

# HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT

31 MARCH 2025

### The Scout Association (Incorporated by Royal Charter)

*Founder:* The Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell O.M, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., LL.D.

*President:* His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.

*Chief Scout:* Dwayne Fields

#### **The Purpose of Scouting**

The purpose of Scouting 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 Scout Method**

The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by adult leadership. In practice the method is best seen when young people, in partnership with adults, are:

- enjoying what they are doing;
- learning by doing;
- participating in varied and progressive activities;
- making choices for themselves;
- taking responsibility for their own actions;
- working in groups;
- taking increasing responsibility for others;
- taking part in activities outdoors;
- sharing in prayer and worship;
- making and living out their Promise.

**The Scout Promise is:** On my honour I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and to the King  
To help other people and to keep the Scout Law

This being the Christian version, similar versions exist for those of other faiths or none.

**The Scout Law is:** A Scout is to be trusted  
A Scout is loyal  
A Scout is friendly and considerate  
A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts  
A Scout has courage in all difficulties  
A Scout makes good use of time  
and is careful of possessions and property  
A Scout has self-respect and respect for others

## **Chairmans Report**

This year has been our full first year running as a Trustee Board moving from the old District Executive committee model. The focus for the Trustee Board is on governance activities so this report will focus on governance and not operations. We have had a full trustee board of 10 trustees over this last year and moving into the next year we will look to pull together our recruitment plan. Alan Scott will be standing down from the Trustee Board at the 2025 AGM so the board will have one vacancy moving forwards. On behalf of the Trustee Board I would like to thank Alan for his significant contribution to the District Executive Committee over the last 20 years and wish him the best of luck in his new District support role.

We have spent time over the year focusing on the finances and getting Dave our treasurer integrated into all things having a financial impact in the district. Many of the tasks have now been handed over to Dave to manage moving forwards. Getting the financial report completed for a timely AGM has been challenging over the last couple of years and now in 2025 we are back on track.

This year we have focused on the following activities:

- Starting to pull together a budget looking ahead
- Identifying District Risks and the building of a District risk register
- A central document store for all District documents which is accessible to all the Trustee Board making it easier as and when board members change
- A focus on Dilston ensuring we have a risk register in place and the site is well maintained with a focus on safety for all aspects of the site. We also had the good news the lease has been renewed as well as a grant awarded for £7,560 with additional payments to some of the Groups we have had camping.

## **District Lead Volunteer Report**

This year in Hadrian,

Firstly I would like to thank you for everything you have done over the past year.

We had a fantastic Beaver and Cub district camp at Kingswood. Thank you goes out to the leaders for organising those camps. This year it is going to be at Dilston which I am sure everyone will enjoy.

We had a fantastic camp at Dilston for back to basics for the scouts where Prudhoe won again. Let's see who wins this year.

All the groups went bowling at Christmas at the Wentworth organised by Stuart all groups had an amazing time.

I am looking forward to all the camps and events we have planned for the next 12 months.

We have 10 groups in the district now and they all have a Group Lead Volunteer which is amazing and helps me to be able to get on with running the district.

We now have 3 explorer groups Stocksfield, Barrasford and Hexham. 2 Squirrel dreys Haydon Bridge and Prudhoe I would love to look at opening dreys over the next 12 months please let me know if you are planning this or would like to discuss

We are in the process of opening Network for 18 to 24 year olds which is going to be a good addition to the district to retain the young leaders and make them in to the leaders of the future.

Dilston,

Groups have been using Dilston for their meeting nights which has been amazing to see just remember to book this in OSM so we know who is on site.

Any suggestions for the future please let Myself know.

## HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL Officials 2024 – 2025

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| President:                          | Vacant   |
| Chairman:                           | Richard Brown  |
| District Treasurer:                 | David Charlton   |
| District Lead Volunteer:            | Michele Barber   |
| District Section Support Team Leads |  |
| Beaver Scouts                       | Vacant   |
| Cub Scouts                          | Vacant   |
| Scouts                              | Stuart Ford  |
| District Young Leader's Team Leads  | Jonathan Howarth<br>Rinke Vinkenoog  |
| County Representative:              | Elizabeth Berry  |
| Elected                             | Barnaby Pilgrim<br>Jo Berry<br>Rinke Vinkenoog<br>Stuart Ford<br>Elizabeth Berry<br>Jill Scott<br>Alan Scott |
| Nominated                           | No Members Nominated   |
| Right of Attendance                 |  |
| County Lead Volunteer               | Peter Thorp  |
| County Chairman                     | Dr. Helen Paterson   |



# HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Statement of Trustees Responsibilities For The Year Ended 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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 these 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Richard Brown  
Chairperson  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee's of the**  
**HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 6 - 12. This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2019. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2019 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- To 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 accounts 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.

Ronald Joyce  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
Ron Joyce Ltd  
18 Norham Road  
Whitley Bay

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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## Statement of Financial Activities 31 MARCH 2025

|   | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>income<br>funds | 2024/25<br>Total | 2023/24<br>Total |
|---|------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   |      | £                     | £                             | £                | £                |
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                                     | 3    |                       |                               |                  |                  |
| <b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>                |      |                       |                               |                  |                  |
| Voluntary income  |      | 41,188                | 22,680                        | 63,868           | 28,393           |
| Activities for generating funds                               |      | -                     | -                             | -                | 8                |
| Investment income   |      | 401                   | -                             | 401              | 229              |
| Incoming resources from<br>charitable activities              |      | 20,701                | -                             | 20,701           | 24,562           |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                               |      | <u>62,290</u>         | <u>22,680</u>                 | <u>84,970</u>    | <u>53,192</u>    |
| <b>Resources expended</b>                                     | 4-7  |                       |                               |                  |                  |
| Fundraising trading costs                                     |      | 13,821                | 15,108                        | 28,929           | 12,293           |
| Charitable activities   |      | 7,350                 | -                             | 7,350            | 6,140            |
| Governance costs  |      | 35,771                | -                             | 35,771           | 30,492           |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                               |      | <u>56,942</u>         | <u>15,108</u>                 | <u>72,050</u>    | <u>48,925</u>    |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing)<br/>resources before transfers</b> |      | <u>5,348</u>          | <u>7,572</u>                  | <u>12,920</u>    | <u>4,267</u>     |
| <b>Gross transfers between funds</b>                          |      | -                     | -                             | -                | -                |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                  |      | <u>5,348</u>          | <u>7,572</u>                  | <u>12,920</u>    | <u>4,267</u>     |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                            |      | <u>73,504</u>         | <u>12,900</u>                 | <u>86,404</u>    | <u>82,137</u>    |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                            |      | <u>78,852</u>         | <u>20,472</u>                 | <u>99,324</u>    | <u>86,404</u>    |

# HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Balance Sheet As at 31 MARCH 2025

|   | Note | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>income<br>funds<br>£ | 2024/25<br>Total<br>£ | 2023/24<br>Total<br>£ |
|---|------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Tangible Assets</b>                                |      |                            |                                    |                       |                       |
| Tractor   | 8    | -                          | 10,212                             | 10,212                | -                     |
|   |      | -                          | 10,212                             | 10,212                | -                     |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |      |                            |                                    |                       |                       |
| Stock and work in progress                            |      | -                          | -                                  | -                     | -                     |
| Debtors and prepayments                               |      | 40,719                     | -                                  | 40,719                | 4,988                 |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              | 8    | 49,043                     | -                                  | 49,043                | 82,041                |
| Total current assets                                  |      | 89,762                     | -                                  | 89,762                | 87,029                |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> |      |                            |                                    |                       |                       |
|   | 9    | 650                        | -                                  | 650                   | 625                   |
| <b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>               |      |                            |                                    |                       |                       |
|   |      | 89,112                     | -                                  | 89,112                | 86,404                |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |      |                            |                                    |                       |                       |
|   |      | 89,112                     | 10,212                             | 99,324                | 86,404                |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                     |      |                            |                                    |                       |                       |
|   |      | 89,112                     | 10,212                             | 99,324                | 86,404                |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>                           |      |                            |                                    |                       |                       |
| Unrestricted funds                                    | 10   | 78,852                     | -                                  | 78,850                | 73,504                |
| Restricted income funds                               | 10   | 10,259                     | 10,212                             | 20,472                | 12,900                |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                                    |      | 89,112                     | 10,212                             | 99,324                | 86,404                |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Richard Brown  
Chairperson

# HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 MARCH 2025

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### **Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

#### **Change in basis of accounting**

There have been no changes to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **INCOMING RESOURCES**

##### **Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### **Membership subscriptions**

Memberships subscription collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

##### **Incoming resources with related expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

##### **Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

##### **Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

##### **Gifts in kind**

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

##### **Donated services and facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

##### **Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

## **HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 MARCH 2025**

#### **2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont)**

##### **Investment income**

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

#### **EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

##### **Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

##### **Governance costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

##### **Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

##### **Grants payable without performance conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

##### **Support Costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### **ASSETS**

##### **Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. In previous years, tangible fixed assets were written off in the year of acquisition. Opening values have been estimated based on the insurance values as at 31 March 2005, being the best available estimate.

## HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 MARCH 2025

#### 3. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

|  | Unrestricted<br>£ | Restricted<br>£ | 2024/25<br>£ | 2023/24<br>£ |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Voluntary income</b>                              |                   |                 |              |              |
| Membership subscriptions                             | 38,843            | -               | 38,843       | 26,136       |
| Local authority grants                               | -                 | 15,120          | 15,120       | 2,257        |
| Cubs Grants  | 100               | -               | 100          | -            |
| Income from closed Scout group                       | 2,245             | -               | 2,245        | -            |
| Restricted income – Green Grant                      | -                 | 7,560           | 7,560        | -            |
| Total  | 41,188            | 22,680-         | 63,868       | 28,393       |
| <b>Activities for generating funds</b>               |                   |                 |              |              |
| Badge Sales  | -                 | -               | -            | 8            |
| Total  | -                 | -               | -            | 8            |
| <b>Investment income</b>                             |                   |                 |              |              |
| Interest earned                                      | 401               | -               | 401          | 229          |
| Total  | 401               | -               | 401          | 229          |
| <b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b> |                   |                 |              |              |
| Dilston Campsite Income                              | 18,036            | -               | 18,036       | 24,562       |
| Beaver Camp  | 2,610             | -               | 2,610        | -            |
| Events – Cubs  | 55                | -               | 55           | -            |
| Total  | 20,701            | -               | 20,701       | 24,562       |
| Total income   | 62,290            | 22,680          | 84,970       | 53,192       |

## HADRIAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 MARCH 2025

#### 4. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

|  | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2024/25<br>£ | 2023/24<br>£ |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Fundraising trading costs</b>           |              |            |              |              |
| Dilston Services and Repairs               | 12,247       | -          | 12,247       | 12,293       |
| Badge Expenses                             | 1,574        | -          | 1,574        | -            |
| Green Grant – Receiving group’s proportion | -            | 13,920     | 13,920       | -            |
| Restricted – Lawn Mower                    | -            | 1,188      | 1,188        | -            |
| Total                                      | 13,821       | 15,108-    | 28,929       | 12,293       |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>               |              |            |              |              |
| Camps & Trips                              | 7,350        | -          | 7,350        | 6,140        |
| Total                                      | 7,350        | -          | 7,350        | 6,140        |
| <b>Governance Costs</b>                    |              |            |              |              |
| Training                                   |              | -          |              | -            |
| Insurance                                  | 2,250        | -          | 2,250        | 1,826        |
| Administration & Meetings                  | 2,612        | -          | 2,612        | 1,760        |
| Internet and Marketing                     | 120          | -          | 120          | 244          |
| Membership subscriptions paid on District  | 29,939       | -          | 29,939       | 25,674       |
| District Explorer Scouts                   | 200          | -          | 200          | 363          |
| Accountancy & Sundries                     | 650          | -          | 650          | 625          |
| Total                                      | 35,771       | -          | 35,771       | 30,492       |
| Total expenditure                          | 56,942       | 15,108     | 72,050       | 48,925       |

