

# WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 524829

## Details

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**Other names** WEST YORKSHIRE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1964-05-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

**Activities:** Within West Yorkshire, to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEST YORKSHIRE
- Bradford City
- Calderdale
- Kirklees

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£269,030	£333,267	-	-
2024-03-31	£484,267	£492,782	-	-
2023-03-31	£435,422	£453,406	-	-
2022-03-31	£269,013	£324,450	-	-
2021-03-31	£330,910	£216,146	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Adrian Stageman BEM	Chair	2025-05-22
BETHANIE JENNIFER LORRAINE HALLIGAN		2018-09-14
ELAINE CLOUGH		2013-09-10
Howard Fishwick		2016-09-15
Jeanette Young		2011-10-12
John Reynolds		2017-09-15
Linda Malloy		2025-07-24
Lisa Ellis		2025-08-21
Oliver Rhodes		2023-09-21
Tobias Robert Hammond		2019-09-12

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# Accounts

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# Making all the difference



West Yorkshire Scouts  
Annual Report 2024-25



**Scouts**

West Yorkshire

## County President's message...

It has been another excellent year for West Yorkshire Scouts, and I have once again been extremely proud to serve as County President.

Scouting in West Yorkshire continues to go from strength to strength and plays a pivotal role in communities across our region. I applaud the commitment and dedication of the Scout leaders and volunteers who work so hard week in and week out to support our fantastic young people, and I am always inspired by the young people themselves who bring such energy and enthusiasm to the Scouting movement.

Scouting offers such a wide range of opportunities for everyone involved to gain new skills, make friendships, and have a positive impact on our communities.

Scouting really can change lives and have a huge impact on the future of our young people; it brings people together from a wide variety of backgrounds and offers opportunities to enjoy a huge range of activities. And let's not forget one of the most important things - Scouting is FUN!

So, to everyone in the scouting family - keep up the brilliant work and here's to another fantastic year of Scouting in West Yorkshire!

With very best wishes,

**Kim Leadbeater**  
MBE MP



The most important point is to THANK all the volunteer and young leaders from across all our communities supporting each section, whether this is Squirrels, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers or Network, at their regular meetings. We also need to acknowledge all those other adult volunteers, again from across all our communities, whether this is operating at section, Group, District and County Levels, ranging from Trustee's or occasionally support your local section. So THANK you for everything you've done.

To all these adults without you willingly volunteering to support the Scouting movement we wouldn't be able to provide a first-class opportunity to develop our Young People with the Skills4Life opportunities for our young people, in this great Charity of ours. So please BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU ALL DO and thank you most sincerely on behalf of West Yorkshire Scouts.

We have made significant inroads to the transformational changes initiated by The Scout



# CHAIRS REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES 2024-2025

Association, which will allow amongst other things a greater degree of flexibility in volunteering. If you are thinking of volunteering, I'd advocate just making those first small steps in contacting us, as it is fun and so rewarding.

The Trustee Board members of West Yorkshire County Scouts are presented in an open and transparent manner and elected by the West Yorkshire County Scout Council at the AGM, currently serving for 1, 2 or 3 year terms. They work together as a team of volunteers to make sure that Scouts is run safely and legally and the heart of the role as a Trustee is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Their purpose can be summarized as below:-

- Adhere to POR
- Maintain key policies ensuring safety, safeguarding and data protection
- Manage risks by carrying out regular risk assessments and put the right mitigations into place
- Championing and grow our volunteering culture
- Look after buildings insurance and property
- Managing money well

I would like to congratulate Toby Hammond on being appointed as the County Lead Volunteer as he and his team will take West Yorkshire Scouts to the next level after the great work already done by previous post-holders. To allow Toby the space to bring in and develop his own team I'll be stepping down as County Chair.

We must also congratulate Ian Wolmersley (and his team) for the fantastic work he has done during his term as County Commissioner/ County Lead Volunteer for the County. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication as West Yorkshire Scouts has over 500 sections operating within its boundaries, what an achievement – well done to everyone involved.

I'm proud to have been part of your team Ian.

Personally, I would like to thank all the County Trustees for all their support and good work they have undertaken, it is most impressive. This good work will undoubtedly continue with those who are continuing on the Trustee Board journey.

I'm still pleased to report that the Young People are 'front and centre' in all our discussions at the Trustee Board as we are most definitely Youth Shaped,

Carey Dowson  
County Chair of Trustees  
West Yorkshire Scouts



# County Lead Volunteer Report

After 5 years it's now time to move on to new challenges in Scouting. I couldn't have delivered our Skills for Life plan for West Yorkshire Scouts without yourselves and the counties team of Deputies, District Lead Volunteers, Toby and our Youth Commissioners, County team, Adventurous Activities teams, Trustees and many others.

The first challenge we faced was Covid initially pausing face to face scouting, then rebooting. Our numbers dropped by 2000 young people and 500 volunteers but as we all know in life it's not about the fall but how we bounce back and bounce back we certainly did. The whole county pulled together and continues to do so to ensure we offer young people across our scouting family fun, friendships and new skills. As a county we set up five boards with a five-year plan to

provide support and opportunity to allow the county to recover and develop for the future.

**Growth Board** – led by Elaine Clough to prevent sections closing and to build greater resilience at groups with such initiatives as Bring a Buddy badges. More recently the board had a joint focus on under represented communities and steering our paid member Zaheer as he opens sections in those hard-to-reach communities. Each year West Yorkshire Scouts continues to grow by saving sections from closing and opening new ones. This last year we made a net gain of 14 new scouting sections across all ages.

**Protect Board** – Thank you Gaz Pierce for supporting scouting across the county with activity Risk Assessments and roll out of the crucial training in using the risk management model. All that work has ensured Scouting in our county delivers activities and adventure confident that we are doing everything possible to protect young people in our care and protect volunteers. Gaz also many thanks also for taking the county through the Transformation changes.

**Programme Board** – Phil Pearson many thanks, the programme delivered by you and the programme team is the envy of many other counties. The range





of activities and experiences offered by yourself, and the whole county team have been fantastic. Phil has also built a strong partnership with Bradford University which other counties are now looking to replicate, offering new experiences and opportunities for our young people.

Top Awards – Thank you Matt Turner supporting young people to achieve those highest awards in scouting and celebrating their success with some fantastic award celebrations at Bradford University.

Volunteer Development – led superbly by Howard Fishwick thank you for taking the county through all the recent digital changes.

Many thanks to all our Adventurous Activity teams, climbing, hill walking, caving, canoeing and the teams at Green Withens and Reva. All do an absolute superb job offering amazing adventurous activities to young people and training volunteers.

In 2018 we had the tragic death of Ben Leonard on the Great Orme. Following the inquest last year there was a need to do a rapid assurance

exercise across the country on Safety and other areas. West Yorkshire stepped up to the challenge and coordinated the safety work nationally, to establish if all counties were achieving safety practices to a national standard. The work has now resulted in the formation of a national assurance team to ensure policy continues to transfer to good practice.

Big thanks to Nights Away advisors, District Lead Volunteers, adventurous Activities, International for getting the West Yorkshire County into a defensible position across the various assurance areas – ensuring our volunteers are protected and young people kept safe.

The toughest role in scouting is that of District Lead Volunteer and it has been an honour to work alongside you all, whilst you lead fantastic scouting in your areas.

All the very best for the future.

Kind Regards Ian



Since stepping into the role of County Lead Volunteer for West Yorkshire Scouts in May, it has been a real privilege to see first-hand the energy, commitment, and passion that drives Scouting across our county. In just a few short months, we've begun laying the foundations for a renewed, collaborative approach to supporting our volunteers and delivering incredible experiences for young people.

One of my first tasks was to appoint a new County Team, and I'm proud to say that we now have a talented group of volunteers in place who bring a wide range of skills and experience. Each person shares a commitment to making a difference, and together we're focused on listening to and supporting our districts, strengthening local leadership, and championing the very best of what Scouting has to offer.

Since May, I've spent time visiting events and speaking with leaders across West Yorkshire. It's been inspiring to hear about the brilliant work taking place at a local level and to witness the dedication that so many of our volunteers bring to their roles. We've already begun to build stronger links between the County and

Districts, and we'll continue to work on improving communication, building trust, and finding ways to collaborate more effectively.

We've also had some amazing trips and experiences over the past year. Whether it's camping under the stars, travelling abroad,

or taking part in new challenges, our young people have benefited from the kind of opportunities that only Scouting can provide. These experiences don't happen by chance – they are made possible by teams of committed adults who give their time, creativity, and care to make them a reality.

Looking back, I feel incredibly proud of what we've already achieved in such a short space of time. But more than that, I feel excited about what lies ahead. We have a strong platform to build from, and I look forward to working alongside our volunteers to help even more young people gain skills for life and have fun along the way.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to West Yorkshire Scouts this year. Your efforts have made a real difference, and I'm grateful to be on this journey with you.

Toby



# Membership comparison

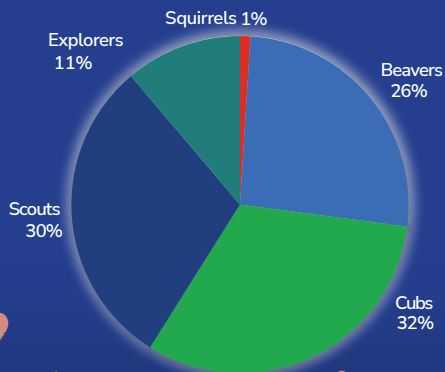
District	2020	2024	2025
Keighley	631	691	652
Aire Valley	676	611	600
Brighouse	405	360	331
Bradford South	670	697	687
Heavy Woollen	653	631	636
Huddersfield North	657	580	531
Pennine Calder	628	586	621
Spenn Valley	470	410	357
Wharfedale	955	963	1019
Bradford North	459	427	411
Halifax	397	409	457
Holme Valley	389	336	339
Huddersfield SE	483	439	424
Huddersfield SW	689	521	575

2025
Young People
<b>7640</b>
Total Adults
<b>2598</b>
Combined total
<b>10238</b>

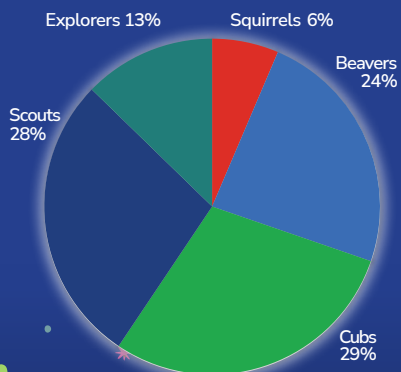
2024
Young People
<b>7661</b>
Total Adults
<b>2396</b>
Combined total
<b>10057</b>

## Combined Youth Section Membership

### 2024



### 2025



# How we operate

## The Purpose of Scouting

The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## The Scout Method

Our development of young people takes place when the 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.

West Yorkshire Scouts Trustees have a duty to report on the charity's public benefit in the annual report. We have assessed our aims, objectives and activities and believe we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

## Royal Charter

The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter granted by King George V in 1912 and

supplemented by further charters granted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. These charters give authority to the byelaws of the Association, which are approved by Her Majesty's Privy Council. The byelaws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's affairs. The rules are laid out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

West Yorkshire Scouts is an autonomous charity affiliated to The Scout Association, which together with other County, District and Group Charities form the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom. This report and financial statements covers the activities directly controlled by West Yorkshire Scouts - Charity Number 524829

## The Board of Trustees

The county is managed by the County Trustee Board, the members of which are trustees of the County Scout Council which is an educational charity.

The County Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

The trustee board comprises of up to 12 members:



- 4 Ex-officio members (including the officers);
- 4 elected members (including 1 elected youth member)
- up to 4 Co-opted members (annually appointed by the trustees)

The board meets at least four times each year. An induction process is provided for all new trustees. Further learning and development opportunities are available.

The board has three committees which report to it and delegates certain functions to them (Finance, Green Withens and Risk). The board appoints Trustees to serve on these committees annually.

### Policies and rules

At the Scout Association, we have a comprehensive set of policies and rules applicable to the movement. These policies and rules are regularly reviewed by senior volunteers, senior management and staff employed across the UK.

We're committed to giving young people and adult volunteers the best possible experience in Scouts. To help us achieve this, we follow several key policies, so we can make sure Scouts keeps growing in a way that's safe, accessible, and free from discrimination.



Our key policies include:

- Safety Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Equality, diversity and inclusion policy
- Privacy and Data Protection Policy
- Religious Policy
- Vetting Policy
- Youth Member Anti-Bullying Policy

### Risk and Internal Control

The county has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatures for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Board reviews its major risks throughout the year. The safety and safeguarding of young people involved in Scouts are our highest priorities.



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES - GROWTH AND INCLUSION

In terms of County Growth the year 2024 to 2025 has been one of great success and one which we should be very proud of the results we have achieved.

Within the county the main highlights have been,

- We now have over 10000 members currently enjoying Scouting
- We have seen an increase by 14 sections across the County
- Highest increases in the Explorer sections
- We now have over 500 Scouting sections across the County - this is a first in a long time

As a team focus has continued to be working with the districts who have struggled with lower numbers of volunteers or young people to encourage them to establish Growth teams within their districts to be able to help and support themselves with Growth Initiatives and Volunteer events.

We all know there is no 'magic box' of new leaders, but it has been rewarding to see the positive results where Districts teams have focused on leader recruitment to see the results achieved. Proof that it really can 'make a difference'.

Additionally support has been provided through a number of means,

- 1-1 Support with struggling groups - Over 20 individual

sessions have been delivered over the 12 month period.

- Growth ideas presented at 'all leaders district meetings' when invited to attend.
- Regional Growth workshop to help any leaders who are looking to implement changes.
- Re-vamped promotional material provided 'free' for Groups to use across the County.

From the beginning of 2024 we have had a dedicated Local Growth Officer for West Yorkshire, Zaheer Khalil, Zaheer's role has been focused on introducing Scouting in new communities which so far are not experiencing Scouting. Much of the focus for this new growth is in the Bradford districts to ensure our Scouting provision is reflective of the Communities we serve. In order to achieve this we need to ensure there is inclusivity based on faith, areas of deprivation (IMD 1-3), and in the areas of Special Educational needs, after a year of establishing new relationships and completing the very important groundwork it is expected that the next 6 months will see huge growth in these areas.

Resources and advice continues to be available for those requiring support on Growth by contacting, [Growth@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:Growth@wyscouts.org.uk)



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES - YOUTH SHAPED



We believe every young person should have the chance to shape their own Scouts journey and gain the skills they need to become confident, capable leaders. Central to this vision is ensuring young people are given meaningful opportunities to use their voices and influence their experience.

When young people take the lead and help shape Scouts, it not only strengthens our movement—it also makes them more likely to complete their Top Awards and take on leadership roles.

We're proud to report substantial progress toward our youth Shaped goals:

- Over 100 YouShape Awards have been awarded in the past year across the County.
- The Young Leaders' Scheme has gone from strength to strength, with 371 Young Leaders now involved across our County.
- In 2024, 66% of young people told us they make choices about what they do in Scouts.

We've also continued to grow the number of young people in leadership roles:

- There are now 12 local Youth Leads (formerly Youth

Commissioners) across West Yorkshire. These young leaders are playing a crucial role in shaping local Scouting.

- Youth Leads participated in national Support Weekends in October and April. We had a District Youth lead national conference and 6 people from the youth team attended the national youth workshops in Manchester.

When it comes to Top Awards:

- In 2024, 1456 young people achieved their Top Awards.
- The movement has also made the King's Scout Award more accessible and inclusive, helping more young people aspire to and reach this prestigious goal.

We remain committed to embedding youth leadership across everything we do and our Local Youth Leads will continue to champion and embed the YouShape Award in programmes across the County.

Together, we are building a movement where young people aren't just participants, but leaders, decision-makers, and change makers. We're proud of the progress we've made—and even more excited for what comes next.



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES - PROGRAMME

The county programme team has managed to devise and run a wide range of activities over the year and my thanks go to the team members for their dedication in making each and every one of the events the best experience for our young people. During the year we said farewell to our ACC Beaver Scouts, Sam Wakefield who has moved on to work in the WYS Global team. 248 Beaver and Squirrel Scouts waved him off during an exciting visit to Sundown Adventureland in September. Special thanks to Sam for the leadership shown to the section over the last few years.

We were delighted to welcome Jaime Armitage as our new Lead Volunteer for Beaver Scouts and we welcome her to the team. Under our new county structure, the team will now operate with the 4 to 14 programme overseen by Phil Pearson whilst Katie Travas takes over, looking after the 14 – 25 programme.

Our 4-14 Core team then consists of:

County 4 – 14 Programme Lead – Phil Pearson

County Squirrels lead – Dan Breeze

County Beavers lead – Jaime Armitage

County Cubs Lead – Tina Knight

County Scouts Lead – Graham Starr

County Activity Lead – Trevor Watson

We then have an events team which works alongside helping to make events happen. Wendy Gill, Jo Davies-Robertson, Lesley Austin, Jayne Womersley, Adrian Pinder We are always on the lookout for new people to join the events team so please get in touch if you are interested.

The 14 – 25 core team includes

County 14 – 25 Programme Lead – Katie Travas

Manager of Activity Permit Scheme - Xavi Fishwick

Young Leaders Lead - Tom Lynch

International Lead - Vicki Pearson

During the year we have tried a number of new events aimed at supporting section award work. An Outdoor Challenge day for Cub Scouts in September attracted 53 young people and a staged badge day for Squirrels and Beavers in March saw 93 awards presented. A sleepover event for Cub Scouts held at 'The Deep' in Hull was very popular and oversubscribed. In the event 120 Cubs slept amongst the sharks and enjoyed a range of activities there.

March also saw the return of the County Gang Show, this year supporting the RNLI as part of their 200th anniversary. A cast of 90 young people entertained over 1000 people over three performances.



# PROGRAMME - INTERNATIONAL



This year has marked a significant milestone since the pandemic in international engagement across the county, with ten overseas trips successfully completed during the last year. These experiences have provided transformative opportunities for adventure, cultural exchange and personal development.

In total, over 205 individuals took part in international travel, including both young people and adult volunteers. Participants ventured to a diverse array of destinations, including Germany, Poland, Sweden, Bulgaria, Croatia, Switzerland, and Canada. Notably, 7 of the county's 14 districts were represented, reflecting a strong and growing enthusiasm for international opportunities across the County.

A particular highlight was the County's Ski Trip to Canada, which offered young people the chance to experience world-class alpine conditions while developing confidence, independence and team spirit. The trip left a lasting impression on all involved and set a high standard for future international adventures.

Also of note were two Explorer Belt expeditions, which saw participants take on one of the most prestigious and demanding challenges in our programme. These self-led

10-day journeys tested physical endurance, cultural understanding and leadership providing life-changing experiences and personal achievement.

Looking ahead, the County is excited to be actively planning a major expedition to Peru in 2026, which will offer young people the opportunity to engage in community development, adventurous activities and cultural immersion in South America. Additionally, preparations are already underway for the 26th World Scout Jamboree, to be held in Poland in 2027. This global gathering will unite Scouts from around the world in a celebration of friendship, diversity and shared values.

The broad reach and ambitious scope of this year's international programme underline the County's commitment to offering high-quality, inclusive experiences that empower young people to explore the world and their place in it. With momentum building and plans in place for even greater opportunities, the future of international Scouting in our County is bright.





**Top Awards Ceremony at Bradford University**

Scout / Explorer / Network

11/10/24

**37**



**100**

**Youth Shaped Awards**



**371**

**Young Leaders**



**66%**

of young people told us they make choices of what they do in Scouting



**12**

**local Youth Leads**



**6**

**Young people attended the National workshops in Manchester**



**1456**

**young people received their top awards**



# 2024 Roll of Honour

Awards issued between 1st April 2024 and 30th May 2025

## Service Awards



### Silver Wolf

Brenda Lund, Ian Lund,  
David Tyas, Craig Ellis,  
Tim Powell, Keith  
Rawnsley



### Bar to the Silver Acorn

Phil Lowde, Barry  
Markey, Ian Womersley



### Silver Acorn

Ian Newsholme, Roger  
Snow, Carey Dowson,  
Alan Pratt, Trevor Oates



### Bar to the Award For Merit

Nick Tindall, Richard  
Izzard, Joan Priestley,  
Katie Travas, Nicola  
Carter, Matthew Carter



### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

### Bradford South

Stephen Rawlinson,  
Dave Davey, Pete Denton,  
Janine Elie-Smith, Becky  
Hamilton, Andy Simpson,  
Erin Varney, Kath Davey,  
John Humpherson, Andy  
Hamilton-Roe, Mike  
Seymour, Michelle Haw,  
Tanya Le Grâs, Jaime  
Armitage, Karen Brogden,  
Joely Birak, Mark Bridge,  
Dan Holdsworth, Monty  
Montgomery, Sharon  
Taylor, Darren Parkin

### Brighouse

Toni Eve, Rachel Goswell,  
Debbie Pullen,



### Award For Merit

**Bradford North**  
Emily Hall

**Bradford South**  
Angela Theabould,  
Karen Cairney, David  
Calcraft

**Brighouse**  
Chris Jay,  
Andy Robinson

**Heavy Woollen**  
Abdul-Latif Dhorat

Sally Turgoose, Helen  
Jeffrey, Ryan Airth, Lee  
Naylor, Indra Parkinson,  
Sam Robinson

**Heavy Woollen**  
Fatima Harif,  
James Williams

**Holme Valley**  
Samuel Rimmer

**Huddersfield N**  
Rosaline Sykes

**Huddersfield SE**  
Jen Briggs,  
Gary Marsland

**Huddersfield SW**  
Joanne Gibson, Paula  
Jones, Kay Wright,  
Samuel Brown, Andrew  
Murphy, Bob Eastwood,

**Huddersfield SE**  
Megan Smith

**Huddersfield SW**  
Alex Seddon,  
Philip Houlton

**Pennine Calder**  
Tony Gledhill,  
Tracy Sedgewick

**Spenn Valley**  
Vicky Caine

**Wharfedale**  
Robin Guy, Mark  
Hargrave, Tim Haskins,  
Roy Ruddle,  
Howard Thompson,  
Beryl Thompson,  
Corey Woodhouse, Craig  
Grandison, Adrian Stacey

Paul Daniel, Glyn Jones,  
Kate Ratcliffe, Georgia  
Shaw, Gary Smith,  
Matthew Askham

**Pennine Calder**  
Claire England, Angela  
Walton, Alyson Corns




**Spenn Valley**  
Josh Newlands,  
Beth Midgley

**Wharfedale**  
Conrad Easton,  
Robert McCandless,  
Helen Turner

**West Yorkshire**  
Mike Jones,  
Sally Casson





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**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended  
31 March 2025**

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 March 2025**

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# West Yorkshire County Scout Council

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Chair's report

West Yorkshire County Scout Council is constituted under the policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these rules.

Administrative details relating to the charity, including Trustees details, can be found at the beginning of this report.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Districts and, through them, for Scout Groups and their local communities within its boundaries.

The trustees have, under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The charity and its subsidiary undertakings meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community headings.

West Yorkshire Scout County manages and administers Bradley Wood campsite and Green Withens Watersport Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** West Yorkshire County Scout Council

**Charity registration number** 524829

**Principal office** County Office  
Bradley Wood Scout Camp Site  
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**The trustees** M Stageman  
T Hammond

## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)

Year ended 31 March 2025

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**Hon. President:** K Leadbeater MP

**Hon. Vice Presidents:**

B Fishwick  
K McKenzie  
P Drake  
F Milner  
J Fothergill  
P Haigh  
M Stageman  
J Greenwood  
L Malloy

**Trustees Ex officio:**

I Womersley (County Lead Volunteer)  
C Dowson (County Chair), (Acting County Treasurer from 19th September 2024)  
S Caselton (County Treasurer until 19th September 2024)  
T Hammond (County Youth Lead)

**Elected by the AGM:**

B Halligan  
H Fishwick  
O Rhodes  
E Clough (from 19th September 2024)

**Nominated by the County Commissioner:**

E Clough (until 19th September 2024)  
G Pierce (until 6th June 2024)  
J Reynolds (until 19th September 2024)

**Co-opted:**

J Young  
G Caine (until 19th September 2024)  
S Galvin (until 5th April 2024)  
J Reynolds (from 19th September 2024)

**Other attendees Right to attend (not trustees):**

I Hammond (Regional Commissioner)

**Invited to attend:**

V Pearson (Adult Representative to Council of the Scout Association)  
B Halligan (Youth Representative to Council of the Scout Association)

**Independent examiner**

Alistair Russell FCA  
New Court  
Abbey Road North  
Shepley  
Huddersfield  
HD8 8BJ

**Structure, governance and management**

The affairs are managed by the County Executive Committee (the Trustees) through a number of sub committees. One Trustee of the Executive should serve on each subcommittee. This year Finance, Risk, Appointments, Green Withens have operated.

**Objectives and activities**

See separate booklet for full objectives and activities.

**Achievements and performance**

See separate booklet for achievements and performance.

## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)

Year ended 31 March 2025

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#### Financial review

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet. The support of Scouting in the County created a deficit of £64,237 in the charity (2024: £8,515). It should be noted that the costs this year include expenditure on specific projects where the income was received and designated for this purpose in the previous financial period (see note 19).

The trustees' annual report was approved on 13 August 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mark Stageman (Aug 13, 2025,  
10:38am)

M Stageman  
Trustee



Toby Hammond (Aug 12,  
2025, 4:12pm)

T Hammond  
Trustee

## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of West Yorkshire County Scout Council

Year ended 31 March 2025

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of West Yorkshire County Scout Council ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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.

*ARS Russell*

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Alistair Russell (Aug 13, 2025,  
10:40am)

Alistair Russell FCA  
Independent Examiner

Gibson Booth  
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13 Aug 2025

# West Yorkshire County Scout Council

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>	<b>Note</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	5,485	5,850	11,335	6,577
Charitable activities	5	186,577	–	186,577	418,061
Other trading activities	6	69,861	–	69,861	59,479
Investment income	7	1,257	–	1,257	150
<b>Total income</b>		<u>263,180</u>	<u>5,850</u>	<u>269,030</u>	<u>484,267</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	(313,867)	(19,400)	(333,267)	(492,782)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>(313,867)</u>	<u>(19,400)</u>	<u>(333,267)</u>	<u>(492,782)</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>		<u>(50,687)</u>	<u>(13,550)</u>	<u>(64,237)</u>	<u>(8,515)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		325,733	144,869	470,602	479,117
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>275,046</u>	<u>131,319</u>	<u>406,365</u>	<u>470,602</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

# West Yorkshire County Scout Council

## Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	14	146,069	167,583
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	16	27,343	144,923
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>422,255</u>	<u>333,618</u>
		449,598	478,541
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	<u>(189,302)</u>	<u>(175,522)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		260,296	303,019
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>406,365</u>	<u>470,602</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>406,365</u>	<u>470,602</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		131,319	144,869
Unrestricted funds		<u>275,046</u>	<u>325,733</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	19	<u>406,365</u>	<u>470,602</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13 August 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mark Stageman (Aug 13, 2025,  
10:38am)

M Stageman  
Trustee



T.R. Hammond (Aug 12, 2025,  
4:12pm)

T Hammond  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is County Office, Bradley Wood Scout Camp Site, Shepherds Thorn Lane, Brighouse, HD6 3TU, West Yorkshire.

