



TYNEMOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504767

**CHARITY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (second edition) and Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

Purposes and Aims

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the National Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The objective of the District in achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

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. Scouting is open to all young people between the ages of 4 and 25 years irrespective of class, ethnic origin, nationality (or statelessness) or race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits that they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

The review also helps us to ensure that our aims, objectives and activities have remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to guidance contained in the Charity's Commission's general guidance on public benefits when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of Our Work

The main activities of the District are:

- to provide support and advice to Groups, Units and Sections within the District to enable them to give a balanced programme to their youth members.
- to supplement the Groups' programmes with major activities such as Camps, Gang Shows, Competition events and a Swimming Club.
- to maintain and operate our District activity centre.
- to maintain and operate our District HQ.
- To increase adult and youth membership within the Groups, and our 14 to 24 year-old provision, (Explorer Scout and Network Units).

Contribution made by Volunteers

The activities referred to above are managed by over 200 District and Group Volunteers and without whom the activities could not take place.

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How Our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described above in our Purposes and Aims and the Focus of Our Work.

Achievements and Performance

- The continued maintenance and upgrading of our District activity centre at Powburn by the Powburn Maintenance Team.
- Increased sectional activities and events.
- Increased the number of adult volunteers and Trustee Committee members across the District.
- Supported Group, District, County, National and International events.
- Continued Green project to replace all lighting in District HQ with energy efficient LED lighting and lighting control system and heating control.
- Fitted a connected fire, carbon monoxide & heat detection system in Powburn Adventure Centre.
- Maintenance work to ensure both our HQ and Adventure Centre are compliant with Safety and Utility regulations, including new utility meters, (smart).
- Continue early years support to groups opening Squirrel Days.

As a District many of our activities are concentrated on the young people. These activities are based primarily at a Sectional Level (age orientated) and are described in outline below:-

- Scouting has been far and wide over the last 12 months with Groups taking part in many nights' away experiences including various Unit Camps, County Camps and International Camps.
- We continue to maintain and support our own Adventure Centre at Powburn, Northumberland thereby providing a purpose-built, safety compliant indoor/outdoor centre. The locality of the centre allows a diverse range of indoor and outdoor activities to be enjoyed by all.
- Throughout the year a number of our Youth Members have achieved and were presented with the highest award available to their section.
- Our Leaders continue to achieve the required training standard of the Wood Badge. This past year we have had several Leaders complete and be awarded their Wood Badge at Sectional level or Manager Wood Badge. Training does not stop at that, and ongoing training is required by each leader each year, this may cover Safeguarding, GDPR, Health and Safety, First Response, Trustee Training or Skills Training.
- Throughout the year several Long Service Awards have been made to our Leaders for service of an exceptional nature.
- In this financial period, several of our leaders continued to work towards their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and/or King Scout Award.

For more information about the services offered by the charity, please visit the charity's website at www.tynemouthscouts.org.uk.

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Strategies to Achieve this Year's Objectives

Budgets are set for all District activities and performance against budget is monitored throughout the year.

Financial Review

The charity reports a deficit for the year of £7,754. Net funds held by the charity have reduced to £105,187.

Principal Sources of Funding

Principal sources of funding are derived from the Powburn Adventure Centre and Explorer Scout membership. In addition to this, the District strives to make activities self-financing where possible.

We thank those members who have given personal donations towards the District operating costs.

Cost Analysis

As in previous financial years the costs associated with the Powburn Adventure Centre and Explorer Scout membership form the main costs to the charity.

Investment Powers and Policy

The District 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 or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service, with the exception of the capital element of one endowment fund that is held in M&G Charifund Unit Trust.

The District Trustees, through the District Treasurer, 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 Treasurer considers the cash flow requirements. All funds pooled to maximise investment income will continue to be separately identified in the accounts and the interest generated will be appropriately apportioned.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

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. In addition, a certain level of reserves is required simply to finance and underwrite activities that generate a level of income. The District Trustee Committee considers that the District needs reserves of between £25,000 and £30,000 in order to achieve this. The District held unrestricted reserves of £97,322 at 31 March 2025. There are no funds that are in deficit.

