



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2022		31	March	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name South Tyneside District Scout Council

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 520707

Charity's principal address c/o 15 Holland Park Drive

Jarrow

Postcode NE32 4LL

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	E R LEGROSS	CHAIRMAN		
3	C Burn			
4	G FORTH			
5	D Donaldson			
6	S THORPE			
7	E WAKE			
8	S A ROBSON	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER		
9	C MULLEY	TREASURER		
10	K WAKE			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

N/A
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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	ROYAL CHARTER 4 January 1912
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated by trustees and appointed in AGM

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li><li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li><li>• relationship with any related parties;</li><li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li></ul>	<p>The District Scout Council operates in South Tyneside and is affiliated to the national Scout organisation supporting the range of activities that they offer.</p>
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

<p><b>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</b></p>	<p>The instruction of boys and girls in all classes in the principles of discipline, loyalty and good citizenship</p>
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

## **Background**

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities for 400,000 young people aged 6-25. Internationally, we have over 28 million young people enjoying the benefits of Scouting across 216 countries. Personal development means promoting the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of the individual, helping them achieve their full potential. In Scouting, we believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing,' when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves.

## **Aims of the District**

To raise the profile of Scouting by working more closely within the community.

To increase leadership to ease the pressure on the existing leaders.

To increase camping skills and activity sections through a District pool.

To have a Group Scout Leader (GSL) in each group and work closely with the GSL's to improve communication between Groups/District/County.

To provide the best quality Scouting for the young people of the District.

Planning to achieve the aims and progress to date

The aims have been advised to all members in the District through the group and district general meetings, section and other meetings.

Most interested parties have confirmed the aims as appropriate.

Specific programmes are being developed to address the various points:

Adult recruitment workshop organized with County input.

Fundraising committee to raise money at District level - detailed plans to be developed.

Fresh ideas are being tried to improve communication e.g. The Web site.

Four specific tasks were agreed with the Assistant District Commissioners (A.D.C.) progressing:

Identify priorities from the GSLs and progress them.

Start a leadership and adult recruitment programme.

Continue with running District-organized events.

Commissioners and others to act as ambassadors for Scouting in the community.

When considering its existing and future plans of activity the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

and have also utilised the available guidance in the preparation of this report.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

N/A

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This year saw the full recovery from the past years impacted by COVID-19, activities have re-commenced as well as the ability to use West Hall facilities.

**Section E Financial review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves at least sufficient to meet a year's expenditure on normal running costs. The charity is supported by Friends of South Tyneside Scouts (FOSTS) which raises money to be spent on activities agreed by FOSTS.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

N/A

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Name **EDWIN RUSSELL LEGROSS**

Position **Chairman**

Date **21 February 2024**

**SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	General fund unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Membership fees	257		257	200
West Hall letting income	19,560		19,560	12,826
General activities including fund raising	6,487	89	6,576	410
Grants (re impact of COVID-19)	0	2,000	2,000	10,667
Donation	0		0	30
Sundry receipts	232		232	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,536</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>28,625</b>	<b>24,133</b>
West Hall running costs	10,544		10,544	3,154
Property and other insurance	6,523		6,523	6,036
District administration expenses	955		955	198
West Hall repairs and equipment	18,384	2,000	20,384	10,382
Activities including fund raising and district camp expenses	1,863		1,863	211
Depreciation	10,409		10,409	10,409
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>48,678</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>50,678</b>	<b>30,390</b>
<b>DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(22,142)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>(22,053)</b>	<b>(6,257)</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>469,954</b>	<b>6,084</b>	<b>476,038</b>	<b>482,295</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>447,812</b>	<b>6,173</b>	<b>453,985</b>	<b>476,038</b>

**SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £
Land	20,000	20,000	20,000
BP Lodge	300,960	308,880	316,800
Westfield	35,720	36,660	37,600
Toilet Block	46,213	47,462	48,711
Cleadon Hut	11,100	11,400	11,700
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Total Fixed Assets	<u>413,993</u>	<u>424,402</u>	<u>434,811</u>
 Current Assets			
Prepayments	27,311	27,788	22,796
Cash at bank and in hand	40,030	48,006	40,376
Receipts in advance	(27,026)	(24,158)	(15,688)
Creditors	(323)	0	0
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Net current assets	<u>39,992</u>	<u>51,636</u>	<u>47,484</u>
 NET ASSETS	 <u>453,985</u>	 <u>476,038</u>	 <u>482,295</u>
 RESERVES			
General	447,812	469,954	476,211
Grant	0	0	0
FOSTS donations	6,173	6,084	6,084
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	<u>453,985</u>	<u>476,038</u>	<u>482,295</u>

Approved by the Trustees



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
South Tyneside District Scout Council

**On accounts for the  
period ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

520707

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

[Signature box]

**Date:**

21 February 2024

**Name:**

Ben Sirs

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA

**Address:**

Tunstall Grange, Grange Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0DS

[Additional address lines]

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

No matters.

**SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

The charity is treated for accounting purposes by the Charities Act 2011 as a small charity and is therefore able to take advantage of certain disclosure exemptions in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Accounting by Charities.

The Income and Expenditure includes cash receipts and payments during the year, together with debtors and accruals for any material items at the year-end.

If the Charity receives funds for a particular purpose specified by the donor then the amounts are included in restricted funds and the relevant expenditure is charged against the fund.

Equipment represents stocks of badges etc, together with loose tools and stock held at the West Hall camping site. This is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Tangible fixed assets are shown at original historical cost less depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the asset as follows:

Land	0 years
Buildings	50 years
Equipment	5 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Residual value is calculated on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition.