ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT SCOUTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1068959

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1998-03-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL POTENTIALS, AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Scouting activities in the Ormskirk District

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Lancashire

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£179,527	£152,988	-	-
2024-03-31	£171,429	£148,281	-	-
2023-03-31	£171,673	£187,012	-	-
2022-03-31	£104,883	£73,685	-	-
2021-03-31	£53,110	£77,662	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IMOGEN GREGG-AURIAC	Chair	2024-09-01
Andrew Senior		2023-08-01
Dr Fay Alexandra Voller		2025-06-10
Edward Webb		2023-09-01
Heather Lomas		2020-09-16
Hugh Miller		2022-06-01
Stephen Swainson		2010-01-01
Thomas Robert Carver		2025-06-10

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Ormskirk And District

AGM 2025

Agenda

110th Ormskirk And District Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 10th June 2025

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Governance topics
4. Review of the previous year
5. Making appointments
6. Closing remarks



Minutes from the 109th AGM

Wednesday 12th June 2024, 7.30pm

Introduction and Welcome: Heather Lomas, Chair of Ormskirk and District Board of Trustees welcomed members of the District Scout Council, Mayor Julian Finch and Mrs Mary Finch and Chris Lomas, representing County. There were 43 people in attendance.

Apologies for absence: There were apologies from 6 persons today (Craig Dewar-Willox, Sue Goldstraw, Lorraine Murt, Corinne Gibson, Rebecca Dickson, Pete Richardson)

Governance topics:

Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on the 7th June 2023. The District Trustee Board had reviewed the minutes and put forward these minutes are taken as read - Steve Kirby seconded, a show of hands approved.

Adoption of the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR). The Chair, Heather Lomas, explained this is a new item for the agenda and is in line with Scouting HQ recommendations that the model constitution from Chapter 5 of POR, be adopted. The District Trustee Board proposed the adoption, seconded Morgan Vincent Bennett, show of hands approved.

District Financial Year: Financial year is 1st April – 31st March

Agree number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board: The outgoing Trustee Board recommended 12, this includes ex officio and co-opted members. Ian Flavell seconded, a show of hands approved.

Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM): The outgoing Trustee Board recommended the quorum should be set at 20 people. Seconded Jacob Richmond, a show of hands approved.

Review of the previous year: Heather Lomas, invited Chris Charlton (District Lead Volunteer) to present her annual review.

District Lead Volunteer Report: Chris thanked everyone for the amazing job they are doing. It's great to see young people so enthusiastic, when she is out and about. Ormskirk District have had a fantastic year of growth. County have recognised groups who have achieved this by awarding Certificates of Growth. In the latest Compliance Report, District had 100% for Safety & Safeguarding training.

Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the Annual Statement of Accounts:

The District Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and had received the report on the accounts from Alan Venn (Scrutineer). Heather invited Eddie Webb to give an explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

Eddie started by saying this was his first year as Treasurer and it had been a real 'baptism of fire'... However, he had fully enjoyed the experience. The District had seen great growth in the accounts and they had balanced well. The Explorer Scout section were congratulated on their Gift Aid donations, which amounted to over £5000 in tax relief. He urged groups to make full use of Gift Aid. District HQ had purchased a defibrillator, which had cost £1500, which meant there was a slight shortfall. However, if this had been taken out of the equation the facility is very nearly paying for itself. He thanked Linda and Steve Kirby.

Making Appointments: Following the recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

Chris Charlton recommended Heather Lomas should be appointed as District Chair, Heather accepted – a show of hands approved.

Heather Lomas recommended Eddie Webb should be appointed as District Treasurer, Eddie accepted – a show of hands approved.

The following Trustees were appointed. Heather gave an explanation re the appointments and the varying times they would serve. Under the new changes all roles are appointed for 1 – 3 years, to ensure a regular turnover of Trustees.

Hugh Miller – 1 year, Pete Richardson – 2 years, Andrew Senior – 3 years, Luke Pargeter – 1 year, Mike Pye – 1 year, Steve Swainson – 2 years

A show of hands approved.

Heather thanked the Trustees for their work over the past year and, in particular John Brindle and Chris Nevill who were standing down.

Heather proposed Alan Venn as Scrutineer. A show of hands approved.

County Representative – Chris Lomas (West Lancs Scout, Deputy Lead Volunteer)

Chris apologised on behalf of Craig Dewar-Willox who had been held up at work.

He congratulated the District on the phenomenal work they are doing. The growth in the District is fantastic. He is very proud, as not every District were achieving this growth. There has been a huge growth in the Explorer section and thanked Colin and his team. There are now 9 Squirrel Dreys and more are planned for September and beyond. Having a Squirrel Drey has vitalized Scout groups. He urged everyone to embrace the changes to Scouting, team-based volunteering means less barriers and makes it much easier for people to volunteer.

There are 3 areas to measure success

How many nights away, Youth numbers, Top awards. The future is looking really bright.

Heather invited the Mayor, Julian Finch, to say a few words. He thanked District for the invitation, and congratulated everyone for the great work being carried out in Ormskirk & District.

Heather closed the AGM, thanked Linda for taking the minutes and everyone for attending. She invited people to stay for the Taskmaster event being run by Network.

Chair of Trustees' Report

Welcome to the 110th Annual report for Ormskirk and District Scouts. What a wonderful year we have had! As you read further through our annual report you will be able to see all the fantastic life changing opportunities we have been able to provide to our young people.

We should be very proud of the work we do in the community and the impact we have. Please do take some time to read, reflect and celebrate the work we have done over the last 12 months.

I would like to take a moment to thank Chris, the District Team and the wider volunteer teams in the Groups across the District for all that they do, each and every week. We really couldn't do it without you!

Heather Lomas - District Chair



Treasurer's Statement 2024/2025

The district continues to be in good financial health having begun the year with funds of £108,478 and ended with £135,016; an increase of £26,538.

The primary reason for this increase was due to holding a balance of £25,764 for district participants in Red Rose 26, the County trip to Canada in August 2026. Funds in other accounts increased by £774.

Activities & events

In FY24/25 the district provided or supported another fun year of events across all sections. All events were run within budgets agreed by the Programme Team Lead and, where considered necessary due to risk, with the approval of the Finance Committee. Activities and events were run at an expenditure of £32,090, giving a small surplus of £184. Costs include deposits for events scheduled for the coming year, including Solstice, Gang Show, Gathering and, not forgetting, the wonderful Briars Ball.

The Gathering 2024 unfortunately did not go ahead, and the venue deposit of £385 was lost. The Gathering has been a hugely successful and cash-positive event in previous years and the financial impact for the district is notable by its absence. We very much look forward to the return of the Gathering in 2025 at Tawd Vale.

There has been an improvement in the reporting of activity costs in 24/25. The use of online booking systems, pre-credited debit cards and sum-up card machines are a helpful step in the right direction. Groups are requested, where possible, to update their banking facilities to avoid the use of cheques and provide clear narrative on bank transfers to make clear the payment purpose.

District Head Quarters

Under excellent management and operation, District HQ returned a surplus of £2,990. This figure includes all services and expenses but excludes insurances. A £1,000 refund from energy providers SSE was offset by payment of business rates to WLBC.

The district headquarters requires floor repairs due to localised dry rot. Assessment of this problem is in hand and informal quotations estimate likely costs of rectification will be between £5,000 and £10,000. It is hoped that external grants can be secured to offset this cost with the work being carried out in the coming financial year.

Membership Fees

1,424 Young People counted at census. Membership fees of £55 per member were due from groups made up of £48 per member payable by district to County plus the district levy of £7/ member which was set by vote of the District Trustees.

Total membership fees due to district this year (all groups & Explorers): £78,320.00

Capitation fees of £68,688.00 were paid to WLCSC on 17/03/25

Late membership fees from 23/24 received this year: £4,171.00

Late membership fees for 24/25 not received at year end: £14,190.00

HMRC Gift Aid

The Explorer Section claims Gift Aid on behalf of the district and this is processed via the District General CAF Account. All amounts received are transferred to the Explorers CAF account upon receipt. The district received Gift Aid of £5,976 in FY24/25.

Investment in equipment

£2,442 was invested in first aid training equipment and £191 was invested in circus equipment. At the present time the District does not have an up-to-date list of all the equipment that it owns. This should be a task for FY25/26 such that (i) new equipment can be identified, budgeted and purchased to support District activities, e.g. new PA system (ii) that insurances can be properly assessed and premiums reduced where possible (iii) that equipment can be loaned out to Groups at a nominal cost generating revenue to offset District levy and (iv) that training and maintenance can be budgeted and undertaken to ensure safe and appropriate use of equipment.

Badge & Shop Stock

Provision of uniform & badge stock for retail purchase continues to be an invaluable local resource and the shop continues to pay dividends to Scout Groups in the District with an open account. It is noted that stock level increased by £4,321 and £2,452 respectively in FY 24/25. All GLV's are kindly requested to ensure any aged debts are settled promptly.

Fund Raising for Red Rose Canada 2026 and Jamboree 2027

District events provide an opportunity to raise funds for young people to attend County & National level international events by the sale of crafts, confectionary and other entrepreneurial means.

FY24/25 has seen funds raised for:

Red Rose 26 Canada:

£917.63 including sum-up amounts fund-raised for Red Rose 26 are transferred to an Event Sub Account (37603) in CAF and managed independently by the Red Rose Core Team and with oversight & payments second authorised by the District Treasurer or other Trustee.

It is noted for the Jamboree 2027 (Poland) £1,000 was ring-fenced in 24/25 and a further £2,000 has been budgeted for in the 25/26 budget. This totals £3,000 which currently sits within the balance of the District CAF General Account. Remaining funds to support YP selected from the District to attend the Jamboree will be allocated in the 26/27 budget noting the change in funding support to County 25%, District 25%, Participant 50%.

Sum Up Machines

The District put into use two Sum Up e-sales machines in Dec 2024 and these have proven to be successful in collecting donations and undertaking cashless sales. Donations raised in FY24/25 (net of Sum Up commission of 2%) totalled £888 as follows:

Red Rose 26 £565.63
Belgium 26 £262.08 – not included in District accounts as collected on behalf of W. Lancs
Gangshow 25 £60.01
Funds from the Sum Up account were not transferred to CAF General account until 28/05/25.
The Sum-Up machines are available on loan to Groups by prior agreement.

Loans to Groups

All loans to Groups are fully repaid.

District Grants and Funds Disbursement

In 23/24 the District set aside in the budget grant funds as follows:

Section Grants – All sections were allocated £200 to support section promotional events or to offset reasonable event costs. Only £400 (Explorers & Network) was claimed.

Squirrel Start Up Grants - Groups opening up new Squirrel Sections were eligible to claim £100 (& later increased to £200) to offset costs. Claims were made by 40th Ormskirk (£100) and 1st Upholland (£200) totalling £300.

Training – £1,000 was budgeted for training purposes to cover both mandatory leader training, activity permit training or refresher training, noting it is considered that there is a general need to increase permitting within the District particularly where the persons undertaking the training would be willing to support District events and service provision. £570 of these funds were claimed in FY24/25 and a more structured approach to training should be a future target.

International Grants - £1,300 of grants supporting overseas trips for young people were paid out in 24/25. Applications for for grants should be directed to treasurer@ormskirkscouts.org.uk . Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

DLV Discretionary funds (including hardship) - £400 was paid out in FY24/25.

Financial Report

Ormskirk & District Scout Council

Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31st March 2025

Account	Opening Balance	Closing Balance	Movement
General Purpose / Activities	£ 62,457.89	£ 56,910.61	-£ 5,547.28
Activities - Equals		£ 952.40	£ 952.40
Shop - CAF	£ 14,247.85	£ 16,551.13	£ 2,303.28
Shop - Equals, Zettle & Cash	£ 104.75	£ 534.08	£ 429.33
Badges	£ 6,979.24	£ 6,769.14	-£ 210.10
Badges - Equals	£ 17.78	£ 982.89	£ 965.11
Explorers	£ 22,236.75	£ 25,162.31	£ 2,925.56
Explorers - Equals	£ 2,433.75	£ 1,390.15	-£ 1,043.60
Events (Redrose 2026) - CAF	£ -	£ 25,197.89	£ 25,197.89
Events - Sum Up	£ -	£ 565.63	£ 565.63
Total	**£ 108,478.01**	**£ 135,016.23**	**£ 26,538.22**

General Purpose / Activities	Income	Expenditure	Balance	23/24
Membership Fees	-£ 387.00	£ -	-£ 387.00	£ 7,989.50
Gift aid	£ 5,976.26	£ 5,976.26	£ -	-£ 306.00
Donations	£ 573.00	£ 1,682.15	-£ 1,109.15	
Administration & insurances	£ -	£ 5,091.58	-£ 5,091.58	-£ 2,948.05
Activities & Events	£ 32,274.26	£ 32,090.47	£ 183.79	£ 7,617.02
Discretionary Funds & Grants	£ -	£ 2,400.00	-£ 2,400.00	-£ 800.00
Training	£ -	£ 570.00	-£ 570.00	£ 18.00
Equipment for Scouting / QM	£ -	£ 2,724.36	-£ 2,724.36	-£ 779.81
Inter scout events	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 578.00
District Head Quarters	£ 9,524.29	£ 6,534.65	£ 2,989.64	-£ 3,066.46
Loans to Groups	£ 2,750.00	£ -	£ 2,750.00	-£ 2,250.00
Misc	£ 1,599.77	£ -	£ 1,599.77	£ 327.64
Interest	£ 311.61	£ -	£ 311.61	£ 135.85
Transfers & adjustments (Equals)	£ 2,060.01	£ 2,207.61	-£ 147.60	
	£ 54,682.20	£ 59,277.08	-£ 4,594.88	£ 6,515.69
Shop	£ 17,524.02	£ 14,791.41	£ 2,732.61	£ 2,864.99
Badges	£ 10,266.44	£ 9,511.43	£ 755.01	£ 2,013.15
Explorers	£ 55,858.44	£ 53,976.48	£ 1,881.96	£ 12,176.77
Events (Redrose 26)	£ 41,195.98	£ 15,432.46	£ 25,763.52	£ -
	£ 124,844.88	£ 93,711.78	£ 31,133.10	£ 17,054.91
Total Income	**£ 179,527.08**			
Total Expenditure		**£ 152,988.86**		
Balance (All accounts)			**£ 26,538.22**	£ 23,570.60
Difference			**£ -**	

Non-monetary assets	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Movement
Shop stock	£ 5,499.10	£ 5,487.43	-£ 11.67
Badge stock	£ 6,094.76	£ 6,310.00	£ 215.24
Land & buildings	£ 171,000.00	£ 176,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Fixtures & fittings	£ 3,700.00	£ 4,000.00	£ 300.00
Equipment	£ 19,400.00	£ 22,124.36	£ 2,724.36

District Lead Volunteer

I know I said it last year but - Congratulations AGAIN to all the Leaders and young people who make Ormskirk and District the best District in West Lancs. We have had another year of growth, an achievement not enjoyed in all Districts in West Lancs. This is a testament to the dedication and commitment of every single volunteer in the District. I am proud to lead such a fantastic team.

