

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 4 2 4 to end date 3 1 0 3 2 5

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ripon & District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

5 2 4 7 9 0

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Miller's Croft, Mill Lane

Boroughbridge

North Yorkshire

Postcode Y O 5 1 9 L H

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Aubrey de Lavenu		
2	Ian Bardon		
3	Micheal Collins		
4	Donna Fleming		
5	Jonathan Goom		
6	Matilda Law		
7	John Lockwood	District Lead Volunteer	
8	Henry Morley		
9	Sarah Rands		
10	Sarah Slade	Treasurer	
11	Andrea Taylor		
12	Vacant	Secretary	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Calculated Ltd	

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	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 (e.g. trust, association, company)	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group 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.
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	<p>The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 or 6 months.</p> <p>Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.</p> <p>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.</p>

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p data-bbox="619 248 916 271">Risk and Internal Control</p> <p data-bbox="619 277 1268 425">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:</p> <p data-bbox="619 461 1268 609">Damage to property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations.</p> <p data-bbox="619 645 1268 759">Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p data-bbox="619 795 1268 1003">Reduced income from capitation because of decreased membership. The District is primarily reliant upon income from capitation, but holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of capitation to increase income on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1099 1268 1337">Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is aware that groups are totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the groups. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of a Group.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1433 1027 1456">Financial Risk and Internal Control</p> <p data-bbox="619 1462 1241 1576">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.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
	The Purpose of Scouting

Summary of the objects 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 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.

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Leaders in the District organise various activities which incorporate all District Groups to promote the values of Scouting.

A Cub Day was held in April where activities included looking to the skies via an inflatable Planetarium.

82 Scouts joined the Scout Camp at Barney Beck woods in June and enjoyed backwoods camping, rifle shooting and rafting.

The Beavers enjoyed a day at Gullivers Theme Park in September.

First Aid training was undertaken by 18 members in 2 training courses in November.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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

Whilst the District and Groups continue to face challenges in terms of adult volunteer recruitment and retention, they have however, been able to provide the level of Scouting activities required to meet the purposes and objectives of the charity.

The January 2025 Census showed 575 Young People and this number has remained fairly consistent with the previous 2 years.

The District had 3 active Explorer Units: White Horse, Spitfire and Fountains and a new group, Herriot was opened in the year.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, currently circa £2K.

this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by a significant donation several years ago which has still to be utilised.

Quantify and explain any designations

Nine designated funds were held at the end of the year. Four relate to Explorer Groups who self-manage their income and expenditure within District guidelines. The other five funds are reviewed annually for their appropriateness and can be un-designated as required.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional

The previous five years' accounts upto 31 March 2024 had shown a deficit where expenditure exceeded income and Reserves were used to cover the shortfall. In the current year, the Board focused on this and made some strategic decisions resulting in a small surplus of £1.5K.

Contributors to the surplus included a levy on the capitation fee, interest on an Investment Bond and surpluses generated by the Explorer Groups

information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash or a 1 Year Fixed Rate Bond using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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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)

Jon Goom	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Trustee	
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Date

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Ripon and District Scout Council
Year Ending 31st March 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31.03.25

Overall

The result of income less expenditure for the year is a surplus of £1,542.39 (last year deficit £2,844.50)
 Detailed comments are in the Notes on the I&E tab

The main contributors to the surplus were:

£2,567.72 bank interest
 £1,605.50 levy on capitation
 £803.93 Explorer units
 £680.04 badge sales

Explorers

Spitfire

A surplus of £455.75 for the year increased their funds to £2,316.43. Funds are held in their own bank account

White Horse

A surplus of £110.85 for the year increased their funds to £1,833.75. Funds are held in their own bank account

Fountains

A surplus of £120.46 for the year increased their funds to £537.93
 £408.66 in cash held by Fountains and £129.27 held within the District bank account

Herriot (newly formed in the year)

A surplus of £116.87 for the year. Funds are held in their own bank account

Badge income & expense

The result of income less expenditure was a surplus of £680.04
 This includes £156.60 for St Georges Day badges issued FOC

Badge stock

Badge stock decreased from £3,200 to £2,538 (26% decrease)

Badge stock includes old stock of £901.08 (1,234 badges not moved in last 2 years at least)
 Propose to write this old stock off against the provision. It is still available to be sold but will no longer included in the badge stock figure and so will not required to be counted each year

This would reduce the obsolescence provision to £1098.92. To be reviewed and possibly released next year if felt not required

Agreed to write-off obsolete stock at on-line meeting of Trustees 28.04.25

Bank Interest and Charges

£2,459.73 interest received on the Skipton BS account. The interest rate: 5.25%
 (Rate decreases to 4.35% from 12.09.24)
 £107.99 interest received on the Lloyds savings account

District Events

See attached sheet

Receipts and Payments account

	Receipts 2025	Receipts 2024
Beavers	1,260.00	586.50
Cubs	860.00	0.00
Scouts	0.00	334.50
Explorers	12,922.75	8,436.84
DAS	0.00	0.00
District Camps	1,230.00	2,430.00
Badges	4,624.52	4,000.18
Training	725.00	300.00
Rebates	0.00	0.00
Grants & Donations	0.00	0.00
District Equipment		
Insurance		
Expenses claimed		
Hall hire		
Storage rent		
Postage & Stationery		
IT costs		
Bank Interest & charges	2,567.72	1,017.00
Sundries	0.00	100.00
AGM costs		
Gift Aid	461.02	254.32
Capitation	34,892.00	30,475.00
Capitation rebate		0.00
Jamboree		
	59,543.01	47,934.34
LESS Payments	(58,000.62)	(50,778.84)
Surplus/(deficit)	1,542.39	(2,844.50)

Total Reserves as at 31.03.25

b/fwd reserves at 01.04.24	65,536.08
Surplus/(deficit)	1,542.39
Reserves as at 31.03.25	67,078.47

Payments 2025	Payments 2024	Notes on 2025 receipts & payments
1,200.00	488.95	Beaver Day at Gullivers 29 Sep 24
1,023.00	0.00	District Cub Day 20 Apr 24
391.40	287.63	St Georges Day event
12,118.82	7,136.54	
0.00	65.00	
1,043.00	1,783.67	Scout Camp 14-16 Jun24 (82 scouts)
3,944.48	4,432.72	Surplus £680.04
2,255.85	997.04	First Aid courses x 3, Tomahawk x 2, Safety & Rescue & SUP Instructor
870.91	1,611.21	Rebates on-hold from Dec24 ie no more claims can be made
0.00	0.00	
540.05	573.46	
94.00	94.00	
0.00	35.37	
119.00	0.00	
500.00	500.00	
5.70	10.00	
56.39	79.13	
0.00	66.80	Interest from Skipton B/S Bond & Lloyds savings account
90.50	83.00	
0.00	60.00	
461.02	254.32	
33,286.50	29,820.00	2025 Census received & paid Mar25. £2.50 levy applied
0.00	0.00	
	2,400.00	
58,000.62	50,778.84	

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.25

		31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
Current Assets			
Cash	Petty Cash - Fountains ESU	408.66	288.20
Bank	Lloyds - District ...760	5,003.34	5,014.24
	Lloyds - District Savings ...563	8,208.14	10,100.15
	Lloyds - White Horse ESU	1,833.75	1,722.90
	Lloyds - Herriot ESU	116.87	
	HSBC - Spitfire ESU	2,316.43	1,860.68
	HSBC - Fountains (within a/c ...801)	£129.27 at 31.03.24	
Credit Card	Soldo A/c Used for badge purchase	-	-
Building Society	Skipton BS	49,269.89	46,810.16
Badge Stock		1,637.49	3,200.52
Less Badge stock obsolescence provision		(1,098.92)	(2,000.00)
Other debtors		-	-
Prepayments		-	-
Total Current Assets		67,695.65	66,996.85
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Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors	Badge Floats	572.18	1,185.77
	Deposit L Priest paid in error to District. Xfer to 6th Ripon APR	45.00	275.00
Total Current Liabilities		617.18	1,460.77
Total Assets less Liabilities		67,078.47	65,536.08
Reserves			
Surplus b/fwd		65,536.08	68,380.58
Adj:			
Surplus/(deficit) (Current Year)		1,542.39	(2,844.50)
		67,078.47	65,536.08
Difference		-	-

