

Annual Report & Accounts 2023-2024

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Scouts
Fylde

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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



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 dreds, 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





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 each 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 Waddecarr, 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.

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 Waddecarr, 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.

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

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 (£)
INCOME		
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
Total Income	78,815	77,407
OUTGOINGS		
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
Total Costs	82,958	85,576
Total surplus for the year	- 4,143	- 8,169

Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	2023/24 (£)	2022/23 (£)
ASSETS		
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
Total Assets	617,438	620,491
LIABILITIES		
Deposits held for future events	8,894	7,695
Creditors and all other liabilities	1,185	1,294
Total Liabilities	10,079	8,989
Operating surplus for the year	607,360	611,502

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

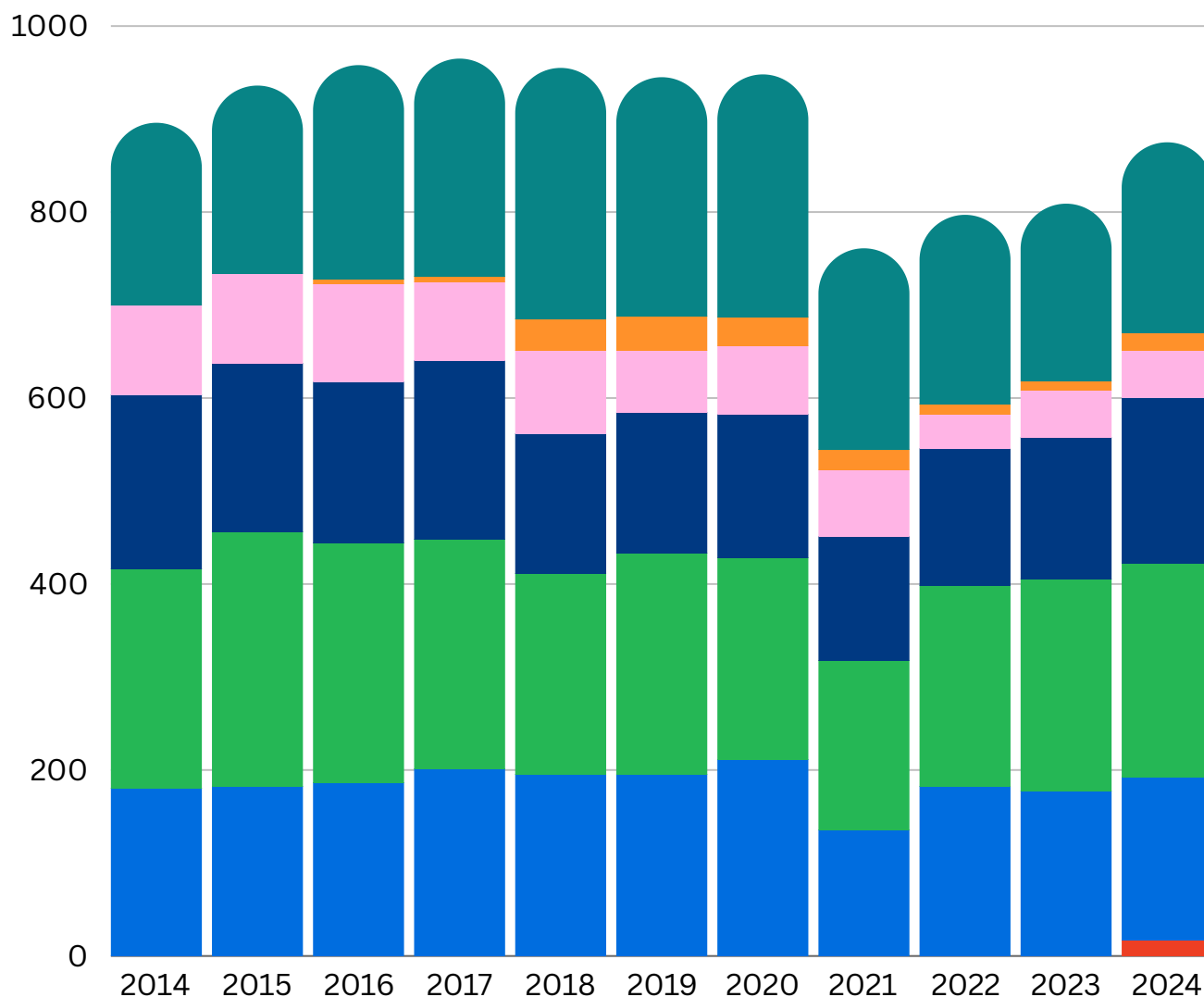
14 to 24 Team Lead (Until 11.09.24)

