



Scouts

Chesterfield District Scout Council

Chesterfield District Scout Council
Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number: 520651

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Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Chesterfield District Scout Council
Other names charity is known by	Chesterfield District Scouts Chesterfield Scouts
Registered Charity Number	520651
Charity's Principal Address	6 Bowland Drive Walton Chesterfield Derbyshire S42 7LZ

During the year, the following individuals served as trustees, managing the charity.

District Lead Volunteer (Ex Officio)	Ben Widdowson
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District Chair	David Hoar
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District Treasurer	Carole Grew
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Appointed Members	Denise Booth
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Scott Slater

Keth Greateorex

Rebecca Hudson

Allan Stockton

Rick Barnett

Max Irani

Paul Heath

Independent Examiner	Paul Davis CPFA Avocado Accounting 6 Lilac Close Chesterfield S44 5QZ Paul@AvocadoAccounting.co.uk
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Trustee's Annual Report

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the district are as a unit of The Scout Association.

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

- **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.
- **Cooperation** – We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Chesterfield District Scout Council's (the District) 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 districts and the district's registration number with The Scout Association is 11306

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

This includes registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of Chair, Treasurer, Lead Volunteer, and other appointed members and meet at least once a term.

This District Trustee Board exists to support the Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- making sure the charity is well managed
- developing and maintaining a district risk register
- ensuring finances are properly managed
- ensuring buildings and equipment are properly insured and is in good working order
- ensuring all legal requirements and policy, organisation and rules (POR) are complied with.
- Co-opting trustees with specific expertise if required

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of The Scout Association



Risk and Internal Control

Work is ongoing to identify the major risks which the District is exposed to, these will be reviewed and systems established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Reduction or loss of members

The District provides support and oversight for the District youth programme. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Group or Unit as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the District.

Damage to the building, property and equipment

The District Built assets consist of camping grounds. These are rented to Scout units and third parties. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss or accidental damage. All engineering assets held by the District are subject to periodic statutory compliance checks as prescribed by legislation.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members

The District through membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities and comprehensive training and permit system operated for volunteers.

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 Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders

The District is 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 group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the District.

Loss of data

The district operates strict codes of practice relating to data and this is supported by comprehensive volunteer training.



Achievements and Performance

The number of young people in the District fell slightly from 757 to 741. All our groups work hard to provide engaging activities for young people to enjoy which is key to retain.

The plans for the new building at Spitewinter were unavoidably delayed due to a number of issues including Asbestos and bats!! The project is ongoing with a small team of volunteers and a project manager pushing it through. It is hoped that by the end of 2025 the majority of the work will be completed.

The reduced District team have supported groups with training requirements and extra activities for the various sections.

Rebecca Hudson and her small team continue to work tirelessly to keep the camp site a place where groups from within and outside the District can enjoy the benefits that outdoor spaces can provide. Over 2000 people have enjoyed camping/ staying at the site year in this year. The popular Chilly Challenge camp was run again, slightly smaller than the past due to the reduced space at the camp site because of the new build.

Unfortunately, the planned St Georges Day celebration in April 2024 was cancelled due the park being waterlogged. It is planned to run this in 2025 but slightly later in the year.

So amazing are our volunteers in Chesterfield, an awards evening was held in Chesterfield, because of the number of award recipients. Thanks to Denise Booth and 3rd Wingerworth (All Saints) Scout Group for hosting this event.

Several District Team vacancies exist, this has limited the number of events, and support, the District would like to give, however it is important that all Group leadership roles are maintained.

The District has been getting to grips with all the changes from the Scout Association and thanks to everyone for seeing these through.

Each and every one of our volunteers give over and above what can be expected and without their support and dedication Chesterfield District Scouts would not be as successful as we are now.

We all face challenges especially in recruiting adult volunteers to help in all sections and in the Trustee roles, but with commitment and determination we will succeed in bringing great Scouting to the young people of Chesterfield.



Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The District 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 hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £25k.

We currently hold far in excess of this following the sale on the Chesterfield Headquarters and pending the costs of the new Activity Barn.

The District Trustee Board also considers that a healthy reserve is required to mitigate the risks of operating a large campsite where unexpected urgent capital spends is required to overcome breakdowns.

A healthy reserve would also mitigate risks from contingencies that may arise over the course of the year.

Compliance with the Reserves Policy will be formally undertaken annually with the preparation of the Charities annual report.

Investment Policy

The District has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The District Trustees regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr D Hoar – District Chair



Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of **Chesterfield District Scout Council.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chesterfield District Scout Council (the District) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the District 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 District 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 District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Davis'.

Paul Davis CPFA
avocado accounting

Date: 26 July 2025



Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<u>Income and Endowments From</u>			
Donations and Legacies			
Membership Subscriptions	1	1,604	2,650
Donations		-	-
		1,604	
Charitable Activities			
Activities for Raising Funds	2	27,634	31,938
Income for District Activities	3	5,446	
Grants		1,450	500
		34,530	32,438
Trading Activities		-	-
Investment Income		5,856	3,103
Total Income		41,990	38,191
<u>Expenditure on</u>			
Raising Funds		430	147
Charitable Activities			
Charitable Activities	4	6,670	5,142
Supporting Costs	5	25,908	27,824
Other Costs		584	13,240
		33,162	46,206
Total Expenditure		33,592	46,353
<u>Net Income / Expense</u>		8,398	-8,162
Funds Brought Forward		556,019	564,181
Movement in funds		8,398	-8,162
Funds Carried Forward		564,417	556,019



