

# FYLDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 701174

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1989-02-09

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

## Contact

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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:** Fylde District Scouts represents The Scout Association across the Fylde region of west Lancashire, in the UK. We aim to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£112,994	£110,443	-	-
2024-03-31	£78,815	£82,958	-	-
2023-03-31	£77,407	£85,576	-	-
2022-03-31	£73,310	£49,900	-	-
2021-03-31	£33,396	£106,973	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Leslie Martin		2020-09-30
Derek David Wright		2024-03-27
Dr Ross Alvin Kelly		2023-09-20
Lynne Victoria Mellors		2023-03-01
Maxwell Paul Dutton		2023-10-25
Mike John Smith		2025-09-04
Richard Anthony Johnson		2016-09-15

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# Accounts

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# Scouts



## Fylde District

# Annual Report 24/25

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## Thank You to All Our Volunteers & Supporters

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our incredible volunteers for their unwavering commitment, generosity, and the countless hours they dedicate to Scouting across Fylde.

Without their passion and support, a generation of young people would miss out on the adventurous activities, friendships, experiences, and life-shaping skills that Scouting provides. It is through their enthusiasm and dedication that we continue to inspire, challenge, and empower young people to reach their full potential.

## Chair's Report

This has been another strong year for Scouting in Fylde, with young people continuing to enjoy exciting programmes, adventurous camps, and opportunities that build confidence and skills for life.

One of our key priorities has been ensuring that all young people can access the widest range of opportunities. I am particularly proud of the significant financial support provided for international trips, helping to remove barriers for those who might otherwise miss out. Looking forward, we are especially excited that many young people from Fylde will be attending Red Rose Canada, a remarkable opportunity to make lifelong memories and friendships on a global stage.

Behind the scenes, the Trustee Board has worked to keep our finances secure, maintain our facilities, and support leaders across the District.

We are always looking for fresh ideas and skills, so if you know someone who could give a little time to support Scouting in this way, we would be delighted to welcome them.

Finally, I would like to thank every volunteer, leader, supporter, and parent. Your dedication ensures that Scouting in Fylde continues to thrive, offering young people the very best start in life.

Derek Wright



District Bonfire Night – Fylde Activity Centre

## District Lead Volunteer Report

Another year has passed, and it is time to reflect on the last 12 months of brilliant Scouting within our District. There has been a lot of hard work both at the coal face from our dedicated volunteers, and behind the scenes from our Trustee Boards. Through this report you will see an exciting blend of modern and traditional Scouting activities that we provide, with increasingly adventurous themes as we progress through the sections.

I am specifically proud of four things this year. First, our increased sense of togetherness; we have expanded our District-based events and activities, from our Bronze and Silver Awards evenings to the Sandcastle competition.

Second, the international experience participation and financial support. Through a combination of District funds generated by our Activity Centre and external grants, we have, through the Trustee Board, supported young people on international trips to the tune of £20,000, which will support trips to Belgium, Kandersteg, and Canada, to name but a few.

Third, I am proud of the improvements we have made to our Activity Centre and activity provision. In the Activity Centre, we have soundproofed the hall and replaced most of the bunk beds. For the activity provision, we have begun systematically replacing our District kayaks, purchased several canoes, and replaced our archery equipment, to name just a few.

Finally, I am extremely proud of our growth in membership. We have now surpassed pre-pandemic membership numbers with 924 members, welcoming almost 200 new members over the last five years. More details can be found in the Growth section of this report. This is in part due to the opening of Oakfield House School Group, which provides for autistic children aged 4 to 12 with a range of additional needs. Scouting is for everyone, and a provision at this school couldn't be more in the spirit of what we are about.

## Nights Away Report

It has been a good year for Nights Away Permits, in the District we have a total of 43 permits, Indoor 3, Campsite 33, Greenfield 4 and Lightweight 3.

All the Scout Groups have leaders with a permit from Oakfield with 1 to 1st Clifton and 2nd Kirkham with 6. Network and Young Leaders have leaders with permits, and one of the two Explorer Units have leaders with a permit.

During the year there have been 8 renewals of permits and 5 new permits, in addition there are 3 new permits in the pipeline.

As I said it has been a good year and the District is in a very good place to provide the nights away experience to young people which is such an important element of the skills for life that Scouting provides.

Duncan Cairns

Our Transformation process has progressed significantly this year. We now have a full complement of team leads and the sub-teams are filling up slowly but surely.

Looking to the future, we have much work to do. This year will see us open a new Group in Wrea Green with County development support, which will go a long way to tackling the still large waiting lists in the area. We also aim to have another Explorer Unit and an increase in our Squirrel provision by this time next year.

None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers, whose time, energy, and dedication make Scouting in Fylde thrive. Together we are giving young people skills, adventures, and friendships that last a lifetime, and I look forward to building on this success in the year ahead.

Ross Kelly

## Squirrels Report

2025 has been a great year for Squirrels within Fylde District. We now have 3 well established Squirrel Dreys at 1st Clifton, 1st Warton and 1st Kirkham and Wesham.

All 3 groups now had young people achieve their acorn awards with over 30 being awarded since the dreys opened. A fantastic achievement! Both 1st Clifton and 1st Warton attended the County Squirrels Day at Waddecarr where they got to do some brilliant activities including axe throwing, bouldering and archery.

Our Squirrels at 1st Warton have enjoyed a beach night, a Ribby Hall nature hike, a visit from a paramedic and were community champions when they did some litter picking at Freckleton park. Squirrels at 1st Clifton have celebrated their 1st birthday with a brilliant birthday party, been on a Newton Park hike to do some litter picking and see the sensory garden and been to a Squirrels own polytunnel. Squirrels at 1st Kirkham Squirrels and Wesham have done 3 sleepovers, visited Eureka and Blackpool Zoo and taken part in caving and crate stacking.

Moving forward into the next year, all 3 Drey's have some great things planned and are looking forward to more Squirrel Drey's opening across the district to provide more young people in Fylde with amazing opportunities. There are plans for a district Squirrels activity day and some great programmes in place.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank all our Squirrels leaders in Fylde for doing a fantastic job, our Squirrels are getting amazing opportunities because of you!

**Kim Wane**  
Fylde District Squirrel Lead

## Beavers Report

What a busy year we have had in the Beaver Scout Section. A good number of our Colonies attended the District Bonfire night at DHQ in November. A fantastic evening of wide games, smores (quickly made, quickly eaten), sparklers and hotdogs. With over 150 of our young people from across the sections singing together round the campfire, a wonderful time and a true reflection of Fylde Scouting.

At the end of November, we hosted our first Bronze and Silver awards night to celebrate all those who had achieved their awards in 2024. With over 60 Beavers getting Bronze certificates and specially made Bronze woggles. It was superb to see so many family members in attendance who have supported the young people as they travel through their scouting journey. In 2025, we have split the evening into two, with 20 further certificates presented in May from 6 different colonies.

Early December brought our District Beaver Christmas Sleepover. Split over two nights, we had over 75 Beavers attend, with Christmas crafts, glowstick skeletons and a glow in the dark disco on the programme.

This year's winners of the Lancaster Trophy (awarded annually to the Colony and leadership team that has attended the most district events) was 1<sup>st</sup> Warton. Well done to Amber and the team, and all the Beaver Scouts at 1<sup>st</sup> Warton.

In March, we took over half of our Colonies to Blackpool Zoo. Here, the Beavers were given a notebook and colouring pencils to make brass rubbings as they went along. District days out are something we want to explore more next year.

In June we held our Annual Beaver and Cub Sandcastle competition, boasting representation from every group, with over 200 young people attending. When we arrived, we discovered our Lead Volunteer, Ross, had sculpted a throne for himself in the middle of the beach. This year, 1<sup>st</sup> LSA were the winners for the biggest sandcastle.

Our last event of the year took place in June in the form of our summer sleepover. We had Beavers under canvas and indoors, enjoying an adventurous programme of archery, catapults, shooting, axe throwing, pioneering, knots, biscuit decoration, backwoods cooking and badge making.

We are now looking forward to the next 12 months of adventure, ending with a huge thank you to all leaders, young leaders, and support teams that Fylde Beaver Scouts an amazing section to be part of.

**Cath Newburn**  
Fylde District Beaver Lead



# Cubs Report

What an incredible year it has been for our Cub Scouts in Fylde. Packed with adventure, discovery and unforgettable moments, our Cubs have continued to grow in confidence, skills and teamwork, while building strong friendships and developing a sense of belonging in the Scouting family.

Throughout the year, our Cubs have embraced the spirit of fun and adventure. They have taken part in a wide range of activities—from exciting hikes and energetic camps to creative evenings and team challenges. Each experience has given them the opportunity to try new things, step outside their comfort zones, and, most importantly, have fun!

Community service has once again been at the heart of our programme. Our Cubs have shown incredible generosity and compassion by supporting local food banks, taking part in community litter picks, and visiting care homes to bring a smile to the elderly. These projects have not only made a real difference to others but have helped our young people understand the value of kindness and service.

This year, we have celebrated some fantastic events as a district. The St. George's Day Parade brought Cubs from across Fylde together for an afternoon of promise renewal, games, and celebrations. It was wonderful to see so many young people proudly wearing their uniforms and taking part in this traditional Scouting event.

Another huge highlight was the Cub Monopoly Run. Cubs worked together in teams to race around St. Anne's completing challenges and collecting as many "properties" as possible. It was a brilliant mix of problem-solving, teamwork, and fun, with plenty of laughter and a little friendly competition thrown in. The enthusiasm and energy from everyone involved made it a truly memorable event.

We also saw fantastic creativity and teamwork at the District Sandcastle Competition, held on the beautiful beach at St. Anne's. It was an evening of imagination and collaboration, with Packs competing to build the biggest sandcastle. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was great to see so many young people take part.

We are especially proud of the incredible achievements of our Cubs who have earned their Chief Scout Silver Award this year. This prestigious award represents months of effort, learning, and commitment, and we are thrilled to celebrate the success of all those who reached this milestone. Their hard work and determination truly embody the values of Scouting.

Looking ahead, we are excited for another year full of opportunities. Coming up in September, we have our Fylde Cub Activity Day, which promises to be an action-packed event with new challenges, skills sessions, and plenty of fun for all our Cubs. Alongside this, plans are already in place for more adventurous outings and exciting activities that will continue to inspire and engage our members. Our goal remains the same: to provide every young person with the chance to learn new skills, make friends, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our leaders, volunteers, and parents. Week after week, they give their time and energy to ensure our Cubs have an amazing experience. From running weekly meetings to organising camps and supporting badge work, their commitment is second to none. A huge thank you to each one of you for making this year so successful.

Here's to another fantastic year ahead filled with fun, friendship, and adventure!

**Sarah Bennet**  
Fylde District Cub Lead



# Scouts Report



The Older Scouts Weekend runs every October, and we hope it rates as one of the highlights of young person's time as a Scout. Adventurous activities are the order of the day; it currently resides at Great Tower on Windermere. Last year we took a full complement along for the challenge, hiking, mountain biking, climbing and kayaking, sleeping indoors and enjoying the excellent catering.

The Annual District Football competition in January was won by 1st Warton, with a good deal of support and camaraderie from the other groups who loaned them their star players for the night, a fine example of the Scouting family in practice.

February saw Fylde's Younger Scout weekend at our own DHQ, well attended by many of the groups, this weekend introduces the youngest scouts to a busy, fun filled weekend. Backwoods cooking, learning to use a stove, a night hike, knives, axes and saws, grappling with some big tents, a few wide games and a trading post on the Sunday. It is always an excellent well-run event.

Plenty of Fylde's Scouts entered the county run Bowlander Hiking Competition in April, and the training weekend in March, some teams were made up of scouts from different groups which is great to see. It's a great event and offers the chance to achieve the expedition challenge part of the Chief Scout Gold award. It clashed with the St Georges day celebrations at DHQ this year, so Scouts and their leaders were a little thin on the ground for that event. They did us proud with a sterling 4th place overall for the team from 2nd Kirkham.

In May, some of the District Scout leaders took the opportunity to view a new location for the District summer camp and firm up a few plans for the week at Drum Hill in Derbyshire. Then it was on to County Rally at our second home, Waddecar, where many of the scouts had another great weekend camping out in the sunshine and trying tonnes of new activities and making new friends.

The district has grown its Nights away permit holder pool by 2 this year, well done to Phil and Richard. The actual number of nights away across the district must surely be on the increase with most groups running at least one, often more, opportunity for Scouts to experience the great outdoors this year.

In August, two minibuses full of Fylde Scouts set off for Derbyshire for what's become an annual district summer camp. Leaders from 5 of the district's groups banded together to plan, organise, and risk assess a 6 night, quite traditional, patrol camp where the Scouts cooked mostly for themselves, slept under canvas and had a fantastic time. We visited Nottingham and the Heights of Abraham, spent days onsite climbing, abseiling, shooting, doing archery, orienteering, learning to track, tackling the assault course, throwing tomahawks, playing chess, singing badly round a campfire and expertly performing skits, chucking frisbees and then ourselves down a slip'n'slide in the sunshine. It was epic and they laughed a lot.

September will see the return of weekly meetings and planning for the next 12 months of madness. Many of the districts' Scouts will be going to watch 17th LSA's production of The Wizard of Oz. There is also an opportunity for Scouts to go and experience an international camp – Wings, in Windsor Great Park next summer and perhaps a shorter district summer camp somewhere new.

We are very lucky in Fylde to have such a dedicated team of Scout leaders, young leaders and all-round good eggs supporting us. Without their tireless efforts and good humour, it wouldn't be such a wonderful place to Scout. So, to all the scout section leaders and supporters out there "You are amazing, thank you!" Having agreed to take on this District role must also say a wholehearted thank you to Steve Crosland for his tireless work keeping the ship running and his willingness to carry on looking after the Chief Scout Gold awards for us. He tells me there were a bumper crop of 35 this year, BRAVO scouts and all your dedicated leaders

**Nichola Rhodes**  
Fylde District Scout Lead

# 14-25 Report

This year has been a busy and rewarding one for both Tarka & Trogz Explorer Scouts, our Young Leader programme and Network. Current membership numbers are Trogz 36, Tarka 38, Young leaders 40 and Network around 20 active members. Both Explorer units continue to offer a varied and adventurous programme for young people aged 14–18. The Young Leader Programme meets once a month with a different training module being delivered. We are supported by a dedicated leadership team who have worked hard to provide opportunities for growth, adventure, and service. Network continues to show growth despite the transient lifestyle 18 – 24-year-olds currently live.

Over the past year we have delivered a balanced programme, mixing fun, adventure, and skill development. Highlights include:

- Red Rose 24, where we took a mixed unit of Explorers, predominantly from Fylde, but also from other Districts and Counties.
- Trogz have supported 1st Kirkham & Wesham on numerous occasions, including their annual Duck Camp.
- County Explorer Camp was attended by 41 Explorer Scouts from both Trogz & Tarka, the most we've taken for a while! All had a great weekend of various activities, ending on a high note as they won the Kamikaze Challenge, a team-based competition that involves a variety of challenges (most are very messy).
- Members from both units have participated in County events including Snow & Ice in the Cairngorms, the Explorer Belt in the Baltics and the Kandersteg Trip to Switzerland, International trips to Malawi. Caving in real caves, as well as events closer to home including Moonlight and Crew Challenge. Explorers have shared their hobbies such as martial arts and music with the group, in addition to global issues, awareness, hikes, survival skills and leadership, with 13 different badges earned within the past year.
- Both units plan their programme with the young people, this results in an exciting and youth lead programme. It includes activities such as: Kayaking, climbing, helping clean up the Marsh, supporting District Bonfire & St Georges Day events, Shopping & supporting the local Food bank by completing an A-Z Shopping list, Ice skating, learning about electronics, bowling, completing their First Aid badge, competing in the Challenge Trophy against Tarka, Solstice games on the beach, cardboard box baking and pizzas, Lazer tag, crazy golf & even some site service.

- Our young leader programme continues to thrive with training modules being held once a month & an average of 14 young people attending. Numerous explorers are young leaders providing support to many groups and sections across the district.
- Network saw many members attend the District Dinner Dance which created a new spark for this section.
- Boxing Day was a popular get together for 20 network members and adult volunteers in our district.
- Network Gathering a County Lead event just for Network. Saw Fylde Network take 16 members the best attended district in the Country. This also included members of our network who were on the organising committee managing the entertainment. The event was enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead, we have many exciting plans:

- First Christmas Camp
- Continued focus on DofE and Top Awards
- Expanded collaboration with Network and Scout troops
- Development of our leaders, focusing on permits
- Continue to develop a more "Explorer-led" programme and mentality
- Increase our District presence and support, with service days and weekends
- Increase our Young Leader programme and Network section.
- Increase the Explorer provision with a new Unit.

I am proud of what the 14-25 section has achieved this year. Many thanks go to the leadership teams of our units, our Young Leaders and parents, but mostly, to the Young people whose energy and enthusiasm continue to make this section thrive.

**Lynne Mellors**  
**Fylde District 14-25 Lead**

# Financial Summary



## FYLDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL



### Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/25 (£)	2023/24 (£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Activity Centre	64,589	48,384
Scouting activities, training and sections	37,358	20,155
District events	3,103	-
All other income	7,943	10,276
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>112,994</b>	<b>78,815</b>
<b>OUTGOINGS</b>		
Activity Centre operating costs	45,307	43,195
Activity Centre depreciation	10,275	10,275
Scouting activities, training and sections	43,223	22,526
District events	2,883	331
Management, administration and other costs	8,755	6,630
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>110,443</b>	<b>82,958</b>
<b>Total surplus for the year</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>- 4,143</b>

### Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	2024/25 (£)	2023/24 (£)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Buildings and equipment used for Scouting	424,369	435,948
Bank and cash balances	195,807	170,176
Debtors and other assets	2,938	11,315
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>623,113</b>	<b>617,438</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits held for future events	10,382	8,894
Creditors and all other liabilities	2,821	1,185
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>13,203</b>	<b>10,079</b>
<b>Operating surplus for the year</b>	<b>609,911</b>	<b>607,360</b>

### Statement of the Trustees

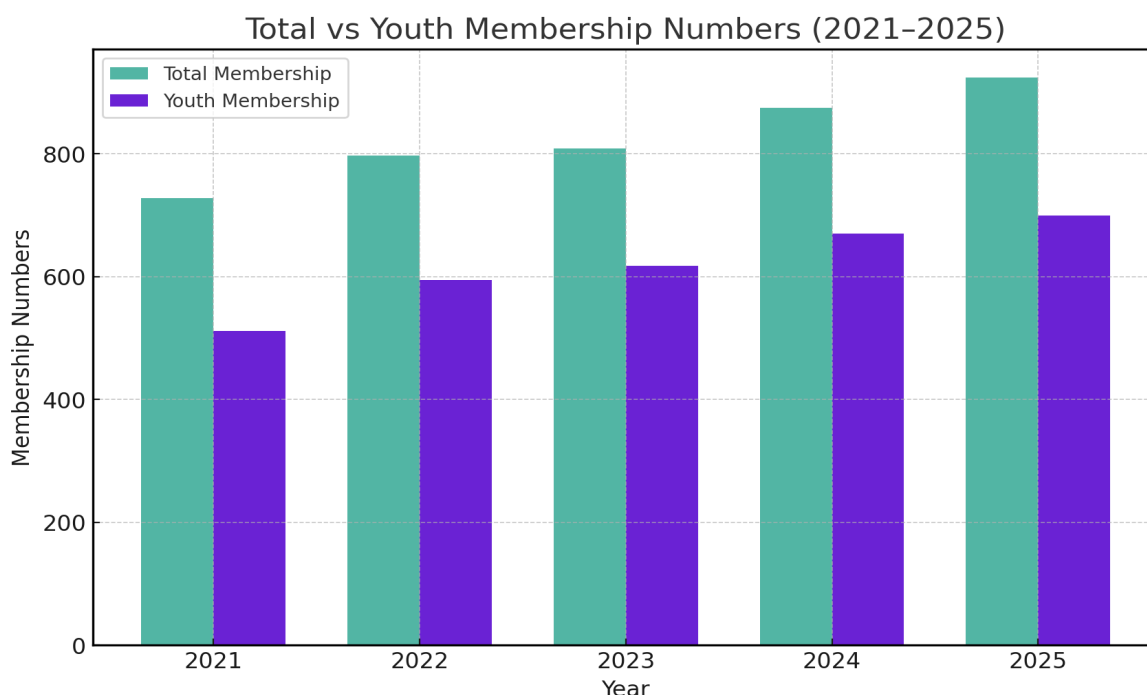
These summarised financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 27/08/2025. The statutory Trustees Report and Audited Financial Statements, which contain the full details of the financial affairs of the charity, will be submitted to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting. These will be available to download as a PDF either from the Charity Commission website or the Fylde District website after the AGM.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees 27/08/2025

R A Johnson  
District Treasurer

D D Wright  
District Chair

# Growth



Between 2021 and 2025, membership within the district has shown a strong and positive upward trend. The resilience of our groups is clear, with total membership rising steadily each year to reach 924 members by 2025, surpassing pre pandemic numbers (2018, 921). Youth membership has followed a similar path, climbing from 512 in 2021 to 699 in 2025, demonstrating the continuing appeal of Scouting to the young people across the area. Overall, the district has welcomed nearly 200 members over the last five years, a testament to the dedication of our volunteers and the strength of the Scouting in our communities. This positive momentum gives us a great confidence as we look to the future and continue working towards our long-term growth targets.

## Fylde District Scouts 100 Club Winners 2024-2025

Month	£10	£5	£5	£100
June	74	21	22	
July	63	30	96	
August	29	18	14	
September	72	31	90	
October	64	88	76	
November	77	21	8	
December	63	77	29	74
January	47	96	53	
February	28	18	85	
March	25	45	63	
April	90	17	49	
May	85	34	55	



**Fylde District Scout Council**

**Registered Charity Number:** 70174

**Governing Instrument:** The policy, organisation and rules of the Scout Association by the authority by a royal charter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 1912.

**Aims:** The aims of the association 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 method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership

**Principal Bankers:** The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf house, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

**Principal Address:** Fylde Scout Activity Centre, Heyhouses Lane, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, FY8 3RN



**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 701174**

**Scout Association Registered Number: 10001900**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2025	TOTALS 2024
<b>Membership</b>				
Membership subs - Groups	29,808.00	1,552.50	31,360.50	26,576.00
Membership subs - Units	2,880.00	150.00	3,030.00	2,068.00
Less Memb' subs paid on	- 32,688.00		- 32,688.00	- 27,016.50
Net Memb' subs retained	-	1,702.50	1,702.50	1,627.50
<b>Adult Support and Training</b>	-		-	-
<b>Accounts</b>				
District Beaver Section	4,469.00		4,469.00	5,005.00
District Cub Section	-		-	-
District Scout Section	7,765.00		7,765.00	4,205.00
Explorer Scout Units	25,124.21		25,124.21	10,945.18
International Receipts		-	-	4,135.04
<b>Activity Centre</b>				
Grants & Donations	10,640.00		10,640.00	6.00
Facilities	45,525.86		45,525.86	37,984.80
Activities	3,253.06		3,253.06	4,217.00
Tuck Shop	3,704.46		3,704.46	4,683.05
Solar Panels	1,390.96		1,390.96	1,410.67
Equipment Hire	75.00		75.00	82.50
<b>Events</b>				
Dinner Dance	2,484.00		2,484.00	-
Bonfire	619.18		619.18	-
<b>Fundraising</b>				
100 Club	918.00		918.00	838.00
Donations	44.49		44.49	650.18
HMRC Gift Aid	625.51		625.51	-
<b>Sales</b>				
Wood	600.00		600.00	-
District Jackets	-		-	-
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Bank Interest	4,052.90		4,052.90	3,024.97
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>111,291.63</b>	<b>1,702.50</b>	<b>112,994.13</b>	<b>78,814.89</b>



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

EXPENDITURE	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2025	TOTALS 2024
<b>Key Funds</b>					
District Beaver Section		4,850.41		4,850.41	5,305.43
District Cub Section		-		-	-
District Scout Section		6,455.24		6,455.24	3,930.18
Explorer Scout Units	4	31,612.30		31,612.30	13,080.61
International / Jamboree		4,650.00	-	4,650.00	1,220.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>47,567.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,567.95</b>	<b>23,536.22</b>
<b>Activity Centre</b>					
	2				
Insurance		7,048.50		7,048.50	6,684.20
Utilities		9,175.73		9,175.73	12,533.82
Cleaning & Hygiene		10,918.22		10,918.22	7,977.38
Maintenance		7,267.44		7,267.44	6,825.14
Tuck Shop		2,735.19		2,735.19	2,544.72
Administration		225.00		225.00	180.00
Ground Rent		20.00		20.00	20.00
Fixt & Fittings Depreciation		7,916.90		7,916.90	6,430.00
Building Depreciation			10,274.98	10,274.98	10,274.98
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>45,306.98</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	<b>55,581.96</b>	<b>53,470.24</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>					
100 Club		363.00		363.00	345.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>363.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>363.00</b>	<b>345.00</b>
<b>Event Costs</b>					
Dinner Dance		2,351.20		2,351.20	250.00
Bonfire		327.13		327.13	
Other events		205.13		205.13	81.16
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>2,883.46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,883.46</b>	<b>331.16</b>
<b>Purchases</b>					
Challenge Trophy		72.00		72.00	-
Media Resources		31.98		31.98	-
Equipment Maintenance		56.94		56.94	
CSA Badges & Certificates		717.06		717.06	528.26
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>877.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>877.98</b>	<b>528.26</b>
<b>District</b>					
Adult support and training		305.00		305.00	210.00
Write offs		619.02		619.02	2,169.50
District Section Budgets		-		-	220.00
District Administration	3	1,275.53		1,275.53	1,266.04
AGM Expenses		137.40		137.40	157.70
Online Scout Manager		831.60		831.60	723.60
		-		-	
<b>Total Gross Expenditure:</b>		<b>100,167.92</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	<b>110,442.90</b>	<b>82,957.72</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments):</b>		11,123.71	- 8,572.48	2,551.23	- 4,142.83
Fund Balances Brought Forward					
AT 1ST APRIL 2024	6	<b>180,246.85</b>	<b>427,112.68</b>	<b>607,359.53</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>
Fund Balances Carried Forward					
AT 31ST MARCH 2025	6	<b>191,370.56</b>	<b>418,540.20</b>	<b>609,910.76</b>	<b>607,359.53</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
TANGIBLE ASSETS	5	<b>424,369.13</b>	<b>435,947.61</b>
<b>CASH Accounts</b>			
District Current Account		30,619.73	26,245.48
District Savings Accounts		143,049.87	119,024.97
District Sections' Accounts		577.03	1,251.54
Explorer Units' Accounts		20,122.13	22,347.29
Cash / Floats		1,437.77	1,306.57
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>195,806.53</b>	<b>170,175.85</b>
<b>DEBTS DUE</b>			
Training		0.00	0.00
Pre-payments		661.07	7,698.31
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>661.07</b>	<b>7,698.31</b>
<b>STOCKS</b>			
Tuck Shop		1,768.80	2,489.90
Jackets		159.79	159.79
Badges (old stock)			619.02
Neckers		348.00	348.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>2,276.59</b>	<b>3,616.71</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>198,744.19</b>	<b>181,490.87</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Activity Centre Deposits		-10,381.96	-8,894.40
Gen Green Grant		-1,920.00	0.00
Accruals		0.00	0.00
Network Fund		-22.18	-306.13
Osprey Fund		-878.42	-878.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>-13,202.56</b>	<b>-10,078.95</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>185,541.63</b>	<b>171,411.92</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>609,910.76</b>	<b>607,359.53</b>
<b>FUNDS :</b>			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	6	191,370.56	180,246.85
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	418,540.20	427,112.68
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>609,910.76</b>	<b>607,359.53</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 27/08/2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name  
 Derek Wright  
 RICHARD JOHNSON

Chair

Treasurer



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 2nd Ed) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation of all tangible assets other than Land on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives

The rates generally applicable are as follows:-

Activity Centre Building, fixtures and fitt	2% per annum
Activity Centre & District Equipment	20% per annum
Explorer Scout Unit Equipment	20% per annum

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at Balance Sheet date

#### **Reserves**

The District's Policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to enable it to provide the facilities in order that the District is able to carry out its duties. The objectives of the District are described in the 'Purpose of Scouting', P.O.R. Chapter 1, Page 1



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 2 ACTIVITY CENTRE EXPENDITURE

	2025	2024
Insurance	7,048.50	6,684.20
Heat, Light, Cooking	6,437.98	10,286.84
Water Charges	2,118.01	1,745.60
Telephone and Internet	619.74	501.38
Cleaning and Waste Removal	9,196.73	6,467.89
Hygiene Disposal Service	1,013.75	967.20
Hygiene and Cleaning consumables	707.74	542.29
General Maintenance	6,411.46	4,917.85
Climbing, Archery, Shooting	855.98	1,907.29
Tuck Shop	2,735.19	2,416.51
Discount/Refund	120.00	-
Ground Rent	20.00	20.00
IT, WebSite, Booking System	105.00	180.00
Fixt & Fittings Depreciation	7,916.90	6,430.00
Total:	<b>45,306.98</b>	<b>43,067.05</b>

### 3 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

	2025	2024
365 Migration	-	337.07
Postage, Stationery	41.53	-
Bank Charges	53.00	-
Travel Expenses	78.50	-
Lotteries Act	40.00	-
Depreciation	1,062.50	928.97
Total:	<b>1,275.53</b>	<b>1,266.04</b>

### 4 ESU EXPENSES

	2025	2024
Membership Fees	3,030.00	2,068.00
Minibuses Hire	-	-
Premises and Insurance	-	252.00
Camps	15,987.92	4,312.93
Competitions	135.00	119.00
Other Activities	1,673.38	968.21
Training	-	200.00
Fund Raising	-	-
Admin	90.00	79.40
Badges and Scarves	635.76	811.70
Materials and Consumables	426.76	338.54
Correction to Trogz accounts	5,787.72	-
sub total	<b>27,766.54</b>	<b>9,149.78</b>
ESU Depreciation	3,845.76	3,930.83
Total:	<b>31,612.30</b>	<b>13,080.61</b>



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	DHQ BUILDING	LAND	EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FITTINGS	TOTAL
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st April 2024	513,749.00	3,770.00	110,241.25	627,760.25
Additions			11,521.66	11,521.66
Disposals				-
At 31st March 2025	<b>513,749.00</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>121,762.91</b>	<b>639,281.91</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st April 2024	113,024.78	-	78,787.86	191,812.64
Provision this year	10,274.98	-	12,825.16	23,100.14
At 31st March 2025	123,299.76	-	<b>91,613.02</b>	<b>214,912.78</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st March 2025	<b>390,449.24</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>30,149.89</b>	<b>424,369.13</b>

6 STATEMENT OF FUNDS	AT 1st April 2024	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	Transfers	AT 31 March 2025
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Provision for Future Maintenance	110,156.42	-	-	6,480.00	116,636.42
Generation Green 2 Grant	-	10,640.00	-	-	10,640.00
Neverest District Camp	1,612.11	-	-	-	1,612.11
New Group Fund	1,339.83	-	-	-	1,339.83
Outdoor Climbing Equipment	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
<b>Non designated Funds</b>					
Accumulated/Reserve Fund	66,638.49	103,030.57	102,546.86	-	60,642.20
<b>Total Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>180,246.85</b>	<b>113,670.57</b>	<b>102,546.86</b>	-	<b>191,370.56</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
International Fund	7,005.89	1,702.50	-	-	8,708.39
DHQ Insurance Claim	174,523.47	-	10,274.98	-	164,248.49
DHQ Rebuild Fundraising	245,583.32	-	-	-	245,583.32
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>427,112.68</b>	<b>1,702.50</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	-	<b>418,540.20</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>607,359.53</b>	<b>115,373.07</b>	<b>112,821.84</b>	-	<b>609,910.76</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fylde District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fylde District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Fylde District Scout Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Fylde District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

Michael Hughes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

34 Highbury Road West, St Anne's on Sea FY8 2RE

Date:

20/08/2025

**FYLDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 701174

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# Welcome from the Chair

Over the years, Scouting has undergone many changes, and once again, we face a period of transformation. The national change through the transformation programme aims to ensure Scouting remains relevant to today's young people and volunteers. This includes embedding updated training to ensure adults receive the necessary development while updating policies to keep every member safe, regardless of age. In the Fylde, we have experienced significant changes since our last AGM. The arrival of Ross Kelly as the new Lead Volunteer has built on the foundations laid by previous District Commissioners. Ross has introduced a refreshed leadership style to the district and has supported and guided our adult volunteers through this transformative period for the UK Scout Association. It is also fantastic to witness the growing demand for Scouting across the district. While this presents challenges, it is a testament to all Scouting volunteers who generously give their time to deliver a wide range of programmes, activities, and opportunities. It is also great to see the introduction of Squirrels. This is an excellent opportunity for Scouting to engage a younger audience. We are already seeing the benefits of increased membership and the introduction of new volunteers,

and we hope to see this as a new feeder section to strengthen our groups and the district as a whole.

As a district, we are fortunate to have such a fantastic headquarters, and we are even luckier to have a dedicated team of volunteers who invest their time to maintain and run the centre. I would be remiss not to extend our thanks and to urge the entire district to support maintenance weekends or the running of the centre. The centre not only provides opportunities for young people but also supports activity investment, adult volunteer training, group activities, and the overall operation of the district.

Thank you to all the trustees across our district and groups who continue to uphold high standards and governance. This important role ensures our assets are well cared for, maintained, and invested in. Lastly, I extend a special thank you to Jack Ledger, who is stepping down from his role as District President. Jack has served the district in many capacities and has provided invaluable advice, mentorship, and friendship to many volunteers.

**Derek Wright**

Chair of the Board of Trustees





# District Lead Volunteer Report

## Growth

This year, Fylde has not only rebounded but surpassed our pre-COVID numbers, growing from 651 young people in 2019 to 670 in 2024. Our youth membership increased by 8% since last year, welcoming an additional 52 young people to Scouting in our district. This success extends across all sections, with our first Squirrel drey at 1st Kirkham and Wesham thriving with 17 Squirrels, thanks to Carrin and her dedicated team. Our Scout Troops have also grown, adding 25 more Scouts this year. We're thrilled to see a notable rise in our Young Leader provision. Adult volunteer numbers have also increased by 8%, with 66 new volunteers joining us. While we're still 50 adult volunteers short of pre-COVID levels, the growth in youth numbers is truly remarkable and something we should all be incredibly proud of.

Looking forward, the momentum continues. We've recently opened a second Squirrel Drey at 1st Clifton, already at full capacity with 20 Squirrels, and plan to open two more Dreys this year at 1st Warton and 2nd Kirkham. This expansion will bring our total District Squirrel provision to four out of ten groups.

Fylde is excited to expand its reach and inclusivity. We are proud to announce the opening

of a new Scout group in collaboration with Oakfield House SEN School, specifically designed to support children with special educational needs. This dedicated provision will bring Scouting's unique opportunities to young people who may not have had access before, offering them the chance to learn new skills, build confidence, and make lifelong friends in an environment tailored to their needs. This initiative reflects our commitment to making Scouting accessible to all. By fostering a supportive and inclusive space, we hope to enrich the lives of these young people and help them realize their full potential.

## District Highlights

Fylde District has had an outstanding year, full of adventure and achievement. We've led the County in the number of nights away, with all sections from Squirrels to Explorers enjoying overnight experiences. 1st Clifton alone had an incredible 619 nights away. Our young people have travelled near and far, from local camps at DHQ to international adventures across the Baltics. Even our youngest Scout, Theo Webster, at just 6 months old, clocked an impressive 17 nights away. This is the spirit of Scouting!

Our Scouts have also been active in the community, participating in STEM visits

with BAE Systems, fire station tours, and conservation efforts at Warton Marsh with Lytham & District Wildfowlers and Natural England. They've taken on challenges like the Bowlander and explored the Cairngorms with and Snow and Ice. We celebrated our 10th St. George's event ran by Paul Jackson and enjoyed a district-wide Beaver and Cub Sandcastle competition, showcasing the creativity and camaraderie of our Scouts. This year, we've enhanced our activity centre, beginning a phased replacement of our kayaking equipment, upgrading all our air rifles, and renovating the shooting range with the help of a band of dedicated volunteers. We're also replacing our archery equipment in its entirety and constructing an outdoor target sports range to reflect the growing interest in these activities. Our centre improvements include new bunk beds and plans for soundproofing the main hall. This year, we also celebrated significant milestones in our district. Tarka ESU marked its 10th anniversary, a decade of adventure and growth, while 8th LSA reached an incredible 60 years of Scouting excellence. Both anniversaries were celebrated in style at DHQ, bringing together Scouts, leaders, and families to honour these remarkable achievements.

#SkillsForLife

I am particularly proud of the number of top awards earned this year. Our Beavers and Cubs have achieved 44 Bronze and Silver Awards since January alone, with a district presentation evening planned for December. We're also celebrating an increase in Gold Awards for our Scouts and the first awards for Squirrels due soon. Notably, we had three King's Scout Awards this year, a testament to the dedication of our youth.

## Transformation

Scouting in Fylde is evolving. We've embraced new roles and teams following an extraordinary general meeting this year. With this transformation, we bid farewell to some remarkable leaders. Jack Ledger, our District President and a lifelong contributor to Fylde, stepped down at the age of 95 after a lifetime of service. Janet Jones, our dedicated District Secretary, Trustee, and Appointments member, also retired, leaving a lasting legacy.

Our Beaver section saw a transition as John Perkin moved on as ADC after six years, having supported our young Scouts for decades. We also celebrated Mary Roberts, who retired after 40 years of leadership at 7th LSA, and Rob Webster, who stepped down as 14-25 lead to focus on family. These leaders have

made invaluable contributions, and their impact will be felt for years to come.

## Looking Forward

Our primary goal remains to provide exceptional Scouting opportunities for all young people in Fylde. Despite this year's growth, we still face the challenge of large waiting lists, with over 150 young people eager to join. Our focus in the coming years will be on expanding our capacity, recruiting new leaders, enhancing our activity centre, and upskilling our current leaders with adventurous permits.

Thank you to all Fylde Scout leaders, supporters, and families. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

### Ross Kelly

District Lead Volunteer



#SkillsForLife

# Youth Shaped

Youth-shaped Scouting is about empowering our young people to take the lead, to make decisions, and to shape their own experiences. It's about giving them the tools and the responsibility to explore, challenge themselves, and to discover the important characteristics that will guide them throughout their lives.

Since taking the youth lead role over from Elise in November I've seen this happening every day. Whether it's through planning their own activities, leading, and supporting each other in activities, or coming up with innovative ways to give back to our community, our Scouts are proving that they are more than capable of leading the way. With the opening of 2 new squirrel dreys, the prospects of a new explorer unit, and a new group all together, the need and want for scouting is apparent and by empowering our young people we can make sure this growth keeps happening.

In March of this year, West Lancs held their first IGNITE explorer development weekend with 17 explorers achieving the new army leadership badge and everyone

taking away some important skills to further their development and pave their way into the future of scouting. My role within this was to support the planning and running of this camp and to figure out what our young people wanted to take away from this event through the medium of our county forum. Given the success of this weekend, we are looking at running these events once or twice a year to provide these development opportunities to as many explorer scouts as possible. Unfortunately, this event was lacking in attendance from Fylde and so I would love to see more of our explorers getting involved.

Over the next year I will be looking at establishing a yearly district forum to ensure our young people have a medium to voice any suggestions or feedback for events and activities we run as a district and as a county ensuring they get the most out of their scouting experience and we know how to provide that. I will also be supporting our young leaders to give them the skills and experience required to achieve their top awards and become much needed adult leaders.

Our role as leaders is to support, mentor and guide them,

but it's our young people who are truly driving Scouting forward in Fylde. I cannot do this on my own and am happy to support any leaders sections or units in ensuring their program is youth shaped and led. So, let's continue to encourage our young people to take control, to dream big, and to lead with courage and kindness. The future of Scouting in Fylde is bright because it is in the hands of our incredible youth.

**Max Dutton**

District Youth Lead



# Squirrels

This year has seen us celebrate a year of having Squirrels in the district, a second section open in Clifton and another two dreys in the planning stage of opening!

Both 1st Kirkham & Wesham and 1st Clifton are currently running at full capacity and have a healthy waiting list with future members eagerly waiting to join us.

Both sections have been working their way through some very exciting activities such as craft, experiments, archery, sports, hikes, games and much much more which has all gone towards our Squirrels being presented with an array of both Activity and Challenge badges with the first Acorn Awards being presented this September.

We don't just stop at our weekly meet ups though, we have been out exploring the environment too through days out and camps - both indoors and outdoors under canvas! Between us we have opened up a world of Scouting for our Squirrels allowing them to experience a breadth of controlled risk activities such as axe throwing, archery, pitching and striking a tent, bouldering, fire building, s'more making, Fire Station visit, stick whittling and a pirate water fight... not forgetting lots of camp fire singing!

The year isn't over yet and our planning for the next term has plenty on it to ensure the Squirrels look forward to returning each week... we have even planned a trip to Eureka and another camp at Waddecarr!

Seeing all our Squirrels attend District events such as St. Georges Day was fantastic and watching them tackle the activities head on just like other sections made all the leaders very proud, we may be small but we are definitely mighty!

**Carrin Kenworthy**  
District Team Lead  
(Squirrels)





I am very pleased to say that since taking on the role of District Beaver Leader in January this year I have had the opportunity to present Bronze awards at EVERY one of the 10 Colonies in our District. So far this year I have presented 33 awards (to the end of August). We have also invited each and every one of these amazing Beaver Scouts to a special evening on the 5th December to celebrate all the awardees in style. At this December evening at HQ, we will be celebrating both the Chief Scout Bronze and Silver awardees.

During my visits round the District, I have been totally amazed at the level of the Beaver leadership that we have in Fylde. The opportunities that are being offered to our young people and the activities and adventures that are being delivered week in week out is a true testament to the committed and dedicated leaders that we are honoured to have.

This year District introduced a new “challenge trophy” that will be competed for ch year by all groups. This year’s challenge was set as a Sandcastle competition. After a hard-fought competition in June, attended by nearly all groups in the district a total of over 150 children were on the Beach at St Annes. Deservedly won by 7th LSA.

Our first district Beaver event this year was our Adventure

Sleepover/Camp that we ran in July. We had a mix of indoor sleepers and outside campers at the event at HQ where we covered all aspects of the West Lancashire 50th Birthday badge. In total we had 85 Beavers join us from 7 of our colonies. We had a mass birthday party lunch with a special cake (Thank you again Mike Smith for cutting it with us). We offered the Beaver Scouts the opportunity to try lots of new skills, Fire lighting, Bouldering, Axe throwing, Archery, Dutch Arrows, and sign language to name just a few of the things that were on offer. Happy to say the event went without a hitch and the Beaver Scouts (and Leaders) all went home thoroughly exhausted.

Our next confirmed event is our Christmas sleepover in early December although we are also looking at a number of locations for a district day around October time. Here’s to the next 12 months of adventures and once again THANK YOU to all the leaders, helpers and young leaders that make Fylde Beaver Scouts the absolute best it can be.

**Cath Newburn**  
District Team Lead  
(Beavers)





What a fantastic year it has been for our Cub Scouts in Fylde! This year has been filled with adventure, learning, and unforgettable experiences. Our Cubs have not only grown in number but have also thrived in developing new skills, friendships, and a deeper sense of community. We have seen tremendous growth, in the skills and confidence of our young members.

Cubs in Fylde have embraced the spirit of adventure, participating in numerous activities. From hiking trips to camps, the Cubs have had plenty of opportunities to connect with each other and develop essential skills.

Community service has been a cornerstone of the Cubs program this year. Cubs have participated in litter picks, visits to the elderly and collecting for the local food banks, demonstrating their understanding of and commitment to helping others. These activities have not only benefited the community but have also instilled in our Cubs a strong sense of responsibility and compassion.

This year, Cubs in Fylde have also celebrated several special events with great enthusiasm. The St. George's Day celebration was a huge success, where Cubs recited their promise and participated in an afternoon of fun activities and games. Cubs also had the opportunity to showcase their creativity and teamwork at the District Sandcastle Competition. It was an evening filled with fun, collaboration, and friendly rivalry as Packs from across the district gathered at St. Anne's Pier to compete for the top prize.

Probably one of our proudest achievements this year is our outstanding success in the Chief Scout Silver Awards. The commitment and hard work of our Cubs have truly shone through, and we are proud to announce that a record 54 Cubs from across the district have earned this prestigious award since January 2024. This accomplishment is a true reflection of the commitment and effort put in by our Cubs and the leaders.

As we look forward to the next year, we plan to build on this year's successes by introducing new programs and activities. We are particularly excited about our upcoming District Cub Activity Day, which will offer

fresh opportunities for learning and growth. Additionally, we aim to continue expanding our section and reaching out to more young people in the community.

This fantastic year would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our leaders, parents, and the wider community. Our volunteers have consistently gone above and beyond, dedicating countless hours to planning and delivering an exciting and enriching program. Whether it's organizing weekly meetings, coordinating outdoor activities, or guiding Cubs through badge work, their commitment to providing a quality Scouting experience is unwavering. Your efforts have made this a remarkable year, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team guiding our Cubs. Here's to many more years of success and adventure together!

**Sarah Bennett**  
District Team Lead  
(Cubs)



# SCOUTS

For Scouts, the experience of the great outdoors, learning camping skills, meeting new Scouts and creating friendships while doing so, is especially important in the development of young people. So in Fylde District I can say that there were lots of Scouts heading outside!

Several groups joined forces for County Rally in May at Waddecar, with Darren Clayton taking responsibility for the camp. Phil Cotterill undertook the catering for the weekend. And as always all the Scouts had fun time trying out as much as they could from what was on offer.

