

# Annual Report & Financial Statements

2024-2025



**Scouts**  
Leicestershire







## COUNTY LEAD VOLUNTEERS REPORT.

Another great year of Scouting from all our wonderful volunteers.

'Transformation' continues as we start to embed a new culture in order to attract new volunteers. We are all getting used to the new digital tools. The patience and focus that you have all shown in ensuring the challenges of change do not stop Scouting for our Sections is much appreciated – thank you!

We continue to see growth in our numbers of Young People through your hard work, continuing to offer life-changing opportunities through Scouting. We have opened fifteen new sections; our numbers of Young People have increased by 83 and an overall increase of 10 adult members. We are lucky to have additional resource via the Ash Legacy project, and we look forward to seeing even more growth next year.

Despite a quieter year for events, we still had a well-attended Beaveree in March 2024, the Fietskamp cycle trip with Derbyshire. The Cubs went to the panto and the Scouts survived an eventful Splash camp and not forgetting the ever-successful Rambling Fox with even more teams. We continue to see Young People of all ages achieve their top awards – King's Scout Award, Duke of Edinburgh awards, Chief Scout's Awards and more.

Our Youth Lead, Lauren Colwell, continues to ensure that Young People are at heart of what we do. She has provided amazing opportunities for Young People to have their say at all levels including holding a County Youth Forum in October at the Oaks campsite.

The County Activity teams have been incredibly busy – you can read about what they have been up to in the full report.

Thank you all for all you have done, and continue to do, whether directly with Young People or in the background. You have all played a key role in offering Scouting to Young People across the County.

*Bijal Bhagwan*

County Lead Volunteer



This has been a very positive year for increasing the voice of the young people both within our County and Nationally.

In October last year, we held our County Youth Forum, for which we had young people from Scouts and Explorers from almost all districts across the County which was great to see! They shared some great ideas and views of Scouting but more importantly, understood the importance of sharing their voice within their sections and took back many ideas of how to run a youth forum in their groups.

In January, the County Team got the opportunity to share our views on what the future of Scouting will look like at Summit25. Also, importantly for me, we got the chance to consider what the next step of youth-shaped Scouting looks like, including the launch of the UK Youth forums.

In March was the UK Youth Forum to which we took a group of five young people up to Manchester for the day. They did a wonderful job of representing Leicestershire and sharing their views on what Scouts' priorities should be for the next 10 years in its new strategy. From considering the role of technology in our futures to how important it is to them that volunteering becomes easier for adults, it was a day full of reflection and sharing their opinions.

I have also had the opportunity to listen to young people at various events, at a District

level as well as at the Rambling Fox where myself alongside some of our wonderful District Youth Leads attempted to collect feedback from over 500 participants. It was great to hear their highs and lows of the day and consider what we can do to improve the day even more next year!

Next year, we are planning another Regional Youth Lead weekend following the success of last years, giving our District Youth Leads a chance to develop, share ideas and have fun as well as hopefully bring more people into our Youth teams around the region.

*Lauren Colwell*  
County Youth Lead

### Structure, Governance & Objectives

The Leicestershire County Scout Council is part of the National Organisation of The Scout Association and operates within the Associations Policy, Organisation and Rules document (POR). The POR document contains details of the organisational structure and the means of governance for County, District and Groups.

Each Scout County has a Scout Council of elected and ex-officio members who must meet at least once a year at its Annual General Meeting and at other times by way of Extraordinary General Meeting if so called.

The Leicestershire Scout Council is the electoral body, which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the City of Leicester and the County of Leicestershire. It is the body from which the County Board of Trustees is elected.

The Scout Association is aware of the rights of young people and has made concerted efforts to encourage Scout Councils to involve young people on all committees in a decision-making capacity. Leicestershire Scout Council has endeavoured to implement this.

The County Board of Trustees are accountable to the Scout Council and are responsible for the management of Scouting in the City of Leicester and the County of Leicestershire.

### 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

We offer hundreds of activities, as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, staged performance, paragliding, and archery. There is something for every young person, whatever their physical ability.

### Report of the Board of Trustees

Leicestershire Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their



personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflections and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and live out their Scout Promise.

Leicestershire Scout's Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, activities, and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people as individuals, as responsible citizens, as members of their local, national, and international communities. We believe that we have met the Charity Commission public benefit criteria for both advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

Leicestershire Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

### Our Vision for the future

In our Skills for Life Strategy, we aim to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme, growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

#### 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which we help young people in the personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society.

#### 2. Public Benefit

Leicestershire Scouts is a Countywide movement, open to young people ages 4- 25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits are not constrained by a member's ability to pay. There are arrangements with Trust funds to help with costs for those that face financial hardship, so that young people are not excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstration throughout this report.

## Review of the year

### Our members

Census results for the year ending January 2024.

	2024	2025
Squirrels	279	407
Beaver Scouts	1998	1987
Cub Scouts	2418	2416
Scouts	2094	2046
Explorer Scouts	390	370
Young Leaders	239	275
Scout Network	92	100
	<b>7510</b>	<b>7601</b>

Adult Leaders	1307	1423
Management		
Roles	108	111
Governance Roles	442	455
Support Roles	470	252
	<b>2327</b>	<b>2241</b>
Total membership	<b>9837</b>	<b>9842</b>

## Programme Team

In 2024 the Programme team had an eventful and rewarding year.

Highlights include that in June 2024, over 500 Cubs from across Leicestershire gathered for the inaugural CubJam — an exciting evolution of the historic County Cub Camp. Designed with a vibrant Jamboree atmosphere, the event featured 12 hours of non-stop activities divided into three themed zones: Active, Creative, and Learning. The weekend was packed with fun, teamwork, and new experiences, setting a new standard for Cub events in the County.

On 1st March, more than 500 Cub Scouts representing over 40 groups took part in an unforgettable day trip to the London Science Museum. Exploring four floors of cutting-edge exhibits and hands-on science, the Cubs delved into the wonders of innovation and discovery. A highlight of the visit was the WonderLab experience, where they engaged in interactive experiments and watched live demonstrations, bringing science to life in a memorable way.

Rambling Fox returned this year, taking place in South Leicestershire, with separate routes for Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers. 95 teams and over 500 young people took part, with incidents along the route challenging their Scouting skills and teamwork.

The event is set up to be a challenge, well done to all who completed it! Congratulations to our winners, we saw lots of the best elements of Scouting across the day, but most importantly, there were a lot of smiling faces at the end of the event and excellent feedback from participants.

Huge thanks to the 150+ volunteers who helped make the event by happen, with lots of plans for improvement for the next event.

For the Scout section, 2024 had been an interesting year with intervention by the weather on several occasions.

In May, for the first time, in conjunction with the Derbyshire Mountain Bike Team, a mixed party of 30 Scouts and 16 Explorers supported by 16 Leaders from both Leicestershire and Derbyshire on a cycle camp around the Netherlands for a week.

The lead up to this had been a series of training rides and camps aimed at ensuring the ability of all members to complete the trip under their own power.

At midnight on Saturday 25th May the party met up at Donnington Services, loaded bikes and bags into trailers and themselves into minibuses for the journey to Harwich where they took to their bikes to board the ferry to



Hoek Van Holland, quite a sight to see 55 bikes cycling onto the ferry.

Arrival in Hoek gave them their first experience of the intervention of the weather on the plans with their disembarkation being held up for 30 odd minutes by a severe downpour before we they could leave the ferry and cycle the 20 odd km to Rotterdam Scout campsite where they were informed that the camping field was flooded by that same downpour.

Trips to Gouda, Rotterdam and the Kinderdyke were conducted the next day in dry weather as was the 100mm transfer cycle ride from Rotterdam to Baarn where more downpours greeted them once they had put the tentage up.

Trips were conducted the next day into Amsterdam with museum visits and other activities including a visit to Anne Frank's house and a Stand-Up Paddleboard trip.

The following day the 100km trip back to Bieslandse Bos campsite near Den Hage, again in nice weather.

The final day consisted of trips into Den Hage for surfing at Scheveningen, Duinrell water Park at Wassenaar and a visit to the Escher exhibition.

Finishing with a visit to an "All you can eat" pancake restaurant (challenge to any Scout) on their final evening before catching the ferry back again on the Saturday lunchtime at Hoek for the return trip ending at midnight Saturday,

back again at Donnington Services with all participants.

The event concluded with a weekend camp in September at Drumhill with a trip to Alton Towers and a presentation to Supporters and parents by the Scout and Explorer members.

A great deal of useful experience was gained in this trip which with luck may be attempted again in the future along with the Leicestershire Mountain Bike Team.

Another highlight for the Programme Team was the annual Splash Camp - again filled by Scouts from groups across the County. The normal range of mixed wet and dry activities were offered.

However, after a Saturday morning and early afternoon of activities in nice sunshine the weather again intervened in the event and forced an orderly evacuation of the campsite after an extremely heavy and non-moving thunderstorm flooded the campsite with nearly 12" of water in parts.

Thanks to all volunteers who played their parts with calm heads and help to get all safely away from the site.

Activities by other teams including the sailing caving and climbing teams have been available throughout the County and their highlights have been ....

### Sub Aqua

The unit has run a number of diving trips including a week in Oban, weekends in

Falmouth and Portland and a week of more advanced diving in Scapa Flow.

They have a number of trips planned for the remainder of this diving seasons including dive weekends in Skomer, Anglesey and The Farne Islands as well as a long weekend on the Isle of Cumbrae specifically targeted at our newer qualified members.

As always, they have also had a great number of dives at Stoney Cove in the last year for both training and pleasure including the traditional Christmas tree decorating day.

#### Training:

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- Completed training for two Ocean Diver students
- Completed training for one Sports Diver student
- Begun training for three Sports Diver students (including one new member)
- Continued training for one Dive Leader student
- Begun training for three Dive Leader students (including one returning member)
- Continued training for two Advanced Diver students
- Started BSAC Boat Handling Course, will be completed when availability of instructors and students allows
- Continuing progress of one boat handling instructor

On Thursday evenings since April 2024, the unit has completed...

- 77 SCUBA Try Dives
- 77 Try Snorkelling sessions

- 21 Dolphin Snorkeller qualifications

#### Breakout Canoe Team

Competition training sessions were once again offered to Scouts throughout the year at their Hinckley base - usually on Tuesday evenings for the majority of the year. They had around fourteen regular junior attendees.

#### Courses

During the period Easter to October, they ran the following beginners' courses.

- 2 x Paddle Explore courses
- 3 x Paddle Discover courses

#### Fun Sessions

The team ran fifteen fun sessions at Hinckley and Lutterworth Swimming Pool for around 230 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Attendees were drawn from both Hinckley and South Leicestershire District Groups.

#### Competitions

- Canoe slalom: Cardington (Bedford), Stone, Orton Mere (Peterborough) and Nene Whitewater Centre (Northampton). National Inter-Clubs competition at Cardington.
- Canoe marathon: Soar Valley marathon at Leicester Outdoors Pursuits Centre
- Wild water racing: A series of six entry-level competitions at Barrow-Upon-Soar
- Peak Challenge: WWR, Slalom and Kayak Cross at Cromford in Derbyshire
- Rafting: entry level competitions at Holme Pierrepont and Matlock

In early 2024 they organised two Introduction to Moving Water sessions at Barrow-Upon-Soar, and Peterborough, with around six children attending each session. They also held a whitewater training session at Matlock and a canal journey during the summer.

#### Swimming Pool Sessions

In addition to the fun sessions mentioned above the team also offered a series of swimming pool sessions at Lutterworth Leisure Centre - primarily for our 'improvers' and more experienced paddlers.

#### Achievements in Competition

The Teams three under 23 international whitewater racing paddlers continue to excel, with Emma and Kerry Christie becoming senior world champions in the C2 class in 2024.

#### Coaches and Leaders

Their 2024 team comprised around ten regular on-the-water instructors. A number of students also helped out from time-to-time.

#### LeTOAST

The LeTOAST team has undergone a recent change of management and is now led by Tom James.

They remain a very small team of instructors for the number of activities delivered. They committed to fourteen bookings last year, which covered all sections including Squirrels, and was spread across a range of group, District and County events.

LeTOAST teams are in the process of agreeing a partnership agreement with Ullesthorpe campsite, where they have a permanent

Tomahawk range set up as well as equipment and storage facilities.

LeTOAST key members continue to meet regularly and aim to continue to develop the team further and are looking forward to the year ahead.

#### Archery

The small team have been out and about during the year providing archery at Ashby & Coalville District Camp, Charnwood District camp, Beaveree, County Splash Camp and Holwell & Willesley campsites along with visiting groups and running a Scout Master at Arms. They have provided archery sessions for over 800 young people.

The team provide both soft archery for younger sections as well as normal archery for the older sections at meetings, camps or events and they also run sessions to run Master at Arms badge.

#### Caving

The caving team provided fifteen trips over the year taking approximately 247 Scouts underground. The groups were again a mixture of Leicestershire Scouts as well as Scouts and Explorers from Hertfordshire Kent and Birmingham.

Two team members have now virtually completed their level I local Cave Leader mine award with only the group assessment day outstanding. Once completed the team will be asking for them to be appointed as assessors in order that they can carry out peer reviews for assessments going forwards.



There have been no accidents incidents or near misses associated with any of the trips this year. The team have also purchased fourteen new helmets and lamps to replace helmets and lamps which were time expired as well as replacing some of the safety ropes again due to age. Their thanks to County for the Forward5 grant which assisted them greatly in this.

The caving team continue to be affiliated to the BCA (British Caving Association) and are members of PICA (Peak Instructed Caving Association) who provide the mine inspection reports required under POR.

- 37 Bronze
- 44 Silver
- 12 Gold

As always, we all need to encourage Young People to accelerate their participation, and adults to help with their support.

Many thanks to those Leaders who have been continuing to give up their time and energy to help support the Explorer Scouts within DofE.

### Leicestershire Scouts International

Once again, a great number of Scouts from Leicestershire have ventured beyond our shores in '24 and '25'. For this year's report, I thought it would be interesting to highlight three of the international visits undertaken over the past 12 months, showcasing just a few of the incredible opportunities available to young people across our county. These reports have been prepared by the travelling groups.

The first adventure was a self-led trip by five members of Leicestershire Network who undertook an Explorer Belt Expedition to Greece...

In July 2024, the Leicestershire Olympians, consisting of five Network members from across the County, set off on our Explorer Belt, a ten-day international expedition, aiming to



In the last 23 months to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025, Leicestershire Scouts had a total of 265 active young people participating in the D of E awards programme:

	2024	2025
Bronze	101	110
Silver	92	88
Gold	45	67

The team thanks Nicky and Graham for dealing with much of the paperwork and administration to manage the registrations.

Over the 12 months the team have had the following complete their awards:

explore a new country, its culture and way of life.

Our Explorer Belt story is a great example of how scouting can create amazing opportunities and friendships; our team first met at the King's Coronation, but it wasn't until, by chance, we all found ourselves together at another national event, that the idea of completing the challenge was conceived. In just 5 months, and with great support from our mentor, Tracey, and Rich, we planned and organised our entire trip.

We had planned an ambitious journey covering the length of Greece, starting in the north, and making our way down to Athens to finish, with our aim to investigate the influence that Ancient Greek Culture has had on Modern Civilisation. We started in the city of Thessaloniki, arriving quite late in the evening, we experienced some minor hurdles as we acclimatised to being on our own as a group in a foreign country! Nothing however as a team we could not overcome.



In the first few days we travelled mostly by train but also on foot, ensuring we would hit our minimum walking requirement for the expedition. A local Scout Group kindly gave us their hut overnight, and a contact we had made in the local Police gave us some advice for the rest of the trip. Our plans were then changed when we met a large Greek Scout Group at an ancient ruin, and we joined them for the day visiting museums and monasteries on their coach, places that we'd previously discounted due to us not having transport.

The next stage of the expedition was Mt. Olympus. A challenge that as a group we wanted to undertake. We stayed in the town of Litochoro where we had some fantastic local interactions, from just simple conversations with locals to being welcomed into a local traditional dance rehearsal! It was great fun even if we did not have a clue what we were doing...

Our journey to the top of Olympus lasted two days, staying in the mountain refuge after an eighteen-hour trek. The refuge was an awesome place and holds so many unforgettable moments, from a quite unique toilet to hilarious sleeping arrangements and the fact that all of our flip flops never checked out!

After the high of Olympus, we travelled to Platamonas for a night and then on to Meteora, where the most incredible ancient monasteries exist. We were welcomed into the town by the area police and local MP who picked us up from the bus station, this was without doubt the most hilarious moment of the expedition as we did not expect to see a tiny three door car and a moped! But after tour of the area and lunch they left us to it. Our final leg of the expedition involved a long train journey to Athens where we eventually spent a few days exploring everything that this amazing history-rich city has to offer, from the Ancient Parthenon to Olympic stadium there was so much to see and learn from, and it provided a great case study towards our aim.

