

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1085203

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: Scouting Activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Leeds City

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-01-31 | £130,973 | £129,516 | - | - |
| 2024-01-31 | £86,205 | £8,594 | - | - |
| 2023-01-31 | £61,914 | £58,596 | - | - |
| 2022-01-31 | £127,024 | £103,773 | - | - |
| 2021-01-31 | £97,736 | £87,087 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| JOSEPH MICHAEL FLETCHER | Chair | 2020-10-18 |
| ANN ELIZABETH MCKENNA | | |
| Dr Freya Louise Wilson | | 2020-10-18 |
| Francis Mark Sergent | | 2014-06-09 |
| GARETH SHAW | | 2023-09-30 |
| JOHN MARK ILLINGWORTH | | 2020-10-01 |
| Stacy-Paul Wilshaw | | 2019-06-18 |

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Trustee Report and Annual Statement of Accounts
Year ending 2024/25

29th October 2025

Chair's Report

As we reflect on another year, it is again with gratitude that I present this Chair's Report for the North Leeds District Scout Council.

The year 2024–25 has been one of steady delivery and continued commitment from volunteers across North Leeds. While development has been quieter than in previous years, the strength of our core Scouting provision has remained clear, with hundreds of young people taking part in high-quality programmes each week.

Membership and Engagement

This year's census shows a District that is broadly stable. Total membership stands at **1,928**, almost unchanged from last year. Youth membership saw a small decrease of **12**, largely due to reduced Cub numbers, though this was balanced by growth in Squirrels, Scouts and Network. Adult membership increased to **441**, strengthening leadership and governance capacity across our Groups.

Waiting lists reduced significantly by **102**, particularly in Beavers and Cubs. Growth in Squirrel Dreys and Young Leader Units reflects renewed energy in early years and youth leadership pathways.

Programme and Events

Two major District events in our **Six Dales** and **Frosty Camp** ran safely and successfully thanks to the dedication of our volunteers. Across the District, a number of young people and adults received awards, highlighting the ongoing impact of Scouting in North Leeds.

Wike Campsite

Wike continued to serve as a valued space for Groups throughout the year. While there were no major developments in 2024–25, the Steering Group and volunteers ensured Wike remained functional, safe and welcoming.

Strategic Developments

Progress on the District Strategy has been slower than hoped as volunteers balanced competing demands. This remains a priority

for 2025–26, supported by the groundwork already completed.

Governance and Financial Stewardship

The Board remained stable throughout the reporting period, ensuring governance, finance and safety requirements were met. Our financial position remains strong, enabling us to support Groups and maintain essential services across the District.

After the reporting period, our Treasurer, **David Goodall**, stepped down. We thank David for his service; stabilising the Board will be a key focus for the year ahead. No significant safeguarding or safety incidents occurred during the year.

Public Benefit and Volunteer Contribution

Our activities continue to provide clear public benefit, enabling young people across North Leeds to gain skills for life in a supportive environment. This is only possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, who remain the backbone of Scouting in our District.

Looking Ahead

As we look to 2025–26, our priorities include:

- Stabilising the Board, including appointing a new Treasurer
- Delivering a practical District Strategy
- Strengthening Group support and communication
- Increasing volunteer recruitment
- Supporting continued membership growth, particularly in Squirrels, Scouts and Network

These priorities will help us build strong foundations for the future while continuing to deliver high-quality Scouting week in, week out.

In closing, my sincere thanks go to our Trustees, volunteers, Group teams, young people and supporters. Your dedication makes a real difference every day, and it remains a privilege to serve this District.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joseph Fletcher
Chair

Who We Are & What We Do

North Leeds Scouts supports hundreds of young people aged 4–25 across 19 Groups, Explorer Units, Young Leaders and Network. Our mission is to help young people gain skills for life through fun, challenge and adventure, while supporting volunteers to deliver great Scouting week after week.

Objectives and Activities

North Leeds District Scout Council exists to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. We do this by providing Scouting in accordance with the Purpose, Values and Method of The Scout Association.

The trustees confirm they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the District's activities and reviewing its achievements.

Our Purpose

We follow the Purpose and Method of Scouting as set out in The Scouts' Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR), developing young people in physical, intellectual, social and spiritual dimensions.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the Charities Act 2011 by having due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Scouting in North Leeds is open to all. Ability to pay is not a barrier to taking part, and financial support is available where needed.

Highlights of the Year

The year 2024–25 was one of stability, safe delivery and continued volunteer commitment.

Key achievements

- Total membership: 1,928 (–3 / –0.2%)
- Youth membership: 1,487 (–12 / –0.8%)
- Adult volunteers: 441 (+9 / +2.1%)
- Waiting lists fell significantly by 102 (–17.7%)
- Growth in Squirrels (+8), Scouts (+37) and Network (+14)
- Increased Young Leader participation (3 Units, up from 1)
- Successful District events: Six Dales & Frosty Camp
- Youth and adult awards presented across the District
- Wike continued stable operation

Membership (Census Summary 2025)

The 2025 Census provides a detailed picture of Scouting across North Leeds. Overall membership remains broadly stable, with small changes between sections and a positive increase in adult volunteers. Waiting lists reduced significantly this year, reflecting improved local capacity and Group efforts to expand provision where possible.

Youth Membership

Total youth membership stands at 1,487, a decrease of 12 (-0.8%) from 2024. While Cubs saw a notable reduction, several other sections experienced sustained or significant growth.

Youth Membership by Section

| Section | 2025 | 2024 | Change | % Change |
|-----------|------|------|--------|----------|
| Squirrels | 32 | 24 | +8 | +33.3% |
| Beavers | 282 | 278 | +4 | +1.4% |
| Cubs | 417 | 483 | -66 | -13.7% |
| Scouts | 514 | 477 | +37 | +7.8% |
| Explorers | 188 | 197 | -9 | -4.6% |
| Network | 54 | 40 | +14 | +35.0% |

Growth in Squirrels, Scouts and Network demonstrates strengthening engagement in early years, core Scouting, and young adult participation. The reduction in Cubs reflects broader national trends and ongoing pressure on volunteer capacity in some Groups.

Youth Membership – Demographics

Gender breakdown (Youth)

- **Male:** 1,087
- **Female:** 340
- **Self-Identify:** 4
- **Prefer not to say:** 56

These figures show a broadly consistent demographic profile to last year, with a slight increase in young people choosing not to state a gender identity.

Adult Membership

Adult membership increased to **441**, a rise of **9** (+2.1%).

Adult Membership by Role

| Role | 2025 | 2024 | Change |
|----------------|------|------|--------|
| Leadership | 349 | 321 | +28 |
| Management | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Support | 16 | 39 | -23 |
| Governance | 58 | 54 | +4 |
| District roles | 7 | 12 | -5 |

Leadership and governance roles saw the strongest growth, supporting operational resilience across the District.

Gender breakdown (Adults)

- **Male:** 254
- **Female:** 182
- **Self-Identify:** 5

Waiting Lists

The total waiting list fell significantly from 575 in 2024 to 473 in 2025 (–102; –17.7%). This is a positive indicator of increased capacity and expanded provision within several Groups.

Waiting List by Section

| Section | 2025 | 2024 | Change |
|-----------|------|------|--------|
| Squirrels | 92 | 100 | –8 |
| Beavers | 170 | 224 | –54 |
| Cubs | 119 | 145 | –26 |
| Scouts | 92 | 100 | –8 |
| Explorers | 0 | 6 | –6 |

The most significant improvements are in Beavers and Cubs, which account for 80% of the reduction.

The Explorer waiting list reduced to zero due to increased ESU capacity and more effective referral management.

Waiting List Demographics

- **Male:** 395
- **Female:** 114
- **Prefer not to say / self-identify:** 27

This reflects trends similar to previous years.

District Administration Overview

The structure and size of the District changed only slightly.

Sections and Groups

| Category | 2025 | 2024 | Change |
|--------------------|------|------|--------|
| Squirrel Dreys | 3 | 2 | +1 |
| Beaver Colonies | 15 | 16 | –1 |
| Cub Packs | 19 | 21 | –2 |
| Scout Troops | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Explorer Units | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Young Leader Units | 3 | 1 | +2 |
| Total Sections | 68 | 70 | –2 |
| Groups | 19 | 20 | –1 |

Increases in early-year provision and Young Leader Units reflect strategic investment in the future volunteer pipeline. Reductions in Beaver and Cub sections are linked to local volunteer pressures, consistent with national challenges.

Summary

The 2025 Census presents a District that is stable overall, with encouraging growth in several key areas. While some sections experienced decline, the general trend shows improving capacity, stronger leadership, and widening participation across the age range.

North Leeds Scouts is well-positioned for 2025–26, particularly with growing early-years provision, increased Young Leader engagement, and a robust core Scout section.

Our Activities & Impact

North Leeds Scouts is built on the weekly delivery of a varied programme by our Groups and Units. This is supported by District-run events and volunteer training, which together provide a rich, balanced Scouting experience.

Programme and Events

This year saw the return and strengthening of key activities:

- Six Dales, a long-standing endurance challenge, was delivered safely with strong youth participation.
- Frosty Camp continued to offer winter camping and outdoor skills in a controlled and safe environment.
- Groups across the District delivered camps, hikes, sleepovers, community projects and badge programmes throughout the year.

A number of young people completed top awards including the Chief Scout Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, alongside continued participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Impact

Young people across North Leeds benefited from:

- Improved confidence and independence
- Enhanced teamwork and leadership skills
- Greater awareness of their local community
- Access to outdoor and adventurous activities
- Pathways into volunteering and leadership through Young Leaders and Network

Wike Campsite

Wike remained an essential asset for North Leeds Scouts, providing camping space, indoor activity areas and a base for outdoor adventures.

Although there were no major developments this year, the site benefitted from:

- Regular maintenance and monitoring

- Strong volunteer support from the Steering Group
- Consistent bookings throughout the year
- Continued use by external partners and local schools

The foundations laid in previous years ensure the site remains safe, functional and ready for future development once volunteer capacity and funding allow.

Governance

North Leeds District Scout Council is governed by the Royal Charter, Bye-Laws and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scouts. Our Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring good governance, financial oversight, safety, compliance and strategic planning for the District.

Throughout the reporting period, the Board maintained:

- Robust financial controls
- Compliance with safeguarding and safety requirements
- Oversight of Group governance and risk
- Management of District assets including Wike
- Support to volunteers and managers

Trustee recruitment remained stable during the year.

After the end of the reporting period, the Treasurer stepped down, and the Board will prioritise stabilising governance for 2025–26.

No significant safeguarding or safety incidents occurred during the year. Risks relating to volunteer capacity, finance and site management continue to be monitored.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Trustees are appointed in accordance with The Scouts' Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR), which provides for ex-officio, elected, nominated and co-opted trustees.

- **Ex-officio trustees** serve by virtue of their appointment to certain roles within the District.
- **Elected trustees** are chosen at the District Scout Council AGM.

- **Nominated trustees** may be appointed by the District Lead Volunteer.
- **Co-opted trustees** may be appointed by the Board to fill specific skills needs or vacancies.

Property and Holding Trustees

The Scout Association Trust Corporation (TSATC) acts as the holding trustee for property belonging to the District, including Wike Campsite. Operational management of the site remains the responsibility of the District Board of Trustees.

The charity does not act as a custodian trustee on behalf of any other organisation.

**North Leeds District Scout Council - Summary of Income and Expenditure
Year 2024/25**

| | General Funds | Designated Funds | Consolidated Accts | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE | 10,267.97 | 30,084.49 | 84,603.85 | 124,956.31 |
| INCOME | | | | |
| <i>Membership Fees</i> | | | | |
| Membership Fees | 72,575.00 | 3,990.00 | | 76,565.00 |
| Net County & HQ Fees | 69,260.50 | | | 69,260.50 |
| ESU Subs | | | 24,818.85 | |
| Net ESU Membership Fees | | | 10,251.42 | |
| <i>Membership Fees Subtotal</i> | <i>3,314.50</i> | <i>3,990.00</i> | <i>14,567.43</i> | <i>21,871.93</i> |
| <i>Sectional Income</i> | | | | |
| Beavers | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cubs | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Scouts | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| <i>Sectional Income Subtotal</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>0.00</i> |
| <i>Event Fees</i> | | | | |
| Trading Post | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Founders Post Cubs | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Cycle Event | 327.50 | | | 327.50 |
| Aldwark Camp | 3,330.00 | | | 3,330.00 |
| Water Activity Weekend | 4,111.00 | | | 4,111.00 |
| Frosty Camp | 1,603.12 | | | |
| Consolidated Accts Event Income | | | 70,577.47 | |
| <i>Event Fees Subtotal</i> | <i>9,371.62</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>70,577.47</i> | <i>79,949.09</i> |
| <i>Groups</i> | | | | |
| Scotland Wood Subs | | 1,326.03 | | 1,326.03 |
| Scotland Wood Others | | 1,377.51 | | 1,377.51 |
| <i>Groups Subtotal</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>2,703.54</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>2,703.54</i> |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Donations | 171.00 | | | 171.00 |
| Interest - General & Designated Funds | 2,534.24 | 0.00 | | 2,534.24 |
| Interest - Consolidated Funds | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Wike Income | | | 19,588.48 | 19,588.48 |
| Badge Sales | | | 3,596.50 | 3,596.50 |
| Other | 5.00 | | 53.00 | 58.00 |
| <i>Other Income Subtotal</i> | <i>2,710.24</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>23,237.98</i> | <i>25,948.22</i> |
| NET TOTAL INCOME | 15,396.36 | 6,693.54 | 108,382.88 | 130,472.78 |
| Money Collected for Others | 500.00 | | | 500.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 15,896.36 | 6,693.54 | 108,382.88 | 130,972.78 |

Annual Accounts

Annual Accounts (cont.)