A conversation among leaders before the end of Red Rose 2022 resulted in a proposed Summer Camp for 2023, aptly named Viking Camp, near York at the Snowball site. It proved very popular with a number of our scout groups. Stephen Beardsworth took charge of the camp with support from Judith Lightfoot and a very dedicated team with Phil Cotterill keeping everyone well nourished. Scouts were thrilled with the Railway Museum visit and guided by the well organised leaders did many other fun activities throughout the week.

The 1st Clifton and 1st Warton Scouts linked up for their summer camp and 1st Kirkham and Wesham under Neil Barnes went to one of their favourite sites in the Lake District for their summer camp.

It was great to see Older Scouts Weekend at Great Tower back on the agenda, with special thanks to Malcolm Glen-Bott for pulling it all together. Climbing, mountain biking and kayaking were all catered for and led safely by our own scout leaders. Thanks to Phil Cotterill who ensured all the Scouts and leaders were well fed throughout the weekend and all especially enjoyed lunch outdoors at Fell Foot by the water on Windermere before the afternoon activities. A morning hike near the site on Sunday morning completed a successful weekend, with tired but happy Scouts. Thank you all leaders.

Once again Bowlander Challenge, testing map skills and survival was well attended by many groups in Fylde. Thanks to Andy Crozier for overseeing our patch and giving support at the event. Well done to all scouts competing.

Our Younger Scouts Skills Weekend was held at DHQ. It is always a popular format with 6 bases offering various skills on Saturday to excite

young Scouts. Thank you to leaders who manned the bases. Once again a night hike out onto the Moss tested navigation skills in the dark with a few testing questions along the route. Then on Sunday the Scouts took part in a fun trading post competition which always turns out great fun and is very competitive. Everyone as well catered for by Phil Cotterill and members of SASU helping too.

It has been good once again to have the water activities evenings on Fairhaven Lake for our scout groups. Thank you to leaders who took the time at the lake to pass on their skills for kayaking and sailing. It has also been very pleasing to see an increase in our scouts achieving their Chief Scout Gold Awards during this year. Well earned and well done scouts for their commitment!

Thanks to all the leaders of all the groups in the Scout section and a big welcome to some of the newer ones, bringing in fresh ideas, continue the good work, promoting skills for life and keeping our scouts safe and happy.

Thank you Malcolm Glen-Bott for your support and assistance.

**Steve Crosland**  
District Team  
(Scouts)



# EXPLORERS network

It's with mixed emotions that I write this report, with joy because the explorer and network sections have had an absolutely outstanding year, however it is also sad as it's the last time I'll be writing this after 5 years as DESC then 14-24 lead I've decided it's time to step back and focus on other things. However back to the good stuff, and there is lots of it! Back in September we started the year off joining forces with another local organisation as Trogz Explorers helped litter pick on the marshes at Lytham and Warton with Lytham and District wildfowlers. Early in the New Year Tarka ESU turned 10 years old! With a big celebration with explorers/leaders both past and present turning up to celebrate this milestone. Each year they compete in a series of whacky challenges, so the 10 year celebration saw these challenges participated in by generations of the same unit, congratulations on this milestone to all involved.

February also saw members head up to the Cairngorms for snow and ice, an annual mountaineering trip to learn skills required for operating in winter conditions.

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Fylde sent 5 teams along with a network team of catchers to operation moonlight, a massive full day game of man hunt, organised by Ormskirk. Easter saw network members make the trip to Wales for the National Network Gathering, 4 days of activities and entertainment for 18-24 year old members, most of whom are leaders to let their hair down and enjoy their own programme.

Following swiftly from the Gathering 5 members of Fylde went to Windsor for the Kings Scout award Celebration after receiving their awards, a fantastic experience marching in the quadrangle at Windsor castle. Well-deserved after achieving the highest award in scouting.

Early summer saw explorers attend county explorer camp on the edge of the peaks, with activities including scrambling, high ropes, caving plus many more spending time with other explorers across west Lancashire.

All these nights' away events have allowed leaders to work towards their permits, with Trogz ESU even running their first individual camp since Covid. A bush craft weekend at Waddecar, sleeping in hammocks and cooking on fires.

Alongside all the big ticket stuff above weekly unit nights have continued to take place with activities including –

- Snowboarding
- Bell Boating
- Zoo nights
- Climbing
- Canoeing
- Night Hikes

Plus much much more.

Young leaders has continued to go from strength to Strength, with a good number of our explorers also young leaders in the majority of younger sections across the district and training taking part every month at DHQ.

Without me waffling on too much, I hope this gives you an insight into what a fantastic and busy year our explorer and network sections have had. There have been challenges at times, with some more to come with the goal of re-building a strong network in the near future and the sights of a new explorer unit in Kirkham on the horizon. To finish off I'd like to thank all the leaders involved in Explorers and Network, as well as those from other sections that support us so much. Without you our young people wouldn't be able to achieve all they do. Looking to the future I hope my successor has as much fun in this role as I have and I look forward to reading all about it next year.

**Rob Webster**

14 to 24 Team Lead

# Nights Away

We have had another excellent year for the renewal and approvals of Nights Away Permits . The experience of nights away is at the core of Scouting and this can only be achieved thanks to our leaders gaining the Nights Away permit .

This year we have renewed 9 permits and approved 10 new permits which takes the Districts total to 40 Nights Away Permits.

We have permits in every Scout Group in the District and one of our Explorer Units.

Thank you to all our leaders for your support , ensuring the young people in our District experience everything that Scouting has to offer them in gaining Skills for Life.

**Duncan Cairns**  
District Nights Away Advisor

# Fylde District Activity Centre

Our site continues to be a popular destination not only for Groups from Fylde but from further afield. We are fortunate to have regular visitors from Scouting, Guiding, Boys Brigade and Youth Groups. Our site is also popular with local primary schools who use our outdoor area and woodland for Forest School activities.

Credit is due to the site volunteers, Explorer Scouts, Network and SASU members, who collectively ensure that our site and buildings continue to be well maintained. A particular thanks to Denis Harrison who continues to regularly cut the grass during the growing season. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Johnson who with his IT skills ensures that our booking system and website is kept up to date regarding bookings. My thanks also to Lynn Webster for continuing in the role of Bookings Secretary and to John Swarbrick for supporting Lynn with queries along with running the popular tuck shop with his wife Sue. The time our team of volunteer wardens give to the site is certainly appreciated. In addition to their

other roles in Scouts they meet and greet our visitors and John Swarbrick ensures the warden rota is kept up to date.

The climbing wall and indoor archery continue to be popular facilities at our site. A great deal of credit is due to the activity instructors who collectively ensure that young people from within the District and beyond have the opportunity to experience these facilities. The refurbishment work on our shooting range has now been completed. This facility has always been popular and its restoration has enabled it to be offered once again. The restoration was made possible by a team of volunteers from several Groups and sections from within the District. The same team has also made a significant start by preparing the area behind the Activity Barn for the installation of a Tomahawk range. In recent months fencing kits have been purchased and fencing is proving to be a popular activity.

Within the main building several bunk beds have been replaced along with new curtains fitted in the leader rooms. During the year the whole of the building has been decorated by Denis Harrison and John Perkin. There are plans to install sound reductions in the main hall to improve the acoustics.

The housing development by Rowland Homes Ltd to the rear of our site continues to gather pace. Following the pipe laying work which took place in February and March Rowland Homes, our ground landlords paid for resurfacing of our car park and for tree replacement. Regular meetings with the developer on our site have been held throughout the year and my thanks to Darren Clayton for accompanying me at these meetings, his professional knowledge has been invaluable.

The development of the facilities on our site will continue. Lynne Mellors and Pam Tyler have already committed to take on a significant involvement with the ongoing development.

Thanks to the significant commitment of our volunteers our site will continue to be a popular destination.

## **Mike Smith**

Activity Centre Team Lead



# Adventurous Activities

Fylde District Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Network have undertaken a wide range of adventurous activities over the past 12 months

Four of our Explorer Scouts ventured north to Aviemore, in February, for 5 days of winter mountaineering on the County Snow and Ice Expedition. This included ice axe practice, an overnight expedition and climbing Breariach: the UK's 3rd highest mountain. Both Trogz and Tarka Explorer Units have made extensive use of the District climbing wall and some of our Explorers are beginning their outdoor climbing adventures in the local quarries and on the sea-cliffs of Portland. A number of Fylde Network were successfully assessed for their Artificial Top Rope Instructor permits which will allow us to offer climbing to more groups.

The Scout sections from several of our Groups have visited the climbing wall. The archery range has been well used: both by District sections and visiting groups. A number of our Scout Troops have been out sailing and canoeing on the lake at Fairhaven and have

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been able to make use of the District canoes at very favourable rates. In addition, some of our Scouts have taken their sailing and canoeing all the way to Windermere and Coniston; at summer camp and for dedicated activity days.

The younger Scouts weekend ran again successfully this year with scouting skills being shared at DHQ. The older Scouts weekend ran at Grea Tower in the Lake District with the addition of rock climbing to the usual activities of mountain biking and kayaking on Windermere.

Many of the District Cub and Beaver sections have visited the climbing wall, with numerous visitors proving to be natural climbers and all successfully challenging themselves. Some of the District Cubs sections have been kayaking, either on the Lancaster canal, or on the lake at Fairhaven. I look forward to news of a Beaver Colony going on the water to paddle or sail.

The shooting range is now back in commission after being re-roofed and thoroughly re-furbished.

Finally, a massive thanks to all the Adventurous Activities Team who turn out to: help with hiking days, belay for novice climbers, supervise water activities, run adventure camps, shuffle boats from A to

B and re-fletch arrows. You know who you are and that we are very grateful. Thank you.

Particular thanks to the Activity Leads for all their hard work.

- **Climbing** – Malcolm Glen-Bott
- **Archery** – Connor Hart
- **Shooting** - Pam Tyler
- **Paddle-sports** – Duncan Cairns
- **Axe Throwing** – Rose Marshall and Kim Burns
- **Fencing** – Richard Spurway

If you would like to join this band of heroes, please contact Dave Parker.

**Dave Parker**  
Support Team Lead

# District 100 Club

Here are the winning numbers of the Fylde District Scouts 100 Club over the last year.

The 100 Club brings in much needed funds for the District. A number costs £12 per year with subscriptions payable every June.

If you would like to become a member of the Fylde Scouts 100 Club contact Dilys Currie.

**Dilys Currie**

District 100 Club Organiser

100 Club Winning Numbers				
	£5	£5	£10	£100
June	82	36	35	-
July	1	24	28	-
August	79	81	5	-
September	18	81	17	-
October	12	13	54	-
November	81	25	23	-
December	96	25	86	64
January	79	76	18	-
February	100	16	72	-
March	25	48	99	-
April	54	56	51	-
May	38	7	1	-

# Awards & Wood Badges

## Wood Badge

Lucy Bates	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Amber Chauhan	1st Warton
Alex Clayton	1st Clifton
Darren Clayton	1st Clifton
Philip Cotterill	17th LSA
Andrew Dunkley	2nd Kirkham
Lily Hall	7th LSA
Denis Harrison	8th LSA
Connor Hart	4th LSA
Carrin Kenworthy	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Nichola Rhodes	2nd Freckleton
Becky Rourke	17th LSA
Charlotte Smith	2nd Freckleton
Richard Spurway	7th LSA
Adam Vann	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Sharon Wade	8th LLSA
Sarah Webster	Explorer Scouts (Young Leaders)
Georgia Wright	1st Clifton

## Chief Scouts Commendation for Meritorious Conduct

Robert Leaman	1st Clifton
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## Bar to the Award for Merit

Malcolm Glen-Bott	7th LSA
Chris Jeffrey	District Supporter
Robert Leaman	1st Clifton

## Award for Merit

Maureen Cunliffe	7th LSA
Sandra Manley	7th LSA
Amanda Robson	7th LSA

## Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service

Richard Johnson	1st LSA & District Treasurer
Ross Kelly	District Lead Volunteer
Lynne Mellors	District Network Commissioner
Joyce Simpson	SASU
Kathleen Sutton	SASU
Elise-Marie Thompson	2nd Freckleton
John Walker	SASU
Jermey Welch	2nd Kirkham
Michelle Welch	2nd Kirkham

# Awards & Wood Badges

## 40 Years of Service Award

Geoff Currie	District Supporter
Rose Marshall	8th LSA

## 30 Years of Service Award

Chris Jefferey	District Supporter
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## King Scout Award

Elise-Marie Thompson  
Bailey Halsall  
Joe Butterworth

## 25 Years of Service Award

Steven Beardsworth	1st LSA
Joyce Simpson	SASU
Kathleen Sutton	SASU

## Gold D of E

Elise-Marie Thompson  
Joe Butterworth

## 20 Years of Service Award

Adam Bennett	1st Clifton
Paul Jackson	2nd Kirkham
Marie Jacomb	SASU
Matthew Jones	2nd Freckleton
Julia Ledger	SASU

## Explorer Belt

Joe Butterworth  
Lydia Rourke  
Tom Johnson  
Steven Rhodes  
Harry Jackson

John Armer	2nd Kirkham
Sarah Johnson	1st LSA
Samuel Stones	Tarka ESU
John Walker	SASU
Mark Wilkinson	Tarka ESU

## 10 Years of Service Award

Shirley Bamford	7th LSA
Sophie Burns	8th LSA
Kyle Copeland	2nd Freckleton
Cara Jackson	2nd Kirkham
Jermey Welch	2nd Kirkham
Michelle Welch	2nd Kirkham

## 5 Years of Service Award

Donna Collen	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Connor Hart	4th LSA
Richard Spurway	7th LSA
Jane Tabbenor	1st Clifton
Katie Taylor	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Sharon Wade	8th LSA

# Our Finances

## Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/24 (£)	2022/23 (£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Activity Centre	48,384	40,268
Scouting activities, training and sections	20,155	32,820
District events	-	879
All other income	10,276	3,439
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>78,815</b>	<b>77,407</b>
<b>OUTGOINGS</b>		
Activity Centre operating costs	43,195	30,848
Activity Centre depreciation	10,275	10,275
Scouting activities, training and sections	22,526	32,810
District events	331	20
Management, administration and other costs	6,630	11,624
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>82,958</b>	<b>85,576</b>
<b>Total surplus for the year</b>	<b>- 4,143</b>	<b>- 8,169</b>

## Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	2023/24 (£)	2022/23 (£)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Buildings and equipment used for Scouting	435,948	445,278
Bank and cash balances	170,176	168,268
Debtors and other assets	11,315	6,945
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>617,438</b>	<b>620,491</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits held for future events	8,894	7,695
Creditors and all other liabilities	1,185	1,294
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>8,989</b>
<b>Operating surplus for the year</b>	<b>607,360</b>	<b>611,502</b>

## Statement of the Trustees

These summarised financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 02/09/2024. The statutory Trustees Report and Audited Financial Statements, which contain the full details of the financial affairs of the charity, will be submitted to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting. These will be available to download as a PDF either from the Charity Commission website or the Fylde District website after the AGM.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees 02/09/2024



**D D Wright**  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



**R A Johnson**  
District Treasurer

# Our Board of Trustees

## District Vice President

Mr Mike Smith

## District Trustees

Dr Ross Kelly	Lead Volunteer - Fylde
Mr Mike Smith	District Chair (Until 27.03.24)
Mr Derek Wright	District Chair (From 27.03.24)
Mrs Janet Jones	District Secretary (Until 11.09.24)
Mr Richard Johnson	District Treasurer
Mr Duncan Cairns	District Trustee
Mr Les Martin	District Trustee
Mrs Lynne Mellors	District Trustee
Mr Max Dutton	District Trustee

## District Committee Chairs

Mike Smith & Ross Kelly	Awards Committee
Ross Kelly	District Support Team

# Our District Support Team

## **Ross Kelly**

Max Dutton

## **Amber Chauhan**

Carrin Kenworthy

Cath Newburn

Sarah Bennet

Steve Crosland

Malcolm Glen-Bott

## **Dave Parker**

Joe Hargreaves-Lee

Georgia Wright

Alistair

Cath Newburn

Pam Tyler

Daren Hart

Malcolm Glen-Bott

Richard Spurway

Duncan Cairns

Rose Marshall & Kim Burns

Chris Campbell

## **Dilys Currie**

Duncan Cairns

Dilys Currie

## **Rob Webster**

**VACANT**

Lynne Mellors

## **Mike Smith**

## **District Lead Volunteer - Fylde**

District Youth Lead

## **Programme Team Lead**

District Team Lead (Squirrels)

District Team Lead (Beavers)

District Team Lead (Cubs)

District Team (Scouts)

District Team (Scouts)

## **Support Team Lead**

Communications Sub-Team

Communications Sub-Team

Communications Sub-Team

District Badge Secretary

District Activity Advisor (Shooting)

District Activity Advisor (Archery)

District Activity Advisor (Climbing)

District Activity Advisor (Fencing)

District Activity Advisor (Paddlesports)

District Activity Advisor (Axe Throwing)

Scout Active Support Unit Co-ordinator

## **Volunteer Development Team Lead**

District Nights Away Advisor

Local Training Manager

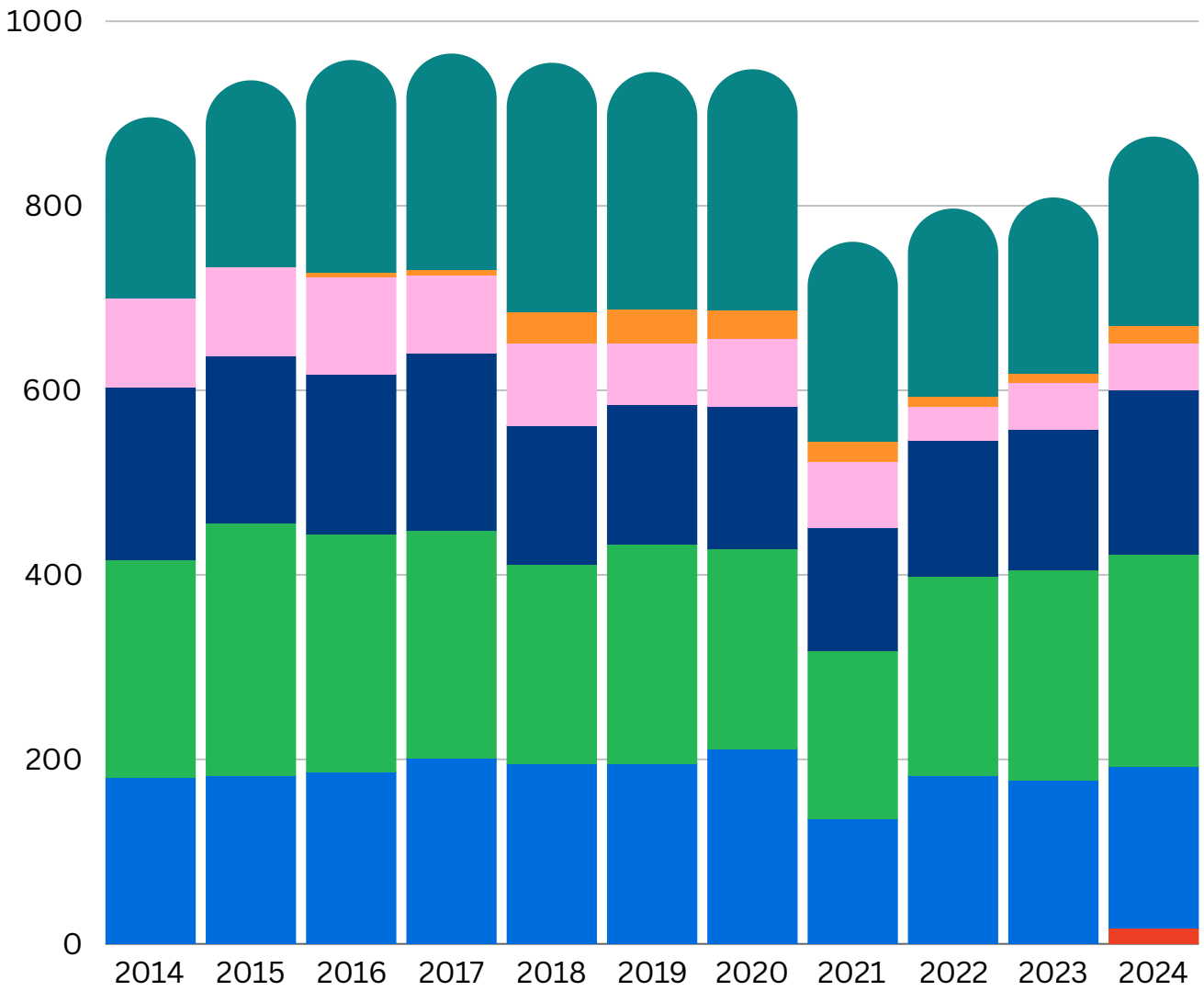
**14 to 24 Team Lead (Until 11.09.24)**

**14 to 24 Team Lead (From 11.09.24)**

District Scout Network Commissioner

## **Activity Centre Team Lead**

# Our Membership



Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Squirrels</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
<b>Beavers</b>	180	182	186	201	195	195	211	136	182	177	175
<b>Cubs</b>	236	274	258	247	216	238	217	182	216	228	230
<b>Scouts</b>	187	181	173	192	151	152	155	133	148	153	178
<b>Explorers</b>	97	97	106	85	89	66	73	72	37	50	51
<b>Network</b>	-	-	5	6	34	37	31	22	11	10	19
<b>Total YP</b>	700	738	723	725	651	651	656	512	594	618	670
<b>Adults</b>	196	202	230	234	270	257	261	216	203	191	205
<b>Total</b>	896	936	953	959	921	908	917	728	797	809	875
<b>% Change</b>	5.4%	4.5%	1.8%	0.6%	-4.1%	-1.4%	1.1%	-20.7%	7.0%	0.8%	8.8%

# Fylde District Scout Council

**Registered Charity Number** 701174

**Governing Instrument** The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association by the authority by a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.

