

BLACKBURN AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 521533

Details

Other names BLACKBURN BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-12-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: PURPOSES OF THE BLACKBURN BOY SCOUTS.

Activities: The District Scout Council's purpose is to provide leadership, advice & support to Scout Groups in our area, and help promote the aims of The Scout Association This involves promoting the development of Scouting; acting in matters relating to District finance and property; appointing leaders/helpers/instructors and ensuring suitability of applicants; supervising and assisting individual Groups

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BLACKBURN
- Blackburn With Darwen

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,278	£39,985	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,853	£37,697	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,590	£40,166	-	-
2022-03-31	£27,740	£25,927	-	-
2021-03-31	£22,441	£32,990	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STUART PARKER	Chair	2016-06-16
Cairon Berry		2025-09-16
Donna Longworth		2025-09-16
Jack Murray		2016-06-16
Mark Longworth		2025-09-16
Peter Sculpher		2016-06-16

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 010424 to end date 310325

Section A **Reference and administration details**

Charity name

Blackburn And District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

521533

Charity's principal address

C/O 2 Cypress Ridge

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Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Stuart Parker	Chairman	
2	Ian Fletcher		
3	Donna Longworth		
4	Mark Longworth	District Lead Volunteer	
5	Cairon Berry		
6	Jack Murray		
7	Peter Sculpher	Treasurer	
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Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B **Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 5 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every 2 months.

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

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

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control 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 policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	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 co-operate 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	
Additional details of the objectives and activities	The District has a published Policy on grants for International Trips which has been agreed by the Trustee Board.
Public benefit statement	The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The District continues to actively support Scout Groups accessing outdoor activities free of charge at Canalside Activity and Environment Centre through an annual grant to St Georges Mill Hill Scout Group who run the centre. The District continued to see overall growth during the year of 2% however this follows significant growth in the District from 2022 when YP numbered 343 compared to 612 YP in 2025.

Section E**Financial Review****Reserves Policy**

The Districts 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 24 months running costs, circa £100,000.

The District held reserves of approximately £150,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained as we are managing our investments to generate an annual income which we then utilise for our revenue spending each year.

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

Investment Policy

The District has investments which are actively managed on its behalf by Hedleys Co. Ltd. The aim of the investments is to produce an annual surplus which the District then uses to directly invest in the requirements of District and Groups as required.

The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the investment returns received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its investmentss. The District occasionally withdraws investment funds if needed to give grant support and/or loans to Groups, volunteers and young people with the Scout District.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

In the coming year we are hoping to support the addition of 2 new Scout Groups in the District. These are planned at Intack Primary School and Musalla Maryam.
In addition the District will support the 6 young people who have been chosen to attend the World Scout Jamboree 2027

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Stuart Parker	Peter Sculpher
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

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BLACKBURN AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
Receipts		
Badge Sales	40	30
Investment Income	1993	1264.04
Grants Received	186.78	500
Membership Fees from Groups	34447.25	26700.75
Group closures	2280.68	0
Rebate from County	330.5	279.5
Transfer From Investments		10000
	39278.21	38774.29
Payments		
Membership Fees to County	34163.5	34206.75
Grants/Donations	5115	2150
Activities	706.5	565
Badge Purchases/Expenses	0	535.26
Insurance	0	0
General District Expenses	0	240
	39985	37697.01
Net Receipts / Payments for Year	-706.79	1077.28
Cash and Current account Balances Brought Forward	6743.7	5666.42
Cash and Current account Balances Carried Forward	<u>6036.91</u>	<u>6743.7</u>

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Balances		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	6036.91	6641
Monies Held by ADC (Scouts)	0	272
Badge Secretary	0	471
Stockbrokers	0	-389
Cash In Hand	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	6036.91	6995
Restricted Fund		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	867.45	957
Investment Assets		
Government Stocks at Market Value	9936.7	10319
Quoted Securities at Market Value	<u>158645.47</u>	<u>162137</u>
	168582.17	172456
OTHER ASSETS		
Monies Outstanding	0	0
Badge Secretary's Stock	0	0
NET ASSETS	<u><u>175486.53</u></u>	<u><u>180408</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the District Trustee Board of the Blackburn And District Scout Council

District Treasurer



Pete Sculpher

District Chairman



Stuart Parker

12th September 2025

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

- 1 Investment Income from Hedley's
- 2 Bank Account reflects payment of Grants / capitation for 2024 paid after 2024 year end
- 3 Activities included :

£65.00	Table tennis comp
£285.00	Cub party
- 4 Grants and Donations :

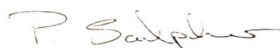
£1,995.00	Cherry Tree Woodlands Norway
£1,200.00	One Voice Japan trip
£1,500.00	Canalside
- 5 Hendleys Investments - Current value at 31.03.24

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District Treasurer



Pete Sculpher

District Chairman



Stuart Parker

12th September 2025

Accounts independant examiner:

Mr Lee Arrandale

10 Dahlia Close

Lower Darwen

BB3 0QZ



Lee Arrandale

17th September 2025

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BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Badge Sales	30	0
Investment Income	1274	1981
Grants Received	500	500
Membership Fees from Groups	26701	27853
Rebate from County	280	256
Transfer From Investments	<u>8068</u>	<u>10000</u>
	36853	40590
Payments		
Membership Fees to County	34207	27810
Grants/Donations	2150	6400
Activities	565	5428
Badge Purchases/Expenses	535	0
Insurance	0	0
General District Expenses	<u>240</u>	<u>528</u>
	37697	40166
Net Receipts / Payments for Year	-844	424
Cash and Bank Balances Brought Forward	8796	8372
Cash and Bank Balances Carried Forward	<u><u>7952</u></u>	<u><u>8796</u></u>

