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Hinckley

HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Hinckley District Scout Council

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Administrative Details

Name of Charity	Hinckley and District Scout Council	
Registration number with The Scout Association	13202	
Registered Charity Number	506796	
Principal address	105 Priesthills Road Hinckley LE10 1AH	
Bankers	NatWest Bank plc 13 The Borough Hinckley LE10 1NL	Lloyds Bank plc PO Box 1984 Andover SP10 9GZ
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Charity Trustees

The members of the District Trustee Board are the Charity Trustees of Hinckley and District Scout Council. During the year the members were as follows:

		Dates served if not for the full year
Ex officio		
District Lead Volunteer	P Woolaston	
District Youth Lead	J Semak	From 21 August 2024
Appointed		
District Chair	A Stafford	
District Treasurer	E Iyi-Eweka	To 21 August 2024
District Treasurer	C Sansome	From 21 August 2024
Elected	M Broughton	From 21 August 2024
	J Brown	To 21 August 2024
	M Clarke	To 21 August 2024
	J Cousins	From 21 August 2024
	R Love	To 21 August 2024
	D Payne	From 21 August 2024
	C Peacock	To 21 August 2024
	A Smith	

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Governing Documents

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.

How the District is Constituted

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

Trustees Selection Methods

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

Structure and Governance

Hinckley and District Scout Council is the electoral body, which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District. It is the body from which the District Trustee Board is appointed.

The District Trustee Board is accountable to the Scout Council and is responsible for the management of Scouting in the District.

If not already completed all members of the Trustee Board must complete the seven steps in the Scout Association's volunteer joining journey within the specified timeframe. Until completed, the trustee's role will be deemed Provisional. Once all seven steps of the volunteer joining journey are satisfactorily completed, the membership system will update the role status to Full.

Objectives 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 co-operate with others and make friends

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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.

Activities and Achievements During the Year

This year has seen the completion of the "Transformation" instigated by The Scout Association, introducing new ways of volunteering and new structures throughout TSA. The disappearance of familiar titles and roles, along with an updated training regime have caused some challenges but will result in improved governance at all levels. The rollout of the new digital membership system has not gone as smoothly as had been hoped and continues to cause some issues. With the reduction in Ex Officio members the trustee board is smaller than before, but this will allow it to focus on the management and development of the District.

Financial planning and management have been the priority in this first year; a more structured budget has been agreed one aim of which is to make clearer the distinction between the District in general and the running of the campsite.

The trustees agreed to the purchase of a static caravan to provide Improved accommodation for the campsite wardens. This has been sited where the old wardens' hut was situated, and thanks must be given to the volunteers from Jaguar Land Rover who dismantled the old wardens' hut. It will not be long before the new facility is fully commissioned and in use and this will help in attracting new wardens.

In the District the trustees were able to provide a loan to help with the re-establishment of a group in Sharnford, as no start-up grant was available from The Scout Association. Also, the District support fund was able to provide funds to enable several youth members to attend camps and other activities.

The annual St George's Day parade and service were led this year by 6th Hinckley with Hinckley Homeless Group as their nominated charity.

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The Bluebell Festival was held the following weekend. On Saturday we welcomed members of the public to look around to see what the site has to offer and, in some cases, to reflect on past adventures; the event was much appreciated by all who attended. Sunday should have seen the campsite alive with young people having a go at the various on-site activities; unfortunately, torrential rain overnight and on Sunday morning caused this event to be cancelled.

The sudden and untimely death of Paul Adams in September came as a total shock. Paul had been involved in scouting for most of his life. He worked tirelessly for his group, 2nd Hinckley, the District shooting team and, of course, Fox Coverts. He was a generous benefactor and will be sorely missed. The number of people at his funeral was testament to the high regard in which he was held. Thanks must be given to Paul's family for allowing donations made in memory of Paul to be given to Fox Coverts. In total £363 was received and will be added to the building fund Paul established for the development of the toilet facilities at Fox Coverts.

A day at Fox Coverts, to celebrate Paul's life, is planned for April 27, 2025, the day after the annual St George's Day parade.

Towards the end of last financial year, the District applied to the County for grants under the Forward5 scheme with funds provided by Youth Fun Days. Grants for activities at the campsite and for catering equipment were awarded and have been used to very good effect.

