

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

South Ribble District Scouts

Other names the Charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 5 8 1 6 8

HQ registration number

1 0 0 0 1 9 0 1

Charity's principle address

108 Collins Road

Bamber Bridge

Preston

Postcode P R 5 6 G 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 whole year
1	Martin L G Sumner	District Chair	
2	June Holt	District Commissioner	
3	R Ripley	District Treasurer	To 26 Sept '23
4	R Illingworth	Deputy Dist Comm	To 23 rd Jul '23
5	P Furnival	Dist Network Comm	To 7 th Jul '23
6	P Furnival		From 7 th Jul '23
7	Jon Nutten		
8	R Whittaker	DESCom	
9	Andy Chester		To 30 th May '23
10	Karen Bell		To 30 th May '23
11	Josh Riley		To 5 th Sept '23
12	Bill Martin		
13	Rob Whitham		From 30 th Sept '23
14	Amelia Gray		From 30 th Sept '23
15	Josh Riley	Dist Network Comm	From 5 th Sept '23
16	Oliver Gunning	District Youth Comm	From 24 th Jul '23
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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
1	Independent Scrutineer	Sara Rennox	WN6 0XR
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of Governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Districts 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.

How the charity is constituted
 (e.g. trust, association, company)

The District is 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 District. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation relating to charities. This includes keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Members of the Trustee Board complete learning required by The Scout Association within 6 months of being appointed.

The Trustee Board maintains a Risk Register 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 give young people skills for life.

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document

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

Summary of main activities in relation to these objectives

These objectives are achieved 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, and make and live by their Promise.

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 grant making
- Contribution made by volunteers
- Policy on investments

The District has a ring-fenced International Fund to which members 18yrs and under may apply for a grant towards international activities. The International Fund also exists to make grants to youth members of Scout Groups within the District.

The District Trustees acknowledge and appreciate the contribution made by all volunteers of the Scouting Movement within South Ribble as without their efforts the district could not function.

The District has a risk averse policy in relation to investments.

Public benefit statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria on 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

The charity has continued to support Scout Groups throughout South Ribble Scout District as well as operating a District Explorer Scout Units and a Scout Network provision. .

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The District's policy on reserves can be summarised as follows:

- to fund working capital
- to fund unexpected expenditure, for example when projects overrun or unplanned events occur
- to fund shortfalls in income, when income does not reach expected levels.
- A helpful way for charities to view reserves is to see them as the funds they will use to cover expenditure to "buy some time" in the event of reduced income or changes in circumstances.

Qualify and explain any designations

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

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- The charity's principal source(s) of funds
- How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity
- Investments policy and objectives

The District's main source of income is an annual District Levi on all members under the age of 18yrs old.

Investment Policy - the District has a risk averse strategy to the investments of its funds. All funds are held as available funds using only mainstream banks or building societies and balances are kept below the FCSC threshold for compensation.

Section F

Other optional information

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

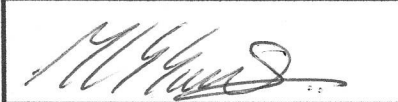

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Section G

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature(s)						
Full name(s)	Martin L G SUMNER	June E HOLT				
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	District Lead Volunteer				
Date	1	3	1	1	2	4

South Ribble District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24

Receipts and payments

	2023-24 Unrestricted funds £	2022-23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	27,638	25,289
Donations	2,092	1,022
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	5,247	-
Training	1,119	1,572
Sub total	36,097	27,883
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
International		
Other grants	-	500
Sub total	-	500
Fundraising and Events		
DofE fees	349	621
Camps	44,785	20,648
Network	-	-
Charity Collections	-	-
Clothing and Badge Sales	28,730	27,541
Miscellaneous	1,050	860
Sub total	74,914	49,669
Investment income		
Bank interest	440	50
Sub total	440	50
Total Gross Receipts	111,451	78,103
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Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Receipts and payments

	2023-24 Unrestricted funds £	2022-23 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
International	1,680	12,300
Administration	1,418	-
Video license	649	-
Insurance	1,390	-
Marketing	601	1,376
Network	-	-
Training	1,933	1,140
Rent	1,641	4,383
DofE Fees	585	939
Grants and Gifts	-	500
Expenses	179	341
Maintenance	1,223	2,798
Equipment	1,676	2,332
Sub total	12,973	26,109
Development	1,109	
Activities and Events	3,712	589
Camps	45,450	37,069
Charity Collections	5	-
Clothing and Badge Purchases	23,076	28,092
Miscellaneous	1,239	715
	74,590	66,465
Total Gross Payments	87,564	92,574
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	87,564	92,574
Net payments (2023 net receipts)	23,887	14,471
Net Assets last year end	138,491	152,962
Net Assets this year end	162,378	138,491



Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023-24	2022-23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	122,072	99,499
Bank deposit account	26,907	26,476
Card accounts	1,006	
Cash/Floats	306	
Total cash funds	150,290	125,975
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge and Uniform Shop stock	12,088	12,515
Sub total	12,088	12,515
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid HQ Levy	-	
Sub total	-	-
Total Net Assets	162,378	138,490

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12th June 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

Martin Sumner	Chair
June Holt	Interim Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1. Bank charges have now been reclassified as administration costs. Prior year has been changed accordingly in these accounts
2. Pre-paid expense cards have been introduced to the Explorer Accounts. They are not all in use yet, but this has caused some confusion amongst those not used to dealing with accounts. In some areas, the expenditure has been logged on the journal system, but not in all areas. Adjustments have therefore been made to some of the accounts to ensure that all spend is included in the accounts for the current year, leaving balances on cards similar to cash.



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

South Ribble District Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1058168

Set out on pages

1, 2, 3 & 4.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**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:

Date:

28/6/2024

Name:

Sara Rennox

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

Member of the ICAEW

Address:

9 Copeland Drive, Standish, Wigan

WN6 0XR

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.

CANNOT VERIFY STOCK BALANCE BUT
HAPPY THIS DOES NOT MATERIALLY
IMPACT THE READERS.