



Charting our course

Lowry District Scout Council
Annual Report 2024





Welcome to our AGM

From our Chair, Paul Wilson

It is my privilege to introduce the Annual Report for 2023/24.

Under the leadership of Ryan, we have seen our District flourish and I'm proud to see that with your hard work and support the District has seen the largest percentage growth across the County. This is largely driven by the opportunity to open Scouting to a wider age range and the additional three Squirrel Dreys and a very active 14-25 Team. I have no doubt that this is mainly due to the strong, wide-ranging and diverse programme that our young people have thoroughly enjoyed.

As you will see later in the report, we have made significant progress with training thanks to the work Justin McDonnell has completed, and this puts us in a very strong position as we continue to make Safe Scouting our number one priority.

Since our last AGM significant work has taken place at our District HQ and I am sure you are as impressed as the Trustee Board are at the changes, we have been able to implement thanks to the grant from the Youth Investment Fund which Ryan successfully applied for.

I have the pleasure of saying that as a Board of Trustees we are well placed to continue the transformation journey, and we find ourselves financially secure due to the hard work of our Treasurer Sharm Clarke; thank you. The Trustee Board have worked hard to offer strategic governance and meet the challenges, thank you to every Board member, but also a special thank you goes to the whole District Support Team for helping us make this happen.

Finally a thank you to each and everyone for providing Scouting opportunities for all.

Awards



The **Silver Wolf** is the highest award made by the Scout Association, for services of the most exceptional character.

Dr Geoffery Sides
Mrs Ann Salt
Mr Stanley Atkins
Mr Martin Maynard
Mrs Adela Ramsbottom



The **Silver Acorn** is awarded after at least 20 years of specially distinguished service.

Mr Alfred Armstrong
Mrs Suzanne Atkinson
Mr Harry Fairchild
Mr Mark Gore
Mr Robert Hambelton
Mr Dennis Matthews
Mr Justin McDonnell



The **Award for Merit** is awarded for outstanding service. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service, of at least 12 years duration.

Ms Jacqueline Blades
Mrs Lisa Bold
Mr Ian Boyle
Mr Wesley Buckley
Mr Richard Eaton
Mr Colin Gettins
Mr Dave Heald
Mrs Rusine Heald
Mr Jordan James
Mr Michael James
Mrs Pauline Mack
Mrs Tracy McCarty
Mrs Sarah Moore
Mr Mark Pope
Mr Michael Rollinson
Mrs Elizabeth Samson
Mr James Samson
Ms Josephine Stephens (Gone Home)



The **Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct** is awarded for meritorious conduct of a high standard.
Mr David Heald



The **Commissioner's Commendation Award** is awarded by certain Lead Volunteers to recognise individuals for their contribution to the Scouts.

Mrs Victoria Boon
Mrs Sharmila Clarke
Mrs Susan Heys
Mr Daley Lyson
Mr Joshua Macdonald
Mrs Emma Nightingale
Mr Tony Rice
Mrs Michelle Rowlands
Mrs James Seddon
Mr Nathan Talbot
Mr Paul Wilson



The **Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service** is awarded in respect of not less than 5 years of good service, which stands out.

Ms Emma Hambelton
Mrs Lynn Harman
Mr David Heath
Mr Nicholas Jolly
Mr Gerard Mack
Mrs Yasma Osman
Mr Ryan Swailes

Thanking our volunteers for their contribution is incredibly important to us, especially when we see them demonstrating outstanding service which deserves recognition.

One way we do this is through our good service awards, which recognise the **outstanding and dedicated service** consistently shown by our adult members, above and beyond what is asked of them.

We hope you **join us in congratulating them** in their achievement, and thanking them for their incredible service, often over many years!

District Team

The District Team is made up of the Board of Trustees, the Group Lead Volunteers, and the Leadership Team, which work together to ensure safe, high-quality Scouting takes place across our District.

District President	Dr Geoffrey Sides
Vice Presidents	Mrs Ann Salt
	Mr Alf Armstrong
	Mr Stanley Atkins
County Commissioner	Mr Andy Farrell
District Commissioner	Mr Ryan Swailes
District Chair	Mr Paul Wilson
District Treasurer	Mrs Sharmilla Clarke
District Secretary	Mr Joshua Macdonald
District Trustees	Mr Martin Maynard
	Mrs Lynn Harman
Deputy District Commissioner (Programme)	Mrs Michelle Rowlands
Deputy District Commissioner (Support)	Mr Joshua Macdonald
Deputy District Commissioner (Adult Support)	Mr Justin McDonnell
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Mr James Seddon
Scout Network Commissioner	Mr James Seddon
District Youth Commissioner	Mr Luke Turner
Appointments Advisory Committee Chair	Mrs Ann Salt
District Communications Manager (Communications)	Mr Benjamin Beaver

- District Communications Manager (Media)
- Assistant District Commissioner (Squirrels)
- Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers)
- Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)
- Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

- Miss Lauren Aldred
- Mrs Kim Skaife
- Miss Courtney Pope
- Mr Tony Rice
- Mr Robert Hambelton

District Leaders

- Mr William Heath (Stegosaurus ESU)
- Miss Fiona Taylor (Stegosaurus ESU)
- Ms Jacqueline Blades (Diplodocus ESU)
- Mr Ian Mcgealy (Diplodocus ESU)
- Mr Kacper Mlekodaj (Diplodocus ESU)

Group Scout Leaders

- Mrs Susan Heys (1st Springwood)
- Mr Stuart Kernighan (1st Clifton)
- Mr Stephen Woodcock (3rd Pendlebury)
- Mrs Pauline Mack (3rd Swinton)
- Mrs Adela Ramsbottom (24th Swinton)
- Mr Richard Eaton (43rd Salford)
- Mr Tony Rice (82nd Salford)
- Mrs Suzanne Atkinson (88th Salford)
- Mr Nathan Talbot (100th Salford)

District Nights Away Advisers

- Mr James Samson
- Mr Wesley Buckley

Minutes

of the 8th Annual General Meeting of Lowry District Scout Council, held on the 22nd September 2023 at Armstrong Hall.

