

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

Blackburn

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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)
	<p data-bbox="611 398 911 425">Risk and Internal Control</p> <p data-bbox="611 432 1286 584">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.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	
Additional details of the objectives and activities	<p>The District has a published Policy on grants for International Trips which has been agreed by the Trustee Board.</p>
Public benefit statement	<p>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.</p>

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
	<hr/> 39278.21	<hr/> 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
	<hr/> 39985	<hr/> 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

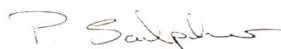
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| 1 | Investment Income from Hedley's | | |
| 2 | Bank Account reflects payment of Grants / capitation for 2024 paid after 2024 year end | | |
| 3 | Activities included : | £65.00
£285.00 | Table tennis comp
Cub party |
| 4 | Grants and Donations : | £1,995.00
£1,200.00
£1,500.00 | Cherry Tree Woodlands Norway
One Voice Japan trip
Canalside |
| 5 | Hendleys Investments - Current value at 31.03.24 | | |

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12th September 2025

Accounts independant examiner:

Mr Lee Arrandale

10 Dahlia Close

Lower Darwen

BB3 0QZ



Lee Arrandale

17th September 2025