**North Leeds District Scout Council - Summary of Income and Expenditure
Year 2024/25**

| EXPENDITURE | General Funds | Designated Funds | Consolidated Accts | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Operational Costs</i> | | | | |
| Member Expenses | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| IT inc OSM | 1,541.17 | | | 1,541.17 |
| Meeting Expenses | 30.00 | | | 30.00 |
| Other Operational Costs | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| ESU Rents | | | 2,942.00 | 2,942.00 |
| ESU Activities | | | 66,757.43 | 66,757.43 |
| ESU Other | | | 4,249.35 | 4,249.35 |
| Badge Purchases | | | 2,970.23 | 2,970.23 |
| Operational Costs Subtotal | 1,571.17 | 0.00 | 76,919.01 | 78,490.18 |
| <i>Sectional Activities</i> | | | | |
| Beavers | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cubs | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Scouts | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sectional Activities Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| <i>Event Costs</i> | | | | |
| Trading Post Cubs | 78.50 | | | 78.50 |
| Founders Post Cubs | 44.08 | | | 44.08 |
| Cycle Event | 202.50 | | | 202.50 |
| Aldwark Camp | 2,706.47 | | | 2,706.47 |
| Water Activity Weekend | 4,091.75 | | | 4,091.75 |
| Frosty Camp | 834.86 | | | |
| Consolidated Accts Events Costs | | | 10,984.20 | 10,984.20 |
| Event Activities Subtotal | 7,958.16 | 0.00 | 10,984.20 | 18,942.36 |
| <i>Groups</i> | | | | |
| Scotland Wood Room Hire | | 320.00 | | 320.00 |
| Scotland Wood Other | | 2,327.50 | | 2,327.50 |
| Little London Room Hire | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Little London Other | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Groups Subtotal | 0.00 | 2,647.50 | 0.00 | 2,647.50 |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Make It Happen Fund Payments | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Wike Payments | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Jamboree Fund Payments | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Bank Fees | 60.00 | | 1,500.00 | 1,560.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,200.00 | | | 1,200.00 |
| Written Off by Trustees | | | 23,073.24 | |
| Other Subtotal | 1,260.00 | 0.00 | 24,573.24 | 25,833.24 |
| NET TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 10,789.33 | 2,647.50 | 112,476.45 | 13,436.83 |
| Money Paid to Others | 500.00 | | | 500.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 11,289.33 | 2,647.50 | 112,476.45 | 13,936.83 |
| NET BALANCE | 14,875.00 | 34,130.53 | 80,510.28 | 129,515.81 |
| Transfers Funds | -1,379.59 | 14,879.59 | -13,500.00 | 0.00 |
| BALANCE | 13,495.41 | 49,010.12 | 67,010.28 | 129,515.81 |

Annual Accounts (cont.)

North Leeds District Scout Council - Statement of Assets and Liabilities - 2024/25

MONETARY ASSETS

| General & Designated Funds | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Current Balance |
| 1 - G | District General | 10,267.97 | 84,616.86 | 80,422.25 | 4,079.92 | 5,047.09 | 13,495.41 |
| 2 - D | Beavers | 251.35 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 251.35 | 0.00 |
| 3 - D | Cubs | 75.49 | 0.00 | 122.58 | 47.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 - D | Scouts | 1,722.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,722.57 | 0.00 |
| 5 - D | Make It Happen | 4,502.63 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,502.63 |
| 6 - D | Wike Development | 11,010.81 | 1,662.50 | 0.00 | 13,015.00 | 0.00 | 25,688.31 |
| 7 - D | World Scout Jamboree | 2,862.77 | 2,327.50 | 0.00 | 21.00 | 0.00 | 5,211.27 |
| 8 - D | Scotland Wood Scout Group | 658.87 | 2,703.54 | 2,112.50 | 0.00 | 642.00 | 607.91 |
| 9 - D | District Strategy Fund | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Total | | 40,352.46 | 91,310.40 | 82,657.33 | 21,163.01 | 7,663.01 | 62,505.53 |
| General Funds | | 13,495.41 | Designated Funds | | 49,010.12 | Total | 62,505.53 |

| General & Designated Bank Accounts | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Current Balance |
| A | CAF Current | 1,214.00 | 88,790.54 | 82,657.33 | 24,308.94 | 29,886.99 | 1,769.16 |
| B | CAF Savings | 4,045.11 | 117.13 | 0.00 | 10,352.93 | 9,808.94 | 4,706.23 |
| C | COIF General Reserve | 35,093.35 | 2,402.73 | 0.00 | 18,534.06 | 0.00 | 56,030.14 |
| Total | | 40,352.46 | 91,310.40 | 82,657.33 | 53,195.93 | 39,695.93 | 62,505.53 |

| Consolidated Bank Accounts | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Current Balance |
| D | 6 Dales | 1,550.14 | 729.00 | 959.13 | | | 1,320.01 |
| E | Wike Campsite | 23,024.08 | 19,588.48 | 23,073.24 | 1,000.00 | 13,000.00 | 7,539.32 |
| F | Badge Secretary | 1,865.51 | 3,596.50 | 4,470.23 | | 1,500.00 | -508.22 |
| G | The Goonies, Mavericks & Insert Name Here | 28,927.14 | 24,253.93 | 19,418.14 | | | 33,762.93 |
| H | Blacksheep Headingley | 3,165.07 | 1,236.00 | 923.00 | | | 3,478.07 |
| I | Headingley Friday-Pirates | 876.51 | 1,309.50 | 1,244.87 | | | 941.14 |
| J | The Marmots Roundhay | 1,438.55 | 1,376.00 | 974.00 | | | 1,840.55 |
| K | GSAL | 16,578.49 | 43,306.97 | 49,924.52 | | | 9,960.94 |
| L | Red Kite | 7,178.35 | 12,986.50 | 11,489.32 | | | 8,675.53 |
| Total | | 84,603.84 | 108,382.88 | 112,476.45 | 1,000.00 | 14,500.00 | 67,010.27 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS | 124,956.30 | 199,693.28 | 195,133.78 | 54,195.93 | 54,195.93 | 129,515.80 |
| OTHER MONETARY ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Outstanding Debts from Badge Sales | | 505.28 | | | | 274.04 |
| NON MONETARY ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Badge Secretary Stock | | 3,033.36 | | | | 2,764.46 |
| Wike Camp Site - Land and Buildings | | 28,000.00 | | | | 28,000.00 |
| Wike Camp Site - Equipment | | 15,684.91 | | | 75% of last years value | 11,763.68 |
| Wike Camp Site - New Toilet/Shower Block | | 15,559.59 | | | Depreciated by 25% | 10,373.06 |
| Total Non Monetary Assets | | 62,277.86 | | | | 52,901.20 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 187,739.44 | | | | | 182,691.04 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Badge Stock Purchase Due | | 516.43 | | | | 0.00 |
| NET ASSETS | 187,223.01 | | | | | 182,691.04 |

Annual Accounts (cont.)

North Leeds District Scout Council Consolidated Accounts 24/25

| Consolidated Account | OPENING BALANCE | | INCOME | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|---|-------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| | 84,603.85 | | Subs | Net Membership Fees | Event Income | Badge Sales | Wike Income | Other | Interest | |
| 6 Dates | 1,550.14 | | | | 729.00 | | | | | 729.00 |
| Wike Campsite | 23,024.08 | | | | | 3,596.50 | 19,588.48 | | | 19,588.48 |
| Badge Secretary | 1,865.52 | | | | | | | | | 3,596.50 |
| Sections Sub Total | 26,439.74 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 729.00 | 3,596.50 | 19,588.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 23,913.98 |
| The Goonies, Mavericks & Insert Name Here | 28,927.14 | | | | | | | | | 24,253.93 |
| Blacksheep Headingley | 3,165.07 | | 12,768.35 | 2,789.42 | 14,275.00 | | | | | 1,236.00 |
| Headingley Friday-Pirates | 876.51 | | 2,200.00 | 1,017.00 | | | | 53.00 | | 1,309.50 |
| The Marmots Roundhay | 1,438.55 | | 1,655.00 | 589.00 | 496.50 | | | | | 1,376.00 |
| GSAL | 16,578.49 | | 3,930.00 | 3,930.00 | 43,306.97 | | | | | 43,306.97 |
| Red Kite | 7,178.35 | | 2,596.50 | 1,070.00 | 11,460.00 | | | | | 12,986.50 |
| ESU Sub Total | 58,164.11 | | 24,818.85 | 10,251.42 | 69,848.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 53.00 | 0.00 | 84,468.90 |
| General & Designated | 40,352.46 | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 124,956.31 | | | | | | | | | |

| Consolidated Account | CLOSING BALANCE | | EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|---|-------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 67,010.28 | | ESU Rent | ESU Activities | ESU Other | Event Costs | Badge Purchases | Badge Act Transfer to General | Wike Expenditure | |
| 6 Dates | 1,320.01 | | | | | 959.13 | | | | 959.13 |
| Wike Campsite | 7,539.32 | | | | | | 2,970.23 | 1,500.00 | 23,073.24 | 23,073.24 |
| Badge Secretary | 991.79 | | | | | | 2,970.23 | 1,500.00 | 23,073.24 | 4,470.23 |
| Sections Sub Total | 9,851.12 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 959.13 | 2,970.23 | 1,500.00 | 23,073.24 | 28,502.60 |
| The Goonies, Mavericks & Insert Name Here | 33,762.93 | | | | | | | | | 19,418.14 |
| Blacksheep Headingley | 3,478.07 | | 1,338.00 | 4,243.28 | 3,811.79 | 10,025.07 | | | | 923.00 |
| Headingley Friday-Pirates | 941.14 | | 378.00 | 445.00 | 100.00 | | | | | 1,244.87 |
| The Marmots Roundhay | 1,840.55 | | 516.00 | 728.87 | 30.00 | | | | | 974.00 |
| GSAL | 9,960.94 | | | 944.00 | | | | | | 49,924.52 |
| Red Kite | 8,675.53 | | 710.00 | 49,924.52 | 307.56 | | | | | 11,489.32 |
| ESU Sub Total | 58,659.16 | | 2,942.00 | 66,757.43 | 4,249.35 | 10,025.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 83,973.85 |
| General & Designated | 62,505.53 | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 129,515.81 | | | | | | | | | |

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the District Board of Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Joseph Fletcher
Chair of Trustees

Independent Examination

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Leeds District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the North Leeds District Scout Council for the year ended 31st January 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the North Leeds District Scout 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 North Leeds District Scout 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 North Leeds District Scout 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.

Signed: 

Name: N.J. Russek

ACIS

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 224 OTLEY RD. LEEDS.

Date: 22/4/24

Reserves Policy (Summary)

The Trustees maintain a Reserves Policy which requires each fund to hold reserves equivalent to its average annual operating costs. This level enables the District to operate for up to one year in the event of significant income disruption or while seeking alternative funding sources. The policy reflects the interconnected nature of Scouting charities across The Scouts and adopts a one-year reserve level rather than the Charity Commission's general six-month guideline.

A full Reserves Policy was reviewed and approved by the Board in May 2024 and will be reviewed again in May 2026 ahead of the submission of the 2025/26 Annual Report and Accounts. The table below summarises the reserves position for each fund as at 31 January 2025, together with actions agreed by the Trustees where funds are above or below the in-principle reserve level.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding the District's ability to continue as a going concern, nor were any funds materially in deficit at the year-end.

General & Designated Funds (Managed by the Board of Trustees)

| Fund | Average Annual Operating Costs | Balance at 31st January 2024 | Deficit/Surplus Against Average Annual Operating Costs |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| General and Designated Funds Managed Directly by the Board of Trustees | | | |
| District General Funds | 8,000.00 | 13,495.41 | 5,495.41 |
| Make It Happen Fund | 1,500.00 | 4,502.63 | 3,002.63 |
| Wike Development Fund | 0.00 | 25,688.31 | 25,688.31 |
| World Scout Jamboree | 0.00 | 5,211.27 | 5,211.27 |
| Scotland Wood Scout Group | 2,000.00 | 607.91 | -1,392.09 |
| District Strategy Fund | 0.00 | 13,000.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Consolidated Funds Managed by Others Groups Through the Year. | | | |
| 6 Dales | 1,000.00 | 1,320.01 | 320.01 |
| Wike Campsite | 10,000.00 | 7,539.32 | -2,460.68 |
| Badge Secretary Account | 4,500.00 | 991.78 | -3,508.22 |
| The Goonies inc Mavericks | 10,000.00 | 33,762.93 | 23,762.93 |
| Blacksheep Headingley | 1,000.00 | 3,478.07 | 2,478.07 |
| Headingley Pirates | 800.00 | 941.14 | 141.14 |
| The Marmots Roundhay | 1,200.00 | 1,840.55 | 640.55 |
| GSAL ESU | 15,000.00 | 9,960.94 | -5,039.06 |
| Red Kite ESU | 9,000.00 | 8,675.53 | -324.47 |

Actions Agreed by Trustees

Above Reserve Level

- District General Funds: £6,000 to be transferred into the District Strategy Fund.
- Make It Happen Fund: No new income to be added until reserves return to policy level.
- Wike Development Fund: Building intentionally for future site redevelopment.

- World Scout Jamboree Fund: Building reserves for 2027 participant grants.
- Goonies & Mavericks ESU: Holding funds for international trip and equipment; plan to reduce through activity subsidies.
- Blacksheep ESU: Reducing reserves through contributions to community facilities, new equipment, and offsetting membership fee increases.

Below Reserve Level

- Scotland Wood Scout Group: Trustees to work with the Group on strengthening income and fundraising.

Administrative Information

Charity Name:

North Leeds District Scout Council

Operating Name:

North Leeds Scouts

Charity Number:

1085203

Principal Address:

34 Sunningdale Avenue, Leeds LS17 7SE

Legal Structure:

North Leeds District Scout Council is a charity established under the Royal Charter of The Scout Association and governed by its Bye-Laws and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

Trustees for the Reporting Period

The trustees have not made use of any exemptions from disclosure.

(1 February 2024 – 31 January 2025)

- Joseph Fletcher – Chair
- David Goodall – Treasurer (served during the reporting period; resigned after year-end)
- Mark Sergent
- Frey Wilson
- Gareth Shaw
- Ann McKenna
- Gill Marshall

Ex-officio Trustees (as required under POR):

- Stacy Wilshaw – District Lead Volunteer

- Badge Secretary Account: Trustees to review appropriate stock and fund levels due to changes in badge purchasing habits.
- Wike Campsite Operational Account: £3,000 transferred from the Development Fund to support unexpected site maintenance.
- GSAL ESU: Trustees to support the Unit in reviewing income, expenditure and planned activity costs to rebuild reserves.

- Sophie De Naeyer – District Youth Lead

Independent Examiner

N J Russell ACIB

Bankers

CAF Bank
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1085203

Accounts

North Leeds District Scout Council
AGM Reports and Annual Statement of Accounts
Year ending 2023/24

7th July 2024

Chair's Report

As we reflect on another year, it is with great pride and gratitude that I present this Chair's Report for the North Leeds District Scout Council.

The year 2023-24 has been one of steady progress and continued commitment to our mission of supporting young people in their personal development.

Steady Progress and Consistent Engagement

The year has been marked by a steady and consistent engagement of Scouts across North Leeds. With our youth membership staying the same as last year and a growth in our volunteer numbers, we are now just short of the 2,000 mark for members in North Leeds — a fantastic achievement and a number to be proud of.

As of the Census in January this year, nearly 1,500 young people participated in approximately 92 hours of Scouts across all sections each week, collectively providing an astounding 137,908 hours of Scouting per week across North Leeds.

Our campsite at Wike has seen a significant revival as the year has progressed. The arrival of Activity Boxes has been a notable success, providing groups with self-managed resources that enhance their experience at Wike. This, alongside the installation of CCTV, has improved both the functionality and security of our campsite.

Strategic Developments

Following our District Strategy Day, we are underway in creating our District Strategy and working on the areas that were most important to our volunteers. We hope to share more over the coming year.

The Steering Group at Wike has made significant strides in implementing suggestions from our members. The new

media suite at Wike has been particularly beneficial, offering a versatile space for various activities, especially during inclement weather. The ongoing development of The Barn project continues to advance, with necessary surveys now complete, paving the way for future improvements without compromising camping space.

Financial Stewardship

Our financial health remains strong, as detailed in the Treasurer's Report. We have streamlined our accounts by reducing the number of different funds and bank accounts to simplify our financial management. This has enabled us to focus more effectively on our primary goal: helping young people develop their skills for life.

Public Benefit and Volunteer Contribution

Our activities continue to provide significant public benefit, aligning with the Charity Commission's criteria. We remain committed to making Scouting accessible to all, regardless of financial background, through initiatives like the 'Make it Happen' Fund and our new International Jamboree grant scheme for Poland in 2027.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, our focus will remain on growth, inclusivity, and the continuous improvement of our programs and facilities. We aim to expand our reach, ensuring more young people can benefit from the transformative experience of Scouting.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our Trustees, volunteers, and all members of the North Leeds District Scout Council. Your dedication, hard work, and passion for Scouting make our achievements possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joseph Fletcher, Chair

Wike Steering Report

In 2023 Challenge hit the County again and as expected, our bookings plummeted, down by about a third. May June and July, when normally we are busy most nights and every weekend saw some weekends with no bookings. Fortunately, things picked up and we had a really busy autumn with many new visitors from Harrogate and Wetherby Districts. 2024, in contrast, is proving to be a bumper year and we are finally seeing a return to the levels of booking we had before COVID, and the site is full again of people having fun and enjoying what is on offer.

Following the District strategy Day last year the Steering Group has looked at what was requested and, dependent on cost and manpower, has implemented some of the suggestions. 2024 has seen the arrival of Activity Boxes which are proving a real hit as these can be self-managed by the groups who book them. We are still considering suggestions and working out how they can be implemented and managed

CCTV has arrived and is proving really useful when the alarm goes off in the early hours of the morning – no more nasty surprises when we arrive on site! We also have the media suite in the hut. Just plug in your laptop, link it with the projector and sound bar, let down the screen and away you go! This has proved really beneficial on camps in the pouring rain this summer.

The Barn continues to move forward as we plough through the need of tree surveys and land surveys all of which (we hope) are now complete. This has led to a reduction in parking at Wike which will become the norm

once the barn is built. We are looking at how this can be increased without compromised the amount of camping space too much!

Wike has increased its booking base this year with another 4 schools visiting us for DOE purposes and some on multiple times! We are also seeing an increase of visits from people outside district and the aim for Wike to be more fully used all year is coming to fruition

A huge thanks goes to all the members of the Wike Steering Group and Maintenance team without whom we would not have a campsite fit for use. Why not come and join us – it's only an hour a week!

Gill Marshall, Chair Wike Steering Group

Six Dales Report

The walk took place this year for the first time since the Covid Outbreak. The number of entries was reduced but the walk itself had good weather and enough entries for all of the trophies to be awarded.

During the walk we had to invoke our safety issues. This was caused by the radio people not being able to give us the usual coverage, due to staff shortages. This has resulted in an advanced risk assessment and communications plan to be put in place for this year.

If anyone thinks that they could help at any of the checkpoints, please get in touch with me and I am sure that we can accommodate them.

Thankyou everyone for your continued support and we hope to see you at the 2024 Walk.

Ann McKenna, Chair Six Dales Committee



| | |
|----------------|---|
| Purpose | To update the Annual General Meeting on the finances of the District and to share the 2023/4 final accounts as required by POR. |
| Paper | Treasurer's Report |
| Author | David Goodall |
| Date | 27 June 2024 |
| Privacy Status | Public |
| Restricted to | N/A |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During this year we have continued the process of simplifying the district accounts to make them more efficient and hopefully easier to understand. The accounts have been independently examined, as required, and signed off without comment. The Board of Trustees have approved the Reserves Policy. The district has significant funds which will enable it to support young people across North Leeds to develop #skillsforlife

The Board of Trustees hold ultimate financial responsibility (under both Charity Law and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scouts (POR)) for the finances of the district including for the finances of organisations and projects which operate under the trusteeship of the district, for example Explorer Units, Wike, 6 Dales. During this year we have continued to reduce the number of different funds we have and closed a number of bank accounts to simplify the district accounts and make them easier to understand.

Attached to my report are the end of year accounts for 2023/24, the independent examiners report and the reserves policy. As the accounts show the district is in a healthy financial position to help Scouting flourish in North Leeds and young people to develop their #skillsforlife

Resolutions – in light of my report and in accordance with POR section 5.4.5.2 I ask the AGM to pass the follow resolutions:

1. To note, as required by POR 5.4.5.2a bullet point 3, that the District's financial year is 1st February to 31st January.
2. To agree, as required by POR 5.4.5.2b, that is has reviewed the annual statement of accounts prepared by the Trustee Board, which have been examined by the independent examiner appointed by last years AGM and whose report is included in the accounts presented to the AGM.
3. To appoint, as required by POR 5.4.5.2c bullet point 5, Nick Russell as the independent examiner for the 2023/24 financial year.
4. To ask the Chair to ensure, as required by POR 5.4.5.3, to ensure the 2023/24 accounts are filed with the annual report in accordance with Rule 5.7 of POR.

North Leeds Scouts
Annual General Meeting
July 2024

If members have questions ahead of the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me:

Name: David Goodall
Title: District Treasurer
E: david.goodall@nlscouts.org.uk
T: 07813 842982

North Leeds District Scout Council - Summary of Income and Expenditure Year 2023/24

| | General Funds | Designated Funds | Consolidated Accts | Total |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE | 14,785.94 | 19,761.33 | 74,349.07 | 108,896.34 |
| Including £900, collected for but not yet paid to others, to be paid to 42nd North Leeds within this financial year. | | | | |
| INCOME | | | | |
| <i>Membership Fees</i> | | | | |
| Membership Fees | 70,470.50 | 2,906.00 | | 73,376.50 |
| Net County & HQ Fees | 66,657.50 | | | 66,657.50 |
| ESU Subs | | | 15,715.50 | |
| Net ESU Membership Fees | | | 6,110.50 | |
| ESU Gift Aid | | | 4,429.19 | |
| <i>Membership Fees Subtotal</i> | <i>3,813.00</i> | <i>2,906.00</i> | <i>14,034.19</i> | <i>20,753.19</i> |
| <i>Sectional Income</i> | | | | |
| Beavers | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cubs | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Scouts | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| <i>Sectional Income Subtotal</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>0.00</i> |
| <i>Event Fees</i> | | | | |
| Cycle Event | 341.00 | | | 341.00 |
| Challenge Camp | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Cub Fun Day | | 470.00 | | 470.00 |
| District Cub Camp | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Event 5 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Consolidated Accts Event Income | | | 42,187.25 | |
| <i>Event Fees Subtotal</i> | <i>341.00</i> | <i>470.00</i> | <i>42,187.25</i> | <i>42,998.25</i> |
| <i>Groups</i> | | | | |
| Scotland Wood Subs | | 864.50 | | 864.50 |
| Scotland Wood Others | | 1,187.30 | | 1,187.30 |
| <i>Groups Subtotal</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>2051.80</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>2,051.80</i> |
| <i>Wike</i> | | | | |
| Booking Income | | | 10,357.00 | 10,357.00 |
| Other Income | | | 1,075.69 | 1,075.69 |
| <i>Wike Subtotal</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>0.00</i> | <i>11,432.69</i> | <i>11,432.69</i> |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Donations | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Badge Sales | | | 4,343.64 | 4,343.64 |
| Interest - General & Designated Funds | 880.28 | 583.18 | | 1,463.46 |
| Interest - Consolidated Funds | | | 209.17 | 209.17 |
| Other | 131.00 | | 1,321.44 | 1,452.44 |
| <i>Other Income Subtotal</i> | <i>2,011.28</i> | <i>583.18</i> | <i>5,874.25</i> | <i>8,468.71</i> |
| NET TOTAL INCOME | 6,165.28 | 6,010.98 | 73,528.38 | 85,704.64 |
| Money Collected for Others | 500.00 | | | 500.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 6,665.28 | 6,010.98 | 73,528.38 | 86,204.64 |

North Leeds District Scout Council - Summary of Income and Expenditure Year 2023/24

| EXPENDITURE | General Funds | Designated Funds | Consolidated Accts | Total |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Operational Costs</i> | | | | |
| Member Expenses | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| IT inc OSM | 1,579.68 | | | 1,579.68 |
| Meeting Expenses | 303.00 | | | 303.00 |
| Other Operational Costs | 219.42 | | | 219.42 |
| ESU Rents | | | 3,446.50 | 3,446.50 |
| ESU Activities | | | 30,854.45 | 30,854.45 |
| ESU Other | | | 781.00 | 781.00 |
| Badge Purchases | | | 4,938.82 | 4,938.82 |
| Operational Costs Subtotal | 2,102.10 | 0.00 | 40,020.77 | 42,122.87 |
| <i>Sectional Activities</i> | | | | |
| Beavers | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cubs | | 100.62 | | 100.62 |
| Scouts | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sectional Activities Subtotal | 0.00 | 100.62 | | 100.62 |
| <i>Event Activities</i> | | | | |
| Cycle Event | 211.65 | | | 211.65 |
| Challenge 23 Camp | 593.93 | | | 593.93 |
| Cub Fun Day | | 538.40 | | 538.40 |
| District Cub Camp | | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Event 5 | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Consolidated Accts Events Costs | | | 11,380.06 | 11,380.06 |
| Event Activities Subtotal | 805.58 | 1,038.40 | 11,380.06 | 13,224.04 |
| <i>Groups</i> | | | | |
| Scotland Wood Room Hire | | 390.00 | | 390.00 |
| Scotland Wood Other | | 1,581.19 | | 1,581.19 |
| Little London Room Hire | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Little London Other | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Groups Subtotal | 0.00 | 1,971.19 | 0.00 | 1,971.19 |
| <i>Wike</i> | | | | |
| Wike Expenditure | | | 9,533.96 | |
| Wike Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,533.96 | 9,533.96 |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Make It Happen Fund Payments | | 1,120.00 | | 1,120.00 |
| Wike Payments | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Jamboree Fund Payments | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Bank Fees | 55.75 | | 272.60 | 328.35 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Written Off by Trustees | | | 343.65 | |
| Other Subtotal | 55.75 | 1,120.00 | 616.25 | 1,792.00 |
| NET TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 2,963.43 | 4,230.21 | 61,551.04 | 7,193.64 |
| Money Paid to Others | 1,400.00 | | | 1,400.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 4,363.43 | 4,230.21 | 61,551.04 | 8,593.64 |
| NET BALANCE | 17,087.79 | 21,542.10 | 86,326.41 | 124,956.30 |
| Transfers between General & Designated Funds | -6,819.82 | 8,542.39 | -1,722.57 | |
| BALANCE | 10,267.97 | 30,084.49 | 84,603.84 | 124,956.30 |

North Leeds District Scout Council - Statement of Assets and Liabilities - 2023/24

MONETARY ASSETS

| General & Designated Funds | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Current Balance |
| 1 - G | District General | 14,785.94 | 73,636.06 | 71,020.93 | 2,366.90 | 9,500.00 | 10,267.97 |
| 2 - D | Beavers | 251.35 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 251.35 |
| 3 - D | Cubs | 244.51 | 470.00 | 1,139.02 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 75.49 |
| 4 - D | Scouts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,722.57 | 0.00 | 1,722.57 |
| 5 - D | Make It Happen | 5,432.65 | 189.98 | 1,120.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,502.63 |
| 6 - D | Wike Development | 9,492.49 | 1,506.32 | 0.00 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 11,010.81 |
| 7 - D | World Scout Jamboree | 1,397.76 | 1,453.01 | 0.00 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 2,862.77 |
| 8 - D | Scotland Wood Scout Group | 668.69 | 2,067.37 | 1,971.19 | 500.00 | 606.00 | 658.87 |
| 9 - D | Little London Scout Group | 2,273.88 | 11.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,284.90 | 0.00 |
| 10 - D | District Strategy Fund | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Total | | 34,547.27 | 79,333.76 | 75,251.14 | 14,113.47 | 12,390.90 | 40,352.46 |
| General Funds | | 10,267.97 | | Designated Funds | 30,084.49 | Total | 40,352.46 |

| General & Designated Bank Accounts | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Current Balance |
| A | CAF Current | 0.00 | 76,477.93 | 73,297.27 | 35,659.85 | 37,626.51 | 1,214.00 |
| B | CAF Savings | 0.00 | 116.69 | 0.00 | 20,322.39 | 16,393.97 | 4,045.11 |
| C | VM General Account | 9,955.99 | 552.21 | 937.51 | 0.00 | 9,570.69 | 0.00 |
| D | VM Scotland Wood | 668.69 | 912.70 | 196.36 | 5,332.41 | 6,717.44 | 0.00 |
| E | VM Little London | 2,273.88 | 11.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,284.96 | 0.00 |
| F | VM Make It Happen Fund | 5,432.65 | 189.98 | 820.00 | 0.00 | 4,802.63 | 0.00 |
| G | COIF General Reserve | 1,826.80 | 978.39 | 0.00 | 32,288.16 | 0.00 | 35,093.35 |
| H | COIF Wike Maintenance | 3,747.12 | 24.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,771.80 | 0.00 |
| I | COIF Wike Reserve | 4,349.37 | 28.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,378.01 | 0.00 |
| J | COIF World Scout Jamboree | 1.76 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.77 | 0.00 |
| K | COIF 5th NLSG St Stephens Kirkstall Reserve | 1,804.48 | 11.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,816.37 | 0.00 |
| L | COIF 13th NLSG St Michael Reserve | 185.05 | 1.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 186.27 | 0.00 |
| M | COIF 8th NLSG St Georges Reserve | 4,301.48 | 28.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,329.82 | 0.00 |
| Total | | 34,547.27 | 79,333.76 | 75,251.14 | 93,602.81 | 91,880.24 | 40,352.46 |

| Consolidated Bank Accounts | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Current Balance |
| N | Cubs | 43.65 | 0.00 | 43.65 | | | 0.00 |
| O | Scouts | 1,757.57 | 0.00 | 35.00 | | 1,722.57 | 0.00 |
| P | 6 Dales | 1,626.04 | 734.00 | 809.90 | | | 1,550.14 |
| Q | Wike Campsite | 21,225.35 | 11,432.69 | 9,633.96 | | | 23,024.08 |
| R | Badge Secretary | 2,199.91 | 4,343.64 | 4,678.04 | | | 1,865.51 |
| S | The Goonies, Mavericks & Insert Name Here | 25,891.13 | 12,496.69 | 9,460.68 | | | 28,927.14 |
| T | Blacksheep Headingley | 2,579.49 | 1,390.50 | 804.92 | | | 3,165.07 |
| U | Headingley Friday-Pirates | 529.15 | 1,155.00 | 807.64 | | | 876.51 |
| V | The Marmots Roundhay | 1,928.25 | 656.50 | 1,146.20 | | | 1,438.55 |
| W | GSAL | 10,541.67 | 30,570.34 | 24,533.52 | | | 16,578.49 |
| X | Red Kite | 5,826.86 | 10,749.02 | 9,397.53 | | | 7,178.35 |
| Z | Loiners | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Total | | 74,349.07 | 73,528.38 | 61,351.04 | 0.00 | 1,722.57 | 84,603.84 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS | 108,896.34 | 152,862.14 | 136,602.18 | 93,602.81 | 93,602.81 | 124,956.30 |
| OTHER MONETARY ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Outstanding Debts from Badge Sales | | 423.43 | | | | 505.28 |
| NON MONETARY ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Badge Secretary Stock | | 3,704.67 | | | | 3,033.36 |
| Headingley Pirates Badge Stock | | 20.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Wike Camp Site - Land and Buildings | | 28,000.00 | | | | 28,000.00 |
| Wike Camp Site - Equipment | | 20,913.21 | | | 75% of last years value | 15,684.91 |
| Wike Camp Site - New Toilet/Shower Block | | 20,746.12 | | | Depreciated by 25% | 15,559.59 |
| Total Non Monetary Assets | | 73,384.00 | | | | 62,277.86 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 182,703.77 | | | | | 187,739.44 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Badge Stock Purchase Due | | 1,111.72 | | | | 516.43 |
| NET ASSETS | 181,592.05 | | | | | 187,223.01 |

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Leeds District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **North Leeds District Scout Council** for the year ended 31st January 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **North Leeds District Scout 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 **North Leeds District Scout 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.

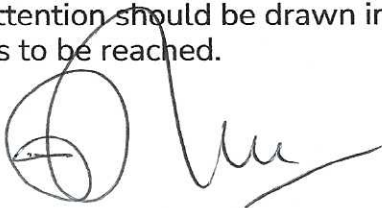
Independent examiner's statement

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 **North Leeds District Scout 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.

Signed:



Name:

N J Rossee ACIS

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

224 OTLEY ROAD, LEEDS LS16 5AR

Date:

7/5/24

Reserves Policy

All charities are required to have a Reserves Policy which clearly states the reserves that the charity holds and the reasons for holding those reserves. The background to a Reserves Policy is that charities should not be holding public money without good cause. This is not to say that charities should not hold reserves or that it is inappropriate to be 'saving up' for a particular project, for example growth or property developments. What is not deemed to be appropriate is saving up for rainy day year on year with the rainy-day fund getting larger and larger.

This policy states the total funds North Leeds District Scout Council held at 31st January 2024, the principles for holding those reserves and the actions the trustees are taking in the ensuing year where funds are above or below their in principle reserve level.

Principles

- The charity has a number of funds. These are grouped into three categories:
 - o General Funds – used for the day to day and general operation of the district.
 - o Designated Funds – these are held for particular purposes and have been designated for these purposes by the Board of Trustees.
The General and Designated funds are managed on a day to day basis by the District Treasurer and held in a small number of bank accounts.
 - o Consolidated Funds – these funds are also designated for a particular purpose but are managed by volunteers appointed by the trustees and held in separate bank accounts. These accounts are consolidated into the overall district accounts at the end of the financial year.
- The trustees have agreed that in principle each fund will aim to hold an end of year balance which is equal to the average annual operating costs of the fund. The trustees believe this balance would enable the charity to operate for a year if there was a sudden drop in income whilst alternative sources of funding were found, or to operate for up to a year whilst the charity was wound up.

Whilst the Charity Commission recommendation is to hold balances to cover six months operating costs the trustees have agreed to hold average annual operating costs due to the interconnected nature of the charity with other connected charities within The Scouts.

- Where a funds end of year balance is significantly below or above the average annual expenditure figure the trustees will outline in this reserves policy the reasons for this and where appropriate its plan to increase or decrease the fund so that it meets the reserves policy in the ensuing years.

Funds at 31st January 2024:

| Fund | Average Annual Operating Costs | Balance at 31 st January 2024 | Deficit/Surplus Against Average Annual Operating Costs |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| General and Designated Funds Managed Directly by the Board of Trustees | | | |
| District General and Section Funds | 8,000.00 | 12,317.38 | 4,317.38 |
| Make It Happen Fund | 1,500.00 | 4,502.63 | 3,002.63 |
| Wike Development Fund | 0.00 | 11,010.81 | 11,010.81 |
| World Scout Jamboree | 0.00 | 2,862.77 | 2,862.77 |
| Scotland Wood Scout Group | 2,000.00 | 658.87 | -1,341.13 |
| District Strategy Fund | 0.00 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Consolidated Funds Managed by Others Groups Through the Year. | | | |
| 6 Dales | 1,500.00 | 1,550.14 | 50.14 |
| Wike Campsite | 10,000.00 | 23,024.08 | 13,024.08 |
| Badge Secretary Account | 4,500.00 | 1,865.51 | -2,634.49 |
| The Goonies inc Mavericks | 10,000.00 | 28,927.14 | 18,927.14 |
| Blacksheep Headingley | 1,000.00 | 3,165.07 | 2,165.07 |
| Headingley Pirates | 800.00 | 876.51 | 76.51 |
| The Marmots Roundhay | 1,200.00 | 1,438.55 | 238.55 |
| GSAL ESU | 15,000.00 | 16,578.49 | 1,578.45 |
| Red Kite ESU | 9,000.00 | 7,178.35 | -1,821.65 |
| TOTALS | 53,000.00 | 84603.80 | 31,603.80 |

Funds Above or Below in Principle Reserve Level

From the information above the trustees have identified the following funds as being significantly above or below their in principle reserve level:

- Above
 - o District General and Section Funds (£4,300)
 - o Make It Happen Fund (£3,000)
 - o Wike Development Fund (£11,000)
 - o World Scout Jamboree Fund (£2,800)
 - o Wike Campsite (£13,000)
 - o Goonies and Mavericks Explorer Scout Unit [ESU] (£19,000)
 - o Blacksheep Headingley ESU (£2,000)
 - o GSAL ESU (£1500)
- Below
 - o Scotland Wood Scout Group (£1,300)
 - o Badge Secretary Account (£2,600)
 - o Red Kite ESU (£1,800)

Reasons for funds being above or below Reserve Level and agreed action plan.

Above In Principle Reserve Level

District General and Section Funds (£4,300)

This fund has risen over the last year due to reduced spending during periods of COVID lockdown and the transferring in of funds from a number of closed groups. In order to bring this fund down to its in principle reserve level the trustees have agreed to transfer £4,000 to the District Strategy Development Fund for the implementation of the new District Strategy which is currently in development.

Make It Happen Fund (£3,000)

This fund assists in the provision of Scouting for young people from challenging circumstances. In particular it has supported the activities of 43rd North Leeds which operates on the Hawksworth Wood Estate.

In order to bring this fund down to its in principle reserve level the trustees have agreed to not seek any additional income for the fund until it reaches its in principle reserve level.

Wike Development Fund (£11,000)

This fund is being built up for the development of the Wike Campsite, it will continue to increase each year so the site can be developed and spent as developments take place. A development plan for the site will be part of the new district strategy.

World Scout Jamboree Fund (£2,800)

This fund is being built up in order to give grants to young people selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree. The next Jamboree is in 2027 so the fund will increase until 2026 and then be allocated in grants.

Wike Campsite (£13,000)

This fund looks after the day to day operation of the Wike Campsite. Since the end of the financial year £13,000 has been transferred to the Wike Development Fund for the development of the site.

Goonies and Mavericks Explorer Scout Unit [ESU] (£19,000)

This ESU has an international trip planned in 2025 which they are holding funds for. They are also due to purchase new equipment and we have a plan to reduce the amount we hold by running activities at a slight loss.

Blacksheep Headingley ESU (£2,000)

This ESU is planning to reduce it's reserves through:

- *Donation towards equipment for the new Parish Centre kitchen which the ESU uses regularly.*
- *Purchase of equipment to help Explorers take part in hikes, camps and expeditions.*
- *Maintaining sufficient reserves to pay Membership Fees which have increased with continued popularity of Unit and to pay anticipated increase in room hire fees.*

- *No increase in subscriptions before reserves reduce to meet the level required by the Reserves Policy.*

GSAL ESU (£1500)

This ESU has received funds in advance for a forthcoming GSAL ESU Alpine Expedition to Kandersteg in July-August 2024.

Below In Principle Reserve Level

Scotland Wood Scout Group (-£1,300)

This group is a relatively new group which the trustees have been supporting. Discussions will take place in the ensuing year with the group to consider how it can raise more funds and build up an appropriate reserve.

Badge Secretary Account (-£2,600)

As this account purchases badges and then sells to them to groups across the district a lower reserve is appropriate for this fund as the badges are normally bought and sold on a as needed basis. The fund also holds stock of circa £3,000 which would support the fund. During the ensuing year the trustees will discuss with the Badge Secretary what is an appropriate level of funds and stock to hold especially as some groups are now buying from online badge providers.

Red Kite ESU (-£2,250)

During the ensuing year the trustees will discuss with each ESU the reserves they are holding and the appropriate action to take. The trustees are not overly concerned about this balance under in principle reserve level as the ESU operates on an event by event basis.

Policy Agreed:

This Reserves Policy was agreed at the Board of Trustees meeting on 22 May 2024 and a summary will be submitted to the Charity Commission with the 2023/24 accounts.

It will be reviewed in May 2025 ahead of the submission of the 2024/25 accounts to the Charity Commission.

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1085203

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees as at 31 January 2023

Ex Officio

Joseph Fletcher
Terence Smith
David Goodall

District Chair
District Secretary
District Treasurer

John Illingworth
Stacy-Paul Wilshaw
Christopher Street
Keith Partridge

District Commissioner
District Commissioner
District Explorer Scout Commissioner
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Vacant
Vacant

District Youth Commissioner
District Scout Network Commissioner

Co-Opted

Gillian Marshall

Chair, Wike Management Committee

Nominated

Alexandra Pearson
Shamine Harding
Mark Sargent
Janet Illingworth

Elected Representatives

Freya Wilson
Ann McKenna
Duncan Jefferies
Keith Partridge (resigned 31 October 2022)

The Charity Trustees of North Leeds District Scout Council are the ex-officio, nominated and elected members (all voting of the District Board of Trustees).

Our Advisers

Nick Russell

Independent Examiner

North Leeds Scouts is the operating name of North Leeds District Scout Council, registered with the Charity Commission.

Charity number:

1085203 (England and Wales).

Registered address:

c/o North Leeds Scouts
34 Sunningdale Avenue,
Alwoodley,
Leeds,
LS17 7SE

Welcome from our Chair

A year of growth, boundless adventure and service.

As we reflect on the past year in North Leeds, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering commitment and resilience that define our Scouting community. This report aims to capture the essence of our journey.

Growing stronger, welcoming new members to our family.

Our District experienced another year of growth across our Squirrels to Explorer sections with an overall 5% increase in membership compared to the previous year.

This reaffirms the enduring appeal and need for Scouts in our communities. We welcomed nearly 70 new young people, ensuring that more young people than ever before can access Scouts and gain those crucial life skills.

We have also welcomed the latest addition to our family this year with Squirrels, making up two Dreys - and more on the way.

Outdoor Adventures and Learning

The great outdoors remains our classroom. Our Scouts embarked on unforgettable camping trips, hikes, and adventures, acquiring essential life skills while forging lasting friendships around the campfire.

Financial Health and Dedication

This year, we saw remarkable progress in our financial management, thanks to the

dedication and hard work of David, our new Treasurer. David has spearheaded efforts to update our finances whilst aligning us with best practices. We continue to healthily grow and will be able to further provide support locally and deliver projects working towards our strategy.

Looking Forward

Looking ahead, we're committed to addressing waiting lists, enhancing volunteer support, and expanding our impact. Together, we will ensure that no young person is left waiting for the transformative experiences Scouting offers, whilst also making sure we're effectively shouting about the amazing work our volunteers do and the skills and benefits they gain whilst doing so.

Playing our part

Scouting remains a force for good. Our Scouts have actively engaged in community service projects, leaving a positive mark on North Leeds. Whether planting trees, aiding local charities, or assisting neighbors, our Scouts embodied the spirit of giving back.

