Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	1st April 2025	To	31st March 2026
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	**Stretford District Scout Council**
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**521675**
HQ Registration Number	**10001927**

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. **The Purpose of Scouting** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. **The Values of Scouting** As Scouts we are guided by these values **Integrity** – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal **Respect** – We have self-respect and respect for others **Care** – We support others and take care of the world in which we live **Belief -** We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes **Co-operation** – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends **The Scout Method** Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their promise
Summary of the main activities in relation to the purpose and objects	The district continues to develop a strong district team which will in turn encourage, stimulate and train leaders at group and section level to pass on the highest possible standard of training and development for all young people.
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: ● *Policy on grant making*	In addition to Charity commission guidance the trustees have confirmed all matters of guidance and regulation from Scouting HQ has been complied with. Other than grants towards attendance for young people within the district attending jamboree, we have no formal policy on grant making. However, where possible we will try to support groups or sections in need of financial assistance and this in particular can be seen by an example of a recent short term loan provided to a group in support of solar power installation works.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	The charity has continued to support the Scout groups within the District and undertaken continued oversight of the groups to ensure regulatory compliance is maintained and where necessary provided training support. The charity continues to strive in supporting the groups to achieve compliance in organisational minimum levels and training thereon.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: ● *Achievements against objectives* ● *Fundraising activities* ● *Contribution made by volunteers*	Overall numbers have fallen slightly from 575 to 565 Within sections Squirrels were up 9, Beavers down 5 Cubs up 14 Scouts down 9 and Explorers down 19. We continue to strive in growing our adult volunteer numbers in order that Scouts throughout all age groups can enjoy the best possible development and awards achievement. With continued focus on Squirrel drey start ups, success in this area will serve to feed through to other sections and provide further growth in leader numbers.

Financial review

Review of the financial position
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves
Policy on Investments and investment performance
A description of the principal risks

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.	
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.	

Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.	
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.	
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex-Officio Trustees, zero co-opted Trustees and 4 appointed/elected Trustees) and meets 5 times a year. The Trustee Board is supported by a Board Administrator. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintains appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: ● Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development;	

	● Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; ● Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; ● Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; ● Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; ● Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; ● Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; ● Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; ● Appointing Advisors as required; ● Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board; ● Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; ● Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; ● Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; ● Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; ● Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; ● Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.	

Plans for future periods

Plans for future Periods	In the coming year, the District will realise its ambitions for a district international event for 14-24 year olds and enable assessment of expeditions for top awards. We continue to prioritise supporting development and growth for those in the greatest need and ensure mandatory learning compliance is maintained. Future volunteer growth in key district roles remains a high priority along with continued support for groups within the district for them to at least achieve and maintain minimum standards in leadership compliance.

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	9 Poppywood Avenue Timperley Manchester WA145YU

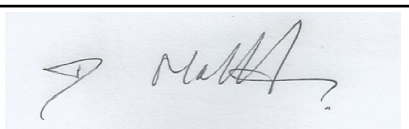
	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Maltby	Chair	
2	Matthew Osborne	Lead Volunteer	
3	Brian Thorpe	Treasurer	
4	Eve Gerrard	Youth Lead	
5	Jennie Wadsworth	Appointed Trustee	
6	Glenis Hoskins	Appointed Trustee	
7	Michael Ohiri	Appointed Trustee	
8	Carli Hicks	Appointed Trustee	
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Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Stephen Wood	***79 Roseneath Road*** Urmston Manchester M415AY
Secretary	Patricia Whaites	***9 Poppywood Avenue*** Timperley Manchester WA145YU

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature		
Full name	**David Grant Maltby**	**Matthew Osborne**
Position held	**Chair of trustees**	**District Lead Volunteer**
Date	**6th September 2026**	**6th September 2026**

Stretford District Scout Council Charity No. 521675
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/3/2026

Receipts and payments

	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	34,465	37,810
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 31,357	- 32,049
Donations		-
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Other similar income	5,353	8,286
Sub total	8,461	14,047
Grants		
Maintenenace grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment income		
Bank interest	213	259
Building Society interest		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	250	-
Sub total	463	259
Total Gross Income	8,924	14,306
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	8,924	14,306

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	6,764	5,380
Adult support and training	1,382	934
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	-	-
Electricity and Gas	-	-
Insurance	278	268
Repairs and Renewals	-	-
Materials and equipment	-	-
Printing and photocopying	40	110
Contribution to camp costs	-	-
Uniforms	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	28	382
Other costs detail 1	-	-
Other costs detail 2	-	-
Other costs detail 3	-	-
Sub total	8,492	7,074
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	8,492	7,074
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	8,492	7,074
Net of receipts/(payments)	432	7,232
Cash funds last year end	29,598	22,366
Cash funds this year end	30,030	29,598

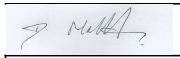
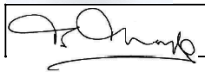
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2026 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2025 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	18,165	18,114
Bank deposit account	10,771	10,558
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	1,094	926
Total cash funds	30,030	29,598
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	1,846	2,087
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	1,846	2,087
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	31,876	31,685

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	David Maltby- Chair
	Brian Thorpe - Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stretford District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended **31st March 2026** which are set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

In the course of 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 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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.

The matter that has come to my attention is that, in the course of my examination of the accounting records of the charity, it was noted that [Insert a description of the issues that cause concern].

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Date: 22/4/26