



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2023		31	March	2024

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		
2	G FORTH			
3	J DEVLIN	DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
4	C MULLEY	TREASURER		
5	S PLEA		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
6	C ADAMSON		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
7	K REED		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
8	G PURVIS-MCGINN		APPOINTED 4 SEPTEMBER 2024	
9	C HEPPEL			
10	J TIERNAN			
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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

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 may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;• relationship with any related parties;• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	<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

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

<p>The instruction of boys and girls in all classes in the principles of discipline, loyalty and good citizenship</p>

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 continued demand for the use of West Hall activities and for scout activities in the District which was good to see. A full programme of events was run. The Trustees are grateful to the many volunteers and parents who support the activities.

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 30 January 2025

**SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
	<i>General fund unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
Membership fees	2,618		2,618	257
West Hall letting income	22,397		22,397	19,560
General activities including fund raising	6,314		6,314	6,576
Grants		950	950	2,000
Donation	100		100	0
Sundry receipts	19		19	232
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TOTAL INCOME	31,448	950	32,398	<u>28,625</u>
West Hall running costs	7,849		7,849	10,544
Property and other insurance	7,177		7,177	6,523
District administration expenses	620		620	955
West Hall repairs and equipment	1,939		1,939	20,384
Activities including fund raising and district camp expenses	3,375		3,375	1,863
Depreciation	10,409		10,409	10,409
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,369	0	31,369	<u>50,678</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	79	950	1,029	(22,053)
ACCUMULATED RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>447,812</u>	<u>6,173</u>	<u>453,985</u>	<u>476,038</u>
ACCUMULATED RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>447,891</u>	<u>7,123</u>	<u>455,014</u>	<u>453,985</u>

**SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Land	20,000	20,000
BP Lodge	293,040	300,960
Westfield	34,780	35,720
Toilet Block	44,964	46,213
Cleadon Hut	10,800	11,100
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Total Fixed Assets	<u>403,584</u>	<u>413,993</u>
Current Assets		
Prepayments	27,684	27,311
Cash at bank and in hand	46,645	40,030
Receipts in advance	(22,441)	(27,026)
Creditors	(458)	(323)
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Net current assets	<u>51,430</u>	<u>39,992</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>455,014</u>	<u>453,985</u>
RESERVES		
General	447,891	447,812
Grant	950	0
FOSTS donations	6,173	6,173
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	<u>455,014</u>	<u>453,985</u>

Approved by the Trustees

30 January 2025

SOUTH TYNESIDE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name South Tyneside District Scout Council		
	On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2024	Charity no (if any)
Set out on pages	7 to 9 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (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 Commission (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 statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 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 matter has come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: **Date:** 31 January 2025

Name: Ben Sirs

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

Address: Hartlepool