Risk management

The District Trustee Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** The District, through the membership fees, contributes to the Scout Association's National Accident Insurance Policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken by the activity leaders.
- **Damage to buildings, property and equipment.** The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from other Scout Groups within the County. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against a permanent loss.

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Risk management (continued)

- **Building compliance** Ongoing costs associated with ensuring our buildings meet and continue to meet Fire Safety and Utility regulations.
- **Reduced income from fundraising.** The District is reliant upon income from fundraising, activities and subscriptions. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income.
- **Leadership.** The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level the District would request assistance from County and Scout Association's Regional Development Service.
- **Reduction or loss of members.** The District, with support from the Groups, provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 24. If there were a reduction in membership in a particular Section or a Group then the District would consider the amalgamation of Groups. In addition the District would support the Groups with recruitment and liaise between other Groups for activities.
- **Internal Controls.** The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include budget setting and monitoring performance against budgets, two signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered. DBS checks are obtained for all adult volunteers.

Serious Incidents

The trustees confirm there were no serious incidents or other matters to advise to the Charity Commissioners during the year.

Plans for Future Periods

During the next year we plan to:

- Continue the upgrading of the Powburn Activity centre.
- Continue the ongoing usage and maintenance of our HQ.
- Development and growth of the District Young Leader provision.
- Support our newly created Adventurous Activity Team
- Rolling out digital resources
- Streamlining of District Meetings
- Following National Guidance, and Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR), and continue supporting the District Trustees committee.
- Continue to review and create Sub-committees to manage District Scouting outside of the new District Committee responsibilities.
- Continue to develop District Activities in all sections, and support County.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation of the Charity

The charity was registered on 31st December 1975.

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.

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 registration, keeping proper financial statements and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

From 1 April 2024, Trustee Boards have been making changes to their membership across the District. These changes include how Trustees are appointed, term limits, who can be a Trustee and how many Trustees they have. Further information is available in the March 2024 edition of Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR), which was effective from 1 April 2024.

The District Trustee Board consists of the following members who are the District Charity Trustees:

- **Ex-Officio Trustees** (District Lead Volunteer & District Youth Lead)
- **Appointed Trustees** (The Chair, Treasurer & Trustees)
- **Co-opted Trustees** (Trustee Boards can also co-opt members throughout the year. Co-opted Trustees may be chosen to do a particular task, or bring new skills to the mix)

The District Trustee Board exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and to provide support for Scout Groups and Scout Units in the District. These responsibilities are amplified through a number of rules in chapter 4 of POR that detail the responsibilities and rights of the District Trustee Committee.

The Trustee Board is appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council and throughout the year. The Trustee Board are the Trustees of the charity and take the responsibilities of supporting and managing Scouting with the following key responsibilities:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the District.
- Manage the District finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property, and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.

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Organisation of the Charity (continued)

- Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-committees.
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the district.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Groups, and the 14 to 24 year Units in the District as necessary.

- Appoint and manage the operation of the Welcome Committee.

Trustee Changes

The changes to the board of trustees that took place during the year are noted in the reference and administrative details of the charity.

Related Parties

In as far as it is complementary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by local policy and partnerships. The related party transactions that have taken place during the year are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The trustees consider the board of trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating of the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give their time freely other than the District Secretary who is a paid member of staff. Details of trustees remuneration and expenses are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Reference and Administrative Information

<i>Charity Name:</i>	Tynemouth District Scout Council
<i>Charity Registration Number:</i>	504767
<i>Operational Address and District Headquarters:</i>	31 - 35 Norfolk Street North Shields Tyne and Wear NE30 1BD
<i>Contact Address</i>	3 Hatherton Avenue Cullercoats North Shields Tyne and Wear NE30 3LG
<i>Bankers :</i>	Barclays Bank Plc Leicester LE87 2BB
<i>Independent Examiner:</i>	E. J. Hartshorne-Ferguson BA FCA Bell Tindle Williamson LLP The Old Post Office, 63 Saville Street North Shields NE30 1AY

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Reference and Administrative Information *(continued)*

Solicitors: O'Neil Richmonds Law Firm Limited
51/52 Howard Street
North Shields
NE30 1AP

Trustees:

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr Phillip Rowell	<i>District Lead Volunteer</i>
Mr Jamie Pearson	<i>District Youth Lead</i>
Mrs Elizabeth Hay	<i>District Chair</i>
Mrs Norma Pigeon	<i>District Treasurer</i>
Mrs Heather Henderson	<i>District Secretary (Trustee until 4th September 2024)</i>
Mr David Littlefield	
Mrs Christina Ponting	
Mr David Baldwin	
Mr Jason Vasey	
Mr Andrew Gray	
Mrs Sarah Douglas	
Mr Joseph Harvey	<i>District Scout Network Commissioner (Resigned 4th September 2024)</i>
Mrs Michelle Barber	<i>(Resigned 4th September 2024)</i>

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Statement as to Disclosure to our Independent Examiner

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the independent examiner in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to make as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 9th July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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MRS E.L. HAY
Chair

TYNEMOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

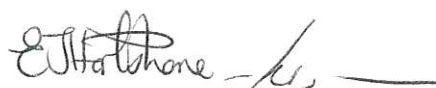
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



E. J. Hartshorne-Ferguson BA FCA
Independent Examiner

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9th July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment Funds</u> £	<u>Total 2025</u> £	<u>Total 2024</u> £
INCOME						
Donations and Legacies	2	3,826	-	-	3,826	1,341
Income from Charitable Activities:						
Membership Subscriptions	3	1,362	-	-	1,362	1,634
Charitable Operations	4	30,549	-	-	30,549	54,074
Income from Other Trading Activities:						
Operations for Generating Funds	5	9,526	-	-	9,526	8,376
Investment Income	6	902	242	-	1,144	1,243
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		46,165	242	-	46,407	66,668
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of Raising Funds:						
Trading Activities	7	1,608	-	-	1,608	2,196
Expenditure on Charitable Activities:						
Charitable Operations	8	52,564	120	-	52,684	81,392
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		54,172	120	-	54,292	83,588
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS / (LOSSES)						
		(8,007)	122	-	(7,885)	(16,920)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	-	131	131	(57)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(8,007)	122	131	(7,754)	(16,977)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total Funds Brought Forward		105,329	4,540	3,072	112,941	129,918
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	18	97,322	4,662	3,203	105,187	112,941

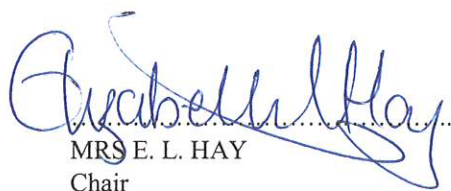
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	11		39,825		43,457
Investments	12		3,203		3,072
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			<u>43,028</u>		<u>46,529</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	13	3,575		3,600	
Debtors	14	1,374		1,187	
Short Term Investments	15	-		31,031	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	16	62,617		35,171	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			<u>67,566</u>		<u>70,989</u>
CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	17		<u>5,407</u>		<u>4,577</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>62,159</u>		<u>66,412</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>105,187</u>		<u>112,941</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted Funds	18		97,322		105,329
Restricted Funds	18		4,662		4,540
Endowment Funds	18		3,203		3,072
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			<u>105,187</u>		<u>112,941</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9th July 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:


MRS E. L. HAY
Chair


MRS N. PIGEON
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Preparation of the Financial Statements on a Going Concern Basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no significant judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty that affect the financial statements.

c) Cash Flow Statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

d) Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

- Donations and grants are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and the settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.
- Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are recognised net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.
- Incoming resources from charitable activities are accounted for when receivable.
- Income from trading activities is recognised when goods are sold or facilities have been provided.

- Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(continued)*

e) **Expenditure and Irrecoverable VAT**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of the costs of commercial trading.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of performances, events and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

f) **Support Costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist in the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been included within expenditure on charitable activities.

g) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

Endowment funds are investment funds in which withdrawals from the invested capital are used for specified purposes.

