

# Tees Valley North Scout District Scout Council



# Annual Report and Accounts

## 2024

### Tees Valley North District Scout Council

#### Trustees:

##### Ex Officio:

District Chair	Anthony Elliott Ex-officio all Sub Committees
District Commissioner	Paul Elliott
District Treasurer	Helen Ryder
District Explorer Scout Adviser	Dave Yardley

##### Elected

Margaret Elliott  
Allan Neal  
David Carter  
Colm Simpson  
Helen Trelfal

#### Bankers

Yorkshire Bank PLC  
46 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1SE

#### Independent Examiner

**Colin Griffiths**  
Stranton Business Centre,

Scout Association Registration 015610

Charity Registration Number 511937

### Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of 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. The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, 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.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, nominated and elected members and meets 4 times a year. This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and it responsible for: -

- The maintenance of administration of District Finance.
- The maintenance of the District Property
- The Insurance of persons, property and equipment.
- District public occasions.
- Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other Adult Support.
- Appointing any Subs Committees that may be required.
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## The Purpose and Values of Scouting and the Scout Method.

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

As Scouts we are guided by the values of : Integrity - Respect - Care - Belief - Co-operation.

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

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| (1) Enjoy what they do and have fun.     | (2) Take part in activities, indoors and outdoors |
| (3) Learn by doing                       | (4) Share in spiritual reflection                 |
| (5) Take responsibility and make choices | (6) Undertake new and challenging activities      |
| (7) Make and live by their Promise.      |   |

## Achievements and Performance

# District Commissioners Report

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun....

Well, that's what they say, three years now and I'm still here....

Over the past 12 months we have again seen changes within scouting that we have all had to get to grips with your new titles the new Learning we have had to get a handle on. Along with lots of activities you we have organised and delivered for our young people and new volunteers sections welcomed to our TVN family.

So there has been lots to be happy about from growing roots to spreading branches throughout the district.

We have had district activities for the beavers that included a Fun day held at Synthonia which was attended by many of the beavers and the squirrels.

They also held their annual sandcastle competition at Seaton.

The Cubs once again had a full district programme, including the trip to Beamish and their monopoly run around the museum. Sandcastle competition, disability awareness badge and Christmas party.

Allen and Margaret once again organised the JOTA weekend where the communicator badge was held and some of the cub packs started to make planters for Hartlepool station platform 3 as part of the Platform for Change Project run by the railways.

Thanks to Dave Yardley for keeping the Explorer section under his wing and all the exciting activities they have taken part in.

The district held the St Georges day funday at the Scout Centre with a full day of activities closing with a Promise renewal for all the sections. This was attended by Ian Railton and two of Hartlepool's former DC's Mr Jeff Burland and Mr Brian Carter.

We also took part as a district in the 50th birthday celebrations of Cleveland County as a district by doing the walk the boundary challenge and taking a large contingent to Raven Gill for the County birthday Funday in September, a great day was had by all.

The water activity day was also well attended along with many separate sessions undertaken on the river Tees with the aid of the County Water Sports Team.

One other major change was the introduction of our new double district and County Badge this has two main functions firstly it means the badges are always in the right order on your arm and secondly due to ever rising costs these days we can reduce the costs by half.

The district scout shop reopened in Sept 24 thanks to the hard work of Badge secretary Margaret Elliott and Chloe for manning the month-to-month duties in the shop.

So, we now have a direct outlet for badges and uniforms within the district and adding a shop to the northern end of the County.

All groups managed to take their sections away on nights away experiences to far flung corners of the UK with many utilising the County Site at Raven Gill.

With many top awards being gained by all sections throughout the year.

With special congratulations to Faye for her Kings Scout and Explorer belt presentations too.

The district grew over all too with two new sections welcomed into the field with a new Squirrel Drey at Synthonia and the re-opening of the scout section at 18th Hartlepool.

So that means all the groups have at least 3 sections now which is the first time for quite a few years.

So, as you can see, we have had another productive and exciting year in TVN, and many memories created for our young people.

