

# Scouts



Ellesmere



## **Ellesmere District Scout Council**

# **Annual Report 2025**

# District Chair's Welcome

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for Ellesmere District Scouts for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

To all the amazing volunteers we have in Ellesmere District — thank you.

Your dedication, energy, and countless hours spent supporting young people in Scouting do not go unnoticed. Whether you're leading adventures, organising events, or simply being a steady hand behind the scenes, your impact is profound and lasting.

You give your time, your talents, and your heart — and in doing so, you help shape confident, capable, and compassionate young people. You are the reason Scouting continues to thrive.

Thanks to your commitment, we've seen more young people joining and enjoying Scouting — and the variety of activities you offer continues to inspire, challenge, and excite. You bring the spirit of adventure to life.

Please continue to do what you do. Many thanks and keep up the good work!

**Susan Leonard**  
**District Chair**

# Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 16 October 2024  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Irlam Catholic Club

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## Attendees

Susan Leonard, District Chair  
Jacob Bond, District Lead Volunteer  
Emmett Peacock, District Youth Lead  
Phil Rigby, District President  
Deborah Forrest, District Vice President  
Andrew Scialpi-Sullivan, District Programme Team Leader and Scout Section Team Leader (3rd/1st Eccles)  
Reece McSherry, 14-24 Team Leader and Network Section Team Leader  
Matt Morrissey, 14-24 Team Leader and Explorer Section Team Leader (Oxylus)  
Darren Melling, District Trustee  
Lindsay Johnston, District Learning Sub-Team Leader and Cub Section Team Leader (2nd Irlam)  
Ryan Aird, District Programme Team Member (Cubs) and Cub Section Team Leader (4th Worsley)  
Lesley Fryer, Group Lead Volunteer (2nd Irlam)  
Sue Campagne, Group Chair (2nd Irlam)  
Nicola Nelson, Group Treasurer (2nd Irlam)  
Michael Hayes, Group Lead Volunteer (3rd/1st Eccles)  
Jenn Willetts, Squirrels Section Team Leader (3rd/1st Eccles)  
Ollie Gunawan, Group Lead Volunteer (6th Worsley) and Group Chair (9th Worsley)  
Liza Turner, Group Lead Volunteer (9th Worsley)  
Karen Whiteley, Group Treasurer (9th Worsley)  
Chloe Gilmour, Explorer Section Team Member (Oxylus)  
Shriley Massey, Scout Section Team Member (1st Cadishead)  
Bob Wilson, District Lead Volunteer for Urmston

## Apologies

Lu Anderson, Support Team Leader and Group Lead Volunteer (5th Little Hulton and 6th Worsley)  
Heather Richardson, Volunteer Development Team Leader and Group Lead Volunteer (1st Cadishead)  
Helen Hubbard, Cub Section Team Leader (1st Cadishead)  
Rachel Parker, District Programme Team Member (Squirrels) and Squirrel Section Team Leader (6th Worsley)  
Elizabeth Varden, District Programme Team Member (Cubs) and Beavers Section Team Leader (6th Worsley)

The District Lead Volunteer gave a safety and housekeeping announcement.

## 1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the District Scout Council to the 2024 Annual General Meeting. She also welcomed Bob Wilson, District Lead Volunteer for Urmston and District.

A brief silence was held to remember Scout volunteers who had 'gone home' over the past year including our District President, Eileen Johnston.

## 2. Apologies for absence

The District Lead Volunteer read the apologies, as listed above. The meeting was unanimous in accepting the apologies.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the minutes were a true record of the 2023 AGM.

### **3. Governance topics**

The Chair explained this part of the meeting is a necessary part to make sure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

#### **3a. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2023**

The minutes have been previously reviewed by the District Trustee Board after the previous AGM, and it was proposed that the minutes are taken as read and ask the District Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting.

