Scouts
Blackpool

Over the past year, our District has continued to provide young people across Blackpool with opportunities to develop skills for life through adventure, learning, teamwork, and community service. The dedication and commitment shown by our volunteers, leaders, trustees, and supporters have ensured that Scouting remains a positive and transformative experience for hundreds of young people throughout the District.

We are particularly proud of the achievements of our young people who have gained awards, completed challenging activities, and represented the District at events. Their enthusiasm and commitment continue to demonstrate the value and impact of Scouting within our community.

The Board of Trustees remains committed to ensuring that the District is managed effectively, responsibly, and in accordance with the requirements of The Scout Association and the Charity Commission. Throughout the year, the Trustees have maintained oversight of the District's finances, property, risk management, safeguarding responsibilities, and strategic planning. We are grateful for all , for the careful management of ourresources. The accompanying financial statements provide a detailed overview of the District's financial position and demonstrate our commitment to transparency and accountability. Careful financial stewardship ensures that we can continue to offer affordable and accessible Scouting to as many young people as possible.

Safety remains a fundamental responsibility of the Trustees. We have continued to monitor compliance, safeguarding, and risk management across the District, ensuring that robust systems and procedures are in place to protect our young people and volunteers.

We are grateful to ourvolunteer teams who work diligently to maintain the highest standards of safety and safeguarding across all that we do. Blackpool Scout District continues to play an active role within the wider community.

Our members have participated in remembrance events, charitable fundraising, civic celebrations, and community service projects to name a few. These activities not only benefit the communities we serve but also reinforce the values of Scouting—integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation.

As we look to the coming year, we remain focused,on providing safe, inclusive, and inspiring opportunities for all young people. We will continue to support our volunteers, strengthen ourgovernance arrangements, grow membership, and ensure that Scouting remains accessible to everyonewho wishes to take part.

The future of Blackpool Scout District is bright, and I am confident that, with the continued dedication of our volunteers and the enthusiasm of our young people, we will continue to thrive and make a positive difference in our community.

The Trustees have worked closely with the District Lead Volunteer and wider leadership team to support the delivery of our strategic priorities and maximise the opportunities the District can offer to all. However none of our successes would be possible without the incredible efforts of our volunteers. From Section Leaders and Assistant Leaders to Trustees, occasional Helpers,or anyone that helps in anyway. Every volunteer plays a vital role in delivering our programme and on behalf of all the trustees I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who have given their time, energy, and expertise during the year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all volunteers, young people, parents, supporters, partner organisations, and members of the local community for their ongoing support. Your contribution enables us to continue delivering exceptional Scouting experiences and helping young people gain skills for life. Be proud of your work over this year and together, we will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the young people across Blackpool and the wider community.

Chris Hardy

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Blackpool District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2026

	2025-2026 £	2024-2025 £
Receipts		
Badge Receipts	6060	5818
Christine Fitton Legacy	0	10000
Donations	81	1349
Fundraising	866	251
Fundraising Ball/Dinner Dance	9968	2557
Gift Aid District	0	885
Gift Aid Gang Show	506	535
Gift Aid Mowbreck	0	2625
Greathead (DC)	0	1000
Interest and dividends received	1140	1396
International	0	100
Media	113	72
Membership fees	39125	34110
Miscelleneous	6156	3143
Squirrels	323	1774
Virgin (Just Giving HQ)	245	194
14-24	48	452
44th Blackpool	0	350
	64631	66612
Section Income		
Beaver Scouts	2059	4597
Cub Scouts	11166	15315
Explorer Scouts	10095	13647
Gang Show	25017	20796
Mowbreck Campsite	7104	10063
Paul Marshall Legacy	14235	16209
SASU	0	130
Scout Car Races	0	2179
Scouts	11291	9755
Squirrels	1187	0
	82154	92688
Total Receipts	**146785**	**159300**