**2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

**3. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Consolidation**

The charity is not required to prepare consolidated accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

**Significant judgements**

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

There are no significant judgements

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

**Allocation of overheads and support costs by activity**

The charity allocates its expenditure and overheads to either direct costs or support costs. Costs incurred which are in line with the charity's objectives are allocated to direct costs. Costs incurred for the administration of the charity are allocated to support costs.

**Useful economic lives of tangible assets**

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates. See note 14 for the carrying amount of the tangible assets, and the tangible fixed assets policy below for the depreciation rates used for each class of assets.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies (*continued*)

**Incoming resources**

These are included (net of VAT where applicable) in the statement of financial activities when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees consider it more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the statement of financial activities net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are just held as agent before being paid out to headquarters.

The charity acts as an agent to pass on the membership fees to the Scout Association. At no point do the receipts due to the Scout Association belong to the charity.

Grants and donations are included when the charity is more likely than not to receive entitlement to the resources.

Income from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the claim is made. Claims are made in a timely fashion from when the gift is received.

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

**Tangible assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of additions below £2,000 and of items with a useful economic life of less than a year are not capitalised. Training, camping equipment and computers are now written off on acquisition.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Long leasehold property (Storage Building)	-	10% straight line
Short leasehold property (Jubilee Centre)	-	30% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% straight line

**Investments**

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**3. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

**4. Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations and grants	5,485	5,850	11,335
	<u>5,485</u>	<u>5,850</u>	<u>11,335</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations and grants	3,402	3,175	6,577
	<u>3,402</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>6,577</u>

**5. Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Activities and events	36,125	36,125	60,844	60,844
Gang show	19,089	19,089	81	81
Jamboree	–	–	320,055	320,055
International trips	108,701	108,701	–	–
Training courses	10,728	10,728	9,769	9,769
Canoe activity income	3,047	3,047	9,663	9,663
Watersports centre	8,887	8,887	17,649	17,649
	<u>186,577</u>	<u>186,577</u>	<u>418,061</u>	<u>418,061</u>

**6. Other trading activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Membership subscriptions	358,874	358,874	321,860	321,860
Payable to the Scout Association	(289,013)	(289,013)	(262,381)	(262,381)
	<u>69,861</u>	<u>69,861</u>	<u>59,479</u>	<u>59,479</u>

**7. Investment income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	1,257	1,257	150	150
	<u>1,257</u>	<u>1,257</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Year ended 31 March 2025**

**8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Charitable activities	309,404	19,400	328,804
Support costs	4,463	–	4,463
	<u>313,867</u>	<u>19,400</u>	<u>333,267</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable activities	408,873	31,475	440,348
Support costs	52,434	–	52,434
	<u>461,307</u>	<u>31,475</u>	<u>492,782</u>

**9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type**

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Charitable activities	328,804	–	328,804	440,348
Governance costs	–	4,463	4,463	52,434
	<u>328,804</u>	<u>4,463</u>	<u>333,267</u>	<u>492,782</u>

**10. Net expenditure**

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	21,514	21,286
Impairment of loan	–	48,217
	<u>21,514</u>	<u>69,503</u>

**11. Independent examination fees**

The fees for independent examination fees of the financial statements were £4,305 (2024: £4,200).

**12. Staff costs**

The average head count of employees during the year was nil (2024: nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

**13. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees during the year.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council

Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 March 2025

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Storage unit £	Jubilee centre £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
<b>At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025</b>	<u>96,915</u>	<u>321,612</u>	<u>85,827</u>	<u>504,354</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	19,384	235,095	82,292	336,771
Charge for the year	9,692	10,720	1,102	21,514
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>29,076</u>	<u>245,815</u>	<u>83,394</u>	<u>358,285</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>75,797</u>	<u>2,433</u>	<u>146,069</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>77,531</u>	<u>86,517</u>	<u>3,535</u>	<u>167,583</u>

15. Investments

	Loan £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
<b>At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025</b>	<u>98,217</u>
<b>Impairment</b>	
<b>At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025</b>	<u>(98,217)</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>–</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>–</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

16. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>27,343</u>	<u>144,923</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	18,770	11,356
Accruals and deferred income	<u>170,532</u>	<u>164,166</u>
	<u>189,302</u>	<u>175,522</u>

18. Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 April 2024	159,965	420,183
Amount released to income	(159,965)	(368,793)
Amount deferred in year	<u>166,267</u>	<u>108,575</u>
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>166,267</u>	<u>159,965</u>

Deferred income includes; trips and membership fees paid in advance.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council

Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 March 2025

19. Analysis of charitable funds

**Unrestricted funds**

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	316,719	261,180	(311,239)	266,660
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building	5,000	–	–	5,000
Hardship fund	1,000	–	–	1,000
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters	3,014	–	(1,128)	1,886
Lloyds Foundation	–	2,000	(1,500)	500
	<u>325,733</u>	<u>263,180</u>	<u>(313,867)</u>	<u>275,046</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	289,087	481,092	(453,460)	316,719
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building	5,000	–	–	5,000
Hardship fund	1,000	–	–	1,000
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters	10,861	–	(7,847)	3,014
Lloyds Foundation	–	–	–	–
	<u>305,948</u>	<u>481,092</u>	<u>(461,307)</u>	<u>325,733</u>

**Restricted funds**

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025 £
Development fund (in fixed assets)	86,517	–	(10,720)	75,797
Fell bursary	124	–	–	124
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building	55,116	–	(7,450)	47,666
Royal St George for The Hub	1,000	–	–	1,000
Our Space Capital Grant	50	–	–	50
RSA Volunteering	2,062	2,100	(1,230)	2,932
Mary Walker	–	2,000	–	2,000
Denholme Sailing Club	–	1,750	–	1,750
	<u>144,869</u>	<u>5,850</u>	<u>(19,400)</u>	<u>131,319</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
Development fund (in fixed assets)	97,237	–	(10,720)	86,517
Fell bursary	124	–	–	124
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building	64,808	–	(9,692)	55,116
Royal St George for The Hub	1,000	–	–	1,000
Our Space Capital Grant	10,000	–	(9,950)	50
RSA Volunteering	–	3,175	(1,113)	2,062
Mary Walker	–	–	–	–
Denholme Sailing Club	–	–	–	–
	<u>173,169</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>144,869</u>

## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

#### Year ended 31 March 2025

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#### 19. Analysis of charitable funds (*continued*)

The Development Fund: grants and donations towards the cost of the Jubilee Centre at Bradley Wood. This is the net book value of the building.

The Fell bursary: donated to aid young persons' overseas expeditions.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence: contribution to the construction of a storage building at Bradley Wood. The fund will reduce as the asset is depreciated.

Royal Society of St George Charitable Trust: funding for The Hub.

Our Space: capital grant from Kirklees Council to fund high ropes equipment and the creation of a survival camp.

RSA volunteering: funds received from Neighbourly Ltd for the volunteer time provided by employees of RSA Insurance. The funds facilitate the purchase of equipment and supplies to allow volunteer work to be undertaken at Bradley Wood.

#### 20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	21,482	124,587	146,069
Current assets	442,866	6,732	449,598
Creditors less than 1 year	(189,302)	–	(189,302)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>275,046</u>	<u>131,319</u>	<u>406,365</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	24,827	142,757	167,584
Investments	–	–	–
Current assets	476,429	2,112	478,541
Creditors less than 1 year	(175,523)	–	(175,523)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>325,733</u>	<u>144,869</u>	<u>470,602</u>

#### 21. Operating lease commitments

##### Bradley Wood

Lease of 40 years from 1 January 1992 at a rent of £1 per annum (if demanded). Lease updates are in progress which will extend the lease term by a further 25 years. To date no rent has been demanded.

#### 22. Related parties

Other than expenses directly reimbursed to members of the Executive as disclosed above, transactions may have taken place with other bodies within the Scout Movement of which members of the Executive are also trustees. No specific disclosure of these is made since no individual member is in a position of having control of any of the bodies or in receipt of any personal benefit.

The charity is the sole guarantor for WYS Trading Limited, a company limited by guarantee making the company a wholly owned subsidiary. The registered office is Bradley Wood Scout Camp, Shepherds Thorn Lane, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 3TU. WYS Trading Limited manages Bradley Wood on behalf of the County.

Accommodation/room hire charges of £27,522 (2024: £8,305) were paid to WYS Trading Limited. At the year end £3,427 (2024: £459) was owed to WYS Trading Limited.



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**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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# Accounts

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# Skills for life



West Yorkshire Scouts  
Annual Report 2023-24

**Scouts**   
West Yorkshire

# County Trustee Chair

The most important point in this report is to acknowledge and THANK all the volunteer leaders, young leaders, lead volunteers (operating at Group, District and County level), Youth Commissioners, Trustees (again at all levels), adult support teams from all our communities in providing a first class opportunity in developing the Skills4Life opportunities for our young people, in this great charity of ours.

To all these adults without you willingly volunteering to support the Scouting movement we wouldn't be able to develop our Young People or deliver the exceptional programme we do, in a fun environment – so please BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU DO ALL DO and thank you most sincerely on behalf of our charity

In the last 12 months Scouting has gone through some significant transformational changes.

We moved from Executive Committees to Trustee Boards and pleased to report that at West Yorkshire Scout County and District level we meet the updated POR objectives and purpose with main areas outlined below:-

- Managing money well
- Follow POR, key policies ensuring safety, safeguarding and data protection
- Look after buildings insurance and property
- Manage risks by carrying out regular risk assessments and put the right mitigations into place

- Championing our volunteering culture – our volunteers need to be aware of it, reflect on it, commit to it and apply in to their teams

It's pleasing to see that many Groups are also well down this transformational route. We need to provide assurance to our Trustee Boards that we are operating all our activities, sites, camps, meetings buildings etc in compliance with POR and in a safe and safeguarding manner.

The other major change is that our Trustees are now all voted for in a transparent manner and most of us have followed the POR model constitution.

Following the inquest that concluded earlier this year of Explorer Scout Ben Leonard, who very sadly and tragically died in 2018 following an activity on the Great Orme, The Scout Association has taken great strides in moving us forward by introducing new governance approaches, commissioned additional training for our volunteers, movement wide assessment of key safety measures amongst the 15 commitments made to the Coroner. We at West Yorkshire Scouts have actively embraced this new culture of ensuring we are delivering the safest levels of Scouting. We have made changes and we've all seen them and witnessed the importance of doing so, so thank you



## County President Report

for all the volunteers who diligently endeavour to ensure we keep Scouting safe for our Young People.

Personally, I would like to thank all the County Trustees for all their support and good work they undertake. For those of you who are standing down, thank you and for those who are continuing on the Trustee Board we'll continue on the journey. It is a great privilege to be able to continue to support our County Lead Volunteer and the various team as they deliver a great, challenging, safe and fun programme for our Young People

I'm still pleased to report that the Young People are 'front and centre' in all our discussions at the Trustee Board as we are most definitely Youth Shaped,

At the Trustee Board we respect everyone's opinions and everyone has an opportunity to comment and importantly we make decisions.

Carey Dowson  
County Chair  
West Yorkshire Scouts

I have been delighted to see West Yorkshire Scouts once again have such a successful year, with the Scouting movement continuing to go from strength to strength across our region. There is so much to be proud of and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as County President.

Scouting in West Yorkshire plays a pivotal role in our communities; it brings people together from a wide range of backgrounds and offers a huge variety of opportunities to gain new skills and enjoy a real range of activities. It creates lifelong friendships and can have a huge impact on the lives of our young people.

But none of this would happen without the hard work and dedication of Scout volunteers who work week in and week out to run activities and support our young people. Their commitment is admirable. And of course, the young people themselves who bring such energy and enthusiasm to the Scouting movement.

So, to everyone in the scouting family - thank you for everything you do to make Scouting in West Yorkshire such a positive and rewarding experience for everyone involved. You represent the very best of our communities.

Here's to another excellent year!

With very best wishes,

**Kim Leadbeater MBE MP**



# County Lead Volunteer Report

Staying safe, safeguarding and looking after each other are paramount for West Yorkshire Scouts. Wherever we go and whatever we do, the primary aim of every volunteer must be to put the safety of young people first and to support them in keeping each other safe.

The Scout Association is committed to learning from the tragic death of Ben Leonard and to ensure everything we do is safe. As a consequence, there are rapid assurance reviews taking place for Nights Away, Visits Abroad, Safety, Adventurous Activities and Ongoing learning. This assurance work is to ensure our processes are consistent and robust to provide protection to volunteers and to keep young people safe.

This work will ensure that Scouting continues to provide amazing adventurous opportunities to develop the skills for life and improve life chances for both young people and volunteers.

It's fantastic to see that once again your commitment and passion for Scouting has increased the number of young people and volunteers enjoying Scouting this last year. We are now providing skills for life to over 7800 young people in West Yorkshire up over 300 from 2023. Total number of volunteers have also increased by over 100 adult members. As of January 2024, we had some 10287 members.

I've included all the growth data in this review for your information, which

includes comparisons to last year and pre covid (2020). A Big shout out to Keighley, Bradford South, Halifax and Wharfedale who are at higher numbers of young people now than pre covid.

Squirrels have continued to grow with an increase of over 200 and some very long waiting lists right across the county. A credit to your enthusiasm for embracing early years Scouting. Our Beavers remained quite static but nationally numbers dropped. Cubs and Scouts have both seen considerable increases in numbers of not only young people but also the creation of new sections.

Explorer Scouts is another section that continues to buck the national trend with significant increases in numbers and also the number of units. Our numbers of explorers continue to grow rapidly across the County with another 4 units opening in the last 6 months. A big thank you to those offering the adventurous explorer programme by groups, districts, DoFE and county. Resulting in 7 King Scout Awards and 183 Duke of Edinburgh awards – 109 Bronze, 55 Silver and 19 Gold.

The growth across West Yorkshire Scouts is down to the superb programme you all offer our young people. You will read later in the review about some of the great programme the young people have been enjoying over the last year. Big thank you to the amazing county programme team for all those wow





events you've delivered across all sections.

A big thank you also to our adventurous activity team whether on land, water, abroad and more recently underground. Training volunteers and providing unique experiences and opportunities for young people.

You will undoubtedly be aware that the County and Districts remain focused on growth and development of Scouting, which falls into three equally important strands:

1. Tackling our waiting lists which have over 1500 young people on them
2. Supporting groups where section numbers or volunteer numbers are low
3. Creating new opportunities for under represented communities

Big thank you to our county growth board for supporting groups, districts and creating new opportunities.

Thank you to the District Lead Volunteers, County Team, all leaders, trustees and members for all your time, commitment and drive over the last 12 months making West Yorkshire Scouts so successful.

Ian Womersley  
County Lead  
Volunteer



# Lead

## Youth Shaped Scouting

Over this year youth shaped scouting in West Yorkshire has been ever growing and in 2024 the County. The District Youth Commissioners have been on hand to support with youth shaped Scouting, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for everything they have done throughout this year to support them. We have seen again another year when we have had many new appointments this year of District Youth Leads (previously known as District Youth Commissioners).

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our amazing adult leaders and helpers that have made this our year, the best it can be for our young people. They have learnt so many skills for life! For this I personally would like to thank you. Youth Shaped Scouting allows our young people to make decisions to form and develop their own adventure, integrity, leadership, care, and cooperation in partnership with adults to learn skills for life.

This year we have seen the launch of the You Shape Award for Squirrels. We are lucky that we had several people from the county support HQ in the design of this award for the UK. Then it was trailed in West Yorkshire by two of our amazing groups. The You Shape Award allows young people to learn how to speak up and take the lead. The Award is made up of 4 badges- the central badge, plan, lead and represent badge. This is just the same as the other sections. We have seen lots of badges being sold. Thank you to all the leaders who are supporting this award and running it as part of their programme.

This year Scouts HQ launched the 'Changemaker' badge. This follows the launch of the Scouts Manifesto. We ran 3 Youth Husting across the County. This was the first time youth husting has been run in some of the areas. A husting is a meeting where election candidates or parties debate policies and answer questions from the Scouts. We are well on our way to making sure that every District in our County has a District Youth Lead or Youth Team, and we are here to support every district with youth shaped scouting. We have also supported districts in the set up and running of the Network section making sure we have 18-25- year old's taking on leadership roles and staying in Scouting. We also launched the B-TEC Level 2 qualification in Teamwork and Personal Development in The Community. This allows our young people to get accreditation for all their hard work.

Our Youth team has sat on most County Sub Committees and Boards to make sure that all decisions made by the County have a youth voice, from the Trustee Board, Growth and Development team, Finance Committee, Adult Awards Team, Top Awards Team, People Board, and the Programme Team to name just a few. We are of course very excited for even more young people achieving their youth shaped badges. Our young people are the future of Scouting and that's why it's so important that we guide, support, and give them our time and energy to lead us into the future together.

Toby Hammond  
Youth Commissioner



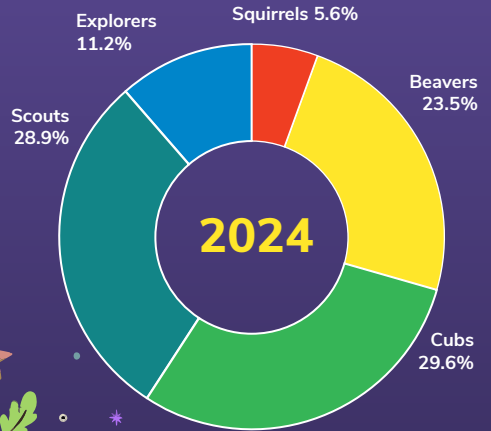
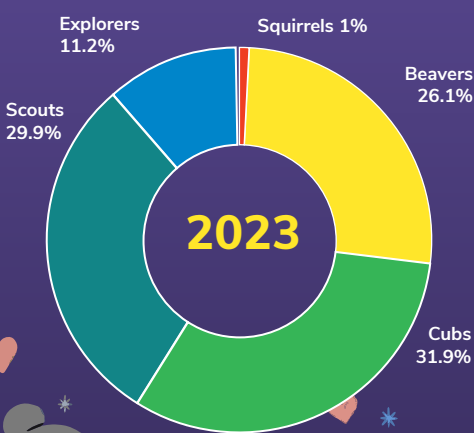
# Membership comparison

District	2020	2023	2024
Keighley	631	706	691
Aire Valley	676	610	611
Brighouse	405	364	360
Bradford South	670	683	697
Heavy Woollen	653	530	631
Huddersfield North	657	598	580
Pennine Calder	628	562	586
Spenn Valley	470	433	410
Wharfedale	955	914	963
Bradford North	459	365	427
Halifax	397	347	409
Holme Valley	389	350	336
Huddersfield SE	483	405	439
Huddersfield SW	689	665	521

2024
Young People
<b>7799</b>
Total Adults
<b>2396</b>
Combined total
<b>10287</b>

2023
Young People
<b>7527</b>
Total Adults
<b>2396</b>
Combined total
<b>9923</b>

# Combined Youth Section Membership



# Programme

My thanks go to the dedicated programme team who constantly work hard to bring imagination and creativity to the wide range of events they plan. Sam Wakefield, after several years in the role of ACC Beavers, has decided to step down in the autumn. We all thank him for his ideas, his enthusiasm for the section and the many support events he has helped to organise. The search for a new Lead volunteer for the Beaver section is on!

Our thanks also go to the many leaders who give up their time to bring their young people to county events. We hope to have enjoyed them.

The review looks at our activities under the key objectives we set back in September 2023.

## Support for young people to progress in their award work

- Our county Top awards evening in October was hosted at Bradford University and saw 47 recipients celebrate their achievements.
- Cub and Scout Leadership days were held in November to support the 'Youshaped' awards with 80 participants.
- Our popular Cub Badge Day was held in January with 224 badges awarded.
- We celebrated our Younger Section Top Awards with a party in April. 74 Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs attended.

- We launched the county all section 'Protect The Planet' award in January - Over 500 badges have been awarded so far

## Building on our partnership with Bradford University

- Our partnership continued with four faculty experience days being hosted including opportunities to learn about maternity services, emergency response, engineering solutions and how to be a change maker. 180 scouts took part in the events and earned themselves the special university sponsored badge.

## Provide high quality events to give new experiences for young people.

- In November, we worked in partnership with Bradford districts to hold the Beaver Scout 'Northern Lights' day at Blackhills campsite. 298 Beavers enjoyed a fun packed day.
- The popular Explorer Scout Party in February saw 155 participants enjoying everything from highropes to the silent disco and Mocktails.
- We held our first Squirrel Activity Day in March, putting a spotlight on what adventurous activities are newest section can enjoy at Bradley Wood. 42 squirrels attended





## Offer a highlight event for one section

- This year it was the Beaver Scout section's turn to have a highlight event in June following on from last year's Cub Scout weekend. 184 Beavers enjoyed a Super Heroes sleepover.

## Supporting skill development for leaders

- This year we replaced the Grim up North event with a new 'Aveagoday' in October. 160 leaders were able to join us for the day, picking up contacts, trying new activities and sampling the adventurous events available at Bradley Wood.
- Adult skill courses were held covering walking leadership, pioneering, story-telling and first aid.



## Supporting adventurous activity

- We organised a Scout/Explorer challenge in October which saw teams making their way across the county using public transport. 'Scoutopoly' involved 200 young people tackling the various challenges.
- A Cycle Challenge day was held on the Spen Valley Greenway in May allowing 36 Cubs Scouts to gain their cyclist badge.
- The annual Pedal Car Racing day was held at the John Smith Stadium in May attracting 165 Scouts and Cubs
- It was great to see the return of the County Wet Day in June at Pugneys Water Park. 200 Cubs and Scouts enjoyed the opportunity to get out on the water.
- A Scout Competition Camp in July saw 120 Scouts tackling a range of challenges



# Growth

Scouting is thriving across West Yorkshire and the overall numbers of young people enjoying Scouting across the County has continued to grow as we have exited the Covid period.

At the end of 2023 we were fortunate to have been awarded a two year funded position for a Local Growth Officer from HQ Scouts. Following a recruitment process we appointed one of our ex DCs into this position, a very experienced gentleman called Zaheer Khalil, and he joined the team early this year. The main aim was to target under represented areas across the County, our aim was to address the imbalance across a number of key areas – areas of deprivation, multi faith and ability. Initially the focus has been the Bradford districts as this is the main area where we see the most under representation especially in the areas of faith and deprivation. Also in 2025 Bradford has been awarded the 'City of Culture' and this will form a platform to re-launch Scouting in many target areas.

As we work through our plans the scope will widen across the whole of the County.

We have already seen a number of successes with new groups or new sections opening which has been fantastic news. Just a reminder if you are setting up any new sections then please check as there are a number of grants available from HQ to assist in the set up.

A challenge we are experiencing at the moment is that a few of our existing groups are struggling with either low numbers of young people or leaders. We need to ensure this is at the top of our priorities, support has been given to a number of districts with tools and ideas for them to use to promote Scouts in their areas.

Available to everyone is a suite of materials to assist the promotion of Scouting and there are a number of tools available to use to assist in promoting groups

- Bring a buddy badges
- Recruitment fayres
- Growth boxes
- Vacancy boards
- Social Media Campaigns
- School Assembly packs

..... to name a few

In January 2025 West Yorkshire Scouts are hosting a recruitment day aimed at groups or districts who need a bit of additional support to safeguard their future.

The date for your diary is 11th January 2025 and the venue is at Bradley Wood, this is aimed at any leader - sectional leader, GSL, DC or trustee etc - details on how to book your place will follow shortly.

These places are free of charge and it is anticipated will be in great demand. This workshop is supported and delivered by The HQ team.

# Our Governance

## The Purpose of Scouting.

The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## The Scout Method.

The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by adult leadership. In practice the method is best seen when young people, in partnership with adults are enjoying what they are doing; learning by doing; participating in varied and progressive activities; making choices for themselves; taking responsibilities for their own actions; working in groups; taking

increasing responsibility for others; taking part in activities outdoors; sharing in prayer and worship; making and living out their promise.

West Yorkshire Scouts Trustees have a duty to report on the charity's public benefit in the annual report. We have assessed our aims, objectives and activities and believe we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

## Royal Charter...

The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter granted by King George V in 1912 and supplemented by further charters granted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. These charters give authority to the byelaws of the Association, which are approved by Her Majesty's Privy Council. The byelaws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's affairs. The rules are laid out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

West Yorkshire Scouts is an autonomous charity affiliated to The Scout Association, which together with other County, District and Group Charities form the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom.



## HOW WE OPERATE

### The County Trustee Board... Purpose

The County Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

Members of the County Trustee Board must act collectively as charity trustees of their charity, and in the best interests of the charity's members. Governance roles must be distinct to help manage conflicts of interest. This means that the roles of County Chair and County Treasurer must be kept separate and be done by two different people.

The County Trustee Board must act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and takes steps to be confident that

a) the Charity is:

- well managed
- carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- complying with the charity's governing document and the law managing the charity's resources effectively

b) the charity is operating compliant with POR and the local charity regulator, including effective management of the Key Policies listed in chapter 2 of the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules.

c) young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels

d) the County has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the County including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme (Rule 4.2.2 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules)

The County Trustee Board members must themselves collectively:

a) develop and maintain a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations

b) ensure that the County's finances are properly managed, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets to support the work of the County

c) maintain and manage:

- a reserves policy for the charity including a plan for use of reserves outside the 'minimum'
- an investment policy for the charity
- a public benefit statement for the charity

d) ensure that people, property and equipment are appropriately insured, and that any property and equipment owned or used by the County is properly protected and maintained

e) ensure the appointment and management and operation of any subcommittees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-committee. This should normally be one of the County's Trustees.

f) ensure that effective administration is in place to support the work of the County Trustee Board

g) appoint any co-opted members of the County Trustee Board

h) ensure transparency of operation, including:

- prepare and approve the Annual Accounts and arrange their examination by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer (as appropriate) and as appointed by the County Scout Council at their AGM
- prepare and approve the County Trustees' Annual Report (which must include the Annual
- Accounts and include the report from the auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer)
- present the approved County Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the County
- Scout Council for their consideration at the County's AGM
- following the County AGM, ensure that a copy of the County Trustees' Annual Report and
- Accounts is sent to UK Headquarters (email to [finance@scouts.org.uk](mailto:finance@scouts.org.uk)) and, if a registered charity, is filed with the appropriate charity regulator (if the regulator's rules require it).

i) take responsibility for the County's adherence to Data Protection Legislation recognising that, dependent on circumstances, it will at different times act as a Data Controller and as a Data Processor

j) individually and collectively maintain confidentiality regarding County Trustee Board business

k) put in place annually an open and transparent selection process to recommend to the County Scout Council appropriate persons to be appointed as members of the County Trustee Board, including Chair and Treasurer. Vacancies for appointed Trustees only occur at the end of their period of appointment (for example, a Trustee may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be re-appointed at the end of years 1 and 2).

l) where staff are employed:

- act as a responsible employer in accordance with the Scouts' values and relevant legislation
- ensure that effective line management is in place for each employed staff member and that
- these are clearly established and communicated
- ensure that appropriate specific personnel insurance is in place A County Trustee Board may create sub-committees it deems necessary to support its governance function.

