

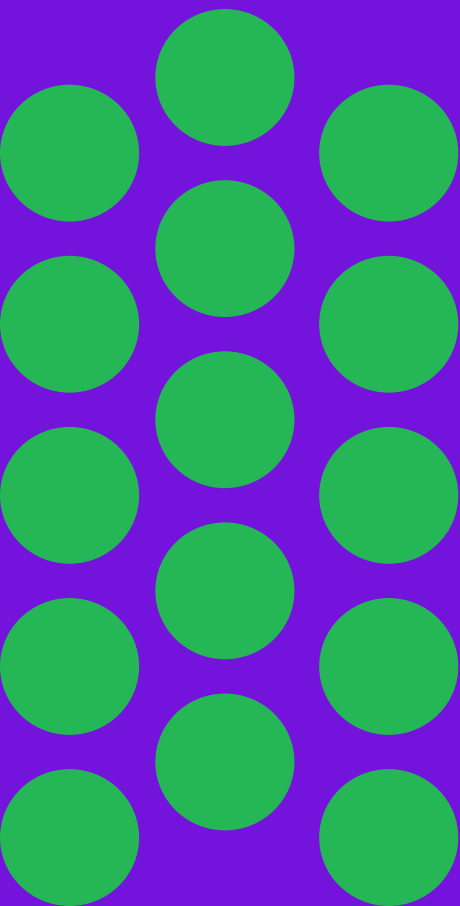
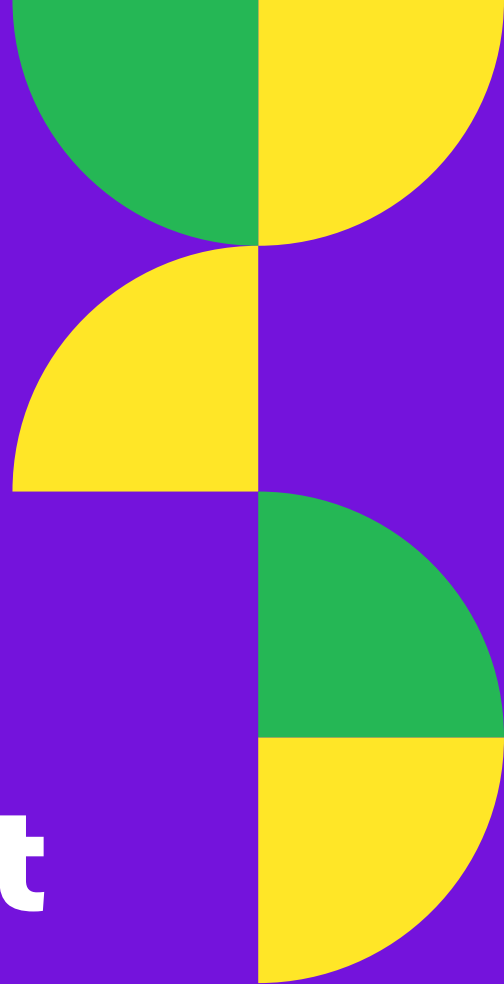


# Scouts

Blacktoft Beacon

# Annual Report

## and Accounts 2023-24



**#SkillsForLife**



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# Welcome from the Chair

It is time to celebrate another successful year of Scouting within Blacktoft Beacon District.

The District has maintained its membership and grown in some sections. It is great to see an increasing number of Squirrel Dreys now active in Blacktoft Beacon.

The District, along with the Groups within it, are making the transition into the new Trustee led organisation. This is in order to strengthen leadership and governance. Changes like this always bring a level of challenge, and I would like to thank all of those involved in working on this transition in the District.

We still have some leadership and governance gaps to fill, both in the District Team and at Group levels, and are working to find new leaders and adult supporters.

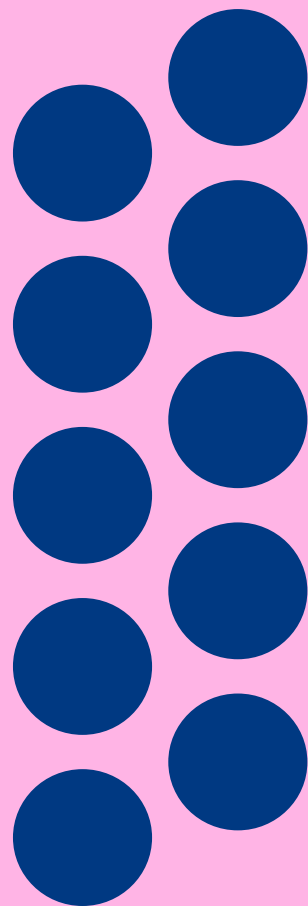
Again, across the region young people have benefitted from great events taking place over the past year, at District, Group and Section levels. You will see some of these reflected in the pictures in this report. Thankfully the weather was good for this year's St. Georges Day event at Beverley Racecourse with nearly a thousand young people and leaders present.

My thanks to everyone that contributes to make Blacktoft Beacon District a great fellowship for our members to learn skills for life.

**Scott Millard**

Chair

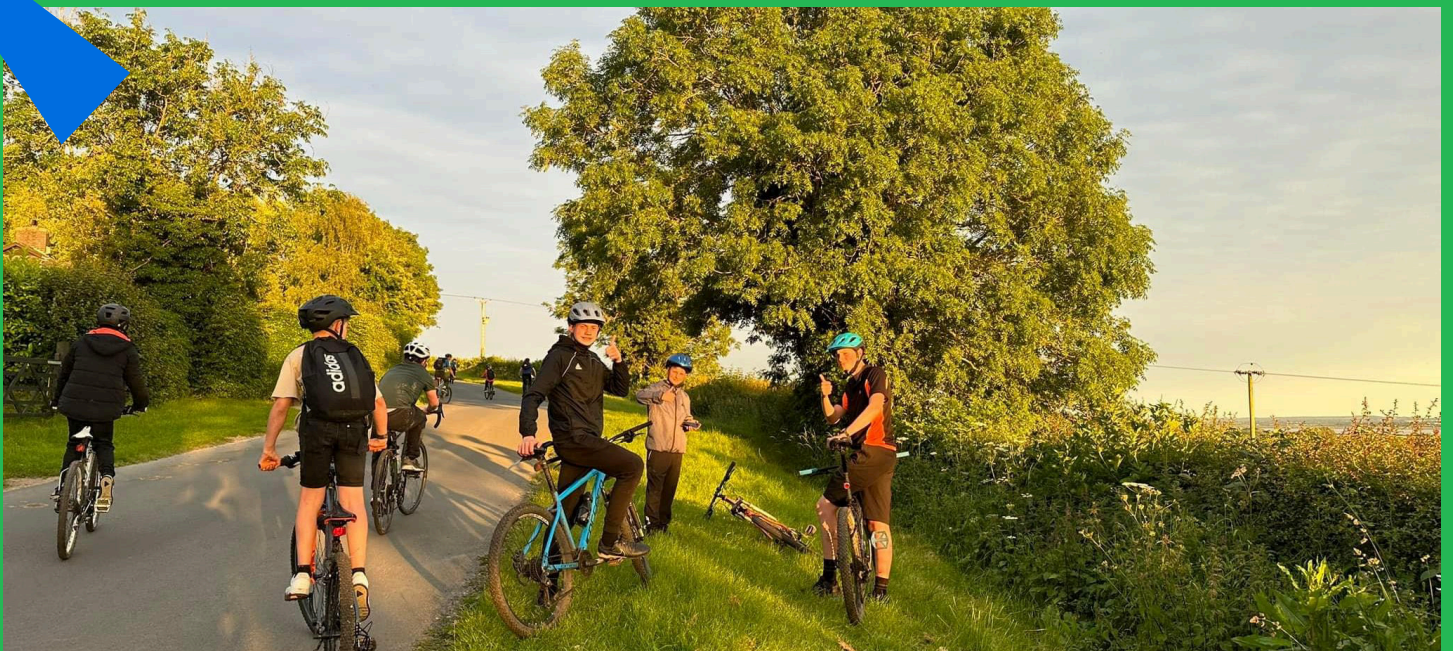
Trustee Board













# A Year of Scouting

Thank you for all the work that you do in the Groups and sections in the District. Blacktoft Beacon remains a strong and active District with the County.

The great strength of the Groups is that we continue to have a Lead Volunteer in each of our Groups and although there have been some changes of Lead Volunteer, Section leaders and young people continue to be supported at local level. My thanks to those new Lead Volunteers who have stepped in to fill a vacant role.

Numbers remain very healthy with the 2024 census showing 1002 young people and 252 leaders and adults in supporters of the groups. And you/ we're not finished yet as the Scout Association have set growth targets for all Districts in the Country.

What this means for Blacktoft is another 89 young people in existing sections and the launching of 5 new squirrel sections. Individual targets have been cascaded to Groups via their Lead Volunteers. The measure point for this is the 2026 census so good luck and go for it. If your Group has not received a target, your challenge is to retain your numbers and grow wherever possible

Activities remain the key to attracting and retaining young people. Nights Away continue at a very high level which is great to record. In the calendar year a total of 89 Nights Away events were held and the total to date for 2024 stands at 63. They range from sleepovers for the younger sections to traditional week-long summer camps.

Events arranged by the District also feature in the programme and I'm pleased to record the formation of an events team with different adults coming forward to front a tram to arrange specific events.

As well as taking part in the County led trip to Austria last summer when Blacktoft leaders filled some of the key posts, the event team have arranged;

- Three sleepovers at The Deep in Hull
- Welly Walk at Raywell
- St George's Day celebration with Beverley and Hornsea District at Beverley Racecourse
- Annual Camp Craft competition at Tablers Wood
- A fun day at William Den

All these in addition to running events in their Groups.

As a result of the high amount of events it will come as no surprise to learn of the large number of adult awards and I was privileged to be present at the annual St George's Day Award Presentation when the fantastic work was given recognition. My congratulations to all recipients and my thanks to Linda and Joy for managing the process.

Finally my thanks for the support of Scott and the other hard working members Trustee Board for their dedication and commitment to sound governance of District affairs and my thanks also to members of the District Team, Josh, Wendy and Rory for keeping me on the 'straight and narrow.'

Enjoy the summer break and lets go again in 2025.

**Alan Hayward**

District Lead Volunteer (Acting)

# A Year of Growth

## 2024 Census Results

Group	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Young People	Network	Total Adults	Total
Blacktoft Beacon	-	-	-	-	100	100	0	-	100
Anlaby (St Mark's)	-	15	14	18	-	47	-	14	61
Cottingham	-	35	40	24	-	99	-	11	110
Elloughton-Cum-Brough	18	28	48	49	-	143	-	36	179
Ferriby & Swanland	-	14	22	17	-	53	-	16	69
Gilberdyke (St Stephen's)	11	13	20	11	-	55	-	23	78
1st Goole	10	6	10	7	-	33	-	20	53
Hessle	-	24	47	39	-	110	-	30	140
1st Hook	-	3	5	5	-	13	-	7	20
1st Howden	15	20	28	19	-	82	-	16	98
2nd Kirkella (St Andrew's)	-	24	20	16	-	60	-	12	72
1st Snaith	-	23	41	22	-	86	-	21	107
South Cave	-	25	23	34	-	82	-	33	115
Willerby	-	6	14	19	-	39	-	13	52
Total	54	236	332	280	100	1002	0	252	1254

## Record numbers!

We continue our growth as a district, surpassing the 1000 mark in number of young people for the first time since covid, with an increase of 14 young people. Well done to the group leadership teams who have worked with their sections to help deliver this growth.

Our Explorer provision has also continued to grow, hitting 100 young people. This marks an increase of 25 Explorers and a record number for Blacktoft Beacon since its inception.

Each group has been given growth targets, with a number targeted in opening Squirrel Dreys. This growth allows us to continue this positive momentum and increase the number of young people learning #SkillsForLife.

## Looking ahead...

Focusing on growth means focusing on volunteer recruitment, and the next year will see a number of changes in how we volunteer rolled out as part of the programme of Transformation.

We will begin to see groups adopt the new ways of volunteering, changing how we welcome volunteers so they feel warmly welcomed to Scouting, and the introduction of the new membership system that will make learning, permits and much more easier.