Several of our Scouts also stepped up when they received the call to assist at the Lying in State of our Patron, Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, last year - showing Scouts at their very best.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to our Board, our devoted volunteer team, and the entire District for your unyielding support and passion for Scouting. Together, we will continue to inspire young people, create lasting memories, and shape a brighter future for North Leeds.

Joseph Fletcher
Chair

Our areas of work

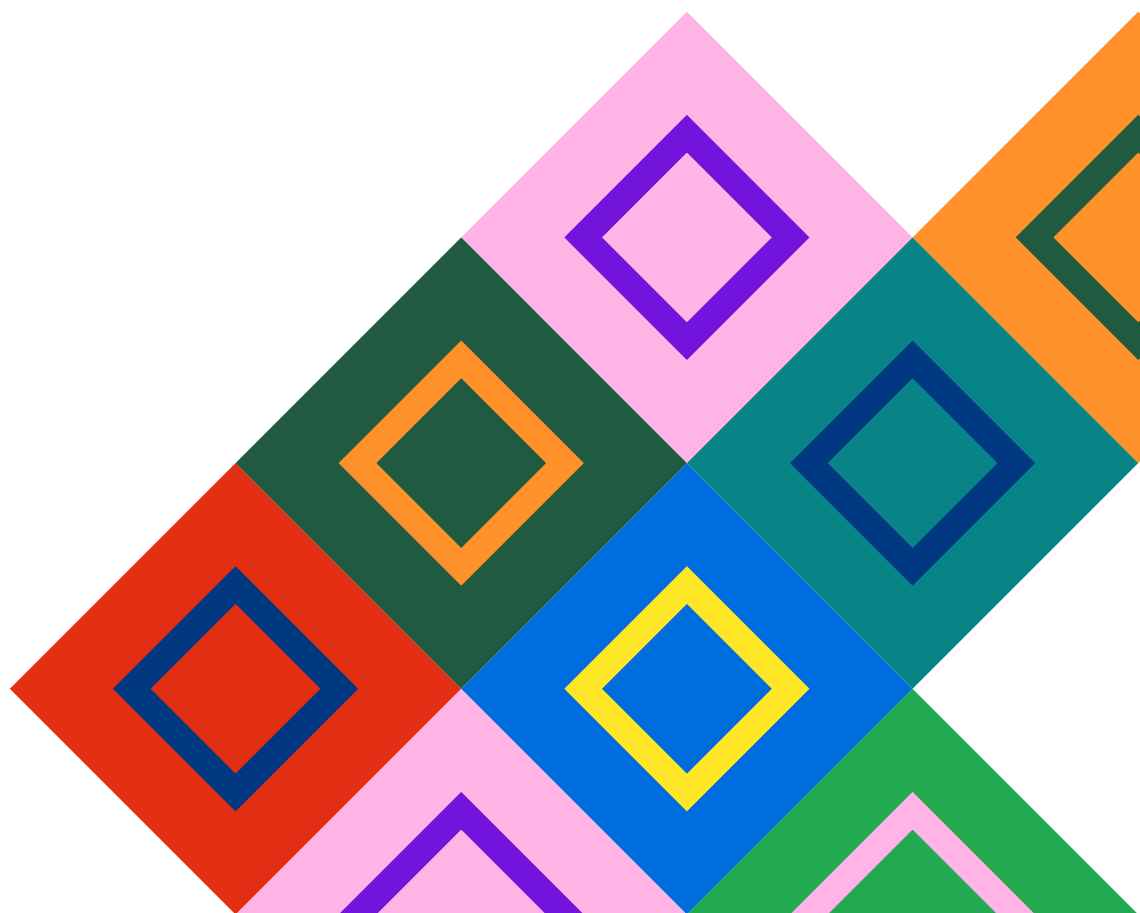
Wike Management

We had a busy summer in 2022 with plenty of evening and day visits but sadly lacking in camping nights and hut use.

Work continued to claim the site back after its 'rest' during COVID and a couple of working days by external companies helped tremendously. The campfire circle was replaced and will hopefully be good for another 10 years ;-). Maintaining our campsite takes manpower and sadly we are lacking in this area. There is always work to do from simply sweeping up leaves to building fences and pathways and so much more. If you wanted to help out or your group/section would like a day at Wike helping to maintain it then please get in touch. We have had a couple of explorer groups out who have taken a project and seen it through to completion – great for them and fantastic for us too! We also have lots of younger sections who will come and balsam bash for us each year and without them we would possibly be looking at reduced camping areas!

The end of the year saw Wike as a focus for part of the Strategy Day organised by District and a long list was received with ideas for developing Wike and improving it. Some are good but simply not possible but we are looking through the lists and working out what we can do bearing in mind, cost of setting up, maintaining and running any new activities both in financial terms and in terms of manpower.

Gill Marshall,
Chair, Wike Management Committee



Six Dales Committee

The walk went well and the weather was good.

There was a good distribution of trophies, local and Solihull and they were posted out to the non-local ones.

This year's walk is progressing and takes place on Sunday 24 September 2023.

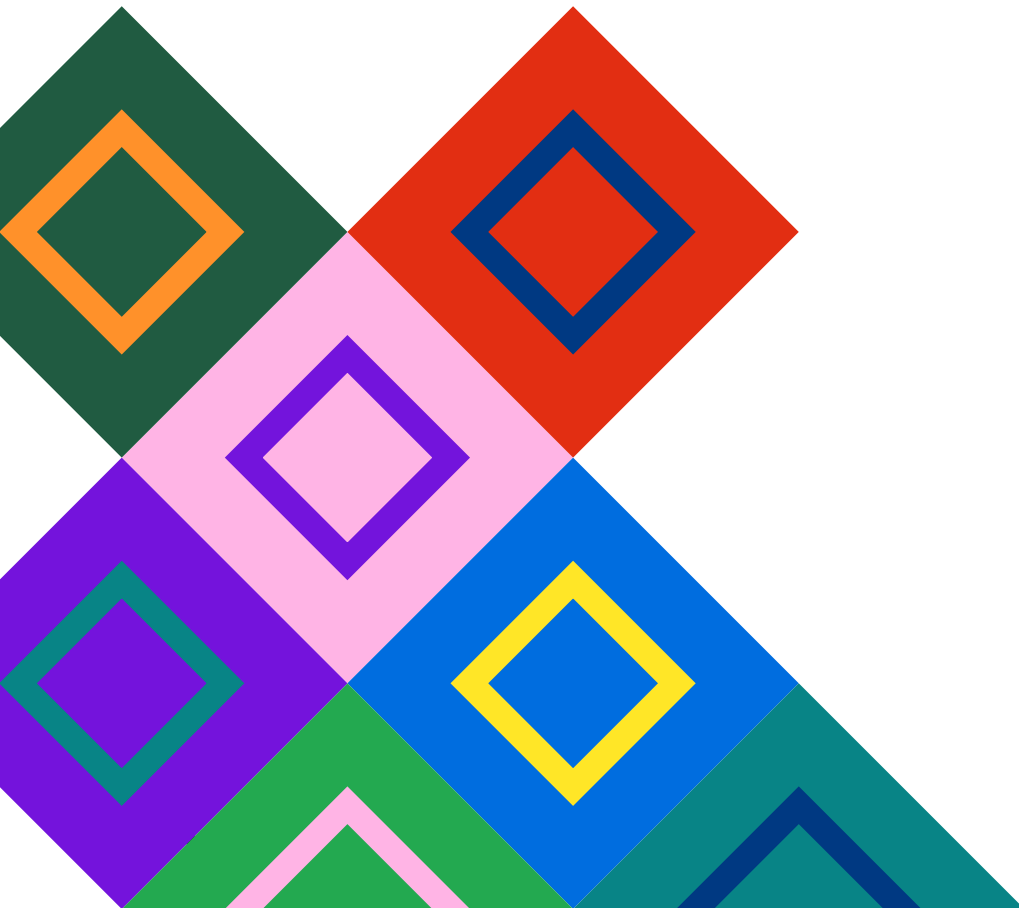
Entries were late coming in to begin with but the date, Sunday 24 September, is the earliest it can be held, as well as the school year beginning in the first week of September. We are underway with the folders and the final meeting will be on Thursday 15 September.

Thank you everyone who volunteers to help with the Six Dales Walk and those who walk. We can not run the walk without your help.

Once again Thank you for your time and help

Ann McKenna

Chair, Six Dales Committee



Appointments Committee

Appointments Advisory Committee Panels met 14 times between 1st February 2022 and 31st January 2023, seeing 45 applicants for Leadership roles, 27 new and 18 for Additional or Changes of Roles. These routine Panels took place in every month, except for a significant gap through July to October 2022, and were held online.

(There were 66, 35 and 45 applicants in the periods February 2019 to January 2020, February 2020 to January 2021 and February 2021 to January 2022 respectively).

We held no annual Appointments Team meeting in the period 1st February 2022 to 31st January 2023. The last was held online on 27th April 2023. Discussion points included (a) processing of Young People turning 18 years of age and moving into adult roles (b) factors to be considered to support AAC decisions to call (or not) applicants for changes of or additional roles to an AAC conversation. A clear set of protocols remains to be established.

At the start of the period 1st February 2022 to 31st January 2023 the Appointments Team comprised Amy Connor, Ted Fairfax, Helen Lee, John Lillywhite, Keith Warner, Alex Pearson and Pam Warburton. Helen Lee retired during the period and thanks are recorded for her service. Meriam Bougara (DGSL at Salam Scouts) was welcomed to the Team in January 2023.

Pam Warburton retired from the role of Appointments Secretary on 15th September 2022 but continues as an AAC Member. She stepped into the role of AAC Chair on 24th January 2023 and Ted Fairfax took on the role of Appointments Secretary.

Further to the above normal historic report I should update Council members as follows:

Appointments backlog: At the date of this report there are 55 individuals on our Compass records with appointments of Pre-Provisional status, usually meaning that they haven't been met by an Appointments Panel and/or their Personal Enquiry or DBS application has not been completed and/or either or both of their references haven't been obtained. Most of these are for roles started this year but 20 are for roles started more than 5 months before 30th September 2023. Max Illingworth and I are working through this backlog of Pre-Provisional roles and are in the process of contacting individuals and their Line Managers with a view to supporting our recruits into Full roles as quickly as possible.

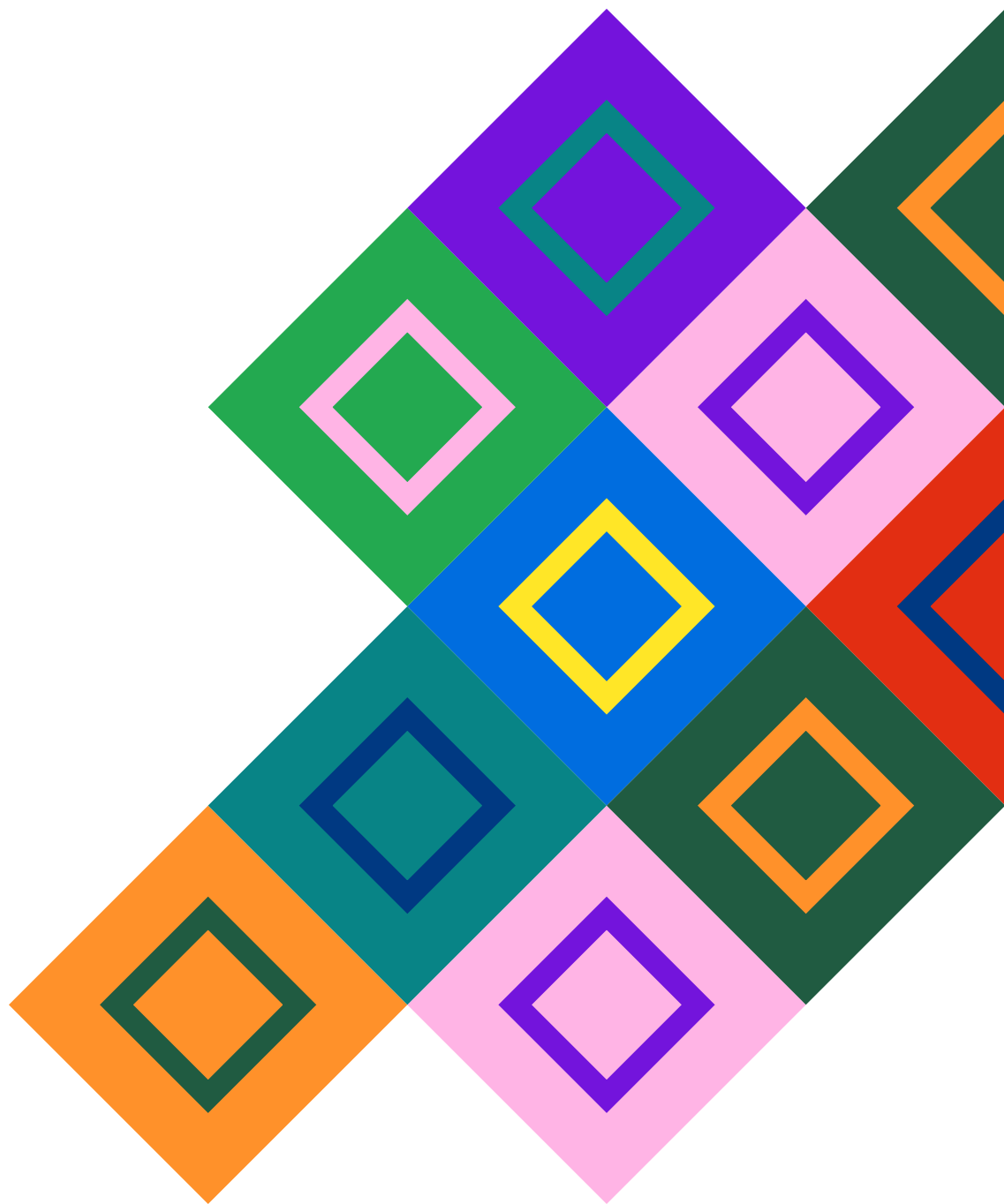
Appointments Advisory Committee Members: We are in the process of inducting one new member to the AAC Team, Esther Sykes, but wish to recruit more.