**Aims** The Aims of the association 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 method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## **Principal Bankers**

The Co-operative Bank,  
PO Box 250, Delf House  
Southway, Skelmersdale  
WN8 6WT

## **Principal Address**

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Heyhouses Lane,  
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FY8 3RN

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 701174**

**Scout Association Registered Number: 10001900**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2024	TOTALS 2023
<b>Membership</b>				
Membership subs - Groups	25,066.00	1,510.00	26,576.00	21,637.00
Membership subs - Units	1,950.50	117.50	2,068.00	1,578.50
Less Memb' subs paid on	- 27,016.50		- 27,016.50	- 21,888.00
Net Memb' subs retained	-	1,627.50	1,627.50	1,327.50
<b>Adult Support and Training</b>	-		-	15.36
<b>Accounts</b>				
District Beaver Section	5,005.00		5,005.00	4,800.00
District Cub Section	-		-	3,242.50
District Scout Section	4,205.00		4,205.00	1,080.00
Explorer Scout Units	10,945.18		10,945.18	23,682.47
International Receipts		4,135.04	4,135.04	524.97
<b>Activity Centre</b>				
Grants & Donations	6.00		6.00	50.00
Facilities	37,984.80		37,984.80	30,548.62
Activities	4,217.00		4,217.00	4,452.25
Tuck Shop	4,683.05		4,683.05	3,864.77
Solar Panels	1,410.67		1,410.67	1,352.61
Equipment Hire	82.50		82.50	-
<b>Events</b>				
Trailer Recovery			-	879.24
<b>Fundraising</b>				
100 Club	838.00		838.00	720.00
Donations	650.18		650.18	748.82
<b>Sales</b>				
District Neckers	-		-	-
District Jackets	-		-	-
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Bank Interest	3,024.97		3,024.97	118.13
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>73,052.35</b>	<b>5,762.54</b>	<b>78,814.89</b>	<b>77,407.24</b>



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

EXPENDITURE	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2024	TOTALS 2023
<b>Accounts</b>					
District Beaver Section		5,305.43		5,305.43	4,960.55
District Cub Section		-		-	3,464.77
District Scout Section		3,930.18		3,930.18	550.00
Explorer Scout Units	4	13,080.61		13,080.61	23,629.47
International / Jamboree			1,220.00	1,220.00	8,250.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>22,316.22</b>	<b>1,220.00</b>	<b>23,536.22</b>	<b>40,854.79</b>
<b>Activity Centre</b>					
Insurance	2	6,684.20		6,684.20	5,819.62
Utilities		12,533.82		12,533.82	7,540.19
Cleaning & Hygiene		7,977.38		7,977.38	7,781.77
Maintenance		6,825.14		6,825.14	2,691.10
Tuck Shop		2,544.72		2,544.72	2,692.94
Administration		180.00		180.00	154.80
Ground Rent		20.00		20.00	20.00
Fixt & Fittings Depreciation		6,430.00		6,430.00	4,147.28
Building Depreciation			10,274.98	10,274.98	10,274.98
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>43,195.26</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	<b>53,470.24</b>	<b>41,122.68</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>					
100 Club		345.00		345.00	340.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>345.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>345.00</b>	<b>340.00</b>
<b>Event Costs</b>					
Remembrance Sunday Wreath		25.00		25.00	20.00
St Georges Day		56.16		56.16	
Dinner Dance		250.00		250.00	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>331.16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>331.16</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Purchases</b>					
Cost of jackets sold		-		-	-
Badges For District		-		-	-
Media Resources		-		-	-
Explorer Belts		-		-	-
CSA Badges & Certificates		528.26		528.26	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>528.26</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>528.26</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>District</b>					
Adult support and training		210.00		210.00	205.00
Debt Write off		2,169.50		2,169.50	-
District Section Budgets		220.00		220.00	-
District Administration	3	1,266.04		1,266.04	2,212.68
AGM Expenses		157.70		157.70	18.60
Online Scout Manager		723.60		723.60	799.20
Sundry Expenses		-		-	3.50
<b>Total Gross Expenditure:</b>		<b>71,462.74</b>	<b>11,494.98</b>	<b>82,957.72</b>	<b>85,576.45</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments):</b>		1,589.61	- 5,732.44	- 4,142.83	- 8,169.21
<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>					
AT 1ST APRIL 2023	6	<b>178,657.24</b>	<b>432,845.12</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>	<b>619,671.57</b>
<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>					
AT 31ST MARCH 2024	6	<b>180,246.85</b>	<b>427,112.68</b>	<b>607,359.53</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	NOTES	2024	2023
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
TANGIBLE ASSETS	5	<b>435,947.61</b>	<b>445,277.85</b>
<b>CASH Accounts</b>			
District Current Account		26,245.48	66,991.98
District Savings Accounts		119,024.97	78,000.00
District Sections' Accounts		1,251.54	2,503.45
Explorer Units' Accounts		22,347.29	20,580.67
Cash / Floats		1,306.57	192.24
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>170,175.85</b>	<b>168,268.34</b>
<b>DEBTS DUE</b>			
Training		0.00	115.00
Explorer Units		0.00	2,169.50
Membership (Group/Unit)		0.00	808.50
Pre-payments		7,698.31	661.07
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>7,698.31</b>	<b>3,754.07</b>
<b>STOCKS</b>			
Tuck Shop		2,489.90	2,063.80
Jackets		159.79	159.79
Badges (old stock)		619.02	619.02
Neckers		348.00	348.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>3,616.71</b>	<b>3,190.61</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>181,490.87</b>	<b>175,213.02</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Activity Centre Deposits		-8,894.40	-7,694.96
Accruals		0.00	0.00
Network Fund		-306.13	-415.13
Osprey Fund		-878.42	-878.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>-10,078.95</b>	<b>-8,988.51</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>171,411.92</b>	<b>166,224.51</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>607,359.53</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>
<b>FUNDS :</b>			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	6	180,246.85	178,657.24
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	427,112.68	432,845.12
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>607,359.53</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 02/09/2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name Derek Wright

RICHARD JOHNSON

Chair

Treasurer



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation of all tangible assets other than Land and new DHQ building Equipment, Furniture and Fittings on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives

The rates generally applicable are as follows:-

Activity Centre Equipment	10% per annum
District Equipment	20% per annum
Explorer Scout Unit Equipment	20% per annum

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at Balance Sheet date

#### **Reserves**

The District's Policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to enable it to provide the facilities in order that the District is able to carry out its duties. The objectives of the District are described in the 'Purpose of Scouting', P.O.R. Chapter 1, Page 1



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

### 2 ACTIVITY CENTRE EXPENDITURE

	2024	2023
Insurance	6,684.20	5,819.62
Heat, Light, Cooking	10,286.84	5,432.94
Water Charges	1,745.60	1,654.16
Telephone and Internet	501.38	453.09
Cleaning and Waste Removal	6,467.89	6,396.99
Hygiene Disposal Service	967.20	936.00
Hygiene and Cleaning consumables	542.29	448.78
General Maintenance	4,917.85	1,913.72
Climbing, Archery, Shooting	1,907.29	777.38
Tuck Shop	2,416.51	2,692.94
Sundries	-	-
Ground Rent	20.00	20.00
IT, WebSite, Booking System	180.00	154.80
Fixt & Fittings Depreciation	6,430.00	4,147.28
Total:	<b>43,067.05</b>	<b>30,847.70</b>

### 3 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

	2024	2023
Training Resources	-	-
Postage, Stationery	-	53.51
Telephone	-	-
365 Migration	337.07	-
Bank Charges	-	58.00
Travel Expenses	-	143.29
Lotteries Act	-	20.00
Depreciation	928.97	1,937.88
Total:	<b>1,266.04</b>	<b>2,212.68</b>

### 4 ESU EXPENSES

	2024	2023
Account Transfers (out)	-	1,497.41
Membership Fees	2,068.00	770.00
Minibuses Hire	-	-
Premises and Insurance	252.00	123.00
Camps	4,312.93	12,008.78
Competitions	119.00	-
Other Activities	968.21	1,726.92
Training	200.00	-
Fund Raising	-	526.39
Admin	79.40	139.48
Badges and Scarves	811.70	407.24
Materials and Consumables	338.54	2,020.87
Refund to District	-	25.00
sub total	<b>9,149.78</b>	<b>19,245.09</b>
ESU Depreciation	3,930.83	4,384.38
Total:	<b>13,080.61</b>	<b>23,629.47</b>



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	DHQ BUILDING	LAND	EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FITTINGS	TOTAL
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st April 2023	513,749.00	3,770.00	98,006.71	615,525.71
Additions			12,234.54	12,234.54
Disposals				-
At 31st March 2024	<b>513,749.00</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>110,241.25</b>	<b>627,760.25</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st April 2023	102,749.80	-	67,498.06	170,247.86
Provision this year	10,274.98	-	11,289.80	21,564.78
At 31st March 2024	113,024.78	-	<b>78,787.86</b>	<b>191,812.64</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st March 2024	<b>400,724.22</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>31,453.39</b>	<b>435,947.61</b>

### STATEMENT OF FUNDS

6	AT 1st April 2023	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	Transfers	AT 31 March 2024
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Provision for Future Maintenance	105,552.40	-	-	4,604.02	110,156.42
Outdoor Climbing Equipment	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
Neverest District Camp	1,612.11	-	-	-	1,612.11
12th Closure Fund	1,339.83	-	-	-	1,339.83
<b>Non designated Funds</b>					
Accumulated/Reserve Fund	69,652.90	100,068.85	98,479.24	-	66,638.49
<b>Total Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>178,657.24</b>	<b>100,068.85</b>	<b>98,479.24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,246.85</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
International Fund	2,463.35	5,762.54	1,220.00	-	7,005.89
DHQ Insurance Claim	184,798.45	-	10,274.98	-	174,523.47
DHQ Rebuild Fundraising	245,583.32	-	-	-	245,583.32
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>432,845.12</b>	<b>5,762.54</b>	<b>11,494.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>427,112.68</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>	<b>105,831.39</b>	<b>109,974.22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>607,359.53</b>

**FYLDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 701174

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# Welcome from the Chair

In April 2022 we were hoping that the Covid-19 “readiness level” for activities and events would remain at “green”. Thankfully it did which enabled Scouting to safely return to normal. The reports that follow clearly illustrate the varied programme delivered throughout Fylde District in all sections as restrictions were lifted.

The District Trustee Board has continued to support Cath Lee our District Commissioner and her District Team throughout the year. I would like to thank the members for their continued commitment and attendance at meetings ensuring good governance. Trustee Board meetings have continued throughout the year on a regular basis.

As in previous years I would particularly like to thank Richard Johnson for his continued commitment to the Treasurer’s role and for the clarity of his regular financial reports. The annual statement of accounts clearly indicates the continued recovery of the income we receive from our Activity Centre bookings. We were fortunate to have received the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant along with other Covid-19 grants throughout the pandemic, receiving the final grant just prior to the end of the 2021/22 financial year. Prior to the

Census in January the Trustee Board decided to continue with the freeze on the District Levy to financially support our Groups and Units following the effect of the pandemic. It was however decided to continue with the International Fund Levy as the World Jamboree was taking place in 2023 along with several other international events.

Our site continues to be a popular destination and credit is due to the site volunteers, Explorer Scouts, Network and SASU members. Collectively they have ensured that our site has been well maintained and the main building decorated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lynn Webster for continuing in the role of Bookings Secretary and thanks also to John Swarbrick for supporting Lynn with queries along with running the tuck shop with his wife Sue. My thanks also to the team of volunteer wardens who meet and greet our visitors and to John for ensuring the warden rota is kept up to date.

The climbing wall and indoor archery continue to be popular facilities at our site. A great deal of credit is due to the activity instructors who collectively ensure that young people from within the District and beyond have the opportunity to experience these facilities.

Unfortunately, our shooting range has been out of use for some time. However, the Trustee Board have agreed to the refurbishment of the range. Already the leaking roof has been replaced and the remainder of the work will continue during the autumn. This facility has always been popular and its restoration will be a welcome addition to the site facilities.

The housing development by Rowland Homes Ltd to the rear of our site has certainly moved on since the pandemic.

Rowland Homes Ltd are our ground landlords and it is within the terms of our lease that they have the right to lay pipes for the various utilities from their development through our site onto Heyhouses Lane. The pipe laying took place in February and March this year and prior to this several trees were removed. Thankfully the disruption to the operation of our site has been kept to a minimum. Rowland Homes have maintained regular communication regarding their pipe laying project. Regular meetings with the developer on our site have been held throughout the year and my thanks to Darren Clayton for accompanying me at these meetings, his professional knowledge has been invaluable.

It is expected by the autumn this part of their project will be completed along with the resurfacing of our car park and tree replacement.

The Census taken in January this year shows an increase in membership from the previous year. There has been clear evidence of this with the increased number of “want to join” enquiries. Thankfully this is also reflected in the number of bookings for our Activity Centre which continue to increase.

I would like to take this opportunity that thank Cath Lee our District Commissioner for her commitment to the role over the last four years and wish her every success for the future. My best wishes to her successor and the District Team along with the leaders in all sections every success over the next twelve months. There are challenges ahead particularly as Scouting Nationally moves into the transition phase of the Transformation Project nevertheless the Trustee Board will continue to ensure the required support and governance.

**Mike Smith**

Chair of the Board of Trustees



# A year of adventure

We started 2022 with renewed hope after the previous years of uncertainty surrounding the pandemic. We were back doing what we do best - making sure that every young person was having a Scouting experience that was full of adventure, skills, friendship and a powerful sense of belonging.

The 2022 annual census of membership showed that Fylde District Scouts had a growth of 7%, which for a small District is fantastic. The newest Scouting section, Squirrels, for 4- and 5-year-olds, started with our first Drey at 1st Kirkham & Wesham and we're hoping that more Groups will look to open a Drey soon.

We are always very proud of our programme in Fylde and this year was no exception. We held many 'nights away' both in Groups and at District level. Our young people across all sections achieved top awards including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Scouts of the World Awards and one of the last to be awarded, Queen's Scout Awards. These along with Chief Scout Awards being presented in all sections is testament that the programmes being delivered are in a good place.

We were back to holding District events in April when we were again able to celebrate St George's Day, with an Activity Day at the DHQ.

Our Activity Centre has seen a return in numbers both using the indoor facilities and camping, by Scouting and none Scouting groups. The sites' volunteers work very hard throughout the year to keep the Centre in a fantastic condition – thank you all!

In the Summer of 2022, we had both a District Scout unit, and a District Explorer Scout unit attend the County International Camp, Red Rose 2022, as well as a number of our volunteers staffing the event. It was a very warm and sunny week making new friends, catching up with old friends, and having lots of fun.

All of the above, and more, would not be possible without our army of incredible volunteers. Together we have a single goal: to help more young people gain 'Skills for Life'. We stay committed to supporting all our members and we value everything that they do.

The coming year is opening new ways of working and supporting our adults and young people in Scouting as we move into the transition phase of the national Transformation Project – exciting times!

## **Cath Lee**

Lead Volunteer -Fylde  
(District Commissioner)



# Youth Shaped

Youth shaped scouting has come on in leaps and bounds in the past year. Our Youth shaped badge was launched in October 2021, and we have over 50 young people who have completed their award and over 100 working towards it this year. By 2025 250,000 young people will have the opportunity to shape their experiences so we are supporting this goal hugely. If anyone needs any support, I will be staying in role past my 25th birthday until we find a replacement/ the new roles come in February.

Back in March West Lancs held West Lancs Shape at Myerscough college. We had 15 of our young people join us and join in with shaping the scouting in West Lancashire. Unfortunately, not many network members attended so we will be looking for you next year. My role within this was supporting our leaders and commissioners in all things youth shaped. This was also lacking from Fylde so would love to see more people from Fylde join our journey.

This past year I also supported the jamboree selection weekend and got to meet some incredible young people and even see the insight to how they are selected.

Over the next year I am continuing my personal strategies and would like you to be along for the adventure. So, my strategies aims are:

- Support young leaders to achieve their young leader awards/belts.
- Opportunities to express ideas at all levels at least once a term.
- Help people gain and work towards their Top Awards.

I cannot do this amazing work without you so please get in touch and where you need my support.

I would just like to finish by saying how happy I am in this role and the change I am bringing to scouting and the future. A big part of my Kings Scout Award was about this legacy I am leaving behind and Fylde is my biggest legacy so please help this continue so it can be passed on.

**Elise-Marie Thompson**  
District Youth Commissioner





**Our first year of Squirrel Scouts in the District has been a huge success! We currently have 1 Drey in the District. 1st Kirkham & Wesham, with 18 Squirrels, but we hope to be opening more soon!**

It has been a big year for our 4 and 5 year old Squirrels, the newest Section, and an even bigger year, and immense leaning experience, for the brilliant volunteers. The volunteers, though not all new to Scouting, are all new to a brand-new Section. There is a huge amount of practical and programme support available from HQ when a Squirrel Drey opens, but the volunteers have all had to 'learn by doing' as there is no historical programme template the volunteers inherit from more experienced leaders - and each and everyone had been exceptional and risen to the challenge.

Squirrels love getting messy! Whether it is nature activities when making a bug hotel, planting sunflowers and growing cress or craft activities making some wonderful artwork creations with their extremely vivid imaginations of Loch Ness Monsters and virtual campsites to exciting scientific experiments with jelly and salt dough. The messier the better!

The year has been full to bursting with investitures,

presentations of badges and the very first fun day at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre, tasting adventurous activities at the County Fun Day and Puddle & Waddle; an excellent linking event with the Beaver Scouts.

It has been a very, very, special first year in the new Section; full of fun and laughter. The Squirrels, volunteers and Supporters have made this year so very extra special. The Squirrels are brilliant; very, very inquisitive and with a thirst for adventure, the volunteers are extra special!

I would like to thank each and everyone within Fylde Scouts who have encouraged and supported the opening our Squirrel Drey.

We look forward to a further 12 months of even more adventure and activities, outings and getting even more messy!

**Victoria DaSilva**

Assistant County Commissioner  
(Squirrel Scouts)





This year our Summer Sleepover was a celebration for the Queens Platinum Jubilee based on street party crafts and games and was well attended with both indoor and outdoor camping at DHQ.

The Annual Sandcastle competition was held on St Annes beach with a good turnout of over 100 beavers digging away and making some great sandcastles. The overall winners were 7th LSA.

This years Halloween sleepover was held at Guys Farm and had another good turnout with over 70 on the Saturday Night. The beavers made their own Halloween t-shirts and other Halloween crafts and games.

Christmas sleepover saw Beavers make Christmas Bags for Santa to leave presents in. They played party games and Santa was true to his word and visited when the beavers were fast asleep and left a lot of presents in their bags.

Over the year we have presented 70 Chief Scout Bronze Awards and the Lancaster cup for Colony of the year was won by 8th LSA.

### **John Perkin**

Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)



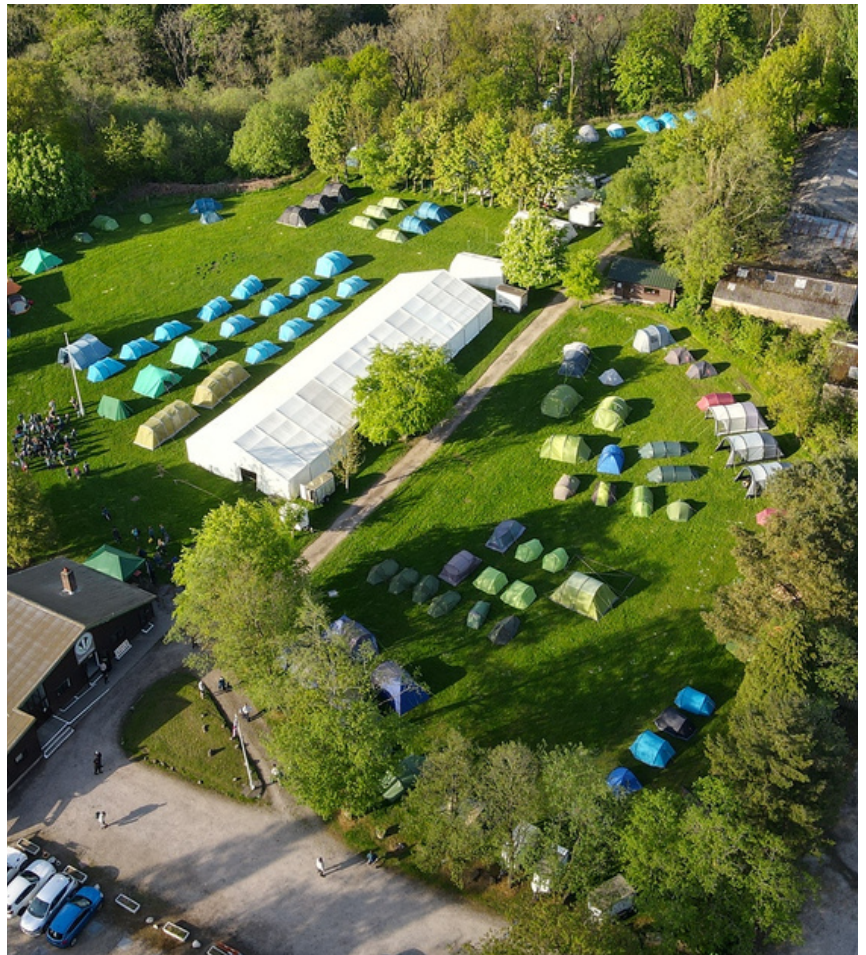


This year has been a busy year as always for Cubs. With groups getting back on track after Covid focusing on their pack programmes.

From Christmas parties to canoeing on the canal. All Cubs have had the opportunity to have at least 2 nights away. With Packs going away inside and out on their own, or joining up with other Packs in the District, as well as group camps. Cub leaders have been gaining their own camp permits to take Cubs away as well as activity permits.

Some Packs have been on the bigger events County Cub camp and Red Rose 2022. With such a vast programme it's no wonder that many Cubs have achieved their badges and their Chief Scout Silver Awards.

**Sarah Webster**  
Assistant District  
Commissioner (Cub Scouts)



# SCOUTS

Unlike the previous year all the Scout groups were much more on an even keel with all now having face to face nights thankfully. The initial resurgence in Scout numbers has levelled off.

It has been pleasing to hear that a number of Scouts have managed to catch up on some of their work towards their challenges but we are aware that some may have missed out. Endeavours have been made where possible to make allowances in some cases where it thought well deserved. So Scouts as always continue to get involved in troop programmes and work towards their badges and challenges.

Of course the big event of the year was Red Rose 2022 with a most incredible week on the Westmorland Showground in Cumbria with sunny weather throughout. The several scout groups that attended will have lifetime memories of their experiences, friendships made and fun they all had. And the leaders !! Thanks to Judith Lightfoot, Lynne Mellors, Andy Crozier, Martin Clarke, Nichola Rhodes and Steven Beardsworth particularly who made it all happen and others who helped in any way. Thanks West Lancashire County too.

#SkillsForLife

In the autumn Crew Challenge, a popular event for Fylde, was once again very well attended.

During this year it was great to see the return of the Indoor Football competition in the Activity Barn at DHQ. Tireless Malcolm Glen-Bott organised and stepped up to the mark to referee all the matches. The football shield was won this time by 1st Kirkham & Wesham.

Our Younger Scouts Skills Weekend was back at DHQ this year. Always a popular format with 6 bases with varying skills on the Saturday to excite the young scouts. A bit of a damp night hike out onto the Moss tested navigation skills in the dark, with a few testing questions along the routes. Then on Sunday the scouts took part in a fun trading post competition, which always turns out great fun and is very competitive. Everyone was well catered for by Judith Lightfoot and Lynne Mellors and members of SASU helping too. Many thanks to them.

Once again Bowlander Challenge, testing map skills and survival, was well attended by many groups in Fylde. Thanks to Andy Crozier for overseeing our patch.

Its been good news to now have the water activity evenings back on Fairhaven Lake again and storage

benefits there for our scout groups. Thank you to leaders who give their time there to pass on their skills for kayaking and sailing too.

