ 800.00	£ -
Equipment	£ 1,236.59	£ 550.49
Activities	£ 1,051.58	£ 405.69
Camp	-£ 1,022.98	-£ 3,143.72
DofE	£ 125.00	£ 286.25
Misc.	£ 1,323.54	£ 367.37
Training	£ -	£ -
	<u>£ 4,086.59</u>	<u>-£ 817.10</u>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

-£ 788.80£ 4,287.30

Depreciation

£ -

£ -

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

-£ 788.80£ 4,287.30

MacAlpine ESU Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Current Assets**

Cash/Bank Account

£ 6,707.79

£ 7,496.59

£ 6,707.79

£ 7,496.59

Total Assets**£ 6,707.79****£ 7,496.59****Liabilities**

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Total Liabilities**£ -****£ -****£ 6,707.79****£ 7,496.59**

Accumulated Funds brought forward

£ 7,496.59

£ 3,209.29

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

~~£~~ 788.80

£ 4,287.30

Accumulated Funds carried forward

£ 6,707.79**£ 7,496.59**

Wyvern ESU Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

Subscriptions	£ 3,087.83	£ 2,927.40
Donation/Grant	£ 1,327.15	£ -
Camps	£ 827.46	£ 1,318.97
	<u>£ 5,242.44</u>	<u>£ 1,608.43</u>

Expenditure

Membership Subscription	£ 1,356.00	£ 1,580.50
Expense card	£ 3,000.00	
Misc.	£ 39.89	£ 402.63
Gift Aid/Donations	£ 410.00	
Uniform	£ -	£ 167.45
	<u>£ 4,726.11</u>	<u>£ 2,150.58</u>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

£ 516.33~~£ 542.15~~

Depreciation

£ -

£ -

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£ 516.33~~£ 542.15~~

Wyvern ESU Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Current Assets**

Cash/Bank Account

£ 8,892.57

£ 8,376.24

£ 8,892.57

£ 8,376.24

Total Assets**£ 8,892.57****£ 8,376.24****Liabilities**

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Total Liabilities**£ -****£ -****£ 8,892.57****£ 8,376.24**

Accumulated Funds brought forward

£ 8,376.24

£ 8,918.39

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£ 516.33

-£ 542.15

Accumulated Funds carried forward

£ 8,892.57**£ 8,376.24**

Hive ESU Income and Expenditure Account**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Income**

Subscriptions	£ 3,487.42	£ 1,573.42
District Grant	£ -	£ 867.89
Camp Fees	£ 750.04	£ 1,756.95
Misc	£ -	£ 789.34
	<u>£ 4,237.46</u>	<u>£ 4,987.60</u>

Expenditure

Membership Subscriptions	£ 1,356.00	£ 892.00
Administration	£ -	£ 288.92
Equipment	£ 949.18	£ 231.19
Training	£ -	£ -
Camp	£ 955.00	£ 972.97
Misc	£ 193.10	£ 1,727.99
	<u>£ 3,453.28</u>	<u>£ 4,113.07</u>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>£ 784.18</u>	<u>£ 874.53</u>
Depreciation	£ -	£ -
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>£ 784.18</u>	<u>£ 874.53</u>

Hive ESU Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**Year to 31st December 2024****2024****2023****Current Assets**

Cash/Bank Account

£ 1,946.13

£ 1,161.95

£ 1,946.13

£ 1,161.95

Total Assets**£ 1,946.13****£ 1,161.95****Liabilities**

£ -

£ -

£ -

£ -

Total Liabilities**£ -****£ -****£ 1,946.13****£ 1,161.95**

Accumulated Funds brought forward

£ 1,161.95

£ 287.42

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year

£ 784.18

£ 874.53

Accumulated Funds carried forward

£ 1,946.13**£ 1,161.95**

Minutes of the Previous AGM on 15th May 2024

1. Introduction – Ian McGeough (District Chairman)

Ian opened the meeting.

He thanked everyone for attending and welcomed our guests – Roger Kettle (GMW Treasurer) & Alison Corser (GG Deputy Division Commissioner).