Appointments - the future: As noted for the AGM in October 2022, it could be that members have heard about the Transformation project underway and may have already done some exploring of this on Scouts.org.uk. Material covering the changes coming for Appointments can be found using the link below. Do please have a look - I found the plans very encouraging. I understand that one new emphasis will be on ensuring that a District Development Team of the future would include a good number of current Leaders with a capability and enthusiasm for welcoming new volunteers. I believe the idea would be for one of these to be deployed to support a GSL or other manager as soon as a person shows an interest in volunteering. The AAC as presently constituted would disappear and the joining processes become driven by the volunteer and manager. Check out: Volunteer experience | Scouts

Appointments Committee

Appointments - for now: Our County people involved advise me that we do need to continue with the current procedures for between 6 and 12 months. I look forward to receiving your support as the AAC does its best to catch up with the backlog and to provide as warm a welcome as we can for people into new roles going forward. I'd be pleased to be contacted by anyone interested in joining the AAC to help us through this next period, perhaps also with an eye on helping us through the transition into the new arrangements when they are consolidated. It remains important to recruit people to widen the diversity of its personnel in line with that of North Leeds Scout District as a whole.

Ted Fairfax
Secretary, Appointments Advisory Committee



Our finances

Beginning with Thanks

I would like to begin my first annual report as District Treasurer by thanking all those who have supported me in my first year as District Treasurer. I would also like to thank the Board who have worked hard this year in making important decisions to ensure our financial processes and procedures are in good order.

Financial Responsibility

The Board of Trustees hold ultimate financial responsibility (under both Charity Law and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scouts (POR)) for the finances of the District including for the finances of organisations and projects which operate under the trusteeship of the District, for example Explorer Units, Wike, 6 Dales. During this year we have made several changes to our accounting processes to ensure the trustees do this well. These have included:

- Being clear about which of our funds and accounts hold:
 - General Funds for the operation of the District.
 - Designated Funds which are designated by the Board for particular purposes, for example the Cub Section Fund or Wyke Development Fund.
 - Consolidated Accounts which are operated throughout the year by members of the District then consolidated into the end of year accounts.
- Reducing the number of bank accounts within the District by moving to an accounting model where the amount in each fund is tracked through the accounting process rather than each fund being held in its own bank account. We have also opened new bank accounts with The Charity Aid Foundation Bank to allow us to operate dual signatory online banking.
- Reducing the amount of double counting income when money moves between funds and accounts within the District and between connected Scout charities.
- Changed our timelines with regard to examination of the annual accounts. In previous years the District accounts have been examined by the independent examiner after the AGM. However, this is not in line with the process outlined in POR, therefore this year the accounts were presented to the AGM after their independent examination and include the formal report prepared by the independent examiner.

Our finances continued

End of Year Accounts

Attached to this report are the end of year accounts for 2022/23 and the independent examiners report. The key points to note from the accounts are the:

- District general fund received income above its expenditure this was mainly due to a reduction in the number of activities being reduced as we emerged from COVID lockdowns.
- Board of Trustees agreed to move the money being held for closed groups to the General fund, as POR allows them to do after the groups have been closed for a significant period. Following the approval of the reserves policy most of these funds will move again to the new designated District Strategy Development Fund for the development of Scouting in North Leeds.
- Significant reserves held by some Explorer Scout Units which will need to be considered in the coming year, in accordance with the reserves policy.
- Some discrepancies between the closing balances on consolidated accounts in January 2022 and the opening balances reported in the end of year accounts which are the opening balances at February 2023. Hopefully this will be the last time this happens.

Most importantly to note is that the District is in a healthy financial position to help Scouting flourish in North Leeds and young people to develop their #SkillsForLife

Reserves Policy

We have developed a Reserves policy which we are required to hold as a Charity and this has been approved by the Board of Trustees on 22nd September 2023. The policy outlines that we seek to hold money to cover out operating costs for twelve months in each of our funds unless we have good reason to hold more. Some of our funds currently hold more than 12 months operating costs and the reserves policy identifies how we are reducing these funds to their reserve levels.

David Goodall

District Treasurer

Trustees' responsibilities

Purpose and activities

The primary purpose of North Leeds District Scout Council ("the Council") is to promote the development of Young People through achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. This is achieved through the support of a quality programme of activities, events and expeditions.

These benefits are available to all Young People and are therefore considered to be a public benefit under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Council is established under the governing instruments of The Scout Association, which are common to all Scout organisations. These consist of the Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Council, which is registered as an educational charity, is managed by the Charity Trustees, who together form the District Board of Trustees ("The Board").

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Board is supported by the following sub-Groups, which report to it at each meeting:

- The District Senior Leadership Team
- The District Appointments Advisory Committee
- The Wike Management Committee
- The Six Dales Walk Committee

The District Commissioner and District Chair are ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

The Trustees are responsible for complying with the legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

They must act in the best interests of the District's members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the District.
- Manage the District finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for the District to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the safety policy locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-committees, including appointing a Chair to lead

Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include appropriate approvals for payments and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Grants Policy

The Council aims to provide appropriate resources to enable all Young People in North Leeds to undertake Scouting activities, expeditions, and training irrespective of their background, financial ability or special needs. The Trustees have created a 'Make it Happen' Fund in the interests of supporting this goal.

Activities and Volunteers

A summary of the main activities of the District is included in the accompanying District Commissioner's reports. The Trustees are most grateful of the considerable amount of voluntary help that is given to all aspects of Scouting throughout North Leeds.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Purpose of Scouting

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

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Public Benefit Statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

1. Identifiable benefit

The way we help young people in their personal development and empower them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Scouts.

2. Public benefit

Scouts is a national movement, open to young people aged 4–25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme, and accessing our benefits isn't constrained by a member's ability to pay their subscription. Locally, there are arrangements to

waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship. Nationally, there are funds available for uniform and the cost of activities so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstrated throughout this report.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of North Leeds District Scout Council are members of the Executive Committee.

There are four Groups of trustees as follows:

- Ex-officio
- Elected (by the Council)
- Nominated (by the District Commissioner)
- Co-opted (by the Trustees)

The ex-officio trustees are the:

- District Chair
- District Treasurer
- District Secretary
- District Commissioner
- District Youth Commissioner
- District Explorer Scout Commissioner
- District Scout Network Commissioner

There may be a maximum of four elected trustees, four nominated trustees, and four co-opted trustees.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees are trained in their responsibilities and duties by the longer serving Trustees.

Trustees must also complete mandatory training as specified within Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Joseph Fletcher

Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Consolidated statement of financial activity

North Leeds District Scout Council (Charity No: 1085203) - Final Income and Expenditure Year 2022/23

| | General Funds | Designated Funds | Consolidated Accts | Total |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE | 5,392.96 | 24,718.69 | 75,466.81 | 105,578.46 |
| INCOME | | | | |
| <i>Membership Fees</i> | | | | |
| Membership Fees | 69,150.00 | | | 69,150.00 |
| Net County & HQ Fees | 62,122.00 | | | 62,122.00 |
| ESU Subs | | | 18,629.50 | 18,629.50 |
| Net ESU Membership Fees | | | 5,900.00 | 5,900.00 |
| Membership Fees Subtotal | 7,028.00 | 0.00 | 12,729.50 | 19,757.50 |
| <i>Sectional Income</i> | | | | |
| Beavers | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cubs | | 244.51 | | 244.51 |
| Scouts | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sectional Income Subtotal | 0.00 | 244.51 | 0.00 | 244.51 |
| <i>Event Fees</i> | | | | |
| Cycle Event | 250.00 | | | 250.00 |
| Scout Event | 59.00 | | | 59.00 |
| Fun Day | 2,570.05 | | | 2,570.05 |
| Trading Post | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| ESU Event Income | | | 11,435.51 | 11,435.51 |
| Consolidated Accts Event Income | | | 6,058.50 | 6,058.50 |
| Event Fees Subtotal | 2,879.05 | 0.00 | 17,494.01 | 20,373.06 |
| <i>Groups</i> | | | | |
| Scotland Wood Subs | | 887.00 | | 887.00 |
| Scotland Wood Others | | 268.50 | | 268.50 |
| Little London Subs | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Little London Other | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Groups Subtotal | 0.00 | 1,155.50 | 0.00 | 1,155.50 |
| <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Badge Sales | | | 5,376.31 | 5,376.31 |
| Wike Bookings Income | | | 9,372.00 | 9,372.00 |
| Wike Activity Income | | | 3,542.00 | 3,542.00 |
| Donations | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Interest - General Funds | 191.44 | | | 191.44 |
| Interest - Other Funds | | 306.29 | 0.00 | 306.29 |
| Other | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Other Income Subtotal | 191.44 | 306.29 | 18,290.31 | 18,788.04 |
| NET TOTAL INCOME | 10,098.49 | 1,706.30 | 48,513.82 | 60,318.61 |
| Money Collected for Others | 1,595.00 | | | 1,595.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 11,693.49 | 1,706.30 | 48,513.82 | 61,913.61 |

**North Leeds District Scout Council (Charity No: 1085203) - Final Income and Expenditure
Year 2022/23**

| EXPENDITURE | General Funds | Designated Funds | Consolidated Accts | Total |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Operational Costs | | | | |
| Member Expenses | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| IT inc OSM | 2,231.01 | | | 2,231.01 |
| Meeting Expenses | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Other Operational Costs | 203.16 | | | 203.16 |
| ESU Rents | | | 1,529.00 | 1,529.00 |
| ESU Activities | | | 7,378.50 | 7,378.50 |
| ESU Event Costs | | | 19,093.74 | |
| ESU Other | | | 892.44 | 892.44 |
| Badge Purchases | | | 5,123.35 | 5,123.35 |
| Operational Costs Subtotal | 2,434.17 | 0.00 | 34,017.03 | 36,451.20 |
| Sectional Activities | | | | |
| Beavers | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Cubs | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Scouts | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Sectional Activities Subtotal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Event Activities | | | | |
| Cycle Event | 352.68 | | | 352.68 |
| Scout Event | 0.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Fun Day | 2,760.00 | | | 2,760.00 |
| Trading Post | 157.67 | | | 157.67 |
| Consolidated Accts Events Costs | | | 1,399.48 | 1,399.48 |
| Event Activities Subtotal | 3,270.35 | 0.00 | 1,399.48 | 4,669.83 |
| Groups | | | | |
| Scotland Wood Room Hire | | 810.00 | | 810.00 |
| Scotland Wood Other | | 250.96 | | 250.96 |
| Little London Room Hire | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Little London Other | | 253.69 | | 253.69 |
| Groups Subtotal | 0.00 | 1,314.65 | 0.00 | 1,314.65 |
| Other | | | | |
| Make It Happen Fund Payments | | 1,250.00 | | 1,250.00 |
| Wike Payments | | 0.00 | 13,910.54 | 13,910.54 |
| Jamboree Fund Payments | | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| Bank Fees | 0.00 | | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | | 244.51 | 244.51 |
| Other Subtotal | 0.00 | 1,250.00 | 14,215.05 | 15,465.05 |
| NET TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 5,704.52 | 2,564.65 | 49,631.56 | 57,900.73 |
| Money Paid to Others | 695.00 | | | 695.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 6,399.52 | 2,564.65 | 49,631.56 | 58,595.73 |
| NET BALANCE | 10,686.93 | 23,860.34 | 74,349.07 | 108,896.34 |
| Transfers between General & Designated Funds | 4,099.01 | -4,099.01 | | 0.00 |
| CLOSING BALANCE | 14,785.94 | 19,761.33 | 74,349.07 | 108,896.34 |

North Leeds District Scout Council (Charity No: 1085203) - Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ending 31st January 2023

MONETARY ASSETS

| General & Designated Funds | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Closing Balance |
| 1 - G | District General | 3,588.36 | 73,793.29 | 68,521.52 | 8,717.81 | 2,792.00 | 14,785.94 |
| 2 - G | District Reserve | 1,804.60 | 22.20 | 0.00 | 6,291.01 | 8,117.81 | 0.00 |
| 3 - D | Beavers | 251.35 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 251.35 |
| 4 - D | Cubs | 0.00 | 244.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 244.51 |
| 5 - D | Scouts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 - D | Make It Happen Fund | 6,596.55 | 86.10 | 1,250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,432.65 |
| 7 - D | Wike Development Fund | 3,701.57 | 45.55 | 0.00 | 5,745.37 | 0.00 | 9,492.49 |
| 8 - D | Wike Reserve | 4,296.48 | 52.89 | 0.00 | 1,396.00 | 5,745.37 | 0.00 |
| 9 - D | World Scout Jamboree | 1.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,396.00 | 0.00 | 1,397.76 |
| 10 - D | Scotland Wood Scout Group | 1,162.93 | 1,166.72 | 1,060.96 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 668.69 |
| 11 - D | Little London Scout Group | 2,493.49 | 34.08 | 253.69 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,273.88 |
| 12 - D | 5th NLSG St Stephens Kirkstall Reserve | 1,782.54 | 21.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,804.48 | 0.00 |
| 13 - D | 13th NLSG St Michael Reserve | 182.81 | 2.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 185.05 | 0.00 |
| 14 - D | 8th NLSG St Georges Reserve | 4,249.21 | 52.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,301.48 | 0.00 |
| Total | | 30,111.65 | 75,521.79 | 71,086.17 | 23,546.19 | 23,546.19 | 34,547.27 |
| General Funds | | 14,785.94 | | Designated Funds | 19,761.33 | Total | 34,547.27 |

| General & Designated Bank Accounts | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Closing Balance |
| C | VM General Account | 3,839.71 | 74,037.80 | 68,521.52 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 9,955.99 |
| D | VM Scotland Wood | 1,162.93 | 1,166.72 | 1,060.96 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 668.69 |
| E | VM Little London | 2,493.49 | 34.08 | 253.69 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,273.88 |
| F | VM Make It Happen Fund | 6,596.55 | 86.10 | 1,250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,432.65 |
| G | COIF General Reserve | 1,804.60 | 22.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,826.80 |
| H | COIF Wike Maintenance | 3,701.57 | 45.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,747.12 |
| I | COIF Wike Reserve | 4,296.48 | 52.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,349.37 |
| J | COIF World Scout Jamboree | 1.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.76 |
| K | COIF 5th NLSG St Stephens Kirkstall Reserve | 1,782.54 | 21.94 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,804.48 |
| L | COIF 13th NLSG St Michael Reserve | 182.81 | 2.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 185.05 |
| M | COIF 8th NLSG St Georges Reserve | 4,249.21 | 52.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,301.48 |
| Total | | 30,111.65 | 75,521.79 | 71,086.17 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 34,547.27 |