Present:

Dr Geoffery Sides, District President
Mr Alfred Armstrong, District Vice-President
Mrs Ann Salt, District Vice-President
Mr Stanley Atkins, District Vice-President
Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner (Greater Manchester West)
Mr Paul Wilson, Chair
Mrs Sharmilla Clarke, Treasurer
Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner
Mr Joshua Macdonald, Deputy District Commissioner (Support)
Mrs Michelle Rowlands, Deputy District Commissioner (Programme)
Mr Justin McDonnell, Deputy District Commissioner (Adult Support)
Mr Luke Turner, District Youth Commissioner
Mr James Seddon, District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Ms Courtney Pope, Assistant District Commissioner- Beaver Scouts
Mr Robert Hambelton, Assistant District Commissioner- Scouts
Mr Ben Beaver, District Communications Manager
Mrs Lynn Harman, District Trustee
Mr James Samson, District Nights Away Assessor
Ms Heather Harman, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Joseph Ratcliffe, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Harrison Boon, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Ms Isabella Heath, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Archie Hamer, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Joshua Ballantyne, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Matthew Christian, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Ethan Lea, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mstr Krzysztof Hoffman, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Louise Ratcliffe, Explorer Scout Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mr Simon Ratcliffe, Explorer Scout Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Sarah Heath, Explorer Scout Parent (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mr Stephen Woodcock, Group Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Ms Jackie Blades, Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Mr Ian McGealy, Assistant Scout Leader (3rd Pendlebury)
Mrs Adela Ramsbottom, Group Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Mr Collin Gettings, Cub Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Mr Asa Neill, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (43rd Salford)
Mr Tony Rice, Group Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Ms Leonie Berry, Squirrel Section Leader (82nd Salford)
Ms Maria Buyuker, Section Assistant – Beaver Scouts (82nd Salford)
Mr David Farrington, Section Assistant – Scouts (82nd Salford)

Mrs Tracy McCarty, Cub Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Mrs Rosie Sales, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Mr David Heath, Scout Leader (82nd Salford)
Mrs Sue Atkins, Group Scout Leader (88th Salford)
Ms Laura Greenhalgh, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (88th Salford)
Mr Mark Gore, Beaver Scout Leader (88th Salford)
Mr Kacper Mlekodaj, Section Assistant- Scouts (88th Salford)
Mr Nathan Talbot, Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mrs Victoria Burrows-Boon, Deputy Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mr Michael Rollinson, Group Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Ms Emma Hambelton, Cub Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mr Christopher Dillon, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (100th Salford)

Apologies for Absence:

Mrs Sue Leonard, County Chair (Greater Manchester West)
Ms Lauren Aldred, District Section Leader – Network
Mrs Yasma Osman, District Occasional Helper
Mr Martin Maynard, Group Treasurer (43rd Salford)
Mr Jon Knipe, Scout Leader (24th Swinton)
Ms Imogen Knipe, Explorer Scout (Stegosaurus ESU)
Mrs Liz Glover, Section Assistant- Scouts (24th Swinton)
Mrs Sarah Moore, Beaver Scout Leader (100th Salford)
Mrs Rusine Heald, Assistant Cub Scout Leader (43rd Salford)
Mr David Heald, Cub Scout Leader (43rd Salford)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul Wilson, District Chair, welcomed all in attendance to the Annual General Meeting of 2023.

Thanks were passed to the venue for the use of the facilities

2. Apologies for Absence

Josh Macdonald read the apologies for absence

3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd September 2022

The minutes were reviewed by the District Board of Trustees at their first meeting after the 2022 Annual General Meeting and so are proposed as a true and accurate record of the 2022 AGM.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: B Beaver
Motion carried

4. Governance Topics

P Wilson noted to the District Scout Council that this part of the meeting is relevant to ensure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

4.a To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules

In line with recommendations made from Scout Headquarters, P Wilson proposes that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: C Pope
Motion Carried

4.b. Note of the District's Financial Year

Members of the District Scout Council were asked to note that the Charity's Financial Year is April 6th to April 5th

4.c. Agree the Number of Member that may be Elected to the District Board of Trustee's

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people to be elected to the Board of Trustee's. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that 6 people can be elected.

Proposal to accept this recommendation

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: J Seddon
Motion Carried

4.d Agree to the Quorum for each District Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the District Trustee Board and Sub-Committees

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM, the quorum – the minimum number of District Scout Council Members present for a meeting of the Council. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be 25 persons. The District Scout Council is asked to approve this recommendation.

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: C Pope
Motion Carried

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for Trustee Board Meetings, and Sub-Committee Meetings. The Charity Commission Statement of Good Practice is that the Trustee Board Quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Members plus one and that that Sub-Committee Quorum should be set at one third of the Committee plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the Quorum be set at the Charity Commission Statement of Good Practice.

The District Scout Council is asked to approve this recommendation

Proposed: P Wilson
Seconded: R Hambelton
Motion Carried

5. Review of the Previous Year

Paul Wilson, Chair, reflects on the previous year and the changes that we have seen since 2022.

5.a. District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in Lowry District

Paul Wilson asks Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner, to present the Annual Report for 2023.

5.b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the Annual Statement of Accounts

The District Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts received from the Scrutineer.

Sharmilla Clarke, District Treasurer presented the Annual Financial Accounts.

Paul Wilson expressed thanks to the District Treasurer for all her hard work in ensuring the accounts are well presented.

No questions were asked to the District Treasurer.

