



**Huddersfield North
District Scout Council
Annual Report & Accounts 2024**



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Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Huddersfield North District Scouts

Registered Charity Number: 524747

District registration number: 10001837

Charity’s principal address: 47a Sherwood Avenue, Bradley, Huddersfield HD2 1RQ

Name of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Steve Bagshaw	District Chair
Jason Robbins	District Treasurer
Rachel Jinks	District Secretary
Helen Roy	District Lead Volunteer
Chris Stephens	Elected Member
Steve Holland	Elected Member
Mike Oldridge	Elected Member
Ed Wilson	Elected Member
Graham Earnshaw	Nominated Member
Hannah Cable	Nominated Member
Josh Pickering	Ex Officio Member

Independent Examiner: David Lewis

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

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. The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, 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.

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The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 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 District 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.

Risk and internal Control

The District Trustee Board 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.

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:

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.

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

The District's reserves policy 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 Trustee Board 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.

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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 Bagshaw

Position: District Chair

Date: 14/05/2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT

This year has seen the District continue to thrive and on behalf of the Trustees I want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to give our over 570 registered youngsters a full Scouting experience.

As well as the ever inventive and enjoyable local Group programmes - it has been great to see so many at a well attended District Camp at Whitley Beaumont. The ever popular Three Peaks of Marsden was a great success, as was Night Hawk and all its spin offs and most recently the new look St George's Day celebrations were held inside and out at Salendine Nook. Thank you to everyone involved in making these happen.

Our Resource Team continue to actively manage Woodhouse Lodge at Bradley Woods, the District Resource Centre on Sherwood Ave in Bradley and Whitley Beaumont. We are also hugely grateful to those involved in what was the 20th annual collection of Christmas trees.

Further afield we had Scouts and Leaders in the UK contingent at the now infamous Jamboree in South Korea. The Huddersfield North contribution to dealing with the crisis was not insignificant - thank you !!

As my first year as Trustee Board Chair comes to a close - I'd like to thank Helen, Jason, Rachel and the rest of the Trustees for all their support.

Steve Bagshaw

District Chair



DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

Huddersfield North Scout District had another fantastic year in 2023/24 with a full programme of activities and events. A particular highlight was the whole District camp in July which saw young people and adults from all sections come together for a medieval themed camp. Attendance exceeded our expectations and from the feedback it will definitely be something we do again!

It was wonderful to see the return of Night Hawk and Swift Hawk again in October, which again saw an increase in the number of participants. The event has now become so popular that we are looking at running it as 2 events next year to enable each event to continue to grow.

The annual census figures show the continued growth in nearly all sections in the District, with the exception of Beavers which followed the national trend of a surprising drop. The District Team with the Group Lead Volunteers have been addressing this with a recruitment campaign which is already showing a promising increase in Beaver numbers.

District support for adult recruitment in Groups has continued to be a priority this year and the District Team have supported several recruitment events as well as delivering volunteer recruitment campaigns through social media. I am delighted to report that we have had 51 new adult volunteers join Huddersfield North in the last year!

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 Lead Volunteer

What did we do in 23/24.....



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We held a whole District camp In July at Whitley Beaumont Scout Campsite. With a wide range of activities and all ages from Squirrels to Explorers having fun!



Building work began at the Kerry West Orphanage and School with the money raised for Project Uganda.



BEAVERS

Sections across the District took part in Remembrance Day events

Night Hawk returned in October with Swift Hawk for younger Scouts, resulting in another annual increase in the number of participants.



5 Young People and 4 Adults represented Huddersfield North at the World Scout Jamboree in August.



EXPLORERS

We celebrated St George's Day at Salendine Nook with activities, games and an opportunity to renew our promise. Congratulations to New Horizon Beavers, Birkby Cubs, Cowcliffe Scouts and Bradley Wood Explorers on winning the DC's sectional challenges



cubs

Our annual Christmas Tree collection raised £4000



In November we held a Cub swimming badge day at Colne Valley Leisure Centre with over 50 cubs getting stage 1,2 or 3 swimmer badges



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

network

Squirrels and Beavers in the District took part in an Olympics day. Congratulations to Outlane Squirrels and Birchencliffe Beavers for taking home the trophies!