It is very difficult to summarise ten days of expedition into a few short paragraphs, especially with such a mix of fantastic, funny, educational, and purely unique moments, however our expedition was a huge success and extremely enjoyable to take part in. The hard work of organising it is definitely worth it, and we would encourage

anyone to take on the Explorer Belt challenge.

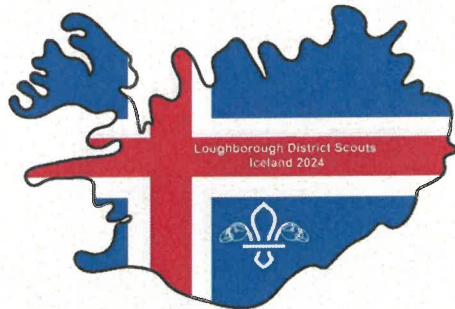


We have all got our eyes on future opportunities, from participating in more amazing international Scouting experiences ourselves to taking young people away to experience everything that international trips can provide.

*... this self-led trip was planned and organised by the Network members supported by mentors. The team planned every aspect of their trip, and I am pleased to report, after their return, that the team were assessed against the Explorer Belt criteria and were awarded their Explorer Belts at a presentation in September '24. Earning an Explorer Belt is an outstanding achievement for the team members, and I am pleased to report some of the teams have already planning more adventures.*

The next Visit Abroad was Loughborough District Scouts who undertook s Residential Trip to Iceland. This is a great example of a team of

volunteers from across a District coming together to provide an experience for their young people ...



In May 2024, a group of 42 Loughborough Scouts and Leaders embarked on an adventure to Iceland, the land of fire and ice for 5 days.

The journey began 18 months earlier with the signing up process, followed by intensive fundraising efforts to collect the £1500 needed for the trip including bake sales, village fairs, car washes, and sponsored hikes to name a few and pre trip camps to bond and prepare for the expedition.

Iceland did not disappoint; the trip was non-stop excitement from start to finish. The Scouts experienced the breathtaking beauty and unique features of Iceland like:

- **Glacier Hiking:** The Scouts trekked across a live glacier and its icy expanse learning about the geology and effect of the environment.
- **Thermal Spas:** Relaxing time in the warm, soothing waters of Iceland's famous thermal spas.
- **Lava Tubing:** Exploring the underground lava tubes from previous eruptions.

- **Sightseeing in Reykjavik:** Guided by Icelandic scouts, the group explored the capital city, visiting landmarks and learning about local culture.
- **Waterfalls and Volcanic Hikes:** So many stunning famous waterfalls explored and hikes through volcanic landscapes, appreciating the amazing scenery and getting a bit wet!



- **Geothermal Hikes and Geysers:** Exploring the power of the earth beneath their feet, and spectacular displays of geysers.
- **Bridge Between Two Continents:** Standing on the bridge between the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates was a truly unique experience.
- **Icelandic Troll Tales:** The group's guide shared fascinating stories and legends about Icelandic trolls and enriching their cultural learning.





Challenges and Adaptations - The trip was not without its challenges. A live volcano necessitated some changes in plans, but everyone adapted seamlessly. Despite the alterations, their spirit of adventure remained throughout.

Conclusion - The Loughborough scouts' adventure to Iceland was a resounding success, filled with unforgettable experiences and valuable lessons. From the effort in fundraising and preparation to the breathtaking Icelandic landscapes and cultural encounters, this journey was an extraordinary and enriching experience for all participants.

- “the best place in the world he's ever been and would like to go again!”
- “had the most amazing time in Iceland with you all. He still talks about it now and people still ask him about it. It was his first time flying too and one he will never forget.”
- “often talks about his ‘trip of a lifetime’ and has enjoyed telling people stories from the trip.”
- “enjoyed EVERYTHING about the trip and would love to return to Iceland one day”

... this was a blended trip were the Leaders used a combination of their own

planning and experience and travel specialists to make this trip happen, allowing travel specialists to manage some the more complex arrangements and organisation of the trip. Buoyed by how their first trip went, the team is currently meeting with their young people to discuss their next adventure!

Last but not least, was a trip undertaken in the Summer of 2024 by Market Harborough Explorers Trip who visit Lake Balaton, Hungary, as a group of fourteen Explorers, seven Adults, and two Cubs Scouts...



Following a trip to Rotterdam in 2024, the plan was to go international again in 2026.

However, a number of the Explorers were going to be too old in 2026 and had missed internationals due to covid.

The Explorers as a group requested a trip in 2025 and being youth led as a leadership team we agreed to change the plans. The explorers had a choice of going to Spain or Hungary and they voted Hungary.

We went with Jeka a specialist youth travel company and organised our own transport there and back. Jeka arranged all transport etc for us in Hungary and

were helpful with the bookings and information around activities.



The group undertook a wide range of activities and experiences during their trip, including lake swimming, exploring the Budapest area "Budapestopoly" – exploration themed around Monopoly, they visited the thermal Baths, a high ropes park, cruised on the Discoboat, bike ride to Tihany to explore the area, visit the Annagora aqua park and hiked to various locations including Soifok where they visited the upside down house.

The group leaders canvassed opinion from the young people on return, here are some of their high points, low points, and favourite memories...