This year has had its ups and downs with some fantastic Scouting going on around the District interwoven with the challenges that the new digital system has provided us with for the past 6 months. The initial launch was delayed a few times and finally came live at the beginning of December. I think it is fair to say that, at that point, the system was not exactly fit for purpose. Many upgrades have taken place since and we are now in a situation where we have a usable, useful system. Thank you to everyone who has helped guide our Leaders and Managers to carry on doing all their normal tasks in a totally different way.

The District Management Team is continuing to develop and grow. We have seen the start of Welcome Conversations and the new Learning modules in the Volunteer Development Team, we now have a catalogue for District stores that can be booked out and has been circulated to Groups as part of the Support Team, the 14 – 25 Team continues to grow and we have a new Team Leader for Explorers, and the Programme and Events team have finished the year on a high with a new format St, George's Day celebration.

There will be Management Team reports to expand on the above, but I would like to highlight a couple of our successes. We now have over half of our groups with Squirrel Dreys, and I would like to welcome years 5 & 6 from Scarisbrick Hall School into our Scouting family at 41st Ormskirk (Halsall & Scarisbrick). The school has introduced Cubs into those year groups with a number of teachers becoming Cub Leaders. We look forward to welcoming some of them on the District Cub camp and from September the older ones in year 6 will be doing Scouts rather than Cubs.

I would like to congratulate all those who have gained awards this year including top awards for our Young People, Good Service awards for our amazing Volunteers and those who have been recognised inside and outside Scouting for their outstanding achievements. We are very lucky to have such dedicated people, not forgetting all those who facilitate the YP getting their CS Acorn, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond and King's awards.

Finally, I make no apology for repeating my closing statement from last year. Each and every one of you is a valued member of Ormskirk and District and you all have my heartfelt thanks for everything you do. Please keep up the good work that makes us such a fantastic District.

Chris Charlton - District Lead Volunteer



Programme Team

The past 12 months has seen changes with teams-based working, titles changes and new training. Although change can be challenging at times, we're supporting Young People and aiding their development with Skills for life, and I believe these changes will help us going forward.

Squirrels

I'm pleased to say Squirrels now has a District representative for the section in Corrine Gibson who after running the first District Drey has taken the decision to become part of the team and support others. Corrine is currently developing the programme, and this starts with a Fun Day on Saturday 5th July 10.00 – 14.30 followed with a spot of tea and cake for Squirrel Leaders for a meeting at the 40th Hut (Aughton) afterwards.

BEAVERS

After over 5 years supporting Beaver Colonies in the District Paula decided to call time on supporting the district to focus on working with her own Beaver Colony. I'm very grateful for the support Paula has shown and I'm sure you will all agree she has done an excellent job and wish her well. She will continue to support the District Archery team and lead Crawford Beavers, so we'll still see her around.

A big thank you to Ann Redwood, Anne Molyneux and Catherine Walton for continuing to support the District Beaver section, it's been agreed that we're looking to add additional Leader support to enhance the Beaver programme team.

Paula said "thank you to Paul Cochrane, District Team and Beavers Leaders for the support over the years and I look forward to seeing development in Beavers going forward.

cubs

Cub programme has been more focused over the last 12 months which started in January with a trip to Rossendale for skiing, and prior to that a well-supported and fun day at Crocky Trail in May along with a County Cub Camp. Talking to Paul about the last 12 months he said I'm lucky to have such great support from all members of the District Cub Team and enjoy great support from Leaders when running our events. A particular highlight of the year has been presenting over 60 Chief Scout Silver awards around the district"

The next adventure for the Cubs section is the District Cub Camp at Scarisbrick Guide Camp site located within Scarisbrick Hall School on the 6th -9th June and although I can't attend, I look forward to seeing pictures and hearing the feedback.

Scouts

Due to work commitment Jacob left the Scout section and District after many years of great service. He's missed but change brings opportunity, and I'm pleased that Jane Lea and Lorraine Murt have picked up from Jacob and are delivering an excellent programme designed to help achieve Chief Scout Golds and offer nights away and skills to our Young People.

Lorraine and Jane said "working together has been fantastic and we decided upon a quality focused programme assisting towards Chief Scout Golds. Scout Leaders have really got behind us which has resulted in increased numbers at Scouting events so thank you"

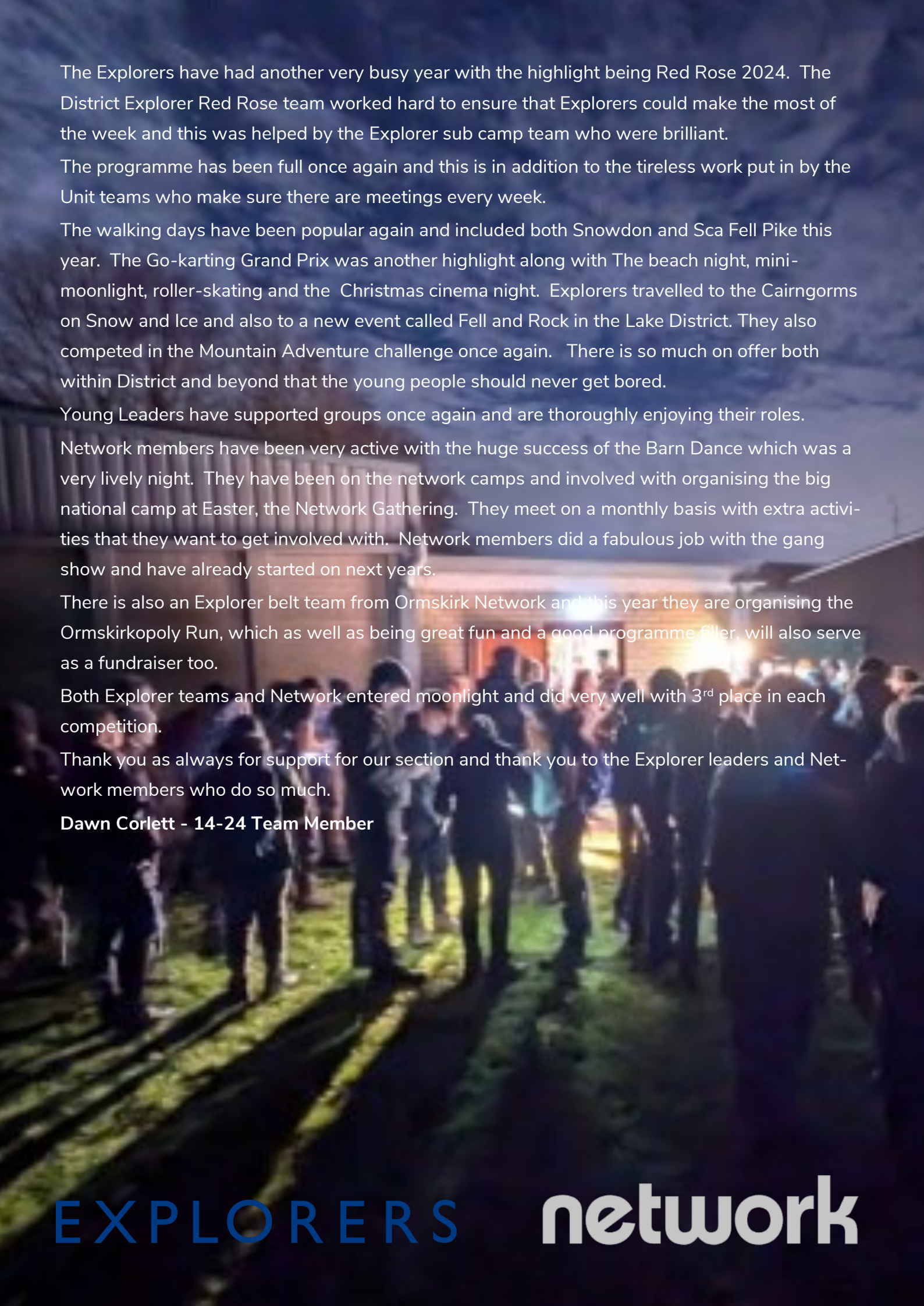
Lorraine and Jane have ambitious plans, and we have just seen excellent representation at County Rally with 171 participants from Ormskirk. Next is the revamped Solstice event with Brian Smith, Gill Howarth, Steve Moss, Charlie Frankland joining the District Scout team to deliver, let's hope the sun shines but its not too hot as its going to be a busy weekend for the Scouts.

Activities

Sessions have been taking place for Archery and Fencing for groups around the District. I have received great support from the Trustee Board in wanting to develop the range of activities we are able to offer groups. This work continues with shooting and water activity development going forward. If you have activity permits or want to develop skills and work towards a permit then please let me know as we must grow and refresh teams in especially water, climbing as well as adding new activities going forward.

Finally thank you to Chris Charlton for offering me advice and sharing her knowledge in my roles of District Programme and Development. I don't think anybody could or would have worked harder on the District with Chris dedicating many hours and sacrificing her own group to pick this District up after COVID. We couldn't have done it without you!

Paul Cochrane - District Programme Lead



The Explorers have had another very busy year with the highlight being Red Rose 2024. The District Explorer Red Rose team worked hard to ensure that Explorers could make the most of the week and this was helped by the Explorer sub camp team who were brilliant.

The programme has been full once again and this is in addition to the tireless work put in by the Unit teams who make sure there are meetings every week.

The walking days have been popular again and included both Snowdon and Sca Fell Pike this year. The Go-karting Grand Prix was another highlight along with The beach night, mini-moonlight, roller-skating and the Christmas cinema night. Explorers travelled to the Cairngorms on Snow and Ice and also to a new event called Fell and Rock in the Lake District. They also competed in the Mountain Adventure challenge once again. There is so much on offer both within District and beyond that the young people should never get bored.

Young Leaders have supported groups once again and are thoroughly enjoying their roles.

Network members have been very active with the huge success of the Barn Dance which was a very lively night. They have been on the network camps and involved with organising the big national camp at Easter, the Network Gathering. They meet on a monthly basis with extra activities that they want to get involved with. Network members did a fabulous job with the gang show and have already started on next years.

There is also an Explorer belt team from Ormskirk Network and this year they are organising the Ormskirkopoly Run, which as well as being great fun and a good programme filler, will also serve as a fundraiser too.

Both Explorer teams and Network entered moonlight and did very well with 3rd place in each competition.

Thank you as always for support for our section and thank you to the Explorer leaders and Network members who do so much.

Dawn Corlett - 14-24 Team Member

EXPLORERS network

Volunteering Development Team

Our aim is to support our volunteers on their Scouting journey ensuring it's a positive and enjoy able experience. Yes there is still a long way to go with a lot to still achieve but with the team we are getting there and making a difference. I would like to thank everyone who has embraced the new digital system and completed all the actions that are required of them. The team consists or several smaller teams, these are all listed below.

Learning. Volunteer led learning is a whole new concept, with most of our learning done through online modules, where volunteers can do training as and when they have time. First impressions are positive especially for our younger volunteers, but we are aware of some volunteers struggling, the learning team is there to help. Every single member of Scouts must log on and complete their learning. The Safety learning has been our main priority over the last few months getting everyone logged on and completed by July 2025. First Aid is a constant ongoing thing and Sandra Birchall is on hand to get everyone organised to complete it. Thanks to Sandra and to Chris for all their time and energy.

Inclusion. This new team was brought together last July and launched into the District in October to support the District in providing an inclusive, positive, proactive and understanding culture for all. Led by Luke Pargeter the team have attended leader meetings, St George Day and several groups offering advice and running evenings for them. The feedback has been very positive from everyone. We aim to continue to offer support and advice on Neurodiversity and Disabilities, Religion and Beliefs, Sexual Orientation and Identities and Mental Health for all. Thanks to all the team for your time and energy. The team will be at the Gathering so please call in to see them. Remember "Together We Are Better"

Welcome Conversations. This team was formed to help run the welcome conversations required by the new system and replaces the Adult Appointments Committee. 30 plus volunteers undertook training and then were accredited to be able to run the conversations, playing a pivotal role in ensuring our new members feel valued, informed and ready to embark on their journey in Scouting. Our welcome conversation coordinator is Jo Nevill who helps GLVs get in touch with the right welcome conversation volunteers. Thank you, Jo, for your time.