6. Making Appointments

The chair notes to the District Scout Council that this section of the meeting sets the Charity up to be well-led during the period to the next AGM. Particularly, the District Scout Council appoints a Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the year.

6.a To (re-)appoint the District President and/or Vice Presidents

Paul Wilson notes that the role(s) of District President and/or Vice President are made by the District Scout Council.

Paul Wilson advises that Dr Geoffery Sides is Proposed as District President and Mrs. Ann Salt, Mr. Alfred Armstrong and Mr. Stanley Atkins are proposed as Vice-Presidents

Motion Carried

6.b. To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the District Scout Council, including former Scouts and parents, by the District Commissioner, the District Trustee Board or the District Scout Council

Paul Wilson notes that Members of the District Scout Council may elect members to the Council. The chair advises that Elizabeth Samson, Former District Commissioner, is nominated as a member of the District Scout Council.

These are persons who are to be admitted as member of the District Scout Council in addition to the ex-officio list in POR Rule 5.4.2.5

Motion Carried

6.c. To approve the District Commissioner’s nomination of District Chair

Paul Wilson, Chair, passed the chairmanship to Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner.

The District Commissioner nominated Paul Wilson to continue as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Motion Carried

Ryan Swailes passed the chairmanship to Paul Wilson.

6.d. To elect the District Secretary

The District Secretary is an elected appointment, and as required, Joshua Macdonald has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands was required to approve Joshua Macdonald’s nomination.

Motion Carried

6.e. To elect the District Treasurer

The District Treasurer is an elected appointment, and as required, Sharmilla Clarke has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands was required to approve Sharmilla Clarke's nomination.

Motion Carried

6.f. To elect persons to the District Trustee Board

Joshua Macdonald explained that the following have been formally proposed and seconded in writing by the due date:

- Mr. Stephen Woodcock
- Mr. Justin McDonnell
- Mrs. Lynn Harman
- Mr. James Samson

The chair requested a show of hands to approve their election

Motion Carried

6.g. To approve the District Commissioner’s Nominations to the District Board of Trustees

Ryan Swailes nominates:

- Mrs. Adela Ramsbottom
- Mr. Martin Maynard
- Mrs. Ann Salt

Paul Wilson passes thanks to all the Trustees over the last year.

6.h. To appoint the Independent Scrutineer

Sharmilla Clarke proposes Ryan Thompson

Paul Wilson asks for a show of hands to approve this nomination.

Motion Carried

6.i To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

We must nominate one person as a County Scout Council representative. Joshua Macdonald has been proposed and seconded.

Paul Wilson asks for a show of hands to approve this nomination.

Motion Carried

7. Closing Remarks

The Chair closes the Annual General Meeting and formal proceedings of the meeting. Paul thanked all for attending.



Annual Accounts

Sharmila Clarke

Lowry District Scout Council

Our Purpose and Method

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Associations. 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 which is 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 a Board of Trustees, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout District. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to all charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts, and making returns to The Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board of Trustees consists of the Chair, Treasurer, and 7 Trustees (including 2 Ex-Officio Trustees) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Board of Trustees complete "Being a Scouts Trustee" learning within 6 months of joining the Board.

The District Trustee Board exists to make sure the Charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, equipment is 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.

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout District and in the best interests of its members in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District Trustees have 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: the District is primarily reliant upon income from our investments. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The primary mitigation is to diversify revenue streams by using the District Membership Charge and Armstrong Hall, alongside grant applications.

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 a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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 cooperate 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.

The District is an educational charity.

Lowry District Scout Council

District Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees have set a level equivelant to six months of operating costs for the organisation as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden or unexpected reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the organisation from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure. It also provides cash flow for grants and contracts that are paid in arrears.

The reserves policy has been established on the following basis:

- the organisations responsibility as a property owner, Armstrong Hall, and an obligation to provide a suitable venue to its’ licence holders.
- the organisation has a large part of its expenditure matched against income for planned events, which are not included in the reserves set.
- the organisation has a 14-24 provision.

The reserves policy and the levels of reserves are reviewed yearly as part of the annual budgetary process.

The reserves for 2024-2025 are specified as:

Unrestricted Funds represented by:	Reserve Level (£)	Description of Funds
General Purpose Reserve Fund (Lowry)	£2,000.00	General operation of Lowry District Scout Council
General Purpose Reserve Fund (14-24 Provision)	£2,150.00	General operation of the 14-24 Provision (Explorers & Network)
Premises Reserve - General	£5,000.00	General operation of Armstrong Hall.
Premises Reserve - Maintenance	£3,000.00	General maintenance costs for Armstrong Hall

Lowry District Scout Council

District Investment Policy

The Board of Trustees have established, in line with the Trustee Act 2000, an Investment Policy that outlines the actions taken to ensure the appropriate financial management of the District Scout Council. It is recognised that the primary source of income for the Scout Council is through its investments, primarily made up from the Salford Legacy Fund.

The Salford Legacy Fund was established after the former Salford District Scout Council was closed to form Lowry District Scout Council. The purpose of this fund is to provide an annual income for the Scout Council to be used for its charitable aims.

When making investment decisions, the Scout Council have the following objectives:

- to provide the organisation with the greatest financial return, with the minimum level of risk.
- to invest ethically and morally, unless this objective greatly reduces the financial return.
- where possible, sourced advice from an individual with a financial background.
- the liquidity requirements of each account.

The investment policy and investments in placed are reviewed yearly as part of the annual budgetary process.

The investments for 2024-2025 are specified as:

Investment Name	Bank/Provider	Interest Rate (%)	Liquidity Terms	Opening Balance (£)
Salford Legacy Fund	Redwood Bank	4.60	2 Year Fixed Term Bond, no withdrawal.	£80,000.00
Reserve and Hardship Fund	Redwood Bank	3.69	35 days	£0.00 (pending transfer)



Report & Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2024

Lowry District Scout Council

PRESIDENT	Geoffrey Sides
VICE PRESIDENT	Ann Salt
	Alf Armstrong
	Stan Atkins
TRUSTEES: <i>EX-Officio</i> - Appointment	
District Chair	Paul Wilson
District Lead Volunteer	Ryan Swailes
District 14-25 Team Leader	James Seddon
District Youth Lead	Luke Turner
District Treasurer	Sharmila Clarke
District Secretary	Joshua Macdonald
Nominated by the District Commissioner	Adela Ramsbottom - resigned 02/02/24
	Martin Maynard
Elected by the District Scout Council	Lynn Harman
	Justin McDonnell
	Steve Woodcock
	James Samson
Co-Opted by the District Executive Committee	Ann Salt
Bank: CAF Bank Limited	Redwood Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ	The Nexus Bldg Broadway, Letchworth
	Garden City, SG6 3TA
Independent Examiner of the District Accounts	Ryan Thompson
District Registration Number with the Scout Association	11961947
Charity Registration Number	514098
Contact Name and Address : Sharmila Clarke	
60 Park Lane, Salford, M6 7RQ	
Mobile 07834836758	

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 6th April 2024

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR				
The operational result for the year is an income below expenditure of £12,680 - due to: £1,996 prior year District Camp surplus used to part fund programme events this year. £2,761 Transfer 12th Swinton bank account unsuccessful £1,769 Armstrong Hall loss - account do not include £1,263 owed rent £3,397 restricted funds spent in year £3,379 2-way radios purchased				
Taking out the restricted funds then the resultant working capital is £25,257				
The working capitals since Lowry District formation are	On formation	Feb-16	£17,888	
	End of Year 1	Apr-17	£16,398	
	End of Year 2	Apr-18	£15,536	
	End of Year 3	Apr-19	£14,684	
	End of Year 4	Apr-20	£15,363	
	End of Year 5	Apr-21	£17,610	
	End of Year 6	Apr-22	£22,813	
	End of Year 7	Apr-23	£32,483	
	End of Year 8	Apr-24	£25,257	
The District's financial policy remains to control spending to an amount equal to its income and to be able to fund District events, administration, meetings, and support Groups in activities such as leader training and to ensure the District is growing and developing.				
We have received £157,243 Youth Investment Fund Grant for Armstrong Hall refurbishment, £34,126 completed this year, remainder to be completed in next financial year.				
The 14-24 Provision Recieved a £500 grant in February 2024 to support with the opening of the new Explorer Scout Provision				
Restricted Funds balance at year end: £2,750 COVID Hardship Fund District £3,586 HQ Hardship fund - specific to 2 groups				
The District is a Trust established under the rules that are common to all Groups/Units. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.				
The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis. During the year all Groups/Units have been asked / filed a financial report with the District.				
Approved by the trustees on 18th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by				
Sharmila Clarke		Paul Wilson		
District Treasurer		District Chair		

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year (see page D4)	45,256	34,126	79,382	35,478
Total Payments for the year (see page D5)	54,375	37,677	92,052	19,034
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	-9,119	-3,551	-12,670	16,445
Transfer of funds between funds (Balance Sheet Transfer) Badge Stock				
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	-9,119	-3,551	-12,670	16,445
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	43,724	80,000	454,644	445,631
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	25,257	416,336	441,594	454,644

The above account and accompanying state of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th July 2024

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Receipts for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Capitation	22,892		22,892	35,909
INTEREST				
Bank Interest	1,522		1,522	159
Building Society Interest				
PAYMENTS FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS:				
CAF Financial Investments	1,126		1,126	4,248
GRANTS				
ARMSTRONG HALL - Youth Investment Fund		34,126	34,126	7,520
Booths Grant WSJ			0	3,000
Early Years Grants			0	500
DONATIONS				
Amazon/PayPal/DONR.COM	28		28	38
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Blackpool Zoo	1,804		1,804	0
Cubs Halloween Party	155		155	0
Egg24	233		233	0
CAMPING & COMPETITIONS				
Lowry District Camping & backwood Cooking Comp	1,206		1,206	0
Beavers Camp	1,180		1,180	0
Scouts_Explorers Expedition	652		652	0
Swimming Gala	315		315	0
District Dodgeball	86		86	0
District Football	86		86	0
District Camp	3,987		3,987	1,996
GOOT	89		89	0
Cubs Football	110		110	0
FUND RAISING				
Jamboree Fund Raising			0	1,780
ARMSTRONG HALL RENT	11,630		11,630	7,105
OTHER INCOME				
transfer 12th swinton Bank accounts	-2,761		-2,761	0
transfer 14th Swinton Bank Account			0	8,362
Sundry Receipts				
Badge Receipts	530		530	235
Loans Received			0	0
Other	387		387	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	45,256	34,126	79,382	35,478

