



Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council

Annual Report 2024-2025

Published December 2025

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council
Registered charity number: 522366
Charity's principal address: School House, Bitchfield, Grantham, Lincolnshire. NG33 4DR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not whole year
Trevor Watson	District Commissioner / Lead Volunteer	
Diane Siddle	Secretary/ Support Team Member	
Nathan Wakefield	Treasurer	
Alistair Cobbold	Lay Member	
Heidi Haxeltine	Lay Member	
Cathy Heron	Guide Association Rep	
Howard Nelson	Local Training Manager/Chair	Until May 2024
Andrew Tagg	Chair	10 October 2024
Martin Siddle	Lay member/Team Leader (Support)	
Steve Canham	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	07 Nov 2024
Luke Houghton	Lay Member	
Michelle Nelson	Lay Member	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The District'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 District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts; the Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR
Trustee selection methods	The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As 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.

Additional governance issues

The Trustee Board consists of:

1. Three independent representatives: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. Ex-officio members: District Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner
3. Elected Members and co-opted according to need.

The Trustee Board meets five times a year, one meeting being the AGM

The District Trustee Board exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment, and is responsible for:

1. The maintenance of District property
2. The raising of funds and the administration of District finances
3. District public occasions
4. Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support
5. Appointing any sub-committee that may be required.
6. Appointing District administrators and advisers other than who are elected.

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objectives of the District are as a unit of The Scout Association.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. 2. The method of achieving the Aims of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. 3. To provide administrative and training support to the following groups of the Scout Association <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Horbling & Billingborough Scout Group b. Bourne Scout Group c. 1st Thurlby (St Firmin) d. The Deepings Scout Group e. 1st Ketton f. 2nd Stamford Town g. 6th Stamford h. 2nd Wittering i. District Explorer Scout Units (which are an integral part of District) j. Scout Activity Support Units <p>Any other group formed within its catchment area.</p>
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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Board met throughout the year. The District Commissioner/Lead Volunteer reports on uniformed matters to the District Trustee Board so that it can be kept regularly informed about activities across the District. As was the case in previous years the Board have identified several issues the District needs to address.

- The lack of a Group Lead Volunteer in several Groups and one Trustee Boards with too few members.
- A need to rebuild some groups/sections due to leadership change.
- The remaining impact of the CoVID period.
- The ongoing need to grow sections and attract more adults.
- Ensure that training is undertaken in accordance with POR
- The need to have control of all District funds.
- The long term need to bring mains power to Shacklewell

While not all of these issues have been addressed progress has been made this year

- While there were up to 4 groups without GLVs during the year the groups were still active and supported by the District Team.
- The migration from SASUs at the Associations transformation see those members continue to support section activity as required across the District.
- Training/Learning compliance remains high in the District. The need to chase people however remains an issue and increases administration efforts
- The appointment advisory panel has met until replaced by new processes. We acknowledge here our thanks to the panel and their efforts over many years

There is continuing work undertaken by the DC and Team Leaders o the District Leadership Team to support the work of sections and Trustee members have worked to support Group Trustee Boards.

The District now has 4 Dreys and looks to grow this provision during 2025-26

The Scout Shop continued to supply goods despite challenging stock supplies from HQ. The manager has indicated his desire to retire so the future of this facility is under review.

Stamcamp took place again in 2024, with the Cubs attending a District Cub Camp at Sudbrooke. Both a Stamcamp and County Cub Camp were in the calendar for 2025

The Census showed little change over 2024 growth constrained by the need for more volunteers and in some places larger or additional accommodation

There remain concerns about the following:

- Lack of GLV at some Groups

- Long waiting lists in most groups
- Difficulty in recruiting sufficient Adult Volunteers to grow the number of Sections to meet demand.
- Increasing number of leaders undertaking multiple roles which puts pressure on them, and should they leave will exacerbate the pressure we already have on running sectional activity

A great many people have put in tireless efforts to support scouting in this District. The thanks of the whole District go to them.

I would also like to thank colleagues on the District Trustee Board, The District Team and all Scouters and Parents who have helped our young people gain such a lot from scouting. The excellent role Trevor has played in charge within the District needs to be recorded. My personal thanks go to him for his work.