Awards. We have a lot of fantastic volunteers in the District that give a lot of time and amazing service to scouting. Individuals can now submit nominations for awards through their membership online but our awards team of Tolu Oshinowo, Chris Charlton and Fay Voller make sure nobody is left out. Over the year they have met up, written citations and submitted applications. Thank you.

Recruitment. This team will work to recruiting new volunteers, supporting and placing them in the correct role. As yet we haven't developed this team but it is something we will be **working** on in the very near future. We are looking for dynamic, enthusiastic volunteers who would be prepared to join the team and get Ormskirk District growing.

Legal & Administrative Details

Ormskirk & District Scouts

Registered Charity No.	1068959
District Registration	The Scout Association 12911
Governing Instrument	The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association by authority of a Royal Charter dated January 1912.
Aims	Our mission - Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Our values - We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Legal and Administrative information

Principal Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ
Investment	The Scout Association, Short Term Investment Service, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW
Independent Examiner	Alan Venn 71 Claughton Avenue Clayton-le-Woods, Leyland
Web Site	www.ormskirkscouts.org.uk
District HQ	Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UQ
Contact Address	Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UQ

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2025

The Legal and administrative information as set out forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice. - Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Trustees

The District is a trust established under the rules of The Scout Association, which are common to all Groups, Districts, and Counties.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association. No Trustee had a personal interest in any assets of the Ormskirk & District Scouts.

District Executive Committee

Trustees: Ex-Officio	District Commissioner Chris Charlton District Chair Heather Lomas District Explorer Scout Commissioner Colin Marshall District Youth Commissioner Erin McGee (Until January 2024) District Youth Commissioner Rhys Evans (From January 2024)
Trustees: Elected	Hugh Miller Mike Pye Steve Swainson
Trustees: Nominated	Luke Pargeter Andrew Senior Pete Richardson


Thank you

Ormskirk & District Scout Council

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Activities - Equals		£ 952.40	£ 952.40
Shop - CAF	£ 14,247.85	£ 16,551.13	£ 2,303.28
Shop - Equals, Zettle & Cash	£ 104.75	£ 534.08	£ 429.33
Badges	£ 6,979.24	£ 6,769.14	-£ 210.10
Badges - Equals	£ 17.78	£ 982.89	£ 965.11
Explorers	£ 22,236.75	£ 25,162.31	£ 2,925.56
Explorers - Equals	£ 2,433.75	£ 1,390.15	-£ 1,043.60
Events (Redrose 2026) - CAF	£ -	£ 25,197.89	£ 25,197.89
Events - Sum Up	£ -	£ 565.63	£ 565.63
Total	**£ 108,478.01**	**£ 135,016.23**	**£ 26,538.22**

General Purpose / Activities	Income	Expenditure	Balance	23/24
Membership Fees	-£ 387.00	£ -	-£ 387.00	£ 7,989.50
Gift aid	£ 5,976.26	£ 5,976.26	£ -	-£ 306.00
Donations	£ 573.00	£ 1,682.15	-£ 1,109.15	
Administration & insurances	£ -	£ 5,091.58	-£ 5,091.58	-£ 2,948.05
Activities & Events	£ 32,274.26	£ 32,090.47	£ 183.79	£ 7,617.02
Discretionary Funds & Grants	£ -	£ 2,400.00	-£ 2,400.00	-£ 800.00
Training	£ -	£ 570.00	-£ 570.00	£ 18.00
Equipment for Scouting / QM	£ -	£ 2,724.36	-£ 2,724.36	-£ 779.81
Inter scout events	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 578.00
District Head Quarters	£ 9,524.29	£ 6,534.65	£ 2,989.64	-£ 3,066.46
Loans to Groups	£ 2,750.00	£ -	£ 2,750.00	-£ 2,250.00
Misc	£ 1,599.77	£ -	£ 1,599.77	£ 327.64
Interest	£ 311.61	£ -	£ 311.61	£ 135.85
Transfers & adjustments (Equals)	£ 2,060.01	£ 2,207.61	-£ 147.60	
	£ 54,682.20	£ 59,277.08	-£ 4,594.88	£ 6,515.69
Shop	£ 17,524.02	£ 14,791.41	£ 2,732.61	£ 2,864.99
Badges	£ 10,266.44	£ 9,511.43	£ 755.01	£ 2,013.15
Explorers	£ 55,858.44	£ 53,976.48	£ 1,881.96	£ 12,176.77
Events (Redrose 26)	£ 41,195.98	£ 15,432.46	£ 25,763.52	£ -
	£ 124,844.88	£ 93,711.78	£ 31,133.10	£ 17,054.91
Total Income	**£ 179,527.08**			
Total Expenditure		**£ 152,988.86**		
Balance (All accounts)			**£ 26,538.22**	£ 23,570.60
Difference			**£ -**	

Non-monetary assets	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Movement
Shop stock	£ 5,499.10	£ 5,487.43	-£ 11.67
Badge stock	£ 6,094.76	£ 6,310.00	£ 215.24
Land & buildings	£ 171,000.00	£ 176,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Fixtures & fittings	£ 3,700.00	£ 4,000.00	£ 300.00
Equipment	£ 19,400.00	£ 22,124.36	£ 2,724.36

Treasurers Statement

2024/2025

The district continues to be in good financial health having begun the year with funds of £108,478 and ended with £135,016; an increase of £26,538.

The primary reason for this increase was due to holding a balance of £25,764 for district participants in Red Rose 26, the County trip to Canada in August 2026. Funds in other accounts increased by £774.

Activities & events

In FY24/25 the district provided or supported another fun year of events across all sections. All events were run within budgets agreed by the Programme Team Lead and, where considered necessary due to risk, with the approval of the Finance Committee. Activities and events were run at an expenditure of £32,090, giving a small surplus of £184. Costs include deposits for events scheduled for the coming year, including Solstice, Gang Show, Gathering and, not forgetting, the wonderful Briars Ball.

The Gathering 2024 unfortunately did not go ahead, and the venue deposit of £385 was lost. The Gathering has been a hugely successful and cash-positive event in previous years and the financial impact for the district is notable by its absence. We very much look forward to the return of the Gathering in 2025 at Tawd Vale.

There has been an improvement in the reporting of activity costs in 24/25. The use of online booking systems, pre-credited debit cards and sum-up card machines are a helpful step in the right direction. Groups are requested, where possible, to update their banking facilities to avoid the use of cheques and provide clear narrative on bank transfers to make clear the payment purpose.

District Head Quarters

Under excellent management and operation, District HQ returned a surplus of £2,990. This figure includes all services and expenses but excludes insurances. A £1,000 refund from energy providers SSE was offset by payment of business rates to WLBC.

The district headquarters requires floor repairs due to localised dry rot. Assessment of this problem is in hand and informal quotations estimate likely costs of rectification will be between £5,000 and £10,000. It is hoped that external grants can be secured to offset this cost with the work being carried out in the coming financial year.

Membership Fees

1,424 Young People counted at census. Membership fees of £55 per member were due from groups made up of £48 per member payable by district to County plus the district levy of £7/member which was set by vote of the District Trustees.
Total membership fees due to district this year (all groups & Explorers): £78,320.00

Capitation fees of £68,688.00 were paid to WLCSC on 17/03/25
Late membership fees from 23/24 received this year: £4,171.00
Late membership fees for 24/25 not received at year end: £14,190.00

HMRC Gift Aid

The Explorer Section claims Gift Aid on behalf of the district and this is processed via the District General CAF Account. All amounts received are transferred to the Explorers CAF account upon receipt. The district received Gift Aid of £5,976 in FY24/25.

Investment in equipment

£2,442 was invested in first aid training equipment and £191 was invested in circus equipment.

At the present time the District does not have an up-to-date list of all the equipment that it owns. This should be a task for FY25/26 such that (i) new equipment can be identified, budgeted and purchased to support District activities, e.g. new PA system (ii) that insurances can be properly assessed and premiums reduced where possible (iii) that equipment can be loaned out to Groups at a nominal cost generating revenue to offset District levy and (iv) that training and maintenance can be budgeted and undertaken to ensure safe and appropriate use of equipment.

Badge & Shop Stock

Provision of uniform & badge stock for retail purchase continues to be an invaluable local resource and the shop continues to pay dividends to Scout Groups in the District with an open account. It is noted that stock level increased by £4,321 and £2,452 respectively in FY 24/25. All GLV's are kindly requested to ensure any aged debts are settled promptly.

Fund Raising for Red Rose Canada 2026 and Jamboree 2027

District events provide an opportunity to raise funds for young people to attend County & National level international events by the sale of crafts, confectionary and other entrepreneurial means.

FY24/25 has seen funds raised for:

Red Rose 26 Canada: £917.63 including sum-up amounts

Funds raised for Red Rose 26 are transferred to an Event Sub Account (37603) in CAF and managed independently by the Red Rose Core Team and with oversight & payments second authorised by the District Treasurer or other Trustee.

It is noted for the Jamboree 2027 (Poland) £1,000 was ringed fenced in 24/25 and a further £2,000 has been budgeted for in the 25/26 budget. This totals £3,000 which currently sits

within the balance of the District CAF General Account. Remaining funds to support YP selected from the District to attend the Jamboree will be allocated in the 26/27 budget noting the change in funding support to County 25%, District 25%, Participant 50%.

Sum Up Machines

The District put into use two Sum Up e-sales machines in Dec 2024 and these have proven to be successful in collecting donations and undertaking cashless sales. Donations raised in FY24/25 (net of Sum Up commission of 2%) totalled £888 as follows:

Red Rose 26 Canada	£565.63
Belgium 26	£262.08 – not included in district accounts as collected on behalf of
West Lancs County	
Gangshow 25	£60.01

Funds from the Sum Up account were not transferred to CAF General account until 28/05/25. The Sum-Up machines are available on loan to Groups by prior agreement.

Loans to Groups

All loans to Groups are fully repaid.

District Grants and Funds Disbursement

In 23/24 the District set aside in the budget grant funds as follows:

(i) Section Grants – All sections were allocated £200 to support section promotional events or to offset reasonable event costs. Only £400 (Explorers & Network) was claimed.

(ii) Squirrel Start Up Grants - Groups opening up new Squirrel Sections were eligible to claim £100 (& later increased to £200) to offset costs. Claims were made by 40th Ormskirk (£100) and 1st Upholland (£200) totalling £300.

(iii) Training – £1,000 was budgeted for training purposes to cover both mandatory leader training, activity permit training or refresher training, noting it is considered that there is a general need to increase permitting within the District particularly where the persons undertaking the training would be willing to support District events and service provision. £570 of these funds were claimed in FY24/25 and a more structured approach to training should be a future target.

(iv) International Grants - £1,300 of grants supporting overseas trips for young people were paid out in 24/25. Applications for for grants should be directed to treasurer@ormskirkscouts.org.uk . Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

(v) DLV Discretionary funds (including hardship) - £400 was paid out in FY24/25.

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: ORMSKIRK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended: 31ST MARCH 2025 **Charity no (if any):** 1068959

Set out on pages:

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").

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.

Independent examiner's statement

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: A. Vaun **Date:** 6TH JUNE 2025

Name: ALAN VAUN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCOUNTANT (ACMA FCCA)

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ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT SCOUTS

England & Wales - Charity number 1068959

Accounts



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Ormskirk And District

AGM 2024

Agenda

109th Ormskirk And District Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 12th June 2024

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Governance topics
4. Review of the previous year
5. Making appointments
6. Closing remarks

Minutes from the 108th AGM

Wednesday 7th June 2023, 7.30pm

Presentation of the flags: thanks to the Explorers and Steve Kirby

Welcome and introduction. Heather Lomas, Chairman, welcomed everyone Special welcome to Gail Stanley, Craig Dewar-Willox and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress Julian and Mary Finch

Apologies. Apologies from invited guests; Mayor of West Lancs Cllr Maureen Nixon. Ormskirk & District Scouts leadership team; leaders at 40th, Sue Gregg, Andrew Senior, Sue Gregg,

3. Approval of the minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting. The 107th Annual General Meeting held on 8th June 2022 were proposed and seconded by Tolu Oshinowo and approved by a show of hands.

4. Governance topics . Proposed by the Chair that the District adopt model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules this was seconded by Paul Britton and approved by show of hands. Those present were requested to note the date of the financial year 1st April to 31st March. Those present were asked to agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board this was seconded by Hugh Miller and approved by show of hands. Those present were asked to agree the quorum of 15 for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM), Paula Slobin seconded the recommendation and was approved by a show of hands. Those present were asked to agree the quorum for meetings of the District Trustee Board and meetings of any sub-committees Mike Nolan seconded this proposal, and it was approved by a show of hands.

5. Review of the previous year, The District Commissioner's review of Scouting in Ormskirk and District in the Annual report is available on the District website. Thanks to Liz Wainwright for producing it. Chris Charlton DC said "you're all amazing" from Squirrels to Explorers there have been so many activities. Over 700 at the Gathering, it was a great event and this year they are hoping that it will be bigger and better than last year. More Squirrel Dreys have opened over the year, a new Explorer unit, new Network commissioner. Chris is proud to say that we have offered fantastic scouting over the year and thank you. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts. Annual statement of accounts has been approved by the District Executive. The way membership fees are reported has changed this year which is why it looks different this year to previous years and it looks worse than it is. New roof on District HQ which look like a loss this year as it was from grants we received last year. No vote is required however the District Scout Council received and considers this report.

6. Making appointments

a. Approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair. Chris would like nominate Heather Lomas as District chair. A show of hands approved

b. Election of the District Secretary. Fay is stepping down as District secretary and is now taking up a role in the programme team. The role of secretary is vacant and Heather asked if anyone is interested to please contact her.

c. Election of the District Treasurer. John Brindle is stepping down as District Treasurer. Many thanks for all of his hard work. Eddie Webb was appointed as District treasurer. John Brindle seconded this appointment and it was approved by a show of hands.

d. Elections of members to the District Trustee Board. Elected to persons to the District Trustee Board – Chris Neville, Mike Pye, Pete Richardson, Andrew Senior and approved by a show of hands.

e. DC nominations to the District Trustee board are Luke Pargetar, Hugh Millar, John Brindle

f. Alan Venn was prosposed, seconded and approved as Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor

End of the formal part of the meeting

District Chair

Welcome to the 109th Annual report for Ormskirk and District Scouts.

What a wonderful year we have had! As you read further through our annual report you will be able to see all the fantastic life changing opportunities we have been able to provide to our young people. We should be very proud of the work we do in the community and the impact we have. Please do take some time to read, reflect and celebrate the work we have done over the last 12 months. I would like to take a moment to thank Chris, the District Team and the wider volunteer teams in the Groups across the District for all that they do, each and every week. We really couldn't do it without you.

Heather Lomas - District Chair



Financial Report

Ormskirk & District Scout Council

Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31st March 2024

Opening funds CAF District Account	£	102,556.00						
	Revenue		**Expenditure**		**Balance**		**22/23**	
Capitation & membership fees	£	7,989.50	£	-	£	7,989.50	-£	2,523.93
Donations and gift aid	£	4,705.80	£	5,011.80	-£	306.00	£	1,000.00
Trading	£	-	£	-	£	-	-£	905.22
Administration	£	-	£	2,948.05	-£	2,948.05	-£	2,688.99
Activities & events	£	52,229.26	£	44,612.24	£	7,617.02	£	4,565.76
Development / Sectional Funds	£	-	£	800.00	-£	800.00	-£	480.00
Training	£	338.00	£	320.00	£	18.00	-£	1,769.00
Equipment	£	-	£	779.81	-£	779.81	£	15.00
Inter scout events / Jamboree 23	£	2,083.00	£	1,505.00	£	578.00	-£	6,710.00
DHQ	£	6,583.75	£	9,650.21	-£	3,066.46	-£	7,114.96
Loans to Groups	£	750.00	£	3,000.00	-£	2,250.00		
Misc	£	398.89	£	71.25	£	327.64	-	
Interest	£	135.85	£	-	£	135.85	-	
Badge Account (Correction)	£	-	£	437.67	-£	437.67	-	
District Scout Shop -cash sales	£	1,293.20	£	1,278.00	£	15.20		
District Scout Shop	£	13,202.00	£	10,337.01	£	2,864.99	£	271.64
District Badges	£	9,737.30	7724.15		£	2,013.15	£	4,907.36
District Explorers	£	71,982.81	£	59,806.04	£	12,176.77	-£	3,906.56
Totals:	£	171,429.36	£	148,281.23	£	23,148.13	-£	15,338.90

Total Revenue	**£**	**171,429.36**
Total Expenditure	**£**	**148,281.23**
Balance	**£**	**23,148.13**

Monetary assets	Opening balance		Closing Balance		Movement		
District CAF Account	£	102,556.00	£	62,457.89	-£	40,098.11	
Explorer CAF Account	£	9,745.36	£	22,236.75	£	12,491.39	
Explorer Equals Account			£	2,433.75	£	2,433.75	
Shop CAF Account	£	12,143.19	£	14,247.85	£	2,104.66	
Badge CAF Account	£	4,907.36	£	6,979.24	£	2,071.88	
Badge Equals Account	£	-	£	17.78	£	17.78	
Cash in hand (Shop Account)	£	-	£	104.75	£	104.75	
Unaccountable losses (Shop Account)	£	-	£	-			
District Creditors	£	45,072.00	£	-	£	45,072.00	
Creditors (Group Badge Accounts)	£	-	£	1,369.66	-£	1,369.66	
Debtors (Group Badge Accounts)	£	207.04	£	476.73	£	269.69	
Creditor (Shop Account)	£	-	£	-	£	-	
Debtors (Shop Account)	£	-	£	50.00	£	50.00	
					£	**23,148.13**	Difference £0.00

Non-monetary assets				
Shop stock	£	4,785.01	£	5,499.10
Badge stock	£	5,204.00	£	6,094.76
Land & buildings	£	171,000.00	£	171,000.00
Fixtures & fittings	£	3,700.00	£	3,700.00
Equipment	£	18,700.00	£	19,400.00

District Commissioner

We have had another year of growth, an achievement not enjoyed in all Districts in West Lancs. This is a testament to the dedication and commitment of every single volunteer in the District. I am proud to lead such a fantastic team.

This year has seen a move towards Transformation including the formation of a District Management team. This includes Paul Cochrane who is heading our Programme Team, Hugh Miller managing the Support function, Sue Goldstraw overseeing Volunteer Development and Colin Marshall looking after our 14 – 24 year olds. Along with our Youth Lead, Rhys Evans, we are passionate about looking after all our volunteers, making their time in Scouting enjoyable and rewarding. I would like to thank my new team, the members who have been involved at a District level prior to these changes and those who are continuing in their role.

We have continued to provide support where it is needed, as well as offering advice and guidance for groups on growing their numbers of young people and adults, developing the programme they are running or even advising on compliance and the new trustee boards. Thank you to all in the District who have provided valuable assistance at Group level to help bridge gaps in adult volunteers, supported the Trustee Boards as they try to understand their new responsibilities and organised a range of activities for the young people. It has been very much appreciated by both adults and children.

There will be programme section reports. However, I would like to highlight a few of our successes. Our newest section - Squirrels (4 and 5 year olds) is continuing to grow and we now have 9 Squirrel dreys with more starting in September. It has been a pleasure to see them taking part in District events and nights away, including the District Gathering in September. This event attracted over 900 of our Scouting family with ages from 4 – 94. Next was Remembrance Sunday when Ormskirk & District Scouts were represented at more than a dozen parades throughout the whole District. Finally, in this 2023-2024 Scouting Year we had a fantastic celebration of St George's Day with a parade through Ormskirk and our promise renewal in Coronation Park. This was our showcase event affirming that Scouting is alive and well and an integral part of the local community. I am looking forward to celebrating and recognising the time and dedication shown by our amazing adult volunteers at the All-Members' District BBQ in July. This will include the presentation of the annual awards normally given at the District AGM.

Finally, I make no apology for repeating my closing statement from last year. Each and every one of you is a valued member of Ormskirk and District and you all have my heartfelt thanks for everything you do. Please keep up the good work that makes us such a fantastic District.

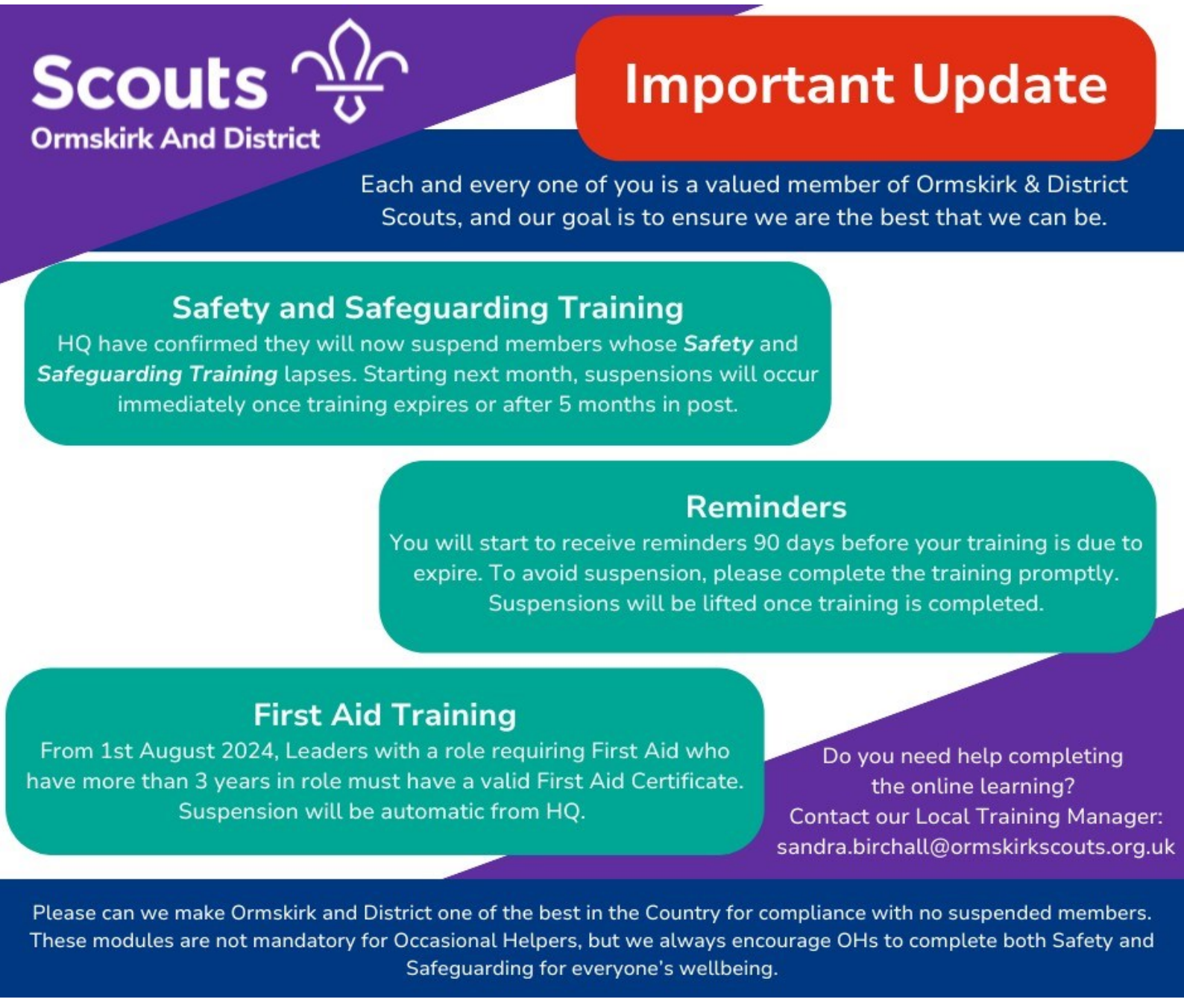
Chris Charlton - District Commissioner



Adult Training

I am delighted that Sandra Birchall has taken on the role of Local Training Manager and is gradually picking up the reins and thank you to everyone who has helped with validation and administration this year, it is really appreciated. Also thank you to everyone who has completed any training this year, and congratulations to all those who have been awarded their wood beads. I am really pleased that in this month's compliance report from HQ, Ormskirk and District are 100% compliant for Safety and Safeguarding. Please can we keep it that way. First Aid is nearly up to date, and Sandra is working very hard in making sure we have enough training provision to allow the Leaders whose training is overdue to get it done before the August deadline. If anyone would like to help with any aspect of training, please contact sandra.birchall@ormskirkscouts.org.uk

Chris Charlton





District Programme Team

I think we're developing well as a team and I look forward to adding new members to the Programme Team to complement the existing members and offer even more opportunity to the Young People in Ormskirk and District Scouts. I would finally like to thank the District Team, Section Teams and all Permit Holders for their support.

Paul Cochrane – District Programme Leader

Squirrels



What a wonderful year for our littlest Scouts! With almost 100 Squirrels now in the District!

Our Squirrels have taken part in lots of Scouting activities including St. George's Day, the District Gathering and County Squirrel Day - "Puddle and Waddle". Not to mention the excellent provision provided by their individual groups.

Well done to all our Squirrel Dreys and their dedicated Leaders for taking on this exciting new challenge and doing such and incredible job!

We can't wait to see you "go nuts" with your fantastic programme in the years to come!

We have enjoyed an exciting year and through transformation we're bringing a team of dedicated, hard working and skilled Leaders together. I feel privileged to work with the team and my focus is to support them and make sure they have everything they need to provide our Young People in Ormskirk the opportunities they need. Please find below a summary from the Team.

As usual there has been a variety of fantastic opportunities given to our young people on their colony nights. The offerings are increased by what is on offer by the district team to supplement programmes. Most recently was the district overnight camp based on an Olympics theme.

In July we will be celebrating all of those beavers who have worked so hard to gain the top award, The Chief Scout Bronze award in a joint fun day with the cub section. Over 60 young people will be invited to come together and celebrate.

I want to finish by saying thank you to all of the leaders who give up their time to make beavers so enjoyable for young people all across the district. Thanks also to the beaver team for your support as we look ahead to new and exciting challenges.

Paula Slobin - District Beaver Leader



During 2023, Cub Scouts took over Manchester Aviation Park and took part in the County Air Activities day – I think the highlight was getting to sit on Concorde and explore a number of planes and how they are used. In 2024 Cub Scouts went to the Crocky Trail in Cheshire and spent the day on the trail and many rides that are there.

We have presented 58 Chief Scout Silver Awards which is wonderful and a testament to the leaders to provide the programme to do this. The children that are receiving these should be proud of what they have done and achieved. As like last year, we will hold a recognition day in July to celebrate the fantastic work that the children have put in to gain this award.

I would like to thank Anne Gilham & Mike Selway for the support that they have given me coming out of lockdown as well as Chris Charlton who although I have lost from my District team, still supports me when her time allows. Finally thank you to everyone who has provided scouting to the children in the District. Your enthusiasm and energy is a testament to the safe, fun, exciting and adventurous activities that you provide for the Cubs, giving them #skills for life.

Paul Britton - District Cub Leader





The Scout section has had an amazing varied twelve months across Ormskirk and District.

June heralded the return of Solstice, revitalised with digital geocaches hidden across the District. With the whole District heading to Gathering in September, we then had troops riding into Oblivion at Alton Towers. Moonlight saw a huge turnout of Scouts for catchers to fail to find, and we also ran our first Training Weekend for the next generation of Patrol Leaders. May brought a huge turnout to the highlight of the year, County Rally, with axe throwing, competitions, new river activities and a whole bunch more!

Thanks to all the leaders who lead our Scouts on everyday adventures and prepare them with Skills for Life!

Jacob Richmond - District Scout Leader

Scouts

EXPLORERS



network

Explorers have continued to grow as a section with more members and young leaders enjoying the many District Events as well as their Unit programmes. With no Unit in Skelmersdale and a waiting list starting to grow, a new Unit was started in September based at West Lancs College with the name, Skem 'N' Ems, chosen by their members. This Unit was also given a startup grant and received Scouting support which included a radio interview for DC Hill.

District Explorer events included attending the County Camp, Alcatraz on Anglesey, the Gathering, Walking Days, Roller-skating (where Network were invited), Moonlight where Ormskirk Explorers competed in 19 different teams and the highlight for many, the Go-karting Grand Prix. The Water sport and activities camp at Great Tower was a good opportunity to try out new skills.

The section had over 30 members travelling with West Lancs on Internationals, it has been wonderful to see them taking these opportunities and to learn about their experiences on their return.

The big event this year is Red Rose 2024 and there has already been a lot of preparation from the large Explorer contingent.

Thank you to the Explorer leader teams in place at each Unit for all their hard work giving the members such a good year.

Network have also had a excellent year with growing attendance at their meetings and the opportunity to go to the larger camps. Many of the network members are also leaders at Groups where their input is greatly appreciated.

In addition to this support Network have organised Ormskirk Opoly and an archery tournament as linking events encouraging members to continue their Scouting journey once they reach 18.

They organised and ran the Christmas Carol service which was well received. They also organised a fund-raising barn dance which was enjoyed by all and the Gang Show where the hard work paid off.

They also had fun attending the Reconnected Camp in September and the Network Gathering at a wet Welsh campsite.

We are very lucky in Ormskirk to have such an excellent Network who are growing all the time.

Thank you to all the members of Network who have put such a lot in.

Both Explorers and Network send out a monthly newsletter which is used as a source of information about future adventures as well as seeing what has been going on.

Colin Marshall - 14-24 Team Leader

District Activity Leader

During the year we've continued to sort out permits that are available in the district and looking at how we can provide opportunity for leaders going forward. Activity wise we have introduced fencing and thank you to support from Council and through their contribution we have purchased our own set of District fencing equipment.

Activities and permits are important to assist with programme we offer to our young people so we will be continuing to develop teams for fencing, archery, shooting, and water activities and we'll continue to look to provide opportunity to hone skills for leaders. If you wish to work towards an activity permit, then please contact me and we can look to see how we get you on the correct path.

Finally thank you to all permit holders for giving up their time to run sessions.

Pat Fairclough – District Activity Leader





District Events Leader

This year has been massive for District led events, with over 750 Young People from 91% of the groups in the district at The Gathering and once you add in the leaders and parent helpers we got to over 900. Moonlight saw over 220 Scouts and many more Explorers entering the event with another record number of teams and growth in popularity. The event is a highlight of the year for our Young people. We had over 500 people at St George's Day Parade this year, and it was amazing to see everyone with happy smiling faces in Coronation Park.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all had at least one district wide section event and camp already in 2024, with many more in the calendar!! Looking forward, we have over 30% of district Scouts and Explorers at Red Rose, and 20% of the groups in the district are taking Minis as well for their mission to Mars.

We also have The Gathering at a new location with lots of activities designed to provide a taste of all the awesome that scouting can bring! We can't wait to see you all at District Events over the next year!

A massive thank you to all those people who have offered support to run our District events.

Andrew Senior – District Events Leader

Legal & Administrative Details

Ormskirk & District Scouts

Registered Charity No.	1068959
District Registration	The Scout Association 12911
Governing Instrument	The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association by authority of a Royal Charter dated January 1912.
Aims	Our mission - Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Our values - We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Legal and Administrative information

Principal Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ
Investment	The Scout Association, Short Term Investment Service, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW
Independent Examiner	Alan Venn 71 Claughton Avenue Clayton-le-Woods, Leyland
Web Site	www.ormskirkscouts.org.uk
District HQ	Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UQ
Contact Address	Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UQ

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The Legal and administrative information as set out forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice. - Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Trustees

The District is a trust established under the rules of The Scout Association, which are common to all Groups, Districts, and Counties.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association. No Trustee had a personal interest in any assets of the Ormskirk & District Scouts.

District Executive Committee

Trustees: Ex-Officio	District Commissioner Chris Charlton District Chairman Heather Lomas Deputy District Chair John Brindle District Explorer Scout Commissioner Colin Marshall District Youth Commissioner Erin McGee (Until January 2024) District Youth Commissioner Rhys Evans (From January 2024)
Trustees: Elected	John Brindle Hugh Miller Mike Pye Steve Swainson
Trustees: Nominated	Luke Pargeter Chris Nevill Andrew Senior Pete Richardson


Thank you

ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT SCOUTS

England & Wales - Charity number 1068959

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Ormskirk And District

AGM 2023

Agenda

108th Ormskirk And District Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 7th June 2023

1. Presentation of the Flags
2. Opening Reflection
3. District Chair's Welcome
4. Apologies
5. Approval of the minutes of the 2022 AGM
6. Governance topics
7. Review of 2022/2023
8. Appointments
9. Closing remarks
10. Withdrawal of Flags

Minutes from the 107th AGM

Presentation of the Flags. By Callum Cochrane & Keith Thompson- thanks to Steve Kirby for organising.

Opening Reflection. Opening reflection given by Rory Smith, Explorer Scout, "Always help your neighbours – to live a meaningful and happy life help others find happiness".

Welcome. Heather Lomas, Chairman, welcomed everyone to 107th Annual General Meeting of the Ormskirk and District Scout Council.

Apologies. Apologies from invited guests; Mayor of West Lancs Cllr Marilyn Westley, Deputy Mayor of West Lancs Cllr Kate Mitchell, Father Godric of St Anne's RC Church Ormskirk, Rev Pauline Bicknell of Ormskirk Parish Church, Rev Sue Guenault of Emmanuel Church, Karen Sutemire of Ormskirk Guides and Gail Stanley County President. Ormskirk & District Scouts leadership team; Jacob Richmond, ADC Scouts leaders at 56th, Eddie Webb of 44th , Ann Molyneux of 45th and Charlie and Lesley Cavaghan of 17th.

Approval of the minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting. The 106th Annual General Meeting were proposed by Chris Lomas and seconded by Paula Slobin.

Presentation of the 2021/2022 Annual Report and Accounts. Thanks to the volunteers who have written the reports and to Liz Wainwright for producing the booklet. Thank you from District Chair to everyone for all the Scouting done this year.

Annual report – District Commissioner Chris Charlton thanks all the leaders who have provided such a wonderful return to face to face Scouting. Both the report and accounts were received and considered by the District Council via a show of hands.

Annual accounts – Chair of Finance Sub Committee, John Brindle gave an overview of changes and streamlining implemented to improve the financial management in the District. This includes changing online accounts and developing ways of working for District events such as RAG system and pro forma. There will be a new hardship fund to allow Scouting For All and the District Executive aims to appoint a bookkeeper following the resignation of the treasurer Les Davies since the last AGM.

Nomination of District Chair: Heather Lomas has been nominated by Chris Charlton to continue to be District Executive Committee Chair. This was approved by the Scout Council via a round of applause.

Nomination of District Secretary: Fay Voller was proposed by Paul Britton and seconded by Paul Cochrane to continue as Secretary of the District Executive Committee. There were no objections to this appointment.

Nomination of District Treasurer: John Brindle was proposed by Niamh Woodruff and seconded by Steph Forrest to be District Treasurer of the District Executive Committee. There were no objections to this appointment.

District Commissioner's Nominations: Chris Charlton nominated Chris Nevill, Steve Swainson and Mike Nolan to serve on the District Executive Committee. There were no objections to these appointments.

Election of members to be on the District Executive – Luke Pargeter, Mike Pye and Hugh Miller were nominated by Dawn Corlett and seconded by Heather Cochrane to serve on the District Executive Committee. There were no objections to these appointments.

For reporting in minutes only, Ex Officio members on the District Committee due to their role in Scouts are Chris Charlton, District Commissioner, Niamh Woodruff, District Youth Commissioner, Colin Marshall District Explorer Scout Commissioner and Jenson Heptinstall District Scout Network Commissioner.

Approval of Scrutineers: Hirsch & co have been appointed to be scrutineers for 2022/23. The Scout Council approved via a show of hands and there were no objections.

District Commissioner's Address – Chris Charlton. Wonderful to see lots of people all together at this AGM. Chris wanted to celebrate those receiving awards instead of making a speech.

Wood beads – Paula Slobin, ADC Beavers

Service awards –

5 years – Dawn Corlett

20 years – Mike Nolan

40 years – Margaret Iddon, Ann Simms

50 years – Mike Pye

Good Service Awards

Chief Scout Commendation – David Nolan

Award for Merit and 15 year service award – Steve Swainson

Award for Merit and 15 year service award – Mike Henty

Bar to the Award for Merit – Linda Nixon

Silver Acorn – Ian Flavell

Bar to Silver Acorn – Steve Kirby & Linda Kirby

Mr Fred Trophy for Beaver Leader of the Year presented by Paula Slobin to 1st Ormskirk Beaver leaders for working well together with a great programme and having Beavers getting top awards and youth led.

McGuire Shield for Cub Leader of the year presented by Paul Britton to Craig Kirby who is full of ideas and has great scouting programme, very outdoors based which the Cubs love.

Fillingham Trophy for Scout Leader of the year presented by Paul Cochrane on Jacob Richmond's behalf to Jane Lea for keeping Scouts going throughout the pandemic and really encouraging her Scouts to take part.

Explorer Leader of the year was awarded by Colin Marshall to Leigh Phillips. Leigh passed away in April therefore Steph Phillips and Mike Phillips accepted in his memory. Leigh was invaluable at Equinox ESU and was always willing to help and lead Explorers when kayaking and cycling.

Young Leader of the year presented by Colin Marshall to Isaac Walton for all his help at 30th. He also wrote a murder mystery activity which was made free to other Scout groups and has been completed by over 300 people around the world.

Explorer of the year presented to Rory Smith, dependable and always there when needed and helping new members of the unit.

John Pye Trophy being presented by Liz Roberts for SASU member of the year jointly to Helen and John Broady they are always willing to assist and always in the background helping out, providing lifts and more.

Youth Shaped Award presented by Niamh Woodruff to 42nd Ormskirk, a group that have had their young people involved throughout the programme, throughout the year.

Gary Beeley Award for contribution by a lay member presented by Chris Charlton to John Brindle for joining Scouting just 3 years ago and is now the District Treasurer. He has been instrumental in improving the financial management of the district.

Bob Powell Trophy for contribution to Scouting across a broad front presented to Paula Slobin for being involved in so much for the District.

A new award Billy Duncan Award for Inclusion – Billy was a key member of 37th Ormskirk and provided advice on inclusion at a district level - awarded to Bubble Factor Explorer Leaders and Explorer Scouts for ensuring that every member could take part.

County Commissioner Craig Dewar-Willox introduced special guests Colonel Mike Glover and David Thornton. Colonel Mike Glover introduced the Scouts Silver Challenge Cup to be presented and talked about the importance of Scouting especially during the pandemic. The Cup dates from 1909 initially as a military cup. In 2009 it was donated to Scout Museum at Waddecar and now is awarded to a member each year in either West Lancs, East Lancs or Greater Manchester North Counties to worthy recipients either meritorious conduct or for Scouting skills of great standing. The Cup this year is presented to Emma Aggrey an Explorer Scout who has been a wonderful ambassador for Scouts particularly during the pandemic, is involved with media work at a national level and the National Thank You Day. Emma has also been recognised by Downing Street.

At the end of the meeting, County Commissioner, Craig said how enjoyable it was to return to face to face AGMs to congratulate the volunteers for their work over the past two years. Thank you to all the volunteers who always give more than an hour a week. We do it because we care and we know that Scouting is needed to bring young people back together after the pandemic.

Chris Charlton presented the final award – the Silver Wolf, the top Award in Scouting – to Hilda Powell, who has been in the District for many years and had many roles, GSL, Cub leader, training leader, District Secretary and more.

Congratulations to 1st Class for winning the quiz

Withdrawal of flags at 8:55pm

Chair's Report

Welcome to the 108th Annual report for Ormskirk and District Scouts. As the reports from Chris and each of the sections have been arriving in the inbox, it has been lovely to read about all the wonderful experiences young people and adults in Scouting have had over the last 12 months.

We should be very proud of the work we do in the community and the impact we have on young people. Please do take some time to read and reflect on the fantastic year we have had.

As we look ahead we have lots of exciting changes across the whole organisation in the next 12 months. The trustees are looking forward to playing their part in ensuring a warmer welcome for volunteers, and supporting the district to adapt and make the most of the new opportunities.

Thank you for all that you do, each and every week.

Heather Lomas - District Chair



Financial Report

Ormskirk and District Scout Council

Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2023

Opening funds			£	99,330.78				
		Receipts		Payments		Balance		Year 21/22
Net Membership fees	£	(2,523.93)			£	(2,523.93)	£	7,840.00
Donations and gift aid	£	5,225.15	£	4,225.15	£	1,000.00	£	15,621.00
Trading	£	12,219.32	£	13,124.54	£	(905.22)	£	-
Administration	£	38.34	£	2,727.33	£	(2,688.99)	£	(1,537.95)
Activities and events	£	59,038.31	£	54,472.55	£	4,565.76	£	(148.00)
Development			£	480.00	£	(480.00)	£	-
Training	£	1,646.00	£	3,415.00	£	(1,769.00)		
Equipment	£	15.00			£	15.00	£	-
Inter Scout events	£	3,815.00	£	10,525.00	£	(6,710.00)	£	-
Premises	£	27,691.06	£	34,806.02	£	(7,114.96)	£	(2,301.00)
HQ redevelopment					£	-	£	-
Investments					£	-	£	-
Loans					£	-	£	-
Miscellaneous					£	-	£	449.00
Group funds					£	-	£	525.00
District Scout Shop	£	18,272.00	£	18,000.36	£	271.64	£	5,676.00
District Badges	£	8,611.25	£	3,703.89	£	4,907.36	£	1,900.00
District Explorers	£	37,626.02	£	41,532.58	£	(3,906.56)	£	3,173.00
Totals	£	171,673.52	£	187,012.42	£	(15,338.90)	£	31,197.05
Total Income	£	171,673.52						
Total expenditure			£	187,012.42				
Balance					£	(15,338.90)		

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2023

Monetary assets		Opening balance		Closing balance		Change
CAF District General purposes	£	70,141.08	£	102,555.93	£	32,414.85
CAF Explorer Account	£	13,391.00	£	9,745.36	£	(3,645.64)
CAF Scout Shop	£	14,794.70	£	12,143.19	£	(2,651.51)
Badges			£	4,907.36	£	4,907.36
Cash in Hand	£	1,004.00	£	-	£	(1,004.00)
Debts due to district						
Loans by district	£	300.00	£	-	£	(300.00)
Due from groups (badges)	£	293.00	£	207.04	£	(85.96)
Current liabilities	£	-				
District creditors	£	(48.00)	£	(45,072.00)	£	(45,024.00)
Scout shop creditors	£	(50.00)			£	50.00
Total Monetary Assets	£	99,825.78	£	84,486.88	£	(15,338.90)
Non monetary assets						
Badge Stock	£	5,184.00	£	5,204.00		
Scouts shops stock			£	4,785.01		
Land and Buildings	£	170,957.00	£	170,957.00		
Fixtures and fittings	£	3,706.00	£	3,706.00		
Equipment	£	18,687.00	£	18,687.00		

District Commissioner's Report

Thank you to all the leaders and young people who make Ormskirk & District the best District in West Lancs. We had the biggest growth in the County last year, which is a testament to the dedication and commitment of every single volunteer in the District. Congratulations and well done Team Ormskirk & District.

With the support of the County Development Officers, we have been able to offer assistance to more groups this year, once again bringing in new young people and adults. We will continue to try and provide help where it is most needed as well as offering advice and guidance for groups to find their own ways. Thank you to those members of the District Support Team who have provided leadership at group level to help bridge gaps in adult volunteers. It has been very much appreciated.

You will be able to read the section reports separately, but as we have no Assistant Distract Commissioner Squirrels yet, here is a brief update on our newest section. We now have 6 Squirrel Dreys with another couple in the pipeline. They have great fun and it is a pleasure to visit the dreys and see the enthusiasm and range of activities on offer. Since they were allowed to camp from the beginning of February there have been 3 Squirrel sleepovers. Well done to all the leaders.

The highlights of the year for me have been the coming together of the District, starting with the Gathering in September. This involved nearly 800 young people and adults, demonstrating that Scouting is alive and well and an integral part of the community. It was followed by Remembrance Sunday when Scouting was represented at more than a dozen parades throughout the whole District. Finally, in this 2022-2023 Scouting Year we had a fantastic celebration of St Georges Day with a parade through Ormskirk and promise renewal in Coronation Park.

I am looking forward to celebrating with and recognising the achievements of our amazing adult volunteers at the AGM.

Finally, I make no apology for repeating my closing statement from last year. Each and every one of you is a valued member of Ormskirk & District and you all have my heartfelt thanks for everything you do. Keep up the good work.

Chris Charlton - District Commissioner


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Squirrels

It has been a fantastic 12 months for the Squirrel Section. The 2 original groups - 42nd Skelmersdale and Crawford, both have full dreys and waiting lists. The drey numbers in the District are growing. Leaders are planning and delivering exciting programmes for 4 and 5 year olds in many groups. These include the 9th, 40th, 45th and 46th with new ones opening in the coming year, among those the 37th.

It has been a very exciting and fun-filled 12 months as these youngsters, their adult team and their parents, enjoy Scouting activities that are age appropriate.

During the last 12 months Scouting has provided our squirrels with lots of new activities. They have visited Waddecar for the wonderful Puddle and Waddle event; experiencing low ropes, water fights and bubbles by the millions! In addition they went looking for hundreds of plastic ducks which certainly laid the foundations for when they become Explorers.

They attended Waddecar at Christmas during the Winter Wonderland event. The range of craft activities provided was superb with the added bonus of a relaxing chat with Santa (the Squirrels did wonder why he was in the back of a box trailer).

In September, they joined the District at the Gathering. In addition to the exciting activities, many of the Squirrels were in awe at seeing so many tents in one place. Some of the Squirrels had never even seen one tent before!

Many dreys are having a positive impact on their local community too - they receive wonderful reactions when out and about in the community. Some have forged links with their local care home - visiting to share HM Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee celebration and again, at Christmas to share singing Christmas carols. The joy on the residents' faces is a special memory.

In January, HQ gave permission for Squirrels to have nights away. This too, has proved to be a success. The excitement of having a sleepover is contagious. Once again, leaders are able to provide new, exciting experiences including campfires, making S'mores and hiking which gives the young people a foundation on which to build their Scouting skills. To look at a campfire burning and listen to the clear, happy voices of Squirrels singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star while some are gazing at the clear, dark sky was a special moment.

The popularity of Squirrels is a clear indicator of the need for this provision across the District. All Squirrel teams are looking forward to begin networking and, hopefully share joint events as we look forward to the coming year.


BEAVERS

It's been a busy year for the Beaver section and I'm happy to see lots of colonies getting out and about and enjoying themselves. We have seen huge growth in numbers for the last 12 months with an additional 66 Beavers being counted on the recent census, so well done to everyone doing their bit and continuing to provide exciting programs that keep Beavers interested.

The usual array of activities have been provided by both the District and County, including the annual pantomime at Burscough Methodist starring our own district Leader Ann Molyneux from the 45th. We could have sold over half our allocation again (if we had the space) so this event was once again really well attended. We had a visit to the Fun Factor again this year and it's nice to see some different colonies joining in with us. This year will be our second outdoor camp at Tawd Vale and we're hoping to build on the numbers we got last year and get some new colonies coming along too. Last year we had over 100 people on our first outdoor camp and we are looking forward to this year's event. We are hoping that this will give leaders the confidence to take their Beavers on an outdoor adventure themselves.

There have been sleepovers going on all over the District and this is great to see, it's even better to see those leaders who got their permits this time last year doing camps and indoor sleepovers with their own colonies. To see them grow in confidence is brilliant, so well done to those leaders. On the subject of camps and nights away, at last September's annual District Gathering we had 144 Beavers attending and of those, 40 stayed the 2 days and 30 stayed for 1 night. I would love to see us increase those numbers this year and can't wait to get camping again.

We have had colonies attend County events like Puddle and Waddle, which this year is also going to be an overnight stay, so I hope lots of colonies will enjoy that. We have a great variety of activities that are put on for us by the County Team to supplement what we do in our own colonies so I want to encourage Groups to make use of pre planned and organised events.

It's been another good year for the Chief Scout Bronze awards and I have been out and about in the District visiting groups and talking to their Beavers about what they have done to achieve our top section award. I have enjoyed a variety of chats about different topics and I have even had a mini concert on the keyboard from a Beaver at the 9th who played the theme tune to Harry Potter among other things.

Here's to another great year of Scouting in the Beaver section, more fun and games and hopefully more Beavers getting the top award.

From the District Team and myself, including our newest member Ann (from the 1st who was recruited this year) thanks for all you do. Thank you for supporting events we put on and keeping things ticking over in your own colonies.

Paula Slobin - Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts

Cubs have had a busy 12 months, starting with County Cub camp at Waddecar in June. A new feature was a hike (up to the top of Beacon Fell) on the Sunday. We combined our camping area and activities with Chorley, lots of fun was had by all who attended and we nearly created another district – Chormskirk!.

Later in the year, following a good attendance at the Gathering, Cubs went to the Crocky Trail in Cheshire and spent the day on the trail and many rides that are there. They even managed to get me to go down one of the slides -the biggest of course! A couple of months later, we went to Chester Zoo.

Earlier this year, we had over 100 Cubs on the ski slopes at Ski Rossendale and spent time having taster sessions on skis and tubing. We also took part in the County Adventure Day at Bibby's Farm, Chorley.

In February and March, a few packs took part in the Jambowlree competition in Hollywood Bowl, Wigan and over the space of a couple of weeks, over 200 Cubs went bowling to see where their pack would be placed in the world ranking published later this year.

We have also presented over 60 Chief Scout Silver Awards which is wonderful and a testament to the leaders to provide the programme to do this. The children that are receiving these should be proud of what they have done as they have stuck to Scouting through lockdown and come out the other side with a sense of achievement. There will be a recognition day in July to celebrate the fantastic work that the children have put in to gain this award.

I would like to thank Anne Gilham & Mike Selway for the support that have given me coming out of lockdown as well as Chris Charlton who although I have lost from my District Team, still supports me when her time allows.

I say it every year and there is no exception this year. Thank you to everyone who has provided Scouting to the children in the District. Your enthusiasm and energy is a testament to the safe, fun, exciting and adventurous activities that you provide for the Cubs, giving them #skillsforlife.

Paul Britton - Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts


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Scouts

Another great twelve months of amazing #skillsforlife has seen some fantastic opportunities for the young people of Ormskirk & District: from nights away experiences, adventurous activities, exciting challenges as well as huge numbers achieving their Chief Scout Gold Awards.

As part of our District offering, we welcomed the return of Operation Overlander, with many thanks going to Charlie Frankland for organising a great weekend. I look forward to continuing our expedition events each year, with the return of Solstice this month! This will give Scouts the opportunity to combine their skills from their whole time in Scouting. They will be leading and taking part in a two-day expedition. Scouts are challenged to become more self-sufficient whilst taking part in activities such as geocaching and backwoods cooking.

Red Rose 2022 brought a third of our Scout troops together as a contingent, with 58 Scouts taking part in an action-packed week of exploration, adventure, water and fun activities and evening entertainment in the 'Wild West' of the Lake District. A huge thank you to all the leaders who took an active role to enable our Scouts to have a memorable week, and I look forward to seeing even more troops taking their Scouts on Red Rose 2024.

A massive thank you goes to Andrew Senior and his team for organising The Gathering 2022, with 199 Scouts taking part in the fantastic weekend: more than any other section! I cannot wait to see even more in 2023 having a taste of the awesome weekend, including new activities! It was great to see an increase in Scout teams at Moonlight 2023.

We took 21% more Scouts to County Rally for a huge range of activities from high ropes to water sports, from chess to tomahawk throwing! This huge increase demonstrates the commitment of our leaders in adventures and opportunities for Scouts, and it was great to see troops who were joining for the first time in some years. I'd like to thank Lorraine Murt and Jane Lea, Ruth Johnston and Linda Nixon for stepping up to the plate to organise the weekend in my absence.

With the help of Erin, our Youth Commissioner, and her Meet Up and Speak Up sessions, I'll be running more youth-shaped events to complement the troops' programmes. I look forward to hearing from more and more Chief Scout Gold awardees on their Scouting journey, as well as supporting troops develop and grow, taking on new activities, challenges and nights away experiences over the next twelve months.

Jacob Richmond - Assistant District Commissioner Scouts



EXPLORERS

Thank you to everyone involved in the Explorer section for making the last 12 months so enjoyable and rewarding. The units have all delivered good programmes every week and the work put in to this is very well worthwhile. Unit leadership teams have strengthened and a new Unit was started in October at Tarleton called Salamander ESU.

The District programme of events included the monthly walking days which regularly see two minibuses of Explorers heading into the hills. The beach night in July was very well attended with 2 volleyball courts needed for so many.

The Ormskirk Red Rose team made it possible for a large contingent of Ormskirk Explorers to attend this week long camp in August. They have already started planning for Red Rose 2024. September saw even more Explorers at Mersey Moot and then two weeks later at the Gathering where the Explorers got to join in with the weekend before heading off to Liverpool Docks for the Aqua park. On the weekend in between there were unit teams at the Mountain Adventure Challenge in the Lake District.