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Payments for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
PREMISES - Armstrong Hall				
Bills	1,102		1,102	136
Clearance/Cleaning	167		167	400
Insurance	1,333		1,333	1,180
Maintenance	619		619	770
Other	35		35	1,992
Repairs	465		465	809
replacement locks/keys	93		93	116
Utlilty Bills	6,824		6,824	4,549
Youth Investment Fund		34,280	34,280	0
DEVELOPMENT COSTS				
District Website			0	0
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT COSTS				
Helper/Contents Insurance	81		81	0
Bank Charges	65		65	72
Meeting costs inc AGM	1,962		1,962	616
Other			0	31
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS				
Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorers, District events and Trips	3,409		3,409	45
Program In A Box		141	141	903
Jamboree			0	6,405
CAMPING & COMPETITIONS				
Lowry District Camping & backwood Cooking Comp	1,734		1,734	59
Beavers Camp	1,141		1,141	0
Scouts_ Explorers Expedition	768		768	0
Swimming Gala	358		358	46
GOOT	88		88	0
District Dodgeball	80		80	0
District Football	85		85	0
District Camp 2024	3,987		3,987	0
Cubs Football	214		214	0
Other			0	105
TRAINING				
Young Leader, Leader, First Aid, Safeguarding	147		147	0
First Aid	187		187	50
District Development days	356		356	0
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Funraising			0	0
OTHER EXPENSES				
Communications - Pull out banner/leaflets/business cards	961		961	0
2-Way Radios	3,379		3,379	0
Rent	0		0	395
Badges	816	100	916	0
Capitation	22,892		22,892	35,373
Uniform Order 1st Springwood		2,417	2,417	0
Grants awarded		250	250	0
SUNDRY PAYMENTS				
Domain Names	24		24	29
Name Badges	186	85	271	0
Neckers	574	404	977	57
Web Hosting	175		175	175
Poppy Wreath	28		28	20
Other	40		40	73
Sherif Affinity IT Licenses			0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	54,375	37,677	92,052	19,034

LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 6 April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, Bank, and similar funds.				
Bank Current Account	11,739		11,739	7,960
Bank Deposit Account	13,335	6,336	19,671	34,183
Loans				
Cash In Hand	44		44	44
	25,118	6,336	31,454	42,186
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Income due	1,806		1,806	2,156
Income received for next years income	0		0	0
Expenditure paid for next year	0		0	0
Expenditure due	-2,206		-2,206	-618
	-400		-400	1,538
TOTAL OTHER MONATORY ASSETS				
	24,717	6,336	31,054	43,724
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Government Stocks at Market Value				
Other Quoted Securities at market value		80,000	80,000	80,380
Other investments				
Property held for investment purposes		330,000	330,000	330,000
NONE-MONETARY ASSETS- For Charity use.				
Badge Stock	540		540	540
	25,257	416,336	441,594	454,644
CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS TOTAL				
LIABILITIES. Those due within one year				
Accounts not paid at 31 March				
Expenses incurred not yet paid				
Subscriptions not yet paid				
LIABILITIES. Those payable after one year				
Loans				
Hire purchase owing				
Lease payments out standing				
Other long term liabilities				
The District has no contingent liabilities and future obligations				

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2024

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total £	Last Year Total £
Total receipts for the year	13610.78		13610.78	6872.64
Total Payments for the year	12289.32		12289.32	6873.59
Net receipts (payments) for the year.	1321.46		1321.46	-0.95
Resultant Net receipts (payments) for the year	1321.46		1321.46	-0.95
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value brought forward	1046.17		1072.42	1072.42
Cash, bank and asset funds at market value carried forward	2367.63		2367.63	1046.17

Sharmila Clarke
District Treasurer

Paul Wilson
District Chair

Independent Examiner’s report to the Trustees of
LOWRY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lowry District Scout Council for the year ended 6th April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Lowry 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 Lowry 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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: Ryan Thompson

Qualification: ACCA

Date: 23/07/24



District Lead Volunteer's Report

Ryan Swailes

I am writing this after leading Lowry for almost five years. The change in where we started to now is incredible and I cannot thank enough each Volunteer that provides their time, energy, and ideas, to see each young person thrive – and they really do thrive!

In my last report we welcomed two new Squirrel Dreys, flooding Lowry with a sea of red jumpers. Today our number stands at five, an incredible feat and Lowry has the largest number of Squirrels , and Dreys, across the County. Building on current success, we are excited to see two more Dreys open towards the end of 2024: 88th Salford, and 1st Clifton. These ventures will open more opportunities for our young people to come together and thrive.

Our Census from January 2024 was the biggest increase in Lowry numbers since the District was formed. Bouncing back to pre-COVID levels there was a fifteen percent increase overall, the largest percentage increase across Greater Manchester West. I cannot thank enough the efforts of every Volunteer for providing a high-quality programme that sees more and more young people wish to join Scouting. I am incredibly confident that our percentage increase will be the same in the coming years.

2024 saw the return of our District Camp, retracing our steps back to Kibblestone. 200 young people and Volunteers turned up to join in a weekend of activities, fun, and laughs. What an incredible sight it was to see everyone with smiling faces. A huge thank you to Michelle Rowlands and her Team who came together on many occasions to plan a fantastic camp, and a special mention to whoever booked the weather!

As ever, providing Safe Scouting is our number one priority. In the last few months, we have seen an increase in the measures being taken by Gilwell to ensure strong practice and Governance is carried out by all. Lowry is ahead of the game. We have been for the last five years, but I know we are not perfect. The changes have resulted in hours of work being undertaken by Volunteers behind the scenes. I would like to thank these individuals for their work. Because of their work we have invested in a stronger, safer District. Running alongside this work is Justin McDonnell, who manages our Mandatory Training Compliance. I would like to thank Justin, on behalf of myself and the County Lead Volunteer for his work.

I hope you take the opportunity to continue reading the excellent work my team have done over the last twelve months. Moving forward we are busy planning an exciting agenda to see us to 2028, including an international expedition in Northern Europe. There is a strong sense of unity that prevails, with each member of my team of one mind – that every young person in Lowry deserves the chances of a lifetime.

Programme Team

Michelle Rowlands - Programme Team Leader

This year the Programme Team has grown from strength to strength. The year started with me as Programme Team Lead supported by Robert Hambelton (Scouts) and Courtney Pope (Beavers & Squirrels). In July 2023 Tony Rice (Cubs), in February 2024 Kim Skaife (Squirrels) and in March 2024 Dave Heath (Programme Support) joined the team.