It was great to see some of the scout groups attending the St Georges Day Parade once again at DHQ and some of the thought gone into coming up with a diverse number of bases for all the circulate and have a go! And in good weather. The pioneering ones looked brilliant but all good in different ways. Thanks to those who were able to attend the Remembrance Day parades in their respective areas.

Thanks to the leaders of all the groups in the scout section and a big welcome to some our newer ones, helping to continue the good work, promoting skills for life and keeping our scouts safe and happy.

**Steve Crosland**  
District Scout Leader



# EXPLORERS

It's been another good year for Fylde explorers. We've seen more events return to the calendar including county explorer camp at a new venue and Alcatraz a 24 hour game of man-hunt organised by Ormskirk District.

Closer to home we've seen our explorers take part in a wide range of activities including nocturnal canoeing, litter picks on the Marsh in conjunction with other community groups and beach games while linking with network.

Over the summer Fylde explorers have travelled vast distances to Korea for the World Scout Jamboree , the Balkans for explorer belt expeditions and slightly less far to the Scottish Highlands for Snow and Ice, West Lancs own winter mountaineering weekend.

Sadly Chris Jeffrey has stepped down from his role as ESL at Tarka this year, he's been a massive presence in Fylde explorers and we can't thank him enough for all he's done over the years.

Fortunately he leaves a great team to carry on his good work. We've also welcomed Sarah Webster to the team to help reinvigorate our young leader training.

**Rob Webster**

District Explorer Scout  
Commissioner



# network

Looking back over the last 12 months we've done a lot!

Bike rides, cheese tasting, pancake nights, canal boating, painting, flower arranging, pub quizzes, linking nights with Explorers, a whole host of county events and so much more!

Over the period we've had 11 top awards for our Network Members completing Duke of Edinburgh Gold, Queens Scout Award, Scouts of the World Award (SOWA) and Kings Scout Award. This year we'll be working hard to beat that, with members signed up to the County Explorer Belt, and others well on their way with their SOWA, Kings Scout Award and D of E award.

We've had new people join the section and others re-join due to friendships they made when they were in the younger sections.

Fylde Network has been well represented at many of the County Events both specifically for the section and for the wider audience. Members were seen at Red Rose 2022 in various supporting younger section events and attending the annual Network Gathering Event and Canal Boating.

None of this year's success would be possible if it wasn't for the many people who have assisted along the way and the Network members that turn

up, plan & run the meeting. Special mention to 1st Clifton for allowing us to use the Hut as a regular meeting place.

Despite a short run as the Network Commissioner when James Bass stepped down, it was a pleasure to take on the role. I am sure that with Lynn at the helm the Network Section will flourish over the next 12 months.

**Joe Hargreaves-Lee**  
District Scout Network  
Commissioner

# Nights Away

I feel that we have really turned the corner with Nights Away Permits in the District as I am pleased to report that in the period there have been renewals of:

- 6 Campsite Permits
- 2 Greenfield Permits
- 1 Lightweight Expedition Permit .

We have also had several new Nights Away Permits approved:

- 4 Campsite Permits
- 1 Indoor Permit

This is an excellent total for the District and the increase reflects the commitment of our leaders to give our young people the best possible experience of Scouting.

We now have Nights Away Permits in every Group in the District and with the continuing level of new and renewed permits I would hope that we can achieve at least one permit per Section per Group in the District.

## **Duncan Cairns**

District Nights Away Advisor

# Adventurous Activities

Fylde District Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Explorers & Network have undertaken a wide range of adventurous activities over the past 12 months.

Four of our Explorer Scouts ventured north to Aviemore, in February, for 5 days of winter mountaineering on the County Snow and Ice Expedition. This included ice climbing, an overnight expedition into Glen Feshie and bagging three Munros.

Not to be outdone, around a dozen Explorers from Tarka and Trogz spent two very wet days on the Langdale Pikes and then on Coniston Old Man. A number of Explorers from Trogz had an evening stroll up Parlick and Fairsnape for the Summer Solstice. Both Explorer Units have made extensive use of the District climbing wall and some of our Explorers are beginning their outdoor climbing adventures in the local quarries and on the sea-cliffs of Portland. I understand that a number of Explorers have been sailing and canoeing, both at Fairhaven and in the Lake District.

The Scout sections from several of our Groups have visited the climbing wall, with

the Sea Scouts enrolling their new recruits halfway up the wall on a recent visit. The archery range has been well used: both by District sections and visiting groups. A number of our Scout Troops have been out sailing and canoeing on the lake at Fairhaven and have been able to make use of the District canoes at very favourable rates.

In addition, some of our Scouts have taken their sailing and canoeing all the way to Windermere and Coniston; at summer camp and for dedicated activity days.

The younger Scouts weekend ran again successfully this year with scouting skills being shared at DHQ. The older Scouts weekend will run in the next few weeks with the addition of outdoor rock climbing to the usual activities of mountain biking and kayaking on Windermere.

Many of the District Cub and Beaver sections have visited the climbing wall, with numerous visitors proving to be natural climbers and all successfully challenging themselves. Some of the District Cubs sections have been kayaking, either on the Lancaster canal, or on the lake at Fairhaven. I look forward to news of a Beaver Colony going on the water to paddle or sail.

Last but not least I have to mention the Squirrels at 1st Kirkham and Wesham who were having a go at archery when I went to visit them. I understand that they are going to visit the climbing wall in the near future, so we had better get some more full body harnesses!

Finally, a massive thanks to all the Adventurous Activities Team who turn out to: help with hiking days, belay for novice climbers, supervise water activities, run adventure camps, shuffle boats from A to B and re-fletch arrows. You know who you are and that we are very grateful. Thank you.

**Dave Parker**  
Assistant District  
Commissioner  
(Adventurous Activities)

# District 100 Club

Here are the winning numbers of the Fylde District Scouts 100 Club over the last year.

The 100 Club brings in much needed funds for the District. A number costs £12 per year with subscriptions payable every June.

If you would like to become a member of the Fylde Scouts 100 Club contact Dilys Currie who has taken over the organisation of the Club from Graham Cardwell who has been the club organiser for a number of years. Thank you Graham!

**Dilys Currie**  
District 100 Club Organiser

100 Club Winning Numbers				
	£5	£5	£10	£100
June	55	53	21	-
July	56	10	2	-
August	72	86	10	-
September	3	63	30	-
October	74	10	51	-
November	34	73	9	-
December	47	28	36	24
January	52	10	13	-
February	49	22	16	-
March	45	58	20	-
April	76	29	28	-
May	9	14	35	-

# Awards & Wood Badges

## Wood Badge

Donna Collen	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Lily Hall	7th LSA
Jane Tabbenor	1st Clifton
Katie Taylor	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Stephen Ward	4th LSA

## Bar to the Silver Acorn

John Swarbrick	Assitant Camp Warden & SASU
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## Bar to the Award for Merit

Andre Penman	1st Clifton
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## Award for Merit

Andy Wright	1st Clifton
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## Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service

William Anderton	1st Kirkham & Wesham
John Armer	2nd Kirkham
James Bass	Tarka ESU
Duncan Coppersthwaite	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Gary Shaw	17th LSA

## 50 Years of Service Award

Jack Ledger	District President
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## 20 Years of Service Award

Martin Clarke	2nd Kirkham
Dilys Currie	Local Training Manager

## 15 Years of Service Award

Kim Burns	8th LSA
Daren Hart	4th LSA
Pete Pollock	2nd Freckleton
Amanda Robson	7th LSA
Alex Walton	District Advisory Committeee

## 10 Years of Service Award

Thomas Baron	7th LSA
Ian Bourn	2nd Freckleton
Brez Bresnihan	Trogz ESU
Paul Cooper	1st LSA

# Awards & Wood Badges

## 10 Years of Service Award

Amy Milner	District Beaver Leader
Gary Shaw	17th LSA
Sally Whittle	1st LSA

## 5 Yeas of Service Award

Richard Ashton	2nd Kirkham
Rebecca Ashton	2nd Kirkham
Jen Bass	SASU
Adam Briscoe	1st LSA
Ian Campbell	SASU
Claire Cartmel	2nd Kirkham
Jill Clayton	1st Clifton
Alex Clayton	1st Warton
Patrick Daly	2nd Kirkham
Luke Emmence	1st Clifton
Lily Hall	7th LSA
Sophia Jones	2nd Freckleton
Ross Kelly	Trogz ESU
Adam Mccaffery	2nd Kirkham
Russ Taylor	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Simon Watson	District Skills Instructor

## Queens Scout Award

Luke Emmence  
Tom Johnson  
Amber Chauhan  
James Best

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Amber Chauhan  
James Best

## Kings Scout Award

Max Dutton

## Scout of the World Award

Ellen Johnson  
Lydia Rouke  
Micheal Daley  
Tom Johnson

# Our Finances

## Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022/23 (£)	2021/22 (£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Activity Centre	40,268	36,487
Scouting activities, training and sections	32,820	34,014
District events	879	-
All other income	3,439	2,809
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>77,407</b>	<b>73,310</b>
<b>OUTGOINGS</b>		
Activity Centre operating costs	30,848	20,023
Activity Centre depreciation	10,275	10,275
Scouting activities, training and sections	32,810	14,519
District events	20	225
Management, administration and other costs	11,624	4,858
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>85,576</b>	<b>49,900</b>
<b>Total surplus for the year</b>	<b>- 8,169</b>	<b>23,410</b>

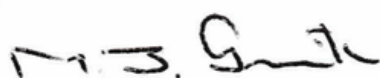
## Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2022/23 (£)	2021/22 (£)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Buildings and equipment used for Scouting	445,278	459,085
Bank and cash balances	168,268	148,999
Debtors and other assets	6,945	18,437
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>620,491</b>	<b>626,521</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits held for future events	7,695	5,163
Creditors and all other liabilities	1,294	1,687
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>6,850</b>
<b>Operating surplus for the year</b>	<b>611,502</b>	<b>619,672</b>

## Statement of the Trustees

These summarised financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 24/08/2023. The statutory Trustees Report and Audited Financial Statements, which contain the full details of the financial affairs of the charity, will be submitted to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting. These will be available to download as a PDF either from the Charity Commission website or the Fylde District website after the AGM.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees 24/08/2023



**M J Smith**  
District Chair



**R A Johnson**  
District Treasurer

# Our Board of Trustees

## District President

Mr Jack Ledger

## District Trustees

Ms Cath Lee	Lead Volunteer - Fylde
Mr Mike Smith	District Chair
Mrs Janet Jones	District Secretary
Mr Richard Johnson	District Treasurer
Mr Malcolm Kay	Chair of Appointments Committee
Mr Duncan Cairns	District Trustee
Mrs Dilys Currie	District Trustee
Mr Les Martin	District Trustee
Miss Amber Chauhan	District Trustee
Mr Robert Webster	District Trustee (Ex-officio)
Mrs Lynn Mellors	District Trustee (Ex-officio)
Miss Elise-Marie Thompson	District Trustee (Ex-officio)

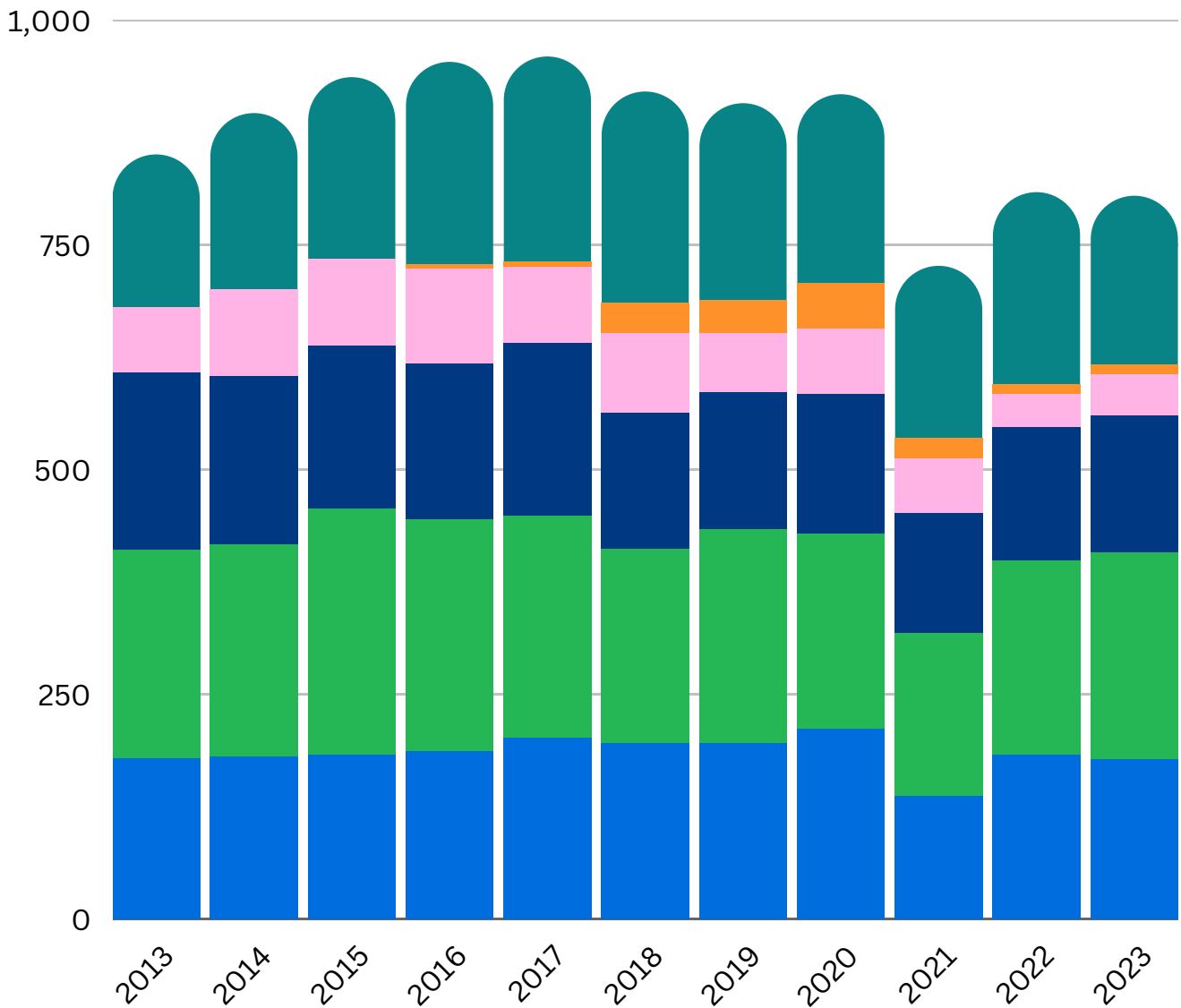
## District Committee Chairs

Malcolm Kay	Appointments Advisory Committee
Mike Smith & Cath Lee	Awards Committee
Cath Lee	District Support Team

# Our District Support Team

Cath Lee	Lead Volunteer - Fylde (Until 20.09.23)
Ross Kelly	Lead Volunteer - Fylde (From 20.09.23)
Paul Jackson	Deputy District Commissioner
Elise-Marie Thompson	District Youth Commissioner (Until 05.09.23)
<b>Vacant</b>	District Youth Commissioner (From 05.09.23)
John Perkin	Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers)
Amy Milner	District Beaver Scout Leader
Amber Chauhan	District Beaver Scout Leader
Russell Taylor	District Beaver Scout Leader
Sarah Webster	Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)(Until 31.03.23)
<b>Vacant</b>	Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)(From 31.03.23)
<b>Vacant</b>	Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)
Steve Crosland	District Scout Leader
Malcom Glen-Bott	District Scout Leader
Robert Webster	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Joe Hargreaves-Lee	District Scout Network Commissioner (Until 01.05.23)
Lynn Mellor	District Scout Network Commissioner (From 01.05.23)
Chris Campbell	Scout Active Support Unit Co-ordinator
Dave Parker	Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)
Pam Tyler	District Activity Advisor (Shooting)
Daren Hart	District Activity Advisor (Archery)
Dave Parker	District Activity Advisor (Climbing)
Duncan Cairns	District Nights Away Advisor
Joe Hargreaves-Lee	District Communications Manager
Cath Newburn	District Badge Secretary
Dilys Currie	Local Training Manager

# Our Membership



Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Beavers</b>	178	180	182	186	201	195	195	211	136	182	177
<b>Cubs</b>	232	236	274	258	247	216	238	217	182	216	230
<b>Scouts</b>	197	187	181	173	192	151	152	155	133	148	152
<b>Explorers</b>	73	97	97	106	85	89	66	73	61	37	46
<b>Network</b>	-	-	-	5	6	34	37	51	22	11	11
<b>Total YP</b>	633	680	700	728	731	685	688	707	534	583	616
<b>Adults</b>	170	196	202	225	228	235	219	210	192	214	188
<b>Total</b>	850	896	936	953	959	920	907	917	729	797	804
<b>% Change</b>	8.0%	5.4%	4.5%	1.8%	0.6%	-4.1%	-1.4%	1.1%	-20.7%	7.0%	0.8%

# Fylde District Scout Council

**Registered Charity Number** 701174

**Governing Instrument** The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association by the authority by a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.

**Aims** The Aims of the association 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 method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## **Principal Bankers**

HSBC,  
11 St Annes Road West,  
Lytham St Annes,  
Lancashire, FY8 1SA

## **Principal Address**

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Fylde Scouts Registered Charity number 701174





**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 701174**

**Scout Association Registered Number: 10001900**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2023	TOTALS 2022
<b>Membership</b>				
Membership subs - Groups	20,232.00	1,405.00	21,637.00	20,662.50
Membership subs - Units	1,476.00	102.50	1,578.50	1,200.00
Less Memb' subs paid on	- 21,888.00		- 21,888.00	- 20,405.00
Net Memb' subs retained	- 180.00	1,507.50	1,327.50	1,457.50
<b>Adult Support and Training</b>	15.36		15.36	-
<b>Accounts</b>				
District Beaver Section	4,800.00		4,800.00	3,310.00
District Cub Section	3,242.50		3,242.50	1,500.00
District Scout Section	1,080.00		1,080.00	1,030.00
Explorer Scout Units	23,682.47		23,682.47	28,174.24
International Receipts		524.97	524.97	250.00
<b>Activity Centre</b>				
Grants	50.00		50.00	15,492.00
Facilities	30,548.62		30,548.62	14,805.68
Activities	4,452.25		4,452.25	1,599.00
Tuck Shop	3,864.77		3,864.77	3,369.14
Solar Panels	1,352.61		1,352.61	1,221.28
Equipment Hire	-		-	-
<b>Events</b>				
Trailer Recovery	879.24		879.24	-
<b>Fundraising</b>				
100 Club	720.00		720.00	820.00
Donations	748.82		748.82	253.01
<b>Sales</b>				
District Neckers	-		-	-
District Jackets	-		-	21.99
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Bank Interest	118.13		118.13	6.58
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>75,374.77</b>	<b>2,032.47</b>	<b>77,407.24</b>	<b>73,310.42</b>



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

EXPENDITURE	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2023	TOTALS 2022
<b>Accounts</b>					
District Beaver Section		4,960.55		4,960.55	2,537.59
District Cub Section		3,464.77		3,464.77	753.26
District Scout Section		550.00		550.00	615.00
Explorer Scout Units	4	23,629.47		23,629.47	10,501.80
International / Jamboree			8,250.00	8,250.00	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>32,604.79</b>	<b>8,250.00</b>	<b>40,854.79</b>	<b>14,407.65</b>
<b>Activity Centre</b>					
Insurance	2	5,819.62		5,819.62	6,020.35
Utilities		7,540.19		7,540.19	3,691.44
Cleaning & Hygiene		7,781.77		7,781.77	4,734.50
Maintenance		2,691.10		2,691.10	3,347.43
Tuck Shop		2,692.94		2,692.94	1,183.59
Administration		154.80		154.80	300.00
Ground Rent		20.00		20.00	20.00
Fixt & Fittings Depreciation		4,147.28		4,147.28	725.77
Building Depreciation			10,274.98	10,274.98	10,274.98
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>30,847.70</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	<b>41,122.68</b>	<b>30,298.06</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>					
100 Club		340.00		340.00	391.80
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>340.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>340.00</b>	<b>391.80</b>
<b>Event Costs</b>					
Remembrance Sunday Wreath		20.00		20.00	225.15
		-		-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>20.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>225.15</b>
<b>Purchases</b>					
Cost of jackets sold				-	21.99
Badges For District				-	-
Media Resources				-	383.00
Explorer Belts				-	139.93
CSA Badges & Certificates				-	551.37
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,096.29</b>
<b>District</b>					
Adult support and training		205.00		205.00	111.78
Equipment Maintenance				-	57.73
District Section Budgets				-	300.00
District Administration	3	2,212.68		2,212.68	1,061.34
AGM Expenses		18.60		18.60	271.96
Online Scout Manager		799.20		799.20	799.20
Sundry Expenses		3.50		3.50	879.24
<b>Total Gross Expenditure:</b>		<b>67,051.47</b>	<b>18,524.98</b>	<b>85,576.45</b>	<b>49,900.20</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments):</b>		<b>8,323.30</b>	<b>- 16,492.51</b>	<b>- 8,169.21</b>	<b>23,410.22</b>
<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>					
AT 1ST APRIL 2022	6	<b>170,333.94</b>	<b>449,337.63</b>	<b>619,671.57</b>	<b>669,837.84</b>
<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>					
AT 31ST MARCH 2023	6	<b>178,657.24</b>	<b>432,845.12</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>	<b>693,248.06</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
TANGIBLE ASSETS	5	<b>445,277.85</b>	<b>459,085.30</b>
<b>CASH Accounts</b>			
District Current Account		66,991.98	64,122.25
District Savings Account		78,000.00	65,668.62
District Sections' Accounts		2,503.45	2,610.41
Explorer Units' Accounts		20,580.67	16,153.28
Cash / Floats		192.24	444.62
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>168,268.34</b>	<b>148,999.18</b>
<b>DEBTS DUE</b>			
Training		115.00	45.00
Explorer Units		2,169.50	2,169.50
Membership (Group/Unit)		808.50	6,037.50
Pre-payments		661.07	6,428.69
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>3,754.07</b>	<b>14,680.69</b>
<b>STOCKS</b>			
Tuck Shop		2,063.80	2,629.18
Jackets		159.79	159.79
Badges (old stock)		619.02	619.02
Neckers		348.00	348.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>3,190.61</b>	<b>3,755.99</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>175,213.02</b>	<b>167,435.86</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Activity Centre Deposits		-7,694.96	-5,162.50
Accruals		0.00	-289.64
Network Fund		-415.13	-519.03
Osprey Fund		-878.42	-878.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>-8,988.51</b>	<b>-6,849.59</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>166,224.51</b>	<b>160,586.27</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>611,502.36</b>	<b>619,671.57</b>
<b>FUNDS :</b>			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	6	178,657.24	170,333.94
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	432,845.12	449,337.63
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>611,502.36</b>	<b>619,671.57</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 24/08/2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name  
 MICHAEL J. SMITH  
 RICHARD JOHNSON