# Roll of Honour

## Bar to the Award for Merit

Mike Croft, Elloughton Cum Brough

## Award for Merit

Sean Bell, Hessle

Margaret Carey, Hessle

Lucy Carne, Hessle

Wendy Macadam, Hessle & Blacktoft Beacon

Scott Millard, Blacktoft Beacon

Claire Moverley, South Cave

Caroline Nicholls, Elloughton Cum Brough

Diane Porter, Ferriby & Swanland



# Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Carlton Cooper, Anlaby

Mike Gungaram-Smith, Snaith

Josh Morablanco, Cottingham & Blacktoft Beacon

Gayle Tomlin, Elloughton Cum Brough

Sarah Walton, Kirk Ella

Frankie Rankin, Snaith

Jon Robinson, Willerby

Chris Bradley, Snaith

## Commendation Award

Amy Fairclough, Howden

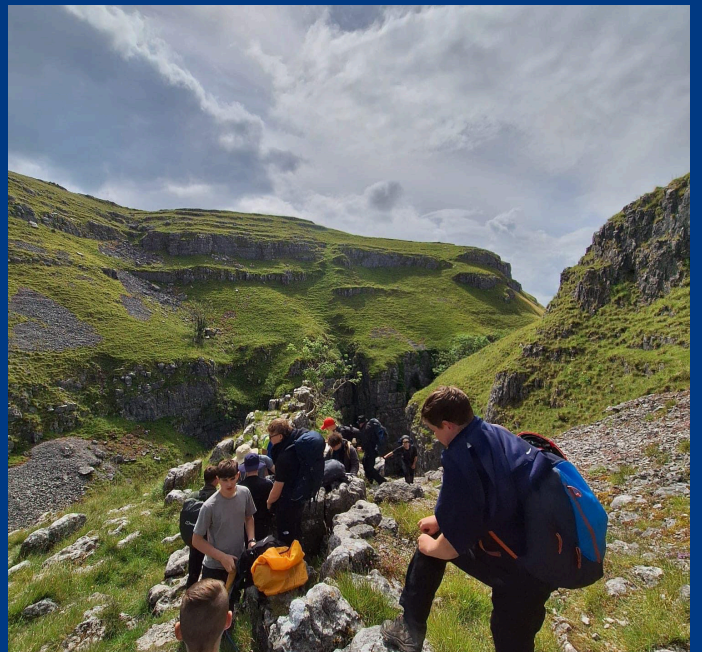
Philip Walker, Howden

Helen Walker, Howden

Claire Young, Howden

Congratulations to everyone who earned their Wood Beads and Length of Service Awards in the past year too.







# 14-24 Team

I can't believe it's been a whole year since I last reported on what the Explorer team has been up to. In the past 12 months it has been refreshing to see so many adventurous activities taken by the Explorers around the district. I've enjoyed attending a number of section meetings where I have seen climbing, archery, water activities, survival skills, cooking and games. And I've witnessed a great level of teamwork and collaboration between the sections, all of which embodies the values of Scouting.

In this past year we reached the highest number of Explorers in the district since its formation, with the latest census figures showing exactly 100 members. Thank you to the section leaders who have helped us deliver key skills to even more Explorers. Let's carry on this trajectory into the next year.

We had about a quarter of our Explorers join us for the Camp Craft competition in May, where they socialised between the sections, supported the Scout and Cubs competitions and got stuck in with some traditional Scouting activities.

This year also saw the opening of a new Explorer Scout Unit in Willerby, thank you to the team locally for instigating and delivering this. It means we can retain more young people in Scouting - continuing their development of skills for life.

We have also begun adopting the transformed structure within the team and want to express my thanks to Charlotte Rymer and Gayle Tomlin for supporting as

team members in the new 14-24 Team. Charlotte will continue to focus her time on supporting Young Leaders whilst Gayle continues to support Explorer sections in a more general capacity.

On the topic of Young Leaders, I've been pleased to see even more young people get involved and volunteer within one of the younger sections in their group. We've seen a record number of Young Leaders this year which translates into approximately half of all members aged 14-18 being part of the Young Leader Scheme. This provides responsibility and an opportunity to learn that helps the young people develop themselves. It also provides an opportunity for groups to build the number of adult leaders as we continue to see members continue into adult roles when they turn 18.