The County Trustee Board must ensure that for any sub-committee it appoints:

- a) its purpose is governance-focused and not operational
- b) its members are agreed and approved by the County Trustee Board

- c) the County Trustee Board Chair is an ex officio member
- d) the County Commissioner is an ex officio member

Sub-committee members are not Trustees of the County unless they are already members of the appointing Trustee Board.

All sub-committee members must be recorded on the membership system.

To support effective governance and share good practice, the County Chair and Treasurer should create a support network amongst the District Chairs and Treasurers of the County.

## **TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Subject to the conflict of interest rules (see Chapter 16 and the definition of 'conflict of interest in the Definitions Chapter), a Trustee may be a member of more than one Trustee Board.

A County Trustee Board should comprise a maximum of 12 Trustees (the total of all ex officio, appointed and co-opted Trustee categories), with a minimum of five Trustees. The maximum number of Trustees should be agreed by the County Scout Council at its AGM. West Yorkshire Scouts Trustee Board will comprise 12 trustees

Each ex officio, appointed and co-opted member of the County Trustee Board is a charity Trustee of the County .

People invited to attend, or with right of attendance, may be present at the meeting but are not charity Trustees and have no voting rights.

Certain people are disqualified from being charity trustees by virtue of the Charities Acts (see Rule 16.1.1.5 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules). SV Some Counties may also need to register as a charity (see Rule 13.1.2 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules). SV

If registered, the County registration number must be recorded on the membership system. Counties must not use any other charity number than their own.

All Trustees must complete learning as specified in Rule 16.2.1, 16.2.3, 16.2.4 and the Chapter 16 Roles Table of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules. A County Trustee Board and its sub-committees should have at least two Trustees aged between their 18th and 25th birthdays.

Each County Trustee Board requires effective administration. The administration may be provided by one or more persons as appropriate to the County.

The selection processes leading to appointment of County Trustees must include a rigorous and transparent selection process, which includes advertising vacancies widely

### **Members of the County Trustee Board**

a) The County Commissioner (Lead Volunteer) 1 and the County Youth Commissioner (Youth Lead) 2 are ex officio members of the County Trustee Board

b) The County Trustee Board must initiate a selection process to propose a County Chair to the County Scout Council for appointment at their AGM.

Vacancies for the role of Chair only occur at the end of their period of appointment (for example, a Chair may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be re-appointed at the end of years 1 and 2).

c) The County Trustee Board must initiate a selection process to propose a County Treasurer to the County Scout Council for appointment at their AGM.

Vacancies for the role of Treasurer only occur at the end of their period of appointment (for example, a Treasurer may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be re-appointed at the end of years 1 and 2).

d) The appointed members of a County Trustee Board are persons appointed by the County Scout Council at the County's AGM. This should follow a selection process initiated and overseen by the County Trustee Board. Vacancies for the role of Trustee only occur at the end of their period of appointment (for example, a Trustee may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be reappointed at the end of years 1 and 2).

e) The co-opted members of a County Trustee Board are persons co-opted annually by the County Trustee Board. They are not appointed by the County Scout Council at its AGM. The number of co-opted members must not exceed the actual number of appointed Trustees (excluding Chair and Treasurer).

f) These members have the right to attend meetings of the County Trustee Board:

- the Regional Commissioner (Lead Volunteer) in England and in Wales
- g) These members must be invited to attend meetings of the County Trustee Board:
  - the County's Nominated Member(s) on the Council of The Scout Association
  - the County's Nominated Youth Representative on the Council of The Scout Association

Term limits for Trustees are defined in POR rule 5.3.1.6 which states that the maximum continuous term is 9 years. West Yorkshire Trustee terms will be 3 years but phasing in on a rolling basis from Sept 2024 to ensure there is a rolling change of trustees in future years rather than individual years with all trustees changing.

This will roll out as follows :

In September 2024 :

- 1 There is only one ex officio Trustee role for a County Commissioner, so where there are joint role holders for County Commissioner, the role holders must decide, in discussion with the County Chair, which of them will be the ex officio Trustee. However, each County Commissioner role holder must be eligible to be a Trustee (as specified in Chapter 16 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules).

- 2 There is only one ex officio Trustee role for a County Youth Commissioner, so where there are joint role holders for County Youth Commissioner, the role holders must decide, in discussion with the County Commissioner and the County Chair, which of them will be the ex officio Trustee. However, each County Youth Commissioner role holder must be eligible to be a Trustee (as specified in Chapter 16 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules).
- 1 Youth 3 year term, 1 adult 3 year term,
- 1 adult 2 year term and 1 adult 1 year term
- Chair – 1 year term
- Treasurer – 1 year term

All following years Trustees will be appointed for three years (or the maximum allowed amount of up to three years based on time already served ie if a trustee has served 7 years they will only be appointed for 2 years as the overall maximum continuous term is 9 years.If a County Trustee Board Chair or Treasurer resigns, then Rule 16.6.3 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules must be followed.

### **County Scout Council Conduct of Meetings**

The County Scout Council meets at their AGM (see 5.6.5). It would be unusual for there to be additional meetings of the County Scout Council. A County Scout Council meeting should normally be convened with at least four weeks' notice. A meeting may be convened on shorter or no notice with the agreement of at least three quarters of the members of the County Trustee Board.

County Scout Council meetings are chaired by the County Chair. If the Chair is unable to be present, the Chair may appoint a delegate to chair a meeting of the County Scout Council subject to such appointment being approved at the start of the meeting by a majority of the County Scout Council members present. Only County Scout Council members, as defined in Rule 5.6.4, may vote in County Scout Council meetings.

The quorum for a County Scout Council meeting is agreed by the County Scout Council at their AGM (see rule 5.6.5.2).

If there is no quorum present at a meeting of the County Scout Council, the meeting must be closed and reconvened at the earliest available appropriate date.

Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side, the meeting Chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

In order to discharge their responsibilities, the County Scout Council may meet by telephone or video conference as well as (or instead of) face to face when agreed by the County Chair. The County Scout Council must not 'meet' using any indirect process, such as email. At any meeting which is not fully face-to-face, there must be an online poll or other electronic method of counting votes. All meetings of the County Scout Council (whether face-to-face or otherwise) must be properly recorded and minuted.

### **County Trustee Board - Conduct of meetings**

Meetings of the County Trustee Board should be convened on at least two weeks' notice. Meetings may be convened on shorter or no notice with the agreement of at least half of the members of the County Trustee Board.

County Trustee Board meetings are chaired by the County Chair. If the County Chair is unable to be present, they may appoint a delegate to chair a meeting of the County Trustee Board subject to such appointment being approved at the start of the meeting by a majority of the members present at the meeting.

Only members of a County Trustee Board as defined in Rule 5.6.7 may vote in meetings of the County Trustee Board.

The quorum for a meeting of a County Trustee Board is one third of the Trustees (ex officio plus appointed plus co-opted) plus one.

If there is no quorum present at a meeting of the County Trustee Board, the meeting must be closed and reconvened at the earliest available appropriate date.

In the case of sub-committees of the County Trustee Board, the quorum for each sub-committee must be set by the County Trustee Board, based on the size of the sub-committee and the complexity of its task(s).

Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side, the meeting's Chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

In order to discharge their responsibilities, the County Trustee Board may meet by video conference as well as face to face when agreed by the County Chair. This includes 'hybrid' meetings, where some members are present at an agreed meeting place and others join by telephone or video. Where urgent matters arise between scheduled meetings of the County Trustee Board and if it is not practicable to convene a meeting of the County Trustee Board, then an electronic voting method (such as email) is allowed for decision making of the County Trustee Board when deemed appropriate by the County Chair. In such circumstances at least 75% of the members of the County Trustee Board must approve the decision, and the outcome of the voting must be reported at, and recorded in the minutes of, the next County Trustee Board meeting.

# 2024 Roll of Honour

Awards issued between 1st July 2023 and 30th June 2024

## Service Awards



### Silver Wolf

Geoffrey Priestley  
Julie Earnshaw  
Keith Rawnsley  
John Powell  
Paul Cartwright



### Bar to the Silver Acorn

Alexander Iain Paterson  
Craig Ellis  
Philip Lowde  
Jacqui Crawshaw  
Jenny Iredale  
Karen Holmes  
Neil Smith



### Silver Acorn

Gary Edward Williams  
Judith Ann Dickinson  
Richard Antony Hirst  
Sheila Southern



### Bar to the Award For Merit

Angela Dawn Graves  
David Greensmith OBE  
Mark Rothery  
Mary Elizabeth Williams  
Peter Alfred Bastow  
Nick Tindall  
Joan Priestley  
Philip Crossley



### Award for Merit

#### Bradford North -

Christopher Wilkinson,  
Emma Simpson, John  
Emsley, John Atkinson,  
Catherine Fawbert

#### Brighouse -

Joanne Airth,  
David Healy, Terry Firth,  
Nicola Fogelman, Simon  
Crosswaite, Andrew  
Robinson

#### Huddersfield N -

Rachael  
Jinks, Alison Ainley,

#### Huddersfield SE -

Jayne  
Simpson, Dominic Black,  
Philippa Delamere, Robert  
Phillips, Colin Jackman,  
Kevin Riley, Ashley Berry

#### Keighley -

Jonathan Olsson,  
Luke Ferrey

#### Bradford South -

Robert  
Dodds, Paul Dransfield,  
Andrea Wilson, Anne Griffin,  
Christine McDermott, Darren  
Hibberd, Helen Richardson,  
Kieran Thompson, Martin  
Wheelhouse, Nial Sherrard,  
Oliver Richardson, Karen  
Cairney, Stephen Kimber,  
Stephen Kitson, Susan  
Varley, Anthony Wilson,  
Trevor Biggs, Tracey  
Sherrard, David Calcraft

#### Pennine Calder -

Tracy  
Sedgewick, Ian Whitworth,  
Ian Wood, Allan Lawrence,  
Jackie Levy

#### Wharfedale -

Janet  
Reid, John Paterson, Kevin  
Edwards, Lucy Wilkinson,  
Michael Fawcett, Trevor  
Eastwood, Lester Mulligan

#### Holme Valley -

Alison  
Peaker, Davina Beckwith

#### Huddersfield SW

- Philip Houlton

#### Spenn Valley -

Victoria  
Caine

#### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

#### Bradford North -

David  
Rollins, Andrew Dacre,  
Emily Hall, Susan Aldridge,  
Aniko Preston, Christopher  
Roberts, Elizabeth McGrath

#### Bradford South -

Jaime  
Armitage, Andrew  
Hamilton-Ros, Andrew  
Simpson, Becky Hamilton,  
Erin Varney, Michael  
Seymour, Michelle Haw,  
Peter Denton, Anthony  
Lander, Janine Elie-Smith,  
Tanya Le Gras, David Davey,  
John Humpherson, Karen  
Brogden, Joely Birak, Mark  
Bridge, Robert Montgomery,  
Sharon Taylor, Danial  
Holdsworth, Darren Parkin

#### Spenn Valley -

Elizabeth  
Midleigh, Hayley Robson,  
James Williams,

#### Huddersfield SW -

Matthew Askham

#### Huddersfield N -

Rosaline  
Sykes, Anthony Rimmer,  
Hilary Dix,

#### Holme Valley -

Mark  
Watson, Simon Senior,  
Michael Bell, Sophie Bebb,  
Barry Suddick, Gillian  
Scarborough, Gillian Clarke

#### Wharfedale -

Cameron  
Wilson, Elizabeth Taylor,  
Teresa Varney, Susan  
Dockar,

#### Brighouse -

Ryan Airth,  
Sally Turgoose, Samantha  
Robinson, Helen Jeffrey,  
Rachel Goswell, Toni Eve,  
Lee Naylor, Deborah Pullen,  
Indra Parkinson, Adam  
Watson, Robert Stead,  
Maria Stead, Julie Santa,  
Julie Bramley, Diane Jay,  
Rebecca Ford, Anthony  
Ford, Andrew Briggs,  
Rachel Atherton, Anthony  
Dickinson, Christopher  
Goodman-Bowen

## Meritorious Awards



### The Medal for Meritorious Conduct

Joseph Knightley  
Owen Leyland

## HM The King Coronation Medals



Oliver Rhodes  
Beth Halligan  
Elaine Clough



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**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended  
31 March 2024**

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)

#### Year ended 31 March 2024

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council is constituted under the policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these rules.

Administrative details relating to the charity, including Trustees details, can be found at the beginning of this report.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Districts and, through them, for Scout Groups and their local communities within its boundaries.

The trustees have, under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The charity and its subsidiary undertakings meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community headings.

West Yorkshire Scout County manages and administers Bradley Wood campsite and Green Withens Watersport Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

#### Reference and administrative details

<b>Registered charity name</b>	West Yorkshire County Scout Council
<b>Charity registration number</b>	524829
<b>Principal office</b>	County Office Bradley Wood Scout Camp Site Shepherds Thorn Lane Brighouse HD6 3TU West Yorkshire

#### The trustees

**Hon. President:** K Leadbeater MP

**Hon. Vice Presidents:**

B Fishwick  
K McKenzie  
P Drake  
F Milner  
J Fothergill  
P Haigh  
M Stageman  
J Greenwood  
L Malloy  
D Holdsworth (until March 2023)  
M Walker (until August 2023)

**Trustees Ex officio:**

I Womersley (County Commissioner)  
C Dowson (County Chair)  
S Caselton (County Treasurer)  
C Watson (County Secretary unit Sept 2023)  
T Hammond (County Youth Commissioner)

**Elected by the AGM:**

B Halligan  
H Fishwick (from Sept 2023)  
O Rhodes (from Sept 2023)  
C McNulty (until Sept 2023)  
L Malloy (until Sept 2023)  
P Pearson (until Sept 2023)

**Nominated by the County Commissioner:**

E Clough  
G Pierce  
J Reynolds  
H Fishwick (until Sept 2023)

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Trustees' Annual Report (continued)**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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**Co-opted:**

J Young  
G Caine  
S Galvin  
G Peers (until Sept 2023)

**Other attendees Right to attend: (not trustees)**

I Hill (Regional Commissioner until April 2023)  
I Hammond (Regional Commissioner from April 2023)

**Invited to attend:**

V Pearson (Adult Representative to Council of the Scout Association)  
B Halligan (Youth Representative to Council of the Scout Association)

**Independent examiner**

Alistair Russell FCA  
New Court  
Abbey Road North  
Shepley  
Huddersfield  
HD8 8BJ

**Structure, governance and management**

The affairs are managed by the County Executive Committee (the Trustees) through a number of sub committees. One Trustee of the Executive should serve on each subcommittee. This year Finance, Risk, Appointments, Green Withens have operated.

**Objectives and activities**

See separate booklet for full objectives and activities.

**Achievements and performance**

See separate booklet for achievements and performance.

**Financial review**

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet. The support of Scouting in the County created a deficit of £8,515 in the charity (2023: £19,672). It should be noted that the costs this year include expenditure on specific projects where the income was received and designated for this purpose in the previous financial period (see note 19).

**28 Aug 2024**

The trustees' annual report was approved on ..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

*Ian Womersley*

Ian Womersley (Aug 28, 2024, 10:49am)

I Womersley  
Trustee

## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of West Yorkshire County Scout Council

Year ended 31 March 2024

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of West Yorkshire County Scout Council ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 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.

*ARS Russell*

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Alistair Russell (Sep 2, 2024, 8:28am)

Alistair Russell FCA  
Independent Examiner

Gibson Booth  
New Court  
Abbey Road North  
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HD8 8BJ

02 Sep 2024

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	3,402	3,175	6,577	27,734
Charitable activities	5	418,061	–	418,061	94,325
Other trading activities	6	59,479	–	59,479	38,664
Investment income	7	150	–	150	115
<b>Total income</b>		<u>481,092</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>484,267</u>	<u>160,838</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	(461,307)	(31,475)	(492,782)	(180,510)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>(461,307)</u>	<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>(492,782)</u>	<u>(180,510)</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>		<u>19,785</u>	<u>(28,300)</u>	<u>(8,515)</u>	<u>(19,672)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		305,948	173,169	479,117	498,789
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>325,733</u>	<u>144,869</u>	<u>470,602</u>	<u>479,117</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

# West Yorkshire County Scout Council

## Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	14	167,583	184,460
Investments	15	–	48,217
		<u>167,583</u>	<u>232,677</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	16	144,923	285,347
Cash at bank and in hand		333,618	406,359
		<u>478,541</u>	<u>691,706</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(175,522)	(445,266)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>303,019</u>	<u>246,440</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>470,602</u>	<u>479,117</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>470,602</u>	<u>479,117</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		144,869	173,169
Unrestricted funds		325,733	305,948
<b>Total charity funds</b>	19	<u>470,602</u>	<u>479,117</u>

28 Aug 2024

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

*Ian Womersley*

Ian Womersley (Aug 28, 2024, 10:49am)

I Womersley  
Trustee

*S Caselton*

Sue Caselton (Aug 30, 2024, 8:55am)

S Caselton  
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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**1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is County Office, Bradley Wood Scout Camp Site, Shepherds Thorn Lane, Brighouse, HD6 3TU, West Yorkshire.

**2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

**3. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Consolidation**

The charity is not required to prepare consolidated accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Significant judgements The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

There are no significant judgements

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

Allocation of overheads and support costs by activity

The charity allocates its expenditure and overheads to either direct costs or support costs. Costs incurred which are in line with the charity's objective's are allocated to direct costs. Costs incurred for the administration of the charity are allocated to support costs.

Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates. See note 14 for the carrying amount of the tangible assets, and the tangible fixed assets policy below for the depreciation rates used for each class of assets.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies (*continued*)

**Incoming resources**

These are included (net of VAT where applicable) in the statement of financial activities when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees consider it more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the statement of financial activities net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are just held as agent before being paid out to head quarters.

Grants and donations are included when the charity is more likely than not to receive entitlement to the resources.

Income from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the claim is made. Claims are made in a timely fashion from when the gift is received.

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

**Tangible assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of additions below £2,000 and of items with a useful economic life of less than a year are not capitalised. Training, camping equipment and computers are now written off on acquisition.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Storage building	-	10% straight line
Jubilee centre	-	30% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% straight line

**Investments**

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**3. Accounting policies (continued)**

**Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

**4. Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations and grants	3,402	3,175	6,577

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Donations and grants	2,734	25,000	27,734

**5. Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Activities and events	60,844	60,844	31,214	31,214
Gang show	81	81	22,870	22,870
Jamboree	320,055	320,055	–	–
International trips	–	–	71	71
Equipment sales	–	–	800	800
Training courses	9,769	9,769	10,818	10,818
Canoe activity income	9,663	9,663	7,279	7,279
Watersports centre	17,649	17,649	21,273	21,273
	<u>418,061</u>	<u>418,061</u>	<u>94,325</u>	<u>94,325</u>

**6. Other trading activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Membership subscriptions	321,860	321,860	281,475	281,475
Payable to the Scout Association	(262,381)	(262,381)	(242,811)	(242,811)
	<u>59,479</u>	<u>59,479</u>	<u>38,664</u>	<u>38,664</u>

The charity acts as an agent to pass on the membership fees to the Scout Association. At no point do the receipts due to the Scout Association belong to the charity.

**7. Investment income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	150	150	115	115

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

**8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable activities	408,873	31,475	440,348
Support costs	52,434	–	52,434
	<u>461,307</u>	<u>31,475</u>	<u>492,782</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable activities	141,508	35,512	177,020
Support costs	3,490	–	3,490
	<u>144,998</u>	<u>35,512</u>	<u>180,510</u>

**9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type**

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Charitable activities	440,348	–	440,348	177,020
Governance costs	–	52,434	52,434	3,490
	<u>440,348</u>	<u>52,434</u>	<u>492,782</u>	<u>180,510</u>

**10. Net expenditure**

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	21,286	23,102
Impairment of loan	48,217	–
	<u>69,503</u>	<u>23,102</u>

**11. Independent examination fees**

The fees for independent examination fees of the financial statements were £4,200 (2023 audit, accountancy £3,360)

**12. Staff costs**

The average head count of employees during the year was nil (2023: nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

**13. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees during the year

West Yorkshire County Scout Council

Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 March 2024

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Storage unit £	Jubilee centre £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	96,915	321,612	81,418	499,945
Additions	–	–	4,409	4,409
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>96,915</u>	<u>321,612</u>	<u>85,827</u>	<u>504,354</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	9,692	224,375	81,418	315,485
Charge for the year	9,692	10,720	874	21,286
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>19,384</u>	<u>235,095</u>	<u>82,292</u>	<u>336,771</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>77,531</u>	<u>86,517</u>	<u>3,535</u>	<u>167,583</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>87,223</u>	<u>97,237</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>184,460</u>

15. Investments

	Loan £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
<b>At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024</b>	<u>98,217</u>
<b>Impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2023	(50,000)
Disposals	–
Impairment losses	(48,217)
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>(98,217)</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>–</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>48,217</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

The charity is the sole guarantor for WYS Trading Limited, a company limited by guarantee making the company a wholly owned subsidiary. The registered office is Bradley Wood Scout Camp, Shepherds Thorn Lane, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 3TU

16. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>144,923</u>	<u>285,347</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	11,356	3,324
Accruals and deferred income	164,166	441,942
	<u>175,522</u>	<u>445,266</u>

West Yorkshire County Scout Council

Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 March 2024

18. Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 April 2023	420,183	102,404
Amount released to income	(368,793)	(102,404)
Amount deferred in year	108,575	420,183
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>159,965</u>	<u>420,183</u>

Deferred income includes, trips and membership fees paid in advance.

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	289,087	481,092	(453,460)	316,719
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building	5,000	–	–	5,000
Hardship fund	1,000	–	–	1,000
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters	10,861	–	(7,847)	3,014
	<u>305,948</u>	<u>481,092</u>	<u>(461,307)</u>	<u>325,733</u>

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	288,275	135,838	(135,026)	289,087
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building	5,000	–	–	5,000
Hardship fund	1,000	–	–	1,000
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters	20,833	–	(9,972)	10,861
	<u>315,108</u>	<u>135,838</u>	<u>(144,998)</u>	<u>305,948</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Development fund (in fixed assets)	97,237	–	(10,720)	86,517
Fell bursary	124	–	–	124
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building	64,808	–	(9,692)	55,116
Royal St George for The Hub	1,000	–	–	1,000
Our Space Capital Grant	10,000	–	(9,950)	50
RSA volunteering	–	3,175	(1,113)	2,062
	<u>173,169</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>144,869</u>

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Development fund (in fixed assets)	107,957	–	(10,720)	97,237
Fell bursary	224	–	(100)	124
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building	74,500	–	(9,692)	64,808
Royal St George for The Hub	1,000	–	–	1,000
Our Space Capital Grant	–	25,000	(15,000)	10,000
RSA volunteering	–	–	–	–
	<u>183,681</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(35,512)</u>	<u>173,169</u>

## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Notes to the Financial Statements (*continued*)

#### Year ended 31 March 2024

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#### 19. Analysis of charitable funds (*continued*)

The Development Fund: Grants and donations towards the cost of the Jubilee Centre at Bradley Wood. This is the net book value of the building.

Th Fell bursary: Donated to aid young person overseas expeditions.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence towards: The construction of a storage building at Bradley Wood. This has been spent on the building now, and shows as a fixed asset. The fund will reduce as the asset is depreciated.

Royal Society of St George Charitable trust funding for The Hub.

Our space capital grant: Money received from Kirklees Council to fund high ropes equipment and the creation of a survival camp.

RSA volunteering: Funds received from Neighbourly Ltd for the volunteer time provided by employees of RSA Insurance. The funds facilitate the purchase of equipment and supplies to allow volunteer work to be undertaken at Bradley Wood.

#### 20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	24,827	142,757	167,584
Investments	–	–	–
Current assets	476,429	2,112	478,541
Creditors less than 1 year	(175,523)	–	(175,523)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>325,733</u>	<u>144,869</u>	<u>470,602</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	11,291	173,169	184,460
Investments	48,217	–	48,217
Current assets	691,706	–	691,706
Creditors less than 1 year	(445,266)	–	(445,266)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>305,948</u>	<u>173,169</u>	<u>479,117</u>

#### 21. Operating lease commitments

Bradley Wood

Lease of 40 years from 1 January 1992 at a rent of £1 per annum (if demanded). Lease updates are in progress which will extend the lease term by a further 25 years. To date no rent has been demanded.

#### 22. Related parties

Other than expenses directly reimbursed to members of the Executive as disclosed above, transactions may have taken place with other bodies within the Scout Movement of which members of the Executive are also trustees. No specific disclosure of these is made since no individual member is in a position of having control of any of the bodies or in receipt of any personal benefit.

A wholly controlled trading subsidiary, WYS Trading Ltd manages Bradley Wood on behalf of the County. Accommodation/room hire charges of £8,305 (2023: £17,078) were paid to this company. At the year end £459 (2023: £4,177) was owed to WYS Trading Ltd.

**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

**West Yorkshire County Scout Council**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations and grants	6,577	27,734
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Activities and events	60,844	31,214
Gang show	81	22,870
Jamboree	320,055	–
International trips	–	71
Equipment sales	–	800
Training courses	9,769	10,818
Canoe activity income	9,663	7,279
Watersports centre	17,649	21,273
	<u>418,061</u>	<u>94,325</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Membership subscriptions	321,860	281,475
Payable to the Scout Association	(262,381)	(242,811)
	<u>59,479</u>	<u>38,664</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest receivable	150	115
	<u>150</u>	<u>115</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u>484,267</u>	<u>160,838</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	5,041	8,081
Legal and professional fees	4,217	3,490
Other office costs	4,571	5,408
Depreciation	21,286	23,102
Impairment	48,217	–
Training courses, D of E	1,607	14,871
Activities and events	77,319	53,467
Gang show	12,396	24,595
Jamboree	278,463	–
International trips	–	1,656
Canoe activity costs	5,772	4,183
Green Withens - Watersports centre	6,251	17,112
Equipment	27,642	24,545
	<u>492,782</u>	<u>180,510</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>492,782</u>	<u>180,510</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(8,515)</u>	<u>(19,672)</u>

## West Yorkshire County Scout Council

### Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

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	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Insurance	5,041	8,081
Other office costs	4,571	5,408
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International trips	–	1,656
Canoe activity costs	5,772	4,183
Green Withens - Watersports centre	6,251	17,112
Equipment	27,642	24,545
	<u>440,348</u>	<u>177,020</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Legal and other professional fees	4,217	3,490
Governance costs - impairment	48,217	–
	<u>52,434</u>	<u>3,490</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<u>492,782</u>	<u>180,510</u>

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Skills for life,  
creating more  
great adventures...



