

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Alison Lowe	District Lead Volunteer	
2	Elizabeth Rashvand	District Chair	
3	Roger Pacey	District Treasurer	
4	Richard Budd	Trustee	
5	Nicholas Poole	Trustee	
6	John Cheshire	Trustee	
7	Susan Trzcinski	Trustee	
8	Gregory Dengate	Trustee	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
District Secretary	William Leonard	64 Needlers End Lane Balsall Com CV7 7AB

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 0 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p data-bbox="603 510 1066 544">Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)</p> <p data-bbox="603 544 1310 705">The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:</p> <p data-bbox="603 741 1310 965">Damage to the equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as churches, community centres and Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p data-bbox="603 1001 1299 1131">Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p data-bbox="603 1167 1321 1391">Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p data-bbox="603 1426 1321 1650">Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.</p> <p data-bbox="603 1686 1321 1888">Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the District as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.</p> <p data-bbox="603 1924 1066 1957">Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)</p> <p data-bbox="603 1957 1321 1991">The District has in place systems of internal controls that are</p>

designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>Supporting Groups and Units in Solihull Cole Scout District to deliver these objects.</p>

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

An exciting program of Scout activities has been delivered by the Groups and Units in Cole District.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should also hold enough resources to support immediate and medium term costs of support to its members arising from activities

The District held reserves of approximately £52,000 at this year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses and the Trustees have agreed that surpluses shall be spent on Adult and Scout Training and individual support in identified hard cases. Training costs were £3,400 in the report year.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

The District is owed £4,500 by the 1st Chelmley Wood Scout

Group as a loan because its funds did not cover urgent essential large scale maintenance. The District is working with the Group (which serves an area of high deprivation) to correct this issue and re-pay the loan.

Further financial review details (optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;investment policy and objectives;	<p>Income and Expenditure levels</p> <p>The District's income and expenditure is dominated by the annual Capitation Payment exercise. £46k is collected from Scout Groups which are Charitable bodies in their own right and a further £13k from the District's Explorer Units which the District is directly responsible for but stay as independant as possible. £50k is passed forward to the Solihull Scout County for ultimate payment to the UK Scout Association.</p> <p>Apart from the Capitation exercise income is for Scouting activities in the District including Adult Training. There was an overspend in the year which was budgetted for.</p> <p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>
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Section F	Other Optional Information
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<p>Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)</p>	
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Liz Rashvand	
Full name(s)	Elizabeth Rashvand	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	
Date	090725	

Solihull Cole District Scout Council

Consolidation of all District Accounts

Solihull Cole District Scout Council Registered Charity Number 1177382.

Scout Association ID 10001685

	Year start date		Year end date							
For the year from	05-Apr-24	To	04-Apr-25							

Receipts and payments

2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2023-24	
Solihull Cole Central 10001685 Unrestricted	Solihull Cole 10001685 Restricted	Unit : Armstrong 10004055	Unit : Darwin 10004056	Unit : Galileo 10004057	Unit : Knowle Sea Scouts 10004058	Unit : Voyager 10004059	Unit : Orion Marston Green 10004061	Badge	Total funds	Total funds	Notes & 2
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income												
Membership subscriptions	46,141.25	-	2,850.00	347.00	2,424.25	4,747.50	1,000.00	1,991.00	-	59,501.00	56,279.07	Note 3
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	324.55	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	-	500.00	613.34	Note 4
Other similar income	16.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	24.00	284.94	
Sub total	46,157.25	-	2,850.00	347.00	2,924.25	4,747.50	1,100.00	1,999.00	-	60,125.00	57,501.90	
Grants											-	
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other grants	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600.00	500.00	Note 5
Sub total	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600.00	500.00	
Fundraising (gross)											-	
Youth programme and activities	-											
Cubs activity income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,940.28	Note 6
Scouts activity income	2,474.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,474.00	1,755.00	
Explorers activity income	-	-	1,875.00	-	2,072.83	9,275.50	7,101.00	2,839.00	-	23,163.33	20,663.72	
District Events activity income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Adult Training	870.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	870.00	1,452.35	
Other fundraising activities income	168.00	-	-	-	-	2,521.70	-	-	-	2,689.70	-	
Sub total	3,512.00	-	1,875.00	-	2,072.83	11,797.20	7,101.00	2,839.00	-	29,197.03	26,811.35	
Scout hut income												
Hire of building	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Investment income											-
Bank interest	579.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	579.22	93.50
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.50
Sub total	579.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	579.22	106.00
											-
Total Gross Income	50,248.47	600.00	4,725.00	347.00	4,997.08	16,544.70	8,201.00	4,838.00	-	90,501.25	84,919.25
											-
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,006.10	6,006.10	8,999.53
											-
Total receipts	50,248.47	600.00	4,725.00	347.00	4,997.08	16,544.70	8,201.00	4,838.00	6,006.10	96,507.35	93,918.78