Chair

Treasurer



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation of all tangible assets other than Land and new DHQ building Equipment, Furniture and Fittings on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives

The rates generally applicable are as follows:-

Activity Centre Equipment	10% per annum
District Equipment	20% per annum
Explorer Scout Unit Equipment	20% per annum

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at Balance Sheet date

#### **Reserves**

The District's Policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to enable it to provide the facilities in order that the District is able to carry out its duties. The objectives of the District are described in the 'Purpose of Scouting', P.O.R. Chapter 1, Page 1



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

### 2 ACTIVITY CENTRE EXPENDITURE

	2023	2022
Insurance	5,819.62	6,020.35
Heat, Light, Cooking	5,432.94	2,370.62
Water Charges	1,654.16	889.54
Telephone and Internet	453.09	431.28
Cleaning and Waste Removal	6,396.99	3,704.75
Hygiene Disposal Service	936.00	860.40
Hygiene and Cleaning consumables	448.78	169.35
General Maintenance	1,913.72	2,657.43
Climbing, Archery, Shooting	777.38	690.00
Tuck Shop	2,692.94	1,183.59
Sundries	-	100.00
Ground Rent	20.00	20.00
IT, WebSite, Booking System	154.80	200.00
Fixt & Fittings Depreciation	4,147.28	725.77
Total:	<b>30,847.70</b>	<b>20,023.08</b>

### 3 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

	2023	2022
Training Resources	-	-
Postage, Stationery	53.51	59.96
Telephone	-	10.00
IT / Website	-	129.60
Bank Charges	58.00	34.98
Travel Expenses	143.29	21.00
Lotteries Act	20.00	20.00
Depreciation	1,937.88	785.80
Total:	<b>2,212.68</b>	<b>1,061.34</b>

### 4 ESU EXPENSES

	2023	2022
Account Transfers (out)	1,497.41	-
Membership Fees	770.00	3,396.50
Minibuses Hire	-	-
Premises and Insurance	123.00	-
Camps	12,008.78	3,185.00
Competitions	-	-
Other Activities	1,726.92	1,971.79
Training	-	40.00
Fund Raising	526.39	124.98
Admin	139.48	58.00
Badges and Scarves	407.24	87.60
Materials and Consumables	2,020.87	542.55
Refund to District	25.00	-
sub total	<b>19,245.09</b>	<b>9,406.42</b>
ESU Depreciation	4,384.38	1,095.38
Total:	<b>23,629.47</b>	<b>10,501.80</b>



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	DHQ BUILDING	LAND	EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FITTINGS	TOTAL
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st April 2022	513,749.00	3,770.00	91,069.64	608,588.64
Additions			6,937.07	6,937.07
Disposals				-
At 31st March 2023	<b>513,749.00</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>98,006.71</b>	<b>615,525.71</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st April 2022	92,474.82	-	57,028.52	149,503.34
Provision this year	10,274.98	-	10,469.54	20,744.52
At 31st March 2023	102,749.80	-	<b>67,498.06</b>	<b>170,247.86</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st March 2023	<b>410,999.20</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>30,508.65</b>	<b>445,277.85</b>

6 STATEMENT OF FUNDS	AT 1st April 2022	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	Transfers	AT 31 March 2023
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Provision for Future Maintenance	95,566.47	-	-	9,985.93	105,552.40
Outdoor Climbing Equipment	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
Neverest District Camp	1,612.11	-	-	-	1,612.11
12th Closure Fund	1,339.83	-	-	-	1,339.83
<b>Non designated Funds</b>					
Accumulated/Reserve Fund	71,315.53	75,374.77	67,051.47	-	9,985.93
<b>Total Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>170,333.94</b>	<b>75,374.77</b>	<b>67,051.47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,657.24</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
International Fund	8,680.88	2,032.47	8,250.00	-	2,463.35
DHQ Insurance Claim	195,073.43	-	10,274.98	-	184,798.45
DHQ Rebuild Fundraising	245,583.32	-	-	-	245,583.32
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>449,337.63</b>	<b>2,032.47</b>	<b>18,524.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>432,845.12</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>619,671.57</b>	<b>77,407.24</b>	<b>85,576.45</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>611,502.36</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fylde District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fylde District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Fylde District Scout Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Fylde District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

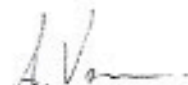
### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

ALAN VENN

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 71 CLAYTON AVENUE, LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE

Date: 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023

**FYLDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 701174

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 2021 - March 2022

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# District Chair's Report

In April 2021 the Covid-19 “readiness level” for activities and events was still at “yellow”. Despite the restrictions our volunteer leaders and supporters continued to ensure that Scouting events and activities were delivered safely. As the year progressed the “readiness level” eventually moved to “green” enabling Scouting to cautiously return to “near normal”. The reports that follow clearly illustrate the varied programme delivered throughout Fylde District in all sections as restrictions were eased.

I would like to thank the members of the District Executive Committee for their continued support and commitment throughout the year. Despite the Covid-19 restrictions committee meetings have continued using the Zoom facility and eventually returning to face-to-face meetings. This continuity has enabled the Executive Committee to not only ensure good governance but also provide support to Cath Lee and her District Team.

In particular I would like to thank Richard Johnson for his continued commitment to the Treasurer’s role and for the clarity of his financial reports. The annual statement of accounts clearly indicates how the pandemic continued to affect the income from our Activity Centre. However, we were fortunate to continue receiving the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant along with other Covid-19 grants which certainly helped with our fixed costs during the period our Centre remained closed. The accounts also show the rise in income as bookings increased with Covid restrictions easing. Prior to the Census in January the Executive Committee decided to continue with the freeze on the District levy as a way to financially support our Groups and Units. It was however decided to reinstate the International Fund levy as the next World Jamboree will be taking place in 2023.

Since the easing of restrictions, the enquiries and bookings for our site have seen a continuous increase. Our site continues to be a popular destination and credit is due to the service crew volunteers, Explorer Scouts, Network members and SASU members. Collectively they have ensured that our site has been well maintained even during the pandemic. In addition, thanks to the Africa 2022 contingent the redevelopment work on the camp fire circle in memory of Edward Dee has continued.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lynn Webster for taking on the role of Bookings Secretary and thanks also to John Swarbrick for continuing to support Lynn with queries along with running the tuck shop with his wife Sue. My thanks also to the team of volunteer wardens who meet and greet our visitors.

In addition to our fixed costs, we had a significant outlay with the installation of a new ventilation system in the kitchen of our main building. However, we were fortunate to have received a grant towards the cost from the George's Garage Charitable Trust. This grant along with a bequest from Tom Westall our late District President enable the total cost to be met. In addition, we were fortunate to have new kitchen cupboards supplied to us free of charge from Maelstrom Kitchens. Fortunately, the ventilation system and cupboards were installed in time for our residential bookings resuming in the summer of 2021.

The Census taken in January this year shows an increase in membership from the previous year. This indicates that as Covid-19 restrictions have eased the eagerness of young people to enjoy what Scouting has to offer. I am confident that the return to "normality" of face-to-face Scouting will restore our level of membership to pre pandemic numbers. There is clear evidence of this with the increased number of "want to join" enquiries. Thankfully the numbers of bookings for our Activity Centre have increased so we will once again be occupied regularly with young people enjoying the facilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Cath Lee, the District Team along with the leaders in all sections every success over the next twelve months. Despite the challenges ahead the District Executive will continue to ensure the required support and governance.

**Mike Smith**  
**District Chair**



# District Commissioner's Report

Another year has passed, and we are still feeling the effects of the pandemic, however we have also seen the amazing effect Scouting has. We have provided opportunities to both our Young People and adults to meet together, in a safe environment albeit sometimes having to be outside, which has been needed by all.

We have been helping each other to cope with the changes the pandemic has brought, and we are bouncing back with strength and enthusiasm through times which are still proving to be difficult and we are reaching more young people following a dip during the past couple of years.

We've seen our District Section events and activities restarting and I'm pleased to say that top awards have been presented and nights away have been taking place in all our Sections, something that has been greatly missed.

I can only say a huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who, whilst dealing with their own difficulties and concerns over the past year, have continued to provide amazing opportunities, activities, and support to our young people, and to keep our Groups and District running smoothly – you are all truly amazing.

The forthcoming year is going to be a busy one – both in delivering our day-to-day activities, developing the District, and starting the transformation journey with our County and Headquarters. We've got international trips and camps to look forward to and our passion for Scouting will continue to shine through. I'm so proud of everything we have achieved over the past year and I am looking forward to continuing to work with you all over the next 12 months

**Cath Lee**

**District Commissioner**

# Beaver Scout Section Report

Another year that saw the planned Beaver programme disrupted by COVID and regulations. A lot of District events had to be cancelled due to number restrictions but at last a light at the end of the tunnel we were able to get back to running events etc.

Our first event back was Christmas sleepover at DHQ well attended both nights and was nice to see a lot of smiley faces all keen to get back to events not just the beavers but leaders too Santa crept in the night and filled bags with toys and chocolate for the beavers. We also had a visit from Michelle Durney, our new ACC Beavers [ I think she only came for Christmas dinner ] All the Beavers went home happy.

Our next sleepover was our Irish/Easter sleepover again well attended. Craft following the theme and all Beavers leaving with a easter egg.

Although district events were affected through COVID colony meetings where still held on zoom or small numbers even some colonies getting in their own sleepovers and a lot of badgework was still done. We had 63 Beavers getting the top award; Chief Scout Bronze Award. We now look forward to a better year in Beavers.

**John Perkin**

**Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers)**

The word 'BEAVERS' is written in a large, bold, stylized font. The letters are white with a thick blue outline, giving it a 3D or blocky appearance. The font is playful and matches the theme of the report.

# Cub Scout Section Report

Cubs has bounced back into normal life successfully. As a district, focus has been given to support individual packs where needed rather than lots of big event. Every cub has had the opportunity to attend camps, for many of them these were the first time away from home. These camps have been at a group level, with many also joining up with other groups.

As a district, groups without their own permit all went away together. With leaders well on their way to being able to gain their own permits. 1st Clifton represented the district at county camp, and for the 1st time in 4 years we sent 30 cubs to Red Rose with their leaders.

Chief Scout Silver awards has been plentiful this year from the majority of groups. Even some being presented in unusual places, like the beach.

Moving forward the cub section is strong with this year laying good foundations. Cubs have a varied and strong future ahead of them.

**Sarah Webster**

**Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)**

# cubs

# Scout Section Report

Like all the other Scout sections, most of the Scout groups did not get back to some normality until the autumn term of 2021. It was good to hear that some groups managed to meet on Zoom on occasions to overcome the problems of face to face weekly nights and to keep in touch. Indeed in April 2021 our DC organised a virtual St Georges Day celebration. So in September Scouts thankfully, restarted in earnest, with all so pleased to see each other again at their respective venues around Fylde District. Leaders and parents were still mindful of the pandemic and took care to keep it a bay and make sure everyone was safe.

There was a surge in new Scout numbers, which was really encouraging – a wish to get back to socialising and a wish to make new friends too, after the long period of isolation thrust upon them. So Scouts are back to being involved in troop programmes and working towards their badges and challenges.

Crew Challenge at Beacon Fell came back in the autumn with a brilliant attendance with entries from 1st Lytham St Annes, 1st Clifton, 1st Kirkham & Wesham, 7th Lytham St Annes, 8th Lytham St Annes and 1st Warton. Well done everyone but especially 1st Kirkham & Wesham, who got 6th and 7th places in the competition.

In March, District held a Younger Scouts Skills Weekend at the Lonsdale District site of Silverhelm near Silverdale. It was so popular that all the rooms were occupied by the Scouts and most of the leaders had to camp out.

Skills included were fire lighting, axe and saw, compass work, resin art, Paracord bracelets, and photography. Saturday night was film night and Sunday was the ever popular trading post activity. Thanks to all the leaders who offered their time to help out with the weekend, with good preparation for the activities and also organising some entertaining games. Special thanks to Jeanette Crosland who cooked the food for the camp aided by myself. Once again very little food was left by Sunday afternoon!

I want to add special thanks to Becky Rourke the GSL at 17th Lytham St Annes who has been holding together both the cub scouts and scouts there as well as her GSL duties to ensure 17th Lytham St Annes carries on. Pleased to see the scout section thriving through Phil Cotterill too now and potentially another new leader.

The annual county weekend Bowlander event, co-ordinated through Andy Crozier for Fylde, had only one team this time round from 8th Lytham St Annes. They succeeded on the 18 mile course unassisted. They came in the top half in the final results and had a really fun time. Hopefully more interest next year for this very popular event across West Lancs.

And as we close the report for this year we look forward to the return of other regular Scouting events such as St George's Day celebration at DHQ and the Red Rose Camp, preparation and planning for which began in January 2022 with 18 scouts already booked to go.

I am sure my fellow DSL Bob Leaman joins me here to say thanks to all the leaders for their patience and also their innovations to get through the pandemic and still come back with the same enthusiasm and commitment to our scouts in Fylde District. Great to see more Scouts with us too!

**Stephen Crosland & Bob Leaman**  
**District Leaders (Scouts)**

# SCOUTS

# Explorer Scout Section Report

It seems a long time ago now but we started the year still with Covid restrictions. This led to County Camp, a highlight of the explorer calendar, taking the form of various activity days across the North West rather than the traditional Camp. Still a great time was had by all. Christmas saw the usual foray of meals and trips out for the units. With the new year bringing back the challenge trophy after a small hiatus, this was competed for by all Explorers in the District at the big challenge quiz of the year.

The spring saw us get back out under canvas with various 2023 trips having selection weekends. With young people heading to South Korea for the jamboree, Yachting in Europe and the Balkans for their explorer belt expedition (best get the kettle on, next year will be a big report). Our young people have been putting back into the site with completing the 1st of hopefully many working weekends at DHQ. They've also been getting up mountains on walking days in the lakes kindly run by Dave Parker.

Trogz ESU were fortunate to receive some funding that allowed them to purchase new camping and expedition equipment, allowing them to offer more great experiences to their Explorers. In the summer we saw young people and leaders travel to Africa on a community project, Switzerland for a international jamboree and of course we had a number from Fylde attend West Lancs own international Red Rose. All returned with some fantastic stories to tell and memories that will stay with them forever. So as you can see a busy year for the explorer section, as well as the above a lot of our explorer scouts are also young leaders with the younger sections (Which they also have to do separate training for), they are also preparing for GCSE and A level exams, along with part time jobs and the other pressures that comes with being a young adult. To do and achieve so much they really are a phenomenal group of people.

This leads me on to the Explorer leaders/supporters, who give up so much time to help guide our Explorers through all of this, you are a great bunch, thank you for all that you do!

**Rob Webster**  
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

# EXPLORERS

# Scout Network Section Report

Another year has passed, and although its had its ups and downs, I would say Network has gained a very good basis to grow, following on from the pandemic. The main events with gathering and reconnected were well attended, with good numbers from a county level as well. Its been the year of top award with Explorer Belts (finally) being awarded, Scouts of The World awards and some Queen Scout Awards

I am extremely proud of the regular weekly members that meet, they are everything I know Network to be, I've been rather busy this year and I have to give special thanks to Alex Clayton and Richard Spurway for taking on most of the organising and running of events, rebranding Network for the future and keeping meetings going.

**James Bass**

**District Scout Network Commissioner**

# network

# Scout Active Support Report

This past year has been one of dodging lockdowns while attempting to return to a more normal Scout life.

We did hold various meetings to try to plan the way forward but finally concluded that with very few activities happening and therefore few if any requests for our help there was no point in restarting monthly meetings at present, while the Tuesday Gang were also not able to restart due to restrictions.

Our only actual activity during the period of the report was holding a very successful annual dinner at the newly refurbished Black Vallais restaurant which we managed to achieve between lockdowns.

As always many of our members continue to carry out various other jobs around the District from being leaders or helpers in the groups to running the tuckshop, being the 'Tuesday Gang' doing maintenance at the activity centre, being wardens at DHQ and being district leaders or executive committee members.

**Chris Campbell**  
Scout Active Support Unit Co-ordinator



**Scouts**  
Active Support Unit  
Fylde



# Nights Away Report

The period of this report was clearly still not normal in terms of Nights Away for the District, there has been an understandable reluctance to organise Nights Away for our young people, but we are slowly getting back to where we were in 2019.

To offer the young people the adventure and skills for life they expect from Scouting it is important we give them nights away experiences and this requires leaders to have a Nights Away Permit.

We have a great variation in the number of permits within Groups, the highest is eight and unfortunately the lowest is zero, the reasons are various such as leaders leaving for a variety of reasons and new volunteers just starting on their scouting journey. The County has an aspiration that we should have two permits per section in each Group which is quite a challenge however one permit per section should be achievable.

I have recommended the renewal of three permits in the period of the report and am pleased to say we have more renewals in the pipeline and some new permits.

If you do not have a Nights Away Permit, please consider it, it is not difficult to obtain, and you are never alone planning and running a residential experience.

If you would like to discuss the Nights Away Permit Scheme or would like support to gain a permit, please contact me so that we can give our young people the best scouting experience.

**Duncan Cairns**  
District Nights Away Advisor



# Adventurous Activities Report

The 2021 / 2022 season has been busy for the activities team as Scouting emerges from lockdown and returns to normality. Many Groups from the District and beyond have used the climbing and archery facilities at DHQ and funding from the District Executive and from external donations has allowed us to refresh our equipment in time for this surge.

In addition to the onsite activities, District instructors and equipment have supported climbing and archery at County events such as Snow and Ice, Red Rose 2022 and the preparation and delivery of the County climbing trip to the Isle of Portland. Explorer Scouts from Tarka and Trogz ESU have also ventured beyond the District to experience climbing in the quarries to the east of Preston and to climb the Langdale Pikes on a very wet Sunday in June.

Sailing, canoeing and other watersports sessions have been run by several Groups at Fairhaven, on the Lancaster Canal and in the Lake District. For instance 1st LSA ran a paddle sports course at Fairhaven over the summer, whilst 1st Kirkham and Wesham Scouts ran their summer sailing course on the lake.

Shooting continues to be a popular activity and Pam Tyler has kindly agreed to take on the role of Shooting-lead from Brez as Brez focuses on his role in the Trogz leadership team. The shooting range has not weathered lock down particularly well with a number of additional leaks in the roof meaning it requires significant work before it is again a comfortable place to shoot.

Looking forward, the activities team are aiming to provide more hiking days in the Lakes, further outdoor climbing days and another climbing permit course for Explorers, Network and Leaders. Please contact Dave Parker for details.

Also please get in touch if you are interested in gaining a permit for any adventurous activities, or if you have suggestions for activities that District could run.

**David Parker**  
Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)



# District 100 Club

Please see below are the winning numbers of the Fylde District Scouts 100 Club.

	£5	£5	£10	£100
June	21	44	86	-
July	56	35	24	-
August	38	22	14	-
September	13	30	69	-
October	5	17	30	-
November	35	73	10	-
December	16	52	5	56
January	7	23	88	-
February	85	17	16	-
March	80	3	18	-
April	85	72	60	-
May	86	21	80	-

The 100 Club bring in much needed funds for the District. A number costs £12 per year with subscriptions payable every June.

If you would like to become a member of the Fylde Scouts 100 Club contact Graham Cardwell.

**Graham Cardwell**

**Fylde District Scouts 100 Club Organiser**

# Awards & Wood Badges

## Wood Badge

Lauren Brooks	4th Lytham St Annes
Alex Clayton	1st Clifton
Jill Clayton	1st Clifton
Nicole Holden	1st Clifton
Ross Kelly	Trogz ESU
Amanda Robson	7th Lytham St Annes
Sarah Webster	Assistant District Commissioner Cubs

## Bar to the Award for Merit

Ross MacDonald	District Exec
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## Award for Merit

Andrew Crozier	8th Lytham St Annes
Sarah Webster	Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)

## Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service

Shirley Bamford	7th Lytham St Annes
Sarah Bennett	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Amber Chauhan	1st Warton & District Beaver Leader
Joe Hargreaves-Lee	Trogz ESU & District Media Manager
Alistair Reid	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Don Smith	4th Lytham St Annes
Sam Stones	Tarka ESU
Robert Webster	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Mark Wilkinson	Tarka ESU
Georgina Wright	1st Clifton

## 40 Years of Service Award

Neil Barnes	1st Kirkham & Wesham
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## 30 Years of Service Award

Denis Harrison	8th Lytham St Annes
Cath Newburn	8th Lytham St Annes
Margret Wilson	1st Kirkham & Wesham

## 25 Years of Service Award

Michael Burns	8th Lytham St Annes
Stephen Crosland	District Scout Leader
Malcolm Glen-Bott	7th Lytham St Annes
Graham Igoe	1st Lytham St Annes
Adrian Warrell	4th Lytham St Annes

## 20 Years of Service Award

Duncan Cairns	District Nights Away Advisor
Andrew Crozier	8th Lytham St Annes
Caroline Cuthbertson	1st Clifton

## 15 Years of Service Award

Darren Clayton	1st Clifton
Maureen Cunliffe	7th Lytham St Annes
Sandra Manley	7th Lytham St Annes
Matthew Newton	1st Warton
Pam Tyler	4th Lytham St Annes
Derek Wright	1st Clifton

## 10 Years of Service Award

Matthew Sawyer	8th Lytham St Annes
Georgina Wright	1st Clifton
Matthew Wylde	4th Lytham St Annes

## 5 Years of Service Award

Amber Chauhan	1st Warton & District Beaver Leader
Philip Cotterill	17th Lytham St Annes
Kevin Dobson	2nd Freckleton
Andrew Dunkley	2nd Kirkham
Katherine Fare	1st Clifton
Bailey Halsall	Tarka ESU
Richard Johnson	1st Lytham St Annes & District Exec
Simon Jones	4th Lytham St Annes
Sean Muldoon	2nd Freckleton
Richard Nuttall	2nd Kirkham
Becky Rourke	17th Lytham St Annes
Elise Thompson	2nd Freckleton & District Youth Commissioner
Gavin Wood	1st Warton

**Congratulations!**

# District Treasurer's Report

## Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 March 2022

	2021/22 (£)	2020/21 (£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Activity Centre	36,487	21,870
Scouting activities, training and sections	34,014	7,427
District Events	-	-
All other income	2,809	4,099
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,310</b>	<b>33,396</b>
<b>OUTGOINGS</b>		
Activity Centre operating costs	20,023	13,242
Activity Centre depreciation	10,275	82,200
Scouting activities, training and sections	14,519	7,723
District Events	225	495
Management, administration and other costs	4,858	3,313
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>49,900</b>	<b>106,973</b>
<b>Total surplus for the year</b>	<b>23,410</b>	<b>-73,576</b>

## Summarised Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2022

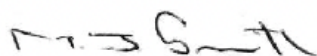
	2021/22 (£)	2020/21 (£)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Building and equipment used for Scouting	459,085	442,680
Bank and cash balances	148,999	147,454
Debtors and other assets	18,437	11,850
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>626,521</b>	<b>601,984</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits held for future events	5,163	4,286
Creditors and all other liabilities	1,687	1,437
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,850</b>	<b>5,723</b>
<b>Operating surplus for the year</b>	<b>619,672</b>	<b>596,262</b>