West Yorkshire Scouts  
Annual Report 2022-23

**Scouts**   
West Yorkshire

## County President Report

It has been another excellent year for West Yorkshire Scouts, and I have once again been extremely proud to serve as County President.

Scouting in West Yorkshire continues to go from strength to strength and plays a pivotal role in communities across our region. I applaud the commitment and dedication of the Scout leaders and volunteers who work so hard week in and week out to support our fantastic young people, and I am always inspired by the young people themselves who bring such energy and enthusiasm to the scouting movement.

Scouting offers such a wide range of opportunities for everyone involved to gain new skills, make friendships, and have a positive impact on our communities.

As the MP for Batley and Spenningsdale I was really pleased to attend the launch of 'The Employability Badge' report from Demos in Parliament earlier this year. The report explores how extracurricular activities can give young people the skills and experiences they need to enter the world of work and progress in their careers. It found that 74% of Scouts alumni felt optimistic about getting what they want out of their careers, compared with 47% of people who didn't do extracurricular activities. Scouting really can change lives and have a huge impact on the future of our young people; it brings people together from a wide variety of backgrounds and offers opportunities to enjoy a huge range of activities. And let's not forget one of the most important things - Scouting is FUN!

So, to everyone in the scouting family - keep up the brilliant work and here's to another fantastic year of Scouting in West Yorkshire!

With very best wishes,

**Kim Leadbeater MBE MP**



# County Trustee Chair

It's really important to THANK and recognize all leaders, young leaders, Youth Commissioners, adult volunteers, parent supporters, District and County teams from all our communities in providing a fantastic opportunity for our Young People to develop 'Skills 4 Life'.

I've attended many events in the role as Chair and it is overwhelming to see the numbers of Young People increasing in our organization and contributing positively to the task in hand, so thank you to the volunteer leaders for your dedication and making things happen. Likewise, I've attended many District AGMs and seen the contributions made by our adult and young leader volunteers at the weekly meetings, going camping, supporting each other. You are such inspirational people and it does make one speechless at times.

The role of the County Trustee Board is to provide the necessary governance, risk and financial elements for our really brilliant organization. Like every Group and District we are going through the same transformation process as per HQ and The Scout Association requirements. I would like to thank the Trustees (formerly the County Executive team

members) for the positive manner in which they have embraced this change. We will still need to have a formal vote at the AGM to modify the Constitution, however, it has been discussed at the Trustee Board in depth. This is a transformation process so we all still need to kindly continue supporting the

necessary changes to bring us in line with many other charities in the UK.

The West Yorkshire Scouts Trustee Board, also supports our County Commissioner or County Lead Volunteer, Ian, in delivering the Skills 4 Life opportunities to our Young People. I'm pleased to report that the Young People are still very much 'front and centre' in all our discussions and the challenge in our conversations for our Squirrel, Beaver, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer and Network sections. We are most definitely Youth Shaped, we respect everyone's opinions, everyone has an opportunity to comment and importantly we make decisions.

Personally, I would like to thank all the County Trustee Board members for all their support and guidance as there is an incredible depth of knowledge and great experience amongst this truly dedicated team. For those standing down at the AGM this time, simply thank you.

There have been some fantastic events put on by West Yorkshire Scouts and so thank you to everyone who has contributed to make these events a real success. We can and should ALL be justly proud of our charity and the contributions we all make.

Carey Dowson  
County Chair  
West Yorkshire Scouts



# County Commissioner Report

Scouting provides amazing opportunities for young people and volunteers alike to develop Skills for Life, improving life chances, well-being and local communities. It's fantastic to see that your commitment and dedication to Scouting has once again increased West Yorkshire Scouts membership numbers in the 2023 census, ensuring we are providing Skills for Life to over 7500 young people. That's a 6% increase in young people membership and in addition to that we've also seen a 4% increase in the number of volunteers, both above national averages – Thankyou and well done.

I've included all the Growth data in this review for your information, which also compares census information from January 2020 (pre pandemic) to January 2023. A big shout out to Keighley and Bradford South who are both at higher young people numbers than where they were in 2020. We also saw a high level of increases in volunteer numbers across every district with our total volunteer numbers going up by nearly 400 members as adults start to recognise that Scouting is Good For You.

We also saw a continued increase in our Explorer numbers to over 850 which is higher than our 2020 numbers. This is an absolute credit to our Explorer units and the focus on adventurous activities,

DofE and Top awards. Allowing young people to expand their adventurous experiences as well as gain valuable qualifications which are recognised by universities and the workplace.

We've had a second year of growing Squirrels and the number of Squirrel members increasing from 69 in 2022 to 323 in 2023. The number of Squirrel sections opening all the time is amazing and a credit to your enthusiasm and confidence in embracing early years. An amazing fact is that 80% of our Squirrel leaders are brand new to Scouting so please if you're worried about where the leaders will come from to start a Squirrel section then don't be, put it out there in the community and you will hopefully see volunteers coming forward to join your scouting family and allow you to open a Squirrel section and offer even more young people Skills For Life.

Highest ever female numbers - we have just recorded the highest number of female young people and the highest number of female volunteers in Scouting ever recorded in



West Yorkshire.

We talked about very large waiting lists last year and this year we have seen no let-up and the demand to join the scouting adventure continues to show exceptional growth. To tackle these waiting lists, we've seen some very successful volunteer fairs. In Heavy Woollen they had over 40 adults attend a volunteer event at the Al Hikmah centre resulting in some 28 new volunteers signing up to support current sections and the formation of new scouting sections. Huddersfield Southwest held an event at Crosland Moor Scout Group to seek new volunteers to open weekend sections at the group. This was to allow over 200 young people on a waiting list with New Horizons in Huddersfield North to join scouts. Again, an extremely successful event with over 20 adults showing positive interest in volunteering and setting up new sections. A big thank you to the groups involved and regional team who proactively supported both these events.

Since appointing Zaheer Khalil and Naveed Idrees as joint DC's for Halifax we have seen some tremendous growth projects in Halifax district. The 'scouting buzz' being created in the Halifax area is amazing and furthering demand from both young people and adults alike. So much so that they are in the process of forming two new groups and potentially a third by the end of the year.

The search for volunteers continues to be a real focus of the Growth Board under the leadership of our DCC Growth, Elaine Clough. As mentioned previously our volunteer numbers are just increasing all the

time with Bradford North having a 14% increase in volunteers which is superb. Elaine has also been supporting groups and districts develop bespoke marketing material for groups struggling for volunteers.

We have commenced the 'Bradford Project' which is a pan Bradford initiative to ensure scouting is available and accessible to underrepresented communities. The proactive development of Scouting for underrepresented communities in Kirklees and Calderdale has been ongoing for over 12 years with 19 Scouting sections meeting over the weekend to allow young people and adults of Muslim faith to enjoy the scouting adventure and gain those valuable skills for life. To date we've used three models:

1. Satellite sections which fall within an existing Scout group but meet at alternative locations
2. Weekend sections formed as part of an existing Scout group
3. Brand new Scout groups.

There are plans well underway to further reach into more IMD 1-3 communities in these areas as well as expanding current provision to make space for the 1200 plus young people on waiting lists across our inclusive Muslim sections.

Across our Bradford districts we have 22 Scout groups in IMD1-3 areas, however we have a considerable void of scouting for diverse communities. Communities of particularly Muslim faith are considerably high in Bradford, hence adjusting Scouting to be more accessible to all will be a key focus of the Bradford project. We've appointed Stephen Rawlinson as ACC Inclusion working closely





with Elaine and the Muslim Scout Fellowship, to take this project forward.

We have formed a very strong relationship with Bradford University and their outreach team is making fantastic progress in identifying and encouraging communities to consider Scouting. From their work we already have potential volunteers identified to develop three new provisions in Bradford South and Bradford North. Their Student Union is also advertising and encouraging the involvement of students as volunteers across the Bradford area.

In 2025 Bradford will be the city of Culture and early discussions with the council have proven very encouraging for development of scouting across underrepresented communities in Bradford and potential funding towards the project. Ahead of Bradford becoming the City of Culture in 2025, West Yorkshire Scouts wants to act now to ensure Scouting involves everyone irrespective of gender, ability, background, or religion. The Programme this last year has been superb whether delivered locally, by districts or the county. You will read later all about the great programme that has happened over the last 12

months and is planned for 2024 from our DCC Programme - Phil Pearson. Can I just take the opportunity to shout out to the great work of our ACC team, and our walking, climbing, water activities and pioneering teams for their work to provide activities for our young people as well as train volunteers in delivering adventurous activities.

As a County I continue to be impressed by the outstanding commitment of our leaders to helping young people achieve their Top Awards with 852 Chief Scout Award (347 Bronze, 315 Silver and 195 Gold), 176 Duke of Edinburgh's Award (107 Bronze, 48 Silver and 21 Gold), 14 Queen Scout Award and 1 King Scout Award. If you need any guidance on Top Awards, please speak to DCC Matt Turner.

Thank you to District Commissioners, the County team, every leader, trustee and members for all your support, drive and commitment over the last 12 months to make West Yorkshire Scouts so successful.

Ian Womersley  
County Commissioner



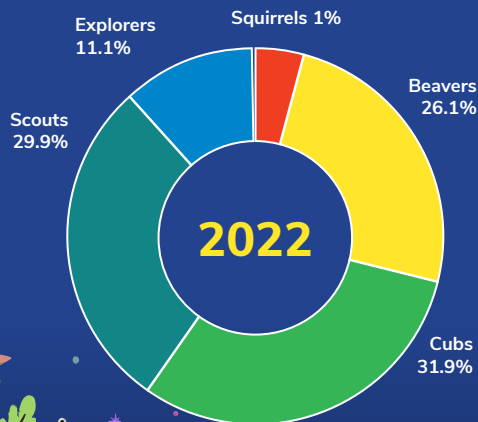
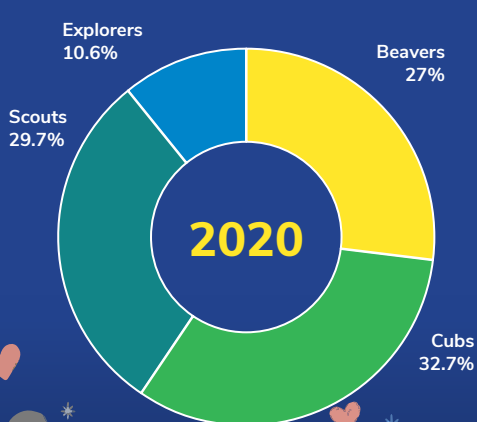
# Membership comparison

District	2020	2023	% Difference YP from 2020
Keighley	631	706	112%
Aire Valley	676	610	90%
Brighouse	405	364	90%
Bradford South	670	683	102%
Heavy Woollen	653	530	84%
Huddersfield North	657	598	90%
Pennine Calder	628	562	92%
Spenn Valley	470	433	92%
Wharfedale	955	914	96%
Bradford North	459	365	80%
Halifax	397	347	90%
Holme Valley	389	350	90%
Huddersfield SE	483	405	85%
Huddersfield SW	689	665	98%

2022
Young People
<b>7137</b>
Total Adults
<b>2331</b>
Combined total
<b>9488</b>

2023
Young People
<b>7527</b>
Total Adults
<b>2442</b>
Combined total
<b>9969</b>

# Combined Youth Section Membership





## The Purpose of Scouting.

The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## The Scout Method.

The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by adult leadership. In practice the method is best seen when young people, in partnership with adults are enjoying what they are doing; learning by doing; participating in varied and progressive activities; making choices for themselves; taking responsibilities for their own actions; working in groups; taking increasing responsibility for others; taking part in activities outdoors; sharing in prayer and worship; making and living out their promise.

West Yorkshire Scouts Trustees have a duty to report on the charity's public benefit in the annual report. We have assessed our aims, objectives and activities and believe we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

## Royal Charter...

The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter granted by King George V in 1912 and supplemented by further charters granted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. These charters give authority to the byelaws of the Association, which are approved by Her Majesty's Privy Council.

The byelaws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's affairs. The rules are laid out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

West Yorkshire Scouts is an autonomous charity affiliated to The Scout Association, which together with other County, District and Group Charities form the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom.

## HOW WE OPERATE

### Trustee Committee...

The County is managed by the County Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the County Scout Council 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 County Trustees exist to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the County.
- Ensuring cooperation between Districts, Groups and other organisations.
- Raising of funds and administration of the County's finance and property.
- The appointments process within the County.
- Appointing any subcommittee that may be required.
- Ensuring sound administration within the County.

The Executive Committee comprises up to 18 members:

- 6 Ex-officio Members (including the officers).
- 4 elected members (including 1 elected youth member) elected annually by the County Scout Council at its AGM.
- 4 appointed members (annually appointed at the AGM).
- up to 4 Co-opted members (annually appointed by the Trustee).

The committee meets at least four times each year. An induction process is provided for all new Trustees. Further learning and development opportunities are available.

## **POR...**

The Association has a comprehensive set of policies and rules applicable to the Movement, which are routinely monitored and reviewed by the Association. We are committed to providing the best possible experience for everyone in Scouting, whether they are young people or adult volunteers. To help us achieve this, we work to a number of key policies, through which we can make sure that Scouting continues to develop in a way that is safe, accessible and free from discrimination. Our key policies include:

- Anti-bullying policy.
- Child protection policy.
- Development policy.
- Equal opportunities policy.
- Religious policy.
- Safety policy.

## **Risk and Internal Control...**

The County has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable insurance

against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatures for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## **Volunteers...**

During the year over 3000 adults volunteered their time, energy, skills, and commitment to Scouting at Group, District, or County level. Their roles ranged from regularly leading section meetings and organising camps, to helping with administration, training future leaders, and attending meetings at every level. Without this contribution of our volunteers, Scouting in West Yorkshire would be unable to offer a wide range of challenging and inspiring activities that help make Scouting the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK today.

## **Our vision for 2025**

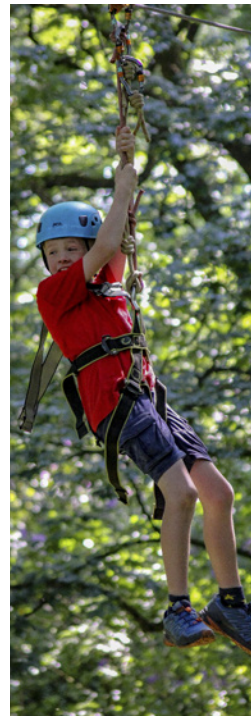
By 2025 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing more inclusive, shaped by young people, and making a bigger impact in our communities.

## **Our goals**

Our plan is to build on the success of the previous plan: to continue to grow, become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to make a bigger impact in our communities.

Our progress in 2022/2023 is detailed in the forthcoming pages along with our future plans for the strategy.



# Programme

The programme team has been working hard to offer a wide range of activities throughout the year and we thank everyone who has come along and taken part in the things which we have offered. During the year, the ACC Cub Scout role was passed over from Wendy Gill to Tina Knight.

Wendy has held the ACC Cubs Scout role since 2010 and we all thank her for her wonderful commitment to the section. Wendy will continue with the programme team, supporting all sections at events in the future. In the meantime, we wish Tina well in her new role.

## Support for young people to progress in their award work

This year	Next year
<p>We have continued to promote the Youth Shaped award badge – our Leadership Day attracted 46 Scouts in December. Badge Days have been held for Beavers and Cubs with the support of the Jamboree teams. Over 370 young people gained awards.</p>	<p>We will continue to offer badge days and we will be launching a fresh project 'PROTECT THE PLANET' to offer ideas for sections to make an environmental impact in their local community.</p>

## Building on our partnership with Bradford University

This year	Next year
<p>Our partnership with Bradford University has really taken off this year with 4 Faculty taster events being run offering bespoke badges to Scouts – Over 250 young people have attended these events. The University also hosted a spectacular International Day for our Cub Scout section involving students from their multi-cultural population.</p>	<p>We will be offering the faculty taster days again, publicising the opportunities to a wider area of our county to encourage more groups to get involved. The University will be hosting us for our Top Awards evening in October.</p>



## Offer a highlight event for one section

This year	Next year
<p>Each year we plan to organise a major event for a specific section. Following our successful Scout event in 2022, this year we held the Cosmic Cub Camp in June. Blessed with a fantastic weekend of sun and warmth, over 400 Cub Scouts toured the cosmos as they worked their way round a wide range of activities at Bradley Wood.</p>	<p>We will be focusing on offering a summer event for Beaver Scouts. A Scout camping challenge is also on the drawing board for next summer.</p>

## Provide high quality events to give new experiences for young people.

### This year

Our first county activity specifically for the new Squirrels section was held in May when over 80 young people enjoyed a trip to Ponderosa. 220 Beaver enjoyed the Beaverbusters activity day in October whilst 160 Explorers attended their Party event in February. 190 Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs toured Bradley Wood in the dark during the 'Light Up the Night' event in December.

WYS ON SHOW returned to the Victoria Theatre in March with over 90 people making up the cast and a further 80 making up the support crew. The chosen charity this time was the Yorkshire Wildlife Foundation.

### Next year

'Our team will plan the calendar for next year in September. Preparations are already under way for a Beaver winter day at Black Hills in November. We aim to improve the communication about what events are taking place, how to book onto them and where they are being held through WYSMAIL and a regular calendar email to all section leaders.

## Supporting adventurous activity

### This year

We saw the return of the popular "Fellandale" event in September to kick off a year where the adventurous activity teams have been working hard to offer great opportunities. The water team have provided pool Sessions for kayak training and a magnificent Water Day at Pugneys Water Park when 260 young people enjoyed a variety of activities.

The popular Pedal Go Kart racing day in May attracted 170 cubs and Scouts to the John Smith Stadium and 40 Explorer Scouts completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge in June.

"Race across the North" finally took place in July following two previous efforts frustrated by Covid restrictions and Railway strikes. 30 Explorer Scouts made their way from Bradley Woods to Bibby's Farm near Chorley and then back to Blackhills – all under their own planning and organisation. This is an event we hope to run again in the future.

### Next year

We will continue to offer opportunities for young people to take part in adventurous activities and offer training opportunities for leaders to gain permits so that they can offer the OUT in SCOUTING.



## Supporting skill development for leaders

### This year

We have been offering skills sessions, 1 per month since April and we intend to continue with these into next year. These are opportunities for leaders to come and pick up some ideas for section meeting and improve their basic Scouting skills.

### Next year

'Grim Up North' will be returning in October with an emphasis on offering leaders' opportunities to pick up new ideas and socialise with friends. Come along for the day or camp overnight if you want. We will be launching the Protect the Planet initiative, offering a 'Have-A-Go Hall' and giving opportunities to try out the newest Bradley Wood activities.

# Growth



There has been an incredible amount of work going on across the whole County in terms of recruitment of Young People and Volunteers, this is reflected in the growth we have seen across the whole County over the years since the pandemic.

Squirrels have been a huge success across West Yorkshire, with the desire of districts to launch new sections and with the help and support of Dan Breeze our lead volunteer for Squirrels the demand is outweighing supply at the moment. Along with Squirrels we have seen the recruitment of new volunteers to run these sections, hopefully they will enjoy Scouting as much as we do and stay with us as their young people progress.

It goes without saying the successes we see in the growth across the full range of sections in the County is down to you ! Your enthusiasm, your determination and passion for Scouting. We certainly couldn't do this without you. So thank you, thank you, thank you for everything

that you do !

You are all amazing !

## Individual District and Group support

2022 and 2023 has been very much a period of time where we have offered 'on the ground' support to individual groups or sections who are struggling with volunteer or young people numbers. This has involved 1-1 support, sharing successes and ideas, and providing marketing materials to assist getting key messages out into communities.

## Marketing material

To help in our engagement we have now got a wide range of material to help promote the Scouts, this is available free for anyone to use, please just link into Growth@wyscouts.org.uk. Additionally we have invested in a couple of branded gazebos to give us visibility at many events, again these are free to hire, contact stores@wyscouts.org.uk .

## Shop display

We have tried new initiatives such as taking possession of an empty shop in Halifax and putting on a superb window display advertising the Scouts.

## Partnerships

Continuing with our partnership with Bradford University and building a new relationship with the Bradford Bulls we have found that contacts in communities are key to our success as we share resources and target a

# Transformation

wider range of different audiences. At the University itself we are looking to set up at SSAGO and are looking at our Youth Commissioners to help make this a success. Action Bradford Project.

## Protect the Planet

Under the Growth heading we have also tried to focus on reviewing how we operate, we have an obligation and a strong desire to ensure we are playing our part in protecting our planet, as a County we have cut down on our use of single use plastics, we still have a long way to go but the journey has begun, we encourage everyone else to do the same where possible.

Over the last eight months we have had a student from Bradford University working with us, Zuzanna has completed her master's dissertation looking at our County site at Bradley Wood, investigating how the site is used, the energy we use and how we can get better in the future. We are aspiring for a much greener future.

The report we hope will provide credibility as we look for more funding opportunities.



Towards the end of 2023 and into 2024, Scouts nationally will undergo a series of changes which are primarily aimed at improving the journey for volunteers.

West Yorkshire Scouts has been selected as an early adopter, meaning that these changes will take place locally in November 2023, a few months ahead of the rest of the UK.

The changes include introduction of:

- welcome conversation
- digital tools
- volunteer database
- recruitment platform
- learning platform

Transformation has featured quite substantially these last 12 months with transition to Welcome Teams, Team structures, and the Trustee changes.

Following soon will be a new Volunteer database and new developments in Volunteer learning. The aim of these changes is to make the process for joining Scouting less intimidating and complicated, and more welcoming. Also, to embrace modern approaches to learning, encourage flexible volunteering and to fall in line with the Charities Commission.

All the Transformation changes that are coming in are designed and developed to attract more volunteers into Scouting to allow us to provide yet more young people with Skills for Life. All exciting changes which we will take the county through under the guidance of the Transformation Board led by DCC Operations - Gaz Pierce.

# Lead

## Youth Shaped Scouting

Over this year youth shaped scouting in West Yorkshire has been ever growing and in 2023 the County. The District Youth Commissioners have been on hand to support with youth shaped Scouting, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for everything they have done throughout this year to support them. We have seen lots of new appointments this year of District Youth Commissioners.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our amazing adult leaders and helpers that have made this our year, the best it can be for our young people. They have learnt so many skills for life! For this I personally would like to thank you. Youth Shaped Scouting allows our young people to make decisions to form and develop their own adventure, integrity, leadership, care, and cooperation in partnership with adults to learn skills for life.

This year we have seen the launch of the You Shape Award for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explores. We are lucky that we had several people from the county support HQ in the design of this award for the UK. The You Shape Award allows young learn to learn how to speak up and take the lead. The Award is made up of 4 badges- the central badge, plan, lead and represent badge. We have seen lots of badges been sold. Thank you to all the leaders who are supporting this award and running it has part of their programme.

We have all been much awaiting the return of face-to-face events from launching County Gang Show and Leadership Days. The 'in conversation with Toby Hammond' continues

allowing us to reach larger audiences. Our youth team in partnership with some of the District Networks have support 4 Pride events. This is the most Pride events West Yorkshire Scouts have ever attended in a year, as we demonstrate our commitment to building a more inclusive society and openly welcoming LGBT+ members.

We are well on our way to making sure that every District in our County has a District Youth Commissioner or Youth Team, and we are here to support every district with youth shaped scouting. We have also supported districts in the set up and running of the Network section making sure we have 18-25-year old's taking on leadership roles and staying in Scouting.

Our Youth Commissioners and youth team have sat on County Sub Committees and Boards to make sure that all decisions made by the County have a youth voice, from the Executive Committee, Growth and Development Board, Finance Committee, Protect Board, Top Awards Board, People Board, Adult Awards Board, and the Programme Team to name just a few.

We are of course very excited for the new youth shaped Scouting launches coming out from HQ for Squirrel Scouts, so keep your eyes peeled for even more information coming out soon.

Our young people are the future of Scouting and that's why it's so important that we guide, support, and give them our time and energy to lead us into the future together.

Toby Hammond  
Youth Commissioner



# 2023 Roll of Honour

Awards issued between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022



Each year, I grow more impressed by the true kindness and deep commitment of you, our volunteers. As you've worked through the challenges of the pandemic, you've helped each other and truly lived our values. You've quietly gone the extra mile to help others and do your best and as a result our young people continue to shine brighter than ever.

You all have my heartfelt thanks and congratulations for your incredible Scouting efforts and all you do to make our communities better places for many. These continue to be tough times, but it is for such times that Scouts shine brightest, and your generosity and commitment is so very special. Thank you again and congratulations to you all.

**Bear Grylls OBE Chief Scout**

## Service Awards



### Silver Wolf

Peter Bennett  
Robin Beaumont  
Roger Bannister  
Julie Earnshaw  
Jackie Craven  
Jenny Fothergill  
Wendy Gill



### Award for Merit

**West Yorkshire** - Bob Steeper

**Brighouse** - David Kingston

**Wharfedale** - Elizabeth Archer, Roger Graville, Angela Pickard, John Eastwood, Anne De Vere Hunt, Bruce Brown, Matthew Phillips, Richard Bastow, Robin Devereux, Richard Patterson, Thomas Marsden, Paul Howard, Christopher Carver, Thomas Alan, Michael Stone, Susan Fischbach, Martin Hunter, Robert Reid, Julie Reid, Darren Hewitt, Colin Williams, Les Marsden, Tom Gomersal,

**Huddersfield South East** - Joanne Smith, Christopher Rhodes

**Keighley** - Alison Rohatynskyj, Catherine Wood, Hannah Whitehead

**Bradford North** - Andrew Wilson, David Hall, Liz Griffen, Steve Preston,

**Heavy Woollen** - Bridget Mallett, Ian Mallett, Ken Harris, Paul Houghton,

**Spen Valley** - Jane Terry

**Huddersfield N** - Chris Thorpe

### Chief Scout's

### Commendation for Good Service

**Brighouse** - Michael Priestley, Julie Hereford, Mark Bridgeman, Jaime Crosswaite, Bradley Midgley, Steven Wood

**Huddersfield South East** - Helen Hoare, Anna Harrison, Nigel Lockwood, Lynda Lockwood, Michael Rimicans, Catherine Briggs, Adam Lomas

**Spen Valley** - Adam Lomas

**Heavy Woollen** - Andrew Winterbottom, Jay Ruttledge, Mohmed Vachhiat, Nafeesa Hussain, Richard Dewhirst, Yusuf Patel

**Huddersfield N** - Barney Harle, Carl Pearce, Nigel Grimshaw, Peter O'Rourke, Stephen Gareis,

**Bradford N** - Elaine Seed

**Holme Valley** - Timothy Chisholm



### Bar to the Silver Acorn

Susan Haigh  
Bob Canham



### Silver Acorn

Gary Williams  
Judith Dickinson  
Sheila Southern  
Dominic Dobson  
Gareth Pierce



### Bar to the Award For Merit

Michael Palmer	Ian Williamson
Jeremy Ince	Jean Griffin
Bev Oldfield	Liz Williams
Jane Terry	Mark Andrews
Michael Holroyd	Rob Young
Beverley Rothery	Ruth Lawson
Catherine Britton	Sally Harrison
Liz Brennand	Sue Williamson
Emma Scantlebury	
Graham Gilberthorpe	

## Meritorious Awards



### The Medal for Meritorious Conduct

Emma Scantlebury



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**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

## WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Charity no.</b>	524829		
<b>Scout Association no.</b>	166		
<b>Hon. President</b>	K Leadbeater MP		
<b>Hon. Vice Presidents</b>	B Fishwick F Milner L Malloy M Stageman	K McKenzie J Fothergill P Haigh P Drake	M Walker D Holdsworth J Greenwood
<b>Trustees</b>	The trustees who served during the year and to the date of approval were:		
	<i>Ex officio:</i>		
	I Womersley C Dowson S Caselton C Watson T Hammond		County Commissioner County Chair County Treasurer County Secretary (from June 2022) County Youth Commissioner
	<i>Elected by the AGM:</i>		
	Phil Pearson B Halligan		C McNulty L Malloy
	<i>Nominated by the County Commissioner:</i>		
	E Clough G Pierce J Reynolds H Fishwick		
	<i>Co-opted:</i>		
	J Young J Booth (until Sept. 2022) G Peers (from Sept. 2022)		S Galvin G Caine
<b>Other attendees (not trustees)</b>	<i>Right to attend:</i>		
	I Hill		Regional Commissioner
	<i>Invited to attend:</i>		
	V Pearson X Terry		Adult Representative to Council of the Scout Association Youth Representative to Council of the Scout Association
<b>Principal office</b>	County Office Bradley Wood Scout Campsite Shepherds Thorn Lane Brighouse HD6 3TU		
<b>Auditors</b>	Brosnans Birkby House Birkby Lane Brighouse HD6 4JJ	<b>Bankers</b>	The Cooperative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale HD1 2AL
<b>Solicitors</b>	C Green Whitaker Firth Solicitors 1 Manor Row Bradford BD1 4PB	<b>Insurance advisors</b>	Unity Insurance Services Lancing Business Park Lancing Sussex BN15 8UG

# WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023***

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Administrative details relating to the charity, including Trustees details, can be found at the beginning of this report.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Districts and, through them, for Scout Groups and their local communities within its boundaries.