Restricted funds comprise donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for special projects being undertaken by the charity

h) **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Individual fixed assets are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Asset Category	Annual Rate
Freehold Property	4%
Equipment	25% and 10%

i) **Fixed Asset Investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation throughout the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

j) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

k) Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income is recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

l) Short Term Investments

Short term investments comprise of a 7 day notice deposit bank account.

m) Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprise of a building society account and several bank accounts.

n) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation as a result of a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

o) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement date, with the exception of fixed asset investments which are subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Explorers Grant	1,125	-	1,125	-
Legacy	1,000	-	1,000	-
General Donations	1,701	-	1,701	1,341
	<u>3,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,826</u>	<u>1,341</u>

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3. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2025</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2024</u> £
Membership Subscriptions	39,158	35,802
Less: Membership Subscriptions Paid on District	(37,796)	(34,168)
	1,362	1,634

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE OPERATIONS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2025</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2024</u> £
Powburn Centre	14,087	-	14,087	22,402
Joint Swimming Club and Gala	3,605	-	3,605	4,002
District Camp	3,660	-	3,660	-
Cub Camp and Activities	168	-	168	276
Explorer Scouts	7,267	-	7,267	26,680
Explorer Scouts DoE	-	-	-	149
Beaver Activities	443	-	443	199
Squirrel Activities	-	-	-	48
Drop in Coffee Mornings	-	-	-	146
Gang Show	1,319	-	1,319	-
SAS Activities	-	-	-	172
	30,549	-	30,549	54,074

5. OPERATIONS FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2025</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>2024</u> £
Badge and Neckerchief Sales	1,828	-	1,828	2,094
Other Fundraising Activities	7,698	-	7,698	5,971
District BBQ	-	-	-	311
	9,526	-	9,526	8,376

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6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Interest Earned	902	51	953	1,062
Dividends Receivable	-	191	191	181
	<u>902</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>1,243</u>

7. TRADING ACTIVITIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Badges and Neckerchiefs	1,608	-	1,608	1,910
District BBQ	-	-	-	286
	<u>1,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,608</u>	<u>2,196</u>

8. CHARITABLE OPERATIONS

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Powburn Centre	14,726	-	14,726	23,990
Joint Swimming Club and Gala	3,262	-	3,262	3,682
District Camp	3,571	-	3,571	-
Cub Camp and Activities	135	-	135	351
Explorer Scouts	6,325	-	6,325	29,873
Explorer Scouts DoE	1,440	-	1,440	-
Beaver Activities	729	-	729	359
Squirrel Activities	-	-	-	115
Gang Show	1,322	-	1,322	925
Charitable Donations	1,360	120	1,480	1,172
New Adventure Fund	150	-	150	150
SAS Activities	-	-	-	675
General Expenses	244	-	244	507
Young Forum	125	-	125	-
Quiz Night	-	-	-	-
Centre Running Costs	6,333	-	6,333	7,301
Drop in Coffee Mornings	-	-	-	31
AGM	79	-	79	94
Secretary Salary	7,139	-	7,139	6,502
Secretary Expenses	48	-	48	23
Independent Examination	1,944	-	1,944	1,944
Depreciation	3,632	-	3,632	3,698
	<u>52,564</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>52,684</u>	<u>81,392</u>

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9. NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
This is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner's fees	1,944	1,944
Depreciation	3,632	3,698
	3,632	3,698

10. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES, AND THE COST OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity had no paid employees during the current or previous financial year other than the district secretary.

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees. Other than the district secretary, who received a salary of £7,139 (2024: £6,502) and was reimbursed £48 for expenses (2024: £23), charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £Nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: £Nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £Nil).

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Property</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>COST</u>			
At 1st April 2024	69,555	14,038	83,593
Additions	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	69,555	14,038	83,593
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>			
At 1st April 2024	30,602	9,534	40,136
Charge for year	2,782	850	3,632
At 31st March 2025	33,384	10,384	43,768
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>			
At 31st March 2025	36,171	3,654	39,825
At 31st March 2024	38,953	4,504	43,457

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>Listed Securities</u> <u>£</u>
Market Value at 1st April 2024	3,072
Net Gain/(Loss) of Investments	131
Market Value at 31st March 2025	<u>3,203</u>

The investments listed on a recognised stock exchange are 211 units of M&G Charifund Unit Trusts.