Reserves Allocation

		31.03.25	31.03.24
General Account		6,099.25	3,713.07
Adult Support & Training	Designated	5,491.11	7,021.96
International Fund	Designated	3,800.00	3,800.00
Explorer Fund	Designated	3,500.00	3,500.00
Development Fund	Designated	2,500.00	2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	Designated	41,000.00	41,000.00
White Horse ESU - (Lloyds a/c)	Designated	1,833.75	1,722.90
Spitfire Fund ESU (HSBC a/c)	Designated	2,316.43	1,860.68
Fountains ESU Fund	Designated	537.93	417.47
Herriot ESU Fund	Designated	116.87	
		67,078.47	65,536.08

Reserves and Designated Funds movement

	31.03.24	Receipts	Payments	31.03.25
General Account	3,713.07	49,515.26	(47,129.08)	6,099.25
Adult Support & Training	7,021.96	725.00	(2,255.85)	5,491.11
International Fund	3,800.00			3,800.00
Explorer Fund	3,500.00			3,500.00
Development Fund	2,500.00			2,500.00
Activity Centre Fund	41,000.00			41,000.00
White Horse Fund ESU - (Lloyds	1,722.90	2,574.80	(2,463.95)	1,833.75
Spitfire Fund ESU (HSBC)	1,860.68	6,222.95	(5,767.20)	2,316.43
Fountains Fund ESU (within District bank + cash)	417.47	505.00	(384.54)	537.93
Herriot Fund ESU (Lloyds)		3,620.00	(3,503.13)	116.87
	65,536.08	59,543.01	(58,000.62)	67,078.47

Explorer unit accounts

Period: 01.04.24-31.03.25

White Horse explorer unit

Receipts	2,574.80	
LESS Payments	(2,463.95)	
Surplus for the year	<u>110.85</u>	
Balance brought forward	1,722.90	
Balance carried forward	<u><u>1,833.75</u></u>	bank statement 31.03.25

Fountains explorer unit

Lloyds Bank (within District account)

Balance brought forward	129.27	
Balance carried forward	<u><u>129.27</u></u>	

Petty Cash

Receipts	505.00	
LESS Payments	(384.54)	
Surplus for the year	<u>120.46</u>	

Balance brought forward	288.20	
	<u><u>408.66</u></u>	

Total	<u><u>537.93</u></u>	
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Spitfire explorer unit

Receipts	6,222.95	
LESS Payments	(5,767.20)	
Surplus for the year	<u>455.75</u>	

Balance brought forward	1,860.68	
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Balance carried forward	<u><u>2,316.43</u></u>	bank statement 31.03.25
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Herriot explorer unit

Receipts	3,620.00	
LESS Payments	(3,503.13)	
Surplus for the year	<u>116.87</u>	

Balance brought forward	.00	
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Balance carried forward	<u><u>116.87</u></u>	bank statement 31.03.25
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Template 2: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of **Ripon and District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Ripon and District** for the year ended **31 March 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Ripon and District** 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 **Ripon and District** 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 **Ripon and District** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns. Any queries arising from my examination of the accounts have been satisfactorily answered and I 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: 
Neil Mercer (Jun 21, 2025 10:42 GMT+1)

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Ripons and District Scouts Examiners Report 2025

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