The Trustees have, under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The charity and its subsidiary undertakings meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

West Yorkshire Scout County manages and administers Bradley Wood campsite and Green Withens Watersport Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The affairs are managed by the County Executive Committee (the Trustees) through a number of sub committees. One Trustee of the Executive should serve on each subcommittee. This year Finance, Risk, Appointments, Green Withens have operated.

The operation of the activity/training centre and campsite situated at Bradley Wood is delegated to the Board of WYS Trading Limited (company registration no. 4639375).

#### **Review of the year**

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet.

The support of Scouting in the County created a deficit of £19,672 in the charity (2022: deficit of 67,617). It should be noted that the costs this year include expenditure on specific projects where the income was received and designated for this purpose in the previous financial period (see note 8).

#### **Governance costs**

The management costs of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary. The only direct governance costs of the charity are the audit £3,490 (2022: £3,520).

#### **Reserves**

It was agreed by Executive on the 7th July 2022 that reserves are being held to ensure the level of activity can be maintained for at least one year, without income, through a policy to hold 100% of one years gross expenditure.

#### **Future operation of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings**

The Trustees are of the opinion that funds are sufficient to continue activities throughout the next year. Although income via membership levy has increased, it is anticipated it will take a further 12 months to reach pre Covid 19 levels. The demand to join the scouting adventure continues to show exceptional growth. Three new directors have been appointed to WYS Trading and are reviewing the business model and budgets, developing volunteering and new approaches to income generation for the site.

#### **Risk management**

The Executive and County team operate within the safety regulations of the Scout Association. The risks to the operation and management of the County have been assessed and kept under review and plans are in place to mitigate or eliminate the effect of potential risks.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023***

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**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 21 September 2023 by

I Womersley  
County Commissioner

## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### **TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the group financial statements of West Yorkshire County Scout Council and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the Group and Parent Company Statement of Financial Activities, Group and Parent Company Balance Sheets and related notes including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and group's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom accounting standards, including FRS102; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient and adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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##### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As is explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 3, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

##### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- the charity's policies and procedures for detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. These included testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Laura Brain FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Brosnans Limited  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors**

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**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and grants (note 2)	2,734	25,000	27,734	20,555
	2,734	25,000	27,734	20,555
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Activities and events	31,214	-	31,214	2,513
Gang Show	22,870	-	22,870	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
International trips	71	-	71	48,823
Equipment sales	800	-	800	-
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	10,818	-	10,818	12,268
Canoe activity income	7,279	-	7,279	1,490
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	21,273	-	21,273	15,555
	94,325	-	94,325	80,649
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Membership subscriptions	281,475	-	281,475	232,225
Less: Payable to H Q	(242,811)	-	(242,811)	(208,836)
Net membership subscriptions retained	38,664	-	38,664	23,389
Trading subsidiary income	274,402	-	274,402	144,252
	313,066	-	313,066	167,641
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	297	-	297	168
<b>Total</b>	410,422	25,000	435,422	269,013
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Trading subsidiary wages	84,072	-	84,072	38,636
Trading subsidiary depreciation	2,979	-	2,979	4,147
Other trading subsidiary costs	202,923	-	202,923	108,339
	289,974	-	289,974	151,122
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants & donations (note 3)	-	-	-	1,300
Training	12,206	-	12,206	8,887
Activities and events	39,870	100	39,970	45,119
Gang Show	24,595	-	24,595	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
International trips	1,656	-	1,656	30,288
Canoe activity costs	4,183	-	4,183	1,299
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	17,112	-	17,112	16,858
Equipment	8,902	15,000	23,902	38,603
Stationery, postage & office expenses	5,136	-	5,136	5,621
Insurance	8,081	-	8,081	8,422
Depreciation	2,689	20,412	23,101	13,411
Governance	3,490	-	3,490	3,520
	127,920	35,512	163,432	173,328
<b>Total</b>	417,894	35,512	453,406	324,450
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	(7,472)	(10,512)	(17,984)	(55,437)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(7,472)	(10,512)	(17,984)	(55,437)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	330,278	183,681	513,959	569,396
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	322,806	173,169	495,975	513,959

The fund analysis for the year ended 31 March 2022 is detailed in note 16.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and grants	2,734	25,000	27,734	1,505
	<u>2,734</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>27,734</u>	<u>1,505</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Activities and events	31,214	-	31,214	2,513
Gang Show	22,870	-	22,870	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
International trips	71	-	71	48,823
Equipment sales	800	-	800	-
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	10,818	-	10,818	12,268
Canoe activity income	7,279	-	7,279	1,490
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	21,273	-	21,273	15,555
	<u>94,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,325</u>	<u>80,649</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Membership subscriptions	281,475	-	281,475	232,225
Less: Payable to H Q	(242,811)	-	(242,811)	(208,836)
	<u>38,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,664</u>	<u>23,389</u>
<b>Investments</b>	115	-	115	168
<b>Total</b>	<u>135,838</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>160,838</u>	<u>105,711</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants & donations (note 3)	-	-	-	1,300
Training courses, D of E	14,871	-	14,871	8,887
Activities and events	53,367	100	53,467	45,119
Gang show	24,595	-	24,595	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
International trips	1,656	-	1,656	30,288
Canoe activity costs	4,183	-	4,183	1,299
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	17,112	-	17,112	16,858
Equipment	9,545	15,000	24,545	38,603
Stationery, postage & office expenses	5,409	-	5,409	5,621
Insurance	8,081	-	8,081	8,422
Depreciation	2,689	20,412	23,101	13,411
Governance	3,490	-	3,490	3,520
<b>Total</b>	<u>144,998</u>	<u>35,512</u>	<u>180,510</u>	<u>173,328</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	(9,160)	(10,512)	(19,672)	(67,617)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(9,160)	(10,512)	(19,672)	(67,617)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	315,108	183,681	498,789	566,406
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>305,948</u>	<u>173,169</u>	<u>479,117</u>	<u>498,789</u>

The fund analysis for the year ended 31 March 2022 is detailed in note 17.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Tangible assets</b>					
Leasehold buildings & fixtures	4		186,203		204,495
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock		16,157		18,928	
Debtors	6	342,192		67,416	
Cash at bank and in hand		489,500		357,712	
		<u>847,849</u>		<u>444,056</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(538,077)		(134,592)	
<b>Total current assets</b>			<u>309,772</u>		<u>309,464</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>495,975</u>		<u>513,959</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development Fund (in fixed assets)		97,237		107,957	
Fell Bursary		124		224	
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building		64,808		74,500	
Royal St George for The Hub		1,000		1,000	
Our Space Capital Grant		10,000		-	
		<u>173,169</u>		<u>183,681</u>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>General fund</b>			<u>322,806</u>		<u>330,278</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>495,975</u>		<u>513,959</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee on 21 September 2023

I Womersley  
County Commissioner

S Caselton  
Treasurer

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Tangible assets</b>					
Leasehold buildings & fixtures	4		184,460		201,867
Investment WYS Trading Ltd	5		48,217		48,217
			232,677		250,084
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	6	285,347		59,906	
Cash at bank and in hand		406,359		304,751	
		691,706		364,657	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(445,266)		(115,952)	
<b>Total current assets</b>			246,440		248,705
<b>Total net assets</b>			479,117		498,789
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development Fund (in fixed assets)		97,237		107,957	
Fell Bursary		124		224	
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building		64,808		74,500	
Royal St George for The Hub		1,000		1,000	
Our Space Capital Grant		10,000		-	
		173,169		183,681	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>General fund</b>			305,948		315,108
<b>Total charity funds</b>			479,117		498,789

Approved by the Executive Committee on 21 September 2023

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# WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard, the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements are prepared on the historic cost basis of accounting. Both the current and comparative period cover 12 months. The accounts are prepared in £ sterling.

#### **1.2 Income**

These are included (net of VAT where applicable) in the statement of financial activities when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees consider it more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the statement of financial activities net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are just held as agent before being paid out to head quarters.

Grants and donations are included when the charity is more likely than not to receive entitlement to the resources.

Income from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the claim is made. Claims are made in a timely fashion from when the gift is received.

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### **1.3 Expenditure and liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Costs of generating funds comprise costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises these costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Governance costs include costs of preparing and examining the statutory accounts, the cost of county administration and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance and constitutional

#### **1.4 Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of additions below £2,000 and of items with a useful economic life of less than a year are not capitalised. Training, camping equipment and computers are now written off on acquisition.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis:

- Buildings over the term of the lease (30 years)
- Internal fixtures and fittings at 15% per annum
- Plant and machinery at 25% per annum
- Office equipment at 25% per annum
- Storage buildings at 10% per annum

#### **1.5 Stocks**

These are valued at the lower of cost or realisable value. Training resources are not valued.

#### **1.6 Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

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**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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**2 Group income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2023 Total £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>
<b>(i) Donations and grants</b>				
Lloyds Bank Foundation	1,500	-	1,500	-
Our Space Capital Grant	-	25,000	25,000	-
Miscellaneous	1,234	-	1,234	1,505
Government/council covid support for WYS Trading Limited	-	-	-	19,050
	<u>2,734</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>27,734</u>	<u>20,555</u>
<b>(ii) Investments</b>				
Bank interest	297	-	297	168
	<u>297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>168</u>

**3 Group expenditure**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2023 Total £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>
Donations and grants	-	-	-	1,300
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300</u>
<b>Charity expenditure</b>				
<b>Donations and grants</b>				
Donation to WYS Trading Limited	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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4 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Storage unit £	Jubilee Centre £	Furnishings, plant and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	91,221	321,612	145,376	558,209
Additions	5,694	-	2,094	7,788
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>96,915</b>	<b>321,612</b>	<b>147,470</b>	<b>565,997</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	-	213,655	140,059	353,714
Charge for the year	9,692	10,720	5,668	26,080
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>9,692</b>	<b>224,375</b>	<b>145,727</b>	<b>379,794</b>
<b>Net book value At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>87,223</b>	<b>97,237</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>186,203</b>
At 31 March 2022	91,221	107,957	5,317	204,495
<b>Charity</b>				
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	91,221	321,612	81,417	494,250
Additions	5,694	-	-	5,694
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>96,915</b>	<b>321,612</b>	<b>81,417</b>	<b>499,944</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	-	213,655	78,728	292,383
Charge for the year	9,692	10,720	2,689	23,101
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>9,692</b>	<b>224,375</b>	<b>81,417</b>	<b>315,484</b>
<b>Net book value At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>87,223</b>	<b>97,237</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>184,460</b>
At 31 March 2022	91,221	107,957	2,689	201,867

The are additional buildings, facilities and equipment owned by the charity but not included above as these were written off in the past and no detailed record retained.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**5 Fixed asset investments**

**Charity**

WYS Trading Limited (100% controlled subsidiary)

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan	98,217	98,217
Bad debt provision	(50,000)	(50,000)
	<u>48,217</u>	<u>48,217</u>

The charity have agreed not to seek repayment of their loan to WYS Trading Limited, to the extent that this would leave WYS unable to settle its third party debts. A bad debt provision of £50,000 has currently been made in view of the Covid-19 impact on the Bradley Wood centre.

In the year to 31 March 2023 WYS Trading Limited produced the following results:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	291,664	144,252
Covid support	-	19,050
Direct costs	(85,864)	(43,257)
Gross profit	205,800	120,045
Overheads	(204,110)	(107,865)
Net (loss)/profit	1,690	12,180
Charitable donation to County	-	-
Taxation	-	-
Retained profit for year	1,690	12,180
Reserves carried forward	(33,142)	(34,832)

The loss for the year is after charging repair costs (after County grants) at Bradley Wood in the order of £35,566 (2022: £13,260) and insurance premiums of £9,981 (2022: £8,217).

WYS Trading Limited is a wholly controlled subsidiary of West Yorkshire County Scout Council, with the Directors appointed to act as the members on behalf of the Executive Committee.

<b>6 Debtors</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	51,725	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	290,467	67,416	285,347	59,906
	<u>342,192</u>	<u>67,416</u>	<u>285,347</u>	<u>59,906</u>

<b>7 Creditors</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	16,174	24,506	3,324	8,548
Amounts owed to group and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	504,487	110,086	441,942	107,404
Taxation & Social Security	17,416	-	-	-
	<u>538,077</u>	<u>134,592</u>	<u>445,266</u>	<u>115,952</u>

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8 Charity movements on funds

		Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund		288,275	410,422	(407,922)	290,775
<i>Designated funds:-</i>					
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building		5,000	-	-	5,000
Hardship fund		1,000	-	-	1,000
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters		20,833	-	(9,972)	10,861
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>315,108</b>	<b>410,422</b>	<b>(417,894)</b>	<b>307,636</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development fund (in fixed assets)	(a)	107,957	-	(10,720)	97,237
Fell bursary	(b)	224	-	(100)	124
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building (in fixed assets)	(c)	74,500	-	(9,692)	64,808
Royal St George for The Hub	(d)	1,000	-	-	1,000
Our Space Capital Grant	(e)	-	25,000	(15,000)	10,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>		<b>183,681</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>(35,512)</b>	<b>173,169</b>
<b>Total group funds</b>		<b>498,789</b>	<b>435,422</b>	<b>(453,406)</b>	<b>480,805</b>

- (a) The Development Fund represents grants and donations towards the cost of the Jubilee Centre at Bradley Wood. This is the net book value of the building.
- (b) Represents funds donated to aid young person overseas expeditions.
- (c) Represents funds donated by The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence towards the construction of a storage building at Bradley Wood. This has been spent on the building now, and shows as a fixed asset. The fund will reduce as the asset is depreciated.
- (d) Represents funding from the Royal Society of St George Charitable trust for The Hub.
- (e) Represents money received from Kirklees Council to fund high ropes equipment and the creation of a survival camp.

Group movements on funds

		Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund		303,445	410,422	(407,922)	305,945
<i>Designated funds:-</i>					
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building		5,000	-	-	5,000
Hardship fund		1,000	-	-	1,000
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters		20,833	-	(9,972)	10,861
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>330,278</b>	<b>410,422</b>	<b>(417,894)</b>	<b>322,806</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development fund (in fixed assets)	(a)	107,957	-	(10,720)	97,237
Fell bursary	(b)	224	-	(100)	124
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building (in fixed assets)	(c)	74,500	-	(9,692)	64,808
Royal St George for The Hub	(d)	1,000	-	-	1,000
Our Space Capital Grant	(e)	-	25,000	(15,000)	10,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>		<b>183,681</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>(35,512)</b>	<b>173,169</b>
<b>Total group funds</b>		<b>513,959</b>	<b>435,422</b>	<b>(453,406)</b>	<b>495,975</b>

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****9 Division of group net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Tangible fixed assets	24,158	162,045	186,203
Stock	16,157	-	16,157
Debtors	342,192	-	342,192
Cash at bank and in hand	478,376	11,124	489,500
Creditors	(538,077)	-	(538,077)
	322,806	173,169	495,975

The loan from the charity to WYS Trading Limited of £98,217 (2022: £98,217) shown within investments represents cash and stocks to fund development in the Jubilee Centre, carry out major repairs and to provide working capital for the operation of the whole of Bradley Wood, the management of which is subcontracted to WYS Trading Limited. No interest is charged on the loan, but the distributable taxable profits after payment of all operating costs relating to Bradley Wood, are donated back to the County.

**10 Staff costs**

No wages are paid directly by the County.

No employee was paid at a rate in excess of £60,000 per annum.

**11 Trustees expenses - charity**

The members of the Executive Committee are not remunerated, but did receive reimbursement of expenses in connection with other responsibilities in the County amounting to £782 (2022: £530).

**12 Auditor's remuneration**

Remuneration for the audit, including fees paid for accountancy and payroll services to the auditor, is £7,481, (2022: £8,004).

**13 Lease commitments - charity**Bradley Wood

Lease of 40 years from 1 January 1992 at a rent of £1 per annum (if demanded). Lease updates are in progress which will extend the lease term by a further 25 years.

To date no rent has been demanded.

**14 Related parties**

Other than expenses directly reimbursed to members of the Executive as disclosed above, transactions may have taken place with other bodies within the Scout Movement of which members of the Executive are also trustees. No specific disclosure of these is made since no individual member is in a position of having control of any of the bodies or in receipt of any personal benefit.

A wholly controlled trading subsidiary, WYS Trading Ltd manages Bradley Wood on behalf of the County. Accommodation/room hire charges of £17,078 (2022: £6,628) were paid to this company.

**15 Going concern and post balance sheet events**

The Trustees are of the opinion that funds are sufficient to continue activities for 12 months from the approval date, and hence the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Income via membership levy is expected to increase in the coming year. Detailed budgets have been set to control expenditure and will be closely monitored as per ongoing governance.

As set out in note 5, the charity has agreed not to seek repayment of their loan to WYS Trading Limited (the trading subsidiary company), to the extent that this would leave WYS Trading Limited unable to settle its third party debts. This support has been budgeted for as part of the going concern assessment made by the charity's trustees. WYS Trading income levels are better than anticipated. Bookings are returning and budgets have been revised to reflect the anticipated income levels. Three new directors have been appointed to WYS Trading and are reviewing the business model and budgets, developing volunteering and new approaches to income generation for the site.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**16 Consolidated statement of financial activities for year ended 31 March 2022 (Group)**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations and grants (note 2)	20,555	-	20,555
	<u>20,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,555</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Activities	4,003	-	4,003
International trips	48,823	-	48,823
Jamboree	-	-	-
Equipment sales	-	-	-
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	12,268	-	12,268
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	15,555	-	15,555
	<u>80,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,649</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>			
Membership subscriptions	232,225	-	232,225
Less: Payable to H Q	(208,836)	-	(208,836)
Net membership subscriptions retained	23,389	-	23,389
Trading subsidiary income	144,252	-	144,252
	<u>167,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,641</u>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	168	-	168
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>269,013</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>269,013</u></u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
<b>Raising funds</b>			
Trading subsidiary wages	38,636	-	38,636
Trading subsidiary depreciation	4,147	-	4,147
Other trading subsidiary costs	108,339	-	108,339
	<u>151,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151,122</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants and donations	1,300	-	1,300
Training	8,887	-	8,887
Activities and events	46,083	335	46,418
International trips	30,288	-	30,288
Big Camp	-	-	-
Jamboree	-	-	-
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	16,858	-	16,858
Equipment	38,603	-	38,603
Stationery, postage & office expenses	5,621	-	5,621
Insurance	8,422	-	8,422
Depreciation	2,691	10,720	13,411
Governance	3,520	-	3,520
	<u>162,273</u>	<u>11,055</u>	<u>173,328</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>313,395</u></u>	<u><u>11,055</u></u>	<u><u>324,450</u></u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	(44,382)	(11,055)	(55,437)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(44,382)	(11,055)	(55,437)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	374,660	194,736	569,396
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u><u>330,278</u></u>	<u><u>183,681</u></u>	<u><u>513,959</u></u>

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**17 Statement of financial activities for year ended 31 March 2022 (charity)**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations and grants (note 2)	1,505	-	1,505
WYS Trading Limited - donation	-	-	-
	<u>1,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,505</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Activities	4,003	-	4,003
Jamboree	-	-	-
International trips	48,823	-	48,823
Equipment sales	-	-	-
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	12,268	-	12,268
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	15,555	-	15,555
	<u>80,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,649</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>			
Membership subscriptions	232,225	-	232,225
Less: Payable to H Q	(208,836)	-	(208,836)
	<u>23,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,389</u>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	168	-	168
<b>Total</b>	<u>105,711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,711</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants & donations (note 3)	1,300	-	1,300
Training	8,887	-	8,887
Activities	46,083	335	46,418
Jamboree	-	-	-
International trips	30,288	-	30,288
Big Camp	-	-	-
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	16,858	-	16,858
Equipment	38,603	-	38,603
Stationery, postage & office expenses	5,621	-	5,621
Bad debt provision - trading subsidiary loan	-	-	-
Insurance	8,422	-	8,422
Depreciation	2,691	10,720	13,411
Governance	3,520	-	3,520
	<u>162,273</u>	<u>11,055</u>	<u>173,328</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>162,273</u>	<u>11,055</u>	<u>173,328</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>(56,562)</u>	<u>(11,055)</u>	<u>(67,617)</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>(56,562)</u>	<u>(11,055)</u>	<u>(67,617)</u>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>371,670</u>	<u>194,736</u>	<u>566,406</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>315,108</u>	<u>183,681</u>	<u>498,789</u>

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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# Accounts

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Skills for life,  
creating more  
great adventures...



West Yorkshire Scouts  
Annual Report 2021-22



# County Commissioner Report

Scouting provides fantastic opportunities for young people and volunteers alike to develop Skills for Life. Improving life chances, well-being and local communities. It's great to see that your commitment and dedication to Scouting has returned West Yorkshire Scouts to near pre-pandemic numbers in the 2022 census, ensuring we are providing Skills for Life to over 7000 young people.

I've included Growth data in this review for your information, which compares census information from January 2020 (pre pandemic) to January 2022. A big shout out to Keighley who achieved even higher numbers in 2022 than in 2020. We also saw an increase in the number of Scout Troops, an increase in the average size of sections and waiting lists doubling. Showing the demand for Scouting and the opportunity for success across all communities is out there.

We've seen the formation of our new Early Years section Squirrels. With the drive and support from our ACC Squirrels Dan Breeze, West Yorkshire Scouts has the third highest number of Squirrel Drey's nationally and more opening all the time. We are also seeing a large number of new volunteers coming forward to run Squirrels and new Drey's filling up very rapidly. A big thank you to all groups that have

taken the bold decision to open Drey's, offering even more young people Skills For Life.

I mentioned earlier that West Yorkshire Scouts waiting lists have considerably increased, we now have over 1200 young people wanting to join the Scouting adventure. These waiting lists include 67 at Menston, 43 at 33rd Huddersfield, 30 at Hebden Bridge, 181 at Heckmondwike, 35 at Savile Town, 52 at Pellon and 47 at Lightcliffe. Big numbers that we need to tackle. We are seeing some of the greatest demand for Scouting for our extremely popular weekend sections which allow more young people of Muslim faith to gain Skills for Life through Scouting. Heavy Woollen district has some 241 Muslim boys and girls wanting to join their weekend sections. Working with the District and Regional Team we are running a volunteer recruitment campaign to attract more volunteers and open new sections. This is a model I'm keen to look at with the others going forward.



The search for volunteers has been a real focus of the Growth Board over the last 12 months under the leadership of our DCC Growth, Elaine Clough. You'll all know how important the growth work is after losing over 500 volunteers during the last two years. I'm so glad to say that volunteer numbers are back on the increase. New marketing material arriving from the Growth Board soon will be a fully logo'd Gazebo and promotion banners available for groups and districts, as an alternative to the MDU.



We continue to develop the relationship with Bradford University with the aim of promoting volunteering opportunities across their students. After some very successful events hosted at Bradford University such as the science badge, we are developing an annual plan of joint activities. The University is also offering to their students a dissertation opportunity to look at ways West Yorkshire Scouts can reduce its carbon footprint. With the University we also intend to hold a climate conference for older Scouts and Explorers, to develop our plan and map out our Protect the Planet journey through the next five years.



As a county we have created a Diversity Group to explore how to bring Scouting to more communities across West Yorkshire. With a real focus on what we need to adjust to ensure all young people and adults have equal opportunities to be part of our scouting family. Whether that's individuals that are mentally / physically disabled, those that are disadvantaged or young people and volunteers of different faiths. There



is a real scale of opportunity if we all work together to make scouting across West Yorkshire truly diverse, available, and accessible to all.

I'm sure you'll all agree that it's been fantastic to see our campsites and activity centres in full swing and buzzing with excited young people. Thanks to the very generous donation by the late Mary Bushell, we've seen 'Bushell Shelters' pop up across all our campsites and are being put to great use. I'm sure Mary would be proud of the legacy created for many decades to come.

The Programme we are seeing now is just superb whether delivered locally, by districts or the county. You'll hear later from our DCC Programme - Phil Pearson all about the great programme that has happened over the last 12 months and is planned for 2023. Can I just take the opportunity to shout out to the great work of our ACC team, and our walking, climbing, water activities and pioneering teams for their work to provide activities for our young people as well as train volunteers in delivering adventurous activities.

As a County I continue to be impressed by the outstanding commitment of our leaders to helping young people achieve their Top Awards with 829 Chief Scout Awards, 87 Duke of Edinburgh Awards and 3 Queen Scout Awards achieved during a difficult 2021. With the dedication and enthusiasm shown by leaders to supporting the DofE scheme, Young Leaders scheme, CSA's and of course the QSA I know those numbers will be considerably greater during 2022. If you need any guidance on Top

Awards, please speak to DCC Matt Turner.

