



**Huddersfield North  
District Scout Council  
Annual Report & Accounts 2023**



# Annual Report and Accounts of

## Huddersfield North District Scout Council 2023

### Section A: Reference and administration details

<b>Charity Name:</b>	Huddersfield North District Scouts
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	524747
<b>District registration number:</b>	10001837
<b>Charity's principal address:</b>	47a Sherwood Avenue, Bradley, Huddersfield HD2 1RQ

### Name of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Steve Nattress	District Chair
Jason Robbins	District Treasurer
Rachel Jinks	District Secretary
Helen Roy	District Commissioner
Chris Stephens	Member
Steve Holland	Member
Mike Oldridge	Member
Graham Earnshaw	Member
Damian Butterworth	District Explorer Scout Commissioner (Ex officio member)
Ed Wilson	District Scout Network Commissioner (Ex officio member)
Josh Pickering	District Youth Commissioner (Ex officio member)

**Auditor:** David Lewis

### Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Type of 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.
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

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee 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 the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, additionally, the District Youth Commissioner; the District Explorer Scout Commissioner and the District Scout Network Commissioner are ex-officio members and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Executive Committee completes '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

The Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment.

Members of the District Executive Committee must act collectively as charity Trustees of the Scout District, and in the best interests of its members to:

- comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by or used by the District.
- manage the District finances.
- provide insurance for people, property and equipment.
- provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- ensure effective governance of Explorer Scouts and Scout Network in the District.
- promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- manage and implement the Safety Policy locally.
- ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- appoint and manage the operation of any sub-Committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-Committees.
- ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the District.
- the opening, closure and amalgamation of Groups, Explorer Scout Units, Scout Network and Scout Active Support Units in the District as necessary.
- appoint and manage the operation of a District Appointments Advisory Committee, including appointing an Appointments Chair to lead it.
- supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property.

The District Executive Committee must also:

- appoint Administrators, Advisers, and Co-opted members to the District Executive Committee.
- prepare and approve the Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts after the examination of the accounts by an appropriate auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer.
- present the approved Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the District Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting; file a copy with the County Executive Committee; and if a registered charity, to submit them to the appropriate charity regulator - see Rule 13.3.
- maintain confidentiality with regard to appropriate Executive Committee business.
- where staff are employed, act as a responsible employer in accordance with Scouting's values and relevant legislation.
- ensure line management responsibilities for employed staff are clearly established and communicated.

## Risk and internal Control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

**Damage to property and equipment.** The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisation such as the Church, Community Centre and other Scout parts of the Scout County. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient Buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

**Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** The District members are insured through the capitation fees and contribute to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities.

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include a minimum of 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives 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 Value of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

<b>Integrity</b>	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
<b>Respect</b>	We have self respect and respect for others
<b>Care</b>	We support others and take care of the world in which we live
<b>Belief</b>	We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes
<b>Co-operation</b>	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.

### **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 are included in this report

### **Section E: Financial Review**

#### **Reserves Policy**

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs.

The District Executive 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.

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the past year are included in this Annual Report.

### **Section F: Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above (and attached)

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full Name:

Steve Nattress

Position:

District Chair

Date:

16/05/2023

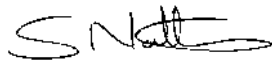


## TRUSTEES' REPORT

The last year has at last seen the return of a full calendar of events in Huddersfield North scouting, both within the groups and by the District. It was great to see Night Hawk (and Swift Hawk) being such a phenomenal success, as well as the 3 Peaks of Marsden and the St George's Day Celebrations. On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to express thanks to all of the uniformed leaders that have enabled such a fantastic restart to become a reality – your efforts really are very much appreciated.

This AGM marks the end of my role as District Chair and I'd also like to take a moment to comment on my involvement with the Executive Committee. It's been a privilege being able to contribute to the direction of scouting in Huddersfield North and work with such an experienced, able and hard-working team. My thanks to them all for making my tenure such a positive and enjoyable experience.

Steve Nattress

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Nattress', with a stylized flourish at the end.

District Chair

## DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

2022 was a year of recovery, as we returned to face to face Scouting and whole District events. The annual census figures show the continued growth in the District with nearly half of Groups in the District now exceeding their pre Covid membership numbers.

The demand for Squirrels across the District has exceeded anyone's expectations. With regular enquiries and long waiting lists at our existing Drey at 11th Outlane I was delighted to welcome our second Squirrel Drey in the District at 15th Cowcliffe and in particular the 4 new Adult volunteers leading the section so successfully. I look forward to more Dreys opening across the District in the future.

The number of District events also returned to normal this year with a full a varied programme. It was wonderful to see the return of Night Hawk with the addition of the Swift Hawk for our younger Scouts resulting in the most participants in the event ever.

I would like to thank Steve Nattress for the work he has done as our District Chair over the last 3 years and welcome Steve Bagshaw who has agreed to take on the role. Many of you may know Steve from his time as a Scout Leader at 15th Cowcliffe.

As always, my appreciation and thanks go to all our volunteers for their hard work in continuing to ensure our members have the best possible experience of scouting.

Helen Roy

District Commissioner

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## What did we do in 22/23.....



**Sco**  
**Huddersf**

We ran a District Skills Day in February for our adult volunteers to network, learn and refresh their scouting skills. The day was well received with over 40 attendees and representation from every Group in the District

Huddersfield North were honoured to be asked to light the Jubilee beacon on Castle Hill in June to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**BEAVERS**

Night Hawk returned in October with the addition of Swift Hawk for younger Scouts, resulting in the largest number of participants ever!



In March Cubs, Scouts and Explorers took part in the 3 Peaks of Marsden challenge

**EXPLORERS**

Sections across the District took part in Remembrance Day events



We celebrated St George's Day at Bradley woods with a camp fire, games and an opportunity to renew our promises.



**network**



Our annual Christmas Tree collection raised £4000 and this years Jamboree participants came to help!



The District held a constructive workshop in October to review the District Programme. Feedback is reflected in the new District Diary on the website

# cubs

We launched our second Squirrel Drey at Cowcliffe in January



In September teams of Cubs used local buses to explore the Halifax area including Sowerby Bridge, Shibden park, the Piece hall and Brighouse with the aim of taking photos and finding the answers to questions

# SCOUTS

In May we spent an evening on the Cub Cyclist badge in the grounds of Fixby junior



In November we ran the 3 Peaks of Huddersfield 20 mile Challenge for Explorers

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

## Receipts & Payments Account summary for the year ended 31st March 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/2023 Total Funds	2021/2022 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Note</b>				
Membership Subscriptions		26,054	0	26,054	22,015
less subscriptions paid on to County		<u>24,621</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,621</u>	<u>20,720</u>
Net membership subscriptions retained		1,433	0	1,433	1,295
Investment income		121	0	121	27
Donations/grants		419	2,598	3,017	36,148
Gift aided rebate		1,493	0	1,493	2,150
Activities	1	24,263	1,753	26,016	11,121
Fundraising		3,505	0	3,505	4,862
Other Income	2	29,080	0	29,080	3,955
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<u>60,314</u>	<u>4,351</u>	<u>64,665</u>	<u>59,558</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Premises/equipment	3	10,701	0	10,701	28,226
Training		60	0	60	1,040
Activities	4	30,376	509	30,885	11,202
Administration expenses		358	0	358	379
General expenses	5	11,640	0	11,640	869
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<u>53,135</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>53,644</u>	<u>41,716</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)		7,179	3,842	11,021	17,842
Cash funds last year end		94,611	41,278	135,889	118,046
<b>Cash, bank and similar funds as 31st March 2023</b>		<u>101,790</u>	<u>45,120</u>	<u>146,910</u>	<u>135,888</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16/05/2023 and signed on their behalf by the Chair of the Trustees



# Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2022

## Notes to the accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/2023 Total Funds	2021/2022 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>1 Activities</b>				
Squirrels	0	0	0	0
Beavers	0	0	0	0
Cub Scouts	0	0	0	0
Scouts	690	0	690	325
Explorers	10,633	0	10,633	7,092
Network	0	0	0	0
The Rig SAS	350	0	350	0
District events	0	0	0	882
International Trips	6	0	6	2
Jamboree	11,106	0	11,106	924
50th Anniversary	220	0	220	0
Night Hawk	1,258	0	1,258	0
Four District Event	0	1,743	1,743	1,033
International Projects	0	10	10	863
	<u>24,263</u>	<u>1,753</u>	<u>26,016</u>	<u>11,121</u>
<b>2 Other Income</b>				
Sundry	28	0	28	5
Badge receipts	32	0	32	359
BART SAS	487	0	487	18
Cowcliffe Scout Group loan repayment	0	0	0	100
Woodhouse Lodge	17,254	0	17,254	1,970
Closure of The Bee's Scout Group	0	0	0	1,503
Closure of Sedicum ESU	235	0	235	0
Short Term Loans	11,044	0	11,044	0
	<u>29,080</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,080</u>	<u>3,955</u>
<b>3 Premises/Equipment</b>				
Woodhouse Lodge expenses	5,954	0	5,954	2,519
District Resource Centre building fund	0	0	0	18,274
District Resource Centre meeting room	171	0	171	0
District Resource Centre running expenses	2,870	0	2,870	4,817
BART SAS	1,706	0	1,706	2,616
	<u>10,701</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,701</u>	<u>28,226</u>