| Consolidated Bank Accounts | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Ref | Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Closing Balance |
| N | Cubs (opening balance corrected from 21/22 accts where £271.59 shown) | 288.16 | 0.00 | 244.51 | | | 43.65 |
| O | Scouts (opening balance corrected from 21/22 accts where £1,812.57 shown) | 1,817.57 | 0.00 | 60.00 | | | 1,757.57 |
| P | 6 Dales | 2,218.02 | 807.50 | 1,399.48 | | | 1,626.04 |
| Q | Wike Campsite | 22,221.89 | 12,914.00 | 13,910.54 | | | 21,225.35 |
| R | Badge Secretary (opening balance corrected from 21/22 accts where £1,674.75 shown) | 1,946.95 | 5,376.31 | 5,123.35 | | | 2,199.91 |
| S | The Goonies inc Mavericks | 25,018.69 | 10,393.65 | 9,968.19 | 446.98 | | 25,891.13 |
| T | Mavericks (Combined with Goonies) | 446.98 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 446.98 | 0.00 |
| U | Blacksheep Headingley | 1,965.73 | 1,212.50 | 598.74 | | | 2,579.49 |
| V | Headingley Friday-Pirates (opening bal corrected from 21/22 accts where £174.16 was shown as 21/22 accts not submitted) | 447.21 | 870.00 | 788.06 | | | 529.15 |
| W | The Marmots Roundhay (opening balance corr | 1,221.46 | 1,490.00 | 783.21 | | | 1,928.25 |
| X | Loiners | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | 200.00 |
| Y | GSAL - (opening balance corrected from 21/22 accts where £11,431.85 shown) | 11,433.44 | 8,023.79 | 8,915.56 | | | 10,541.67 |
| Z | Red Kite | 6,240.71 | 7,426.07 | 7,839.92 | | | 5,826.86 |
| Total | | 75,466.81 | 48,513.82 | 49,631.56 | 446.98 | 446.98 | 74,349.07 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS | 105,578.46 | 124,035.61 | 120,717.73 | 1,046.98 | 1,046.98 | 108,896.34 |
| OTHER MONETARY ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Outstanding Debts from Badge Sales | 993.22 | | | | | 423.43 |
| NON MONETARY ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Badge Secretary Stock | 3,153.00 | should have been £3,199.87 | | | | 3,704.67 |
| Headingley Pirates Bank Stock | | | | | | 20.00 |
| Wike Camp Site - Land and Buildings | 28,000.00 | | | | | 28,000.00 |
| Wike Camp Site - Equipment | 27,884.28 | | | 75% of last years value | | 20,913.21 |
| Wike Camp Site - New Toilet/Shower Block | 27,661.50 | | | Depreciated by 25% | | 20,746.12 |
| Total Non Monetary Assets | 86,698.78 | | | | | 73,384.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 193,270.46 | | | | | 182,703.77 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Badge Stock Purchase Due | 1,090.48 | | | | | 1,111.72 |
| NET ASSETS | 192,179.98 | | | | | 181,592.05 |

Independent examination of accounts

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Leeds District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **North Leeds District Scout Council** for the year ended 31st January 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **North Leeds District Scout 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 **North Leeds District Scout 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 **North Leeds District Scout 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.

Signed:



Name:

N J RUSSELL

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACIS

Address: 224 OTLEY ROAD, LEEDS LS16 5AB

Date: 12/6/2023

Reserves Policy

All charities are required to have a Reserves Policy which clearly states the reserves that the charity holds and the reasons for holding those reserves. The background to a Reserves Policy is that charities should not be holding public money without good cause. This is not to say that charities should not hold reserves or that it is inappropriate to be 'saving up' for a particular project, for example growth or property developments. What is not deemed to be appropriate is saving up for rainy day year on year with the rainy-day fund getting larger and larger.

This policy states the total funds North Leeds District Scout Council held at 31st January 2023, the principles for holding those reserves and the actions the trustees are taking in the ensuing year where funds are above or below their in principle reserve level.

Principles

- The charity has a number of funds. These are grouped into three categories:
 - o General Funds – used for the day to day and general operation of the district.
 - o Designated Funds – these are held for particular purposes and have been designated for these purposes by the Board of Trustees.
The General and Designated funds are managed on a day to day basis by the District Treasurer and held in a small number of bank accounts.
 - o Consolidated Funds – these funds are also designated for a particular purpose but are managed by volunteers appointed by the trustees and held in separate bank accounts. These accounts are consolidated into the overall district accounts at the end of the financial year.
- The trustees have agreed that in principle each fund will aim to hold an end of year balance which is equal to the average annual operating costs of the fund. The trustees believe this balance would enable the charity to operate for a year if there was a sudden drop in income whilst alternative sources of funding were found, or to operate for up to a year whilst the charity was wound up.

Whilst the Charity Commission recommendation is to hold balances to cover six months operating costs the trustees have agreed to hold average annual operating costs due to the interconnected nature of the charity with other connected charities within The Scouts.

- Where a funds end of year balance is significantly below or above the average annual expenditure figure the trustees will outline in this reserves policy the reasons for this and where appropriate its plan to increase or decrease the fund so that it meets the reserves policy in the ensuing years.

Funds at 31st January 2023:

| Fund | Average Annual Operating Costs | Balance at 31 st January 2023 | Deficit/Surplus Against Average Annual Operating Costs |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| General and Designated Funds Managed Directly by the Board of Trustees | | | |
| District General and Section Funds | 8,000.00 | 17,083.02 | 9,083.02 |
| Make It Happen Fund | 1,500.00 | 5,432.65 | 3,932.65 |
| Wike Development Fund | 0.00 | 9,492.49 | 9,492.49 |
| World Scout Jamboree | 0.00 | 1,397.76 | 1,397.76 |
| Scotland Wood Scout Group | 1,000.00 | 668.69 | -331.31 |
| Little London Scout Group | 0.00 | 2,273.88 | 2,273.88 |
| Consolidated Funds Managed by Others Groups Through the Year. | | | |
| 6 Dales | 1,500.00 | 1,626.04 | 126.04 |
| Wike Campsite | 14,000.00 | 21,225.35 | 7,225.35 |
| Badge Secretary Account | 5,000.00 | 2,199.91 | 2,800.09 |
| The Goonies inc Mavericks | 10,000.00 | 25,891.13 | 15,891.13 |
| Loiners ESU | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Blacksheep Headingley | 600.00 | 2,579.49 | 1,979.49 |
| Headingley Pirates | 800.00 | 529.15 | -270.85 |
| The Marmots Roundhay | 800.00 | 1,928.25 | 1,128.25 |
| GSAL ESU | 9,000.00 | 10,541.67 | 1,541.67 |
| Red Kite ESU | 8,000.00 | 5,826.86 | -2,225.68 |
| TOTALS | 56,200 | 108,696.34 | 54,243.98 |

Funds Above or Below in Principle Reserve Level

From the information above the trustees have identified the following funds as being significantly above or below their in principle reserve level:

- Above
 - o District General and Section Funds (£9,000)
 - o Make It Happen Fund (£4,000)
 - o Wike Development Fund (£9,500)
 - o World Scout Jamboree Fund (£1,400)
 - o Little London Scout Group (£2,250)
 - o Wike Campsite (£7,250)
 - o Goonies and Mavericks Explorer Scout Unit [ESU] (£15,750)
 - o Loiners ESU (£200)
 - o Marmots Roundhay (£1,100)
- Below
 - o Scotland Wood Scout Group (£300)
 - o Badge Secretary Account (£2,800)
 - o Red Kite ESU (£2,250)

Reasons for funds being above or below Reserve Level and agreed action plan.

Above In Principle Reserve Level

District General and Section Funds (£9,000)

This fund has risen over the last year due to reduced spending during periods of COVID lockdown and the transferring in of funds from a number of closed groups. In order to bring this fund down to its in principle reserve level the trustees have agreed to Transfer £9,000 to a District Strategy Development Fund for the implementation of the new District Strategy which is currently in development.

Make It Happen Fund (£4,000)

This fund assists in the provision of Scouting for young people from challenging circumstances. In particular it has supported the activities of 43rd North Leeds which operates on the Hawksworth Wood Estate.

In order to bring this fund down to its in principle reserve level the trustees have agreed to not seek any additional income for the fund until it reaches its in principle reserve level.

Wike Development Fund (£9,500)

This fund is being built up for the development of the Wike Campsite, it will continue to increase each year so the site can be developed and spent as developments take place. A development plan for the site will be part of the new district strategy.

World Scout Jamboree Fund (£1,400)

This fund is being built up in order to give grants to young people selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree. The next Jamboree is in 2027 so the fund will increase until 2026 and then be allocated in grants.

Little London Scout Group (£2,250)

This fund is the remainder of the funds from the Scout Group which was piloted in the Little London area of Leeds through the Pears Project. The money is being held with the hope of a new group starting.

Wike Campsite (£7,250)

This fund looks after the day to day operation of the Wike Campsite. Going forward at the end of the financial year the excess over the in principle reserve level will be paid over the Wike Development Fund for the development of the site.

Goonies and Mavericks Explorer Scout Unit [ESU] (£15,750)

Loiners ESU (£200)

Marmots Roundhay (£1,100)

Some of the funds in the ESU funds have built up due to international experiences not taking place during the COVID lockdowns. During the ensuing year the trustees will discuss with each ESU the reserves they are holding and the appropriate action to take. This may include not charging membership fees for a period, offering some

excess reserves to ESUs with limited reserves, returned raised fund to young people or offering free of charge activities to reduce the funds.

Below In Principle Reserve Level

Scotland Wood Scout Group (£300)

This group is a relatively new group which the trustees have been supporting.

Discussions will take place in the ensuing year with the group to consider how it can raise more funds and build up an appropriate reserve.

Badge Secretary Account (£2,800)

As this account purchases badges and then sells to them to groups across the district a lower reserve is appropriate for this fund as the badges are normally bought and sold on a as needed basis. The fund also holds stock of circa £3,000 which would support the fund. During the ensuing year the trustees will discuss with the Badge Secretary what is an appropriate level of funds and stock to hold especially as some groups are now buying from online badge providers.

Red Kite ESU (£2,250)

During the ensuing year the trustees will discuss with each ESU the reserves they are holding and the appropriate action to take. The trustees are not overly concerned about this balance under in principle reserve level as the ESU operates on an event by event basis.

Policy Agreed:

This Reserves Policy was agreed at the Board of Trustees meeting on 22 September 2023 and a summary will be submitted to the Charity Commission with the 2022/23 accounts.

It will be reviewed in September 2024 ahead of the submission of the 2023/24 accounts to the Charity Commission.

Our members

Scout Census Results

| | 2023 | 2022 | Change | % Change |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| YOUTH MEMBERSHIP | | | | |
| Squirrel Scouts | 23 | 0 | +23 | .. |
| Beaver Scouts | 297 | 267 | +30 | +11% |
| Cub Scouts | 471 | 473 | -2 | -0% |
| Scouts | 483 | 480 | +3 | +1% |
| Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders) | 191 | 176 | +15 | +9% |
| Network Members | 34 | 122 | -88 | -72% |
| TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP | 1499 | 1518 | -19 | -1% |
| PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES | | | | |
| Section Leaders | 59 | 66 | -7 | -11% |
| Assistant Section Leaders | 115 | 125 | -10 | -8% |
| Subtotal SL+ASL | 174 | 191 | -17 | -9% |
| Section Assistants | 77 | 51 | +26 | +51% |
| TOTAL ADULT PROG DELIVERY ROLES | 251 | 242 | +9 | +4% |
| Young Leaders* | 54 | 45 | +9 | +20% |
| TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES | 305 | 287 | +18 | +6% |
| LINE MANAGER ROLES | | | | |
| Group Scout Leaders | 16 | 17 | -1 | -6% |
| Deputy Group Scout Leaders | 6 | 5 | +1 | +20% |
| Sub-total GSLs and Deputy GSLs | 22 | 22 | 0 | 0% |
| District Explorer Scout Commissioners | 2 | 0 | +2 | .. |
| District Scout Network Commissioners | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| District Commissioners | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Deputy District Commissioners | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0% |
| Assistant District Commissioners | 4 | 7 | -3 | -43% |
| District Youth Commissioners | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deputy District Youth Commissioners | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub-total Commissioners | 8 | 11 | -3 | -27% |
| TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES | 32 | 33 | -1 | -3% |

Our members

| GOVERNANCE ROLES | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Group Chair | 11 | -13 | -2 | -15% |
| Group Secretary | 10 | 11 | -1 | -9% |
| Group Treasurer | 12 | 14 | -2 | -14% |
| Group Executive Members | 13 | 12 | +1 | +8% |
| TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES | 46 | 50 | -4 | -8% |
| District Chair | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| District Secretary | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| District Treasurer | 2 | 1 | +1 | +100% |
| District Executive Members n.e.c. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES | 4 | 3 | +1 | +33% |
| TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES | 50 | 53 | -3 | -6% |
| SUPPORT ROLES | | | | |
| Group Administrators ~ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Group Skills Instructors | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Other Group Adults | 63 | 78 | -15 | -19% |
| TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES | 64 | 79 | -15 | -19% |
| District Leaders | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| District Administrators ~ | 0 | 1 | -1 | -100% |
| District Skills Instructors | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other District Support roles | 4 | 3 | +1 | +33% |
| TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0% |
| Scout Active Support | 40 | 57 | -17 | -30% |
| TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES | 108 | 140 | -32 | -22% |
| TOTAL ADULT ROLES | 441 | 468 | -27 | -6% |

Our members

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | 1,940 | 1,986 | -46 | -2% |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|

| | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-------|
| Total Membership to pay HQ Membership Subscription (Youth Membership excluding Scout Network) | | | | 1,465 |
|---|--|--|--|-------|