Blackpool District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2026

	2025-2026 £	2024-2025 £
Payments		
AGM	573	504
Badges	5145	5231
Dinner Dance	6386	3416
District Camp	360	0
District Expenses	1291	1858
Equipment	3720	0
Events	25	0
Fundraising	57	30
Gift Aid Gang Show	506	535
Gift Aid Mowbreck	0	2625
Greathead (DC)	411	280
Insurances	614	674
International	0	3112
Jamboree	1472	0
Media	899	2034
Membership Fees	35770	39424
Miscelleneous	6403	4360
Paul Marshall Legacy	0	0
St George's Day	38	440
Squirrels	885	1212
Training	961	972
Virgin (Just Giving HQ)	433	110
14-24	500	0
44th Blackpool	29	574
	66479	67392
Section Costs		
Beaver Scouts	2074	4415
Cub Scouts	13784	11648
Explorer Scouts	8420	13340
Gang Show	21708	17759
Mowbreck Campsite	7357	6284
Paul Marshall Legacy	38331	379848
SASU	0	660
Scout Car Races	0	1991
Scouts	11687	8170
Squirrels	602	0
	103964	444115
Total Payments	**170442**	**511507**
Net Surplus/(Deficit)for the year	**-23658**	**-352207**

Blackpool District Scout Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ending 31st March 2026

	2025-2026		2024-2025	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Monetary balances (cash and bank)		606452		632412
Investment assets				
Rayner funds: 668.6 units in the Charities Office Investment Fund at Valuation	11914		13025	
		11914		13025
		618366		645437
Non-monetary assets				
Blackpool Gang Show Equipment		2302	0	0
District equipment	26751		20950	
District HQ	375000		375000	
Mowbreck buildings	36155		37500	
Mowbreck equipment	25250		22725	
Stock of badges	5413		5751	
		468569		461926
		1089237		1107362
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Represented by				
Reserves brought forward		1107362		1084336
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		-23658		-352207
Increase/(reduction) in value of investment funds		-1110		-636
Increase/(reduction) in value of non monetary assets		6643		375869
Rvaluation of asset (Mowbreck Building/Equipment				0
Less increase/(reduction) in liabilities				0
Reserves carried forward		1089237		1107362

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Blackpool District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the district for the year ending 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 1 to 3

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The districts trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

-1 examine the accounts under section145 of the 2011 act
-2 to follow the procedureslaid down in the general diections given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b)of the 2011 act; and
-3 to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Districtand a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual itms or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no other matter has come to my attention:

a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirement to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act have not been met; or

b) which in my opinion,attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiners Name:

MELANIE BUNNEY

Signed: MBunney Date: 25/5/26

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

AAT Level 3

Address:

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BLACKPOOL
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Blackpool District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
Year Ending 31st March 2026

Note 1

Cash at bank and in hand

Exec accounts	**2025-2026 £**	**2024-2025 £**
Caf bank current account	3532	4524
Caf bank gold account	54897	55564
Virgin account	5	194
	58434	60282
Section Accounts		
Beavers	2299	2315
Beer Festival	5059	5059
Cubs	4345	6963
Explorers	3885	2212
Gang Show	20941	19933
Mowbreck	31137	31390
Paul Marshall Legacy	478081	502177
Scout Car Races	497	497
Scouts	1189	1585
Squirrels	585	0
	548018	572130
Total	606452	632412

Blackpool District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts continued
Year Ending 31st March 2026

Note 2

Analysis of Reserves

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Total Reserves	1089237	1107362
less:		
Non monetary assets+ loans and liabilities	468569	461926
Restricted Funds		
Rayner Investment Fund	11914	13025
C Fitton Bequest	5863	8900
44th Blackpool	0	29
Butterworth Bequest	10625	10625
Designated Funds		
Beer Festival	5059	5059
District Camp	3640	4000
Explorers	3853	2917
Gang Show	20941	19933
Greathead Fund	309	720
International	3010	10
Jamboree	2528	2750
Membership Fees	10000	40000
Mowbreck	31137	31390
Paul Marshall Legacy	478081	502177
Scout Car Races	387	487
Virgin (HQ)	5	194
Free Reserves	**33316**	**3221**

Reserves Policy

The District mainly raises its running costs from its members and has limited capacity for other fund raising, therefore the trustees exercise a prudent approach to their free reserves policy: the trustees will initiate additional fund raising when free reserves fall to below the equivalent of nine months annual costs measured against the latest Trustee Income and Expenditure account or the forward budget plan.

Donations

We gratefully acknowlege the following generous contributors to our fund raising this year:
Ian Gledhill

We also continue to benefit from the legacies of Mrs Patricia Butterworth, F G Rayner
Paul Marshall and Mrs Christine Fitton