In November a new District Explorer fun night was introduced which was roller skating. This went down very well and with 70 members attending. I was made to dance Cotton Eye Joe in roller skates – it was not easy! December saw the Mini Moonlight competition which was preparation for Moonlight in January where all units had at least one team entering. Young Leader training was held which was very popular and will be held more regularly in the future. These young people are a great asset to groups as well as the young people learning new skills whilst there. March saw the return of the Go Karting competition at Burscough where everyone got to be a racing driver for the night. The competition was won by Equinox and it was fitting that they were the first unit to receive the Leigh Phillips trophy which was presented in his memory after he very sadly passed away last year.

The London Monopoly Run camp with Fylde and South Ribble went ahead in April for the first time since 2019. Teams had the chance to see London before competing in teams to find the locations and score the valuable points. The District Explorer Camp on the first May bank holiday weekend to Kielder (Hawkhirst Scout Camp) in its second year was just as successful as the first with expert instruction on sailing and canoeing as well as fun on paddle boards before finishing with climbing and abseiling.

Forums were held and views from Explorers given with some attending the County forums. There have been Platinum Awards, Diamond Awards and Young Leader Belts presented within the District and it was good to see members, now in Network, receiving their Queens Scout Awards at Windsor.

It has been a busy year and we will continue to build on the success of the last 12 months. Thank you to the Groups for your support for District Explorers and individually to Units, we hope these links remain and grow stronger.

Colin Marshall - District Explorer Scout Commissioner



Network. A group of shenaniganisers, tomfools, and - most importantly - crazed clowns. The often forgotten section of 18 - 25 year olds is THRIVING in District! We are having the best time in the world taking the District by storm! Since our first meeting in November 2022 we have grown and grown and grown with numbers increasing each passing month! Our exciting and fun-filled programme has seen us camping, paddleboarding, escape-rooming, and - surprisingly to most it seems - has seen few pub visits with no meeting being held at the pub since our rebirth!!

We would like to welcome our latest member in the form of our Lead Volunteer, Jacob O'Connor!! We can't wait to push you in the lake, cover you in edible glitter, and all manner of pranks imaginable!!

We are greatly looking forward to the summer with Ormskirk-opoly, camping, bbqing, beaching, and much, much more on the horizon!! We would love you to join us on our next Network adventure.

District Youth Commissioner's Report

I'm Erin District Youth Commissioner for Ormskirk District Scouts. I've only been in this role since January so really been finding my feet and attending District Team and Exec meetings. I'm also very fortunate to have a Deputy Youth Commissioner Rhys Evans who is currently away on teaching placement but will return in September.

As a member of Network, Rhys and I have been working on supporting Network with recruitment as we have only recently appointed a Network Commissioner. We officially meet every month and started with 4 members in our first meeting and now have 22 so we're growing. The last meeting, we had 12 members paddle boarding.

Linking is vital so now we have Network moving forward we're now focusing on more linking sessions with Explorers to Network. This in turn then means we build linking to assist with Scouts moving to Explorers so I'll be working at up-and-coming events like Monopoly run and in September the Gathering as the older sections will be there. This top-down approach will continue through the younger sections and we will be working with the District Team this year on plans.

In March the County ran a "meet up and speak up" event which I was involved with, and the aim was to get feedback from the Scouts, Explorers and Network sections. Ormskirk & District filled our places which was a brilliant turn out, so thank you to those who turned up. At County Rally I took the opportunity to speak to the Scouts and got some good feedback of what they'd like to see more of on a District level which gives an opportunity for me to feedback to the District Team.

Many of you will have seen me at St. George's Day as I was given the role to assist with co-ordinating young people during the event and also renewal of the promise and law. I feel very privileged to be given this responsibility and look forward to new and exciting times ahead.

Erin McGee - District Youth Commissioner

Scout Active Support Unit (Crew)

It has been another active year for Crew with some great opportunities to support activities across the District. The majority of members also hold other appointments within the District but through volunteering with Crew, they can provide an active support to specific activities. Below are some key areas where members have been involved with other the last 12 months.

Red Rose 2022: Many of our members were up as staff on Red Rose 2022 providing adventurous activities for those attending this great international camp. We're excited to see Red Rose 2024 being advertised and we already have people signing up to support this event and we'd encourage all groups in the District to take part.

District Gathering: Crew were on hand to support the Gathering Team with activities. It was great to see the District camp return following Covid and wonderful to see so many young people at Tawd Vale enjoying the event.

Operation Moonlight: Our largest event of the year saw over 700 participants take part in Operation Moonlight. With around 120 teams entered it was the largest one to date and all had a great time taking part.

Monthly Walks: Our members organise monthly walks for the Explorer Scout which, with significant support from the Explorer admin, ensure that most months we have 20+ Explorers, accompanied by adults out on the hills. These monthly walks are a great opportunity for the Explorers to get out regularly walking and improving their navigation. It also enables many of our adult volunteers to build up their logbooks and experience to help them gain permits in the future. We regularly share the pictures from these events on the District Facebook group and it is clear how much fun and adventure the young people (and adults) get out of these.

Richard Charnock - Scout Active Support Manager

Scout Active Support Unit

We have been very active this year, a few of us went up to Red Rose to see what an international camp looks like, we were impressed and think we would like to attend in a larger group next time.

In August we had afternoon tea in O'Briens.

In September we attended the Gathering on a very sunny Saturday.

October was busy we helped at the Orienteering competition and also supported Bibby's Farm with Halloween and we had a games night of our own and enjoyed the annual Scouting ball.

November we reminisced with an evening of song 'Old time music hall'

December is Carols in the Park (church) and Santa visits some groups, unfortunately this year due to bad weather and ill health we cancelled our Xmas party.

January was Burns Night, a Silent Auction and then we catered at the Moonlight.

In March we had a St. Patrick's evening, went to a show in Southport.

April we celebrated the Coronation with a supper and a royal quiz.

We have, throughout the year, supported the Shop (Carol and Ian). Bronze and Silver awards, St. George's Day and Remembrance Sunday Parades, open night at 61st.

We are always looking for new members, we enjoy life, volunteering and having a good laugh, we have members in their 30s and some will be 90 soon, so never too late to join.

Helen Broady - Scout Active Support Manager



Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)

Young people have had some great fun and gained valuable experience doing Scouting activities this year. Once again huge thanks go to John Lechmere for his continued support with kayaking and canoeing in the District. Along with helpers, he has organised British Canoe Union training so Scouts can achieve qualifications, firstly in the pool at Nye Bevan and then on open water trips in the Lake District and Lancaster.

Explorer walking days have been very well supported and are frequently oversubscribed. Many thanks go to Dawn Corlett, Richard Charnock and the numerous leaders who make these days such a success.

A new shooting team is growing, beginning at the Gathering last year. Paul Massam, who is kindly leading on shooting, has been joined by several more leaders who have gaining the NSRA qualification.

Last month five leaders completed their qualification to run taster sessions in fencing. Funding is being sought for our own equipment, meanwhile this can be hired so fencing sessions could be starting very soon.

Unfortunately, we have lost the use of Rock and River for climbing and are currently looking for a suitable alternative. However, several groups have used the Climbing Hangar Liverpool for bouldering and we have a new climbing permit holder, Sally Coventry, who gained her permit recently.

There is a review ongoing of how we provide leaders with permit opportunities and a new activity booking system via the website is on the way. Enormous thanks go to every permit holder and supporter who has helped Scouts try out exciting activities over the past year.

We look forward to growing our District activities and future progress.

Pat Fairclough - Assistant District Commissioner Activities



Badge Secretary's Report

This past year has seen a fabulous bounce back on badges since the lockdown era.
Lots of Activity Badges and Challenge Awards given out and more importantly, lots of the top awards – The Chief Scout Awards given to members.

Section numbers are as follows:

Section	Activity Badges	Challenge Awards	Chief Scout Awards	Staged Badges – all Sections
Squirrels	168	110	10	
Beavers	1503	482	56	
Cubs	1449	869	65	
Scouts	453	538	33	
Explorers	14		15 Platinum	
All Sections				2475

Well done to everyone for helping all Sections to achieve their badges whilst having fun and enjoying the adventure.

Anne Gilham - District Badge Secretary

Adult Training

Another 12 months and I still have not been able to spend as much time as I would like on encouraging leaders to complete their training.

Adult training is an important part of the Scout Association safeguarding and safety policy. The wellbeing of the young people is paramount, and all training helps our young people and adults enjoy their Scouting safely. Thank you to everyone who has completed any training this year. Our compliance figures are good, but as with everything we can still do a little better.

Thank you to all my Training Advisors for helping leaders to complete training, with a special thank you to Linda Nixon and Liz Roberts for running a series of validation sessions to accommodate those leaders who need that extra bit of encouragement. Also, thanks to my Training Administrator, Mike Selway, who has put all the completed modules on Compass, an essential part of the process.

First Aid is very nearly up to date, and we only have a few leaders whose training is overdue. District, County and National are working very hard to facilitate offering enough courses to now keep everyone First Aid refreshed every 3 years.

If anyone would like to help with any aspect of training please let me know.

Chris Charlton



Legal & Administrative Details

Ormskirk & District Scouts

Registered Charity No.	1068959
District Registration	The Scout Association 12911
Governing Instrument	The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association by authority of a Royal Charter dated January 1912.
Aims	Our mission - Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Our values - We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Legal and Administrative information

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Investment	The Scout Association, Short Term Investment Service, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW
Independent Examiner	Alan Venn 71 Claughton Avenue Clayton-le-Woods, Leyland
Web Site	www.ormskirkscouts.org.uk
District HQ	Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UQ
Contact Address	4 St. Michael's Park, Aughton, L39 6TF

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District Executive Committee

Trustees: Ex-Officio	District Commissioner Chris Charlton District Chairman Heather Lomas Deputy District Chair John Brindle District Secretary Fay Voller District Explorer Scout Commissioner Colin Marshall District Network Commissioner Jenson Heptinstall District Youth Commissioner Niamh Woodruff (Until January 2023) District Youth Commissioner Erin McGee (From January 2023)
Trustees: Elected	Luke Pargeter Hugh Miller Mike Pye
Trustees: Nominated	Steve Swainson Chris Nevill Michael Nolan


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Hugh Miller

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Michael Nolan

Chris Nevill

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The District’s policy is to have an adequate strategic financial reserve in order to continue the activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short and provide the ability to underwrite loans allocated to Groups. At the end of this financial year the total funds amounted to £99,084 of which £27,939 was in designated funds, with monetary assets of £70,141 available for general purposes.

Investment Policy

Management accounts are regularly monitored by the District Executive, Finance Committee. Excess funds (where appropriate) are invested with The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service.

Financial Review

The end of year accounts for Ormskirk and District Scouts have been assessed by the Independent Assessor Hirsh Sharma of Hirsh and Co Accountants.
Over the last year the District has recommenced its face-to-face activities and events and the usage of the headquarters is continuing to increase, which is shown in the accounts and is great news for the charity. Over the last twelve months the District has received Coronavirus grants and a Co-op grant. These, along with income from Membership fees, rental income from the Headquarter and sales in the District shop and badges all provide the District with the funds to operate. Thank you to all of the volunteers who help to generate income in the shop, badges and Headquarters. The finances raised here support the excellent work Chris and her team undertake. The District finances have supported District events, activities and training. The Finance Committee have also been able to support young people with grants for international trips.
In November 2021 Les Davies stood down from the role of Treasurer. I wanted to take a moment on behalf of the whole District to thank Les for his wonderful work and dedicated support especially navigating the charity through the last few years. Since November 2021, the role of the treasurer has been caretaken by the Chair of the Finance Committee and the District Chair whilst a re-evaluation process was undertaken. The outcomes from this review have seen some changes to the charity’s policies and procedures, with a focus on supporting the District team in the post pandemic world. It is hoped that these changes will enable the District team to feel confident in organising events and activities for our young people, balanced against the need for transparency and appropriate financial governance.
Following a recommendation from the Independent Assessor and expected growth within the District events and activities, the charity will move to using accounting software for future years to support this transparency and future financial control. They will also seek to recruit a bookkeeper, to support the Treasurer in their role.
If anyone would like further financial details, or has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Chair or Chair of Finance. Ormskirk and District Scouts have had a financially sound 2021/22 year and we are looking forward to supporting the many and wonderful activities and events that this next year will hold.

