

SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 520707

Details

Other names	SOUTH SHIELDS BOY SCOUT LOCAL ASSOCIATION, SOUTH SHIELDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1965-11-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	15 Holland Park Drive Jarrow NE32 4LL
Phone	07768778751
Website	www.southtynesidescouts.org.uk

Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS AND GIRLS IN ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Activities: South Tyneside District Scout Council is part of the National Scout organisation. Supporting the range of activities they offer.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTH TYNESIDE
- South Tyneside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£45,342	£38,169	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,398	£31,369	-	-
2023-03-31	£28,625	£50,678	-	-
2022-03-31	£24,133	£30,390	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,223	£26,110	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EDWIN RUSSELL LEGROSS	Chair	
CAROLINE JEAN MULLEY		
Carole Heppel		2021-09-01
Claire Adamson		2024-09-04
Jean Devlin		2024-09-04
John Joseph Tiernan		2021-09-01
Stuart Andrew Plewa		2024-09-04

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2023		31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name South Tyneside District Scout Council

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 520707

Charity's principal address c/o 15 Holland Park Drive

Jarrow

Postcode

NE32 4LL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	E R LEGROSS	CHAIRMAN		
2	G FORTH			
3	J DEVLIN	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
4	C MULLEY	TREASURER		
5	S PLEA		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
6	C ADAMSON		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
7	K REED		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
8	G PURVIS-MCGINN		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
9	C HEPPEL			
10	J TIERNAN			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

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Description of the charity's trusts

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- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Planning to achieve the aims and progress to date

The aims have been advised to all members in the District through the group and district general meetings, section and other meetings.

Most interested parties have confirmed the aims as appropriate.

Specific programmes are being developed to address the various points:

Adult recruitment workshop organized with County input.

Fundraising committee to raise money at District level - detailed plans to be developed.

Fresh ideas are being tried to improve communication e.g. The Web site.

Four specific tasks were agreed with the Assistant District Commissioners (A.D.C.) progressing:

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Commissioners and others to act as ambassadors for Scouting in the community.

When considering its existing and future plans of activity the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

and have also utilised the available guidance in the preparation of this report.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

N/A

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year saw continued demand for the use of West Hall activities and for scout activities in the District which was good to see. A full programme of events was run. The Trustees are grateful to the many volunteers and parents who support the activities.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves at least sufficient to meet a year's expenditure on normal running costs. The charity is supported by Friends of South Tyneside Scouts (FOSTS) which raises money to be spent on activities agreed by FOSTS.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

N/A

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Name **EDWIN RUSSELL LEGROSS**

Position **Chairman**

Date **30 January 2025**

SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £ <i>General fund unrestricted</i>	2024 £ <i>Restricted</i>	2024 £ <i>Total</i>	2023 £ <i>Total</i>
Membership fees	2,618		2,618	257
West Hall letting income	22,397		22,397	19,560
General activities including fund raising	6,314		6,314	6,576
Grants		950	950	2,000
Donation	100		100	0
Sundry receipts	19		19	232
TOTAL INCOME	31,448	950	32,398	28,625
West Hall running costs	7,849		7,849	10,544
Property and other insurance	7,177		7,177	6,523
District administration expenses	620		620	955
West Hall repairs and equipment	1,939		1,939	20,384
Activities including fund raising and district camp expenses	3,375		3,375	1,863
Depreciation	10,409		10,409	10,409
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,369	0	31,369	50,678
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	79	950	1,029	(22,053)
ACCUMULATED RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	447,812	6,173	453,985	476,038
ACCUMULATED RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	447,891	7,123	455,014	453,985

SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Land	20,000	20,000
BP Lodge	293,040	300,960
Westfield	34,780	35,720
Toilet Block	44,964	46,213
Cleadon Hut	10,800	11,100
Total Fixed Assets	403,584	413,993
Current Assets		
Prepayments	27,684	27,311
Cash at bank and in hand	46,645	40,030
Receipts in advance	(22,441)	(27,026)
Creditors	(458)	(323)
Net current assets	51,430	39,992
NET ASSETS	455,014	453,985
RESERVES		
General	447,891	447,812
Grant	950	0
FOSTS donations	6,173	6,173
	455,014	453,985

Approved by the Trustees

30 January 2025

SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

The charity is treated for accounting purposes by the Charities Act 2011 as a small charity and is therefore able to take advantage of certain disclosure exemptions in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Accounting by Charities.

The Income and Expenditure includes cash receipts and payments during the year, together with debtors and accruals for any material items at the year-end.

If the Charity receives funds for a particular purpose specified by the donor then the amounts are included in restricted funds and the relevant expenditure is charged against the fund.

Equipment represents stocks of badges etc, together with loose tools and stock held at the West Hall camping site. This is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Tangible fixed assets are shown at original historical cost less depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the asset as follows:

Land	0 years
Buildings	50 years
Equipment	5 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Residual value is calculated on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name South Tyneside District Scout Council		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2024	Charity no (if any)	520707
Set out on pages	7 to 9 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: • examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, • to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and • to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.		
Independent examiner's statement	In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met ; or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. <i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i>		
Signed:		Date:	31 January 2025
Name:	Ben Sirs		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA		
Address:	Hartlepool		

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4	G FORTH			
5	D Donaldson			
6	S THORPE			
7	E WAKE			
8	S A ROBSON	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER		
9	C MULLEY	TREASURER		
10	K WAKE			
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Section F Other optional information

N/A

Section G Declaration

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Name **EDWIN RUSSELL LEGROSS**

Position **Chairman**

Date **21 February 2024**

SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £ General fund unrestricted	2023 £ Restricted	2023 £ Total	2022 £ Total
Membership fees	257		257	200
West Hall letting income	19,560		19,560	12,826
General activities including fund raising	6,487	89	6,576	410
Grants (re impact of COVID-19)	0	2,000	2,000	10,667
Donation	0		0	30
Sundry receipts	232		232	0
TOTAL INCOME	26,536	2,089	28,625	24,133
West Hall running costs	10,544		10,544	3,154
Property and other insurance	6,523		6,523	6,036
District administration expenses	955		955	198
West Hall repairs and equipment	18,384	2,000	20,384	10,382
Activities including fund raising and district camp expenses	1,863		1,863	211
Depreciation	10,409		10,409	10,409
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	48,678	2,000	50,678	30,390
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	(22,142)	89	(22,053)	(6,257)
ACCUMULATED RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	469,954	6,084	476,038	482,295
ACCUMULATED RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	447,812	6,173	453,985	476,038

**SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

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Land	20,000	20,000	20,000
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Westfield	35,720	36,660	37,600
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Cleadon Hut	11,100	11,400	11,700
Total Fixed Assets	<u>413,993</u>	<u>424,402</u>	<u>434,811</u>
Current Assets			
Prepayments	27,311	27,788	22,796
Cash at bank and in hand	40,030	48,006	40,376
Receipts in advance	(27,026)	(24,158)	(15,688)
Creditors	(323)	0	0
Net current assets	<u>39,992</u>	<u>51,636</u>	<u>47,484</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>453,985</u>	<u>476,038</u>	<u>482,295</u>
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Grant	0	0	0
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Approved by the Trustees



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

South Tyneside District Scout Council

On accounts for the
period ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

520707

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 21 February 2024

Name:

Ben Sirs

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

Tunstall Grange, Grange Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0DS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters.

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