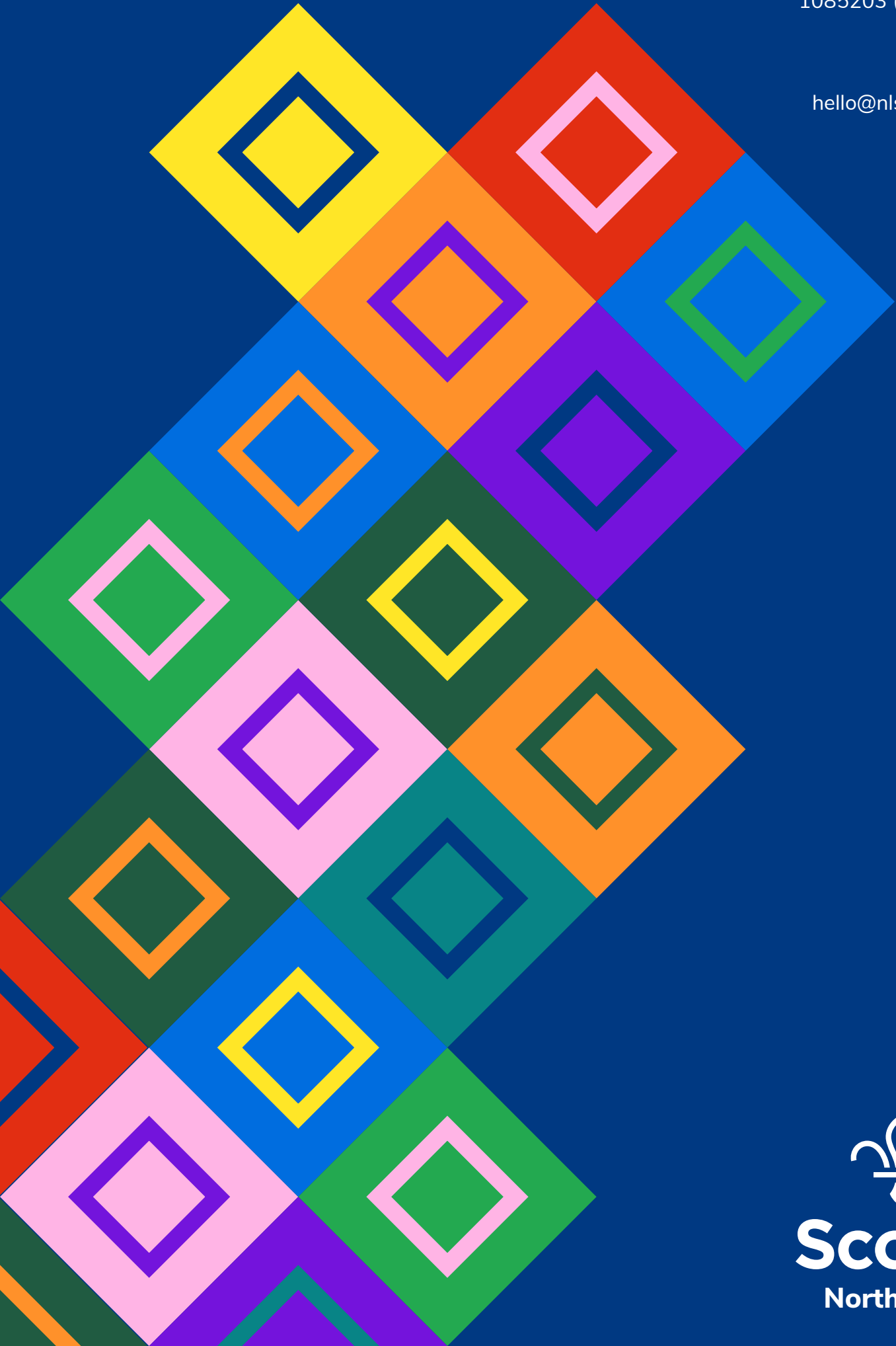
OPERATIONAL UNITS

| | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| Scout Groups | 20 | 22 | -2 |
| Squirrel Scout Drays | 2 | 1 | +1 |
| Beaver Scout Colonies | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Cub Scout Packs | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Scout Troops | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| Explorer Scout Units, including YL Units | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Scout Networks | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Scout Active Support Units | 3 | 4 | -1 |

North Leeds Scouts

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NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1085203

Accounts

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Registered Charity Number 1085203

Receipts for the Year Ended 31st January 2021

| Last Year | | | |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 46,121.00 | MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS | Received from Groups | 48,829.50 |
| 668.60 | RECEIPTS NEW GROUPS | Scotland Wood Group | 522.00 |
| 160.00 | | Little London Group | 1,413.70 |
| 46,949.60 | | | 50,765.20 |
| - | ACTIVITIES | Beaver Scout Section | - |
| 120.00 | | Cub Scout Section | - |
| - | | Scout Section | - |
| 300.00 | | Six Dales Walk | - |
| 10,108.35 | | Wike Camp Site | 13,409.86 |
| 3821.52 | | Badge Secretary | 3821.52 |
| | | Make it Happen Fund | 206.55 |
| | | Little London | 589.37 |
| | | Scotland Wood | 330.00 |
| 14,349.87 | | Total Activities | 18,357.30 |
| 5,725.60 | DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS | Membership Fees | 6,440.00 |
| 45,705.04 | | The Goonies & Mavericks ESU | 6,937.83 |
| 1,416.50 | | Blacksheep (Headingley) ESU | 328.00 |
| 329.50 | | Headingley Friday ESU - "The Pirates" | 302.00 |
| 1,975.00 | | The Marmots Roundhay ESU | 661.22 |
| 4,193.13 | | Red Kite ESU | 2,869.58 |
| 31,130.90 | | GSAL ESU | 1,235.00 |
| 90,475.67 | | Total Explorer Scouts | 18,773.63 |
| 4,472.50 | DONATIONS & GRANTS | Group and ESU contributions to Kitchen Project | - |
| 32,357.60 | | External Grants for the New Wike Kitchen Project | - |
| 61,000.00 | | External Grants for the Wike Toilet/Shower Project | - |
| 1,585.00 | | Group & ESU contributions to New Toilet/Shower | - |
| 7,270.00 | | Grants raised for The Make It Happen Fund | - |
| 5,000.00 | | Scotland Wood and Little London Start Up Grants | - |
| | | Transfer from CIOF | 2,500.00 |
| | | External Grant for Wike Leaders Room | 1,150.00 |
| | | External Grant for 43rd Group | 5,987.50 |
| 111,685.10 | | | 9,637.50 |
| 0.00 | INVESTMENT INCOME | HSBC Treasurer a/c Interest | - |
| 106.54 | | COIF (General fund) | 19.47 |
| 96.15 | | COIF (Wike Reserve funds) | 11.07 |
| 202.69 | | | 30.54 |
| 200.00 | OTHER RECEIPTS | Sale of Quad Bike | - |
| 929.36 | | Insurance Rebate | - |
| 500.00 | | Badge Secretary - Dividend | - |
| 300.00 | | Other Receipts/MICE Grant For Group | - |
| | | Other Dividends | 172.00 |
| 1,929.36 | | | 172.00 |
| 265592.29 | | TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR | 97,736 |

Payments for the Year Ended 31st January 2021

| Last Year | | | £ |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 47137.50 | MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS | Paid to County | 53664.00 |
| 1328.22 | PAYMENTS NEW GROUPS | | |
| 119.45 | | | |
| 48,585.17 | | Total Capitation Paid | 53,664.00 |
| - | ACTIVITIES | Beaver Scout Section | - |
| 54.97 | | Cub Scout Section | 19.92 |
| | | Scout Section | - |
| 128.14 | | Six Dales Walk | 478.33 |
| 13,722.02 | | Wike Camp Site | 6,051.68 |
| 3977.93 | | Badge Secretary | 1675.56 |
| 17,883.06 | | Total Activities | 8,226.49 |
| 48,075.18 | DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS | Direct payments for Section | |
| 1,190.28 | | The Goonies & Mavericks ESU | 3,210.50 |
| 372.10 | | Blacksheep Headingley ESU | 339.00 |
| 2,166.00 | | Headingley Friday ESU "The Pirates" | 270.93 |
| | | The Marmots Roundhay ESU | 902.68 |
| | | Loiners | |
| 4,171.61 | | Red Kite ESU | 1,975.39 |
| 30,585.87 | | GSAL ESU | 2,502.45 |
| | | Scotland Wood | 147.25 |
| | | Little London | 91.65 |
| 86,561.04 | | Total Explorer Scouts | 9,439.85 |

NORTH LEEDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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| GENERAL EXPENSES | | |
| ADULT TRAINING | | |
| 440.00 | Training courses | - |
| 450.00 | World Jamboree | - |
| 120.00 | Cycle Event | 270.00 |
| 0.00 | Laser Tag | 294.00 |
| 402.52 | Room hire, Stationery, and post. | |
| 158.55 | Travel Expenses | |
| | Members Expenses | 153.36 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | | |
| 300.00 | Grants to Groups | |
| 1,061.00 | Grant Payment to Group-Radio Aire Grant Rec'd 2018 | - |
| 623.94 | Tent Purchases re MICE Grant Received in 2018 | - |
| 685.00 | Make It Happen Payments | |
| 52,636.39 | Wilke New Kitchen Project Costs | 1,015.00 |
| 67,533.08 | Wilke General Expenses | 3,157.33 |
| | Wilke New Toilet/Shower Block Project Costs | 353.00 |
| | Wilke Tree Consultancy | |
| 430.00 | New Storm Shelters | |
| 1,061.30 | Online Scout Manager Expenses | 1,060.00 |
| 1,060.00 | Equipment and Technology | 1,060.00 |
| | Badges and Scout Branded Purchases | 485.69 |
| | Scout Grant Equipment Repairs | 1,681.74 |
| | Police Grant Payment to 43rd | 4,305.76 |
| | Police Grant Payment to 43rd | 4,305.76 |
| | Transfers to Other NLDSC Sections | 2,675.36 |
| | Total General Expenses | 15,757.68 |
| 126,971.78 | | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR | | 87,087.02 |
| 280,001.05 | | |

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| Last Year | Receipts & Payments Summary for the Year | |
|-------------|---|------------------|
| 265,592.29 | Total receipts for the period (page 1) | 97,736.17 |
| 280,001.05 | Total payments for the period (page 2) | 87,087.02 |
| (14,408.76) | Net receipts (payments) for the period | 10,649.15 |
| 87,744.17 | Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward | 73,335.65 |
| 73,335.65 | Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward (page 4) | 83,984.80 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31st January 2021

| Last Year | | | £ |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| MONETARY ASSETS | | | |
| (805.34) | HSBC Treasurer account | [Note 2] | 793.90 |
| 11,994.22 | General Reserve funds | [Notes 3&4] | 9,513.69 |
| 7,979.88 | Wike Reserve funds | [Notes 3&4] | 7,990.95 |
| 251.35 | Beaver Scout Section | [Note 2] | 251.35 |
| 301.51 | Cub Scout Section | | 281.59 |
| 1,822.57 | Scout Section | | 1,822.57 |
| 3,125.03 | Six Dales Walk | | 2,646.70 |
| 3,343.94 | Wike Camp Site | | 10,702.12 |
| 1,013.47 | Badge Secretary | | 3,159.43 |
| 6,585.00 | Make It Happen Fund Balance | | 6,596.55 |
| 12,524.79 | Explorer Scout Units:- | The Goonies | 16,365.52 |
| 560.38 | | Mavericks | 446.98 |
| 1,899.46 | | Blacksheep Headingley | 1,888.46 |
| 142.61 | | Headingley Friday-Pirates | 174.61 |
| 1,850.03 | | The Marmots Roundhay | 1,687.44 |
| 200.00 | | Loiners | 200.00 |
| 11,943.28 | | GSAL | 10,675.83 |
| 4,222.54 | (See Note 1) | Red Kite | 5,258.75 |
| 1,340.38 | New Scout Groups | | |
| 3,040.55 | Scotland Wood Group | [Note 5] | 1,010.84 |
| 73,335.65 | Little London Group | [Note 5] | 2,517.52 |
| | | | 83,984.80 |
| OTHER MONETARY ASSETS | | | |
| - | Outstanding debts from badge sales | | - |
| - | | | - |
| NON-MONETARY ASSETS | | | |
| 3,184.73 | Badge Secretary's stock | | 3,334.97 |
| 28,000.00 | Wike Camp Site | - Land and Buildings [Note 8] | 28,000.00 |
| 38,715.41 | | - Equipment [Note 7] | 37,179.05 |
| 49,176.00 | Wike New Toilet/Shower Block | [Note 6] | 36,882.00 |
| 119,076 | | | 105,396.02 |
| 192,412 | | TOTAL ASSETS | 189,380.82 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| - | Badge purchase payment due | | - |
| - | | TOTAL LIABILITIES | - |
| 192,412 | | NET ASSETS | 189,380.82 |

NOTES

Note 1

Note 1 The Starting Balance of the Red Kite ESU has risen due to the movement of the Groups Swiss Investmenty Acc from £4201.02 to £4222.54

Note 2 Beavers - Balance £251.35 are held within District HSBC A/c

Note 3 The General Reserve A/c Balance £5792.03 and Closed Group Bank Balances are £6,200.43 Total £11,992.46

Note 4 The General Reserve Fund, the Wike Reserve Fund and the Closed Group Accounts are held in separate COIF Charities Deposit Fund Accounts. The average interest rate over the year was 0.3135% p.a (Previous year 0.6165%).

Note 5 The Scotland Wood and Little London Group accounts are now held in separate Yorkshire Bank Accounts but are still administered by the District

Note 6 The New Toilet /Shower Block value of £49176.00 has been depreciated at a rate of 25% leaving a book value of £36882.00

Note 7 The value of Wike equipment is estimated as 75% of last year's value £2145.40 plus 75% of new purchases £48760.00 leaving a book value of 37179.05

Note 8 The land and buildings at Wike were valued in December 2001.

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APPROVAL BY THE TRUSTEES

This statement of assets and liabilities on 31st January 2021 and the accompanying receipts and payments account were approved by the Trustees on 09th June 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Joseph Fletcher

Chairperson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the North Leeds District Scout Council for the year ended 31st January 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Nicholas Russell ACIE

Dated

29/1/2021

Nicholas Russell
Retired Bank Relationship Director
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