#### **3b. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules**

The Chair explained that in line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, the outgoing District Trustee Board proposed that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to this meeting, and copies are also available at the meeting. We are already following this constitution.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

#### **3c. Note the District's financial year**

The Chair asked members of the District Scout Council to note that our charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.

#### **3d. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board**

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be appointed to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing District Trustee Board is that 5 people can be appointed including the District Chair and Treasurer. The District Chair proposed that the District Scout Council approves this recommendation.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

The Chair advised that the District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Lead are ex-officio members of the District Trustee Board.

#### **3e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)**

The Chair stated that the District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council – the minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present. The recommendation from the outgoing District Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at 15 persons. The District Scout Council was asked for approval of that recommendation.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

### **5. Review of the previous year**

The Chair explained to the District Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting is the opportunity to reflect on the activities of the past year.

#### **5a. District Lead Volunteer's Review of Scouting in the District**

The District Lead Volunteer presented their review of the year. The Chair thanked the District Lead Volunteer for their review and all their hard work in driving the District forward since he was appointed.

**5b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the Annual Statement of Accounts**

The Chair advised there had been questions raised relating to the accounts. The District Lead Volunteer is working with the Independent Examiner to review the questions. Once resolved, the District Trustee Board would then approve the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. The Chair explained no vote is required, the District Scout Council only receives and considers.

**6. Making appointments**

The Chair explained that this part of the meeting sets the charity up to be well-led during the period until the next AGM. Particularly, the District Scout Council appoints a Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year.

**6a. To appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**

The Chair explained she will now hand the chair of this meeting over to the District Lead Volunteer.

The District Lead Volunteer thanked the District Chair for all their support, guidance and dedication to the District over the past year. Following an open selection process there was one nomination for the role of the District Chair. Sue Leonard has been proposed and seconded, and the District Lead Volunteer asked for the District Scout Council's approval.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

**6b. To appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**

The Chair explained following an open selection process there was one nomination for the role of the District Treasurer. Darren Melling has been proposed and seconded, and the District Chair asked for the District Scout Council's approval.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

**6c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board**

The Chair explained following an open selection process there were three nominations for the three Appointed Trustee vacancies. Mike Hayes, Pete Leonard and Reece McSherry have been proposed and seconded, and the District Chair asked for the District Scout Council's approval.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

**6d. To appoint the District President and Vice President**

The Chair explained the District Trustee Board's nomination for District President was Phil Rigby, and District Vice President was Deborah Forrest. The Chair asked for the District Scout Council's approval.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

**6e. To appoint the Scrutineer**

The District Lead Volunteer proposed Malcolm Gough as the independent scrutineer of the accounts. The Chair explained Malcolm Gough has been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

**6f. To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council**

The Chair explained we are required to nominate a District representative to the County Scout Council. Steve Moss has been proposed and seconded.

The meeting was unanimous in accepting the proposal.

**7. Closing Remarks**

The Chair closed the formal business, thanking everyone for attending and for their continued dedication to Scouting in our District. The Chair outlined volunteer awards were to follow the formal business.

Following the formal business, the District Lead Volunteer presented Good and Long Service Awards, and wood badges to volunteers in the District.

# District Lead Volunteer's Report

Over the past year, so much has been achieved and I'm truly thankful for the hard work and dedication of all our amazing volunteers across the District.

This year we've seen more new sections open across the District including two new Groups, 5th Little Hulton have opened three new sections – Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, and 7th Worsley Sunna have opened two new sections – Beavers and Cubs. In addition, we have seen a new Squirrel Drey open at 10th Eccles. We have been supported on a number of these projects by the Growth and Communities Team. I especially want to thank Lu Anderson for her dedication to making these new Sections (and Groups) a reality, providing dozens of more young people with the opportunity to get involved with Scouts. Thank you to everyone who was part of making these new Sections a success, and welcome to our new volunteers.