Solihull Cole District Scout Council

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Payments											
Charitable Payments											
Membership subscriptions paid on (Na	49,975.00	-	1,380.00	-	1,425.00	2,070.00	-	920.00	-	55,770.00	49,407.00
Youth programme and activities											-
Cubs activities cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500.28
Scouts activities cost	3,421.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,421.77	1,726.81
Explorers activities cost	1,715.25	-	2,381.00	491.00	6,789.04	12,220.30	-	2,037.99	-	25,634.58	15,459.04
District activities cost	850.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	850.00	837.80
Adult support and training cost	3,183.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,183.00	2,488.69
Rent	-	-	473.00	-	663.00	-	-	700.00	-	1,836.00	4,546.74
Water and Sewerage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.76
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.26
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,134.82
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and equipment	-	-	35.00	57.00	-	-	-	624.90	-	716.90	1,211.16
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,997.19
Uniforms	268.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	244.10	-	512.45	269.10
AGM and trustee expenses	15.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	233.15
Support & Development grants	240.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240.00	3,007.71
Donations out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	294.71
Contingent liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,294.00
Sub total	59,668.37	-	4,269.00	548.00	8,877.04	14,290.30	-	4,526.99	-	92,179.70	101,534.22
											-

Note 6

Fundraising expenses											-
Detail 1	145.00	-	-	-	35.00	-	-	210.75	7.99	398.74	-
Detail 2	50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	195.00	-	-	-	35.00	-	-	210.75	7.99	448.74	-
											-
Total Gross Expenditure	59,863.37	-	4,269.00	548.00	8,912.04	14,290.30	-	4,737.74	7.99	92,628.44	101,534.22
											-
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
											-
Total payments	59,863.37	-	4,269.00	548.00	8,912.04	14,290.30	-	4,737.74	7.99	92,628.44	101,534.22
											-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,614.90	600.00	456.00	- 201.00	- 3,914.96	2,254.40	8,201.00	100.26	5,998.11	3,878.91	- 7,615.44
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cash funds last year end	-	-	2,384.00	2,467.00	6,952.24	2,214.25	-	-	2,599.00	16,616.49	16,616.49
Cash funds this year end	- 9,614.90	600.00	2,840.00	2,266.00	3,037.28	4,468.65	8,201.00	100.26	8,597.11	20,495.40	16,616.49

Solihull Cole District Scout Council

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

Solihull Cole District Scout Council Registered Charity Number 1177382.

Year start date

For the year from	05-Apr-24	00-Jan-00	04-Apr-25							
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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Cash funds											
Bank current account	10,601.00	-	-	2,265.98	3,037.28	4,468.65	-	-	2,895.51	23,268.42	31,576.85
Bank deposit account	37,619.00	600.00	3,259.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,878.00	49,273.66
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	17.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.00	459.02
Total cash funds	48,220.00	600.00	3,276.00	2,265.98	3,037.28	4,468.65	-	-	2,895.51	64,163.42	80,391.49
Other monetary assets											-
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	4,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500.00	10,417.39
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500.00	10,417.39
Investment assets											-
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use											-
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,541.00	4,541.00	3,012.90
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	182.00	-	-	-	-	-	55.00	237.00	390.00
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.48
Sub total	-	-	182.00	-	-	-	-	-	4,596.00	4,778.00	3,421.38

Note 7

Liabilities												-
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	560.00	560.00	196.07	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.00	
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Working capital Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,100.00	
Contingent Liabilities and Adult Training Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,400.00	
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	560.00	560.00	23,296.07	
Total net assets	52,720.00	600.00	3,458.00	2,265.98	3,037.28	4,468.65	-	-	6,931.51	72,881.42	70,934.19	

Solihull Cole District Scout Council

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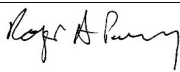
Year start date

For the year from	To	04-Apr-25	00-Jan-00							
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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1	The accounts accord with the Scout Association standard templates with minor changes to provide information for the Sections.
Note 2	Darwin ESU closed at the end of previous year and the account held open against unexpected liabilities. The account will now be closed and the balance transferred to the Cole District.
Note 3	The Membership income and expenditures in the Central Account are net of the ESU same income (avoids double counting)
Note 4	Group Gift Aid on membership income is not eligible for further applications. However, Armstrong ESU, Knowle ESSU, Voyager ESU and Orion Marston Green have not applied for Gift Aid and they are losing between £250 to £1000 each, every year.
Note 5	TSA Charity Account Early Years Grant and EH Smith Radio Grants held at £500 each in the Restricted Fund.
Note 6	Former ADC(Cubs) Sharon Matthews became Group Lead Volunteer for 1st Chelmsley Wood and we thank her for the years she was able to organise District Cub activities.
Note 7	1st Chelmsley Wood were unable to pay the Capitaton charge in 2023-24. The debt remains open.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities is presented to the AGM, subject to satisfactory statements from the respective Scrutineers for the individual Accounts and verified by the Board of Trustees:

Date	Signature	Print Name	
9th July 2025		Rob Thomas	Chair
9th July 2025		Roger Pacey	Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Solihull Cole District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended ...4th April 2025.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages1..... to4.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the

Name:David Whitfield.....

Address:2 Dale Meadow Close.....

.....Balsall Common.....

.....Coventry.....

.....CV7 7QB.....

Date:4th September 2025.....

Signed:D Whitfield.....