A huge thank you must go to all the leaders, young leaders' trustees and parents for making all this possible and for giving up the hours days and weeks to make this all happen.

Lastly to the district trustees for making sure TVN is run correctly and kept in good health.

Then to Anthony as chair for keeping me in line and as a member of the County Trustee board helping them by being able to at least count...

Then there is Helen the mistress of the cheque books once again doing the thankless task of keeping our finances in order and Margaret for organising the bookings keeping the money flowing in.

Together we make a great team so thank you everyone for another year.

Yours in Scouting

Paul.

Anthony Elliott  
District Chair

Helen Ryder  
District Treasurer

#### *Note*

*The District acts as an agent for both The Scout Association and Cleveland Scout Council for the HQ and County Levies that are collected from each Group and then forwarded to Cleveland Scout Council. These sums would, unless deducted from both Total Receipts and Total Payments, distort the value of both gross income and total expenditure of the District as defined by the Charity Commission and by which The Scout Association determines the level of audit.*

## **Treasurers Report**

This financial year has seen us restock the Scouts Uniform shop and reopen it.

We continue to see a good income in donations from people hiring the hall, thank you for Margaret for looking after the hall bookings and opening and closing the hall.

Also, a massive thank you to Jack and Paul for giving up their time to keep the grounds tidy and grass cut.

I've managed to find a new insurance provider that has saved us just under a thousand pounds a year and I will be working my way through all utilities and expenses to see if further savings can be made. We have a massive reduction on Gas and Electric this year due to no longer having the additional building in Billingham and all outstanding amounts were cleared before this financial year.

Overall things are ticking along nicely, but I would like to see next financial year focused on savings, improving hall use and fund raising, as I would like to focus on proactive maintenance of the hall and grounds, and more District events.

Helen

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Tees Valley North District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 which are set out on pages..... of this report.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirements Charities Act 18993 (The Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions Given by the Charity Commissioner under the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 procedure undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express and audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements

. to keep accounting records in accordance with The Act:

. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and

. to comply with the accounting requirements of The Act have not been met, or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name Colin Barnard Griffiths

Address Stranton Business Centre

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Hartlepool

TS25 1TX

Date

26/6/2025

# Profit and Loss

## Tees Valley North District Scout Council For the year ended 31 December 2024

2024

### Turnover

Income - Explorers - Activities / Subs	1,730.94
Other Revenue - District	455.00
Sales - Hall Donations	6,197.00
Sales - Subs / Membership	18,196.14
Sales - Uniform / Badges (Shop)	385.46
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>26,964.54</b>

### Cost of Sales

Cost of Goods Sold	2,844.73
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>2,844.73</b>

### Gross Profit

24,119.81

### Administrative Costs

Cleaning	48.71
Depreciation Expense	289.90
Expenses - Activities	2,255.28
Expenses - Explorers - Activities and other	150.00
Insurance	2,040.52
IT Software and Consumables	33.00
Light, Power, Heating	2,366.74
Rates	(441.65)
Repairs & Maintenance	1,464.49
Subscriptions / Memberships	16,358.70
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>24,565.69</b>

### Operating Profit

(445.88)

### Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

(445.88)

### Profit after Taxation

(445.88)



# Balance Sheet

## Tees Valley North District Scout Council

As at 31 December 2024

31 DEC 2024

### Fixed Assets

#### Tangible Assets

Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Machinery	(579.80)
Plant and Machinery	2,899.00
<b>Total Tangible Assets</b>	<b>2,319.20</b>

<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,319.20</b>
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### Current Assets

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Billingham Explorers - petty cash	21.25
Explorers Billingham	2,606.38
Harlepool Explorers - Petty Cash	180.00
TV North District Scout Council	42,716.56
TV North District Scout council shop	347.28
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>45,871.47</b>

Accounts Receivable	(521.14)
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Hartlepool Explorers - Money held by district	521.14
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>45,871.47</b>
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<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>45,871.47</b>
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<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>48,190.67</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>48,190.67</b>
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### Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	(445.88)
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Retained Earnings	48,636.55
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<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>48,190.67</b>
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