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Balances		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	6641	5553
Monies Held by ADC (Scouts)	272	272
Badge Secretary	471	471
Stockbrokers	-389	1543
Cash In Hand	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	6995	7839
Restricted Fund		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	957	957
Investment Assets		
Government Stocks at Market Value	10319	12461
Quoted Securities at Market Value	<u>162137</u>	<u>180020</u>
	172456	192481
OTHER ASSETS		
Monies Outstanding	0	0
Badge Secretary's Stock	0	0
NET ASSETS	<u><u>180408</u></u>	<u><u>201277</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the District Executive Committee of the Blackburn District Scout Council

District Treasurer

Malcolm Roe FCCA

District Commissioner

Abid Saleh

26th August 2024

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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|---|--|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Investment Income from Hedley's | | |
| 2 | Bank Account reflects payment of Grants for 2024 paid after year end | | |
| 3 | Activities included : | £175.00 | Shooting/Archery |
| | | £290.00 | Archery/Pistols |
| | | £100.00 | Archery |
| 4 | Grants and Donations : | £200.00 | Mini Bus Hire Grant |
| | | £250.00 | Sundry Grant |
| | | £1,500.00 | Canalside |
| | | £200.00 | Immanuel Bus Hire Grant |
| 5 | Hendleys Investments - Current value at 31.03.24 | | |

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BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Badge Sales	0	490
Investment Income	1981	730
Grants Received	500	0
Membership Fees from Groups	27853	26319
Rebate from County	256	201
Transfer From Investments	<u>10000</u>	<u>0</u>
	40590	27740
Payments		
Membership Fees to County	27810	24911
Grants/Donations	6400	577
Activities	5428	0
Badge Purchases/Expenses	0	0
Hire of Rooms/Rent	0	0
Insurance	0	0
General District Expenses	<u>528</u>	<u>439</u>
	40166	25927
Net Receipts / Payments for Year	424	1813
Cash and Bank Balances Brought Forward	8372	6559
Cash and Bank Balances Carried Forward	<u><u>8796</u></u>	<u><u>8372</u></u>

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2022

	2023	2022
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Balances		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	5553	5125
Monies Held by ADC (Scouts)	272	272
Badge Secretary	471	471
Stockbrokers	1543	1547
Cash In Hand	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	7839	7415
Restricted Fund		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	957	957
Investment Assets		
Government Stocks at Market Value	12461	12461
Quoted Securities at Market Value	<u>180020</u>	<u>180020</u>
	192481	192481
OTHER ASSETS		
Monies Outstanding	0	0
Badge Secretary's Stock	0	0
NET ASSETS	<u>201277</u>	<u>200853</u>

Signed on behalf of the District Executive Committee of the Blackburn District Scout Council

District Treasurer

Malcolm Roe FCCA

District Commissioner

Abid Saleh

27th June 2023

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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|---|--|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Investment Income from Hedley's | | |
| 2 | Bank Account reflects payment of Grants for 2023 paid after year end | | |
| 3 | Activities included : | £200.00 | Immanuel Mini Bus Hire |
| | | £1,547.95 | Bouyancy Aids |
| | | £3,000.00 | St Georges Canalside Storage |
| | | £255.00 | Badges |
| | | £317.40 | Explorer Camp Expenses |
| 4 | Grants and Donations : | £3,600.00 | EL Scouts Jamboree |
| | | £1,000.00 | Canalside Use Donation |
| | | £750.00 | Woodlands Tall Ships Donation |
| | | £50.00 | St Francis Training Grant |
| | | £250.00 | Saliheen Grant |
| | | £250.00 | Abu Hanif Grant |
| | | £500.00 | St Peters Transport Grant |
| 5 | Hendleys Investments - informatiun not available at present | | |

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BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

	2022		2021
Receipts			
Badge Sales	490		0
Investment Income	730		2165
Membership Fees from Groups	26319		19946
Rebate from County	201		330
Transfer From Investments	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	27740		22441
Payments			
Membership Fees to County	24911		20150
Grants/Donations	577		12600
Activities	0		0
Badge Purchases/Expenses	0		0
Hire of Rooms/Rent	0		0
Insurance	0		0
General District Expenses	<u>439</u>		<u>240</u>
	25927		32990
Net Receipts / Payments for Year	1813		-10549
Cash and Bank Balances Brought Forward	6559		17108
Cash and Bank Balances Carried Forward	<u>8372</u>		<u>6559</u>

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****AT 31st MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Balances		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	5125	3313
Monies Held by ADC (Scouts)	0	272
Badge Secretary	0	471
Stockbrokers	0	2488
Cash In Hand	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
	5125	6559
Restricted Fund		
Bank Current Account/Capital Reserve	957	957
Investment Assets		
Government Stocks at Market Value	12461	13474
Quoted Securities at Market Value	<u>180020</u>	<u>185219</u>
	192481	198693
OTHER ASSETS		
Monies Outstanding	0	0
Badge Secretary's Stock	0	1120
NET ASSETS	<u>198563</u>	<u>207329</u>

Signed on behalf of the District Executive Committee of the Blackburn District Scout Council

District Treasurer

Malcolm Roe FCCA

District Commissioner

Abid Saleh

4th July 2022

BLACKBURN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

- 1 Investment Income from Hedley's

- 2 Bank Account reflects payment of Grants for 2022 paid after year end

- 3 Activities included : None

- 4 Grants and Donations : £ 383 Hoodies/Training Tops for Cherry Tree
 £ 164 for Yokes
 £ 1,000 refund from cancelled Jamboree
 £ 1,000 Canalside dontation

- 5 Hendleys Investments lower due to global market downturn