In March we had our District Cub Party and Awards night. 101 cubs from 8 packs attended rotating round 8 activities.

Squirrels



SCOUTS

November saw the return of the 3 Peaks of Huddersfield 20 mile Challenge for Explorers



Beavers around the District took part in a snowy winter sleepover at Bradley Woods in December



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Receipts & Payments Account summary for the year ended 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023/2024 Total Funds	2022/2023 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts	Note				
Membership Subscriptions		27,218	0	27,218	26,054
less subscriptions paid on to County		<u>26,645</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,645</u>	<u>24,621</u>
Net membership subscriptions retained		573	0	573	1,433
Investment income		1,324	0	1,324	121
Donations/grants		412	0	412	3,017
Gift aided rebate		1,042	104	1,146	1,493
Activities	1	28,193	10,864	39,057	26,016
Fundraising		3,217	0	3,217	3,505
Other Income	2	27,534	0	27,534	29,080
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>62,2953</u>	<u>10,968</u>	<u>73,263</u>	<u>64,665</u>
Payments					
Premises/equipment	3	16,081	0	16,081	10,701
Training		120	0	120	60
Activities	4	23,247	42,643	65,890	30,885
Administration expenses		232	0	232	358
General expenses	5	3,811	0	3,811	11,640
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>43,491</u>	<u>42,643</u>	<u>86,134</u>	<u>53,644</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)		18,804	31,675	12,871	11,021
Cash funds last year end		101,790	45,120	146,910	135,889
Cash, bank and similar funds as 31st March 2024		<u>120,594</u>	<u>13,445</u>	<u>134,039</u>	<u>146,910</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14/05/2024 and signed on their behalf by the Chair of the Trustees



Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2024

Notes to the accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023/2024 Total Funds	2022/2023 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
1 Activities				
Squirrels	0	0	0	0
Beavers	1,020	0	1,020	0
Cubs	140	0	140	0
Scouts	0	0	0	690
Explorers	15,849	0	15,849	10,633
Network	0	0	0	0
The Rig SAS	250	0	250	350
District events	0	0	0	0
International Trips	3,300	0	3,300	6
Jamboree	190	0	190	11,106
50th Anniversary	0	0	0	220
Night Hawk	2,117	0	2,117	1,258
HN Goes	5,110	0	5,110	0
Squirrel & Beaver Olympics	217	0	217	0
Four District Event	0	1,035	1,035	1,743
International Projects	0	9,829	9,829	10
	<u>28,193</u>	<u>10,864</u>	<u>39,057</u>	<u>26,016</u>
2 Other Income				
Sundry	13	0	13	28
Badge receipts	253	0	253	32
BART SAS	1,470	0	1,470	487
Woodhouse Lodge	22,282	0	22,282	17,254
Closure of Sedicum ESU	0	0	0	235
Short Term Loans	3,516	0	3,516	11,044
	<u>27,53480</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,53480</u>	<u>29,080</u>
3 Premises/Equipment				
Woodhouse Lodge expenses	9,739	0	9,739	5,954
District Resource Centre meeting room	0	0	0	171
District Resource Centre running expenses	3,389	0	3,389	2,870
BART SAS	2,953	0	2,953	1,706
	<u>16,081</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,081</u>	<u>10,701</u>