JM *High point – the aquapark with the steep slide*  
*Low point – shenanigans with my glasses*  
*Favourite memory – playing volleyball with the Hungarians*

JD *High point – Winning Budapestopoly after losing last year's*

*Rotterdamopoly as I made my team board a train in the opposite direction with five mins to go!*

*Low point – not being able to hire a pedalo until the last day due to availability.*

*Favourite memory – arriving at the disco boat and realising what it is, pirate ship and all.*

ID *High point – Thermal baths in Budapest.*

*Low point – almost getting stuck on the high ropes.*

*Favourite memory – on the rings at the water park with J.*

HJ *High point – green slide at the aquapark*

*Low point – leaving to go home.*

*Favourite memory – high ropes*

MH *High point – going for drinks by the waterfront one evening.*

*Low point – the blue slide at the aquapark – it hurt.*

*Favourite memory – Irish snap on the train from Budapest*





...much like the team who planned the Loughborough District trip, the Harborough leaders planned the trip as a blended trip using JEKA travel company and their own initiative to plan their trip. The team are now discussing with the Explorers another international trip in 2026. The initial destinations being considered include Iceland, Sweden and Denmark, or another Jeka trip.

As a County we continue to support groups wishing to travel abroad, and across the UK in the last 12 months, 381 trips took place, providing 8654 young people (including Squirrels) and 2890 adults take part in Visits Abroad.

*Richard Coppock*

Leicestershire Scouts County  
Programme Team – International

## Support Team

The past year has been one of change of focus and team members following the move to be support orientated.

The Support Team gives tools and resources to help Scouts run smoothly in their County and this is achieved through a number of sub teams including the staffing, LE3, Health & Safety and Communications.

## Special Projects

We were thrilled in August 2024, to be able to appoint two Local Growth Officers, Abena O'Connor and Sumaya Qirbee, who will be working with Sections and Groups across the County to grow and develop Scouting, funded by Channel B of the Ash Legacy project. Since starting work in early October, Abena and Sumaya have been straight to work, reaching 14 Groups at the time of writing, with more in the pipeline. This work includes opening new Sections or missing Sections, re-energising Sections where youth numbers are low, supporting with adult recruitment, community engagement, programme planning and more.

This is overseen by Jack Barber as the Special Projects and Development Team Leader, as well as a Steering Group made up of County Trustees and District representatives. This Steering Group

ensures that the project is meeting its objectives and selects Sections and Groups to work with based on the data available to them. These decisions are guided by the agreement made with TSA, supporting Sections with low numbers of adults and/or young people, with priority given to areas of lower IMD and particularly looking to increase the diversity of our membership, as well as our target Districts (Loughborough, Hinckley, South West Leicester and North East Leicester).

We have already seen progress and growth in many of the projects we have been working with and are looking forward to continuing this. The Local Growth Officers are funded for an initial two years, with the hope that this will be able to be extended for a further two years after this.

### Safety

Doing things safely is fundamental to everything we do in Scouting. The Safety training ensures that you understand your responsibilities for keeping everyone in Scouts safe and how to assess and manage risk.

## YOUTHFUNDDAYS

Youth Fun Days is a non-for-profit company selling discounted tickets to youth groups to top Merlin attractions across the UK and any

surpluses are returned to local Scouting in Leicestershire.

Youth Fun Days are supported by a team of volunteers from across the County and the UK. During the year, Leicestershire Scout Council received funds of £30,000 from Youth Fun Days. Last season Youth Fun Days had a phenomenal year and were also able to donate £300 to each Scout group across the County – that is 111 groups amounting to £33,300 of donations.

Youth Fun Days Limited is an independent company in which Mr A Wray, Mrs C Black, Mrs L. Rowe, Mr D Wray, and Mrs L Edwards are Directors with Mr A Wray being nominated the CEO. None of the Directors receive recompense.



## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached accounts give full details of the financial position of the Leicestershire Scout Council at the 28 February 2025.

We are fortunate that the financial position at County is strong which has enabled us to directly support Scouting by Forward5 funding (discussed below) and again holding the County levy at the same level, as we will be doing for at least the next two years.

Looking at the areas of revenue generation for us we have seen an increase in membership (and hence fees) as well as higher donations. However, we are also finding it harder to make money from the Equipment Department and the letting of Headquarters. We are working hard to address this but many of the factors are outside our control. A tight control of costs overall helped us maintain a strong position.

Our balance sheet remains solid with net assets of £1,259,066 which includes property valued at £505,934.

### Funding and Reserves

The County Trustee Board is satisfied that the charity's assets are sufficient and available to fulfil its current obligations.

The Trustee Board and Finance Committee are aware of the need to balance holding funds in reserve and applying funds to benefit young people and this is a matter under regular review. We aim to hold reserves to enable us to keep operating in another lock down type event and you can see in the accounts that £140,000 is held as a working capital reserve. We have committed over £440,000 to the

five-year Forward5 programme and that reserve now sits at £274,897 having been replenished by £111,214 of the Ash Legacy funds.

The General Fund (Free reserves) on 28 February 2025 is £292,434, which is an appropriate level.

The level of reserves is set to ensure that it:

- Identifies and plans for the maintenance of essential services
- Reflects the risks of unplanned closure
- Provide funding to develop Scouting across the County.
- Stand ready to assist Scouting entities with emergency funding.

### Independent Examiners

UHY Hacker Young conduct an independent examination of our accounts. We are pleased with their work and their appointment continues.

### Forward5 Funding

We have completed the first three years of our five-year plan to give awards of over £440,000 to help take Scouting forward after Covid. Given the addition of Ash funding, discussed below, we are extending the plan for several more years to enable considered and effective application of the funding.

In the first three years we have awarded £292,000 of grants and made loans of £63,000. We wish to continue with this and increase the rate, especially for loans. By the end of April in the current year, we had awarded £81,000 of grants.

There is more detail in a factsheet but in brief:

- Forward5 is a programme of grants and/or loans
- Your project needs to strengthen and/or develop Scouting
- Amounts are flexible from £1 to £45,000.
- We may consider over £45,000 for a special case

The Ash legacy agreements give us additional funding of £111,000 per annum for four years, of which we have received the first two payments.

