



**Huddersfield North
District Scout Council
Annual Report & Accounts 2025**



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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
Helen Roy	District (Joint) Lead Volunteer
Jason Robbins	District Treasurer
Rachel Jinks	Trustee
Chris Stephens	Trustee
Steve Holland	Trustee
Mike Oldridge	Trustee
Edward Wilson	Trustee
Graham Earnshaw	Trustee
Hannah Cable	Trustee

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 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 8 Trustees (including 1 Ex

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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 District 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 Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months operational 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.

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:

20/05/2025

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The District has had another good Scouting year and on behalf of the Trustees I want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to do all the different tasks and roles needed to give our youngsters the opportunity to experience and grow within the Scouting family. Our groups continue to run varied and inventive local programmes which support over 530 registered youngsters in the five different age group sections.

At a District level it has been a year of change – and I want to pay tribute to Helen Roy's leadership as District Commissioner and more recently as the newly named District Lead Volunteer. She has been tireless in dealing with all that has been thrown at her – both locally and from the major changes being undertaken across Scouting at a national level. Thank you Helen !!

We were unable to find an immediate replacement for Helen – and in her place we now have a District Leadership Team of Graham, Jason, Steven, Jenny and Helen who are acting as interim Lead Volunteers. They have divided up the responsibilities and on behalf of the Trustees and the District – I would like to thank them for stepping up and taking this on.

The District programme has continued with amongst others the recent St George's Day, Three Peaks of Marsden and Night Hawk continuing to be great successes in their own right. Thank you to all who make these, and the other events happen across the District. We also had representatives in the recent County Gang Show which continues to set the standard for Gang Shows up and down the country – thank you all !

Our Resource Team have continued to be active across Woodhouse Lodge in Bradley Woods, Whitley Beaumont and the District Resource Centre in Bradley. New agreements are in place in Bradley Wood and improvements continue across all three locations – we are grateful for all involved with these as well as the successful Christmas tree collection in January. Thank you. As this second year of being Trustee Board Chair comes to a close – I'd like to thank Rachel for keeping us on track, Jason for the financial diligence he puts in alongside all his other sound Scouting advice and to Helen and the rest of the Trustees for their support.



Steve Bagshaw
District Chair

DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

It's been another fantastic year of exciting adventure, learning and growth for the Scouters of Huddersfield North. Our groups continue to inspire and engage young people through exciting programs and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who make it all possible. Their passion and commitment keep the spirit of Scouting thriving.

This year, we bid farewell to Helen, who stepped down as Lead Volunteer after five incredible years. Her leadership was instrumental, particularly in guiding us through the challenges of the pandemic and her dedication has left a lasting impact. Filling her shoes has been no small task—in fact, it has taken five of us to carry forward her work!

Safety has been a key focus this year, as Scouting takes an important step forward in ensuring a secure and positive environment for all. These necessary changes have undoubtedly brought challenges, but thanks to the resilience and adaptability of our volunteers, we've made strong progress across the board. The restructure of roles and introduction of a new membership system have added to the workload, but these steps are crucial in shaping a stronger, more sustainable future for Scouting. A sincere thank you to those leading these efforts, and to all volunteers for their patience and dedication in embracing these changes.

We also take this moment to express deep appreciation for the key members of our District team who have stepped down after years of service. Their hard work and commitment have shaped Scouting in Huddersfield North, and we are truly grateful for their contributions. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome new faces into these roles and continue to focus on recruitment at both District and Group levels—a challenge we embrace with enthusiasm.

While we say goodbye to Oakes Scout Group, we are thrilled to celebrate new beginnings, welcoming a new boys' unit to Horizon Seekers Explorer Scouts, which will now join the well-established girls' unit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jas'.

Jason Robbins
District Joint Lead Volunteer
on behalf of Jenny, Helen, Steven & Graham

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Receipts & Payments Account summary for the year ended 31st March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024/2025 Total Funds	2023/2024 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts	Note				
Membership Subscriptions		27,878	0	27,878	27,218
less subscriptions paid on to County		<u>(27,347)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(27,347)</u>	<u>(26,645)</u>
Net membership subscriptions retained		531	0	531	573
Investment Income		1,532	0	1,532	1,324
Donations/Grants		809	0	809	412
Gift Aid Rebate		0	0	0	1,146
Activities	1	28,783	5,663	34,446	39,057
Fundraising		2,767	0	2,767	3,217
Other Income	2	31,477	0	31,477	27,534
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>65,899</u>	<u>5,663</u>	<u>71,562</u>	<u>73,263</u>
Payments					
Premises/Equipment	3	19,152	0	19,152	16,081
Training		290	0	290	120
Activities	4	27,552	12,257	39,809	65,890
Administration expenses		0	0	0	232
General expenses	5	2,531	0	2,531	3,811
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>49,525</u>	<u>12,257</u>	<u>61,782</u>	<u>86,134</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)		16,374	(6,594)	9,780	(12,871)
Cash funds last year end		120,594	13,445	134,039	146,910
Cash, bank and similar funds as 31st March 2025		<u>136,968</u>	<u>6,851</u>	<u>143,819</u>	<u>134,039</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 20/05/2025 and signed on their behalf by the Chair of the Trustees



Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

Notes to the accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024/2025 Total Funds	2023/2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
1 Activities				
Squirrels	0	0	0	0
Beavers	200	0	200	1,020
Cubs	1,060	0	1,060	140
Scouts	0	0	0	0
Explorers	22,809	0	22,809	15,849
Correction to Previous Accounts	289	0	289	0
Network	100	0	100	0
The Rig SAS	280	0	280	250
District events	0	0	0	0
International Trips	2,100	0	2,100	3,300
Jamboree	0	0	0	190
Night Hawk	1,825	0	1,825	2,117
HN Goes	120	0	120	5,110
Squirrel & Beaver Olympics	0	0	0	217
Four District Event	0	873	873	1,035
International Projects	0	4,790	4,790	9,829
	<u>28,783</u>	<u>5,663</u>	<u>34,446</u>	<u>39,057</u>
2 Other Income				
Sundry	0	0	0	13
Badge receipts	144	0	144	253
BART SAS	668	0	668	1,470
Woodhouse Lodge	21,315	0	21,315	22,282
Closure of Oakes Scout Group	9,023	0	9,023	0
Short Term Loans	327	0	327	3,516
	<u>31,477</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,477</u>	<u>27,534</u>
3 Premises/Equipment				
Woodhouse Lodge expenses	12,067	0	12,067	9,739
District Resource Centre meeting room	934	0	934	0
District Resource Centre running expenses	4,158	0	4,158	3,389
BART SAS	1,993	0	1,993	2,953
	<u>19,152</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,152</u>	<u>16,081</u>

4 **Activities**

Squirrels	0	0	0	0
Beavers	250	0	250	745
Cub Scouts	892	0	892	170
Scouts	0	0	0	0
Explorers	18,797	0	18,797	13,661
Correction to Previous Accounts	125	0	125	0
Network	199	0	199	6
The Rig SAS	0	0	0	328
District events	323	0	323	730
International Trips	5,415	0	5,415	155
Jamboree	0	0	0	2,760
Night Hawk	1,551	0	1,551	988
HN Goes	0	0	0	3,536
Squirrel & Beaver Olympics	0	0	0	168
Four District Event	0	1,070	1,070	789
International Projects	<u>0</u>	<u>11,187</u>	<u>11,187</u>	<u>41,854</u>
	<u>27,552</u>	<u>12,257</u>	<u>39,809</u>	<u>65,890</u>

5 **General Expenses**

Sundry	466	0	466	163
Fundraising	489	0	489	132
District Badge purchase	605	0	605	0
Short Term Loans	500	0	500	3,516
Closure of Oakes Scout Group	<u>471</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2,531</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,531</u>	<u>3,811</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024/2025 Total Funds	2023/2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets - Cash, bank and similar funds				
Bank Current Accounts	31,054	6,851	37,905	36,175
Bank Deposit Accounts	104,042	0	104,042	97,511
PrePaid Expense Accounts	1,059	0	1,059	0
Cash in hand	711	0	711	250
Non-GBP cash in hand	102	0	102	103
	<u>136,968</u>	<u>6,851</u>	<u>143,819</u>	<u>134,039</u>
Other Monetary assets				
Tax claim for year ended 31 March 2024	9	0	9	9
Tax claim for year ended 31 March 2025	1,002	0	1,002	0
Accrued Interest on Co-Op Deposit Account	761	0	761	736
Sundry debtors	27	0	27	276
	<u>1,798</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,798</u>	<u>1,021</u>
Non-monetary assets				
District Resource Centre (Insurance valuation)				
land (Trustees valuation)	100,000	0	100,000	100,000
Main Building	430,731	0	430,731	430,731
Portacabin Office	34,679	0	34,679	34,679
Workshop	19,500	0	19,500	19,500
Containers	16,690	0	16,690	16,690
Woodhouse Lodge (insurance valuation)	338,469	0	338,469	338,469
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	190
Horizon Seekers ESU equip (Trustees valuation)	1,000	0	1,000	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)	484	0	484	33
	<u>1,106,415</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,106,415</u>	<u>1,104,964</u>
Liabilities (due within one year)				
Sundry creditors	24	0	24	393
Ski Trip cancellation	0	0	0	3,150
	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>3,543</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 31/03/2025.

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: 8th June 2025

DISTRICT CENSUS - January 31st 2025

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
District	206	237	250	219	212	217	165	154	163
25th Salendine Nook	68	58	51	55	42	52	47	37	44
15th Cowcliffe	59	63	64	62	48	57	91	92	82
31st Birchenccliffe	84	77	74	84	71	71	79	68	74
41st Bradley	53	65	63	51	37	40	45	50	35
16th Lindley	89	91	91	94	88	82	94	92	87
11th Outlane	79	80	74	74	60	71	84	98	75
26th Birkby	29	31	26	28	17	19	24	31	37
3rd New Horizons			56	88	60	119	121	124	123
	719	760	808	909	740	768	801	792	720

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024
Squirrels						17	29	31	10
Beaver Scouts	126	133	138	158	104	153	156	127	124
Cub Scouts	139	126	152	186	154	137	157	166	154
Scouts	125	138	124	172	156	150	158	169	142
Explorer Scouts	99	116	110	100	82	61	66	80	101
Scout Network	9	27	34	41	33	39	32	16	11
Adults in Groups	143	158	186	188	170	170	156	158	127
Adults at District	78	62	64	64	41	41	47	45	51
	719	760	808	909	740	768	801	792	720

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

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



Squirrels

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