4 **Activities**

Squirrels	0	0	0	76
Beavers	745	0	745	80
Cub Scouts	170	0	170	50
Scouts	0	0	0	451
Explorers	13,661	0	13,661	12,252
Network	6	0	6	0
The Rig SAS	328	0	328	36
District events	730	0	730	210
International Trips	155	0	155	0
Jamboree	2,760	0	2,760	15,624
50th Anniversary	0	0	0	312
Night Hawk	968	0	968	1,285
HN Goes	3,536	0	3,536	0
Squirrel & Beaver Olympics	168	0	168	0
Four District Event	0	789	789	509
International Projects	0	41,854	41,854	0
	<u>23,247</u>	<u>42,643</u>	<u>65,890</u>	<u>30,885</u>

5 **General Expenses**

Sundry	163	0	163	316
Fundraising	132	0	132	280
District Badge purchase	0	0	0	0
Short Term Loans	<u>3,516</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,516</u>	<u>11,044</u>
	<u>3,811</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,811</u>	<u>11,640</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023/2024 Total Funds	2022/2023 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets - Cash, bank and similar funds				
Bank Current Accounts	22,730	13,445	36,175	60,113
Bank Deposit Accounts	97,511	0	97,511	20,048
Investment Accounts	0	0	0	66,138
Cash in hand	250	0	250	502
Non-GBP cash in hand	103	0	103	109
	<u>120,594</u>	<u>13,445</u>	<u>134,039</u>	<u>146,910</u>
Other Monetary assets				
Tax claim for year ended 31 March 2023	0	0	0	9
Tax claim for year ended 31 March 2024	9	0	9	0
Accrued Interest on SA Charity Deposit Account	0	0	0	544
Accrued Interest on Co-Op Deposit Account	736	0	736	0
Sundry debtors	276	0	276	181
	<u>1,021</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,021</u>	<u>734</u>
Non-monetary assets				
District Resource Centre (Insurance valuation)				133,043
land (Trustees valuation)	100,000	0	100,000	100,000
Main Building	430,731	0	430,731	
Portacabin Office	34,679	0	34,679	
Workshop	19,500	0	19,500	
Containers	16,690	0	16,690	
Woodhouse Lodge (insurance valuation)	338,469	0	338,469	174,711
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
Cliff Tykes ESU equip (Trustees valuation)	190	0	190	0
BART SAS equipment (Insurance valuation)	27,500	0	27,500	27,500
The Rig SAS equipment (Insurance valuation)	95,468	0	95,468	95,468
Badge Stock (cost)	33	0	33	307
	<u>1,104,964</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,104,964</u>	<u>572,733</u>
Liabilities (due within one year)				
Sundry creditors	393	0	393	32
Ski Trip cancellation	3,150	0	3,150	0
	<u>3,543</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,543</u>	<u>32</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 31/03/2024.

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):
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (FCA)

Address: 151 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3TP

Date: 22nd May 2024

DISTRICT CENSUS - January 31st 2024

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
District	181	206	237	250	219	212	217	165	154
25th Salendine Nook	58	68	58	51	55	42	52	47	37
15th Cowcliffe	44	59	63	64	62	48	57	91	92
36th Oakes	50	52	58	59	56	51	40	51	46
31st Birchenclyffe	75	84	77	74	84	71	71	79	68
41st Bradley	56	53	65	63	51	37	40	45	50
16th Lindley	105	89	91	91	94	88	82	94	92
11th Outlane	70	79	80	74	74	60	71	84	98
26th Birkby	34	29	31	26	28	17	19	24	31
3rd New Horizons				56	88	60	119	121	124
	673	719	760	808	909	740	768	801	792

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Squirrels							17	29	31
Beaver Scouts	114	126	133	138	158	104	153	156	127
Cub Scouts	132	139	126	152	186	154	137	157	166
Scouts	149	125	138	124	172	156	150	158	169
Explorer Scouts	100	99	116	110	100	82	61	66	80
Scout Network	16	9	27	34	41	33	39	32	16
Adults in Groups	111	143	158	186	188	170	170	156	158
Adults at District	51	78	62	64	64	41	41	47	45
	673	719	760	808	909	740	768	801	792

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

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



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