I'm sure you will have all heard about national changes that are coming. West Yorkshire has been selected as an early adopter of these changes from February 2023. They will include a warmer welcoming for new volunteers, more flexible volunteering and more engaging online learning. All the changes that are coming are designed and developed to attract more volunteers into Scouting to provide yet more young people with Skills for Life. The membership system is being reviewed, wood badge will become optional and there will be greater reach into harder to reach

communities. All exciting changes which we will take the county through under the guidance of a new Transformation Board led by DCC Operations - Gaz Pierce.

Thank you to District Commissioners, the County team, every leader, trustee and member for all your support, drive and commitment over the last 12 months to make West Yorkshire Scouts so successful.

Ian Womersley  
County Commissioner

## County President Report

It has been a real pleasure and an honour for me to serve as President of West Yorkshire Scouts. Every time I take part in one of the many events organised by the Scouts, I am so impressed by the commitment and energy of the young people involved, and of the hard work put in by Scout leaders.

As I said at the Festival of Scouting earlier this year, scouting provides such a wide range of opportunities for young people and volunteers of all ages to gain skills, make friendships and have a positive impact on our communities.

Whether it's helping out during the pandemic, or responding to the Ukraine refugee crisis, we can always count on Scouts to step up to the mark and play their part in supporting the whole community, and the most vulnerable in particular.

As the MP for Batley and Spen I am doubly proud of the role scouting plays in my constituency. It brings people together from a wide variety of different backgrounds and gives young people a plethora of opportunities to enjoy activities they may never otherwise have had the chance to experience.

**Kim Leadbeater**



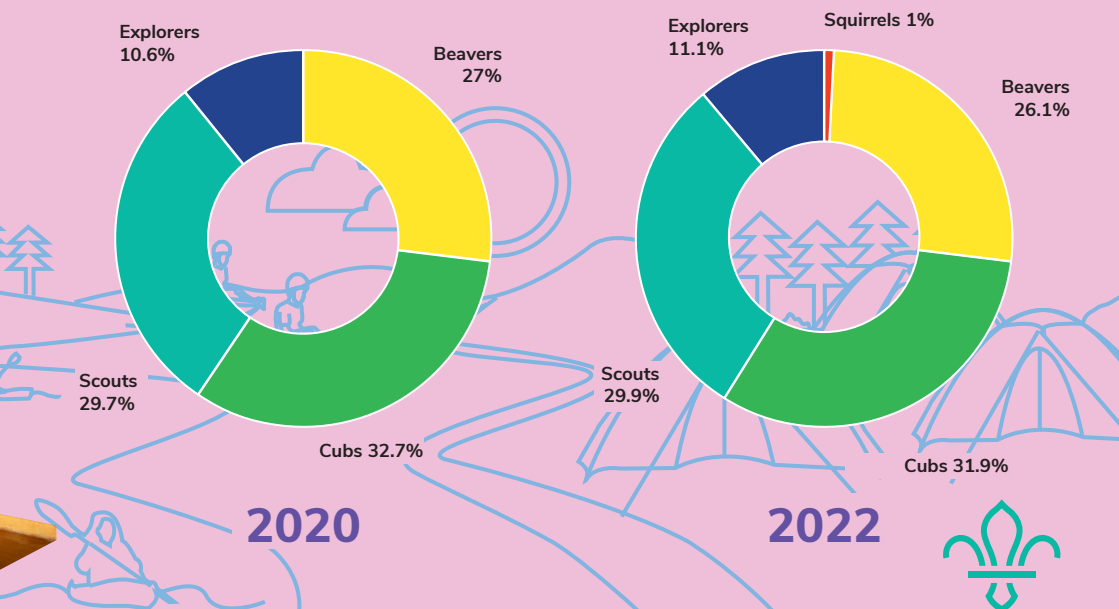
# Membership comparison

District	2020	2022	% Difference YP from 2020
Keighley	631	652	103%
Aire Valley	676	603	89%
Brighouse	405	359	89%
Bradford South	670	598	89%
Heavy Woollen	653	532	81%
Huddersfield North	657	536	82%
Pennine Calder	628	493	79%
Spenn Valley	470	420	89%
Wharfedale	955	868	91%
Bradford North	459	363	79%
Halifax	397	329	83%
Holme Valley	389	350	91%
Huddersfield SE	483	405	84%
Huddersfield SW	689	618	90%

2020
Young People
<b>8162</b>
Total Adults
<b>3072</b>
Combined total
<b>11298</b>

2022
Young People
<b>7137</b>
Total Adults
<b>2331</b>
Combined total
<b>9488</b>

# Combined Youth Section Membership



# County Chair

The first and most important point is to THANK all leaders, young leaders, Youth Commissioners, adult volunteers, parent supporters, District and County teams from all our communities. You provide such a brilliant opportunity for our Young People to thrive, especially after we return to 'normal' post-pandemic.

The role of the County Executive team is to provide the necessary governance for our fantastic organisation, West Yorkshire Scouts, and support our County Commissioner, Ian, in delivering the Skills 4 Life opportunities to our Young People.

The members of the County Executive are all Trustees of our charity West Yorkshire County Scout Council, and we must comply with the relevant rules of the Charity Commission and also the POR of the Scout Association

Personally, I would like to thank all the County Exec team for all their support and guidance as I was only recently appointed in Autumn 2021. I consider it a great privilege to be asked to be the County Chair especially as there is such an incredible depth of knowledge and great experience amongst this truly dedicated team.

I'm pleased to report that the Young People are 'front and center' in all our discussions and the challenge in our

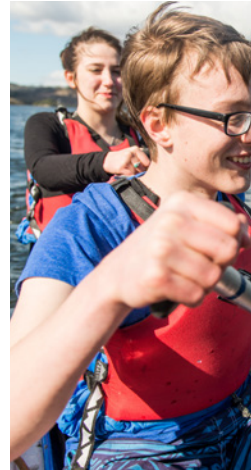
conversation for each topic is how will the Cubs, Squirrels, Network, Scouts, Beavers (deliberately not in the usual traditional order) benefit. We are most definitely Youth Shaped, we respect everyone's opinions, everyone has an opportunity to comment and importantly we make decisions.

There are approximately 8 meetings per year held as a combination face to face or via ZOOM. At each meeting reports are submitted beforehand for pre-reading, proposals for voting and a County Commissioner update, (see table right). Clearly the few words outlined for each element is just a flavour of their remit for your information as the work is much more involved.

Of course, the work continues outside of the formal County Exec meetings, for example a small group went to BaseCamp 22 to listen about the nationally proposed changes – this information is on the Scout website and please do provide feedback to HQ.

As a County Exec team, we are really pleased that nearly every Board or Group has a young person to represent the Youth Shaped views as a participant.

There have been some fantastic events put on by West Yorkshire Scouts and so thank you to everyone who has contributed to make these





- County Treasurer Update – Sue Castleton – planned expenditure & adherence to budget
- Board Reports
  - Finance Sub-Committee – John Reynolds & Gillian Caine – provide a view on all financial proposal for the Exec team
  - Protect – Gareth Pierce – risk registers & safety implications
  - Green Withens – Sue Galvin – developments and issues
  - Appointments – Gillian Peers – County appointments
  - Growth – Elaine Clough – covering both adults and YP across our communities
  - Sustainability – Elaine Clough – our young people have asked how can we make Scouting carbon neutral (for all activities, meetings and operations)
  - WYS Trading – Gareth Pierce & Jonathan Booth – finance, developments and issues
- Other Areas
  - Programme – Phil Pearson – future plans and ‘WOW’ events for each Section
  - WYS On Show – Phil Pearson & Linda Malloy – progress
  - Diversity Group – Ian Womersley – new set up to advise County on all aspects of diversity.
  - Volunteer Journey – Howard Fishwick – training, developments and issues
- CC Update – Ian Womersley – successes, impacts, issues, support & thoughts from across the County
- Going Forward (new work stream)
  - Transformation Board – Gareth Pierce – early adopter of the changes in February 2023

events a real success. We can and should ALL be justly proud.

The decision I'm most proud of is creation of the Hardship Fund, controlled by the County Commissioner and County Chair to enable any young person with real financial difficulties to assist with attending camps and other Scouting activities. Ian will be sharing the concept and requirements amongst the District Commissioners in due course.

For information, please find below the make of the County Exec team and can I acknowledge all their hard work and dedication – so thank you.

Can I specially thank Sharron Kelshaw and Chris Watson for their roles of County Secretary as they have made our tasks so much easier to fulfill.

Carey Dowson  
County Chair

Executive Make Up	Role	Name
Ex Officio Members	County Commissioner	Ian Womersley
	County Chair	Carey Dowson (acting)
	County Secretary	Chris Watson (acting)
	County Treasurer	Sue Castleton
	County Youth Commissioner	Toby Hammond
CC Nominated Members	4	Elaine Clough, Howard Fishwick, John Reynolds, Gareth Pierce
Adult Elected Members	3	Phil Pearson, Linda Malloy, Callum McNulty
Youth Elected member	1	Beth Halligan
Coopted Members by the Exec	4	Jonathan Booth, Sue Galvin, Jeanette Young, Gillian Caine
Invited	National Adult Rep to TSA	Vicki Pearson
	National Youth Rep to TSA	Xavi Fishwick
Right to Attend	Regional Commissioner	Ian Hill

## The Purpose of Scouting.

The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## The Scout Method.

The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by adult leadership. In practice the method is best seen when young people, in partnership with adults are enjoying what they are doing; learning by doing; participating in varied and progressive activities; making

choices for themselves; taking responsibilities for their own actions; working in groups; taking increasing responsibility for others; taking part in activities outdoors; sharing in prayer and worship; making and living out their promise.

West Yorkshire Scouts Trustees have a duty to report on the charity's public benefit in the annual report. We have assessed our aims, objectives and activities and believe we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

## Royal Charter...

The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter granted by King George V in 1912 and



supplemented by further charters granted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. These charters give authority to the byelaws of the Association, which are approved by Her Majesty's Privy Council. The bye-laws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's affairs. The rules are laid out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

West Yorkshire Scouts is an autonomous charity affiliated to The Scout Association, which together with other County, District and Group Charities form the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom.

## HOW WE OPERATE

### Executive Committee...

The County is managed by the County Executive Committee, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the County Scout Council 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 County Executive exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the County.
- Ensuring cooperation between Districts, Groups, and other organisations.
- Raising of funds and administration of the County's finance and property.

- The appointments process within the County.
- Appointing any subcommittee that may be required.
- Ensuring sound administration within the County.

The Executive Committee comprises up to 18 members:

- 6 Ex-officio Members (including the officers).
- 4 elected members (including 1 elected youth member) elected annually by the County Scout Council at its AGM.
- 4 appointed members (annually appointed at the AGM).
- up to 4 Co-opted members (annually appointed by the Executive).

The committee meets at least four times each year. An induction process is provided for all new Trustees. Further learning and development opportunities are available.

### POR...

The Association has a comprehensive set of policies and rules applicable to the Movement, which are routinely monitored and reviewed by the Association. We are committed to providing the best possible experience for everyone in Scouting, whether they are young people or adult volunteers. To help us achieve this, we work to a number of key policies, through which we can make sure that Scouting continues to develop in a way that is safe, accessible and free from discrimination. Our key policies include:



- Anti-bullying policy.
- Child protection policy.
- Development policy.
- Equal opportunities policy.
- Religious policy.
- Safety policy.

### Risk and Internal Control...

The County has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable insurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatures for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### Volunteers...

During the year over 3000 adults volunteered their time, energy, skills, and commitment to Scouting at Group, District, or County level. Their roles ranged from regularly leading section meetings and organising camps, to helping with administration, training future leaders, and attending meetings at every level. Without this contribution of our volunteers, Scouting in West Yorkshire would be unable to offer a wide range of challenging and inspiring activities that help make Scouting the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK today.

### Our vision for 2023

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing more inclusive, shaped by young people, and making a bigger impact in our communities.

### Our goals

Our plan is to build on the success of the previous plan: to continue to grow, become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to make a bigger impact in our communities.

Our progress in 2021/2022 is detailed in the forthcoming pages along with our future plans for the strategy.



# International Scouting



Following the pandemic, the restrictions on International Scouting have been lifted and as a consequence we've seen the start of a return to Groups and Districts venturing abroad. This summer we have 2 International trips going to Europe from Keighley and Wharfedale in addition to an Explorer Belt from Huddersfield South West and an exchange visit from Wharfedale District. Hopefully in the next few years we'll start to see a return to normal levels of international scouting right across the County.

The County has also launched two international trips for 2023 and 2024 to Korea (World Scout Jamboree) and Canada.

## Canada 2024

30 Young people were successful in applying and being selected to attend our Canada Rocky Adventure trip taking place at Easter 2024 in the snowy mountains of Banff. Following selection we've had one training weekend and a number of ski lessons to get our young people ready for the winter adventures that await them. Over the next two years they will continue with the training as we form our contingent to experience the very best winter sports that Canada has to offer. I'm sure they'll have a fantastic time.

## WSJ 2023

### Unit 44 The Yorkshire Puds and unit 45 T'Flat Cappers

In August 2023, 72 young people and 8 adult leaders from will be representing the UK and West Yorkshire at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea! The two units, Unit 44 The Yorkshire Puds and unit 45 T'Flat cappers have already had two camps together, learning all the skills they'll need to enjoy the amazing experiences they will have at the other side of the world, the unit leaders Gillian and Paul We are hugely impressed with the way they have all got on together. The older ones looking out for the younger ones and making sure that they all have a great time at the training camps, and with four more training camps to go including a big city experience in London in January to prepare for five days in the Capital Seoul, they will proudly carry the county flag 5437 miles to Korea!



# Programme

It's great to be back to face-to-face events. Following a frustrating year of online Scouting last year, it was brilliant to be able to offer a wide range of face-to-face events across the year.

## Support for young people to get activity badges

### This year

The county has been able to hold a wide range of badge course events for Cubs and Scouts. Over 600 activity badges have been presented to young people this year.

### Next year

We will continue to offer badge courses and try to focus on ones which are more difficult to deliver at a group level.

## Celebrating Explorer Scouts 20th Birthday

### This year

80 Explorer Scouts enjoyed a special 20th birthday party at Bradley Woods in March.

### Next year

Look forward to an opportunity to go on an Explorer Scout trip to London in October and a relaunch of the postponed Race Across Yorkshire event.

## Supporting the launch of Squirrels

### This year

The county has been focussing on the launch of this new section in groups and districts. Our ACC Squirrels, Dan Breeze, has worked alongside leadership teams to ensure this has been smooth and well supported. The newly formed Squirrel Board held support meetings for the Squirrel dreys.

### Next year

We will continue to offer support for leaders in starting and running their Squirrel drey. We are also looking at providing programme support for the Squirrel's 1st Birthday party and running social impact projects with Squirrels. We are also excited to run our first event joint with Beavers, the BeavBusters in September as well as offer our own events in 2023.





## Promote the new Youth Shaped awards

### This year

77 Cub Scouts enjoyed a leadership day in March learning how to be a sixer and gaining a youth shaped award.

### Next year

We will continue to offer leadership events for the Scout section and our Young Person's conference will give opportunities for our members to offer their opinions and ideas.



## Developing a partnership with Bradford University

### This year

We have been delighted to begin our work with the university through a range of opportunities such as a Scout Science badge day and an opportunity for Cub Scouts to visit the Unify Festival in March. The university was the venue for our successful conference where 300 adult leaders met to Inspire, Connect and Grow.

### Next year

We will continue to develop the partnership offering opportunities for young people to visit the university departments and sample some unique, exciting activities. We will also be having our first Presentation evening at the university in March and look out for a young people's conference.



## Support a Back-to-Basics agenda to help groups recover from the pandemic

### This year

A virtual Beaver 'Jambooree' was launched in October following the success of the event in 2020. The Cub section held a special survival day in October. 65 Cub Scouts learnt some backwoods skills and managed to survive Bear Island. Our year highlight was the 'Dawn til Dusk' Scout camp which saw 550 young people enjoy a magnificent weekend of challenge and adventure. Over £1700 was raised from the 'Run For Refugees' event which featured on the Sunday morning of the event.

### Next year

The Beaver Scout section are having a face-to-face event in September called 'Beavbusters' and we will be having a camp next summer aimed at the Cub section.





## Support sections to be able to offer more specialised and adventurous activities

### This year

4 West Yorkshire Scouts joined the cast of the 'Gang Show 90' event in London held in July joining 170 others from across the UK. Meanwhile 21 scouts came together on one day in May to record a dance routine which also featured in the show. The popular Pedal Go Kart event in May saw 150 Cubs and Scouts competing against each other. The water team ran a series of canoe taster events throughout May and June and the County Wet Day in June gave 300 young people a chance to get out on the water. In July the Cub Section had a special adventure day run by the climbing team.



### Next year

WYS ON SHOW returns in March giving 100 young people the opportunity to show case scouting at the Victoria Theatre.



# Youth Shaped Scouting

This year Youth Shaped Scouting in West Yorkshire has been ever growing. The past year has seen our amazing adult volunteers and young people step up to the mark, with Groups and Districts delivering and running amazing face to face and virtual programmes / experiences for our young people. Throughout, the County and District Youth Commissioners have been on hand to support Youth Shaped Scouting, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for everything they have done throughout the year.



I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our amazing adult leaders and helpers that have made this year the best it can be for our young people. They have learnt so many skills for life! For this I personally would like to thank you. Youth Shaped Scouting allows our young people to make decisions to form and

develop their own adventure, integrity, leadership, care, and cooperation in partnership with adults to learn skills for life.

This year the Youth Shape team have been busy supporting HQ with the launch of the new YouShape Award. This award makes it even easier to embed being youth shaped into everyone's programme. At the same time, it helps our young people work with their leaders to learn leadership skills that they'll use for the rest of their lives. This award is for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. The award is split into four badges. Young people earn the central badge first and then choose the order in which they earn the rest. They can decide on their requirements and what they want to do and then work with their leader to decide when they've met each requirement. The three outer parts are named lead, plan and represent. To support this, we have run 4 online virtual sessions, YouTube video, social media posts and face to face training at our County Conference. The County has also ran a very successful sixer and seconder training weekend.

The Youth Engagement Team have also been working closely with our amazing District Commissioners to make sure that we have Youth Shaped Scouting happening at every level of our Scouting family.



We have had so many successful recruitment campaigns. We are well on our way to making sure that every District in our County has a District Youth Commissioner or Youth Team and our team have been working alongside Districts to make this happen, we are here to support every District with Youth Shaped Scouting.

Our Youth Commissioners and Youth Team have sat on County Sub Committees and Boards to make sure that all decisions made by the County have a youth voice, from the Executive Committee, Growth and Development Board, Finance Committee, Top Awards Board, People Board, Squirrel Development Team, Adult Awards Board, and the Programme Team to name just a few. We are looking for more young people aged 18 to 25 to sit on our Protect Board and Bradley Woods Management Board.

We are of course very excited for the upcoming year and look forward to our scouting family coming back together even more to celebrate all the fantastic things Scouting has



to offer. Our young people are the future of Scouting and that's why it's so important that we guide, support, and give them our time and energy to lead us into the future together.

For everything you have done this year to support our young people and for everything you will do next year –

Thank You!

Toby Hammond  
West Yorkshire  
Scouts  
Youth  
Commissioner



# 2022 Roll of Honour

Awards issued between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021



Each year, I grow more impressed by the true kindness and deep commitment of you, our volunteers. As you've worked through the challenges of the pandemic, you've helped each other and truly lived our values. You've quietly gone the extra mile to help others and do your best and as a result our young people continue to shine brighter than ever.

You all have my heartfelt thanks and congratulations for your incredible Scouting efforts and all you do to make our communities better places for many. These continue to be tough times, but it is for such times that Scouts shine brightest, and your generosity and commitment is so very special. Thank you again and congratulations to you all.

**Bear Grylls OBE Chief Scout**



## Silver Wolf

Gillian Caine  
Leslie Peers  
Mark Stageman



## Bar to the Silver Acorn

Roger Hyde  
Michael Jessop  
Victoria Pearson  
Gillian Peers



## Silver Acorn

Elaine Clough  
Howard Fishwick  
Thomas Lynch  
Seamus Quinn



## Bar to the Award For Merit

Steven Ainley  
Margaret Ferrari  
Richard Oldfield  
Andrew Penrose  
Anthea Smith



## Award for Merit

**Brighouse** - David Robert Burge  
**Bradford South** - Andrew Horrocks  
**Heavy Woollen** - Anthony Galvin,  
Michael Corley, Simon Peers,  
Stephen Jones

**Holme Valley** - Louise Rachel,  
Mary Palmer, Neil Ward, Rachel Loughlin,  
Richard Kerry, Stephen Molloy,  
Susan Weston, Yvonne Radcliffe

**Huddersfield North** - Andrew Oldfield,  
Damian Butterworth, Paul Crawshaw

**Huddersfield South East** - John Hunte,  
Lindsey Woodward

**Keighley** - Daniel Mosby, James  
Credland, Joseph Gallucci, Rebecca  
Tillotson

**Spenn Valley** - Sarah Sowden,  
Susan Galloway

**Wharfedale** - Lucinda Warnes

## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

**County** - Julie Sellers, Tobias Hammond,  
Xavi Fishwick

**Heavy Woollen** - Amanda McCabe,  
Emily Clough, Jemma Smith,  
Jennifer Lane, Jessica Wormald,  
Matthew Tunnacliffe, Melanie Besford

**Halifax** - Callum McNulty

**Holme Valley** - Christopher Penn,  
Joy Fieldsend, Judith Roberts,  
Lauren Breslin

**Huddersfield North** - Amanda Nuttall,  
Conor Fishwick, David Palfrey,  
Jonathan Pearson, Kimberley Turner,  
Matthew Bottom, Richard Oldham

**Huddersfield South East** - Andrew  
Brown, Anthony Edwards, Richard Jessop,  
Robert Brayshaw, Sarah Marsland,  
Sharon Kyle, Simon Wadsworth

**Spenn Valley** - Dean Walton, Justin Waite



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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

## WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Scout Association no.</b>	166		
<b>Hon. President</b>	K Leadbeater MP (from Sept 2020 onwards)		
<b>Hon. Vice Presidents</b>	B Fishwick F Milner L Malloy M Stageman	K McKenzie J Fothergill P Haigh P Drake	M Walker D Holdsworth J Greenwood
<b>Trustees</b>	The trustees who served during the year and to the date of approval were:  <i>Ex officio:</i> I Womersley County Commissioner C Dowson from Oct 2021 Acting County Chair L Peers until Sept 2021 County Chair J Greenwood until Sept 2021 County Treasurer S Caselton from Sept 2021 County Treasurer C Fletcher until Sept 2021 County Secretary S Kelshaw from Sept 2021 County Secretary T Hammond County Youth Commissioner  <i>Elected by the AGM:</i> Phil Pearson G Caine until Sept 2021 B Halligan L Malloy from Sept 2021 C McNulty  <i>Nominated by the County Commissioner:</i> E Clough G Pierce J Reynolds H Fishwick  <i>Co-opted:</i> J Young S Galvin from March 2022 J Booth R Hirst until Sept 2021 G Caine from Sept 2021 S Caselton until Sept 2021		
<b>Other attendees (not trustees)</b>	<i>Right to attend:</i> I Hill Regional Commissioner  <i>Invited to attend:</i> V Pearson Adult Representative to Council of the Scout Association X Terry Youth Representative to Council of the Scout Association		
<b>Principal office</b>	County Office Bradley Wood Scout Campsite Shepherds Thorn Lane Brighouse HD6 3TU		
<b>Auditors</b>	Brosnans Birkby House Birkby Lane Brighouse HD6 4JJ	<b>Bankers</b>	The Cooperative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale HD1 2AL
<b>Solicitors</b>	C Green Whitaker Firth Solicitors 1 Manor Row Bradford BD1 4PB	<b>Insurance advisors</b>	Unity Insurance Services Lancing Business Park Lancing Sussex BN15 8UG

# WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022***

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Administrative details relating to the charity, including Trustees details, can be found at the beginning of this report.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Districts and, through them, for Scout Groups and their local communities within its boundaries.

The Trustees have, under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The charity and its subsidiary undertakings meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

West Yorkshire Scout County manages and administers Bradley Wood campsite and Green Withens Watersport Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The affairs are managed by the County Executive Committee (the Trustees) through a number of sub committees. One Trustee of the Executive should serve on each subcommittee. This year Finance, Risk, Appointments, Green Withens have operated.

The operation of the activity/training centre and campsite situated at Bradley Wood is delegated to the Board of WYS Trading Limited (company registration no. 4639375).

#### **Review of the year**

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet.

The support of Scouting in the County created a deficit of £67,617 in the charity (2021: surplus of £163,656). It should be noted that the costs this year include expenditure on specific projects where the income was received and designated for this purpose in the previous financial period (see note 8).

#### **Governance costs**

The management costs of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary. The only direct governance costs of the charity are the audit £3,840 (2021: £3,270) and County administration £nil (2021: £nil).

#### **Reserves**

Reserves are being held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least two years, without income through a policy to hold 75% of two year's gross expenditure. This has been amended this year due to the impact of covid-19 and the Scout Association suspension of the organisation.

#### **Future operation of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings**

The Trustees are of the opinion that funds are sufficient to continue activities throughout the next year. Although income via membership levy has increased, it is anticipated it will take a further 12 months to reach pre Covid 19 levels. Scouting has returned, and numbers are now increasing as Scout Groups have re-commenced face to face scouting. WYS Trading income levels are better than anticipated as of Spring 2022. The business model has been changed to be volunteer led, budgets have been reduced and new approaches to income generation are being developed.

