

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Wrrington East District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

14Sycamore Drive
Lymm
Cheshire
Postcode W A 1 3 9 A U

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Debbie Francis	Chair	
2	Mike Timmins	District Lead Volunteer	
3	Ellie Wallington	District Youth Lead	
4	Cheryl Robinson	Treasurer	
5	Ray Bryan		
6	Jon Davies		
7	Simon Gare		
8	Dave Goodhew		
9	James Hurrell		
10	Dave Wallington		
11	James Cooper	Youth Representative	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The District's/ governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3-4 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.



Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)</p> <p>The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:</p> <p>Damage to property and equipment. The District would request the use of property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. equipment insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. The District provides</p>

activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the District as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting
Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting
As Scouts we are guided by these values:
Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method
Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:
- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Managing appointments and safeguarding within the District. Running of District Activities including Hike, Craft Competitions, Camps, Patrol Leaders Training.
Management of the Explorer Scouts within the District. Joint Management of Warrington District Scout Camp along with Warrington West and 25th Warrington East.
Management of district equipment including Archery, Rifle

Shooting and District Stores

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

All activities provide young people with Skills for live , from making friends to learning practical skills. The main activities include residential stays inc camping and indoor sleepovers, navigation,survival skills and practical skills giving young people the knowledge and confidence to help them succeed in life and allow them to have confidence to take on new challenges

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District 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.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

2025 is about continuing the growth of the District. To provide more Squirrel provision and reopen temporarily close Beaver provision. To continue to support our Activity teams including Paddles Blazing and Target Sports.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Mike Timmins</i>	<i>Cheryl Robinson</i>
Full name(s)	Michael Timmins	Cheryl Robinson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	District Lead Volunteer	Treasurer
Date	2 9 1 0 2 5	

Treasurer's Report for the year ended December 2024

INCOME

- Capitation for 2024 was received and remitted to County, income retained by District was £6,370 (2023£5,340).
- The District did not receive any donations this year (2023 £1000).
- Income for District activities in 2022 was £4,435 (2023 £5,890) this includes regular district events for all sections including The panto, Colditz, Scouts skills day and beaver sleepover, there is some timing of cash flows here with lots of activities happening at the end of the year..

EXPENDITURE

- District expenditure on activities was £4,615, slightly higher than the income and partly due to timing some expenses relating to 2023 and some income is in 2025.
- Total expenditure on administration of the district was £3,679, including Storage , meeting exps, insurances and licences etc.
- Group made no external donations in 2024.
- There was net expenditure from the group made to explorers as a donation towards international activities; these funds had been retained by the district following fundraising activities by the team selected for the cancelled Eurojam trip a few years ago.

EXPLORERS

- Explorers recorded a surplus for the year of £2,174 (2023: deficit £3,275).
- Merlin explorers where successful in securing a donation towards set up costs in 2024 of £3,500.
- Expenditure in the year has included investment in equipment £1,505 and a catch-up on payments to Groups for partnership agreements which are now up to date.
- Many activities included Gladsonberry and Red rose camps as well as waterloo and operation moonlight weekends.
- I am reporting separately the activity relating to the Azores trip which has taken place in August 2025 fundraising and expenses started in 2024, cash held and liability to pay for the event was £28,653 at the end of the year.

BLAZING PADDLES

- Blazing Paddles have a deficit this year of £2,696 (2023 surplus £1,759) primarily due to spent on equipment of £6,035. They received a donation of £1,524 (2024 £1,037) ; they have a number of a commitment outstanding at the end of the year for funds received not yet spent of £1,263

TARGET SPORTS

- A small month of cash going through this unit with a surplus of £119 this year offsetting the amounts paid in previous years for equipment.

LAND MANAGEMENT

- This information relates to the District Campsite, responsibility for which rests one third with the district, so correct that we report one third of the activity here.
- In the year a deficit of £1,400 (2023 a surplus of £1,922) due to high running expenses in the year not least the cost of maintain the trees which was £2,080 in 2024.
- At the end of the year the bank balance was £3,993, one third of which is reported as an asset of the district.

DISTRICT SHOP

- This information relates to the District Shop which is now fully up and running and for which responsibility is shared with Warrington West, so correct that half of the activity is reported here.
- The shop had sales in the year of £41,737 (2023 £37,520). And is going from strength to strength.
- Overall this year the shop is reporting a small deficit however this is due to an increase in stock levels and full repayment of all the loans relating to the historic issues.
- At the end of the year the shop had no remaining liabilities. The district also has no further liabilities in relation to the shop.
- At the end of the year the bank balance was £5,310 half of which is reported as an asset of the district.
- The shop will going forwards be able to make a real financial contribution to both districts.

SUMMARY

- In 2024 the District overall has a surplus of £30,591 (2023 deficit of £11,514), there are liabilities of £29,916.

WARRINGTON EAST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - 2024

	DISTRICT	EXPLORERS	EXPLORERS	TARGET SPORTS	PADDLES BLAZING	OFFSET	DISTRICT TOTAL	ONE THIRD OF LAND MANAGEMENT	HALF OF SHOP
RECEIPTS									
Membership	52,920	-	-	-	-	-	52,920	-	-
Subscriptions	-	7,044	-	-	-	(3,456)	3,588	-	-
Shop	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities	4,435	15,068	19,527	379	2,617	-	42,026	1,660	41,737
Fundraising/Donations	123	3,635	21,158	-	1,524	-	26,440	-	-
Interest	4	-	3	-	-	-	7	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	57,483	25,747	40,688	379	4,141	(3,456)	124,982	1,660	41,737
PAYMENTS									
Membership	46,550	3,456	-	-	-	(3,456)	46,550	-	-
Partnership Agreements	-	1,375	-	-	-	-	1,375	-	-
Activities	4,615	11,230	14,070	-	-	-	29,914	-	23,041
Equipment	-	1,505	-	-	6,035	-	7,541	-	-
International events	2,035	-	(2,035)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Running Exps (Storage/Rent)	3,679	6,007	-	260	802	-	10,748	3,059	1,620
TOTAL PAYMENTS	56,879	23,573	12,035	260	6,837	(3,456)	96,127	3,059	24,661
Stock Movement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,178
Debt Repayment	1,737	-	-	-	-	-	1,737	-	10,097
NET RECEIPTS / PAYMENTS	2,341	2,174	28,653	119	(2,696)	-	30,591	(1,400)	(199)
CASH FUNDS BEGINING OF	25,245	#REF!	-	(652)	7,652	-	#REF!	5,393	5,509
CASH FUNDS END OF THE Y	27,586	#REF!	28,653	(533)	4,956	-	#REF!	3,993	5,310
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SHARED ACTIVITIES							3,986	1,331	2,655
LIABILITIES									
International Events	-	-	(28,653)	-	-	-	(28,653)	-	-
Warrington West - Shop Fun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Commitments	-	-	-	-	(1,263)	-	(1,263)	-	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

WARRINGTON EAST DISTRICT SCOUTS

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/24

Charity no (if any)

1023641

Set out on pages

1-3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 14/9/25

Name: CAROLYN AXLEY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ICAEW
MEMBER NUMBER: 8648888

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CHESHIRE WA4 2SH.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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