

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 Leanonard, 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, DoF 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



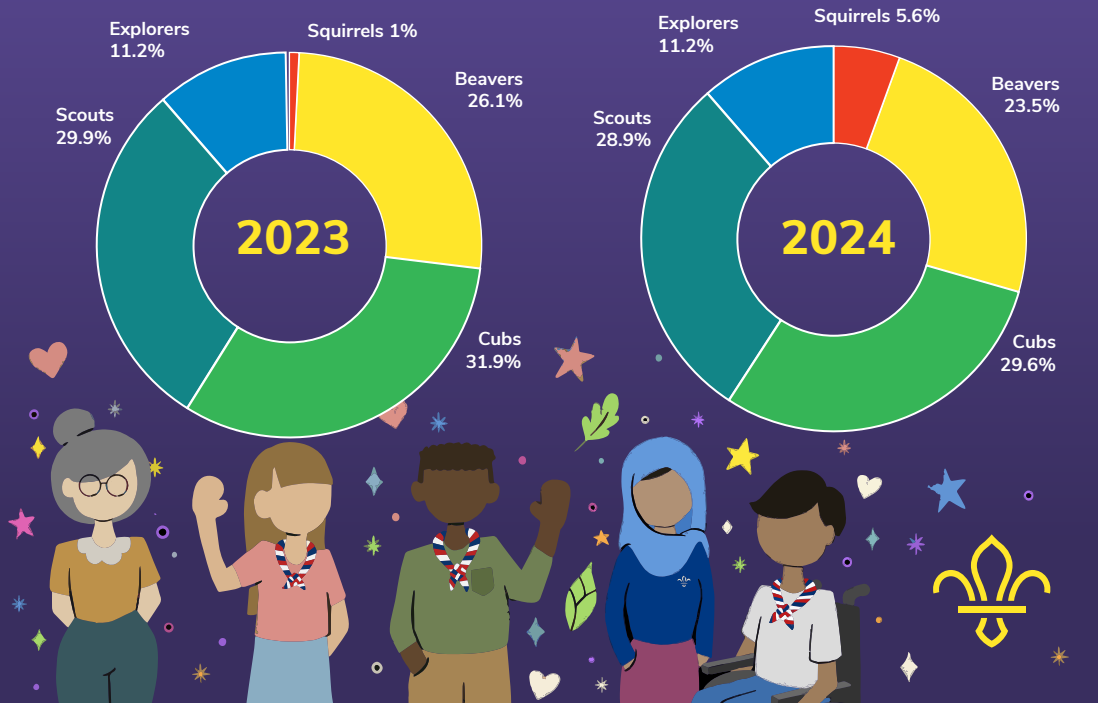
Membership comparison

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
Spen 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
7799
Total Adults
2396
Combined total
10287

2023
Young People
7527
Total Adults
2396
Combined total
9923

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.

ThScout 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) 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 coopted 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

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

Registered charity name	West Yorkshire County Scout Council
Charity registration number	524829
Principal office	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

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

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

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

Alistair Russell FCA
Independent Examiner

Gibson Booth
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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 £
Income and endowments					
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
Total income		<u>481,092</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>484,267</u>	<u>160,838</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	(461,307)	(31,475)	(492,782)	(180,510)
Total expenditure		<u>(461,307)</u>	<u>(31,475)</u>	<u>(492,782)</u>	<u>(180,510)</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>19,785</u>	<u>(28,300)</u>	<u>(8,515)</u>	<u>(19,672)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		305,948	173,169	479,117	498,789
Total funds carried forward		<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 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	167,583	184,460
Investments	15	—	48,217
		<u>167,583</u>	<u>232,677</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	144,923	285,347
Cash at bank and in hand		333,618	406,359
		<u>478,541</u>	<u>691,706</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(175,522)	(445,266)
Net current assets		<u>303,019</u>	<u>246,440</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>470,602</u>	<u>479,117</u>
Net assets		<u>470,602</u>	<u>479,117</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		144,869	173,169
Unrestricted funds		325,733	305,948
Total charity funds	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

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.

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 £
Donations			
Donations and grants	3,402	3,175	6,577

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
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

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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	<u>48,217</u>	<u>—</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 £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	96,915	321,612	81,418	499,945
Additions	—	—	4,409	4,409
At 31 March 2024	<u>96,915</u>	<u>321,612</u>	<u>85,827</u>	<u>504,354</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	9,692	224,375	81,418	315,485
Charge for the year	9,692	10,720	874	21,286
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,384</u>	<u>235,095</u>	<u>82,292</u>	<u>336,771</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2024	<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 £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>98,217</u>
Impairment	
At 1 April 2023	(50,000)
Disposals	—
Impairment losses	(48,217)
At 31 March 2024	<u>(98,217)</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<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	<u>164,166</u>	<u>441,942</u>
	<u>175,522</u>	<u>445,266</u>

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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
At 31 March 2024	159,965	420,183

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>

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)
Net assets	325,733	144,869	470,602

	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)
Net assets	305,948	173,169	479,117

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 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and grants	6,577	27,734
Charitable activities		
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
	418,061	94,325
Other trading activities		
Membership subscriptions	321,860	281,475
Payable to the Scout Association	(262,381)	(242,811)
	59,479	38,664
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	150	115
Total income	484,267	160,838
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
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
	492,782	180,510
Total expenditure	492,782	180,510
Net expenditure	(8,515)	(19,672)

West Yorkshire County Scout Council

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Insurance	5,041	8,081
Other office costs	4,571	5,408
Depreciation	21,286	23,102
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>440,348</u>	<u>177,020</u>
Governance costs		
Legal and other professional fees	4,217	3,490
Governance costs - impairment	48,217	–
	<u>52,434</u>	<u>3,490</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>492,782</u>	<u>180,510</u>



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