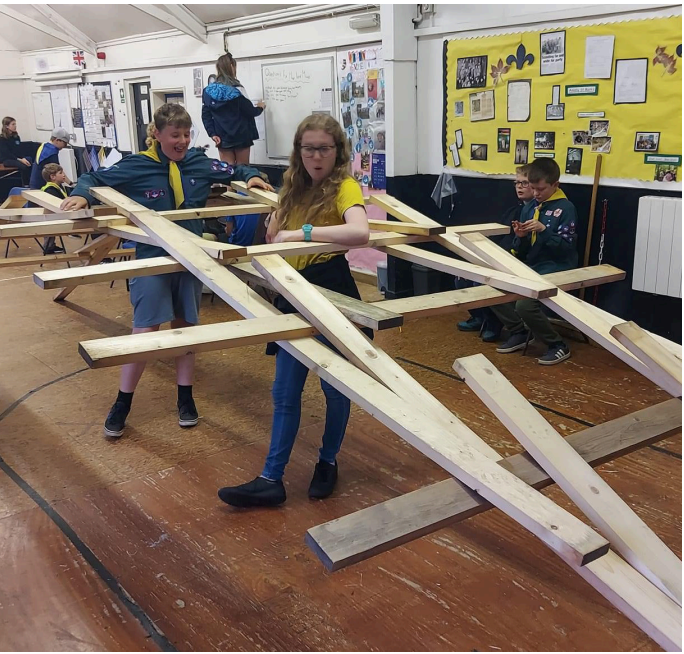
Finally, we have begun supporting the Humberside Network Unit as they have established themselves, and encouraging all of our members to join when they turn 18 to continue their Scouting journey and work towards top awards.

We hope for more of the same next year, with more adventure, more fun, more skills being shared and more. I know the section teams will continue their hard work and dedication which

**Josh Morablanco**

14-24 Lead







# District Trustees

## Ex Officio

Alan Hayward, Acting Lead Volunteer

Scott Millard, Chairman

Linda Thelwell, Secretary

John Jobling, Treasurer *(to November 2023)*

Claire Norman, Treasurer *(from November 2023)*

Rory Kershaw, Youth Lead

Josh Morablanco, 14-24 Lead

## Elected Members

Jo Cook

Wendy Macadam

Colin Fitch

Shaun Wilson

Carl Cooper

## Nominated Members

Rachael Macadam

Paul Daniel

Liz Fraser

Joy Milestone

Andy Wales

## Co-opted Members

Frank Cook

John Jobling *(from November 2023)*

## Vice Presidents

Andy Eavis

Christian Carver

## Independent Examiner

Alastair Connell  
262 Beverley Road  
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East Yorkshire  
HU10 7BG

## Bankers

HSBC Bank PLC  
Hessle Merit House  
Hull

# District Constitution

The District Scout Council voted to adopt POR 5.4, and any future updates, as the district constitution at the 2023 AGM. The most up to date version can be found online at [scouts.org.uk/por](https://scouts.org.uk/por).





# **Financial Review**

**for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**



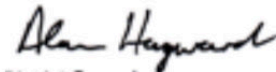
BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	49,895.29	46,955.04
	<u>49,895.29</u>	<u>46,955.04</u>
GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT		
Balance Brought Forward	44,892.95	36,918.37
Surplus (-deficit) for year	5,002.34	7,974.58
	<u>49,895.29</u>	<u>44,892.95</u>
TABLERS WOOD		
Balance Brought Forward	2,062.09	2,717.96
Surplus (-deficit) for year	-2,062.09	-655.87
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,062.09</u>
	<u>49,895.29</u>	<u>46,955.04</u>



District Treasurer



District Commissioner

Report of the Auditor to the members of the Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council.

The above Balance Sheet and the attached Income and Expenditure Accounts have been prepared from the records and information supplied by the Blacktoft Beacon District Scout Council and are in accordance therewith.