### Investments

Our investments continue to be managed by Cooper Parry Wealth, and we are happy with their service. The County Board of Trustees are satisfied with the investment performance in the year covered by these accounts as we achieved a gain of 7.2%.

Post year end there has been turbulence created by actions in the USA, especially tariffs, and there have been sizable movements in the portfolio. We have to take a step back and remind ourselves of the fundamentals.

It is normal for markets to be volatile with significant ups and downs. It can be scary, we have dealt with sharp market movements several times in recent history, 9/11, the 2008 crash, Covid and the Truss budget for example. The free flow of information does not always help; you can remain blissfully unaware that your property has fallen in value.

We own shares in over 12,000 companies, which gives us a claim in their future cash flows. Those cash flows carry a high degree of uncertainty in their magnitude and timing. Then as news reaches the stock markets, investors interpret it and adjust their perception of value. Positive news can increase investors' confidence in a company. Negative news has the opposite effect. Markets are never a smooth ride.

This volatility is a normal feature of investing, and there will always be 'up' and 'down' periods. Historic data demonstrates (but no guarantee) that markets will recover, and more, in the short to medium term. The message is that this will pass, and the investments will re start their upward journey. Sometimes this can happen quickly, for example 2020 had a market low point of 26% down but ended the year 12% up.

We adopt a buy and hold approach to investments. 'Breaking news' gets priced into the markets quicker than most investors can react, so we accept the current stock price as fair. Research shows that few investors, whether professional or otherwise, possess any ability to successfully time when to be in or out of markets. The risk of trying to do so can be extremely costly as they often miss the start of the upturn.

Our investments were designed with this in mind:

- We judged the amount invested to be an amount we could manage without for the medium to long term – so we do not need to sell at a low point. We can ignore the noise.

- We soften the fall in the value of investments through owning exposure to companies around the world (diversification) and an appropriate amount in high quality bonds.

Overall, given the macro-economic conditions we are content with how the investments are positioned.

We operate an ethical investment policy using Cooper Parry Wealth's ESG portfolio.

The County recognises its responsibility to society and the following principles apply:

- To operate ethically and take account of social, environmental, and ethical considerations.
- To seek investment opportunities which demonstrate a positive approach to individuals, communities, environmental protection, pollution control, conservation and recycling, safety and security and ethical employment practices.
- To not knowingly invest in businesses whose activities and practices pose a risk of serious harm to individuals or groups, or whose activities are inconsistent with our values. It is acknowledged that this is a complicated area and that some companies invested in will have a modest level of activities of which we disapprove.

**The County Trustee Board has responsibilities for the financial statements.**

Charity law requires the County Trustee Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true

and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year, and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the County Trustee Board should follow best practice and have.

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Stated whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The County Trustee Board have overall responsibility for ensuring the charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and



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detection of fraud and other  
irregularities.

On behalf of the County Trustee Board

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Mr R Coppock

Trustee

June 2025



LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL  
YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Name of Charity:	Leicestershire County Scout Council
Charity Registration No:	521780
Governing Document:	Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
Address of Principal Office:	County Scout Centre 9 Oak Spinney Park Ratby Lane Leicester Forest East Leicester LE3 3AW
Bankers:	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiners:	UHY Hacker Young 14 Park Row Nottingham NG1 6GR
Investment Managers:	Cooper Parry Wealth Sky View Argosy Road East Midland Airport Castle Donnington Derby DE74 2SA



LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL  
YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

The members of the County Board of Trustees are the Charity Trustees of the Leicestershire Scout Council. During the year, the members were as follows:

<b>Sub Committee Appointment</b>		
County Chair	Mr D Chimley	All
County Lead Volunteer	Ms B Bhagwan	All
County Treasurer	Mr J Griffin	All

**Other Members**

County Youth Lead - Miss L Colwell

**Elected until 2025 AGM**

Mrs E Wardle	Financial Resources, LE3/Staffing/Online
Mr R Coppock	Financial Resources,
Mrs C Black	Financial Resources LE3/Staffing/Online

**Elected until 2027 AGM**

Mr Jack Barber	
Mr Samuel Arnold	
Mrs J McNulty-Green	LE3/Staffing/Online Store
Mr Paul Wren	LE3/Staffing
Mr Adrian Wray	Finance Resources, LE3/Staffing/Online

The County Lead Volunteer is appointed Nationally.

The County Treasurer is elected at the Annual General Meeting and elected for up to three years.

All other members are elected for a three-year period.

**Leicestershire County Scout Council  
Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 28 February 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and grants	1	35,812	-	35,812	22,000
Charitable activities	2	392,004	-	392,004	411,010
Other trading activities	3	28,188	-	28,188	33,145
Investment income	4	8,156	-	8,156	5,347
Other income	5	111,214	-	111,214	-
		<u>575,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>575,374</u>	<u>471,502</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs	6	397,156	5,858	403,014	405,736
Support costs	7	108,621	-	108,621	110,919
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>505,777</u>	<u>5,858</u>	<u>511,635</u>	<u>516,655</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains</b>		69,597	(5,858)	63,739	(45,153)
<b>Net gains on investments</b>	9	26,677	-	26,677	20,888
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement</b>		<u>96,274</u>	<u>(5,858)</u>	<u>90,416</u>	<u>(24,265)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds at 1 March 2024		1,166,991	11,659	1,178,650	1,202,915
<b>Total funds at 28 February 2025</b>	18	<u>1,263,265</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>1,269,066</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