In May 2024, we had the first District Camp for Ellesmere as we celebrated 21 years of Scouting across the District. We had attendance from every Group in the District, and we were thankful for £4,000 of funding from the Drill Hall Trustees to keep the cost minimal for this event. Over the weekend young people took part in a range of adventurous activities, craft and other activities such as laser tag, cave bus and a silent disco. Andrew led our campfire which brought members of all Sections together for a traditional sing song. On the Sunday, we took the opportunity in place of our St George's Day Parade to renew our promise and recognise the hard work and achievements of our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who made this event a huge success, especially the 14-24 Provision who worked tirelessly to support the event all weekend.

In January 2025 we had the Annual Scout Census. The numbers of members in Ellesmere District rocketed, leading away across the County and the Region. Our youth membership grew by 17.3% to 420, and our adult membership grew by 10.2% to 108 – showcasing the amazing work done by Lu and other volunteers across the District. Overall, our District grew by 15.8% to 528, which was 8% ahead of any other District in Greater Manchester West. An amazing achievement, thank you to everyone who was part of our growth.

In March 2025, we had our second District Awards Evening which continued to be a great success with over 100 young people, volunteers and parents attending as we presented recognition certificates to our young people who'd achieved their Top Awards. We also used this opportunity to recognise some of our volunteers with Good Service Awards, for their continued outstanding dedication to our District. Our Special Awards in memory of former volunteers Eileen Johnson, Bill Beecroft and Bernard Pennington were presented to nominated young people and volunteers for going 'above and beyond'.

Throughout the year we've had a number of amazing programme opportunities with Groups and Sections working together to attend events, these included our Scouts Trek21 Expedition Challenge, Cub H2O Olympics, Beavers Gullivers Trip, Squirrels Sleepovers, Scouts Waddecar Winter Camp, KISC Fundraising Easter Egg Hunt, Network Camps, Explorer Summer Camp, Scout/Explorer Crossover Events, DofE Expeditions and more. All these events require a huge commitment from volunteers, on behalf of the young people in Ellesmere – THANK YOU. These are all in addition to the amazing programme opportunities delivered week in, week out at every Section in the District.

Over the past year, there have been changes to the way we volunteer and the new membership system. We have persevered with the changes to new role titles including Lead Volunteers, Team Leaders and Team Members, and found our way round the new system which is starting to be ironed out and will provide support to those with administrative responsibilities. We also had the mass competition of the new mandatory safety learning – thank you to everyone for completing this ahead of the July deadline. We were one of only two Districts in the County to complete before the deadline because of your shared determination to get it done.

It has been a privilege to lead this amazing District for the past 3 years, with the warm welcome I was shown as an 'outsider' and continued support from you all. I'd like to particularly thank those who have been part of the District Leadership Team – Andrew, Heather, Reece, Matt, Emmett, Lu and Ryan for their hard work and support. I want to mention the Group Lead Volunteers who have continued to adapt with changes around premises safety, trustee boards and transformation – thank you. Our Trustee Board have adapted to changes too, ensuring sound governance underpins the decisions we make – thank you. My biggest thanks is to Sue Leonard, our District Chair – she is the rock of our District for many years, who on a personal note has been a great adviser and friend throughout.

There is an exciting future ahead as Ellesmere District joins Lowry District for a whole new adventure as one-Salford District. I encourage everyone to embrace the exciting opportunities ahead as you work together as one unified District to deliver Scouting to young people. Most importantly, what happens every week at your meeting place will stay the same, under the leadership of your Group Lead Volunteer and with your fellow volunteers you will continue to deliver Skills for Life in the same way. A HUGE thank you for your continued dedication to Scouts – we couldn't do it without you!

**Jacob Bond**  
**District Lead Volunteer**

# Good Service Awards

Congratulations to all our volunteers who've been recognised with Good Service Awards this year.