Statement of Financial Position

	<i>Notes</i>	As at 31/03/2025 £	As at 31/03/2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	6	297,386	279,045
Current Assets			
Bank Balances	7	266,213	276,530
Cash in Hand	7	699	1,789
Debtors	8	469	230
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	9	(350)	(1,575)
Net Current Assets		267,031	276,974
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		564,417	556,019
Net Assets		564,417	556,019
Funds			
Unrestricted Fund	10	564,417	556,019
Total Funds		564,417	556,019



Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Membership Subscriptions

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Membership fees received from district groups	38,055	36,420
Membership fees from Explorers	1,711	1,431
Less fees payable to Derbyshire County Scout Council	-38,162	-35,201
Net Income	1,604	2,650

2. Activities for Raising Funds

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Spitewinter Camp Fees	26,986	22,450
Chilly Camp income	181	-
Sale of Badges	98	220
Craft Sales	133	-
Other Income	236	9,268
Total	27,634	31,938

3. Income for District Activities

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Cub's Sleepover (Gulliver's)	5,446	-
Total	5,446	-

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Cub's Sleepover (Gulliver's)	5,511	-
Explorer Activities	1,159	-
St Georges Day	-	5,142
Total	6,670	5,142

5. Expenditure on Supporting Costs

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Bank Charges	15	64
Cess Pit	4,695	400
Cleaning	920	547
Campsite General	8,125	18,054
Campsite Maintenance	844	964
Computer Hardware & Software	253	-
Crew Hut	700	-
Electricity	3,354	4,806
Governance	350	600
Insurance	1,421	1,091
John Perry Hut	2,241	114
NEDDC Rates	57	58
Travel Expenses	283	140
Waste Disposal	358	331
Water	2,292	655
Total	25,908	27,824



6. Tangible Assets

Cost	Freehold Property £	Spitewinter £	Improvements to property £	Totals £
As at 01/04/2024	1,332	200,000	77,713	279,045
Additions	18,341	-	-	18,341
As at 31/03/2025	19,673	200,000	77,713	297,386
Net Book Value				
31/03/2025	19,673	200,000	77,713	297,386
01/04/2024	1,332	200,000	77,713	279,045

7. Bank and Cash Balances

	Cash £	Bank £	Investments £	Totals £
District	-	20,041	234,166	254,207
Scouts Active Support	121	889	4,121	5,131
Andromeda	229	936	-	1,164
Centaurus	181	3,380	-	3,561
Draco	168	2,680	-	2,849
Totals	699	27,926	238,287	266,912

8. Debtors

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Other Debtors - Prepayments	469	230

9. Creditors

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Other Creditors - Accruals	350	1,575

10. Movement in Funds

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
As at start of the financial year	556,019	564,181
Incoming Resources	41,990	38,191
Resources Expended	33,592	46,353
Movement in Funds	8,398	-8,162
As at end of the financial year	564,417	556,019



11. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities.

Tangible fixed assets

No provision for depreciation has been made as the cost of capital purchases have always been written off in the year of purchase.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

12. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 or 31 March 2024

13. Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party disclosures for the year ended 31 March 2025



Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

					2024/25	2023/24
	District £	Campsite £	SASU £	Explorer Groups £	Total £	£
<u>Income and Endowments from</u>						
Donation and Legacies						
Membership						
Membership from Explorers				1,711	1,711	1,431
Membership from Groups	38,055				38,055	36,420
Membership to County	-38,162				-38,162	-35,201
	-107			1,711	1,604	2,650
Donations					0	0
Charitable Activities						
Activities for Raising Funds						
Spitewinter Camp Fees		26,986			26,986	22,450
Chilly Camp Income		181			181	
Sale of Badges	98				98	220
Craft Sales			133		133	
Other	24	12		200	236	9,268
	122	27,179	133	200	27,634	31,938
Income for District Activities						
Cub's Sleepover (Gulliver's)	5,446				5,446	
	5,446				5,446	
Grants		1,450			1,450	500
Investment Income						
Bank Interest	5,799		57		5,856	3,103
	5,799		57		5,856	3,103
Total Income	11,260	28,629	191	1,911	41,990	38,191



					2024/25	2023/24
	District £	Campsite £	SASU £	Explorer Groups £	Total £	£
<u>Expenditure on</u>						
Fundraising Costs						
District Shop	405			25	430	147
	405			25	430	147
Charitable Activities						
Cost of Activities						
Cub's Sleepover (Gulliver's)	5,511				5,511	0
St George's Day					0	5,142
Explorer Activities			504	655	1,159	0
	5,511	0	504	655	6,670	5,142
Supporting Costs						
Bank Charges				15	15	64
Cess Pit		4,695			4,695	400
Cleaning		920			920	547
Campsite General		8,125			8,125	18,054
Campsite Maintenance		844			844	964
Computer Hardware & Software				253	253	0
Crew Hut		700			700	0
Electricity		3,354			3,354	4,806
Governance	350				350	600
Insurance		1,421			1,421	1,091
John Perry Hut		2,241			2,241	114
NEDDC Rates		57			57	58
Travel Expenses	24	259			283	140
Waste Disposal		358			358	331
Water		2,292			2,292	655
	374	25,266		269	25,908	27,824
Other Costs	534	50			584	13,240
Total Payments	6,824	25,316	504	949	33,592	46,353
Net Income / Expense					8,398	-8,162