Achievements and activities in the year

Following the impact of COVID to provide a typical Scout programme and the impact on membership numbers 2021-22 was a better year. The 2022 census figures demonstrate that the District is bouncing back and we are seeing growth especially within the Beaver section which was hardest hit throughout the pandemic. This is thanks to the dedication and sheer hard work shown by our leaders during these tough times and will go from strength to strength and return to pre pandemic figures very soon.
As soon as the new Squirrel section was announced, two groups offered this provision for 4-5 year olds. 42nd Ormskirk led the way with taster sessions in the run up to Christmas and a full opening in February, closely followed by Crawford Village. All the Leaders and new Squirrels are having great fun and it is a pleasure to visit the drays and see the enthusiasm and range of activities on offer. There are now a few other groups looking to join this new adventure.
A highlight of the year was the coming together of the District, culminating on St George's Day with our first parade for 3 years.
Beaver Scout colonies taking part in a variety of activities such as the Fun Factor District trip and the County Spring Olympics. There is also the upcoming District Beaver camp and the County Puddle and Waddle event that will surely be well attended.
Cub Scouts at the end of 2021, held a couple of activity days in St. Helens. One was laser quest in the morning and the afternoon at St Helens world of glass. The way the children were running around 'zapping' each other in the darkness was brilliant and then to see a live glass blowing demonstration was something else. To kick start 2022, there was a new event – a twist on the skills challenge day that we used to hold. A themed trading post activity in the run up to Easter that elements of all the challenge badge were covered.
For the Scout section the last twelve months have seen an amazing resurgence in Scouts gaining Skills for Life: returning from the great indoors to the great outdoors, challenging themselves with adventurous activities and completing their Chief Scout Gold Awards.
It was fantastic to have 115 Scouts from ten troops attending County Rally in May, with Scouts taking part in a huge range of activities from High Ropes to Water sports, from Chess to Tomahawk Throwing! We're all excited to see how the programme continues to evolve after the Silent Disco became an instant hit.
For the Explorer Scouts Monthly Walking Days have been well received with some members climbing their first ever mountain whilst the more experienced helped and encouraged newer Explorers. The first District competition of the year was mini moonlight which attracted over 50 Explorers and was a good fun night along with it being excellent training. All Explorers welcomed the return of Moonlight in January and it was so good to see that Ormskirk Explorers were well prepared and secured the first five places in the competition. The highlight of the year has definitely been the first District camp for a long time and this was held at Hawkhirst Scout Camp. The Explorers went sailing, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, bell boating, abseiling, climbing and also had two evening camp fires by the water with pizzas, smores and singing.

The District Scout Community Hub is being used again for both Scouting activities and use by the wider public. Improvements continue to be made so the building is fit for purpose.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

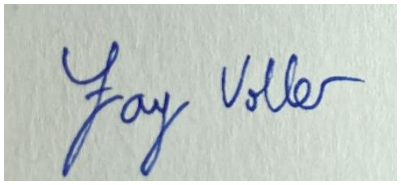
Independent Examiner.

Hirsch Sharma of Hirsch & Co Accountants was the independent examiner and has examined the accounts for 2021/22.

By order of the trustees,



Heather Lomas
Chairman



Fay Voller
Secretary

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ormskirk and District Scouts Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ormskirk and District Scouts Counci for the year ended 31/3/22

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Ormskirk and District Scouts Council 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 Ormskirk and District Scouts Council accounts carried ou under section 145 of the 2011 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 the Ormskirk and District Scouts Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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. I have made recommendations to the treasurer on how to make sure all cash collected is kept secure and have been assured that this is being done. Also have made recommendations on a better accounting system XERO. This is widely used by millions of organizations as one of the better ones.

Hirsch Sharma

Signed: H. Sharma

Name: Hirsch Sharma BA DMS CGMA AICPA

Hirsch & Co Accountants

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: CGMA

AICPA

Address: 44 Moor St, Ormskirk, Lancs, L39 2AQ

Date: 1/6/22

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Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2022

Opening funds £71,438

	Receipts	Payments	Balance	Year 20/21
Net Membership fees	£ 7,840.00		£ 7,840.00	£ 7,800.00
Donations and gift aid	£ 15,971.00	£ 350.00	£ 15,621.00	£ 21,499.00
Trading			£ -	£ 50.00
Administration	£ 148.55	£ 1,686.50	£ (1,537.95)	£ (2,757.00)
Activities and events	£ 14,597.00	£ 14,745.00	£ (148.00)	£ (165.00)
Fund raising			£ -	
Development			£ -	£ (1,065.00)
Training				£ (110.00)
Equipment			£ -	£ (437.00)
Inter Scout events			£ -	£ (21,572.00)
Premises	£ 3,515.00	£ 5,816.00	£ (2,301.00)	£ (6,387.00)
HQ redevelopment			£ -	£ (3,497.00)
Investments			£ -	£ (236.00)
Loans			£ -	£ (12,650.00)
Miscellaneous	£ 1,335.00	£ 886.00	£ 449.00	
Group funds	£ 525.00		£ 525.00	£ 38.20
District Scout Shop	£ 15,574.00	£ 9,898.00	£ 5,676.00	£ (1,199.00)
District Badges	£ 22,767.00	£ 20,867.00	£ 1,900.00	£ 147.00
District Explorers	£ 22,610.00	£ 19,437.00	£ 3,173.00	£ (3,962.00)
Totals	£ 104,882.55	£ 73,685.50	£ 31,197.05	£ (24,502.80)

Total Income	£ 104,882.55	
Total expenditure		£ 73,685.50
Balance		£ 31,197.05

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2022

Monetary assets	Opening balance	Closing balance	
CAF District General purposes	£ 47,793.00	£ 70,141.00	£ 22,348.00
CAF Explorer Account	£ 10,218.00	£ 13,391.00	£ 3,173.00
CAF Scout Shop	£ 9,057.00	£ 14,548.00	£ 5,491.00

Coop Badge	£ 4,349.00	£ -	£ (4,349.00)	Account now closed, money transferred to CAF General Purposes
Cash in Hand	£ 20.00	£ 1,004.00	£ 984.00	
Debts due to district				
Loans by district	£ 300.00			
Debts due to scout shop				
Due from groups (badges)	£ 293.00			
Non monetary assets				
Badge Stock	£ 3356.59	£ 5,184.00		
Scouts shops stock				
Land and Buildings	£ 170,957.00	£ 170,957.00		
Fixtures and fittings	£ 3,706.00	£ 3,706.00		
Equipment	£ 18,687.00	£ 18,687.00		
Current liabilities	£ -			
District creditors	£ 47.75	£ 48.00		
Badge creditors	£ -			
Scout shop creditors	£ 50.00	£ 50.00		

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 24 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Treasurer



Chairman

Heather Lomas

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Lauren Nixon (until 16/9/2020)

Dave Redwood (until 16/9/2020)

Helen Pope (until 16/9/2020)
John Brindle (from 16/9/2020)
Colin Marshall (from 16/9/2020)

	Luke Pargeter (from 16/9/2020)

Trustees: *Nominated*

Parent	John Brindle (until 16/9/2020)

Trustees: *Co-opted*

Chairman of Appointment Committee	Mike Pye (until 16/9/20) Chris Nevil (16/9/20)
Chairman of Finance Committee	None in position during this period
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Financial Review

Financially 2020-21 was an uncertain year for Ormskirk & District Scouts. The COVID-19 restrictions impacted on finances as well as Scout activity, with most of the income streams reducing or disappearing altogether, but many outgoings continuing.

The headline figures show a reduction in funds of £24,552.50. However, we were holding a significant amount of money for events that were cancelled and had to make refunds to members of the District. We recovered about £10,000 that had already been committed to events and then paid out about £35,000 in refunds, so the reduction in funds matches the net refunds that we made.

Government funded grants paid by West Lancashire Borough Council have been a very valuable source of income to the District throughout 2020-21.

During the year we paid off the loan from the Scout Association that had taken out to pay for development of the main building of the District headquarters, which will reduce future outgoings. We have also completed the demolition of redundant buildings and building a new stores building with almost all of the funds for that coming from grants.

At the start of the year, we were expecting to have to provide financial support to groups in the District to help them with the financial implications of Covid-19 through grants or loans. Most groups, however, had strong finances and did not need support. In the end, this only required a financial commitment of £1,125.

Due to the strength of the District's finances, we were able to reduce the District Levy for 2021 from £12 per youth member to £7 and hope to be able to hold it this level for a number of years.

Overall, the District's funds were in a similar position to last year.

Achievements and activities in the year

COVID had a significant impact on the ability to provide the typical broad programme of Scouting activities to achieve the Districts aim to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible Citizens and as

members of their local, national and international communities. There were however many successs through March 2020-2021.

The individual sections provided a range of events over the year. Highlights included:

- Three well attended virtual District Cub camps with participants taking part in activities at home and showing their successes via zoom followed by a night camping in living rooms or gardens.
- Many Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Scout meetings took place via zoom
- Some sections were able to meet outdoors when Scout Association rules allowed
- Adult members helped at COVID vaccination centres

A COVID risk assessment group was initiated to review COVID risk assessments from groups and Explorer Scout Units to allow groups to meet outdoors as per Scout Association guidelines. There was also a sub-committee set up to assess the impact of COVID on groups and their financial positions.

The District Scout Community Hub was used less throughout the year for both Scouting activities and use by the wider public. There has however been continued work conducted and improvements made so the building is fit for purpose once COVID restrictions have been lifted.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

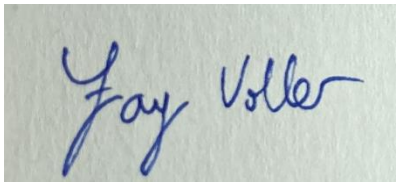
Independent Examiner.

Hirsch Sharma of Hirsch & Co Accountants was the independent examiner and has examined the accounts for 2020/21.

By order of the trustees,



Heather Lomas
Chairman



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Secretary

Table 3

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ormskirk and District Scouts Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ormskirk and District Scouts Council for the year ended 31/3/21.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Ormskirk and District Scouts Council 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 Ormskirk and District Scouts Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 the Ormskirk and District Scouts Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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. I have made recommendations to the treasurer on how to make sure all cash collected is kept secure and have been assured that this is being done.

Hirsch Sharma

Signed: H. Sharma

Name: Hirsch Sharma BA DMS CGMA AICPA

Ormskirk & District Scout Council

Receipts & Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Receipts

	2020/21	2019/20
Membership Subscriptions		
Membership fees in	42,366	58,677
less paid for groups	-31,865	-34,423
	10,501	24,254
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	2	6
	2	6
Donation / Grants / Gift Aid		
Grants from Government/LA	19,670	0
Donations/ grants from others	1,424	776
Gift Aid claims	355	1,622
	21,449	2,398
Fund Raising		
Fund Raising Events	0	650
Other Events	0	0
	0	650
Activities		
County Events	0	0
District Events	1,617	39,103
District Training	0	2,730
District Explorers	1,648	10,176
International Scout Events	6,763	26,998
	10,027	79,007
Lathom HQ		
Rent	230	2,598
Redevelopment	5,822	27,978
	6,052	30,576
Other Income		
Badge Account	3,526	9,447
District Scout Shop	339	12,106
Activity provision	50	295
Group funds	1,163	0

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Receipts & Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Receipts	
	2020/21	**2019/20**
	5,078	21,848
Sundry Receipts		
General Administration	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	0	859
	0	859
Total Gross Income	**53,110**	159,597

Ormskirk & District Scout Council
Receipts & Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2021
Payments

	2020/21	2019/20
Membership subscriptions		
Membership fees	2,701	3,074
Premises		
Lathom HQ		
Rates	0	294
Utilities	1,196	1,318
Insurance	1,301	1,136
Maintenance	3,210	2,320
Fixtures and Fittings	341	0
Redevelopment	9,314	33,653
Other premises	570	1,554
	15,931	40,275
Donations / Grants / Development		
Donations / Grants	0	319
	0	**319**
Loans		
TSA loan capital	12,312	9,014
TSA loan interest	339	586
	12,650	**9,600**
Fund Raising Expenses		
Fund Raising Events	0	0
Other Events	0	0
	0	0
Activities		
County Events	0	0
District Events	1,782	38,737
District Training	110	2,512
District Explorers	5,611	16,816
International Scout Events	28,335	7,636
	35,837	65,701
Administration Expenses		
Leaders Expenses	191	1,092
General Administration	2,567	1,635

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Receipts & Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Payments

	2020/21	2019/20
Miscellaneous Administration	0	0
	2,758	2,727
Other Expenditure		
Bank charges	239	180
District development	1,066	0
Badge Account	3,379	7,368
District Scout Shop	1,539	9,349
Activity provision	0	0
Group funds	1,125	0
Equipment	438	293
Miscellaneous expenditure	0	144
	7,784	17,334
Total Gross Expenditure	**77,662**	**139,030**

Ormskirk & District Scout Council
Receipts & Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Totals and summary

	2020/21	2019/20
Total Receipts for the Year	53,110	159,597
Total Payments for the Year	77,662	139,030
Net Receipts (Payments) for the Year	**-24,552.50**	**20,568**

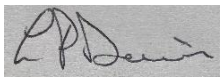
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year 31st March 2021

	2020/21	2019/20
Monetary Assets		
CAF Account No. 00028949 (Gen Purpose)	47,794	44,859
CAF Account No. 00032384 (Austria 2020 - closed)	0	21,596
CAF Account No. 00032861 (Explorers)	10,219	15,292
RBS Account No.10026020 (Shop - closed)	0	8,379
CAF Account No. 00032862 (Shop)	9,057	2,085
RBS Account No 12138959 (Badges)	4,349	3,736
	71,419	95,946
Investment Assets		
None		
	0	0
Cash in Hand		
Cash in Hand	20	45
	71,439	**95,991**
Other Monetary Assets		
Debts due to District	0	2,059
Loans by Distrcit	300	0
Debts due to Scout Shop	16	87
Debts due to Badges	236	143
	552	2,289
Non-Monetary Assets		
Badge Stock	3,357	3,069
Scout Shop Stock	5,085	4,351
	8,442	7,421
Land & Building		
Land & Buildings	170,957	170,957
Fixtures and Fittings	3,707	3,707
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	18,687	18,687
	193,351	193,351
	202,344	**203,060**
Current Liabilities		
District Creditors	48	0
Badge Creditors (Groups)	755	1,137
Scout Shop Creditors (Groups)	78	83

Long Term Liabilities		
TSA Loan (Interest rate 2.5%)	0	12,596
	881	**13,816**

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 25 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by



Treasurer
Les Davies



Chair
Liz Wainwright