## Silver Wolf

Phil Rigby



## Bar to the Silver Acorn

Sue Leonard



## Award for Merit

Ryan Aird  
Heather Richardson



## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Lindsay Johnston  
Amy Tomkins

## Long Service Awards

**Congratulations to all our volunteers who've achieved their Long Service Awards this year.**

Janet Swann (40 years)  
Dave Nattan (30 years)  
Helen Hubbard (25 years)  
Andrew Sciapli-Sullivan (20 years)  
Frank Shepherd (20 years)  
Andrew Gibson (10 years)  
Michael Tighe (10 years)  
Amy Tomkins (10 years)  
Amelia Dell (10 years)  
Marie Featherstone (5 years)  
June Marshall (5 years)

## Special Recognition Awards

**In memory of former Scouters, awarded to young people and adult volunteers whose contribution has been 'extraordinary'.**

### The Beecroft Award

Noah Holt

### The Pennington Award

Sue Campagne

### The Johnston Award

Joe Mickleburgh

## Top Awards

**Congratulations to all our young people who've achieved their Top Awards in 2024-25.**

We had young people achieve their:

Chief Scout Acorn Award  
Chief Scout Bronze Award  
Chief Scout Silver Award  
Chief Scout Gold Award  
Chief Scout Platinum Award  
Chief Scout Diamond Award  
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award  
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award  
Young Leader Award

# Trustee's Annual Report

**For the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

Charity Name: **Ellesmere District Scout Council**  
Registered Charity Number: **1029099**  
Scout Association HQ Registration Number: **10001932**  
Charity's Principal Address: **79 Miry Lane**  
**Westhoughton**  
**Bolton**  
**BL5 2HW**

Names of the Charity Trustees' who manage the Charity:

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
Susan Leonard	District Chair (appointed)	
Jacob Bond	District Lead Volunteer (ex-officio)	
Darren Melling	District Treasurer (appointed)	
Emmett Peacock	District Youth Lead (ex-officio)	
Reece McSherry	Appointed Trustee	
Michael Hayes	Appointed Trustee	
Peter Leonard	Appointed Trustee	

<b>Banks</b>	Lloyds Bank PLC PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT	Natwest Group PLC 36 St Andrew Square Edinburgh EH2 2YB
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Mr Malcolm Gough Private Address	

# Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of 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.

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

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

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 7 Trustees (2 ex-officio, and 5 Appointed including the Chair and Treasurer) and meets every 2 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, equipment is 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.

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout District and in the best interests of its members in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District Trustees have 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: the District is primarily reliant upon income from the District Levy. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. Otherwise, the Trustee Board would have to raise the value of the District Levy to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

The District has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss of property, contents and equipment.

The District through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy to cover injury to volunteers, supporters and members. Additional insurance is purchased annually to cover non-members. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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 policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The District Finances continue to be in a healthy position as detailed in the Annual Statement of Accounts.

# Objective and Activities

## 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 cooperate 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.

## 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.

# Financial Review

## Reserves Policy

The District policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District Scout Council should income and fundraising activities fall short. The trustees have agreed the sum of reserves should be equal to 12 months of operating costs.

## Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and therefore 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.

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.

