



Braid District

Scout Council

**Trustees' Annual Report
and Statement of Accounts
2025**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Section A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Braid District Scout Council, also known as Braid District

Registered charity number: SC011339

Charity's principal address:

8 Morham Park
EDINBURGH
EH10 5GF

Board of Trustees

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 1. Chair* | [REDACTED] |
| 2. Treasurer* | [REDACTED] |
| 3. District Lead Vounteer* | [REDACTED] |
| 4. District Youth Lead* | [REDACTED] |
| 5. Trustee | [REDACTED] |
| 6. Trustee | [REDACTED] |
| 7. Trustee | [REDACTED] |
| 8. Trustee | [REDACTED] |

*Denotes ex officio member of the board

Year indicates start of three term of office.

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Members of the District Leadership Team:

- | | |
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| District Lead Vounteer | [REDACTED] |
| District Youth Lead | [REDACTED] |
| Programme Team Leader | [REDACTED] |
| Support Team Leader | [REDACTED] |
| Volunteering Development Team Leader | [REDACTED] |
| 14-24 Team Leader | [REDACTED] |
| 14-24 Team Leader | [REDACTED] |
| All Group Lead Vounteers | |

Independent Examiner for the reporting year:



Bankers

Bank of Scotland Plc
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Section B: Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document:

The Scout District is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The District is a registered Scottish Charity - No SC011339.

How the charity is constituted:

The Scout District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee recruitment and appointment:

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of The Scout Association.

Section C: Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes:

Our purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The main activities in relation to these objectives are detailed in Section D.

Section D: Achievements and performance

Chair's Report

Hello and welcome to the Annual Trustees Report for the year ending 31st March 2025. The detailed accounts are attached, and I am assured by our Treasurer, Ruth, that all is in order. As Trustees we have considered that to retain the value of six months operating costs in reserve is appropriate and this is shown in the balance of the General Fund. Other than that, we are again building up the fund for the next World Scout Jamboree to be held in Poland in 2027 to help support any of our young people who are lucky enough to be selected to attend. We have also maintained a sum to cater for any financial applications for any young member going on their first international adventure. This fund is known as the [REDACTED] fund and during the reporting year we did not receive any applications so the total available remains ring fenced at £2,000. Similarly, we have the Development Fund set aside to assist with adult training where there may be substantial costs incurred in attending a training course but again, we have received no applications in the reporting year. These funds are available for application, which are then approved by the Trustees, and I would urge you to share the message with our members and encourage anyone to apply.

During the year the Scouts experienced the biggest reorganisation change since 1966 as we moved to a new volunteer structure with a focus on a team-based approach, moving away from individual role descriptions to teams with clear purposes and shared tasks. This included simplified role titles, a new approach to learning and a new digital system. On that I would like to encourage you all to check your records on the new system (log in to scouts.org.uk and sign in to ensure that you are up to date). I would also like to clarify that the Safety module has been revised to incorporate the Scouts response to the coroner's prevention of future deaths report issued following the tragic event at the Great Orme in Wales in 2018. This additional training is mandatory, and most of you will have until the 14th of July this year to renew. It only takes 30 minutes and can be accessed through My Learning on the new system.

As District Chair it is with great pride that I can report that Braid District had four Explorer Scouts on parade at Windsor Castle, London to celebrate their achievement of being awarded The King's Scout Award, the highest youth award in Scouts. Please review the video of the parade which was held on the 1st May where they were presented to the Duke of Kent, who is the Joint President of the Scouts. Well done to you all you are a shining example to all other Explorers and Networkers who follow you. You are our very best.

As we now look forward to the summer (if we have not already had it) may I wish you all, all the best for the future and have a great summer term, whatever it is that you are up to with the young people in your sections.

Stay safe,

Yours in Scouting,

[REDACTED]

Chair of the Braid District Board of Trustees.

District Lead Volunteer's Report

It was a tremendous honour and a great privilege to be appointed District Commissioner, as it was then titled, and to succeed Judith when her time in role ended at the beginning of September. It would be very remiss of me if I did not at this point recognise and thank [REDACTED] for her commitment and dedicated leadership of the District over her tenure. Particularly as she guided the District through the most challenging time ever experienced by Scouts, the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was incredibly pleasing to be able to appoint a full District Leadership Team shortly after starting in role. The new volunteering structure, introduced in November, provided an opportunity to refresh. Some existing appointment holders agreed to continue. Others are new to the team, some of whom were identified by the DC search group. I am also very grateful to have inherited a team of GSLs. With Jacqui agreeing to take on the GLV role at the 139th, 14 of our 16 Groups now have at least one Lead Volunteer. We now have a well-balanced mix of experience and enthusiasm across the team who are settling into their remits and duties. Although it has only been a few months, much has been done.

For myself, and the Leadership team, I embarked on a programme of meeting each GLV and each UTL to help take stock of needs and support requirements. It is incredible the level of commitment and dedication you all have to providing Scouting to young people in our community. Our census return in 2025 provided some amazing highlights through quantifying this dedication. Over the year, adult volunteers are up by 7% to 365, youth membership up by 6% to 1588. As part of our recovery from the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic, Group sections, excluding Squirrels, are now back to 93% of 2020 numbers. Team Leaders and Team members have recovered and are now at 103% of 2020 numbers. During the reporting year four new sections opened. These were two Squirrel Drays at the 114th and 162nd and reopening of the Colony and Pack at the 9th. The Scout and Cub sections remain our biggest, each with over 370 members. Squirrels, as expected, had the biggest growth but is also very pleasing to note the Explorer and Network sections followed with also impressive growth percentages of 16% and 45% respectively.

[REDACTED] and her Volunteering Development team, and in particular [REDACTED] as the Learning Team Leader have done a tremendous job in moving from Training Teams and Training Advisers to Volunteering Development Team. Not only in understanding the changes but also supporting adult volunteers with adjusting to these changes from Adult Training Scheme to Learning. Getting Started training is now known as Growing Roots, which now includes two additional mandatory skills – as modules are now called. These are Creating Inclusion (was Module 7 - Scouting for All) and Delivering a Great Programme (which was Module 3 - Tools for the Role (Section Leaders), Module 12A - Delivering a Quality Programme, Module 12B - Programme Planning and Module 17 - Running Safe Activities). If these modules were not completed under the Adult Training Scheme, they are now mandatory learning. Leaders were requested to ensure these additional skill courses were completed within six months of Go Live. However, that requirement has currently been suspended but you are still encouraged to complete if required before enforcement is reappplied. There has been a big effort to ensure all adult volunteers are compliant with Safety and Safeguarding renewals. As the Chair mentioned, the Safety skill course has been revamped and so has a renewal date of 14th July for most. Scouts have started enforcing noncompliance suspensions when Safety or Safeguarding renewals exceed 60 days. It is very pleasing to note the exceptionally high compliance rate in Braid – Well done everybody. First Response renewals are the next skill to have active enforcement, so please make sure renewal is timeously completed when due.

Another area of responsibility is the Awards and Recognition Team. This small group have made a strong and positive contribution to ensuring our volunteers are recognised with appropriate good

service awards. This was and remains one of my personal missions on taking up role. If everything goes to plan, the Council meeting will revel in the fruits of this teams labour, with more to come as the year progresses. I am incredibly proud of the work done to recognise the level of good service given by some of our dedicated and outstanding volunteers.

Angie and her Programme Team, joined by Alex and his Youth Team have embarked on a programme of section visits across all Groups in the District. Cub Packs and Scout Troops are the main focus for the Programme Team. Dreys and Colonies will be included when Team Leads are found to support these sections. All sections though have been the focus of [REDACTED] and his Youth Team. If they have not been to your section yet, the programme of visits continues into the next reporting year (i.e. now). Activity Permit holders and Nights Away Permit Assessors are placed in the Programme Team. We are also developing a local mechanism to approve permit activities when not run as part of a Night Away experience.

[REDACTED] and his Support team have been getting used to the new, expanded remit and duties. Plans are progressing with digital support through Microsoft 365 and OSM, recruitment initiatives, fundraising initiatives, community engagement including social media channels, website, and physical. They also take on responsibility for looking after District owned equipment. Work is ongoing to accurately register such. The Badge Secretary is now a Support Team Member, but Elaine will be continuing her duty as usual.

[REDACTED] and their 14-24 Team have continued as normal. [REDACTED] continues with similar duties that he had as the DESL and Laura that she had as the DNSL. The Explorer Units have continued with their tremendous programmes of exciting and adventurous activities offered to their youth members. As with Sections, partnership agreements and financial mechanisms are being reviewed to ensure they maintain compliance with charity legislation and regulations. We also look forward to welcoming a new unit in the second quarter of 2025. Laura has worked hard to begin resurrecting the network section with a programme of activities planned to encourage and support re-engagement which we look forward to in the spring of 2025.

I would like to close by expressing my deepest thanks and appreciation to all Lead Volunteers, Team Leaders, Team Members and Trustees for your dedication and support so willingly given. Also, for your understanding, patience and tolerance during what has been a year dominated by a period of change and adjustment.

[REDACTED]
District Lead Volunteer.

Section E: Financial Review

Treasurer – Ruth Conn

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees believe that around **six** months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure.

Investment Policy:

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

Note about accounts:

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	80,718	66,687
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/Region/District)	- 73,712	- 60,294
Donations	-	1,500
Legacies	4,000	1,000
Gift Aid	3,364	9,848
Youth Programme Fees	18,706	25,396
Badges	8,033	
Sub total	41,109	44,138
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	66
Sub total	-	66
Fundraising events (gross)		
Jumble Sale	6,459	5,868
Christmas Trees	3,543	3,623
Bag packing	2,482	1,103
Other fundraising activities	751	22,691
Sub total	13,235	33,285
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	2,264	1,335
Sub total	2,264	1,335
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Income	56,607	78,824
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	56,607	78,824

Payments

Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	12,663	50,708
Adult support and training	215	231
Rent	2,658	2,811
Water and Sewerage	-	-
Electricity and Gas	-	-
Insurance	458	440
Repairs and Renewals	211	87
Materials and equipment	2,534	4,397
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	22,200	32,739
Uniforms	85	-
AGM and trustee expenses	1,139	-
Badges	8,488	50
Gift Aid Reimbursement	1,444	2,054
Online Scout Manager	1,296	25
Sub total	53,390	93,541
Fundraising expenses		
Jumble Sale	1,874	1,450
Christmas Trees	1,931	1,892
Bag packing	-	-
Other fundraising costs	681	2,573
Sub total	4,486	5,915
Total Gross Expenditure	57,876	99,456
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	57,876	99,456
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,268	- 20,632
Cash funds last year end	70,525	91,158
Cash funds this year end	69,256	70,525

		Year start date		Year end date
	For the year from	01 April 2024	To	31st March 2025
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year				
		31st March 2025		31st March 2024
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds
		£		£
Cash funds				
Bank current account		69,256		70,525
Bank deposit account		-		-
Building society account		-		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-		-
Cash/Floats		-		-
Total cash funds		69,256		70,525
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		ok		ok
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim		-		-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-		-
Insurance claim		-		-
Sub total		-		-
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail		-		-
Quoted investments		-		-
Other investments - detail		-		-
Sub total		-		-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock		-		-
Shop stock		-		-
Other stock		-		-
Land and buildings		-		-
Motor vehicles		-		-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		-		-
Other		-		-
Sub total		-		-
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid		-		-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		-		-
Subscriptions not yet paid		-		-
Loan - detail		-		-
Other liabilities		-		-
Sub total		-		-
Total net assets		69,256		70,525

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Wednesday , June 4th, 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature		

Print Name	
	Chair
	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Braid District Scout Council

SC011339

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than disclosed below*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

04/06/2025

Name:



Address:



Section G: Declaration

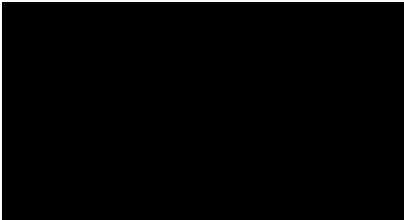
Approved by the Board of Trustees of Braid District Scout Council and signed on its behalf by:-

Signature

Print Name

Position

Date:



Chair

4th June 2025



Treasurer

4th June 2025



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