WYRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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FY5 2TY

Charity Registration Number 1146957

FINANCIAL REPORT

And

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS

1ST April 2025 – 31st March 2026

WYRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of WYRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
For the Period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of WYRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL for the period ended 31 March 2026.

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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

J. Ashurst. (On behalf of Brown & Co)

Jake Ashurst FCCA
06/07/2026
Brown & Co
Chartered Accountants
5A Marsh Mill Village
Fleetwood Road North
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WYRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no.1146957)
Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date | Year end date

For the year	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	59056.50	65605.03
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National & County)	33859.00	29423.50
Donations	200.00	0.00
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Other similar income	793.26	0.00
Sub total	26190.76	36181.53
Grants		
Lancashire County Council	0.00	700.00
Tesco	0.00	500.00
Sub total	0.00	1200.00
Events (gross)		
Badge Sales	265.70	0.00
District Events & Camps	7630.58	21208.36
Jamboree	75.00	0.00
Other fundraising activities	41.00	0.00
Sub total	8012.28	21208.36
Misc Income		
14-25 Wyre Account	9473.60	0.00
Mini Bus Income	2230.00	2060.00
Misc Income	262.00	3076.12
Sub total	11965.60	5136.12
Investment income		
Bank interest	0.00	0.00
Building Society interest	476.55	1117.43
Other investment income	0.00	0.00
Sub total	476.55	1117.43
Total Gross Income	46645.19	64843.44
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	46645.19	64843.44

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	Year start date		Year end date
For the year	**01/04/2025**	**To**	**31/03/2026**

Receipts and payments

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	707.02	595.14
Adult support and training	237.96	450.00
Insurance	864.16	1159.83
Mini Bus Costs	1728.86	1102.70
Capitation 2024/5	35856.00	0.00
Printing and photocopying	99.49	115.00
Contribution to camp costs	8221.68	20036.62
Support for International Camps	0.00	550.00
Room Hire	111.00	320.00
AGM, Trustee & Team expenses	857.02	429.90
Jamboree Payments	727.50	0.00
Media & OSM & Club Treasurer	1275.68	2257.57
14-25 Wyre Account	10541.43	5989.63
Misc	719.47	1120.81
Sub total	61947.27	34127.20
Fundraising expenses		
Jamboree Expenses	0.00	0.00
District Events	0.00	0.00
Other fundraising costs	254.72	77.91
Sub total	254.72	77.91
Total Gross Expenditure	62201.99	34205.11
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	62201.99	34205.11
Net of receipts/(payments)	-15556.80	30638.33
Cash funds last year end	97767.33	67129.00
Cash funds this year end	82210.53	97767.33

WYRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 1146957)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year	**31/03/2025**	**To**	**31/03/2026**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	22926.42	62749.68
Furness Jamboree Account - Closed Adjustment	-0.02	4808.11
Furness Reserve Account	45437.34	15152.68
14-25 Current Account	13553.53	14621.36
Sasu Account - Closed	0.00	435.50
Badge Account	293.26	0.00
Total cash funds	82210.53	97767.33
Other monetary assets		
District Fees Paid in Advance	300.00	0.00
Debts due from the Groups	0.00	15057.50
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
Sub total	300.00	15057.50
Investment assets		
Other investments - detail		0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	350.00	0.00
Motor vehicles & Trailers	9500.00	9500.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	30000.00	30000.00
Other		0.00
Sub total	39850.00	39500.00
Liabilities		
Headquarters & County Capitation	0.00	35856.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	35856.00
Total net assets	122360.53	116468.83

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
Colin Sills	C Sills - Chair

Michelle Minshall	M Minshull - Treasurer

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Charity Name	Wyre District Scout Council
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**1146957**
HQ Registration Number	**10001898**

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. **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 the purpose and objects	The district aims to achieve these objectives by ensuring that it provides an enjoyable programme for the young people.
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The Trustees confirm that they have followed the Charity Commission guidance on Prevention of Future Deaths and the Carbon Monoxide Safety Notice.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	Wyre District Scouts & Explorers have organised several camps and activity days throughout the year which have been supported by groups across the district.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £25k The charity held reserves of approximately £82k against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. The charity also holds funds designated for Explorer Section & Jamboree Trips
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The charity's reserves are small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The charity has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks and reserves are held in Furness Building Society Deposit Account which earns interest.
A description of the principal risks	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity'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 (POR) of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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 X Trustees (including X Ex-Officio Trustees, and X co-opted Trustees) and meets 6 times a year. The Trustee Board is supported by a Board Administrator. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required; • Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board; • Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; • Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; • Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; • Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.

Plans for future periods

Plans for future Periods	

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	**Scout Hall,** **Marsh Road,** **Thornton Cleveleys,** **Lancs** **FY5 2TY**

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr Colin Sills	Chair	
2	Mrs Jan Townley	District Lead Volunteer	
3	Mrs Michelle Minshull	Treasurer	
4	Mr Neil Ralph	Trustee	
5	Mr George Ayoma	Trustee	
6	Mr Len Wiseman	Trustee	
7	Mr David Fallows	Trustee	
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Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Brown & Co Accountants	5a Marsh Mill village, Fleetwood Road North, Thornton Cleveleys, FY5 4JZ

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature	*Colin Sills*	Michelle Minshull
Full name	**Mr Colin Sills**	**Mrs Michelle Minshull**
Position held	**Chair**	**Treasurer**
Date	**9th July 2026**	**9th July 2026**