### Statement of the Trustees

These summarised financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2022 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 26/08/2023. The Statutory Trustees Report and Audited Financial Statement, which contain the full details of the financial affair of the charity will be submitted to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting. These will be available to download as PDF either from the Charity Commission website or the Fylde District Website after the AGM.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees 26/08/2022

M J Smith  
District Chair



R A Johnson  
District Treasurer



# District Officials

## District President

Mr Jack Ledger

## District Trustees

Ms Cath Lee	District Commissioner
Mr Mike Smith	District Chair
Mrs Janet Jones	District Secretary
Mr Richard Johnson	District Treasurer
Mr Malcolm Kay	Chair of Appointments Advisory Committee
Mr Duncan Cairns	District Trustee
Mr Ross MacDonald	District Trustee
Mrs Dilys Currie	District Trustee
Mr Kevin Jacomb	District Trustee
Mr Les Martin	District Trustee
Mr Robert Webster	District Trustee (Ex-officio)
Mr James Bass	District Trustee (Ex-officio)
Miss Elise-Marie Thompson	District Trustee (Ex-officio)

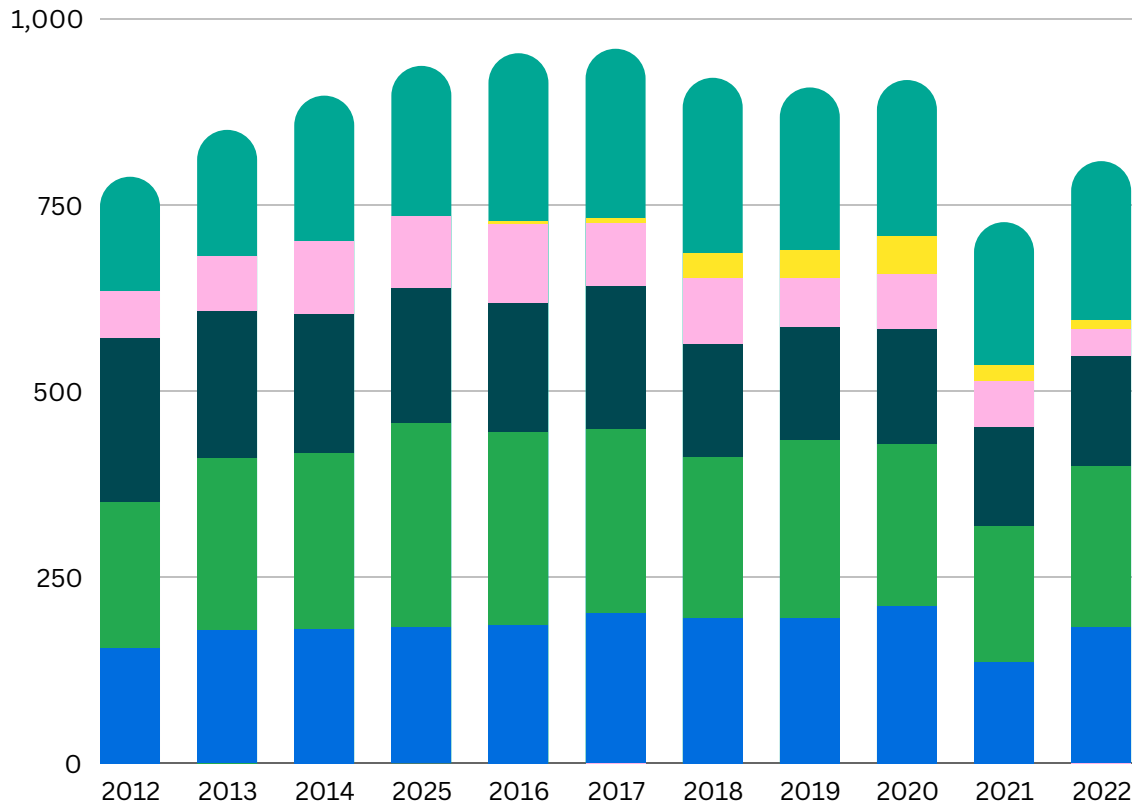
## District Committee Chairs

Malcolm Kay	Chair of Appointments Advisory Committee
Vacant	Site Sub Committee
Mike Smith & Cath Lee	Awards Committee
Cath Lee	District Team

# District Support Team

Cath Lee	District Commissioner
Paul Jackson	Deputy District Commissioner
Elise-Marie Thompson	District Youth Commissioner
John Perkin	Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)
Amy Perkin	District Beaver Scout Leader
Amber Chauhan	District Beaver Scout Leader
Russell Taylor	District Beaver Scout Leader
Sarah Webster	Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts)
Vacant	District Cub Scout Leader
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Vacant	Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)
Stephen Crosland	District Scout Leader
Bob Leaman	District Scout Leader
Robert Webster	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
James Bass	District Scout Network Commissioner
Chris Campbell	Scout Active Support Unit Co-ordinator
Dave Parker	Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)
Matt Bresnihan	District Activities Advisor (Shooting) (until 30.08.22)
Pam Tyler	District Activities Advisor (Shooting) (from 30.08.22)
Daren Hart	District Activities Advisor (Archery)
Dave Parker	District Activities Advisor (Climbing)
Joe Hargreaves-Lee	District Communications Manager
Duncan Cairns	District Nights Away Advisor
Cath Newburn	District Badge Secretary
Dilys Currie	Local Training Manager

# Census Data



Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Beavers	155	178	180	182	186	201	195	195	211	136	182
Cubs	195	232	236	274	258	247	216	238	217	182	216
Scouts	220	197	187	181	173	192	151	152	155	133	148
Explorers	63	73	97	97	106	85	89	66	73	61	37
Network	-	-	-	-	5	6	34	37	51	22	11
Total YP	633	680	700	734	728	731	685	688	707	534	583
Adults	154	170	196	202	225	228	235	219	210	192	214
Total	787	850	896	936	953	959	920	907	917	726	797
% Change	0.9%	8.0%	5.4%	4.5%	1.8%	0.6%	-4.1%	-1.4%	1.1%	-20.7%	9.0%

# Fylde District Scout Council

**Registered Charity Number** 701174

**Governing Instrument** The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association by the authority by a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.

**Aims** The Aims of the association 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 method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## **Principal Bankers**

HSBC,  
11 St Annes Road West,  
Lytham St Annes,  
Lancashire, FY8 1SA

## **Principal Address**

Fylde Scout Activity Centre,  
Heyhouses Lane, Lytham St Annes,  
Lancashire, FY8 3RN

## **Email**

[enquiries@fyldescouts.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fyldescouts.org.uk)

## **Website**

[www.fyldescouts.org.uk](http://www.fyldescouts.org.uk)

# Why volunteering at Scouts is

## #GOODFORYOU

### 1. It's good for your skills and your future

# 84%

of UK adults believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)

# 71%

of young people in the UK aged 14–18 believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)

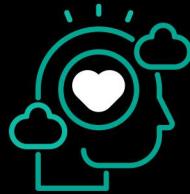


Scouts score **18%** higher on courage, **15%** higher on independence and are **18%** more likely to be better problem solvers (Scout Experience Survey 2020)

### 2. It's good for your health and happiness



The most common benefits volunteers report are enjoyment (**93%**), a sense of personal achievement (**90%**) and feeling that they make a difference (**90%**). (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



Over three-quarters of volunteers (**77%**) agree it improves their mental health and wellbeing. (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



People who've volunteered in the past year were more satisfied with their lives and rated their overall health as better. (Journal of Happiness Studies 2020)



Scouts spend on average **1.1** more days a week being physically active (Scouts Experience Survey 2020)

### 3. It's good for your family, friends and community



Researchers found that participants ages 16-24 and 55-74 were especially likely to benefit from volunteering, perhaps because of the opportunity to build social connections. (Journal of Happiness 2020)



Over two-thirds (**68%**) of volunteers agree it helps them feel less isolated – this is even higher among younger volunteers (**77%**) for those aged 18–24 and **76%** for those aged 25–34). (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 701174**

**Scout Association Registered Number: 10001900**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2022	TOTALS 2021
<b>Membership</b>				
Membership subs - Groups	19,285.00	1,377.50	20,662.50	16,643.55
Membership subs - Units	1,120.00	80.00	1,200.00	1,788.50
Less Memb' subs paid on	- 20,405.00		- 20,405.00	- 18,688.00
Net Memb' subs retained	-	1,457.50	1,457.50	- 255.95
<b>Adult Support and Training</b>	-		-	-
<b>Accounts</b>				
District Beaver Section	3,310.00		3,310.00	-
District Cub Section	1,500.00		1,500.00	-
District Scout Section	1,030.00		1,030.00	-
Explorer Scout Units	28,174.24		28,174.24	7,427.31
International Receipts		250.00	250.00	-
<b>Activity Centre</b>				
Grants	15,492.00		15,492.00	19,669.21
Facilities	14,805.68		14,805.68	954.20
Activities	1,599.00		1,599.00	35.00
Tuck Shop	3,369.14		3,369.14	-
Solar Panels	1,221.28		1,221.28	1,211.98
Equipment Hire	-		-	-
<b>Events</b>				
Neverest	-		-	-
<b>Fundraising</b>				
100 Club	820.00		820.00	1,130.00
Donations	253.01		253.01	3,220.00
<b>Sales</b>				
District Neckers	-		-	-
District Jackets	21.99		21.99	-
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Bank Interest	6.58		6.58	4.55
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>71,602.92</b>	<b>1,707.50</b>	<b>73,310.42</b>	<b>33,396.30</b>



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

EXPENDITURE	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2022	TOTALS 2021
<b>Accounts</b>					
District Beaver Section		2,537.59		2,537.59	39.61
District Cub Section		753.26		753.26	-
District Scout Section		615.00		615.00	-
Explorer Scout Units	4	10,501.80		10,501.80	7,683.05
International / Jamboree			-	-	1,500.00
12th Closure Fund		-		-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>14,407.65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,407.65</b>	<b>9,222.66</b>
<b>Activity Centre</b>					
Insurance	2	6,020.35		6,020.35	5,962.50
Utilities		3,691.44		3,691.44	2,480.83
Cleaning & Hygiene		4,734.50		4,734.50	1,736.61
Maintenance		3,347.43		3,347.43	2,073.27
Tuck Shop		1,183.59		1,183.59	215.65
Administration		1,025.77		1,025.77	752.87
Ground Rent		20.00		20.00	20.00
Building Depreciation			10,274.98	10,274.98	82,199.84
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>20,023.08</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	<b>30,298.06</b>	<b>95,441.57</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>					
100 Club		391.80		391.80	685.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>391.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>391.80</b>	<b>685.00</b>
<b>Event Costs</b>					
Jamboree Selection weekend		225.15		225.15	-
Pantomime (Online)		-		-	495.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>225.15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>225.15</b>	<b>495.00</b>
<b>Purchases</b>					
Cost of jackets sold		21.99		21.99	-
Badges For District		-		-	190.80
Media Resources		383.00		383.00	
Explorer Belts		139.93		139.93	
CSA Badges & Certificates		551.37		551.37	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>1,096.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,096.29</b>	<b>190.80</b>
<b>District</b>					
Adult support and training		111.78		111.78	-
Equipment Maintenance		57.73		57.73	-
District Section Budgets		300.00		300.00	-
District Administration	3	1,061.34		1,061.34	786.37
AGM Expenses		271.96		271.96	-
Online Scout Manager		799.20		799.20	151.20
Sundry Expenses		879.24		879.24	-
<b>Total Gross Expenditure:</b>		<b>39,625.22</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	<b>49,900.20</b>	<b>106,972.60</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments):</b>		<b>31,977.70</b>	<b>- 8,567.48</b>	<b>23,410.22</b>	<b>- 73,576.30</b>
<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>					
AT 1ST APRIL 2021	6	<b>138,356.43</b>	<b>457,905.11</b>	<b>596,261.54</b>	<b>669,837.84</b>
<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>					
AT 31ST MARCH 2022	6	<b>170,334.13</b>	<b>449,337.63</b>	<b>619,671.76</b>	<b>596,261.54</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

	NOTES	2022	2021
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
TANGIBLE ASSETS	5	<b>459,085.30</b>	<b>442,680.40</b>
<b>CASH Accounts</b>			
District Current Account		64,122.25	63,474.60
District Savings Account		65,668.62	65,662.04
100 Club Account		0.00	134.00
District Sections' Accounts		2,610.41	1,560.67
Explorer Units' Accounts		16,153.28	16,380.93
Cash / Floats		444.62	241.41
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>148,999.18</b>	<b>147,453.65</b>
<b>DEBTS DUE</b>			
Badges		0.00	251.37
Training		45.00	0.00
Explorer Units		2,169.50	2,169.50
Membership (Group/Unit)		6,037.50	517.50
Pre-payments		6,428.69	6,632.75
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>14,680.69</b>	<b>9,571.12</b>
<b>STOCKS</b>			
Tuck Shop		2,629.18	1,130.37
Jackets		159.79	181.78
Badges (old stock)		619.02	619.02
Neckers		348.00	348.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>3,755.99</b>	<b>2,279.17</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>167,435.86</b>	<b>159,303.94</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Activity Centre Deposits		-5,162.50	-4,285.91
Accruals		-289.64	-39.44
Network Fund		-519.03	-519.03
Osprey Fund		-878.42	-878.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>-6,849.59</b>	<b>-5,722.80</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>160,586.27</b>	<b>153,581.14</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>619,671.57</b>	<b>596,261.54</b>
<b>FUNDS :</b>			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	6	170,333.94	138,356.43
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	449,337.63	457,905.11
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>619,671.57</b>	<b>596,261.54</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 26/08/2022 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name  
 MICHAEL JOHN SMITH  
 RICHARD JOHNSON

Chair

Treasurer



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation of all tangible assets other than Land and new DHQ building Equipment, Furniture and Fittings on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives

The rates generally applicable are as follows:-

Activity Centre Equipment	10% per annum
District Equipment	20% per annum
Explorer Scout Unit Equipment	20% per annum

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at Balance Sheet date

#### **Reserves**

The District's Policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to enable it to provide the facilities in order that the District is able to carry out its duties. The objectives of the District are described in the 'Purpose of Scouting', P.O.R. Chapter 1, Page 1



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

### 2 ACTIVITY CENTRE EXPENDITURE

	2022	2021
Insurance	6,020.35	5,962.50
Heat, Light, Cooking	2,370.62	1,551.41
Water Charges	889.54	97.64
Telephone and Internet	431.28	831.78
Cleaning and Waste Removal	3,704.75	1,546.03
Hygiene Disposal Service	860.40	-
Hygiene and Cleaning consumables	169.35	190.58
General Maintenance	2,657.43	1,391.47
Climbing, Archery, Shooting	690.00	681.80
Sundries	100.00	-
Ground Rent	20.00	20.00
Write off debts	-	215.65
Booking System	200.00	
Depreciation	725.77	752.87
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18,839.49</b>	<b>13,241.73</b>

### 3 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

	2022	2021
Training Resources	-	-
Postage, Stationery	59.96	170.96
Telephone	10.00	10.00
IT / Website	129.60	
Bank Charges	34.98	
Travel Expenses	21.00	-
Lotteries Act	20.00	20.00
Depreciation	785.80	585.41
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,061.34</b>	<b>786.37</b>

### 4 ESU EXPENSES

	2022	2021
Membership Fees	3,396.50	1,870.00
Minibuses Hire	-	-
Premises and Insurance	-	-
Camps	3,185.00	1,411.00
Competitions	-	-
Other Activities	1,971.79	538.14
Training	40.00	49.00
Fund Raising	124.98	1,911.66
Admin	58.00	37.01
Badges and Scarves	87.60	5.84
Materials and Consumables	542.55	191.77
sub total	<b>9,406.42</b>	<b>6,014.42</b>
ESU Depreciation	1,095.38	1,668.63
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10,501.80</b>	<b>7,683.05</b>



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

### 5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	DHQ BUILDING	LAND	EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FITTINGS	TOTAL
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st April 2021	513,749.00	3,770.00	61,782.81	579,301.81
Additions			29,286.83	29,286.83
Disposals				-
At 31st March 2022	<b>513,749.00</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>91,069.64</b>	<b>608,588.64</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st April 2021	82,199.84	-	54,421.57	136,621.41
Provision this year	10,274.98	-	2,606.95	12,881.93
At 31st March 2022	92,474.82	-	57,028.52	149,503.34
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st March 2022	<b>421,274.18</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>34,041.12</b>	<b>459,085.30</b>

### STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	AT 1st April 2021	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	Transfers	AT 31 March 2022
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Provision for Future Maintenance	78,874.66	-	-	16,691.81	95,566.47
Tom Westall Fund	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	-
Grass Mower (Victrex)	200.00	-	200.00	-	-
Outdoor Climbing Equipment	250.00	250.00	-	-	500.00
Neverest District Camp	1,612.11	-	-	-	1,612.11
12th Closure Fund	1,339.83	-	-	-	1,339.83
<b>Non designated Funds</b>					
Accumulated/Reserve Fund	53,079.83	96,229.07	61,301.56	- 16,691.81	71,315.53
<b>Total Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>138,356.43</b>	<b>96,479.07</b>	<b>64,501.56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>170,333.94</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
International Fund	6,973.38	1,707.50	-	-	8,680.88
DHQ Insurance Claim	205,348.41	-	10,274.98	-	195,073.43
DHQ Rebuild Fundraising	245,583.32	-	-	-	245,583.32
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>457,905.11</b>	<b>1,707.50</b>	<b>10,274.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>449,337.63</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>596,261.54</b>	<b>98,186.57</b>	<b>74,776.54</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>619,671.57</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fylde District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fylde District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Fylde District Scout Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Fylde District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

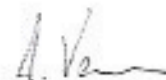
### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

ALAN VENN

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 71 CLAVINGTON AVENUE LETLAND LANCASHIRE

Date: 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

**FYLDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 701174

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report and Financial Statement

April 2020 - March 2021





# District Chair's Report

Throughout the period which this Annual Report covers the Covid-19 pandemic has clearly affected the “normal” delivery of Scouting to our young people. Nevertheless, despite the restrictions many of our volunteer leaders and supporters have done their very best to ensure the continuity of Scouting with events and activities taking place when deemed safe to do so.

The reports that follow clearly portray the varied programmes delivered by the volunteers in all sections throughout Fylde District despite the many restrictions during the pandemic. The commitment of the District Executive Committee members has continued throughout the year. The committee meetings have continued virtually using the Zoom facility and I would like to thank them for their tireless support and good governance in what has been a challenging 12 months.

I would like to thank Richard Johnson for his continued commitment to the Treasurer's role and for the clarity of his financial reports. The annual statement of accounts clearly shows the adverse effect of the pandemic on the income from our Activity Centre. However we were fortunate in receiving the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant along with other Covid-19 grants which certainly helped with our fixed costs during the period our Centre remained closed. Prior to the Census in January the Executive Committee decided not to apply the District levy and International Fund levy as a way to financially support our Groups and Units.

Since the “readiness level” changed to “yellow” the enquiries and bookings for our site have seen a marked increase. Clearly our site continues to be a popular destination and credit is due to the service crew volunteers, Explorer Scouts, Network members and SASU members. Collectively they have ensured that our site has been well maintained even during the pandemic. In addition, thanks to the Africa 2022 contingent the redevelopment work on the camp fire circle in memory of Edward Dee has restarted. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank John Swarbrick for continuing to deal with the site bookings as well as helping me by keeping a watchful eye on our site and buildings.

Sadly, in July Ron Green passed away. He was very active for many years in the District especially with our campsite. Ron, along with his wife Maureen were in all but name site wardens from the early 1980's until the fire destroyed our DHQ in 2010. He was a member of our District Executive Committee for 17 years and chaired the Site Management Committee for most of that time. In addition he became our District Archivist painstakingly gathering historic details of Scouting within the District. Thanks to Ron's determination and vision we have the activity barn, which fortunately wasn't destroyed with the fire in 2010. He was certainly the main driving force from the outset realising the benefits the facility would bring to the site. Without a doubt Ron made a significant contribution to Scouting and his legacy has benefitted countless young people within the District and beyond.

In September 2019 we welcomed Cath Lee as Derek Wright's successor in the DC role. Over the last two years she has settled in very well. Cath's wealth of experience in Scouting has clearly been beneficial especially during the pandemic and she has the full support of the Executive Committee and the District Team. Cath's son Joe has also settled in well as our Media Manager. He has been very active in this role, in particular with the introduction of our new website, communications across the District and recently with the sourcing of "Scouts" branded items.

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions over the last 12 months I am confident that the return to face-to-face Scouting will restore our level of membership to pre pandemic numbers. Our young people and indeed our adults have missed Scouting and there is already evidence of this with the increased number of "want to join" enquiries. In addition, judging by the increasing numbers of bookings our Activity Centre will be once again be occupied regularly with young people enjoying the facilities. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Cath, the District Team along with the leaders in all sections every success over the next twelve months. There will be many challenges ahead and the District Executive will ensure the required support and governance.

**Mike Smith**  
**District Chair**



# District Commissioner's Report

Hello and welcome to the 2020/2021 Annual Report. This year has been one of the most challenging years we have had but, in true Scouting style, we have continued to deliver great programmes and activities to our young people despite face-to-face scouting being suspended for most of the year.

This fantastic achievement is solely down to the amazing leaders we have in the District who, like us all, will have been facing their own personal challenges during the pandemic yet realised that our young people needed our help and support. A huge thank you to each and every person who helped ensure our young people could continue with their Scouting activities over the past year.

Our programmes and methods of delivery had to be adapted, we had to learn innovative technology, but we enabled our young people to keep in touch with their friends and continue to earn badges and awards and probably most importantly we supported their mental health.

Again, a highlight was to see a number of our young people continue to earn their top awards during the past year – well done to every one of you!

Face to face scouting outdoors started towards the end of the year and it was great to see the faces of the young people, and the leaders, light up as they saw each other in person. However, this brought with it the need to complete covid compliant risk assessments. A new team and process was set up to approve these risk assessments and I'd like to thank the members of the Risk Assessment Control Group (RACG) who reviewed and approved all the Risk Assessments. It was an additional task to their normal roles and their help and support meant that we could get our sections meeting face to face quickly and safely. Thank you – Duncan Cairns, Ross MacDonald, Sarah Webster, Chris Jeffrey, Derek Wright, and Janet Jones.

As a District we could not run our normal Programme activities, but a couple of highlights were our Clap for Carers video and our Twelve Days Of Christmas Challenge. In fact, the Christmas Challenge was so popular we are running this again but with a different twist.

As we look forward to the next Scouting year, we need to ensure that we can continue to deliver great, fun, scouting to the young people of Fylde. We have already seen an increase in Want to Join applications and we want to be able to offer each of these young people, and adults, a place in our Scouting family.