Those present:

Alison Corser	Rory Wilson	Yasmin Lee
Charlotte Wright	Daniel Rushton	Georgie McCarthy
Emma Spragg	Zac Nielson	Bob Cole
Paul Maggs	Emily Yarwood	John Casson
Megan Maggs	Oliver Fletcher	Chris Lee
Sharon Jenkinson	Matilda Yarwood	Liz Fairclough
Ian McGeough	Gavin Stark	Martin Bull
Dennis Yarwood	Chris Varley	Sarah Goodstadt
William Yarwood	Andy Atherall	Melody Yarwood
Rachael Lyttle	Dave Hannigan	Harry Peet
Dave Marsden	Andy Slim	Katie Mundell
Lewis Sinclair	Andrew	Karen Salisbury
Jennie Doolan	Jenkinson	Paul Harris
Sally Yarwood	Carys Pugh	Mike Harding
Roger Kettle	John Ludlow	

1b. Apologies for Absence – Dave Marsden (District Secretary)

Andrea Morgan
Andy Farrell
Chris Gleaves
Greg Archer
Clive Winby
Simon Murray
Laura Callaghan
Pam William

1c. Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM – Ian McGeough

Approved unanimously.

2. Governance Items

- a) Adopt POR Section 5.4 as applicable to a District as our Constitution.
 - b) Note our Financial year is 1st January to 31st December.
 - c) Agree that a maximum of 12 Trustee Board Members
 - d) Agree the Quorum for Scout Council / Trustee Board meetings – 11 people
- All above agreed/approved.

3. Review the Previous Year

- a) Presentation of the Annual Report for 2023
- b) Presentation of reviewed/examined accounts
- c) Approval of Annual Report & adopted examined accounts
Alison Corser proposed, and Paul Maggs seconded.
- d) **District Chairman's remarks**
 - i) Sale District continued to thrive during 2023.
 - ii) It is great to see how the District continues to develop. There is so much potential for further growth but, inevitably, the limiting factor remains the need for more adult volunteers (recruitment).
 - iii) Well done and thank you to everyone for the hard work.
 - iv) Thanked District Trustee Board also for keeping things going.
 - v) Thanked Andy for his work as DC for the last few years (*who knows how many more?*).
 - vi) Thanks to all Leaders & supporters without which Scouting in Sale wouldn't/couldn't exist.
Following the formal meeting there is to be a presentation by Sale Scout & Guide Band and refreshments put together by Gavin Stark
- e) **District Lead Volunteer's remarks**
 - i) Well, I'm still here, work life balance has changed, and I have agreed to continue as DC for a time as yet to be confirmed.
 - ii) Young people up by 5.5%, leaders/managers up 8.7%, total membership overall in Sale is up by 6%. However, we currently have serious waiting list and without recruitment some may never be able to join.
 - iii) Thanked Dave Marsden for his continued support in the District Secretary role and other activities, he has chosen to step down to enable his travels.
 - iv) Looking forwards
 - (1) need to seriously concentrate on recruitment, encourage parents to support sections.

- (2) get behind the 60th Gang Show, encourage more cast members and improve our support in attending the shows.
- v) Thanks to everyone to make Sale Scout District a great District. Seriously proud of all our leaders, supporters to deliver Scouting week in week out.
- vi) Thanks to the Trustee Board and ADCs who keep us all in line.

4. Make Appointments

- a) Appoint District Chairman
 - i) Ian McGeough
- b) Appoint District Treasurer
 - i) Mike Harding
- c) Appoint Members of the District Trustee Board
 - i) Chris Gleaves, Paul Harris, Yasmin Lee, Paul Maggs, Andrea Morgan, Harry Peet, Lewis Sinclair, Gavin Stark, Clive Winby.
- d) Appointment of Presidents/Vice Presidents
 - i) None
- e) Appoint Representatives to the County Scout Council
 - i) Paul Maggs & Gavin Stark
- f) Appoint the Accounts Examiner – Chris Varley

5. County Representative's remarks – Roger Kettle

- Commented that he started his scouting in Sale in 1962.
- Thanked Andy for his work as DC for the past few years.
- Thanks to everyone again for keeping things going.

6. Presentations – Roger Kettle & Andy Atherall

- 5 years – Gavin Stark
- Thanks – Dave Marsden

Ian McGeough closed the meeting.

After the meeting Sale Scout & Guide Band performed (a few numbers) and refreshments were served (supplied by Gavin Stark).