The annual membership census at the end of January brought the disappointing news of a small decline in youth numbers following the rise in 2024. 10 Groups and four Explorer Units all returned lower numbers than last year. Stoney Stanton Explorer Unit have taken the decision to suspend operations for the time being to allow concentration on growing Scout numbers with the aim of reactivating the Unit once numbers allow. The three existing Explorers have all been helped to find a base in other Units. Overall, Explorer numbers were up, due, in part, to the opening of the new Unit at 12th Hinckley. The overall reduction in youth numbers means income from the District Levy will be down and obviously affect the amount of money the trustees have at their disposal, to support Scouting in the District.

Reserves Policy

The District's policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income fall short. The Trustees considers the District should hold a sum equivalent to approximately 12 months running costs for Fox Coverts and have set aside £10,000 plus accrued interest.

The Trustee Board is aware there is a risk to the income of the District because of the failure of capital equipment, such as a boiler, at Fox Coverts. The Executive therefore considers it prudent to establish a contingency reserve of £10,000 plus accrued interest against this eventuality. If necessary, this money can be used to fund essential maintenance at the campsite and subsequently be replaced as funds allow.

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It is also considered prudent to carry over any unspent money from the funds allocated annually for both the District and the campsite against higher or unexpected bills in the future. These are identified as designated funds within the financial statements. It is this policy which, for example, enabled the District to accumulate sufficient funds to be able to replace the sewage system at Fox Coverts and purchase the static caravan to serve as the wardens' accommodation.

The Trustees declare they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees by

..... *A. Smith* date 25/7/25

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Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of Hinckley District Scout Council

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)

We report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

We 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.



25/7/25

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Receipts And Payments Account For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

RECEIPTS	notes	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
		£	£	£	£
Donations, grants and similar					
Membership fees		45,020	-	45,020	35,351
Less paid on		(31,960)	-	(31,960)	(27,363)
Net retained: District		13,060	-	13,060	5,524
Net retained: Explorers	4	4,675	-	4,675	2,464
Grants: District		-	2,840	2,840	7,943
Grants: Explorers	4	3,500	-	3,500	-
Donations: District		364	24,001	24,365	3,225
Donations: Explorers	4	2,353	-	2,353	3,544
Gift aid		18	6,000	6,018	460
sub total		23,970	32,841	56,811	23,160
Youth programme and Activities					
Activities and events	1	34,907	111	35,018	51,281
Campsite fees	2	15,237	-	15,237	20,142
sub total		50,144	111	50,255	71,423
Fundraising (gross)					
Explorers	4	1,970	-	1,970	1,938
Shop sales	2	6,561	-	6,561	7,196
Other income		10	-	10	273
Campsite Fundraising	2	392	-	392	1,061
sub total		8,933	-	8,933	10,468
Burbage property					
Reimbursement of incurred costs	3	11,513	-	11,513	7,595
Investment Income					
Bank interest		183	275	458	
Total receipts		94,743	33,227	127,970	112,646

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Receipts And Payments Account For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

PAYMENTS	notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Charitable payments					
<i>Youth programme</i>					
Activities and events	1	51,786	1,111	52,897	24,066
Campsite costs	2	23,337	6,904	30,241	24,797
sub total		75,123	8,015	83,138	48,860
Adult support and training		110	-	110	1,502
sub total		75,233	8,015	83,248	50,362
<i>Support and Services</i>					
Sundry insurances		390	-	390	361
Administration		1,082	-	1,082	67
Accountancy		360	-	360	360
Badges and Awards		42	-	42	404
Other costs		13	-	13	100
sub total		1,887	-	1,887	1,292
Fundraising expenses					
Campsite Fundraising expenses		-	-	-	659
Shop: stock and expenses	2	5,285	-	5,285	5,169
Accommodation Block		-	-	-	-
sub total		5,285	-	5,285	5,828
Burbage Property					
Incurred Costs	3	11,220	-	11,220	9,272
Total payments		93,625	8,105	101,640	66,754
Net receipts		1,118	25,212	26,330	45,892
Cash funds at 1 March 2024		112,617	18,823	131,440	85,548
Cash funds at 29 February 2025		113,735	44,035	157,770	131,440

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Statement Of Assets And Liabilities
As At 28 February 2025