Once again, I want to thank every single person who has helped the District through the most challenging of circumstances this year. Our volunteers, our parents, and our young people have shown that by working together we have achieved amazing things.

**Cath Lee**

**District Commissioner**

# District 100 Club

Please see below are the winning numbers of the Fylde District Scouts 100 Club.

Month	£5	£5	£10	£100
June	38	12	48	-
July	29	9	49	-
August	33	81	39	-
September	20	29	100	-
October	29	86	79	-
November	24	2	52	-
December	30	29	49	69
January	3	45	35	-
February	72	22	20	-
March	69	82	53	-
April	29	55	88	-
May	3	28	13	-

The 100 Club bring in much needed funds for the District. A number costs £12 per year with subscriptions payable every June.

If you would like to become a member of the Fylde Scouts 100 Club contact Graham Cardwell.

**Graham Cardwell**

**Fylde District Scouts 100 Club Organiser**

# Awards & Wood badges

## Wood Badges

Stephen Crosland	District Scout Leader
Ann Edmondson	2nd Kirkham

## Bar to the Silver Acorn

Cath Lee	District Commissioner
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## Award of Merit

Stephen Bates	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Stephen Crosland	District Scout Leader

## Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service

Emma Barnes	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Adam Bennett	1st Clifton
Martin Clarke	2nd Kirkham
John Edmondson	2nd Kirkham
Ann Edmondson	2nd Kirkham
Daniel Halton	Tarka ESU
Patrick Ireland	2nd Freckleton
Judith Lightfoot	2nd Kirkham
Michelle McCaffery	2nd Kirkham
Jeanette Richardson	1st Lytham St Annes
Pam Tyler	4th Lytham St Annes

**Congratulations!**

## **40 Years of Service Award**

Roy Lennie	Scout Active Support Unit
Mary Roberts	7th Lytham St Annes

## **25 Years of Service Award**

William Ireland	2nd Freckleton
Janet Jones	District Secretary

## **20 Years of Service Award**

Graham Cooper	2nd Freckleton
Alistair Reid	1st Kirkham & Wesham

## **15 Years of Service Award**

Patrick Ireland	2nd Freckleton
Judith Lightfoot	2nd Kirkham

## **10 Years of Service Award**

Paul Anderton	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Ann Edmondson	2nd Kirkham
Timothy Igoe	1st Lytham St Annes
Jeanette Richardson	1st Lytham St Annes
Robert Webster	District Explorer Scout Commissioner

## **5 Years of Service Award**

Emma Bass	District Supporter
James Best	2nd Freckleton
Timothy Cave	17th Lytham St Annes
Linda Francis	District Supporter
Jennifer Gomery	1st Warton
Nicole Holden	1st Clifton
Christine Legge	1st Kirkham & Wesham
Nichola Rhodes	2nd Freckleton
Michael Wilson	4th Lytham St Annes

# District Treasurer's Report

## Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 March 2021

	2020/21 (£)	2019/20 (£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Activity Centre	21,870	50,870
Scouting activities, training and sections	7,427	33,141
District events	-	6,195
All other income	4,099	5,771
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,396</b>	<b>95,977</b>
<b>OUTGOINGS</b>		
Activity Centre operating costs	13,242	27,853
Activity Centre depreciation	82,200	-
Scouting activities, training and sections	7,723	37,221
District events	495	4,620
Management, administration and other costs	3,313	5,404
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>106,973</b>	<b>75,098</b>
<b>Total surplus for the year</b>	<b>-73,576</b>	<b>20,879</b>

## Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	2020/21 (£)	2019/20 (£)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Building and equipment used for scouting	442,680	526,933
Bank and cash balances	147,454	133,875
Debtors and other assets	11,850	16,717
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>601,984</b>	<b>677,525</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Deposits held for future events	4,286	5,584
Creditors and all other liabilities	1,437	2,103
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>7,688</b>
<b>Operating surplus for the year</b>	<b>596,262</b>	<b>669,838</b>

### Statement of the Trustees

These summarised financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on the 17/09/2021. The Statutory Trustees Report and Audited Financial Statement, which contain the full details of the financial affairs of the charity will be submitted to the Charity Commission after the Annual General Meeting. These will be available to download as PDF either from the Charity Commission website or the Fylde District Scout Website after the AGM.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees 17/09/2021

**Mr M J Smith**  
District Chair

*MJ Smith*

**Mr R A Johnson**  
District Treasurer

*RA Johnson*

# District Officials

## District Vice Presidents

Mr Jack Ledger

## District Trustees

Ms Cath Lee	District Commissioner
Mr Mike Smith	District Chair
Mrs Janet Jones	District Secretary
Mr Richard Johnson	District Treasurer
Mr Malcom Kay	Chair of Appointments Advisory Committee
Mr Duncan Cairns	District Trustee
Mr Ross MacDonald	District Trustee
Mrs Dilys Currie	District Trustee
Mr Kevin Jacomb	District Trustee
Mr Les Martin	District Trustee
Mr Robert Webster	District Trustee (Ex-officio)
Mr James Bass	District Trustee (Ex-officio)
Miss Amber Chauhan	District Trustee (Ex-officio) (until 24.04.21)
Miss Elise-Marie Thompson	District Trustee (Ex-officio) (from 24.04.21)

## District Committee Chairs

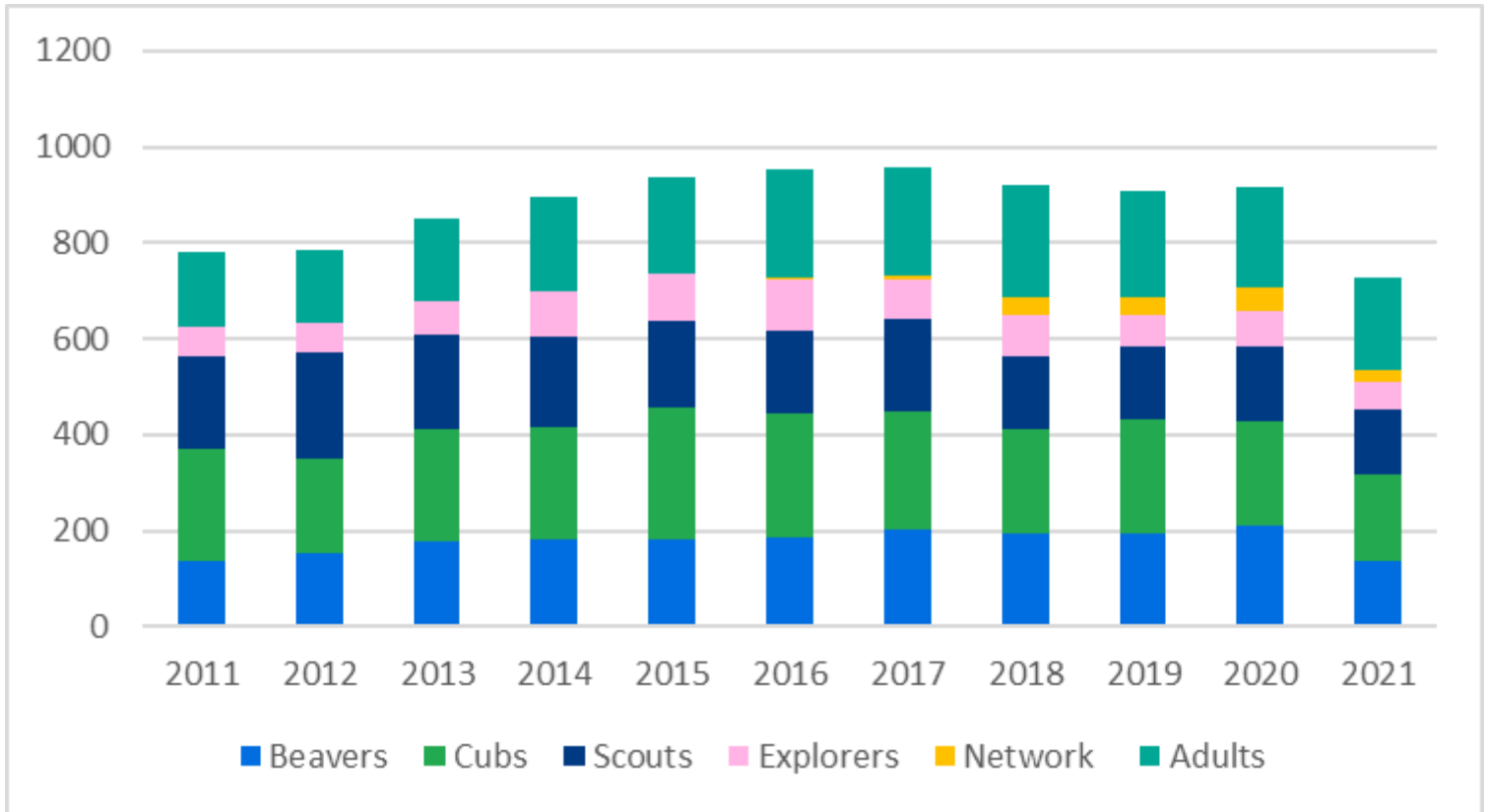
Malcolm Kay	Chair of Appointments Advisory Committee
Lynn Webster	Site Sub Committee (until 30.09.20)
<b>Vacant</b>	Site Sub Committee (from 30.09.20)
Mike Smith & Cath Lee	Awards Committee
Cath Lee	District Team

## District Support Team

Cath Lee	District Commissioner
Paul Jackson	Deputy District Commissioner
Amber Chauhan	District Youth Commissioner (until 24.04.21)
Elise-Marie Thompson	District Youth Commissioner (from 24.04.21)
John Perkin	Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)
Amy Perkin	District Beaver Scout Leader
Amber Chauhan	District Beaver Scout Leader
Russell Taylor	District Beaver Scout Leader
Sarah Webster	Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts)
<b>Vacant</b>	District Cub Scout Leader
<b>Vacant</b>	District Cub Scout Leader
<b>Vacant</b>	District Cub Scout Leader
<b>Vacant</b>	Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)
Bob Leaman	District Scout Leader
Steve Crosland	District Scout Leader
Robert Webster	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
James Bass	District Scout Network Commissioner
Chris Campbell	Scout Active Support Unit Co-ordinator
Dave Parker	Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)
Matt Bresnihan	District Activities Advisor (Shooting)
Daren Hart	District Activities Advisor (Archery)
Dave Parker	District Activities Advisor (Climbing)
Joe Hargreaves-Lee	District Communications Manager
Duncan Cairns	District Nights Away Advisor
Cath Newburn	District Badge Secretary
Dilys Currie	Local Training Manager

# Census Data

(Membership breakdown 2010-2020)



Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Beaver Scouts	136	155	178	180	182	186	201	195	195	211	136
Cub Scouts	234	195	232	236	274	258	247	216	238	217	182
Scouts	194	220	197	187	181	173	192	151	152	155	133
Explorer Scouts	63	63	73	97	97	106	85	89	66	73	61
Network	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	34	37	51	22
Total YP	627	633	680	700	734	728	731	685	688	707	534
Adults	153	154	170	196	202	225	228	235	219	210	192
Total	780	787	850	896	936	953	959	920	907	917	726
% Change	-4.5%	0.9%	8.0%	5.4%	4.5%	1.8%	0.6%	-4.1%	-1.4%	1.1%	-20.7%

# Fylde District Scout Council

**Registered Charity Number** 701174

**Governing Instrument** The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association by the authority by a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.

**Aims** The Aims of the association 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 method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## **Principal Bankers**

HSBC,  
11 St Annes Road West,  
Lytham St Annes,  
Lancashire, FY8 1SA

## **Principal Address**

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# Why volunteering at Scouts is

## #GOODFORYOU

### 1. It's good for your skills and your future

# 84%

of UK adults believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)

# 71%

of young people in the UK aged 14–18 believe Scouts helps you develop skills useful in later life (YouGov 2020)



Scouts score **18%** higher on courage, **15%** higher on independence and are **18%** more likely to be better problem solvers (Scout Experience Survey 2020)

### 2. It's good for your health and happiness



The most common benefits volunteers report are enjoyment (**93%**), a sense of personal achievement (**90%**) and feeling that they make a difference (**90%**). (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



Over three-quarters of volunteers (**77%**) agree it improves their mental health and wellbeing. (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



People who've volunteered in the past year were more satisfied with their lives and rated their overall health as better. (Journal of Happiness Studies 2020)



Scouts spend on average **1.1** more days a week being physically active (Scouts Experience Survey 2020)

### 3. It's good for your family, friends and community



Researchers found that participants ages 16–24 and 55–74 were especially likely to benefit from volunteering, perhaps because of the opportunity to build social connections. (Journal of Happiness 2020)



Over two-thirds (**68%**) of volunteers agree it helps them feel less isolated – this is even higher among younger volunteers (**77%**) for those aged 18–24 and **76%** for those aged 25–34. (Time Well Spent Survey NCVO 2019)



**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 701174**

**Scout Association Registered Number: 10001900**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2021	TOTALS 2020
<b>Membership</b>				
Membership subs - Groups	16,643.55		<b>16,643.55</b>	17,081.00
Membership subs - Units	1,788.50		<b>1,788.50</b>	1,943.00
Less Membership paid on	- 18,688.00		<b>- 18,688.00</b>	- 19,024.00
Net Membership subs retained	- 255.95	-	<b>- 255.95</b>	3,280.00
<b>Adult Support and Training</b>	-		-	85.00
<b>Accounts</b>				
District Beaver Section	-		-	5,247.00
District Cub Section	-		-	1,446.10
District Scout Section	-		-	3,655.00
Explorer Scout Units	7,427.31		<b>7,427.31</b>	22,708.28
International Receipts		-	-	222.47
<b>Activity Centre</b>				
Grants	19,669.21		<b>19,669.21</b>	2,268.00
Solar Panels	1,211.98		<b>1,211.98</b>	1,159.28
Facilities	954.20		<b>954.20</b>	40,584.68
Activities	35.00		<b>35.00</b>	2,552.50
Equipment	-		-	115.00
Tuck Shop	-		-	4,190.63
<b>Events</b>				
Neverest	-		-	6,195.00
<b>Fundraising</b>				
100 Club	1,130.00		<b>1,130.00</b>	1,048.00
Donations	3,220.00		<b>3,220.00</b>	1,200.00
<b>Sales</b>				
District Neckers	-		-	20.00
District Jackets	-		-	-
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Bank Interest	4.55		<b>4.55</b>	0.08
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>33,396.30</b>	-	<b>33,396.30</b>	<b>95,977.02</b>
Sale of shares	-		-	500.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,396.30</b>	-	<b>33,396.30</b>	<b>96,477.02</b>



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

EXPENDITURE	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2021	TOTALS 2020
<b>Accounts</b>					
District Beaver Section		39.61		<b>39.61</b>	5,062.90
District Cub Section		-		-	1,490.67
District Scout Section		-		-	3,948.30
Explorer Scout Units	4	7,683.05		<b>7,683.05</b>	25,127.22
International / Jamboree			1,500.00	<b>1,500.00</b>	2,220.00
12th Closure Fund		-		-	1,304.11
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>7,722.66</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>9,222.66</b>	<b>39,153.20</b>
<b>Activity Centre</b>					
Insurance	2	5,962.50		<b>5,962.50</b>	5,728.15
Utilities		2,480.83		<b>2,480.83</b>	7,618.00
Cleaning & Hygiene		1,736.61		<b>1,736.61</b>	7,392.44
Maintenance		2,073.27		<b>2,073.27</b>	3,852.38
Tuck Shop		215.65		<b>215.65</b>	2,296.55
Administration		752.87		<b>752.87</b>	895.09
ASGC Membership		-		-	50.00
Ground Rent		20.00		<b>20.00</b>	20.00
Building Depreciation			82,199.84	<b>82,199.84</b>	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>13,241.73</b>	<b>82,199.84</b>	<b>95,441.57</b>	<b>27,852.61</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>					
100 Club		685.00		<b>685.00</b>	725.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>685.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>685.00</b>	<b>725.00</b>
<b>Event Costs</b>					
St Georges Day		-		-	37.45
Neverest Camp		-		-	4,582.89
Pantomime (Online)		495.00		<b>495.00</b>	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>495.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>495.00</b>	<b>4,620.34</b>
<b>Purchases</b>					
Cost of neckers sold		-		-	18.00
Badges For District		190.80		<b>190.80</b>	-
Badges For ESU		-		-	140.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>190.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190.80</b>	<b>158.00</b>
<b>District</b>					
Adult support and training		-		-	288.00
Equipment Maintenance		-		-	447.49
District Section Budgets		-		-	200.00
District Administration	3	786.37		<b>786.37</b>	531.91
AGM Expenses		-		-	217.59
Online Scout Manager		151.20		<b>151.20</b>	777.60
Sundry Expenses		-		-	126.40
<b>Total Gross Expenditure:</b>		<b>23,272.76</b>	<b>83,699.84</b>	<b>106,972.60</b>	<b>75,098.14</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments):</b>		10,123.54	- 83,699.84	- 73,576.30	<b>20,878.88</b>
Fund Balances Brought Forward AT 1ST APRIL 2020	6	<b>128,232.89</b>	<b>541,604.95</b>	<b>669,837.84</b>	<b>648,958.96</b>
Fund Balances Carried Forward AT 31ST MARCH 2021	6	<b>138,356.43</b>	<b>457,905.11</b>	<b>596,261.54</b>	<b>669,837.84</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	NOTES	2021	2020
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
TANGIBLE ASSETS	5	<b>442,680.40</b>	<b>526,933.15</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>			
District Current Account		63,474.60	116,318.89
District Savings Account		65,662.04	657.49
100 Club Account		134.00	89.00
District Sections' Accounts		1,560.67	1,600.28
Explorer Units' Accounts		16,380.93	14,968.04
Cash / Floats		241.41	241.41
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>147,453.65</b>	<b>133,875.11</b>
<b>DEBTS DUE</b>			
Badges		251.37	251.37
Explorer Units		2,169.50	2,169.50
Membership (Group/Unit)		517.50	5,984.00
Pre-payments		6,632.75	5,817.50
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>9,571.12</b>	<b>14,222.37</b>
<b>STOCKS</b>			
Tuck Shop		1,130.37	1,346.02
Jackets		181.78	181.78
Badges		619.02	619.02
Neckers		348.00	348.00
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>2,279.17</b>	<b>2,494.82</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>159,303.94</b>	<b>150,592.30</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Activity Centre Deposits		-4,285.91	-5,584.20
Accruals		-39.44	-705.96
Network Fund		-519.03	-519.03
Osprey Fund		-878.42	-878.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>-5,722.80</b>	<b>-7,687.61</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>153,581.14</b>	<b>142,904.69</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>596,261.54</b>	<b>669,837.84</b>
<b>FUNDS :</b>			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	6	138,356.43	128,232.89
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	457,905.11	541,604.95
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>596,261.54</b>	<b>669,837.84</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14/09/2021 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name  
 MICHAEL J. SMITH  
 RICHARD JOHNSON

Chair

Treasurer



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation of all tangible assets other than Land and new DHQ building Equipment, Furniture and Fittings on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives

The rates generally applicable are as follows:-

Activity Centre Equipment	10% per annum
District Equipment	20% per annum
Explorer Scout Unit Equipment	20% per annum

#### **Investments**

Investments are valued at market value at Balance Sheet date

#### **Reserves**

The District's Policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to enable it to provide the facilities in order that the District is able to carry out its duties. The objectives of the District are described in the 'Purpose of Scouting', P.O.R. Chapter 1, Page 1



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

### 2 ACTIVITY CENTRE EXPENDITURE

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Ground Rent	20.00	20.00
General Maintenance	1,391.47	2,815.86
Climbing, Archery, Shooting	681.80	1,036.52
Heat, Light, Cooking	1,551.41	2,910.04
Water Charges	97.64	2,452.14
Telephone and Internet	831.78	1,096.54
Insurance	5,962.50	5,728.15
Cleaning and Waste Removal	1,546.03	5,899.30
Hygiene Disposal Service	-	904.80
Hygiene and Cleaning consumables	190.58	588.34
ASGC Membership	-	50.00
Sundries	-	68.99
Write off debts	215.65	200.00
Booking Service	-	242.50
Depreciation	752.87	383.60
Total:	<b>13,241.73</b>	<b>24,396.78</b>

### 3 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Training Resources	-	109.86
Postage, Stationery	170.96	171.61
Telephone	10.00	20.00
Travel Expenses	-	32.10
Lotteries Act	20.00	20.00
Depreciation	585.41	178.34
Total:	<b>786.37</b>	<b>531.91</b>

### 4 ESU EXPENSES

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Membership Fees	1,870.00	911.50
Minibuses Hire	-	-
Premises and Insurance	-	250.00
Camps	1,411.00	15,746.76
Competitions	-	-
Other Activities	538.14	2,578.52
Training	49.00	553.15
Fund Raising	1,911.66	470.96
Admin	37.01	707.99
Badges and Scarves	5.84	598.38
Materials and Consumables	191.77	1,040.95
sub total	<b>6,014.42</b>	<b>22,858.21</b>
ESU Depreciation	1,668.63	2,269.01
Total:	<b>7,683.05</b>	<b>25,127.22</b>



## NOTES FOR FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

### 5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	DHQ BUILDING	LAND	EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FITTINGS	TOTAL
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st April 2020	513,749.00	3,770.00	60,828.81	578,347.81
Additions			954.00	954.00
Disposals				-
At 31st March 2021	<b>513,749.00</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>61,782.81</b>	<b>579,301.81</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st April 2020	-	-	51,414.66	51,414.66
Provision this year	82,199.84	-	3,006.91	85,206.75
At 31st March 2021	82,199.84	-	<b>54,421.57</b>	<b>136,621.41</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st March 2021	<b>431,549.16</b>	<b>3,770.00</b>	<b>7,361.24</b>	<b>442,680.40</b>

### STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	AT 1st April 2020	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	Transfers	AT 31 March 2021
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Provision for Future Maintenance	71,579.27	-	-	7,295.39	78,874.66
Tom Westall Fund	-	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
Grass Mower (Victrex)	-	200.00	-	-	200.00
Outdoor Climbing Equipment	250.00	-	-	-	250.00
Neverest District Camp	1,612.11	-	-	-	1,612.11
12th Closure Fund	1,339.83	-	-	-	1,339.83
<b>Non designated Funds</b>					
Accumulated/Reserve Fund	53,451.68	48,884.30	41,960.76	- 7,295.39	53,079.83
<b>Total Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>128,232.89</b>	<b>52,084.30</b>	<b>41,960.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,356.43</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
International Fund	8,473.38	-	1,500.00	-	6,973.38
DHQ Insurance Claim	287,548.25	-	82,199.84	-	205,348.41
DHQ Rebuild Fundraising	245,583.32	-	-	-	245,583.32
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>541,604.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,699.84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>457,905.11</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>669,837.84</b>	<b>52,084.30</b>	<b>125,660.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>596,261.54</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fylde District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fylde District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Fylde District Scout Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Fylde District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *J. Whitwham*

Name: *J. W H . T W H A M*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Date: *22/1/22*