



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2023 Period start date To 31/03/2024 Period end date

Charity name: **BLYTH VALLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

Charity registration number: **1116322**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Purpose of Scouting</p> <p>Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The District of Blyth Valley covers and operates over the areas of Blyth, Cramlington and Seaton Valley of Northumberland County and provides services to further the Scout Association's purpose. These services undertaken by volunteers support the provision to Beaver Scouts (6-8 years), Cub Scouts (8-10 years) and Scouts (10-14 years), through scout groups, within the district and directly by the District to Explorer Scouts (14-18 years) and members of the Scout Network (18-25 years). The services include the provision of a programme of activities for all the young members, the provision of equipment, premises and facilities to support the activities and necessary administrative support. Training for the District adult volunteers and those within the Scout Groups is provided by the district through the provision of the required expertise or a service offered by Northumberland Scout County, to ensure everyone has the required skills and expertise to undertake their roles as defined by The Scout Association. Provision of the services is funded via membership fees, fundraising and</p>

		donations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In 2024, the District maintained its support for scouting activities, including funding for Scouts to attend international camps. Several training camps also received financial backing. Investments were made in maintaining District assets, finalised the construction of a new toilet block at the Selby Wood campsite. Additionally, progress continued on returning Walker Hall to the County Council, reducing the District's building-related liabilities. Continued investment at Spylaw to improve facilities

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The aim is to have at least two years running cost as a reserve in an accessible account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6840
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Districts main source of funding is through the annual levee.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investment policy at present
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The organisation operates under the Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules. (POR March 2024)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election at District AGM of the Scout Council held in May each year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blyth Valley District Scout Council
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1116322
Charity's principal address	Scout Association 39 Horsley Avenue Shiremoor NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE27 0UG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Neil Robinson	District Lead Volunteer		
2	Simon Miller	District Chair		
3	Paul Kelly	District Explorer Commissioner		
4	Kevin Appleby	Trustee		
5	Dave McGlen	Trustee		
6	Lynn Horrocks	Treasurer		
7	Kirsty Hopkirk	Trustee		
8	Neal Armiger	Trustee		
9	Stu Bennet	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

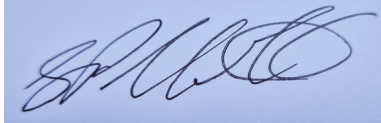
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Simon Miller

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

29/01/2025

Blyth Valley Scout District
Accounts for the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
Income & Expenditure Account

	Expenses	Income	Nett
	£	£	£
Capitation	-20,482	22,990	2,508
Premises			
Seghill	-1,196		-1,196
Selby Wood	-9,423	8,942	-481
Spylaw	-820	1,158	338
Walker Hall	-2,175		-2,175
Explorers	-3,259	3,314	54
General			-10
Bank Interest		87	
Fire Extinguisher Service	-109		
Garage Rent	235		
Grants			
Insurance	-52		
Miscellaneous	-61		
Poppy Appeal	-110		
Consolidation adjustment	1,850	-1,850	
Deficit for year		962	
	<u>£ -35,602</u>	<u>35,602</u>	

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

District Deposit	6,789	
District Current	3,955	
Explorers	833	
Selby Wood	9,231	
Walker Hall	<u>17</u>	20,825

Less Current Liabilities

Selby Wood Creditors	-2,690	
Grants owed to 2nd Cramlington	-446	-3,136
	£	<u>17,690</u>

Represented by

Explorers		
Brought forward	715	
Add Surplus	54	
Add paid by District	<u>63</u>	833
Selby		
Brought forward	6,026	
Less Deficit	-481	
Add paid by District	<u>995</u>	6,541
District		
Brought forward	9,941	
Less Deficit	-535	
Selby Payment	-995	
Explorer Payment	<u>-63</u>	8,347
Gang Show		<u>1,968</u>
	£	<u>17,690</u>

Blyth Valley Scout District
Accounts for the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024
Analysis of premises and groups

Seghill

Expenditure

Electricity	-191	
Gas	-34	
Legal Fees	-550	
Maintenance	-421	
Deficit for year	£	<u>-1,196</u>

Selby Wood

Expenditure

Donation to Farm	-1,868	
Fuel	-151	
Insurance	-995	
Power Washer	-200	
Running Expenses	-219	
Solar System	-4,021	
Toilet Block	-1,969	
	£	<u>-9,423</u>

Income

Grant	3,870	
Site Fees	5,072	
	£	<u>8,942</u>
Deficit for year	£	<u>-481</u>

Spylaw

Expenditure

Fuel	-100	
Insurance	-674	
Running Expenses	-46	
	£	<u>-820</u>

Income

Site Fees		<u>1,158</u>
Surplus for year		<u>338</u>

Walker Hall

Insurance	-1,195	
Gas	-39	
Electricity	-407	
Water	-533	
Deficit for year	£	<u>-2,175</u>

Explorers

Expenditure

Badges	-31	
Camp & Events	-904	
Capitation	-1,650	
OSM	-35	
Rent	-600	
Tent Repair	-40	
	£	<u>-3,259</u>

Income

subs	2,865	
Camp & Events	449	
	£	<u>3,314</u>
Surplus for year	£	<u>54</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blyth Valley District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Blyth Valley District Scout Council (the Council) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 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 Council's 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 Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

In carrying out my examination I have noted that there are some deficiencies in the manner in which the various accounting records have been maintained and the consistency of the records between different areas of the Council. I have also noted that key financial controls have not been working effectively throughout the financial period, including the setting of budgets to effectively control expenditure, the use of cash receipts to pay out of pocket expenses and the recognition of income as opposed to cash movements or amounts held on account for other entities. The previous two independent examiner's reports have already highlighted these deficiencies in detail and the new board of trustees appear to be taking action to address the concerns raised, however this change came into force towards the end of the financial period and therefore the impact of these actions will be felt in coming years.

Signed:

Name: John Alexander Lawson

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

Address: 6 Annfield Road, Cramlington, NE23 3GY

Date: