Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Derwent & Dove District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2025

Objectives

The aim of Derwent & District Scout Council 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 communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable scheme of progressive training, based on the scout law & promise and guided by adult leadership.

Trustees

District Lead Volunteer	**Paul Elliott**
Chair	**Geoffrey Stevens MBE**
Treasurer	**Christopher Bunton**
	Gyles Wren
	Deborah Steeples
	Suzanne Lester
	Ewan Godfrey
	Sarah Stelfox
	Nigel Shaw

District Chair's Report

I would like to start by welcoming you all to our AGM.

Last year we met at the Darley Dale Centre as it was agreed that we should use Scout owned buildings, so that any financial benefits should remain in the Scouting Family.

This year we are visiting Tansley Wood Activity Centre

Paul Elliott has continued as our District Lead Volunteer and has continued to undertake the role of Secretary. This is a matter which does need resolving and I would like to thank Paul for the efficient way he deals with this matter.If you feel you or anyone you know would be willing to undertake this role please let us know so that we can approach them.

In the spring of 2026 vandals broke into the Tansley Wood Activity Centre and attempted to burn it to the ground, which caused considerable damage to the buildings and other parts of the site. Again our wonderful team sprang into action cleaning the site, and bringing the site back into action. As your Chairman I would like to thank all those people from within our ranks for all their hard work and the local tradesmen who have dealt with many of the essential repairs.

I must also pay tribute to many of the Tansley residents who also rose to the occasion with help. I must also thank the Matlock Mercury for highlighting the situation the Scouts were in, and the wonderful amount of money which was donated to be spent on the repairs that were required to bring the site back to use.

As with all well run organisations and this one is no exception you need a good and efficient Treasurer. I would like to thank Chris Bunton our Treasurer who makes sure that our accounts remain in a healthy position and keeps us all on our toes as far as the financial situation is concerned.

I would like to thank you all for attending this AGM, and my thanks go to all those who help to make the Derwent and Dove District so successful.

Now let me turn to myself. This year will be the last year I will be your Chairman as I intend to resign as your Chairman at the next years AGM.

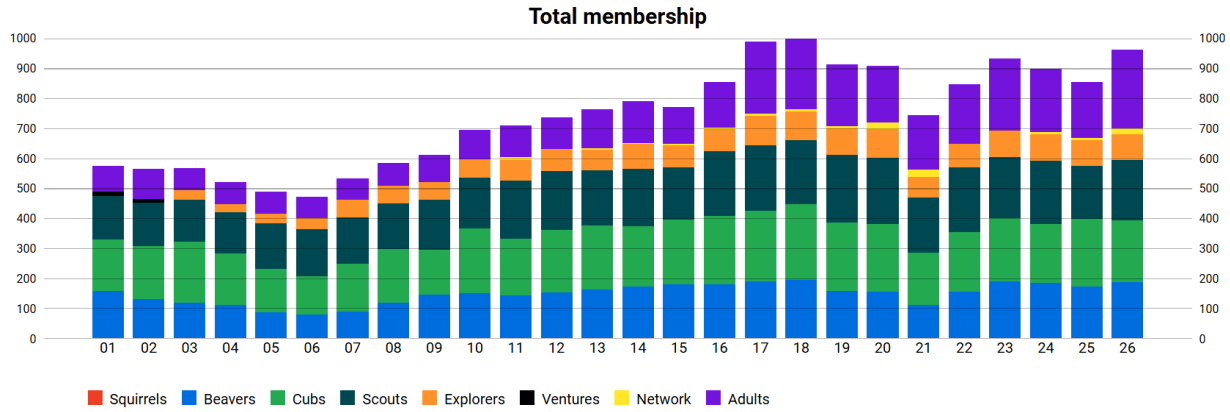
I have enjoyed hearing about your wonderful achievements throughout the year.

Geoff Stevens MBE
District Chair

District Lead Volunteer's Report

I would like to start by thanking all our volunteers in Derwent & Dove District who deliver Scouting every week and those who support the Groups by fund raising, maintaining assets and managing the operation of the Scout Groups. Without these volunteers Scouting would not happen and as always the Groups and District are searching for more volunteers.

The 2026 census shows a total membership of 962 in the District which equates to a 12% increase compared with January 2025. Of this, 700 are Young Members which was a 4% increase compared with the previous year. Significant increases reported in both the Beaver and the Scout Sections.



We had hoped to launch Squirrels in the District in 2025, but unfortunately this was not achieved, but in the first half of 2026 two Squirrel Dreys have opened in the District and our 2027 census should show Squirrels for the first time.

Based on the Census the young people in the District gained the following number of awards in 2025:

Chief Scout's Bronze Award = 50
Chief Scout's Silver Award = 32
Chief Scout's Gold Award = 6
Chief Scout's Diamond Award = 10
Chief Scout's Platinum Award = 12
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards = 2
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards = 19
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards = 3
Young Leader Belts = 8

In 2025 three of our young members achieved the King Scout Award, the first in the District.

In 2025 over 300 members of the District celebrated St Georges Day at the Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford, taking the opportunity to visit the museum, complete the Air Activities Badge and renew their promise.

The District's main asset is Tansley Wood Activity Centre which is used by Scout groups in the District and beyond, Quantum Explorer Unit for their meetings and now also by Tansley School for their Forest School. Loved by many in the District, it only continues to exist due to the volunteers who help with bookings, cleaning and maintenance.

In order to keep it financially secure it is imperative that it is used regularly and costs are contained. Bookings are now being managed in OSM and there is more focus on ensuring bookings are paid on time by securing deposits before events take place. The results of this can be seen in the increased revenue in 2025.

During 2025 Sue Lester stood down as campsite manager and a new team was formed to manage Tansley Wood, led by Debbie Steeples. The campsite team have drawn up a list of work to be undertaken.

I wish to express my thanks to Sue Lester who has led the management of Tansley Wood over the past few years and wish her well as she continues to support Scouting as Beaver Leader at 1st Mayfield.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports Scouting in Derwent & Dove, whether that is as a Helper, Trustee, Team Member or Group Lead volunteer. Without your help we would not succeed and provide so many opportunities for the young people in our District.

Paul Elliott
District Lead Volunteer

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Finance Statement Overview 2025

Overall, it was a reasonably quiet year from a financial perspective. However, there are certain elements that require a few words of explanation:

- Money received from the hire of the Tansley Wood Activity Centre (TWAC) has historically constituted the bulk of the District's receipts. The amount received in 2025 was an increase over the previous few years, while the expenditure on the site reduced (partly due to the significant maintenance work required in 2024). The outcome was the first surplus since before the pandemic. Bookings and therefore receipts for 2026 are healthy.

- As noted in the 2024 Overview, a change of water supplier, along with a series of problems with leaks, had led to higher water charges at TWAC. Subsequent negotiations with the new water supplier led to a significant Credit, which meant that the charge for the year was minimal.

- As with previous such events, the District collects the monies due from participants at the World Scout Jamboree 27 and passes these on to the County organisation. This arrangement will continue through 2026.

- Note 8 of the Financial Statements shows that £3000 was transferred from the Business Reserve Account to the Current Account and subsequently transferred back. The reason for this was to cover a potential cash shortfall in the latter at the time of the annual subs' payment to the County organisation; as such, this was just a timing issue.

- Various Groups within the District again undertook litter picking activities at the Darley Moor race circuit. For administrative convenience, the circuit sent a single payment to the District bank account; this is recorded as a Donation. Subsequently the balances were distributed out to the participating Groups.

- The District also received a very generous donation of £2000 from the estate of Syd Smith. There is a stipulation that the money should be used to improve the Toilet Block at TWAC. The Lead Warden at the site is closely tracking the use of this money.

Group Accounts

It is a requirement of the Scout Association rules that each Group provides a copy of their signed off accounts to the District Treasurer. On that basis, I would be grateful if the Lead Volunteer for each Group within the District could ensure that a copy is sent to me once these accounts have been formally approved at the Group's AGM.

Scrutiny of 2025 Financial Statements

The 2025 Financial Statements are attached to this report. Mike Percival again undertook the role of Independent Scrutineer of the Financial Statements, and the District Trustee Board would like to thank him for his detailed and thorough work. Mike formally signed off the Financial Statements on 20th May 2026. These scrutinised documents were then formally presented to, and approved by, the District Trustee Board at its meeting on 21st May 2026; Geoff Stevens and I physically signed them off on behalf of the District Trustee Board.

I am also pleased to report that Mike has agreed to undertake the role of the Independent Scrutineer for the 2026 Financial Statements.

Conclusion
The District remains in a good financial position and retains a healthy cash balance.

Chris Bunton
DDDSC Treasurer
29th June 2026.

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Receipts and Payments Account						
For the year 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025						
	Note	**DDDSC**	**Leopard ESU**	**Quantum ESU**	**2025 Total Funds**	**Prior Year Total Funds**
Receipts						
Annual Subscriptions		35033	2495	1769	39297	37709
less Subs paid to County		-34042	-1007	-847	-35896	-33923
		991	1488	922	3401	3786
Donations / Grants / Gift Aid		3200	550	7492	11242	9109
Bank Interest		165	46	0	211	334
SA Charity Account Interest	9	0	0	0	0	0
District Badge Sales		93	0	0	93	47
Net TWAC Income		5106	0	0	5106	3043
Misc Income (including Clothing)		3	200	150	353	642
Event / Activity Income	3	4425	2965	2643	10033	29699
World Scout Jamboree 2027		2000	0	0	2000	0
Training		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		**15983**	**5249**	**11207**	**32439**	**46660**
Payments						
TWAC - Electric		1621	0	0	1621	-1051
TWAC - Water		59	0	0	59	3543
TWAC - Insurance		1123	0	0	1123	909
TWAC - Phone/Internet		0	0	0	0	0
TWAC - F+F Additions		0	0	0	0	0
TWAC - Safety Systems		0	0	0	0	354
TWAC - Running Costs (incl Main't)		1118	0	0	1118	5501
TWAC - Website		0	0	0	0	0
		3921	0	0	3921	9256
District Badge Purchases		0	0	0	0	0
Training		0	640	0	640	1500
Event / Activity Expenses	3	4458	3527	1871	9856	27988
World Scout Jamboree 2027		2000	0	0	2000	0
Administration	4	520	995	235	1750	1114
Equipment / Materials		0	520	5975	6495	5325
Clothing / Uniforms		0	320	161	481	1247
Misc Expenses		0	458	56	514	1161
Donations		1200	50	0	1250	1800
Total Payments		**12099**	**6510**	**8298**	**26907**	**49391**
Surplus / Deficit for Year		**3884**	**-1261**	**2909**	**5532**	**-2731**

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at Year End

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
TWAC - Land	50	50
TWAC - Buildings (Note 5)	47555	47555
TWAC - Fixtures & Fittings		
Value as at 31/12/2024	3276	3276
Additions during Year (at cost)	0	0
Other Equipment	43	43
Total	50924	50924
Investments		
Scout Association Charity Account (Note 9)	0	0
Current Assets		
Badge Stock (at cost)	382	454
Bank & Cash (Note 6)	34312	28779
Current Liabilities		
Unpresented Cheques	0	0
Net Assets	85618	80157

The Receipts & Payments Account and the Statement of Assets & Liabilities were approved by the District's Trustees on 21th May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Geoff Stevens - DDDSC Chair

Chris Bunton - DDDSC Treasurer

Date:

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Notes to the Accounts

1 **Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

Following the change of accounting policy agreed by the Trustees in January 2014, depreciation is no longer charged.

2 **Leopard and Quantum Explorer Scout Units**

Both Leopard and Quantun ESUs maintain their own set of accounts, including individual bank accounts.
Their accounts are consolidated into the District accounts as, unlike other ESUs within the District,
neither is affiliated to a specific Group.

3 **DDDSC Events / Activities**

	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/Deficit
Chilly Challenge	0	8	-8
RAF Cosford (St George's Day)	4425	4450	-25
Totals	4425	4458	-33

4 **DDDSC Administration Expenses**

Venue Hire	90
Personal Accident Insurance	52
District MPLC Licence	378
Total	520

5 **Tansley Wood Activity Centre - Buildings**

The Trustees have placed a value on the property of £47555.
This value is the brought forward figure at the beginning of 2018 (£30615) plus the costs of the major refurbishment of the toilet block (£16940) undertaken in 2018.
The value of the other assets is maintained by a programme of annual maintenance.

6 **Bank & Cash Funds at Year End**

DDDSC Current Account	5768
DDDSC Business Reserve Account	15472
Leopard ESU Current Account	3788
Quantum ESU Current Account	8462
Quantum ESU Cash in Hand	822
	34312

7 **Restricted Funds**

The District holds Restricted Funds, which consist of the following:

New Building Fund	1000
2nd Hulland	276
Derbyshire County SC Explorer Scouts	153
Total	1429

8 **DDDSC Current Account Cash Reconciliation at 31st December 2025**

Balance B/fwd @ 01/01/25	2049
Prior Year Cheques Cashed	0
Current Year Unpresented Cheques	0
Current Year Surplus	3719
Transfer from Business Reserve Account	3000
Transfer to Business Reserve Account	-3000
Balance C/fwd @ 31/12/25	5768

NB: The £165 difference between the Current Year Surplus Figure above of £3719 and the figure in the Receipts & Payments section of £3884 is the interest received on the District's Business Reserve Bank Account.

9 **Scout Association Charity Account**

In April 2023, the Scout Association announced that it was closing its interest-bearing Charity Deposit Account and would be refunding all balances held in this account. DDDSC received the original deposit of £5500, plus interest accrued, in August 2023.

DERWENT & DOVE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of Derwent & Dove District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Derwent & Dove District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Scrutineer

As the District's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

You consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply.

It is my responsibility, without carrying out an audit nor independent examination, to scrutinise the accounts and report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the Receipts & Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion, the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Michael J. L. Percival

Address: 4 Ednaston Court
Ednaston
Ashbourne
Derbyshire
DE6 3BA.

Date: 20th May 2026

Signature:

Derwent & Dove District Scout Council

District Trustee Board Nominations for 2026/2027

1.	Paul Elliott	District Lead Volunteer (Ex Officio)
2.	Geoff Stevens	Chair (Ex Officio)
3.	Chris Bunton	Treasurer (Ex Officio)
4.	Gyles Wren	Until June 2027
5.	Ewan Godfrey	Until June 2028
6.	Debbie Steeples	3 years until June 2029
7.	Sarah Stelfox	3 years until June 2029
8.	Zoe Boyes	3 years until June 2029
9.	Rebecca Prew	3 years until June 2029
10.	Hilary Maltby	3 years until June 2029
11.	Isobelle Twigge	3 years until June 2029
12.	Nigel Shaw	1 Year until June 2027

Derwent and Dove District Scout Council
Annual General Meeting

Held at 7.30pm, Thursday 18th September 2025
Darley Dale Scout Hall

Minutes

1. **Introduction and welcome.**

   The Chair welcomed the 10 attendees (listed separately).

2. **Apologies for absence.**

   6 apologies for absence were received (listed separately).

3. **To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd July 2024**

   The minutes were approved unanimously by the meeting.

4. **Governance topics**

   a. **Adopt the model District constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules.**

      The meeting agreed unanimously to adopt this constitution as the District constitution.

   b. **Note the District's financial year.**

      The financial year was confirmed as being from 1st January until 31st December.

   c. **Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board.** It was proposed and unanimously agreed that there should be a maximum of 12 members of the Trustee Board.

   d. **Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the District Trustee Board, meeting**

      It was proposed that the quorum for the District Scout Council should be set at 10.
      It was proposed and unanimously agreed that a quorum should be at least 50% of the members of any committee or sub-committee of the District Trustee Board

5. **Review of the previous year**

a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouting in Derwent & Dove District

Paul Elliott commented on some of the highlights of 2024. The census in January 2025 showed a decrease of 3% in youth membership and a reduction of 25 adult volunteers. There is still a need for adult volunteers including anyone interested in becoming involved in the development of Squirrels. Paul extended his thanks to all leaders and volunteers within the District for their hard work to deliver weekly Scouting.

b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts, Treasurer's report and Chairman's report.

The Treasurer presented the annual report and accounts for 2024 to the meeting. The accounts and the Treasurer's commentary on the accounts are contained in the AGM information pack distributed prior to the meeting. The Treasurer reported that the District remains in a strong financial position. The financial statements had been formally approved by the District Trustee Board and signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer following approval by the independent scrutineer prior to the AGM.

The Chairman's report is contained in the AGM information pack distributed prior to the meeting. The Chairman reported on a good year for the District and the improvements being made at Tansley Wood Activity Centre. He thanked everyone involved in delivering Scouting in the District.

6. **Making appointments**

a. Appointment of the District Chair

Geoff Stevens was proposed and unanimously for the role.

b. Appointment of the District Treasurer

Chris Bunton was proposed and unanimously approved for the role.

c. Appointment of members of the District Trustee Board

Following a request for nominations prior to the meeting, there were no new nominations and therefore the outgoing District Trustee Board proposed the following be appointed to the District Trustee Board:

1.	Paul Elliott	District Lead Volunteer	(Ex Officio)
2.	Geoff Stevens	Chair	(Ex Officio)
3.	Chris Bunton	Treasurer	(Ex Officio)
4.	Gyles Wren		Until June 2027
5.	Ewan Godfrey		Until June 2028
6.	Debbie Steeples		Until June 2026
7.	Sarah Stelfox		Until June 2026
8.	Nigel Shaw		Until June 2026
9.	Sue Lester		Until June 2026

d. To appoint the Scrutineer

Michael J. L. Percival was appointed as Scrutineer to the District for 2025's accounts.

7. **Close**

The Chairman thanked Debbie Steeples for the refreshments provided.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.