Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council

Annual Report 2025-2026

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council

Registered charity number: 522366

Charity's principal address: 45 Main Road, Dyke, Bourne PE10 0AF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not whole year
Trevor Watson	District Lead Volunteer	
Diane Siddle	Support Team Member	Until 02 July 2025
Nathan Wakefield	Treasurer	Until 02 July 2025
Angela Anderson	Treasurer	From 02 July 2025
Alistair Cobbold		
Heidi Haxeltine		Until 02 July 2025
Cathy Herron	Guide Association Rep	
Andrew Tagg	Chair	
Martin Siddle	Team Leader (Support)	
Steve Canham		From 2 July 2025
Luke Houghton		Until 02 July 2025
Michelle Nelson		

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 Lead Volunteer
3. Appointed 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

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The objectives of the District are as a unit of The Scout Association. 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 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. **Land, Water & Support Teams** Any other group formed within its catchment area.

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 two Groups and one Trustee Board with too few members. • The ongoing need to grow sections and attract more adults. • Ensure that learning is undertaken in accordance with POR • Increase diligence in ensuring that all Trustees across the District are aware of their responsibilities and that they are carrying them out effectively. • The need to have control of all District funds. • The long-term requirement to bring mains power to Shacklewell While not all these issues have been addressed progress has been made this year • While there were up to 2 groups without GLVs during the year the groups were still active and supported by the District Team. • The change to Teams from SASUs at the Associations transformation see those members continue to support section activity as required across the District. • Learning compliance remains high in the District. The need to chase people however remains an issue and increases administration efforts There is continuing work undertaken by the DC and Team Leaders of 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 continues to look to grow this provision during 2025-26 The Scout Shop closed during the year with the retirement of the volunteer. With direct on-line home delivery service available from HQ, Groups/Units now order direct. A limited service as a Badge Secretary for District badges, and neckers is maintained by a member of the Support Team Stamcamp took place again in 2025, with the Cubs attending a District Cub Camp at Sudbrooke. With the effort needed to put on the camp we have opened up the event to Peterborough District Scouts and other Groups across Lincolnshire and Rutland. This enables a wider range of activities to be provided, and the additional funding allows us to hire in large marquees reducing volunteer effort required The Census showed little change over 2025 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 2026

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves.	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. 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.

Declaration

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

Signature:	A Tagg	T K Watson
Full name:	Andy Tagg	Trevor Watson
Position:	Chair	Lead Volunteer
Date:	1st July 2026	

Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council (Charity no. 522366)

Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

	2025/26	2024/25
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	57,722	64,541
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(44,904)	(49,388)
Donations	9,049	29,079
Sub total	21,867	44,232
Fundraising events (gross)		
Activities for events	1,075	592
Uniform sales	854	383
Camps & activities	70,480	40,260
Shacklewell camp fees	12,417	11,387
Shacklewell power	260	105
Whitewater sailing	1,655	1,160
Canoeing	701	286
Scout shop	7,283	13,343
Miscellaneous	75	129
	-	-
Sub total	94,800	67,645
Investment income		
Bank interest	29	34
COIF Charities Deposit Fund interest	3,266	1,429
Sub total	3,295	1,463
Total Gross Income	119,962	113,340

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Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

	2025/26	2024/25
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	192	3,330
Adult support and training	90	45
Rent	2,569	2,640
Water and Sewerage	109	54
Gas oil and propane	3,734	1,555
Insurance	5,054	4,785
Maintenance	964	456
Materials and equipment	148	-
Contribution to camp costs	6,650	-
Uniforms and badges	831	1,742
Survey	-	4,857
Bank and card charges	364	
Donations	939	28,319
Sundry	1,013	515
Sub total	22,657	48,298
Fundraising expenses		
Activities for events	1,205	295
Uniform sales	973	-
Camps & activities	55,765	35,027
Shacklewell camp fees	5,976	5,057
Whitewater sailing	1,695	825
Canoeing	-	300
Activity fees	887	-
Scout shop	6,919	12,707
Miscellaneous	202	129
Sub total	73,622	54,340
Total Gross Expenditure	96,279	102,638
Asset purchases.	9,439	4,410
Total payments	105,718	107,048
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,244	6,292
Cash funds last year end	123,843	117,551
Cash funds this year end	138,087	123,843