BLACKTOFT BEACON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2024 £	2023 £
Subscriptions		
Gross Collected	46,030.50	48,535.75
Less Collected on Behalf of Others	45,340.50	42,484.00
Net Collected	690.00	6,051.75
Refund of Capitataion	988.00	946.00
Scout Group Support Repayment	0.00	1,395.00
Tablers Wood Grants/Donations	0.00	358.60
Amazon Smile	21.74	20.00
Sale of Badges	384.52	400.47
St Georges Day Income	4,880.00	4,321.00
Explorer/Network		
Poacher/Explorer Fest	413.00	653.00
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers		
Deep Sleepover	15,030.00	7,808.05
Welly Walk	154.00	0.00
Camp Craft	967.50	225.00
Earmarked Income		
Jamboree	1,503.00	1,482.00
Fells	4,675.00	5,303.00
Tablers Wood	4,908.79	351.15
BBITS	403.99	258.00
Closure of Bank A/Cs Earmarked	2,062.09	0.00
	<u>37,081.63</u>	<u>29,573.02</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Insurance	166.03	250.61
Postage	38.70	67.70
Mileage	0.00	15.30
Stationery	185.78	196.99
St Georges Day Expenses	4,865.93	4,041.79
Badges/Neckers	11.25	421.02
Hall Hire	100.00	140.00
Bank Charges	70.43	70.40
Video Licence	465.95	423.20
Sundry Expenses	223.00	195.00
Jamboree Fund Capitation	1,503.00	1,482.00
Tablers Wood (CCTV)	0.00	2,182.70
Tablers Wood Publicity	86.44	0.00
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers Expenditure		
Deep Sleepover	14,594.00	7,065.76
Camp Craft	806.60	22.78
Welly Walk	97.40	0.00
Explorers/Network Expenditure		
Poacher	0.00	1,773.46
Explorer Fest	437.98	0.00
OSM	10.00	12.50
Earmarked Expenditure		
Jamboree	0.00	0.00
Fells	5,675.15	1,976.77
Tablers Wood	2,553.61	1,023.84
BBITS	188.04	236.62

SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR

32,079.29 21,598.44

5,002.34 7,974.58

**Notes to the General Purpose Accounts: -**

Jamboree Account		
Income		
Capitation Levy	1,503.00	1,503.00
Expenditure		
Donations	0.00	0.00
Net Income/Expenditure		1,503.00
Fells Account		
Fells		
Income		
Entry Fees	2,230.00	
Adults	1,005.00	3,235.00
Expenditure		
Venue	3,195.00	
Food	799.87	
Transport	88.22	
Wristbands	26.77	
Badges	198.00	
Stationery/Postage	118.76	
Donations	225.00	4,651.62
Wolds		
Income		
Entry Fees	1,440.00	1,440.00
Expenditure		
Venue	100.00	
Food	168.42	
Equipment	37.99	
Consumables	12.74	
Portaloos	156.00	
Badges	261.90	
Donations	150.00	
Postage/P&S	136.48	1,023.53
Net Income/Expenditure		-1,000.15
Tablers Wood		
Income		
Bookings	3,932.05	
Badges	10.00	



Grants	966.74	4,908.79
Expenditure		
Maintenance	877.02	
P & C C Support	0.00	
Water	-379.09	
Insurance	477.22	
Electricity	1,360.10	
Gas	42.00	
Booking System	111.00	
Grass Cutting	65.36	
		2,553.61
Net Income/Expenditure		2,355.18
BBITS		
Income		
Donations	403.99	
		403.99
Expenditure		
Consumables	188.04	
		188.04
Net Income/Expenditure		215.95

#### TABLERS WOOD

#### INCOME

Lettings	0.00	1,342.10
	0.00	1,342.10

#### EXPENDITURE

##### Site Expenses

Water Rates	0.00	739.68
Electricity	0.00	399.36
Site Insurance	0.00	413.33
Repairs Renewals	0.00	0.00
Grass Cutting		400.00
Other		45.60

Closure of Bank Account	2,062.09
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#### TOTAL EXPENDITURE

2,062.09	1,997.97
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#### SURPLUS (-DEFICIT) FOR YEAR

-2,062.09	-655.87
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Information about District events, training courses, meetings and anything else you could think of, is put on our website and distributed via the newsletters. Please ensure you are signed up to receive them or you could be missing out on vital information!

If you have anything you wish to be added, please send it in to:

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