# Ellesmere District Scout Council (Charity No. 1029099)

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

### Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024-25 Resitricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023-24 Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, Legacies and Similar Income</b>				
District - Membership Fees from Groups	16 224 00	-	16 224 00	8 967 00
Less Monies Paid to County			- 16 878 00	-
District - Programme Activities and Events	8 845 00	-	8 845 00	2 781 76
District - Switzerland 2025 Participant Income	49 916 19	-	49 916 19	31 272 00
District - Closure of 1st Worsley Scout Group	-	-	-	13 826 68
District - Closure of 11th Worsley Scout Group	-	-	-	3 478 21
District - Team Clothing	-	-	-	137 00
District - Badge Sales	-	-	-	60 00
14-24 Explorers - Membership Subscriptions	8 740 00	-	8 740 00	6 534 00
14-24 Network - Membership Subscriptions	33 00	-	33 00	-
14-24 Explorers - Events	10 251 00	-	10 251 00	8 667 00
14-24 Explorers - Clothing and Neckers	105 00	-	105 00	240 00
14-24 Network - Events	313 00	-	313 00	303 00
14-24 Combined - DofE	1 140 00	-	1 140 00	1 600 00
District HQ - Hire of Building	6 144 00	-	6 144 00	4 016 00
International Contribution	-	250 00	250 00	-
Other Similar Income	100 00	-	100 00	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>101 811 19</b>	<b>250 00</b>	<b>85 183 19</b>	<b>81 882 65</b>
<b>Grants and Donations</b>				
Drill Hall Fund	-	-	-	1 300 00
District - Other Grants and Donations	30 57	-	30 57	-
14-24 Explorers - Grants and Donations	-	3 000 00	3 000 00	505 00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30 57</b>	<b>3 000 00</b>	<b>3 030 57</b>	<b>1 805 00</b>
<b>Fundraising Events</b>				
Switzerland 2025	3 258 15	-	3 258 15	1 136 14
14-24 Explorers - Other Fundraising Activities	1 665 75	-	1 665 75	1 261 85
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4 923 90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4 923 90</b>	<b>2 397 99</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
District - Bank Interest	742 83	85 09	827 92	301 75
14-24 Explorers - Bank Interest	109 86	-	109 86	61 89
TSA Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	400 06
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>852 69</b>	<b>85 09</b>	<b>937 78</b>	<b>763 70</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>107 618 35</b>	<b>3 335 09</b>	<b>94 075 44</b>	<b>86 849 34</b>
<b>Asset and Investment Sales</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>107 618 35</b>	<b>3 335 09</b>	<b>94 075 44</b>	<b>86 849 34</b>

# Ellesmere District Scout Council (Charity No. 1029099)

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

### Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024-25 Resitricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023-24 Total Funds £
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
District - Programme Activities and Events	8 387 63	-	8 387 63	2 865 32
District - You Shape and Young Leaders Resources	-	3 287 50	3 287 50	80 55
District - Events and Meetings	534 52	-	534 52	943 14
District - Training	-	-	-	630 00
District - Resources, Materials and Equipment	190 20	-	190 20	2 019 58
District - Insurance for Non-Members	52 00	-	52 00	52 00
District - Volunteer Expenses	180 90	-	180 90	324 00
District - Admin Costs	46 28	-	46 28	-
District - Contributions from International Fund	-	1 500 00	1 500 00	750 00
District - Contribution from New Provision Fund	-	400 00	400 00	-
District - Contribution to Hollinwood Scout Camp	-	-	-	25 000 00
District - Switzerland 2025	8 529 31	-	8 529 31	19 765 00
14-24 Explorers - Rent	1 873 75	-	1 873 75	1 171 75
14-24 Explorers - Events	13 285 51	-	13 285 51	9 016 55
14-24 Explorers - Section Meeting Resources	2 348 29	-	2 348 29	720 09
14-24 Explorers - Equipment	1 144 03	-	1 144 03	1 687 40
14-24 Explorers - Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	71 97
14-24 Explorers - Clothing	774 95	-	774 95	561 29
14-24 Network - Events	594 50	-	594 50	654 00
14-24 Network - Section Meeting Resources	-	-	-	-
14-24 Combined - DofE	690 90	-	690 90	776 50
District HQ - Water	311 61	-	311 61	339 15
District HQ - Electricity and Gas	2 899 53	-	2 899 53	1 264 32
District HQ - Rates	-	-	-	82 33
District HQ - Repairs and Maintenance	830 89	-	830 89	336 32
District HQ - Compliance and Testing	-	-	-	925 87
District HQ - Development	1 736 40	-	1 736 40	-
District HQ - Insurance Buildings and Contents	873 06	-	873 06	853 26
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>45 284 26</b>	<b>5 187 50</b>	<b>50 471 76</b>	<b>70 890 39</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>				
Switzerland 2025	98 55	-	98 55	232 86
14-24 Explorers - Other Fundraising Costs	20 00	-	20 00	50 00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>118 55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118 55</b>	<b>282 86</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>45402 81</b>	<b>5 187 50</b>	<b>50 590 31</b>	<b>71 173 25</b>
<b>Asset and Investment Purchases</b>	-	8 560 58	8 560 58	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>45 402 81</b>	<b>13 748 08</b>	<b>59 150 89</b>	<b>71 173 25</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>62 215 54</b>	<b>- 10 412 99</b>	<b>34 924 55</b>	<b>15 676 09</b>
<b>Transfer Between Funds</b>	177 32	-	177 32	-
<b>Cash Funds Last Year End</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash Fund This Year End</b>	<b>62 392 86</b>	<b>- 10 412 99</b>	<b>35 101 87</b>	<b>15 676 09</b>