As in previous years we have organised events for each section to take part in, but alongside the district wide Remembrance Sunday Parade and Swimming Gala, this year also saw the return of our St George's Day Funday in April 2023, expertly organised by Justin McDonnell.

A new event on the calendar this year was the Expedition Challenge Weekend, you can read more about it in the Scouts section below. We know that this can be one of the more challenging parts in achieving the Chief Scout Gold Award, so we've decided to run the event every 2 years for Scouts 12 and over.

We have been busy planning and organising the Lowry District Camp for 2024 to Kibblestone International Scout Campsite. Over 200 young people and adults turned up for the third iteration and I would like to say THANK YOU to each person. It was an amazing weekend, and we even booked the weather.

Squirrels

At the end of last year we had 1 Squirrel Drey, at the end of this year we now have 4 Dreys and a 5th has opened at the beginning of 2024/25. The first batch of Chief Scout Acorn Awards have been awarded at 82nd Salford. This award is the highest award a Squirrel can receive - well done all! The Squirrels have attended many District events during their first year; St George's Funday, the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs trip to Blackpool Zoo, the Annual Swimming Gala, Snakes and Ladders competition and the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service. The Squirrels across the District attended this for the first time and were very well behaved and showed that they can parade as well as their older counterparts.

We are looking forward to more growth in 2024 and taking Squirrels on more outdoor adventures.

Kim Skaife
Programme Team Member – Squirrels



Beavers

This year we have had an increase in the number of young people attending Lowry Beaver events. Congratulations to the groups who have awarded their young people with Chief Scout Bronze Awards, seeing our young people get the most out of their time in Beavers is an achievement to be very proud of.

We started and ended the year with Easter Egg Hunts, the first one in April 2023 being at Buile Hill Park and the next in March 2024 at Hollinwood Scout Campsite. Thank You to Sarah Moore for all her support this year in planning fantastic events for our Beavers to attend at Hollinwood Campsite. The bulb planting and Easter Egg hunt have both been a huge success and every young person went home with a smile on their face.

The Beavers also attended the St George's Funday in April 2023, the Lowry Beaver Camp in June 2023, the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs trip to Blackpool Zoo in July 2023, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in November 2023, the Swimming Gala in November 2023 and the Domino Competition in January 2024.

We're looking forward to the events planned for 2024/25 and seeing many more Beavers taking part and achieving the top award.

Courtney Pope

Programme Team Member - Beavers

Cubs

Once again, another great year has happened for all our Cubs, we have had some fantastic events run by great leaders. Cubs attended the St George's Funday in April 2023, the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs trip to Blackpool Zoo in July 2023, a Halloween Party, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in November 2023, the Swimming Gala in November 2023 and the 5-a-side football competition in January 2024.

The Halloween party was greatly attended by many groups with some fun costumes. Special thanks to Adela Ramsbottom and Sarah Moore for organising events over the last few months.

I look forward to another great year for all our young people and I know there will be many more great memories for them to make. Over the next year there will be more fun and adventurous events and activities being run for the Cubs.

Tony Rice

Programme Team Member - Cubs

Scouts

As always, the Scouts have had a busy year. April 2023 kicked off with 43rd Salford and 88th Salford representing Lowry at the County Lord Derby competition. In May 2023 5 Scout Groups took part in the 5-a-side football competition at Eccles College. 100th Salford and 3rd Pendlebury contested that final with 100th Salford coming out as overall winners. The

organisation provided by Neil Hall and his colleagues was great and all the Scouts enjoyed themselves!

100th Salford represented Lowry at the County Cardboard Canoe Race. We also held our annual Camping and Backwards Cooking competition at Ashworth Valley. Over Saturday and Sunday, under sunny skies, the Backwoods Cooking competition took place, and the camping competition ran its course without further interruption. In the Backwoods Cooking Competition, the team from 82nd Salford won, followed by 43rd Salford. 88th Salford came first and second in the Camping competition.

October 2023, we ran our first Expedition Challenge Camp in the Peak District. Scouts aged 12 and over were invited to take part in 2 days of hiking and 1 night camping, carrying their own personal equipment and food for the weekend. Later that month an Orienteering competition took place at Heaton Park, 7 teams took part across 4 Scout Troops with 82nd Salford B Team winning, closely followed by a team from 88th Salford.

We were back at Eccles College in December 2023 for the Dodgeball competition, thanks to Justin McDonnell for running the event alongside Neil Hall. The winners of the competition were 100th Salford, with 3rd Pendlebury second.

In March 2023, we returned to Eccles College for the 5-a-side football competition. This time we had 6 groups enter a team, after five rounds of matches the final was contested between 100th Salford and 1st Clifton and a goal with less than two minutes to go was enough to settle the match in favor of 100th Salford, who retained the trophy. March also saw the annual Get Out Of That Competition, where 6 teams went to Giant's Seat Scout Campsite and went through bases on mapping skills, pioneering, logic, moving water in cups and a fun quiz, and in addition the Explorers ran a base on First Aid Skills. Once all the points for Leadership, Team Spirit and the Technical skills required were added up, the team from 43rd Salford won with 100th Salford second.

Robert Hambelton

Programme Team Member - Scouts



Support Team

Josh Macdonald - Support Team Leader

This year is the first year that we have seen a Support Team in its current form, with numerous opportunities to grow and develop since our last report.

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all members of the Support Team, namely Ben Beaver, Lauren Aldred and Laura Greenhalgh! Lauren and Laura are both new members of the team and have been thriving in their roles, bringing their professional background to boost our social media offering and administrative aspects of the district growth.

The Support Team is a team that is seen rarely in person, you'll normally see us behind cameras or in front of laptops, organising finances or combing through the thousands of photos taken at our district events but the team helps to keep the district ticking over whilst looking to show more people the joy of Scouting!