	Note	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£	£	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current accounts		86,128	13,760	99,888	127,259
NatWest Liquidity Manager		20,183	30,275	50,458	-
Retained in Zettle account		250	-	250	250
Cash floats		301	-	301	561
Cash held by Groups on behalf of Explorer Scout Units		6,873	-	6,873	3,370
Total cash funds	5	113,735	44,035	157,770	131,440
Other Monetary assets					
Tax claim		-	-	-	-
Debtors		2,371	-	2,371	3,574
Expenses paid in advance		3,323	-	3,323	3,191
Total		5,694	-	5,694	6,765
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use					
Value of shop stock at cost		3,897	-	3,897	2,836
Land and buildings	6	2,016,348	-	2,016,348	1,951,934
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6	117,394	-	117,394	117,353
Total		2,137,639	-	2,137,639	2,072,123
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid		(224)	-	(224)	(584)
Creditors					
Payments received in advance		(1,494)	-	(1,494)	(3416)
Total		(1,718)	-	(1,718)	(4,000)

The above Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes set out on pages 11 to 16 were approved by the Trustees on 25/7/25 and signed on their behalf by:

..... A. Supto

..... Ganson

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1. Youth Programme And Activities

	b fwd	<u>Receipt</u>	<u>Payment</u>	c fwd	Surplus/ (Deficit)
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds					
Squirrels: Fun Day	-	270	(257)	-	13
Cubs: Jam	-	550	(530)	-	20
Cubs: Football	-	168	(238)	-	(70)
Scouts: 4 Point Challenge	-	2,390	(1,496)	-	894
Explorers: General	-	4,255	(11,969)	-	(7,714)
Explorers: DofE Expeditions 24 & 25	6,422	1,798	(2,713)	5,507	-
Explorers: Kandersteg 25	32,151	20,522	(29,627)	23,046	-
St George's Day Parade	-	24	(426)	-	(402)
Carol Service	-	-	(57)	-	(57)
District AGM	-	-	(154)	-	(154)
Archery	-	980	(325)	-	655
Climbing	-	1,682	(2,251)	-	(569)
Shooting	-	2,268	(2,395)	-	(127)
Support Fund Grants	-	-	(348)	-	(348)
Other events and activity costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	38,573	34,907	(52,786)	28,553	(17,879)
Restricted funds					
St George's Day Collection	-	111	(111)	-	-
Total	38,573	35,018	(52,897)	28,553	(17,879)

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which can include payments for previous and/or future financial periods.

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2. District Campsite

	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£
(a) Income		
Campsite fees	15,237	20,142
Shop	6,561	7,196
Fundraising	392	1,061
	<u>22,190</u>	<u>28,399</u>
(b) Running costs		
Utilities	2,882	6,223
Insurances	4,763	4,229
Repairs & maintenance	5,457	5,797
Forestry	-	400
Development	2,946	3,301
Equipment	11,117	2,011
Consumables	872	751
Shop: Admin	54	74
Shop: Stock	5,231	5,096
Administration	2,204	2,082
Fundraising expenses	-	659
	<u>35,526</u>	<u>29,963</u>

3. Burbage Property

	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
	£	£
Balance b fwd	(2,316)	(639)
(a) Income		
Reimbursement of incurred costs	<u>11,513</u>	<u>7,595</u>
(b) incurred costs		
Utilities	4,865	3,149
Insurance	2,679	2,484
Admin	663	468
Repairs & maintenance	50	-
Development	-	-
Cleaning	2,817	2,912
Consumables	146	260
Sub total	<u>11,220</u>	<u>9,272</u>
Balance c fwd	<u>(2,023)</u>	<u>(2,316)</u>

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4. Explorer Scouts

There are a number of Explorer Scout Units within the District. The following figures are extracted from the receipts and payments account above:

	District	Unit 1 st	Unit 1 st Intnl & DOE £	Unit Dragons £	Unit Endeavour £	Unit 11 th £	Unit Hope £	Unit Phoenix £	Unit Stoney Stanton £	Total 2025 £
Membership subscriptions	-	1,152	-	1,530	1,116	1,210	711	-	368	6,087
Less paid on	-	-	-	(848)	(226)	(169)	-	-	(169)	(1,412)
Net membership subscription retained	-	1,152	-	682	890	1,041	711	-	199	4,675
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500-	-	-	3,500
Donations	-	600	1,555	-	144	54	-	-	-	2,353
Equipment	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(836)	-	-	(1,836)
Activity receipts	-	2,807	22,320	-	-	433	15	-	-	25,575
Activity payments	-	(4,813)	(32,339)	(392)	(228)	(1,402)	(182)	-	-	(39,356)
Administration payments	-	(183)	-	(206)	(546)	(845)	(403)	-	(159)	(2,342)
Sub total	-	(2,189)	(10,019)	(598)	(774)	(1,814)	(1,406)	-	(159)	(17,959)
Fundraising receipts	-	1,044	-	-	-	727	198	-	-	1,970
Net receipts/(payments)	(1,000)	607	(8,464)	84	260	8	3,003	-	40	(5,462)
Funds brought forward	4,000	1,077	39,598	644	2,760	791	-	454	116	49,440
Funds carried forward	3,000	1,684	31,134	728	3,020	799	3,003	454	156	43,979

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5. Statement Of Funds

	<u>At</u> <u>1 March</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At</u> <u>28 February</u> <u>2025</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated & General funds	67,178	56,306	(51,410)	683	72,756
Explorer Unit funds	45,439	38,073	(42,534)	-	40,979
	112,617	94,379	(93,994)	-	113,735
Restricted funds					
Toilet Block refurbishment fund	6,298	30,640	-	-	36,938
St George's Day	-	111	(111)	-	-
Youth Mental First Aid Support	1,619	-	-	(1,269)	350
TSA Explorer Grant	4,000	-	(1,000)	-	3,000
YFD/Forward5 – catering equipment	3,906	2,840	(2,999)	-	3,747
Youth Fun Days – activity development	3,000	-	(3,586)	586	-
	18,823	33,591	(7,696)	-	44,035
Total funds	131,440	127,970	(101,640)	-	157,770

(a) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are those the trustees may spend in accordance with the constitution

(b) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are those where the trustees are bound by conditions that have either been imposed by the donor or the terms of an appeal.

The nature of the restrictions is as follows:

Toilet Block refurbishment fund

At the request of the original donor, monies donated, together with associated Gift Aid and interest, for a proposed accommodation block at the District campsite, Fox Coverts have been enhanced by further donations and the fund repurposed to develop the "24 Hour" toilet block.

St George's Day Parade

Monies collected during the St Georges Day Parade to be donated to a nominated charity

Youth Mental First Aid Support

Borough Council Grant for training and support

TSA Explorer Grant

Grant from the Scout Association for the development of Explorer Scouting in the District

YFD Forward5 grant

For purchase of new catering equipment at Fox Coverts

Youth Fun Days grant

For purchase of activity equipment at Fox Coverts

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6. Property & Equipment

Buildings and equipment are included at insurance values:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Freehold buildings	1,250,123	1,210,185
Leasehold buildings	766,225	741,749
	<u>2,016,348</u>	<u>1,951,934</u>
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	<u>117,394</u>	<u>117,353</u>

No valuation has been made of freehold land.

The leasehold buildings are on land for which the lease expires in 2043.

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Additional information

This table shows how the cash held in the designated and general funds is held and the movement in these funds over the financial year. It does not form part of the statutory notes to the Receipts & Payments Account or the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

	At 1 March 2024	Net movement during year	At 28 Feb 2025
Unrestricted Funds			
Designated Funds			
District: Support Fund	-	652	652
District: Jamboree Fund	300	300	600
District: Group Support	1,000	(1,000)	-
District: Contingency Reserve	1,000	600	1,600
Campsite: Repairs and Maintenance Fund	7,977	1,292	9,269
Campsite: Regular Maintenance/Compliance	2,658	(749)	1,909
Campsite: Development Fund	848	(848)	-
Campsite: Equipment Fund	9,499	(4,811)	4,688
Campsite: Forestry Fund	7,651	349	8,000
Campsite: Running Cost Reserve	10,000	91	10,091
Campsite: Capital Equipment Reserve	10,000	92	10,092
General Funds			
District: General Purpose Fund	1,259	(14)	1,245
Campsite: General purpose Fund	14,986	1,621	16,607
AMF and other payments in advance	-	8,003	8,003
Totals	67,178	5,578	72,756