

CHARITY NUMBER: 524509



Burton-on-Trent and District Scout Council

Receipts and Payments accounts
(Incorporating the Trustees' Annual Report)

Year ended 31 March 2025

Independently examined by Thomas Haslehurst of Haslehursts Chartered Accountants


BURTON UPON TRENT DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

Section 1 Legal and Administrative Information	
Charity name	Burton Upon Trent District Scout Council
Charity Commission registered number	524509
Financial year beginning	01/04/2024
Financial year ending	31/03/2025
Charity's principal address	
Description of the charity's trusts:	
Governing document	The District's 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.
Objects of the charity	The Mission of the Scout Association is "Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society". The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership See the Mission & Values statement
Specific investment powers	None
Professional advisers:	
Bankers	Lloyd's Bank, High Street, Burton upon Trent
Section 2 Trustees and Governance	
Trustee Changes	
<p>At the 2024 AGM a new constitution was adopted following changes from the National Scout Association. This include changes to the constitution of the Trustee Board. As such a number of Trustees changed follow approval at the 2024 AGM.</p> <p>Also during the year Richard Williams (County Lead Volunteer), acting District Lead Volunteer, was replaced by a new District Lead Volunteer team consisting of Graham Jacks, Angela Burns, Sue Duffill and Chris Harlow.</p>	

	Name of Trustee	Post held, and dates during which named trustees acted, if not for whole period of this report
	Nigel Evans	District Chair
	Richard Williams	District Lead Volunteer (acting) (End date 5/2/25)
	Graham Jacks	District Lead Volunteer (Appointed 6/2/25)
	Nigel Saunders	District Treasurer (Ending 9/9/24)
	Katrina Creaser	District Treasurer (appointed 9/9/24)
	Chris Harlow	Trustee Board Member (Ending 9/9/24)
	Jeanne Fairfield	Trustee Board Member (Ending 9/9/24)
	Beverly Ashcroft	Trustee Board Member (Appointed 9/9/24)
	Angela Burns	Trustee Board Member (Ending 9/9/24)
	Alex Hall	Trustee Board Member (Ending 9/9/24)
	Rob Leadbeater	Trustee Board Member (Appointed 9/9/24)
	Micheal Hovers	Trustee Board Member (Appointed 18/3/25)
	Fazana Bi	Trustee Board Member (Appointed 9/9/24)
Section 3 Activities and Achievements		
Membership	The highlights for this year were as follows:	
	It has been a mixed year for Burton District. Of our 9 Groups 4 have reduced in numbers and 5 have increased resulting in an overall small drop in numbers of 8 (1%). The highlight has been the success of the Squirrels at 22 nd and a couple of other groups are currently considering their introduction. Although reported last year the 21 st was a temporary closure, it is sad to note that this Group will not reopen as the young people are getting good Scouting engagement at the nearby 11th and don't have an appetite to change back to Barton. We still have 5 sections across the District with small section numbers and we are working hard to address these and increase their numbers. Our young people, leaders and volunteers have worked hard to ensure Scouting continues to thrive in our communities. Despite challenges, particularly in the rollout of the new administration system and the completion of the required safety training, we are proud to reflect on a year filled with achievement and adventure.	
Activities	<p>There are lots of amazing activities run across the District. Lots of camping and residential activities are happening in many different places by all groups. The District supported and ran activities for both Beavers and Cubs including camping, a sleepover, a table tennis tournament, athletics and scientist badges, a visit to conkers and a Space day. There has been no District Scout programme and this will be a focus going forward.</p> <p>We continually promote actively engaging and supporting young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. This is achieved</p>	

	through the adults working in partnership with young people in a fun, learning environment which promotes our core values, Integrity; Respect; Care; Belief and Co-operation.
Charity Fund-raising	There has been no specific charity fund-raising exercise this year for the District although all our Groups carry out fundraising for both their own Groups and for local and national charities.
Facilities	Facilities at the Rangemore Scout Centre District HQ and Campsite have continued to be utilised by young people and adults throughout the year, although bookings were down on previous years, partly due to the planned refurbishment that was to have taken place in January, but didn't. The management of the campsite will be a focus going forward.
Leadership	<p>The District structure is managed through a District Lead Volunteer team, with a vacant Youth Lead currently, which ideally we need to fill, to drive more youth involvement. We are focused on being Youth Shaped in accordance with the Vision 2018 of the Scout Association and to prepare better futures through the Skills for Life strategy of The Scout Association (The Scouts).</p> <p>The transformation to Trustee Boards has gone well with all Groups engaging in the new structure. Many leaders and volunteers have found the new national system for administration hard to navigate and not user-friendly. As a result adoption has been slow due to leader frustration and has been a barrier to efficiency this year. Some of the system is excellent and saves time, but more updating is needed by the Scout Association to prove its value and get better usage</p>
Section 4	Policies
Reserves policy	<p>The District's policy on financial reserves is to retain a balance equal to 12 months running costs for the campsite and district operations. We consider this to be £25,000 and £5,000 respectively.</p> <p>During the year 2024/25 an investment of £60,000 was approved from the reserves for the development of the campsite with particularly focus on the indoor toilet and wash facilities. The Trustees consider this to be ringfenced reserves as at the year end.</p> <p>This leaves £20,000 currently held which is for the development of Scouting within Burton on Trent and will be made available to the District Lead Volunteer Team for; Improving the provision of Scouting for Young People in Burton Upon Trent and Increasing the number of Young People who are able to access Scouting in Burton Upon Trent, in line with our Charitable objectives.</p>
Grant-making policy	The Trustees do not make grants to outside organisations

Investments selection policy	No Investments are held by the charity
Review of Major Risks	<p>Financial – risks managed by retention of reserves as outlined above, including consideration for large scale works required at the district campsite.</p> <p>Property – risks managed by adequate oversight of the facilities ensuring compliance with regulatory regulations. Current priority is ensuring Risk Assessments are in place for all areas or work, including volunteering works throughout the site.</p> <p>People – risks managed by application of the Scout Associations policies, in particular safety and safeguarding risk assessments for volunteers and contractors.</p> <p>The Scout District and the Groups within are all operated following the information and guidelines in the Policy Organisation and Rules as amended regularly by The Scout Association</p>
Section 5	Signature and Declaration
Declaration	<p>I declare, in my capacity as charity trustee, that:</p> <p>the trustees have approved the report above; and</p> <p>have authorised me to sign on their behalf.</p>
Signature	
Full Name	Nigel John Evans
Position	District Chair
Date	22/09/2025
Mission statement	
<p>Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><u>Vision</u></p> <p>We will continue to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders who deliver an inspiring programme.</p> <p>As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

Strategic Priorities

The following Strategic Priorities are People Programme and Perception.

People: More well trained better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.

Programme: A fun, high-quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple digital tools.

Perception: Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.

Our Objectives are: We want to Grow; Become more Inclusive; Be More Youth Shaped and Impact our communities.

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.


Diversity & Inclusion

Scouting should reflect the societies in which it exists and actively work to welcome all individuals without distinction. This diversity should not only be reflected in the membership, but also the methods and programmes used within the Movement.

Social Impact

Every Scout should be involved in community service and share their experiences to inspire others. Through activities and projects, Scouts contribute to their communities and become leaders of positive change. Burton upon Trent Scout District aims to develop Scouting through the full application of the UK Scout Association Policy and programme

Preparing better futures #SkillsforLife

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name	No (if any)		CC16a
		Burton-on-Trent District Scout Council	524509		
		Receipts and payments accounts			
		For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
			01/04/2024		31/03/2025
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	40,488			40,488	44,301
Less: membership paid on	(41,906)			(41,906)	(38,226)
Donations and grants	360			360	190
Beavers section income	2,430			2,430	2,819
Cub section income	2,772			2,772	5,015
Scout section income	6,144			6,144	3,147
Explorer section income	22,665			22,665	17,385
World Scout Jamboree	2,350			2,350	794
Campsite income	21,326			21,326	18,459
Shop income	1,207			1,207	196
Investment income	656			656	1,019
Miscellaneous income	360			360	30
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	58,852	-	-	58,852	55,129
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan repayment from 22nd	1,900	-	-	1,900	1,800
Loan repayment from 24th	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Sub total	7,900	-	-	7,900	7,800
Total receipts	66,752	-	-	66,752	62,929
A3 Payments					
Support and training	3,959	-	-	3,959	40
Insurance	2,233	-	-	2,233	1,903
Printing, photocopying and postage	94	-	-	94	1,083
St Geroge's Day	956	-	-	956	716
Other District payments	1,000	-	-	1,000	750
Devlopment grant	-	-	-	-	-
Beaver section expenditure	2,324	-	-	2,324	2,887
Cub section expenditure	2,167	-	-	2,167	6,619
Scout section expenditure	5,495	-	-	5,495	4,429
Explorer section expenditure	20,216	-	-	20,216	17,565
Campsite running costs	25,776	-	-	25,776	12,462
Shop expenditure	1,091	-	-	1,091	-
World Scout Jamboree	2,370	-	-	2,370	2,350
Sub total	67,682	-	-	67,682	50,804
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	67,682	-	-	67,682	50,804
Net of receipts/(payments)	(930)	-	-	(930)	12,125
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	111,512	-	-	111,512	99,387
Cash funds this year end	110,582	-	-	110,582	111,512

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	District current accounts	70,679	-	-
	Section accounts	10,780	-	-
	Shop and campsite accounts	29,123	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	110,582	-	-
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Capitation outstanding	5,600	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
	Loan to 24th due < 1 year	Unrestricted	5,000	5,000
	Loan to 24th due > 1 year	Unrestricted	27,000	27,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Fixed assets (building, equipment etc)	Unrestricted	436,549	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	KACREASER	KCreaser	22/09/2025	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Burton-on-Trent and District Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

524509

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

23/09/2025

Name:

Thomas Haslehurst

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:	FCA
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Section B

Disclosure

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.