#### **Risk management**

The Executive and County team operate within the safety regulations of the Scout Association. The risks to the operation and management of the County have been assessed and kept under review and plans are in place to mitigate or eliminate the effect of potential risks.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022***

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**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 22 September 2022 by

I Womersley  
County Commissioner

## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### **TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the group financial statements of West Yorkshire County Scout Council and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the Group and Parent Company Statement of Financial Activities, Group and Parent Company Balance Sheets and related notes including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and group's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom accounting standards, including FRS102; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient and adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### **TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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##### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As is explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 3, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

##### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- the charity's policies and procedures for detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. These included testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

23 September 2022

**Laura Brain FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Brosnans Limited  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors**

Birkby House  
Birkby Lane  
Brighouse  
HD6 4JJ

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

<b>Income and endowments from:</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and grants (note 2)	20,555	-	20,555	215,322
	20,555	-	20,555	215,322
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Activities and events	4,003	-	4,003	9,447
International trips	48,823	-	48,823	40,397
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	12,268	-	12,268	2,813
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	15,555	-	15,555	(50)
	80,649	-	80,649	52,607
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Membership subscriptions	232,225	-	232,225	282,440
Less: Payable to H Q	(208,836)	-	(208,836)	(226,490)
Net membership subscriptions retained	23,389	-	23,389	55,950
Trading subsidiary income	144,252	-	144,252	6,782
	167,641	-	167,641	62,732
<b>Investments (note 2)</b>	168	-	168	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>269,013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>269,013</b>	<b>330,911</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Trading subsidiary wages	38,636	-	38,636	60,137
Trading subsidiary depreciation	4,147	-	4,147	4,803
Other trading subsidiary costs	108,339	-	108,339	44,872
	151,122	-	151,122	109,812
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants & donations (note 3)	1,300	-	1,300	-
Training	8,887	-	8,887	607
Activities and events	46,083	335	46,418	13,432
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
International trips	30,288	-	30,288	38,041
Big Camp	-	-	-	1,990
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	16,858	-	16,858	10,702
Equipment	38,603	-	38,603	8,678
Stationery, postage & office expenses	5,621	-	5,621	6,644
Insurance	8,422	-	8,422	7,404
Depreciation	2,691	10,720	13,411	15,506
Governance	3,520	-	3,520	3,330
	162,273	11,055	173,328	106,334
<b>Total</b>	<b>313,395</b>	<b>11,055</b>	<b>324,450</b>	<b>216,146</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>(44,382)</b>	<b>(11,055)</b>	<b>(55,437)</b>	<b>114,765</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Taxation	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(44,382)</b>	<b>(11,055)</b>	<b>(55,437)</b>	<b>114,765</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>374,660</b>	<b>194,736</b>	<b>569,396</b>	<b>454,631</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>330,278</b>	<b>183,681</b>	<b>513,959</b>	<b>569,396</b>

The fund analysis for the year ended 31 March 2021 is detailed in note 16.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2022 Total</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and grants	1,505	-	1,505	161,257
	<u>1,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,505</u>	<u>161,257</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Activities and events	4,003	-	4,003	9,447
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
International trips	48,823	-	48,823	40,397
Equipment sales	-	-	-	-
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	12,268	-	12,268	2,813
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	15,555	-	15,555	(50)
	<u>80,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,649</u>	<u>52,607</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Membership subscriptions	232,225	-	232,225	282,440
Less: Payable to H Q	(208,836)	-	(208,836)	(226,490)
	<u>23,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,389</u>	<u>55,950</u>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	168	-	168	176
<b>Total</b>	<u>105,711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,711</u>	<u>269,990</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants & donations (note 3)	1,300	-	1,300	-
Training	8,887	-	8,887	607
Activities and events	46,083	335	46,418	13,432
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
International trips	30,288	-	30,288	38,041
Big Camp	-	-	-	1,990
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	16,858	-	16,858	10,702
Equipment	38,603	-	38,603	8,678
Stationery, postage & office expenses	5,621	-	5,621	6,644
Insurance	8,422	-	8,422	7,404
Bad debt provision - trading subsidiary loan	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	2,691	10,720	13,411	15,506
Governance	3,520	-	3,520	3,330
<b>Total</b>	<u>162,273</u>	<u>11,055</u>	<u>173,328</u>	<u>106,334</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	(56,562)	(11,055)	(67,617)	163,656
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(56,562)	(11,055)	(67,617)	163,656
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	371,670	194,736	566,406	402,750
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>315,108</u>	<u>183,681</u>	<u>498,789</u>	<u>566,406</u>

The fund analysis for the year ended 31 March 2021 is detailed in note 17.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

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	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Tangible assets</b>					
Leasehold buildings & fixtures	<b>4</b>		204,495		130,546
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock		18,928		21,796	
Debtors	<b>6</b>	67,416		12,148	
Cash at bank and in hand		357,712		461,234	
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		444,056		495,178	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>7</b>	(134,592)		(56,328)	
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<b>Total current assets</b>			309,464		438,850
<b>Total net assets</b>			<hr/>		<hr/>
			513,959		569,396
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>	<b>8</b>				
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development Fund (in fixed assets)		107,957		118,677	
Fell Bursary		224		559	
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building		74,500		74,500	
Royal St George for The Hub		1,000		1,000	
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			183,681		194,736
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>General fund</b>			330,278		374,660
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<b>Total charity funds</b>			<hr/>		<hr/>
			513,959		569,396
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Approved by the Executive Committee on 22 September 2022

I Womersley  
**County Commissioner**S Caselton  
**Treasurer**

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL****CHARITY BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

		<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Tangible assets</b>					
Leasehold buildings & fixtures	<b>4</b>		201,867		124,057
Investment WYS Trading Ltd	<b>5</b>		48,217		48,217
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			250,084		172,274
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	<b>6</b>	59,906		7,419	
Cash at bank and in hand		304,751		433,045	
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		364,657		440,464	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>7</b>	(115,952)		(46,332)	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
<b>Total current assets</b>			248,705		394,132
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Total net assets</b>			498,789		566,406
			<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development Fund (in fixed assets)		107,957		118,677	
Fell Bursary		224		559	
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building		74,500		74,500	
Royal St George for The Hub		1,000		1,000	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
			183,681		194,736
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>General fund</b>			315,108		371,670
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			498,789		566,406
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Approved by the Executive Committee on 22 September 2022

I Womersley  
**County Commissioner**S Caselton  
**Treasurer**

# WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard, the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements are prepared on the historic cost basis of accounting. Both the current and comparative period cover 12 months. The accounts are prepared in £ sterling.

#### **1.2 Income**

These are included (net of VAT where applicable) in the statement of financial activities when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees consider it more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the statement of financial activities net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are just held as agent before being paid out to head quarters.

Grants and donations are included when the charity is more likely than not to receive entitlement to the resources.

Income from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the claim is made. Claims are made in a timely fashion from when the gift is received.

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### **1.3 Expenditure and liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Costs of generating funds comprise costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises these costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Governance costs include costs of preparing and examining the statutory accounts, the cost of county administration and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance and constitutional

#### **1.4 Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of additions below £2,000 and of items with a useful economic life of less than a year are not capitalised. Training, camping equipment and computers are now written off on acquisition.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis:

- Buildings over the term of the lease (30 years)
- Internal fixtures and fittings at 15% per annum
- Plant and machinery at 25% per annum
- Office equipment at 25% per annum
- Storage buildings at 10% per annum

#### **1.5 Stocks**

These are valued at the lower of cost or realisable value. Training resources are not valued.

#### **1.6 Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

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**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**2 Group income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>
<b>(i) Donations and grants</b>				
Canoe Centre grants/sponsorship	-	-	-	3,000
Green Withens grants and donations	-	-	-	17,384
Grand Lodge	-	-	-	74,500
Legacy	-	-	-	56,323
Miscellaneous	1,505	-	1,505	10,050
Government/council covid support for WYS Trading Limited	19,050	-	19,050	54,065
	<u>20,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,555</u>	<u>215,322</u>
<b>(ii) Investments</b>				
Bank interest	168	-	168	250
	<u>168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>250</u>

**3 Group expenditure**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>
Donations and grants	1,300	-	1,300	-
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Charity expenditure</b>				
	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>
<b>Donations and grants</b>				
Donation to WYS Trading Limited	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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4 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Assets under construction £	Jubilee Centre £	Furnishings, plant and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2021	-	321,612	145,090	466,702
Additions	91,221	-	286	91,507
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>91,221</b>	<b>321,612</b>	<b>145,376</b>	<b>558,209</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2021	-	202,935	133,221	336,156
Charge for the year	-	10,720	6,838	17,558
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>213,655</b>	<b>140,059</b>	<b>353,714</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>91,221</b>	<b>107,957</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>204,495</b>
At 31 March 2021	-	118,677	11,869	130,546
<b>Charity</b>				
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2021	-	321,612	81,417	403,029
Additions	91,221	-	-	91,221
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>91,221</b>	<b>321,612</b>	<b>81,417</b>	<b>494,250</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2021	-	202,935	76,037	278,972
Charge for the year	-	10,720	2,691	13,411
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>213,655</b>	<b>78,728</b>	<b>292,383</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>91,221</b>	<b>107,957</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>201,867</b>
At 31 March 2021	-	118,677	5,380	124,057

The are additional buildings, facilities and equipment owned by the charity but not included above as these were written off in the past and no detailed record retained.

The asset under construction is a storage building.

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**5 Fixed asset investments**

**Charity**

WYS Trading Limited (100% controlled subsidiary)

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan	98,217	98,217
Bad debt provision	(50,000)	(50,000)
	<u>48,217</u>	<u>48,217</u>

The charity have agreed not to seek repayment of their loan to WYS Trading Limited, to the extent that this would leave WYS unable to settle its third party debts. A bad debt provision of £50,000 has currently been made in view of the Covid-19 impact on the Bradley Wood centre.

In the year to 31 March 2022 WYS Trading Limited produced the following results:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	144,252	6,856
Covid support	19,050	54,065
Direct costs	(43,257)	(9,939)
Gross profit	120,045	50,982
Overheads	(107,865)	(99,873)
Net (loss)/profit	12,180	(48,891)
Charitable donation to County	-	-
Taxation	-	-
Retained profit for year	12,180	(48,891)
Reserves carried forward	(34,832)	(47,012)

The loss for the year is after charging repair costs (after County grants) at Bradley Wood in the order of £13,260 (2021: £4,177) and insurance premiums of £8,217 (2021: £9,472).

WYS Trading Limited is a wholly controlled subsidiary of West Yorkshire County Scout Council, with the Directors appointed to act as the member on behalf of the Executive Committee.

<b>6 Debtors</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	67,416	12,148	59,906	7,419
	<u>67,416</u>	<u>12,148</u>	<u>59,906</u>	<u>7,419</u>

<b>7 Creditors</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	24,506	7,942	8,548	-
Amounts owed to group and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	110,086	48,332	107,404	46,332
Taxation & Social Security	-	54	-	-
	<u>134,592</u>	<u>56,328</u>	<u>115,952</u>	<u>46,332</u>

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8 Group movements on funds		Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund		294,003	269,013	(259,571)	303,445
<i>Designated funds:-</i>					
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building		5,000	-	-	5,000
Lloyds Foundation for WYS Global		1,000	-	(1,000)	-
RSA funding for pool renovation		2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Hardship fund		1,000	-	-	1,000
Green Withens covid funding		15,334	-	(15,334)	-
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters		56,323	-	(35,490)	20,833
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>374,660</b>	<b>269,013</b>	<b>(313,395)</b>	<b>330,278</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development fund (in fixed assets)	(a)	118,677	-	(10,720)	107,957
Fell bursary	(b)	559	-	(335)	224
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building	(c)	74,500	-	-	74,500
Royal St George for The Hub	(d)	1,000	-	-	1,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>		<b>194,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(11,055)</b>	<b>183,681</b>
<b>Total group funds</b>		<b>569,396</b>	<b>269,013</b>	<b>(324,450)</b>	<b>513,959</b>

- (a) The Development Fund represents grants and donations towards the cost of the Jubilee Centre at Bradley Wood. This is the net book value of the building.
- (b) Represents funds donated to aid young person overseas expeditions.
- (c) Represents funds donated by The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence towards the construction of a storage building at Bradley Wood. This has been spent on the building now, and shows as a fixed asset. The fund will reduce as the asset is depreciated.
- (d) Represents funding from the Royal Society of St George Charitable trust for The Hub.

9 Division of group net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Tangible fixed assets	96,538	107,957	204,495
Stock	18,928	-	18,928
Debtors	67,416	-	67,416
Cash at bank and in hand	281,988	75,724	357,712
Creditors	(134,592)	-	(134,592)
	<b>330,278</b>	<b>183,681</b>	<b>513,959</b>

The loan from the charity to WYS Trading Limited of £98,217 (2021: £98,217) shown within investments represents cash and stocks to fund development in the Jubilee Centre, carry out major repairs and to provide working capital for the operation of the whole of Bradley Wood, the management of which is subcontracted to WYS Trading Limited. No interest is charged on the loan, but the distributable taxable profits after payment of all operating costs relating to Bradley Wood, are donated back to the County.

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**10 Staff costs**

No wages are paid directly by the County.

No employee was paid at a rate in excess of £60,000 per annum.

**11 Trustees expenses - charity**

The members of the Executive Committee are not remunerated, but did receive reimbursement of expenses in connection with other responsibilities in the County amounting to £530 (2021: £165).

**12 Auditor's remuneration**

Remuneration for the audit, including fees paid for accountancy and payroll services to the auditor, is £8,004, (2021: £6,741).

**13 Lease commitments - charity**

Bradley Wood

Lease of 40 years from 1 January 1992 at a rent of £1 per annum (if demanded). Lease updates are in progress which will extend the lease term by a further 25 years.

To date no rent has been demanded.

**14 Related parties**

Other than expenses directly reimbursed to members of the Executive as disclosed above, transactions may have taken place with other bodies within the Scout Movement of which members of the Executive are also trustees. No specific disclosure of these is made since no individual member is in a position of having control of any of the bodies or in receipt of any personal benefit.

A wholly controlled trading subsidiary, WYS Trading Ltd manages Bradley Wood on behalf of the County. Accommodation/room hire charges of £6,628 (2021: £862) were paid to this company.

**15 Going concern and post balance sheet events**

The Trustees are of the opinion that funds are sufficient to continue activities for 12 months from the approval date, and hence the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Income via membership levy is expected to increase in the coming year as scouting has now returned. Detailed budgets have been set to control expenditure and will be closely monitored as per ongoing governance.

As set out in note 5, the charity has agreed not to seek repayment of their loan to WYS Trading Limited (the trading subsidiary company), to the extent that this would leave WYS Trading Limited unable to settle its third party debts. This support has been budgeted for as part of the going concern assessment made by the charity's trustees.

WYS Trading income levels are better than anticipated as of Spring 2022 (the trading subsidiary company - see note 5 for information). Bookings are returning and budgets have been reduced to reflect the anticipated income levels. The business model has been changed to be more volunteer led and new approaches to income generation are being developed.

**16 Capital commitments**

A further £9,300 is to be spent after the year end to complete the storage building listed as an asset under construction in note 4.

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**16 Consolidated statement of financial activities for year ended 31 March 2021 (Group)**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations and grants (note 2)	134,822	80,500	215,322
	<u>134,822</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>215,322</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Activities	9,447	-	9,447
International trips	-	-	-
Jamboree	40,397	-	40,397
Equipment sales	-	-	-
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	2,813	-	2,813
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	(50)	-	(50)
	<u>52,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,607</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>			
Membership subscriptions	282,440	-	282,440
Less: Payable to H Q	(226,490)	-	(226,490)
Net membership subscriptions retained	55,950	-	55,950
Trading subsidiary income	6,782	-	6,782
	<u>62,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,732</u>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	250	-	250
<b>Total</b>	<u>250,411</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>330,911</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
<b>Raising funds</b>			
Trading subsidiary wages	60,137	-	60,137
Trading subsidiary depreciation	4,803	-	4,803
Other trading subsidiary costs	44,872	-	44,872
	<u>109,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,812</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Training	607	-	607
Activities and events	10,432	3,000	13,432
International trips	-	-	-
Big Camp	38,041	-	38,041
Jamboree	1,990	-	1,990
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	8,702	2,000	10,702
Equipment	8,678	-	8,678
Stationery, postage & office expenses	6,644	-	6,644
Insurance	7,404	-	7,404
Depreciation	4,786	10,720	15,506
Governance	3,330	-	3,330
	<u>90,614</u>	<u>15,720</u>	<u>106,334</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>200,426</u>	<u>15,720</u>	<u>216,146</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	49,985	64,780	114,765
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	49,985	64,780	114,765
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>324,675</u>	<u>129,956</u>	<u>454,631</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>374,660</u>	<u>194,736</u>	<u>569,396</u>

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**17 Statement of financial activities for year ended 31 March 2021 (charity)**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations and grants (note 2)	80,757	80,500	161,257
WYS Trading Limited - donation	-	-	-
	<b>80,757</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>161,257</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Activities	9,447	-	9,447
Jamboree	-	-	-
International trips	40,397	-	40,397
Equipment sales	-	-	-
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	2,813	-	2,813
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	(50)	-	(50)
	<b>52,607</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,607</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>			
Membership subscriptions	282,440	-	282,440
Less: Payable to H Q	(226,490)	-	(226,490)
	<b>55,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,950</b>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	176	-	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>189,490</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>269,990</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants & donations (note 3)	-	-	-
Training	607	-	607
Activities	10,432	3,000	13,432
Jamboree	-	-	-
International trips	38,041	-	38,041
Big Camp	1,990	-	1,990
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	8,702	-	8,702
Equipment	8,678	-	8,678
Stationery, postage & office expenses	6,644	-	6,644
Bad debt provision - trading subsidiary loan	-	-	-
Insurance	7,404	-	7,404
Depreciation	4,786	10,720	15,506
Governance	3,330	-	3,330
	<b>90,614</b>	<b>13,720</b>	<b>104,334</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,614</b>	<b>13,720</b>	<b>104,334</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>98,876</b>	<b>66,780</b>	<b>165,656</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>98,876</b>	<b>66,780</b>	<b>165,656</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>272,794</b>	<b>129,956</b>	<b>402,750</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>371,670</b>	<b>196,736</b>	<b>568,406</b>

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England & Wales - Charity number 524829

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# Accounts

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**2020/21**  
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# County Commissioner's Report

Thank you all for your amazing dedication, commitment and flexibility to Scouting during the last 12 months ensuring Scouting continued to offer young people fun, friendships, new skills and adventures. You have made such a positive difference to the lives of young people and adults alike through virtual and Covid safe face to face Scouting. Parents often talked about how their children looked forward so much to the scouting section meetings during Covid times.

Yes our numbers dropped unfortunately by some 2000 young people and just under 500 volunteers. Overall we saw a drop in membership from 11297 to 8349 but very positively an increase of 6 new sections, and still one of the largest Scouting Counties in England. These numbers were far better than many predicted and in line with national averages. As we all know it's not about the falling but how we bounce back. Bouncing back we most definitely are doing with some great influxes of both young people and volunteers. It was wonderful to attend an investiture of 9 beavers at a colony in June and I heard so many similar stories over the summer months.

Local Scout Groups really are growing rapidly which is an absolute credit to the creative and imaginative programme that our amazing leaders have continued to offer despite the pandemic challenges. As a County we know the focus needs to be very much on supporting local Scouting to grow their volunteers, provide exciting programmes, keep everyone safe, improve the volunteer experience and support our young people achieve their

Top Awards. The County Commissioner Deputy team are driving five boards to deliver that local support:

*Growth Board - DCC Elaine Clough: Following the brilliant Leeds TV advert series, the coming months will see the launch of our 'Bring a buddy' badge scheme, the launch of supporting material for leaders and parents alike and the development of a partnership with Bradford University to help us recruit new volunteers and support a more creative programme for our older sections. The Growth board meets every two months and are always looking for more members to get involved - if this is for you don't hesitate to email Elaine on [Growth@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:Growth@wyscouts.org.uk).*

*Protect Board - DCC Gaz Pierce: The 'Protect Board' was formed with the aim of supporting local Scouting to keep our young people, adults and the reputation of our Scouting family, here in West Yorkshire, safe. The timing of the inception of this new board was crucial with the onset of the pandemic and much of the focus has been about supporting the safe restart of Scouting across our County. Staying safe, Safeguarding and looking after each other is absolutely paramount to West Yorkshire Scouts - support and training has been delivered to over 500 volunteers across districts in the new SA Activity Risk Assessment model, supported by a great user friendly pocket guide.*

*Programme Board - DCC Phil Pearson and our ACC Team: The county team have worked incredibly hard to deliver a variety of virtual opportunities throughout the year such as the Beaver JambOOree*



in October, the Hamish Treasure Hunt in December and Wacklympics in January. Our emphasis is now moving to support the Reboot of local Scouting with a mixture of virtual and face to face opportunities. We have access to a lot of equipment which can be borrowed to help make section meetings more exciting and we are planning to support district 'Wow' days to help with recruitment and retention. We welcome Graham Starr as our new ACC Scouts and Dan Breeze our new ACC Squirrels who is taking the lead on introducing the brand new younger Squirrel section.

Top Awards Board - DCC Matt Turner: A County Top Awards board has been set up with a focus on supporting young people to achieve their Top Awards. Offering support and advice to young members and volunteers on Top awards, supporting volunteers to create programmes to allow achievement of Top Awards and supporting young members to become volunteers.

Volunteer Journey Board - DCC Howard Fishwick: The training team are keen to

ensure the volunteer journey for all is improved and particularly the volunteer experience of new volunteers to ensure we make their transition into the Scouting family as smooth as possible.

I strongly believe that it is important to recognise the exceptional and exemplary hard work of leaders across the County. To ensure we do that an Awards Advisory Committee has been created under the chairmanship of Mark Stageman and support of Vicki Pearson. You will see later on in this review our list of amazing award recipients.

Finally but certainly not least, thank you to all the truly amazing volunteers who are part of the West Yorkshire Scouting family. Scouting could not happen without yourselves. Your enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference to the lives of our young members is exceptional.

Yours In Scouting

Ian  
County Commissioner

# Chair's Report

It's a great honour and privilege to be asked to be Chairman of West Yorkshire County, knowing the caliber of some of the previous chairpersons. Although they are petite feet I had big shoes to fill, in following Linda who has done a brilliant job for 8 years in leading the county executive.

Coming in during the Covid period when scouting was effectively shut down was most unusual and to me a bit like a Monopoly game, do not pass go, do not collect £200 unless you had your own building and it was for many like being in jail, you couldn't do anything only look out.

The great sadness of the year is that approximately 25% of our membership left the organisation and new intakes could not be accommodated but I do feel that numbers will pick up in the Autumn. The motivation to retain the rest of the membership has come from the leaders with some inspiring programmes and projects.

It is times like this when there is new management and a serious situation to re-organise and it was felt that the

county structure with also the loss of the long-standing staff at the Jubilee Centre needed to be amended and therefore it was necessary to put new protocols in place to include for now, WYS Trading and this has now been completed.

It was amazing to be told that the Late Mary Bushell had left the County a significant legacy with no strings attached. Those that remember Mary fondly, will I am sure be pleased that some of her money will be used to benefit scouting both across the county and at Bradley Wood.

Coming in from a District Executive position gave me knowledge of some of the processes within the County structure but I am indebted to the members of the Executive Committee for giving me support and information when necessary.

I am an eternal optimist, and I am sure that things will get better for scouting, although in many cases it will be different and not necessarily to everybody's liking but the main issue is that we continue to offer the best scouting experience to our young people and leaders. **Leslie Peers**



## Youth Shaped Scouting

Over this difficult year youth shaped scouting in West Yorkshire has been ever growing and in 2020 the County welcomed a new Deputy County Youth Commissioner for Programme to join our County youth team. Louis Wood has taken over from Emily Clough as she moves into her new role as 50% of ACC Network. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emily for all her hard work in the role, making sure the events of the County are run have young peoples voices in mind. We would like to wish her every best wish for the future, and we look forward to working with you to make sure that Network across the County is Youth Shaped. I'm sure you will also join with me in wishing Louis good luck and in welcoming him into the Youth Commissioner Team.

The past year has been a difficult one for many people in many ways but Scouting and our volunteers and young people have as ever stepped up to the mark, with groups delivering and running so many amazing virtual programs and experiences for our young people. Throughout, the District Youth Commissioners have been on hand to support with youth shaped scouting and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for everything they have done throughout this pandemic.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our amazing adult leaders and helpers that have made this our challenging year, the best it can be for our young people. They have learnt so many skills for life! For this I personally would like to thank you. Youth Shaped Scouting allows our young people to make decisions to form and



develop their own adventure, integrity, leadership, care, and cooperation in partnership with adults to learn skills for life.

We have all been much awaiting the return of face-to-face events! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, this has been impossible overall. However, this has not stopped us from delivering and running so many amazing virtual programs for our young people with a truly youth shaped focus, from launching two Activity Inspiration guides onto the County Website (to give leaders ideas of how to do youth shaped scouting in the different levels of lockdown) to live streaming events to you at home, such as County St. George's Day, Virtual BIG Camp, County Gang Show Pre-Party, JamBOOree, ('in conversation with Toby Hammond'. In these events we reached some of the largest audiences to events

ever, due to the amazing reach of virtual scouting. Our youth shaped resources have also since been used across the whole of the UK by other Counties and HQ.

The Youth engagement team have also been working closely with our amazing District Commissioners to make sure that we have youth shaped scouting happening at every level. We have had so many successful recruitment campaigns despite the pandemic. We are well on our way to making sure that every District in our County has a District Youth Commissioner or Youth Team and we are here to support every district with youth shaped scouting. Our team have also been working alongside and supporting Headquarters with their Youth Shaped Scouting work as well.

Our Youth Commissioners and youth team have sat on County Sub Committees and Boards to make sure that all decisions made by the County

have a youth voice, from the Executive Committee, Growth and Development Board, Finance Committee, Protect Board, Top Awards Board, People Board, Adult Awards Board, and the Programme Team to name just a few.

We are of course very excited for the upcoming year and look forward to our scouting family coming together again, face to face (fingers crossed) and in addition some new youth shaped scouting launches coming out from HQ, so keep your eyes peeled for even more information coming out soon.

Our young people are the future of Scouting and that's why it's so important that we guide, support, and give them our time and energy to lead us into the future together.

Toby Hammond  
West Yorkshire Scout Youth  
Commissioner



# How Scouting works...

## **The Purpose of Scouting.**

The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## **The Scout Method.**

The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by adult leadership. In practice the method is best seen when young people, in partnership with adults are: enjoying what they are doing; learning by doing; participating in varied and progressive activities; making choices for themselves; taking responsibilities for their own actions; working in groups; taking increasing responsibility for others; taking part in activities outdoors; sharing in prayer and worship; making and living out their promise.

West Yorkshire Scouts Trustees have a duty to report on the charity's public benefit in the annual report. We have assessed our aims, objectives and activities and believe we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

## **Royal Charter...**

The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter granted by King George V in 1912 and supplemented by further charters granted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. These charters give authority to the

bye-laws of the Association, which are approved by Her Majesty's Privy Council. The bye-laws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's affairs. The rules are laid out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

West Yorkshire Scouts is an autonomous charity affiliated to The Scout Association, which together with other County, District and Group Charities form the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom.

## **HOW WE OPERATE**

### **Executive Committee...**

The County is managed by the County Executive Committee, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the County Scout Council 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 County Executive exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the County;
- Ensuring cooperation between Districts, Groups and other organisations;
- Raising of funds and administration of the County's finance and property;
- The appointments process within the County;
- Appointing any subcommittee that may be required;

- Ensuring sound administration within the County.

The Executive Committee comprises up to 18 members:

- 6 Ex-officio Members (including the officers);
- 4 elected members (including 1 elected youth member) elected annually by the County Scout Council at its AGM;
- 4 appointed members (annually appointed at the AGM);
- up to 4 Co-opted members (annually appointed by the Executive).

The committee meets at least four times each year. An induction process is provided for all new Trustees. Further learning and development opportunities are available.

### **POR...**

The Association has a comprehensive set of policies and rules applicable to the Movement, which are routinely monitored and reviewed by the Association. We are committed to providing the best possible experience for everyone in Scouting, whether they are young people or adult volunteers. To help us achieve this, we work to a number of key policies, through which we can make sure that Scouting continues to develop in a way that is safe, accessible and free from discrimination.

Our key policies include:

- Anti-bullying policy.
- Child protection policy.
- Development policy.
- Equal opportunities policy.
- Religious policy.
- Safety policy.