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
Squirrels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Beavers	180	182	186	201	195	195	211	136	182	177	175
Cubs	236	274	258	247	216	238	217	182	216	228	230
Scouts	187	181	173	192	151	152	155	133	148	153	178
Explorers	97	97	106	85	89	66	73	72	37	50	51
Network	-	-	5	6	34	37	31	22	11	10	19
Total YP	700	738	723	725	651	651	656	512	594	618	670
Adults	196	202	230	234	270	257	261	216	203	191	205
Total	896	936	953	959	921	908	917	728	797	809	875
% Change	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.

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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
Membership				
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
Adult Support and Training	-		-	15.36
Accounts				
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
Activity Centre				
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	-
Events				
Trailer Recovery			-	879.24
Fundraising				
100 Club	838.00		838.00	720.00
Donations	650.18		650.18	748.82
Sales				
District Neckers	-		-	-
District Jackets	-		-	-
Investment Income				
Bank Interest	3,024.97		3,024.97	118.13
Total Gross Income	73,052.35	5,762.54	78,814.89	77,407.24



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

EXPENDITURE	NOTES	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTALS 2024	TOTALS 2023
Accounts					
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
Sub total		22,316.22	1,220.00	23,536.22	40,854.79
Activity Centre	2				
Insurance		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
Sub total		43,195.26	10,274.98	53,470.24	41,122.68
Fundraising Expenses					
100 Club		345.00		345.00	340.00
Sub total		345.00	-	345.00	340.00
Event Costs					
Remembrance Sunday Wreath		25.00		25.00	20.00
St Georges Day		56.16		56.16	
Dinner Dance		250.00		250.00	
Sub total		331.16	-	331.16	20.00
Purchases					
Cost of jackets sold		-		-	-
Badges For District		-		-	-
Media Resources		-		-	-
Explorer Belts		-		-	-
CSA Badges & Certificates		528.26		528.26	-
Sub total		528.26	-	528.26	-
District					
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
Total Gross Expenditure:		71,462.74	11,494.98	82,957.72	85,576.45
Net of receipts/(payments):		1,589.61	- 5,732.44	- 4,142.83	- 8,169.21
Fund Balances Brought Forward					
AT 1ST APRIL 2023	6	178,657.24	432,845.12	611,502.36	619,671.57
Fund Balances Carried Forward					
AT 31ST MARCH 2024	6	180,246.85	427,112.68	607,359.53	611,502.36



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	NOTES	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS			
TANGIBLE ASSETS	5	435,947.61	445,277.85
CASH Accounts			
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
Sub total		170,175.85	168,268.34
DEBTS DUE			
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
Sub total		7,698.31	3,754.07
STOCKS			
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
Sub total		3,616.71	3,190.61
Total		181,490.87	175,213.02
LIABILITIES			
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
Total		-10,078.95	-8,988.51
NET CURRENT ASSETS		171,411.92	166,224.51
NET ASSETS		607,359.53	611,502.36
FUNDS :			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	6	180,246.85	178,657.24
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	427,112.68	432,845.12
TOTAL FUNDS		607,359.53	611,502.36

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

[Signature]
[Signature]

Print Name

Deech Wright

Chair

RICHARD JOHNSON

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:	43,067.05	30,847.70

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:	1,266.04	2,212.68

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	9,149.78	19,245.09
ESU Depreciation	3,930.83	4,384.38
Total:	13,080.61	23,629.47



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
	COST				
	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	513,749.00	3,770.00	110,241.25	627,760.25
	DEPRECIATION				
	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	-	78,787.86	191,812.64
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 31st March 2024	400,724.22	3,770.00	31,453.39	435,947.61

6	STATEMENT OF FUNDS	AT 1st April 2023	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	Transfers	AT 31 March 2024
	Unrestricted Funds					
	Designated Funds					
	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
	Non designated Funds					
	Accumulated/Reserve Fund	69,652.90	100,068.85	98,479.24	- 4,604.02	66,638.49
	Total Unrestricted Fund	178,657.24	100,068.85	98,479.24	-	180,246.85
	Restricted Funds					
	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
	Total Restricted Funds	432,845.12	5,762.54	11,494.98	-	427,112.68
	TOTAL FUNDS	611,502.36	105,831.39	109,974.22	-	607,359.53