#### 5. EXPENSES AND FEES

##### 5.1 Trustee expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

|   | 2024/25                      | 2023/24                      |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Number of trustees who were paid expenses | 1                            | 0                            |
| Nature of the expenses                    | Honoraria and mileage claims | Honoraria and mileage claims |
| Total amount paid                         | £310                         | £nil                         |

## 6. GRANTMAKING

The charity made the following material grants and donations during the year

6.1 £13,920 grant income from Scout's Generation Green Grant was distributed between 7 groups. The last group is awaiting receipt as ongoing function of group seems indeterminate.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 MARCH 2025

### 7. PAID EMPLOYEES

The charity had no paid employees during the year

### 8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

| Analysis of deposits | 2024/25       | 2023/24       |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | £             | £             |
| Barclays Community   | 8,175         | 72,822        |
| Building Business    | 40,368        | 8,719         |
| Cash                 | 500           | 500           |
| Total                | <u>49,043</u> | <u>82,041</u> |

### 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|                          | Tractor       | Total         |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | £             |               |
| <b>COST OR VALUATION</b> |               |               |
| At 31 March 2024         | -             | -             |
| Additions                | 11,400        | 11,400        |
| At 31 March 2025         | <u>11,400</u> | <u>11,400</u> |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>      |               |               |
| At 31 March 2024         | -             | -             |
| Charge for year          | 1,188         | 1,188         |
| At 31 March 2025         | <u>1,187</u>  | <u>1,187</u>  |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>    |               |               |
| At 31 March 2024         | -             | -             |
| At 31 March 2025         | <u>10,212</u> | <u>10,212</u> |

### 9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

#### 9.1 Analysis of creditors

|                              | Amounts falling due within<br>one year |            |
|------------------------------|--|------------|
|                              | 2024/25                                | 2023/24    |
|                              | £                                      | £          |
| Accruals and deferred income | 650                                    | 625        |
| Total                        | <u>650</u>                             | <u>625</u> |

## 10. ENDOWMENT AND RESTRICTED FUNDS

### 10.1 Movements of major funds

| <u>Fund names</u>          | Opening<br>fund<br>balances<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>resources<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Closing<br>fund<br>balances<br>£ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Dilston Site Restoration   | 5,400                            | -                          | -                          | -              | 5,400                            |
| Dilston Lawn Mower/Tractor | 6,000                            | -                          | 1,188                      | 5,400          | 10,212                           |
| Dilston Site Maintenance   | -                                | -                          | -                          | -              | -                                |
| Dilston Road Maintenance   | 1,500                            | -                          | -                          | -              | 1,500                            |
| Green Grant 24/25          | -                                | 22,680                     | 13,920-                    | (5,400)        | 3,360                            |
| Total restricted           | 12,900                           | 22,680                     | 15,108                     | -              | 20,472                           |
| General Fund               | 73,504                           | 62,290                     | 56,942                     | -              | 78,853                           |
| Total Funds                | 86,404                           | 84,970                     | 72,050                     | -              | 99,324                           |

## 11. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

### 11.1 Remuneration and benefits

The charity paid no remuneration or benefits to any trustee or related party.

### 11.2 Loans

The charity has no loans to/from any trustee or related party.

### 11.3 Other transactions with trustees or related parties

Other than the reimbursed expenditure at note 6 (if any) there were no other transactions with trustees or related parties.