#### 4 **Activities**

Squirrels	76	0	76	0
Beavers	80	0	80	0
Cub Scouts	50	0	50	0
Scouts	451	0	451	480
Explorers	12,252	0	12,252	6,788
Network	0	0	0	151
The Rig SAS	36	0	36	40
District events	210	0	210	1,052
International Trips	0	0	0	0
Jamboree	15,624	0	15,624	2,250
50th Anniversary	312	0	312	0
Night Hawk	1,285	0	1,285	0
Four District Event	0	509	509	441
International Projects	0	0	0	0
	<u>30,376</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>30,885</u>	<u>11,202</u>

#### 5 **General Expenses**

Sundry	316	0	316	610
Fundraising	280	0	280	259
District Badge purchase	0	0	0	0
Short Term Loans	11,044	0	11,044	0
	<u>11,640</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,640</u>	<u>869</u>

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022/2023 Total Funds	2021/2022 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Monetary assets - Cash, bank and similar funds</b>				
Bank Current Accounts	17,591	42,522	60,113	109,434
Bank Deposit Accounts	20,048	0	20,048	0
Investment Accounts	63,540	2,598	66,138	26,065
Cash in hand	502	0	502	287
Non-GBP cash in hand	109	0	109	102
	<u>101,790</u>	<u>45,120</u>	<u>146,910</u>	<u>135,888</u>
<b>Other Monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim for year ended 31 March 2022	0	0	0	75
Tax claim for year ended 31 March 2023	9	0	9	0
Accrued Interest on SA Charity Deposit Account	544	0	544	11
Sundry debtors	181	0	181	2,293
	<u>734</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>2,379</u>
<b>Non-monetary assets</b>				
Badge Stock (cost)	307	0	307	307
Woodhouse Lodge (insurance valuation)	174,711	0	174,711	174,711
DRC land (Trustees valuation)	100,000	0	100,000	100,000
District Resource Centre (Trustees valuation)	133,043	0	133,043	133,043
General scouting equip (insurance valuation)	39,354	0	39,354	39,354
Bradley Wood ESU equip (Trustees valuation)	1,750	0	1,750	1,750
Cambodunum ESU equip (Trustees valuation)	600	0	600	600
Sedecim ESU equip (Trustees valuation)	0	0	0	730
BART SAS equipment (Trustees' valuation)	27,500	0	27,500	27,500
The Rig SAS equipment (Trustees' valuation)	95,468	0	95,468	95,468
	<u>572,733</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>572,733</u>	<u>573,463</u>
<b>Liabilities (due within one year)</b>				
Sundry creditors	32	0	32	1,397
	<u>32</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1,397</u>

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HUDDERSFIELD NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Huddersfield North District Scout Council for the year ended 31/03/2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Huddersfield North District Scout Council 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 Huddersfield North District Scout Council 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 Huddersfield North District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: David Lewis

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):  
BTech (Hons) FCA

Address: 151 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3TP

Date: 31st May 2023

## DISTRICT CENSUS - January 31st 2023

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	<b>2023</b>
District	164	181	206	237	250	219	212	217	<b>165</b>
25th Salendine Nook	43	58	68	58	51	55	42	52	<b>47</b>
15th Cowcliffe	58	44	59	63	64	62	48	57	<b>91</b>
36th Oakes	66	50	52	58	59	56	51	40	<b>51</b>
31st Birchenccliffe	88	75	84	77	74	84	71	71	<b>79</b>
41st Bradley	54	56	53	65	63	51	37	40	<b>45</b>
16th Lindley	100	105	89	91	91	94	88	82	<b>94</b>
11th Outlane	77	70	79	80	74	74	60	71	<b>84</b>
26th Birkby	29	34	29	31	26	28	17	19	<b>24</b>
3rd New Horizons					56	88	60	119	<b>121</b>
	<b>679</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>801</b>

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	<b>2023</b>
Squirrels								17	<b>29</b>
Beaver Scouts	127	114	126	133	138	158	104	153	<b>156</b>
Cub Scouts	137	132	139	126	152	186	154	137	<b>157</b>
Scouts	162	149	125	138	124	172	156	150	<b>158</b>
Explorer Scouts	102	100	99	116	110	100	82	61	<b>66</b>
Scout Network		16	9	27	34	41	33	39	<b>32</b>
Adults in Groups	111	111	143	158	186	188	170	170	<b>156</b>
Adults at District	40	51	78	62	64	64	41	41	<b>47</b>
	<b>679</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>801</b>

Birchencliffe Birkby Bradley Cowcliffe  
Lindley New Horizons Oakes Outlane Salendine Nook  
Bradley Wood ESU Cambodunum ESU  
Cliff Tykes ESU  
Northern Star ESU  
Network

The RIG SAS Programme Support SAS BART SAS  
Whitley Beaumont Woodhouse Lodge  
District Resources Centre



**Squirrels**

**BEAVERS**

**cubs**

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EXPLORERS

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