Andy Tagg District Chair June 2025

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves.	<p>The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short.</p> <p>The District Trustee Board unanimously approved that the District's reserves should be held at the annual running cost for the District for 12 months.</p>
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Declaration

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

Signature:	<i>Andy Tagg</i>	<i>Diane Siddle</i>
Full name:	Andy Tagg	Diane Siddle
Position:	Chair	Support Team
Date:	June 2025	

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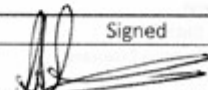

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for year to 31 March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Shacklewell	480,440	431,000
District Equipment/Assets	81,909	81,909
SASU Gangshow Equipment	910	990
	<u>563,259</u>	<u>513,899</u>
Current Assets		
District Current Account	28,621	74,333
District COIF Deposit Account - General ¹	83,169	22,501
District COIF Deposit Account - Shacklewell Insurance ¹	0	4,589
District COIF Deposit Account - Jamboree Fund ¹	0	4,650
Deeping Explorers Current Account	3,687	3,473
District Scout Shop Current Account	901	264
Scout Shop Cash Float	0	0
SASU Gangshow Deposit	2,354	2,320
SASU Cash	0	0
Stock		
Scout Shop Stock	5,814	5,006
Debtors		
Membership Fees ²	393	1,089
	<u>393</u>	<u>1,089</u>
Current Liabilities		
Membership Fee	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total of Assets and Liabilities	<u><u>693,310</u></u>	<u><u>639,015</u></u>

Notes:



1. Shacklewell Insurance and Jamboree Funds were closed and the monies transferred to the General Fund plus £50,000 transferred from the current account
2. Membership owed by 2nd Wittering

The above Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 25th June 2025 and signed on their behalf.

Name	Signed
Andrw Tagg - District Chair	
Nathan Wakefield - District Treasurer	

Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments Account for year to 31 March 2025

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Receipts		
Membership Subscriptions	53,686	48,293
Less: Membership subscriptions paid to County	<u>-44,344</u>	<u>-38,907</u>
Net Membership Subscription Retained	<u>9,342</u>	<u>9,386</u>
Membership Subscriptions - S&K Explorers	2,199	2,380
Membership Subscriptions - H&B Explorers	5,226	5,329
Membership Subscriptions - Deeping Explorers	3,430	3,162
Activities (incl Camp Fees) - District	29,779	18,720
Activities (incl Camp Fees) - S&K Explorers	2,857	3,761
Activities (incl Camp Fees) - H&B Explorers	35	1,867
Activities (incl Camp Fees) - Deeping Explorers	7,440	3,220
Uniform - H&B Explorers	34	314
Uniform - Deeping Explorers	349	476
Interest Received	1,429	0
Donations - District	28,034	2,081
Donations - Deeping Explorers	10	135
Donations - Shacklewell	0	500
Donations - Gang Show	35	0
SASU - Whitewater	1,110	1,782
SASU - Shacklewell	12,387	10,068
SASU - General	286	3,245
SASU - Shacklewell Power	105	2,165
Miscellaneous	129	0
Gang Show Receipts	825	2,470
Scout Shop Receipts	<u>13,343</u>	<u>15,467</u>
Total Receipts	<u>118,383</u>	<u>86,528</u>
Payments		
Membership Subscriptions - S&K Explorers	1,638	1,573
Membership Subscriptions - H&B Explorers	1,507	1,513
Membership Subscriptions - Deeping Explorers	1,900	1,271
Administration Expenses - District	2,626	823
Administration Expenses - SASU	657	3,261
Administration Expenses - S&K Explorers	744	678
Administration Expenses - H&B Explorers	2,767	932
Administration Expenses - Deeping Explorers	0	3
Administration Expenses - Young Leaders	76	6
Activities - District	21,432	13,279
Activities - S&K Explorers	2,839	2,922
Activities - H&B Explorers	2,702	3,845
Activities - Deeping Explorers	7,904	3,823
Uniform - Deeping Explorers	757	648
SASU - Shacklewell Operating Costs	7,129	13,938
SASU - Whitewater Operating Costs	825	570
SASU - General	12,715	6,115
Room Hire - District	1,730	827
Room Hire - Deeping Explorers	280	280
	30	0
Donations - District	28,284	967
Donations - SASU	50	0
Miscellaneous	175	517
Gang Show Payments	620	2,521
Scout Shop Payments	<u>12,706</u>	<u>13,597</u>
Total Payments	<u>112,090</u>	<u>73,908</u>
	<u>6,292</u>	<u>12,620</u>

Name	Signed
Andrew Tagg - District Chair	
Nathan Wakefield - District Treasurer	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

522366

Set out on pages

3 and 4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

Date: 20/06/2025

Name: Ray Dennis

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

Address: 52 Harvey Close

Bourne

PE10 9QI

Section B**Disclosure**

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

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

Nothing to Report