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

	2025/26	2024/25
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account - District	34,593	28,621
Bank current account - Deeping Explorers	16,278	3,687
Bank current account - Shacklewell & water	1,043	1,287
Bank current account - Land activities	4,007	3,824
Bank current account - Scout Shop	-	901
Bank deposit account - Land activities	2,382	2,354
COIF Charities Deposit Fund - District	79,784	83,169
Total cash funds	138,087	123,843
Other monetary assets		
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	138	393
Sub total	138	393
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge and uniform stock	3,477	5,814
Land and buildings	480,440	480,440
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	87,213	82,819
Sub total	571,130	569,073
Liabilities		
Net camp fees received in advance	(32,223)	-
Sub total	(32,223)	-
Total net assets	677,132	693,309

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 1 July 2026 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
A Tagg	Andrew Tagg	Chair
A W Anderson	Angela Anderson	Treasurer

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Receipts and payments account - detailed 2025/26

	Total	Inter District	District	Explorers				Shackle - well	White water	Canoe	Land activites	Scout Shop
				Bourne	H&B	S&K	Deeping					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts												
Donations, legacies and similar												
Membership subscriptions - prior year	393		393	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Membership subscriptions	57,329	(7,314)	54,993	330	2,050	2,330	4,940	-			-	-
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	(44,904)	7,314	(44,904)	(1,242)	(1,242)	(1,725)	(3,105)	-			-	-
Donations	9,049		2,322	2,000	2,692	-	160	1,863			-	12
Sub total	21,867	-	12,804	1,088	3,500	605	1,995	1,863			-	12
Fundraising events (gross)												
Activities for events	1,075	(587)	-	-	-	-	-	-			1,662	-
Uniform sales	854		-	-	325	-	529	-			-	-
Camps & activities	70,480	(1,110)	30,502	-	1,988	1,894	36,444	-			762	-
Shacklewell camp fees	12,417	(62)	-	-	-	-	-	12,479			-	-
Shacklewell power	260		-	-	-	-	-	260			-	-
Whitewater sailing	1,655	(125)	-	-	-	-	-		1,780		-	-
Canoeing	701	(60)	-	-	-	-	-			761	-	-
Scout shop	7,283	(886)	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	8,169
Miscellaneous	75		55	-	-	-	20	-			-	-
Sub total	94,800	(2,830)	30,557	-	2,313	1,894	36,993	12,739	1,780	761	2,424	8,169
Investment income												
Bank interest	29		-	-	-	-	-	-			29	-
COIF Charities Deposit Fund interest	3,266		3,266	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Sub total	3,295	-	3,266	-	-	-	-	-			29	-
Total Gross Income	119,962	(2,830)	46,627	1,088	5,813	2,499	38,988	14,602	1,780	761	2,453	8,181
Payments												
Charitable Payments												
Youth programme and activities	192		-	-	130	62	-	-			-	-
Adult support and training	90		-	-	40	50	-	-			-	-
Rent	2,569		235	-	543	-	180	-		500	100	1,011
Water and Sewerage	109		-	-	-	-	-	109			-	-
Gas oil and propane	3,734		-	-	-	-	-	3,734			-	-
Insurance	5,054		-	-	-	-	-	4,726	283		-	45
Maintenance	964		-	-	-	-	-	557	407		-	-
Materials and equipment	148		-	-	148	-	-	-			-	-
Contribution to camp costs	6,650		6,650	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Uniforms & badges	831	(886)	746	345	137	173	316	-			-	-
Bank and card charges	364		-	16	161	186	-	1			-	-
Donations	939		939	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Sundry	1,013		843	-	-	-	-	-			50	120
Sub total	22,657	(886)	9,413	361	1,159	471	496	9,127	690	500	150	1,176
Fundraising expenses												
Activities for events	1,205		-	-	-	-	-	-			1,205	-
Uniform sales	973		-	-	465	-	508	-			-	-
Camps & activities	55,765	(1,944)	26,392	-	3,026	3,100	25,191	-			-	-
Shacklewell - repairs & consumables	5,976		-	-	-	-	-	5,976			-	-
Whitewater - repairs & consumables	1,695		-	-	-	-	-		1,695		-	-
Canoeing - other costs	-		-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Activity fees	887		-	-	-	-	-	-			887	-
Scout shop	6,919		-	-	-	-	-	-			-	6,919
Miscellaneous	202		-	-	-	-	202	-			-	-
Sub total	73,622	(1,944)	26,392	-	3,491	3,100	25,901	5,976	1,695	-	2,092	6,919
Total Gross Expenditure	96,279	(2,830)	35,805	361	4,650	3,571	26,397	15,103	2,385	500	2,242	8,095
Income less expenditure, excluding assets	23,683	-	10,822	727	1,163	(1,072)	12,591	(501)	(605)	261	211	86
Asset purchases	9,439		-	650	-	-		7,601	1,188		-	-
Total payments	105,718	(2,830)	35,805	1,011	4,650	3,571	26,397	22,704	3,573	500	2,242	8,095
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,244	-	10,822	77	1,163	(1,072)	12,591	(8,102)	(1,793)	261	211	86