### **Risk and Internal Control...**

The County has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable insurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatures for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Volunteers...**

During the year over 3000 adults volunteered their time, energy, skills and commitment to Scouting at Group, District, or County level. Their roles ranged from regularly leading section meetings and organising camps, to helping with administration, training future leaders and attending meetings at every level. Without this contribution of our volunteers, Scouting in West Yorkshire would be unable to offer a wide range of challenging and inspiring activities that help make Scouting the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK today.

### **Our vision for 2023**

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

### **Our goals**

Our plan is to build on the success of the previous plan: to continue to grow, become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to make a bigger impact in our communities.

# Early Years Pilot Project - Hedgehogs and Squirrels

West Yorkshire has been proud to be part of the national Early Years Pilot Project with a Hedgehog section at 5th Shipley Scout Group in Airevalley. Despite the challenges that we have faced over the year, we have welcomed 8 families into our group, 7 of these being new to scouting. This has included the recruitment and socially-distanced investiture of two new young people.

As the rest of the scout group met through zoom, the Hedgehogs were too young to participate in this way however it did not stop them scouting! At the start of lockdown, we set weekly challenges that included participation in the national Care for Care Homes initiative and delivered activity programme kits for the families to engage with at a time that suited them. The Hedgehogs particularly like the bug hunts and the positive rock painting that they then hid on their daily walks for others to find! As lockdown progressed, we worked closely with HQ who created more activity kits and ran online sessions that included meeting a zoo keeper and creative story sessions. The Hedgehogs also really enjoyed joining in the virtual county events including the Virtual Big Camp and the JamBOOree!

In August 2020, the national scout council reviewed the evidence collected from the Early Years Pilot Project and decided that they would launch a new section, Squirrels, starting in September 2021. Over the past year, the leadership team at 5th Shipley have worked closely with HQ to shape and develop this providing feedback and experience from the Pilot Project. As a county, we are extremely excited to be able to launch



this exciting new section. For more information or for help on expressing an interest in launching please email Dan Breeze, Assistant County Commissioner for Squirrels at [squirrels@wyscouts.org.uk](mailto:squirrels@wyscouts.org.uk).

Dan Breeze  
Assistant County Commissioner  
Squirrels

# Roll of Honour 2021

Awards issued between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020  
(Updated 10/06/21)

## West Yorkshire

### Silver Wolf

Colin Parker  
David Andrew Gill  
Jennifer Anne Pearson  
Jennifer Fothergill

### Silver Acorn

Colin Richard Robinson  
Keith Hamilton  
Neil Asling  
Pamela Gillian Newman  
Suzanne Jane Ellis

### Bar to the Award for Merit

Alison Nicola Walton  
Ann Lesley Lovatt  
David Francis Wood  
Enid Doris Senior  
Jacqueline Eltoft Lynn  
Mary Brankin  
Michael James Lovatt  
Paula Jane Burnett

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Nigel Peter Lumb

## Aire Valley

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Alison Jane Spencer  
Daniel James Breeze  
Jodie Leigh Elliott

## Bradford North

### Award for Merit

Elizabeth Anne Lavan  
Rosemary Watson

## Bradford South

### Award for Merit

Richard Michael Binns  
Simon David Pearson

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Andrew Michael Walker

## Huddersfield North

### Award for Merit

John Yorke

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Adam Paul Morton  
Riza Retnowulan  
Wayne Nuttall

## Huddersfield South West

### Award for Merit

Elaine Walker  
Jennifer Heald  
Kevan Andrew Shuttleworth  
Steven Ruscoe

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Andrew Michael Brown  
David Raby  
Glyn David Jones  
Jane Hodgson  
Joanne Horsfall  
Joanne Simone Jones  
John Roger Daker  
Lauren Carter

## **Spen Valley**

### **Award for Merit**

David Charles Hirst

Jonathan Eric Hainsworth

Linda Anne Cantrell

Peter Anthony Burton

### **Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service**

Duncan Ellis

Helen Sykes

## **Wharfedale**

### **Award for Merit**

Paul Edward Jennings

West Yorkshire  
County Scout Council  
Bradley Wood Scout Campsite  
Shepherds Thorn Lane  
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**Scout Association Registration No. 166**

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

## WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Charity no.</b>	524829		
<b>Scout Association no.</b>	166		
<b>Hon. President</b>	K Leadbeater MP (from Sept 2020 onwards)		
<b>Hon. Vice Presidents</b>	B Fishwick M Walker J Fothergill	K McKenzie D Holdsworth P Haigh J Greenwood	P Drake F Milner M Stageman (from Sept 2020 onwards) L Malloy (from Sept 2020 onwards)
<b>Trustees</b>	The trustees who served during the year and to the date of approval were:		
	<i>Ex officio:</i>		
	L Malloy	until Sept 2020	County Chair
	L Peers	from Sept 2020	County Chair
	M Stageman	until May 2020	County Commissioner
	I Womersley	from May 2020	County Commissioner
	J Greenwood		County Treasurer
	C Fletcher		County Secretary
	T Hammond		County Youth Commissioner
	<i>Elected by the AGM:</i>		
	Phil Pearson	from Sept 2020	G Caine
	B Halligan		C McNulty
	H Fishwick	until Sept 2020	from Sept 2020
	<i>Nominated by the County Commissioner:</i>		
	C Booth	until Sept 2020	E Clough
	S Wakefield	until Sept 2020	V Pearson
	G Pierce	from Sept 2020	J Reynolds
	H Fishwick	from Sept 2020	from Sept 2020
	<i>Co-opted:</i>		
	C Watson	until Sept 2020	J Reynolds
	J Young		R Hirst
	S Caselton	from Jan 2021	J Booth
	I Womersley	until May 2020	from Sept 2020
<b>Other attendees (not trustees)</b>	<i>Right to attend:</i>		
	I Hill		Regional Commissioner
	<i>Invited to attend:</i>		
	V Pearson		Adult Representative to Council of the Scout Association
	X Terry		Youth Representative to Council of the Scout Association
<b>Principal office</b>	County Office Bradley Wood Scout Campsite Shepherds Thorn Lane Brighouse HD6 3TU		
<b>Auditors</b>	Brosnans Birkby House Birkby Lane Brighouse HD6 4JJ	<b>Bankers</b>	The Cooperative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale HD1 2AL
<b>Solicitors</b>	C Green Whitaker Firth Solicitors 1 Manor Row Bradford BD1 4PB	<b>Insurance advisors</b>	Unity Insurance Services Lancing Business Park Lancing Sussex BN15 8UG

# WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021***

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Administrative details relating to the charity, including Trustees details, can be found at the beginning of this report.

West Yorkshire County Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Districts and, through them, for Scout Groups and their local communities within its boundaries.

The Trustees have, under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The charity and its subsidiary undertakings meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

West Yorkshire Scout County manages and administers Bradley Wood campsite and Green Withens Watersport Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The affairs are managed by the County Executive Committee (the Trustees) through a number of sub committees. One Trustee of the Executive should serve on each subcommittee. This year Finance, Risk, Appointments, Green Withens have operated.

The operation of the activity/training centre and campsite situated at Bradley Wood is delegated to the Board of WYS Trading Limited (company registration no. 4639375).

#### **Review of the year**

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet.

The support of Scouting in the County created a surplus of £163,656 in the charity (2020: deficit of £84,224) after recognising donations and grants to county of £161,257. £156,716 of the surplus is funding still to be spent on specific projects as outlined in note 8.

#### **Governance costs**

The management costs of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary. The only direct governance costs of the charity are the audit £3,270 (2020: £3,060) and County administration £nil (2020: £nil).

#### **Reserves**

Reserves are being held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least two years, without income through a policy to hold 75% of two year's gross expenditure. This has been amended this year due to the impact of covid-19 and the Scout Association suspension of the organisation.

#### **Future operation of the charity and its subsidiary undertakings**

The Trustees are of the opinion that funds are sufficient to continue activities throughout the next year. Although income via membership levy is expected to be still slightly lower, due to the Covid -19 effect, scouting has returned, and numbers are now increasing as Scout Groups have re-commenced face to face scouting.

It is unlikely that we will see a significant income for WYS Trading before Spring 2022. To compensate the business model has been changed to be volunteer led, budgets have been cut and new approaches to income generation are being developed.

#### **Risk management**

The Executive and County team operate within the safety regulations of the Scout Association. The risks to the operation and management of the County have been assessed and kept under review and plans are in place to mitigate or eliminate the effect of potential risks.

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**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021***

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**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

Approved on behalf of the trustees on 21 September 2021 by

I Womersley  
County Commissioner

## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### **TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the group financial statements of West Yorkshire County Scout Council and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the Group and Parent Company Statement of Financial Activities, Group and Parent Company Balance Sheets and related notes including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and group's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom accounting standards, including FRS102; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Emphasis of Matter – Going concern**

We draw attention to Note 15 to the financial statements which describes uncertainties resulting from Covid-19, in particular affecting the trading subsidiary company. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient and adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As is explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement on page 3, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' report.



**Laura Brain FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Brosnans Limited  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors**

21 September 2021

Birkby House  
Birkby Lane  
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**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

<b>Income and endowments from:</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>	<b>2020 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and grants (note 2)	134,822	80,500	215,322	1,227
	134,822	80,500	215,322	1,227
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Activities and events	9,446	-	9,446	28,295
International trips	-	-	-	130,818
Jamboree	40,397	-	40,397	297,999
Equipment sales	-	-	-	1,002
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	2,813	-	2,813	6,605
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	(50)	-	(50)	20,720
	52,606	-	52,606	485,439
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Membership subscriptions	282,440	-	282,440	264,018
Less: Payable to H Q	(226,490)	-	(226,490)	(216,975)
Net membership subscriptions retained	55,950	-	55,950	47,043
Trading subsidiary income	6,782	-	6,782	274,058
	62,732	-	62,732	321,101
<b>Investments (note 2)</b>	250	-	250	238
<b>Total</b>	<b>250,410</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>330,910</b>	<b>808,005</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Trading subsidiary wages	60,137	-	60,137	99,264
Trading subsidiary depreciation	4,803	-	4,803	6,016
Other trading subsidiary costs	44,872	-	44,872	165,270
	109,812	-	109,812	270,550
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants & donations (note 3)	-	-	-	-
Training	607	-	607	20,817
Activities and events	10,432	3,000	13,432	38,483
International trips	-	-	-	115,353
Big Camp	38,041	-	38,041	9,134
Jamboree	1,990	-	1,990	296,696
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	8,702	2,000	10,702	23,123
Equipment	8,678	-	8,678	7,950
Stationery, postage & office expenses	6,644	-	6,644	13,068
Insurance	7,404	-	7,404	6,556
Depreciation	4,786	10,720	15,506	12,816
Governance	3,330	-	3,330	3,030
	90,614	15,720	106,334	547,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>200,426</b>	<b>15,720</b>	<b>216,146</b>	<b>817,576</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>49,985</b>	<b>64,780</b>	<b>114,765</b>	<b>(9,571)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Taxation	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>49,985</b>	<b>64,780</b>	<b>114,765</b>	<b>(9,571)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>324,675</b>	<b>129,956</b>	<b>454,631</b>	<b>464,202</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>374,660</b>	<b>194,736</b>	<b>569,396</b>	<b>454,631</b>

The fund analysis for the year ended 31 March 2020 is detailed in note 16.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2021 Total</b>	<b>2020 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and grants	80,757	80,500	161,257	1,227
	<u>80,757</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>161,257</u>	<u>1,227</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Activities and events	9,446	-	9,446	28,295
Jamboree	-	-	-	297,999
International trips	40,397	-	40,397	130,818
Equipment sales	-	-	-	1,002
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Green Withens - Watersports Centre	(50)	-	(50)	20,720
	<u>52,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,606</u>	<u>485,439</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Membership subscriptions	282,440	-	282,440	264,018
Less: Payable to H Q	(226,490)	-	(226,490)	(216,975)
	<u>55,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,950</u>	<u>47,043</u>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	176	-	176	161
<b>Total</b>	<u>189,489</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>269,989</u>	<u>533,870</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Grants & donations (note 3)	-	-	-	8,830
Training	607	-	607	20,817
Activities and events	10,432	3,000	13,432	49,854
Jamboree	-	-	-	296,696
International trips	38,041	-	38,041	115,353
Big Camp	1,990	-	1,990	10,000
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	8,702	2,000	10,702	23,123
Equipment	8,678	-	8,678	7,950
Stationery, postage & office expenses	6,644	-	6,644	13,069
Insurance	7,404	-	7,404	6,556
Bad debt provision - trading subsidiary loan	-	-	-	50,000
Depreciation	4,786	10,720	15,506	12,816
Governance	3,330	-	3,330	3,030
<b>Total</b>	<u>90,614</u>	<u>15,720</u>	<u>106,334</u>	<u>618,094</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	98,876	64,780	163,656	(84,224)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	98,876	64,780	163,656	(84,224)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	272,794	129,956	402,750	486,974
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>371,670</u>	<u>194,736</u>	<u>566,406</u>	<u>402,750</u>

The fund analysis for the year ended 31 March 2020 is detailed in note 17.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Tangible assets</b>					
Leasehold buildings & fixtures	4		130,546		150,855
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock		21,796		27,595	
Debtors	6	12,148		76,380	
Cash at bank and in hand		461,234		454,422	
		<u>495,178</u>		<u>558,397</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(56,328)		(254,621)	
<b>Total current assets</b>			<u>438,850</u>		<u>303,776</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>			<u>569,396</u>		<u>454,631</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development Fund (in fixed assets)		118,677		129,397	
Fell Bursary		559		559	
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building		74,500		-	
Royal St George for The Hub		1,000		-	
		<u>194,736</u>		<u>129,956</u>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>General fund</b>			<u>374,660</u>		<u>324,675</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>569,396</u>		<u>454,631</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee on 22 July 2021

I Womersley  
County Commissioner

J Greenwood  
Treasurer

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL****CHARITY BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

		<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Tangible assets</b>					
Leasehold buildings & fixtures	<b>4</b>		124,057		139,563
Investment WYS Trading Ltd	<b>5</b>		48,217		48,217
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			172,274		187,780
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	<b>6</b>	7,419		65,526	
Cash at bank and in hand		433,045		371,142	
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		440,464		436,668	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>7</b>	(46,332)		(221,698)	
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<b>Total current assets</b>			394,132		214,970
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Total net assets</b>			566,406		402,750
			<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development Fund (in fixed assets)		118,677		129,397	
Fell Bursary		559		559	
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building		74,500		-	
Royal St George for The Hub		1,000		-	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
			194,736		129,956
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>General fund</b>			371,670		272,794
			<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			566,406		402,750
			<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>

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# WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard, the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The financial statements are prepared on the historic cost basis of accounting. Both the current and comparative period cover 12 months. The accounts are prepared in £ sterling.

#### **1.2 Income**

These are included (net of VAT where applicable) in the statement of financial activities when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees consider it more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the statement of financial activities net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are just held as agent before being paid out to head quarters.

Grants and donations are included when the charity is more likely than not to receive entitlement to the resources.

Income from tax reclaims are included at the same time as the claim is made. Claims are made in a timely fashion from when the gift is received.

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### **1.3 Expenditure and liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Costs of generating funds comprise costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises these costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Governance costs include costs of preparing and examining the statutory accounts, the cost of county administration and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance and constitutional

#### **1.4 Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of additions below £2,000 and of items with a useful economic life of less than a year are not capitalised. Training, camping equipment and computers are now written off on acquisition.

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis:

- Buildings over the term of the lease (30 years)
- Internal fixtures and fittings at 15% per annum
- Plant and machinery at 25% per annum
- Office equipment at 25% per annum

#### **1.5 Stocks**

These are valued at the lower of cost or realisable value. Training resources are not valued.

#### **1.6 Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

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**2 Group income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
<b>(i) Donations and grants</b>				
Canoe Centre grants/sponsorship	-	3,000	3,000	-
Green Withens grants and donations	15,384	2,000	17,384	-
Grand Lodge	-	74,500	74,500	-
Legacy	56,323	-	56,323	-
Miscellaneous	9,050	1,000	10,050	1,227
Government/council covid support for WYS	54,065	-	54,065	-
	<u>134,822</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>215,322</u>	<u>1,227</u>
<b>(ii) Investments</b>				
Bank interest	250	-	250	238
	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>238</u>

**3 Group expenditure**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Donations and grants	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Charity expenditure</b>				
	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
<b>Donations and grants</b>				
Donation to WYS Trading	-	-	-	8,830
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,830</u>

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4 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Jubilee Centre £	Furnishings, plant and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2020	321,612	145,090	466,702
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>321,612</b>	<b>145,090</b>	<b>466,702</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2020	192,215	123,632	315,847
Charge for the year	10,720	9,589	20,309
Disposals	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>202,935</b>	<b>133,221</b>	<b>336,156</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>118,677</b>	<b>11,869</b>	<b>130,546</b>
At 31 March 2020	129,397	21,458	150,855
<b>Charity</b>			
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2020	321,612	81,417	403,029
Additions	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>321,612</b>	<b>81,417</b>	<b>403,029</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2020	192,215	71,251	263,466
Charge for the year	10,720	4,786	15,506
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>202,935</b>	<b>76,037</b>	<b>278,972</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>118,677</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>124,057</b>
At 31 March 2020	129,397	10,166	139,563

The are additional buildings, facilities and equipment owned by the charity but not included above as these were written off in the past and no detailed record retained.

**WEST YORKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

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**5 Fixed asset investments**

**Charity**

WYS Trading Limited (100% controlled subsidiary)

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan	98,217	98,217
Bad debt provision	(50,000)	(50,000)
	<u>48,217</u>	<u>48,217</u>

The charity have agreed not to seek repayment of their loan to WYS Trading Limited, to the extent that this would leave WYS unable to settle its third party debts. A bad debt provision of £50,000 has currently been made in view of the Covid-19 impact on the Bradley Wood centre.

In the year to 31 March 2021 WYS Trading Limited produced the following results:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	6,856	285,907
Covid support	54,065	-
Direct costs	(9,939)	(74,645)
Gross profit	50,982	211,262
Overheads	(99,873)	(195,905)
Net (loss)/profit	(48,891)	24,652
Charitable donation to County	-	-
Taxation	-	-
Retained profit for year	(48,891)	24,652
Reserves carried forward	(47,012)	1,879

The loss for the year is after charging repair costs (after County grants) at Bradley Wood in the order of £4,177 (2020: £14,583) and insurance premiums of £9,472 (2020: £9,406).

WYS Trading Limited is a wholly controlled subsidiary of West Yorkshire County Scout Council, with the Directors appointed to act as the member on behalf of the Executive Committee.

<b>6 Debtors</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	-	5,193	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	12,148	71,187	7,419	65,526
	<u>12,148</u>	<u>76,380</u>	<u>7,419</u>	<u>65,526</u>

<b>7 Creditors</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	7,942	28,433	-	-
Amounts owed to group and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	48,332	225,841	46,332	221,698
Taxation & Social Security	54	347	-	-
	<u>56,328</u>	<u>254,621</u>	<u>46,332</u>	<u>221,698</u>

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8 Group movements on funds

		Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund		324,675	169,753	(200,426)	294,003
<i>Designated funds:-</i>					
Sovereign for Bradley Wood storage building		-	5,000	-	5,000
Lloyds Foundation for WYS Global		-	1,000	-	1,000
RSA funding for pool renovation		-	2,000	-	2,000
Hardship fund		-	1,000	-	1,000
Green Withens covid funding		-	15,334	-	15,334
Bushell legacy for Bushell Shelters		-	56,323	-	56,323
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>324,675</b>	<b>250,410</b>	<b>(200,426)</b>	<b>374,660</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Development fund (in fixed assets)	(a)	129,397	-	(10,720)	118,677
Fell bursary	(b)	559	-	-	559
Green Withens eco grant	(c)	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Grand Lodge fund for Bradley Wood storage building	(d)	-	74,500	-	74,500
Canoe equipment	(e)	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Royal St George for The Hub	(f)	-	1,000	-	1,000
<b>Total restricted funds</b>		<b>129,956</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>(15,720)</b>	<b>194,736</b>
<b>Total group funds</b>		<b>454,631</b>	<b>330,910</b>	<b>(216,146)</b>	<b>569,396</b>

- (a) The Development Fund represents grants and donations towards the cost of the Jubilee Centre at Bradley Wood. This is the net book value of the building.
- (b) Represents funds donated to aid young person overseas expeditions.
- (c) The eco grant was spent on eco equipment at Green Withens during the year.
- (d) Represents funds donated by The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence towards the construction of a storage building at Bradley Wood.
- (e) The canoe funding was spent on buoyancy aids during the year.
- (f) Represents funding from the Royal Society of St George Charitable trust for The Hub.

9 Division of group net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Tangible fixed assets	11,869	118,677	130,546
Stock	21,796	-	21,796
Debtors	12,148	-	12,148
Cash at bank and in hand	385,175	76,059	461,234
Creditors	(56,328)	-	(56,328)
	<b>374,660</b>	<b>194,736</b>	<b>569,396</b>

The loan from the charity to WYS Trading Limited of £98,217 (2020: £98,217) shown within investments represents cash and stocks to fund development in the Jubilee Centre, carry out major repairs and to provide working capital for the operation of the whole of Bradley Wood, the management of which is subcontracted to WYS Trading Limited. No interest is charged on the loan, but the distributable taxable profits after payment of all operating costs relating to Bradley Wood, are donated back to the County.

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**10 Staff costs**

No wages are paid directly by the County. A contribution of £nil (2020: £nil) is made to WYS Trading Limited for administrative work undertaken by them on behalf of the County.

No employee was paid at a rate in excess of £60,000 per annum.

**11 Trustees expenses - charity**

The members of the Executive Committee are not remunerated, but did receive reimbursement of expenses in connection with other responsibilities in the County amounting to £165 (2020: £2,545).

**12 Auditor's remuneration**

Remuneration for the audit, including fees paid for accountancy and payroll services to the auditor, is £6,741, (2020: £7,363).

**13 Lease commitments - charity**

Bradley Wood

Lease of 40 years from 1 January 1992 at a rent of £1 per annum (if demanded). Lease updates are in progress which will extend the lease term by a further 25 years.

To date no rent has been demanded.

**14 Related parties**

Other than expenses directly reimbursed to members of the Executive as disclosed above, transactions may have taken place with other bodies within the Scout Movement of which members of the Executive are also trustees. No specific disclosure of these is made since no individual member is in a position of having control of any of the bodies or in receipt of any personal benefit.

A wholly controlled trading subsidiary, WYS Trading Ltd manages Bradley Wood on behalf of the County. Accommodation/room hire charges of £862 (2020: £12,237) were paid to this company in addition to the contribution for administrative support of £nil (2020: £nil).

**15 Going concern and post balance sheet events**

The Trustees are of the opinion that funds are sufficient to continue activities for 12 months from the approval date, and hence the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Income via membership levy is expected to be higher this year as scouting has now returned. Detailed budgets have been set to control expenditure and will be closely monitored as per ongoing governance.

As set out in note 5, the charity have agreed not to seek repayment of their loan to WYS Trading Limited (the trading subsidiary company), to the extent that this would leave WYS Trading Limited unable to settle its third party debts. This support has been budgeted for as part of the going concern assessment made by the charity's trustees.

It is unlikely that we will see a significant income for WYS Trading Limited (the trading subsidiary company - see note 5 for information) before Spring 2022, as the activity centre was closed for several months as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, however bookings are now returning. The business model has been changed to be more volunteer led, budgets have been cut and new approaches to income generation are being developed.

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**16 Consolidated statement of financial activities for year ended 31 March 2020**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2020 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations and grants (note 2)	1,227	-	1,227
	<u>1,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,227</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Activities	28,295	-	28,295
International trips	130,818	-	130,818
Jamboree	297,999	-	297,999
Equipment sales	1,002	-	1,002
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	6,605	-	6,605
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	20,720	-	20,720
	<u>485,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>485,439</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>			
Membership subscriptions	264,018	-	264,018
Less: Payable to H Q	(216,975)	-	(216,975)
Net membership subscriptions retained	47,043	-	47,043
Trading subsidiary income	274,058	-	274,058
	<u>321,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,101</u>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	238	-	238
<b>Total</b>	<u>808,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>808,005</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
<b>Raising funds</b>			
Trading subsidiary wages	99,264	-	99,264
Trading subsidiary depreciation	6,016	-	6,016
Other trading subsidiary costs	165,270	-	165,270
	<u>270,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>270,550</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Training	20,817	-	20,817
Activities and events	38,483	-	38,483
International trips	115,353	-	115,353
Big Camp	9,134	-	9,134
Jamboree	296,696	-	296,696
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	23,123	-	23,123
Equipment	7,950	-	7,950
Stationery, postage & office expenses	13,068	-	13,068
Insurance	6,556	-	6,556
Depreciation	2,096	10,720	12,816
Governance	3,030	-	3,030
	<u>536,306</u>	<u>10,720</u>	<u>547,026</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>806,856</u>	<u>10,720</u>	<u>817,576</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	1,149	(10,720)	(9,571)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	1,149	(10,720)	(9,571)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>323,526</u>	<u>140,676</u>	<u>464,202</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>324,675</u>	<u>129,956</u>	<u>454,631</u>

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**17 Statement of financial activities for year ended 31 March 2020**

<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2020 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations and grants (note 2)	1,227	-	1,227
WYS Trading Limited - donation	-	-	-
	<u>1,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,227</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Activities	28,295	-	28,295
Gang Show	-	-	-
Jamboree	297,999	-	297,999
International trips	130,818	-	130,818
Equipment sales	1,002	-	1,002
Training courses, D of E, Canoe courses	6,605	-	6,605
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	20,720	-	20,720
	<u>485,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>485,439</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>			
Membership subscriptions	264,018	-	264,018
Less: Payable to H Q	(216,975)	-	(216,975)
	<u>47,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,043</u>
<b>Investments</b> (note 2)	161	-	161
<b>Total</b>	<u>533,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>533,870</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Grants & donations (note 3)	8,830	-	8,830
Training	20,817	-	20,817
Activities	49,854	-	49,854
Gang Show	-	-	-
Jamboree	296,696	-	296,696
International trips	115,353	-	115,353
Big Camp	10,000	-	10,000
Green Withens - Watersports Centre	23,123	-	23,123
Equipment	7,950	-	7,950
Stationery, postage & office expenses	13,069	-	13,069
Bad debt provision - trading subsidiary loan	50,000	-	50,000
Insurance	6,556	-	6,556
Depreciation	2,096	10,720	12,816
Governance	3,030	-	3,030
	<u>607,374</u>	<u>10,720</u>	<u>618,094</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>607,374</u>	<u>10,720</u>	<u>618,094</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>(73,504)</u>	<u>(10,720)</u>	<u>(84,224)</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>(73,504)</u>	<u>(10,720)</u>	<u>(84,224)</u>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>346,298</u>	<u>140,676</u>	<u>486,974</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>272,794</u>	<u>129,956</u>	<u>402,750</u>