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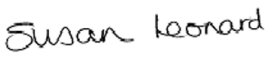

## Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024-25 Resitricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023-24 Total Funds £
<b>Assets and Liabilities</b>				
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
District - Natwest Current Account	-	-	-	648 60
District - Natwest Business Reserve Account	-	-	-	6 140 55
District - Lloyds Current Account	456 85	-	456 85	476 67
District - Lloyds General Funds Account	28 448 10	-	28 448 10	24 166 25
District - Lloyds International and Events Account	57 342 30	-	57 342 30	12 449 05
District - Lloyds Restricted Funds Account	-	8 195 44	8 195 44	6 760 35
District - EQUALS Prepayment Card Account	683 52	-	683 52	-
14-24 Explorers - Lloyds General	2 855 33	-	2 855 33	-
14-24 Explorers - Lloyds Oxylus ESU	-	-	-	89 00
14-24 Explorers - Lloyds Helios ESU	-	-	-	20 00
14-24 Explorers - Natwest General	-	-	-	800 85
14-24 Explorers - Natwest Oxylus ESU	-	-	-	1 841 44
14-24 Explorers - Natwest Helios ESU	-	-	-	3 215 50
14-24 Explorers - Natwest International/Equipment	-	-	-	5 113 68
14-24 Scout Network	-	-	-	806 35
District HQ - Natwest Account	405 68	-	405 68	405 68
District HQ - Lloyds Account	12 776 33	-	12 776 33	13 209 83
Cash/Floats	61 30	-	61 30	156 50
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>103 029 41</b>	<b>8 195 44</b>	<b>111 224 85</b>	<b>76 300 30</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Tax Claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Investment Property	-	-	-	-
Quoted Investments	-	-	-	-
Other Investments	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non Monetary Assets for Charity's Own Use</b>				
Land and Buildings - 1st Worsley Scout Hut	-	185 500 00	185 500 00	185 500 00
Motor Vehicles	-	8 200 00	8 200 00	-
Scouting Equipment and Furniture	-	12 500 00	12 500 00	-
Other Non Monetary Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206 200 00</b>	<b>206 200 00</b>	<b>185 500 00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	177 32
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Membership Fees not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Cheques not yet cashed	-	-	-	-
Loans	-	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>177 32</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>103 029 41</b>	<b>214 395 44</b>	<b>317 424 85</b>	<b>261 622 98</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Name	Position	Date
	Susan Leonard	District Chair	15.09.2025
	Jacob Bond	District Lead Volunteer	15.09.2025

# Independent Examiners Report

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

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## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ellesmere District Scout Council.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ellesmere District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Ellesmere District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signed: M.Gough (signed copy obtained by the Trustees)

Name: Mr Malcolm Gough

Address: (Address Redacted on Public Versions)

Date: 15th September 2025

# Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 21st September 2025.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

## Signatures

	
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## Full Names

Susan Leonard	Jacob Bond
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## Position

District Chair	District Lead Volunteer
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## Date

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