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Receipts and payments account - detailed 2024/25

	Total	District	Explorers			Shackle - well	White water	Canoe	Land activites	Scout Shop
			H & B	S& K	Deeping					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts										
Donations, legacies and similar										
Membership subscriptions - prior year	1,089	1,089								
Membership subscriptions	63,452	52,597	5,226	2,199	3,430					
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	(49,388)	(44,344)	(1,507)	(1,637)	(1,900)					
Donations	29,079	28,034			10	1,000			35	
Other similar income										
Sub total	44,232	37,376	3,719	562	1,540	1,000	-	-	35	-
Fundraising events (gross)										
Activities for events	592								592	
Uniform sales	383		34		349					
Camps & activities	40,260	29,729	35	2,857	7,440				199	
Shacklewell camp fees	11,387					11,387				
Shacklewell power	105					105				
Whitewater sailing	1,160						1,160			
Canoeing	286							286		
Scout shop	13,343									13,343
Miscellaneous	129	129								
Sub total	67,645	29,858	69	2,857	7,789	11,492	1,160	286	791	13,343
Investment income										
Bank interest	34								34	
COIF Charities Deposit Fund interest	1,429	1,429								
Sub total	1,463	1,429	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-
Total Gross Income	113,340	68,663	3,788	3,419	9,329	12,492	1,160	286	860	13,343
Payments										
Charitable Payments										
Youth programme and activities	3,330		2,442	714	174					
Adult support and training	45							45		
Rent	2,640	550			280			500	100	1,210
Water and Sewerage	54					54				
Gas oil and propane	1,555					1,555				
Insurance	4,785					4,477	308			
Maintenance	456					456				
Uniforms & badges	1,742	580	325	80	757					
Survey	4,857					4,857				
Donations	28,319	28,284							35	
Sundry	515	468				7			40	
Sub total	48,298	29,882	2,767	794	1,211	11,406	308	545	175	1,210
Fundraising expenses										
Activities for events	295								295	
Camps & activities	35,027	21,432	2,702	2,839	7,904				150	
Shacklewell - repairs & consumables	5,057					5,057				
Whitewater - boat repairs & consumables	825						825			
Canoeing - other costs	300							300		
Scout shop	12,707									12,707
Miscellaneous	129	129								
Sub total	54,340	21,561	2,702	2,839	7,904	5,057	825	300	445	12,707
Total Gross Expenditure	102,638	51,443	5,469	3,633	9,115	16,463	1,133	845	620	13,917
Asset purchases	4,410					2,885	1,525			
Total payments	107,048	51,443	5,469	3,633	9,115	19,348	2,658	845	620	13,917
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,292	17,220	(1,681)	(214)	214	(6,856)	(1,498)	(559)	240	(574)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council (charity number 522366)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2026

As the charity trustees of the Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council] 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 Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Stamford & Bourne District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or

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

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: R Dennis

Name: Ray Dennis

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 52 Harvey Close, Bourne, PE10 9QL

Date: 18-06-2026