Dividends received from this investment are shown in note 6 to the financial statements.

13. STOCK

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
Stock of Badges and Neckerchiefs	<u>3,575</u>	<u>3,600</u>

14. DEBTORS

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
Prepayments and Accrued Income	<u>1,374</u>	<u>1,187</u>

15. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
Virgin Money Deposit	<u>-</u>	<u>31,031</u>

16. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	<u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
Bank Balances	60,400	33,005
Building Society Balances	2,217	2,166
	<u>62,617</u>	<u>35,171</u>

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17. CREDITORS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals and Deferred Income	5,407	4,577
	5,407	4,577

18. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	<u>At</u>	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>At</u>
	<u>01.04.24</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>31.03.25</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>£</u>
				<u>£</u>	
Unrestricted Funds					
<u>General</u>	103,394	46,165	(54,022)	-	95,537
<u>Designated</u>					
Activity Equipment Fund	205	-	-	-	205
Adventure Fund	730	-	(150)	-	580
Hardship Fund	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	105,329	46,165	(54,172)	-	97,322
Restricted Funds					
Tom Scott Memorial Fund	2,166	51	-	-	2,217
Stockdale Award Fund	1,122	191	(120)	-	1,193
Development Fund	1,252	-	-	-	1,252
	4,540	242	(120)	-	4,662
	<u>At</u>	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Gains/</u>	<u>At</u>
	<u>01.04.24</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>31.03.25</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Endowment Funds					
Stockdale Award Fund	3,072	-	-	131	3,203
	3,072	-	-	131	3,203

Unrestricted Funds - General

These funds can be used in anyway by the trustees in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted Funds - Designated

The following funds have been reserved for future planned activity:

Activity Equipment Fund

The purpose of which is to finance equipment purchases for Scouting activities.

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18. STATEMENT OF FUNDS *(continued)*

Unrestricted Funds - Designated *(continued)*

Adventure Fund

The purpose of which is to support Groups and Scouts requiring financial assistance to enable them to undertake specific activities and events.

Hardship Fund

The purpose of which is to enable small grants to be awarded to those Cubs and Scouts in need of funding assistance.

Restricted Funds

These represent funds received which are restricted for a specific purpose. Amounts are released from these funds when the expenditure to which they relate is incurred by the charity. The restricted funds are summarised as follows:

Tom Scott Memorial Fund

This fund was created when the 15th Tynemouth HQ was burnt down in the 1990's. The Treasurer at the time was Tom Scott who secured a large insurance payout of which £35,000 was gifted to the District and invested for future refurbishment costs. The interest generated from the investment has been allocated as a restricted fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance towards the cost of attendance at international scouting events and to fund emergency repairs to headquarters, whilst maintaining the capital balance if possible.

Stockdale Award Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide an annual prize for all youth sections from the income of the fund.

Development Fund

The purpose of this fund is to develop scouting within the District.

Endowment Funds

These are investment funds in which withdrawals from the invested capital are used for specified purposes. The endowment funds are summarised as follows:

Stockdale Award Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide an annual prize for all youth sections from the income of the fund.

19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>£</u>
Fixed Assets	39,825	-	3,203	43,028
Current Assets	62,904	4,662	-	67,566
Current Liabilities	(5,407)	-	-	(5,407)
Net Assets at 31 March 2025	<u>97,322</u>	<u>4,662</u>	<u>3,203</u>	<u>105,187</u>

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19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS - PREVIOUS YEAR

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>£</u>
Fixed Assets	43,457	-	3,072	46,529
Current Assets	66,449	4,540	-	70,989
Current Liabilities	(4,577)	-	-	(4,577)
Net Assets at 31 March 2024	<u>105,329</u>	<u>4,540</u>	<u>3,072</u>	<u>112,941</u>