



Scouts

**FLINTSHIRE SCOUT DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
2024**

Flintshire District Scout Council

Charity No: 1023503

Address: The Gladstone Centre
 Chester Road
 Hawarden
 Flintshire
 CH5 3GL

Trustees

The following acted as Trustees during the year to 31 December 2024:

Michael Bowen		Gladstone Centre warden
Laura Callaghan	To 20 May 2024	Secretary
Daniel Campbell	To 5 February 2024	District Commissioner
Mared Eastwood	From 11 December 2023	Chair
Lisa McKenzie	From 21 October 2024	Lead Volunteer
Dr Terrence Gleave		
Elved Gray – Jones		
Helena Heaps		
Alan Henshaw	To 21 October 2024	
Susan Lloyd	To 21 October 2024	
Steven Love		District Explorers Commissioner
Daniel Reynolds		Assistant Lead Volunteer
James Reynolds		
Allan Roberts	To 21 October 2024	
Gareth Roberts		Treasurer
Jerry Somerton		

Structure & Governance

The Charity is governed by the model constitution from The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules. The constitution is adopted each year.

The Scout Council is the body which has charity governance responsibility for Scouting in the Group, District or County. The Trustee Board is accountable to the Scout Council. Membership of the Scout Council does not provide membership of the Scouts. There are four categories of membership of each Scout Council:

- a. Ex officio
- b. Nominated
- c. Co-opted (only for the County Scout Council)
- d. Right of attendance

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

Membership of the Trustee Board is approved at each Annual General Meeting.

Objectives

The purpose of the District Scout Council within the structure of the Scouts is to provide leadership, advice and support for Scout Groups in an area of Flintshire.

Activities & Performance

There is a separate report that follows from the Lead Volunteer.

Flintshire Explorers continued to run seven Explorer units and a Young Leader unit with overall numbers similar to 2023. Another busy year included monthly District meetings, DofE expeditions, weekend camps and attendance at the Red Rose summer camp. The highlight of the year being the return of Gladstonbury, which was a great success.

Membership of the Target Shooting Team continued to increase. The Team competed in three events.

Use of the Gladstone Centre continues to grow. The main use continues to be for Scouting – leader training, first aid courses, target sports and Group use. But the Centre is also hired by a variety of other organisations. The increased activity has been matched by continuing improvements and maintenance. Larger projects this year include new emergency exit doors, works to comply with gas safety, fencing, extending car park area and creating a new area for tomahawk throwing.

Financial Review

The accounts for the year show a net cash inflow of £2,151.95 compared to a net cash inflow of £240.09 last year. Both receipts and payments are significantly higher as a result of the Gladstonbury event that took place this year. The increases in Explorer activities are attributable to attendance at summer camp. The Gladstone Centre continues to invest in maintaining and adding to its facilities.

Total cash funds at 31 December 2024 are £38,771.44. There are no restricted funds but the Trustees have set aside £10,516.45 in three specific funds. These specific funds are reviewed regularly and amended if considered necessary.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

L McKenzie
District Lead Volunteer

October 20, 2025



FLINTSHIRE SCOUT DISTRICT INCOMING DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT 2023-2024

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Dan Reynolds for his invaluable support during my first year, and for his continued dedication as Deputy District Commissioner and Interim District Lead Volunteer. Dan has been a steadfast source of guidance, generously sharing his extensive knowledge and experience. His insights have been instrumental in helping me transition smoothly into this new role.

Dan's passion for Scouting and his unwavering commitment to our community set a remarkable example. His contributions have greatly enhanced our district's success, and I wish him and his group every success as he steps away from the District Lead Volunteer role to focus on supporting his group.

As we moved forward in 2024 with the Transformation and Go Live, it was a rocky time for us all transitioning, but I am pleased to say we are working well with the new system albeit a few IT bugs in the system once in a while. My first year has seen lots of high-level communication issues around safety and safeguarding within Flintshire, and this is a priority that I will continue to focus on, that said it has not allowed me to come and visit the groups as intended but I look forward to seeing you all and supporting you.

Last year I stated that during my term, I aim to continue strengthening our current groups and fostering growth across the district. My primary focus will be on increasing awareness and support in key areas such as Mental Health, Additional Needs, and Equality and Diversity. This includes providing training and resources to help our volunteers better understand and address these important topics. Our collective efforts already help create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and supported, regardless of background or ability. By prioritizing these areas, we hope to build an even stronger, more resilient community that thrives together. This is still the case and in the next year some developments are happening please keep your eyes and ears open.

Scouting is built on the values of integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation. These values guide us in developing young people and preparing them for a positive future. They teach us to be responsible citizens and empathetic leaders, committed to making the world a better place. I look forward to working together and achieving great things. Thank you to everyone who makes Flintshire Scouting truly exceptional!

Lisa Mckenzie
District Lead Volunteer

Charity No: 1023503

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Flintshire District Scout Council (Charity No: 1023503) for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's 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 can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

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.

Adam Bakewell
15 Marconi House
Melbourne Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 2JS

September 15, 2025

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	As restated £
Receipts			
Memberships and Levies - Scout Groups		46,872.00	43,182.50
Memberships and Levies - Explorers		16,620.97	15,488.97
Memberships - Target Shooting Team		2,381.00	1,270.00
District activities		2,554.06	3,069.00
Explorer activities		20,999.90	10,185.80
Duke of Edinburgh's awards		1,410.58	1,288.58
Gladstonbury		40,961.13	
Winter Ball			2,516.28
Gladstone Centre - activities & camping		25,209.25	21,122.90
Badges		4,977.61	3,537.70
Merchandise		438.50	804.00
Fundraising		1,911.24	3,167.38
Donations		894.93	160.00
Grants		1,450.00	530.00
Miscellaneous income		730.00	231.05
Compensation			35.00
Interest		298.10	249.54
Total receipts		167,709.27	106,838.70
Payments			
Memberships and Levies		46,705.50	44,650.50
District activities		4,463.39	4,075.73
Explorer activities		28,040.91	16,725.88
Duke of Edinburgh's awards		1,808.63	1,988.97
Winter Ball			4,494.78
Gladstonbury		39,579.13	510.62
Badges		3,934.99	4,175.90
Merchandise		482.70	1,058.86
Youth Online Manager		1,080.00	1,080.00
Training		1,999.00	1,506.00
Contributions		650.00	2,100.00
District expenses	1	1,271.00	611.77
Explorer expenses	2	6,838.94	2,639.90
Gladstone Centre costs	3	28,703.13	20,979.70
Total payments		165,557.32	106,598.61
Net receipts		2,151.95	240.09
Cash funds last year end		36,619.49	36,379.40
Cash funds this year end	4	38,771.44	36,619.49

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Year Ended 31 December 2024

	As at 31 12 24	As at 31 12 23
	£	As restated £
Cash Funds	<u>38,771.44</u>	<u>36,619.49</u>
Other Monetary Assets		
Stock - badges	1,788.03	2,382.04
Debtors	2,761.03	4,292.78
Accrued income	2,300.00	
	<u>6,849.06</u>	<u>6,674.82</u>
Assets retained for own use		
Equipment - Cost	<u>8,668.56</u>	<u>7,879.20</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors	1,459.60	585.40
Accrued expenses	1,336.88	155.42
Deferred income	2,824.00	900.00
	<u>5,620.48</u>	<u>1,640.82</u>

Approved by the Trustess on September 15, 2025 and signed on their behalf:

D G Roberts -----
Treasurer

L S McKenzie -----
Lead Volunteer

FLINTSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
1. District expenses		
Insurance	636.07	242.29
Conferences	597.86	
Postage & stationery	7.75	24.63
Travel & subsistence		58.05
Website		28.78
Awards	44.90	58.00
Licences	20.00	
Donations		184.32
Bank charges	-35.58	15.70
	<u>1,271.00</u>	<u>611.77</u>
2. Explorer expenses		
Equipment & clothing	3,725.00	
Maintenance	15.96	
Hire of premises	2,771.00	2,313.00
Heat & light		46.73
Subscriptions	76.09	
Donations		31.35
Miscellaneous	25.00	176.22
Bank charges	225.89	72.60
	<u>6,838.94</u>	<u>2,639.90</u>
3. Gladstone Centre costs		
Purchases	48.54	
Instructors	100.00	
Maintenance	12,969.90	7,842.20
Small tools & equipment	1,321.50	1,252.69
Equipment repairs and fuel	3,244.43	664.46
Water	204.00	537.42
Heat & light	3,576.21	3,481.33
Insurance	1,444.43	1,595.26
Telephone	424.99	563.20
Postage & stationery	341.60	
Computer consumables & software	12.86	267.16
Cleaning & waste disposal	2,157.83	2,606.14
Repairs		114.00
Travel & subsistence	1,837.04	1,874.09
Clothing	462.00	
Website	75.00	49.42
Miscellaneous	122.80	62.52
Donations	300.00	
Bank charges	60.00	69.81
	<u>28,703.13</u>	<u>20,979.70</u>

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NOTES TO RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year Ended 31 December 2024

4. Cash Funds - Unrestricted

	At 1 January 2024 £	Restatement of prior year £	Net receipts £	Transfers	At 31 December 2024 £
General fund	25,704.21	1,819.47	2,151.95	-1,420.64	28,254.99
Emergency fund	4,500.00			27.20	4,527.20
Grant application support fund	1,000.00			1,000.00	2,000.00
Scout representing District fund	3,116.25			873.00	3,989.25
Canoe fund	479.56			-479.56	0.00
	<u>34,800.02</u>	<u>1,819.47</u>	<u>2,151.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>38,771.44</u>

The figures for the previous year have been restated to reflect an Explorer Unit that was set up but not accounted for.

The figures have been restated to include:

Receipts	2,448.65
Payments	629.18
	<u>1,819.47</u>
Bank balance at 31 12 23	1,739.97
Cash balance at 31 12 23	79.50
	<u>1,819.47</u>

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