**Leicestershire County Scout Council**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
<b>Prior Year Analysis</b>				
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and grants	1	22,000	-	22,000
Charitable activities	2	411,010	-	411,010
Other trading activities	3	33,145	-	33,145
Investment income	4	5,347	-	5,347
Other income	5	-	-	-
		<u>471,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>471,502</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities				
Direct costs	6	397,395	8,341	405,736
Support costs	7	110,919	-	110,919
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>508,314</u>	<u>8,341</u>	<u>516,655</u>
<b>Net expenditure before investment gains and exceptional items</b>		(36,812)	(8,341)	(45,153)
<b>Net gains on investments</b>	9	20,888	-	20,888
<b>Net expenditure and movement in funds</b>		<u>(15,924)</u>	<u>(8,341)</u>	<u>(24,265)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds at 1 March 2023		1,182,915	20,000	1,202,915
<b>Total funds at 29 February 2024</b>	18	<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>

All prior year activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

**Leicestershire County Scout Council**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 28 February 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	8	505,934	-	505,934	499,759
Investments	9	409,747	-	409,747	382,212
		<u>915,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>915,681</u>	<u>881,971</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Equipment department stocks		10,423	-	10,423	11,926
Debtors and prepayments	10	141,626	-	141,626	98,999
Short term deposits		40,410	-	40,410	38,612
Cash at bank and in hand		256,004	5,801	261,805	298,041
		<u>448,463</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>454,264</u>	<u>447,578</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(100,879)	-	(100,879)	(150,899)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>347,584</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>353,385</u>	<u>296,679</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,263,265</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>1,269,066</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,263,265</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>1,269,066</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted		1,263,265	-	1,263,265	1,166,991
Restricted		-	5,801	5,801	11,659
Total funds	12	<u>1,263,265</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>1,269,066</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>

These financial statements were approved by the County Board of Trustees on 30 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr D Chimley  
County Chair

**Leicestershire County Scout Council**  
**Accounting Policies**  
**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Leicestershire County Scout Council constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

***Going concern***

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Council and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

***Fund accounting***

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

***Income***

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

***Expenditure***

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and support costs. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Support costs are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

***Direct taxation***

The Council is a registered charity and therefore is generally not liable to direct taxation on income arising from its charitable activities as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

***Investments***

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

***Tangible fixed assets and depreciation***

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	2% straight line on buildings only.
Fixtures and equipment	20% straight line
Activities equipment and facilities	33% straight line

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***Stocks***

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks.

***Pensions***

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

**Leicestershire County Scout Council**  
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**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

<b>1</b>	<b>Income from Donations and grants</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	General donations	5,812	2,000
	Youth Fun Days Limited - unrestricted donation	30,000	20,000
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		35,812	22,000
<b>2</b>	<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Membership subscriptions	357,810	330,906
	Less: paid to The Scout Association	(278,175)	(253,719)
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		79,635	77,187
	Training	-	1,470
	Duke of Edinburgh training	4,404	4,575
	County Cubs	49,505	13,861
	Water activities	23,606	19,678
	Jamboree	-	158,923
	Sub-aqua	10,011	9,671
	Mountain bikes	2,365	276
	Climbing	2,511	1,462
	Shooting	2,773	3,799
	Breakout	8,457	5,582
	Caving	2,390	2,360
	Sailing	4,735	9,011
	Offshore Sailing Cruise	-	3,240
	Fencing	1,936	758
	Bushcraft	1,807	5,250
	Sundry activity income	100,657	50
	Equipment department takings	97,212	93,857
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		392,004	411,010
<b>3</b>	<b>Income from Trading Activities</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Lettings	18,188	24,145
	Youth Fun Days Limited	10,000	9,000
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		28,188	33,145

**Leicestershire County Scout Council**  
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<b>4 Investment Income</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Dividends received	6,670	4,146
Bank interest received	1,486	1,201
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	<b>8,156</b>	<b>5,347</b>
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<b>5 Other income</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ash Legacy	111,214	-
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	<b>111,214</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>6 Costs of Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Training including activities	8,900	5,709
EM Region expenses	-	73
County Cubs	44,611	11,602
Sailing and water activities	24,389	28,076
Offshore sailing expenditure	-	3,100
Sub-aqua	11,846	4,556
Fencing	2,135	894
Climbing	2,865	1,836
Caving	3,357	921
Bushcraft	290	1,885
Shooting	3,087	2,712
Breakout	9,505	5,039
Jamboree	112	156,375
Depreciation on activities equipment	3,640	3,636
Sundry activity expenses	91,267	906
Mountain bikes	3,398	375
Forward 5 Grants (external)	90,754	75,957
County Campsites Grants (restricted)	5,858	8,341
Duke of Edinburgh training expense	2,540	5,533
Equipment department:		
Purchases (stock adjusted)	74,530	69,119
Staff costs	3,488	3,465
Agency commission	776	419
Postage and stationery	4,067	3,716
Computer and website costs	1,457	3,052
Bank and credit card charges	988	868
Sundry expenses	189	-
Letting expenses	8,965	7,571
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	<b>403,014</b>	<b>405,736</b>
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<b>7 Costs of Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Cleaning and caretaking costs	13,536	16,322
Light and heat	5,464	7,795
Rates	5,278	5,264
Office licences	672	1,039
Repairs and maintenance	4,518	3,304
Depreciation on land and buildings	9,517	9,517
Depreciation on fixtures and equipment	3,636	4,266
Staff costs	21,094	22,127
Awards	5,796	4,424
Travelling costs	471	229
Insurance	4,196	4,487
Postage, stationery and office expenses	3,172	1,848
Equipment	1,353	1,243
Telephone	909	869
IT expenses	11,165	11,304
Bank charges	867	830
Sundry expenses	1,475	2,115
Governance - Independent Examiners' remuneration	6,520	5,688
County trustee board expenses	4,007	2,158
Legal fees	4,975	6,090
	<u>108,621</u>	<u>110,919</u>

Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated in a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**8 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and buildings</b>	<b>Fixtures and equipment</b>	<b>Activities equipment and facilities</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 March 2024	575,833	109,024	136,823	821,680
Additions	-	-	22,967	22,967
At 28 February 2025	<u>575,833</u>	<u>109,024</u>	<u>159,790</u>	<u>844,647</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 March 2024	88,218	99,306	134,397	321,921
Charge for the year	9,517	3,636	3,639	16,792
At 28 February 2025	<u>97,735</u>	<u>102,942</u>	<u>138,036</u>	<u>338,713</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 28 February 2025	<u>478,098</u>	<u>6,082</u>	<u>21,754</u>	<u>505,934</u>
At 29 February 2024	<u>487,615</u>	<u>9,718</u>	<u>2,426</u>	<u>499,759</u>

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**9 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
<b>Fair value</b>		
At 1 March 2024	382,212	362,869
Additions	12,445	10,135
Net investment gains	26,677	20,888
Net movement in cash and short term deposits	304	(312)
Disposal proceeds	(11,891)	(11,368)
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At 28 February 2025	409,747	382,212
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Historical cost at 28 February 2025	369,860	366,101
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<b>Investments are represented by:</b>		
Managed funds and unit trusts	405,487	378,256
Cash	4,260	3,956
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Fair value at 28 February 2025	409,747	382,212

The fixed asset investments were valued by a leading investment manager at 28 February 2025, who are deemed to be a competent third party.

**10 Debtors and prepayments**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Trade debtors	18,154	20,047
Other debtors	49,509	41,444
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	73,963	37,508
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	141,626	98,999

**11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,423	4,959
Amounts due to trusts with similar objectives:		
Rudkin Rutland Trust	12,196	12,461
J C Brooks Trust Fund	23,647	23,637
Other taxes and social security costs	472	13
Other creditors	31,350	103,114
Accruals	30,791	6,715
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	100,879	150,899

**Leicestershire County Scout Council**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
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**12 Analysis of Net Assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	505,934	-	505,934
Fixed asset investments	409,747	-	409,747
Net current assets	347,584	5,801	353,385
	<u>1,263,265</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>1,269,066</u>

**Analysis of Net Assets between funds - Prior Year**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	499,759	-	499,759
Fixed asset investments	382,212	-	382,212
Net current assets	285,020	11,659	296,679
	<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>

**13 Employees emoluments**

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	41,268	40,983
Social security costs	251	3,145
Pension costs	864	855
	<u>42,383</u>	<u>44,983</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2024 - 2). There are no employees receiving remuneration of £60,000 or above.

No County Trustee Board member, or person with a family or business connection with a County Trustee Board member, received remuneration in the year, directly or indirectly, from the charity.

**14 County Trustee Board Members expenses**

The aggregate amount reimbursed to 7 (2024 - 6) County Trustee Board members during the year in respect of travel and other expenses was £4,007 (2024 - £2,158).

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<b>15 General donations received</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Florence Turner Trust	1,250	1,000
J R Corah Foundation	500	500
The Grand Charity	-	500
General donations including clothes sales	4,062	-
	<u>5,812</u>	<u>2,000</u>

<b>16 Other financial commitments</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total future minimum payments under non-cancellable operating leases	<u>-</u>	<u>1,203</u>

**17 Related party transactions**

During the year Youth Fun Days Limited, a company in which C Black, L Rowe, D Wray and A Wray are directors, paid donations of £30,000 (2024 - £20,000) and administration charges of £10,000 (2024 - £9,000) to Leicestershire County Scout Council.

There were no outstanding amounts at the year end (2024 - £nil).

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18 Statement of Funds

	At 1 March 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 28 February 2025
	£	£	£		£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Headquarters	499,759	-	-	6,175	505,934
Capital	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Forward 5 (Est 28 February 2022)	280,845	111,214	(117,162)	-	274,897
Working Capital	140,000	-	-	-	140,000
	<u>970,604</u>	<u>111,214</u>	<u>(117,162)</u>	<u>6,175</u>	<u>970,831</u>
General fund	196,387	490,837	(388,615)	(6,175)	292,434
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>602,051</u>	<u>(505,777)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,263,265</u>
<b>Restricted fund</b>					
County Campsites - Youth Fun Days Limited	11,659	-	(5,858)	-	5,801
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,178,650</u>	<u>602,051</u>	<u>(511,635)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,269,066</u>

The funds were set up for the following purposes:

Headquarters	To establish and maintain premises
Capital	To meet future capital expenditure
Forward 5	To development scouting across the country
Working Capital	To meet future working capital needs
County Campsites	For the development of County Campsites, particularly in relation to kitchen/catering facilities.

Transfers have been made between the funds to maintain the balances required as follows :

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Statement of Funds - comparative

	At 1 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 29 February 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Headquarters	501,853	-	-	(2,094)	499,759
Capital	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Forward 5 (Est 28 February 2022)	356,802	-	(75,957)	-	280,845
Working Capital	140,000	-	-	-	140,000
	<u>1,048,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(75,957)</u>	<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>970,604</u>
General fund	134,260	492,390	(432,357)	2,094	196,387
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>1,182,915</u>	<u>492,390</u>	<u>(508,314)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,166,991</u>
<b>Restricted fund</b>					
County Campsites - Youth Fun Days Limited	20,000	-	(8,341)	-	11,659
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>1,202,915</u>	<u>492,390</u>	<u>(516,655)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the Board of Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicestershire County Scout Council ('the Charity') for the year ended 28 February 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts of the Charity in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Charity are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts. I have carried out my examination under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

### Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records, with respect to the Charity, were not kept as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act and were not kept as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or



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4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Chris McKain*

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Address: 14 Park Row, Nottingham, NG1 6GR

Date: 13 July 2025



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