Communications

This year we have seen continual improvement to our internal communication within Lowry with the introduction of The Thread, our quarterly newsletter showcasing the incredible work being done across the district; improvements to The Thread will be coming soon so keep your eyes peeled!

Ben Beaver

Support Team Member - Communications

Social Media

This year has seen an increase in Lowry's Social Media presence with supporting recruitment for the new Dipolodcus ESU being featured across Lowry's Facebook but the Join Scouts page also! We hope you have seen an increase in our posting and ask that you continue to interact with these posts to help grow our page more – this helps to show stories to you but also shows more people in the Lowry area the incredible work you put in every week!

Lauren Aldred

Support Team Member – Media

Administration

Just as the year draws to a close, Laura Greenhalgh was appointed as one of our Administrators. She will be looking after the Board of Trustees and Governance across Lowry. I am sure you will read all about her adventures in next year's Annual Report.

Volunteer Development Team

Justin McDonnell - Volunteer Development Team Leader

Welcome

The Welcome Team, led by Ann Salt, has been having regular appointments meetings throughout the year. A big thank you to the helpers who made up the panels for these meetings. They have met with and welcomed nearly 40 new volunteers who have started on their Scouting journey as leaders. They are split across all the groups and sections in the district, but a large number being new Squirrel leaders at the newly opened Dreys, and Beaver leaders at enlarging Colony's. With the District expanding this increase in volunteers is inevitable, but it has been a pleasure meeting them all and witnessing their enthusiasm and new energy that they are bringing to their groups, sections and the wider District.

Learning

Adult Learning has been continuing steadily over the past 12 months, and Lowry District is now one of the only Districts in Greater Manchester West County that is fully compliant with mandatory training. Since the AGM last September, 56 volunteers have completed their Safety training, 52 volunteers have completed their Safety training, 52 volunteers have completed their Safeguarding training, and 17 volunteers have completed their First Aid training. This is a fantastic effort, Well done to everyone.

Recognition

Many volunteers have had their hard work and efforts celebrated throughout the year with Good Service awards and Length of Service awards. This work is continuing and many more will be recognised in the future. Looking forward, it is my intention to make a big effort to encourage those who are very close to completion of their wood badge, to get the remaining modules verified, and award their beads. There are also many volunteers who must renew their First Aid training in the next year. Please keep a look out for courses which will be organised in the not-too-distant future. Finally, yet importantly, if you receive an email from HQ about mandatory training, please act on it as soon as you possibly can.

I would like to finish by thanking you all for your efforts over the last year. You are all amazing in all that you do in Scouting. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your volunteering development, whatever they may be, email me at justin.mcdonnell@lowrydistrict.org.uk and I will be only too happy to assist in whatever way I can.

14-24 Team

James Seddon - 14-24 Team Leader

Over the last year, the 14-24 Team has continued to provide exciting and challenging adventures to our Explorer Scouts and Scout Network.

One of the highlights was the opportunity for members of our Explorer Scout unit and Scout Network to attend and support the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Though they did not have the experience they expected, they learnt many skills in resilience, communication and cultural understanding.

Whilst some members were in South Korea, the rest of the Stegosaurus ESU explored York on their Summer Camp, taking part in activities like York Dungeons, Hikes and much more! But the Explorers learnt the most important lesson whilst on this camp... do not cook bacon in an oven for the same amount of time as the sausages!

Coming out of the Summer season and into Autumn, we began to explore life skills that the Explorers felt they needed some practice, from sewing to knowing how to wire in a plug and this will be a continual focus for us as we continue into this year, ensuring that our young people gain the skills they need.

November saw our final trip of 2023 to Cardiff, the penultimate city in our Four Cities Tour. The unit went to the Museum of Cardiff and learnt of the cultural history of the city, attended a Doctor Who 60th Anniversary Light Show over Cardiff Bay and explored Cardiff Castle and Keep!

In February 2024, Diplodocus ESU opened and has grown steadily since. I would like to thank leaders from across the district for stepping up and supporting us with the opening of this new section!

For our Scout Network Members, members have attended National and Regional events such as Network Festival and Gathering, allowing them to make connections across the Northwest and UK. The section is continuing to grow with attendance increasing as more Explorer Scouts age up and want to continue their time in Scouting.

Thanks to all the leaders in the 14-24 Team- without you we would not be able to provide the Skills, Fun and Challenge to our oldest sections!

Youth

Luke Turner - District Youth Lead

What a year our young people and volunteers have had in Scouting! So many events and opportunities for our young people to experience and create new long-lasting memories.

All the hard work and time dedicated by our leaders has provided our young people with new skills, knowledge and difficult challenges to overcome, and it is clear to see a Youth-Led District stronger than ever. So many of our young people are going on to become leaders and role models throughout Scouting and continue in their Scouting journey as Adult Volunteers - showcasing all the skills they have learned along the way.

It is compelling to see so many young people all over Lowry strive to reach their top awards and I want to say a massive congratulations to each one who managed to achieve it!

I have some exciting news to share as well, I would like to welcome Bella Heath as a Joint District Youth Lead, who joined just as we finished the year! Bella is coming to help further establish a Youth-Led District and help foster our YouShape award even more. We have numerous new plans and ideas we would love to integrate into our Lowry, one of which involves a Scout Council ran by our young people, to make changes they want to see!

The award is still very new in our District, we will be explaining it in much more detail in future meetings. If you any questions until then, or any other questions please let me know, we would love to help!

I cannot wait for another brilliant year of Scouting, providing our young people with a larger voice and continuing the amazing things our volunteers already do!



Census

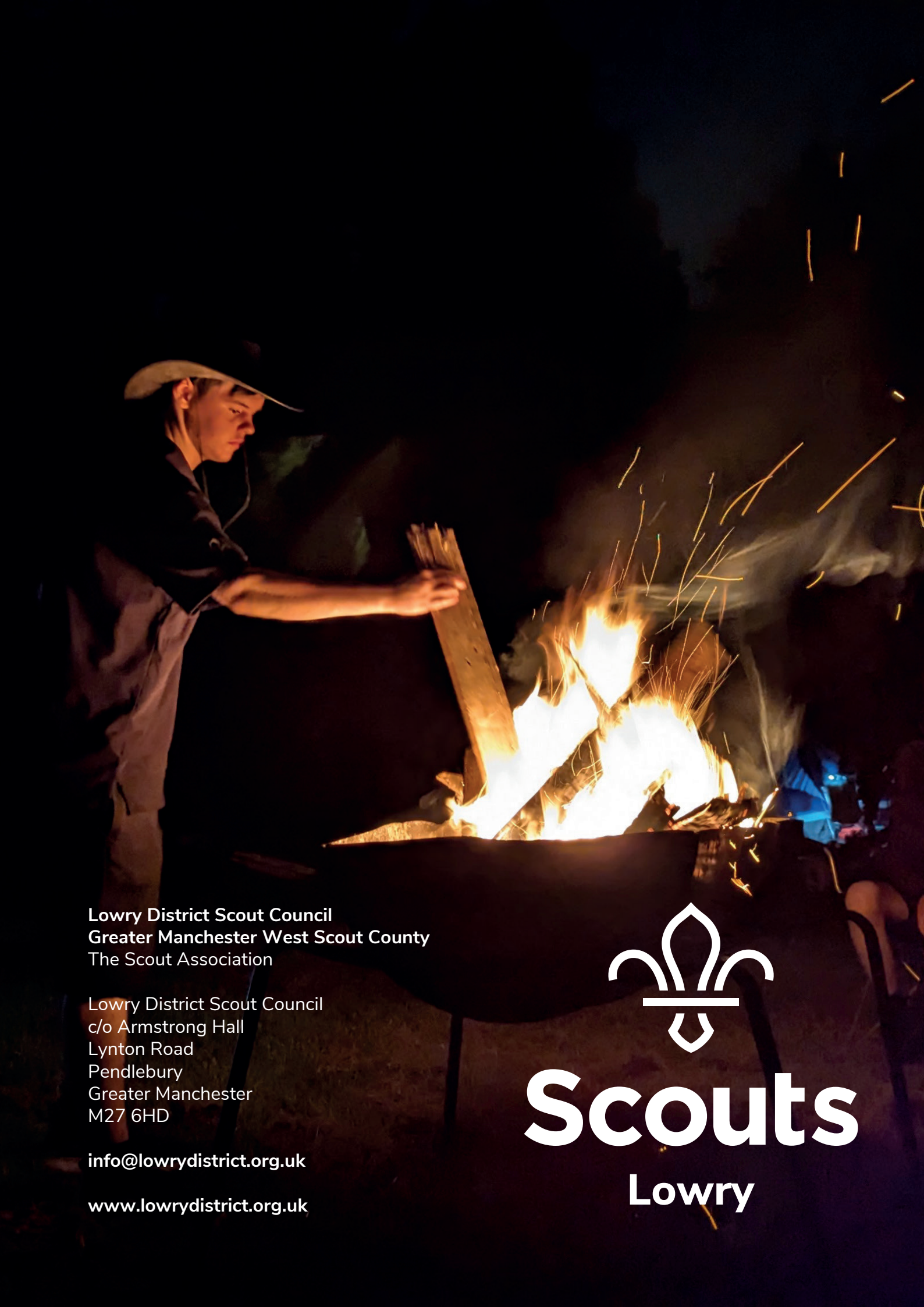
Census of District Membership in Lowry For the year ending January 2024

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrels	33	15	0	0	48
Beavers	133	27	0	0	160
Cubs	87	26	0	0	113
Scouts	93	32	0	0	125
Explorers (including Young Leaders)	25	1	0	0	26
Ventures	0	0	0	0	0
Network members	3	5	0	0	8
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	374	106	0	0	480
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	10	8	2	0	20
Assistant Section Leaders	10	14	1	0	25
Section Assistants	14	24	0	0	38
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	34	46	3	0	83
Young Leaders ⁺	13	0	0	0	13
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	47	46	3	0	96
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	4	3	0	0	7
District Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
District ES/SN Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	6	3	0	0	9
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	3	3	0	0	6
Group Secretary	2	4	0	0	6
Group Treasurer	5	1	0	0	6
Group Trustee Board members	2	1	0	0	3
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	12	9	0	0	21
District Chair	1	0	0	0	1
District Secretary	0	0	0	0	0
District Treasurer	0	1	0	0	1
District Trustee Board members	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	13	11	0	0	24
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	1	1	0	0	2
Group Administrators/Supporters	0	1	0	0	1
Group Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other Group Adults	3	0	0	0	3
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	4	2	0	0	6
Deputy District Commissioners	2	1	0	0	3
District Youth Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	2	1	0	0	3
District Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
District Administrators/Supporters	0	0	0	0	0
District Skills Instructors	2	0	0	0	2
Other District Support roles	1	1	0	0	2
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	8	3	0	0	11
Active Support	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	12	5	0	0	17

Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription /e Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network	472
UNITS	
Squirrel Dreys	3
Beaver Colonies	9
Cub Packs	8
Scout Troops	7
Explorer Units (Including YL Units)	1
Active Support Units	0
Young Leader Units	0
Groups	9

⁺ Also includes roles in Regions/Countries; ⁺ YL totals are not included in the overall totals as Young Leaders are already included in Explorer totals.



A Scout wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a dark shirt is tending to a large bonfire at night. The fire is bright and intense, with sparks flying upwards. The background is dark, suggesting a night-time outdoor setting.

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