# STAFFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

**Registered Charity No 524528**

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1/1/2024 -31/12/2024

For the Annual General Meeting 9th June 2025

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## Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity

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| Sue Hewitt | District Lead Volunteer |
| Roland Smith | District Chair |
| Sharon Hill | District Treasurer |
| Paul Askey | Appointed |
| Andrew Preston | Appointed |
| Steve Smith | Appointed |
| Graham Smith | Appointed |
| Andrew Clode | Appointed |
| Jack Blakeman | District Youth Lead |
| Kevin Hewitt | Co-opted |

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## 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 of The Scout Association

## How the charity is constituted

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts

## Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

## Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered

## Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting – Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society
The Values of Scouting – As Scouts we are guided by these values. Integrity, Respect, Care, Belief and Co-operation
The Scout Method – Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of scouting

**Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees have an awareness of the Public Benefit Guidance with regard to Scouting's involvement with the local community. The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

**Financial Review**

Reserves Policy – 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 Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £8,000.

S**ummary of the main achievements of the charity during the year as set out in the following reports –**

## District Lead Volunteer Report

As I reflect on my 10 years of service as District Commissioner I am filled with gratitude and I could not let this milestone pass without extending a heartfelt thank you to each of you.

Throughout the years your support and dedication have made my role more manageable.

The work we have done together for scouting I could not have done this without your steady guidance.

I am proud of what we have accomplished together strengthening scouting. We have had our ups and downs but at least we have grown as a District.

Thank you again for standing by me through my journey; it has been an honour and I hope you will support Kevin as much as you have supported me.

Thank you.

Sue Hewitt
District Lead Volunteer

## District Chair Report

Before we go into my report I would just like to take a moment to reflect on the passing of our previous Chair Nick Lloyd who sadly passed away earlier on this year. Nick gave many years' service

to Scouting both at Group level and latterly District Level, certainly from my perspective giving good guidance on the roles and Duties the District Chair requires, for that I will be eternally grateful.
Yet another busy year for Stafford District, the Carol Concert was well attended and a great success, we then had our Gang Show earlier on in the year, we appreciate this is a challenging event and this year the content was brought more up to date and the comments I received back was that it was a really great success, so a very big thank you to the organisers, the front of house team and all who actually performed in the show.

St George's day parade and service went to plan, and it was great to see such a good attendance from our younger sections, the overall attendance was slightly down on last year, but with all scouting events we go with what we have.

Sheratt's wood continues to thrive with good attendance both from within our own district, and bookings from outside the district, this year it celebrates its 25th year since formation back in 2000. Also this year we have been able to undertake indoor shooting with the opening of the new indoor firing range, so a big thank you to both Kevin and his team for running and maintaining the facilities.

The Kayak centre located at Stafford Boat club has also being well utilised with a continual stream of bookings throughout the year, this is proving to be a very popular venue, so again our thanks go out to the Instructors who facilitate the events taking place.

One of the biggest challenges we have been faced with this year has been "Transformation", some of you from what I understand have found it challenging, whilst others have seemed to have settled into it well, suffice to say we will be requesting feedback from units on how they have coped generally and if they consider that additional training would be of benefit, in which case we will aim to facilitate some group training sessions where you can bring your devices and go through your specific areas of concern.

Trustee Boards, It is good to see that most groups have come to terms with the introduction of Trust boards, we appreciate that a lot of groups Trust Boards are mainly made up from operational Scouters and helpers, for which we are obviously grateful, we should however where possible be encouraging members outside of scouting onto the Boards, ideally individuals who have skillsets within business and finance where possible, I fully appreciate that encouraging fresh faces into these roles is a difficult one. I would also like to thank the groups that have invited me to their AGM's.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the District volunteers and Trustees for the support they have given to both myself and Sue over the last 12 months. And specifically give Sue a massive thank you for her 10 year service as both DC and more recently DLV

Roland Smith
Chair Stafford District Trustee Board

## District Explorer Unit Report

2025 has been a year of change. Overall numbers have dropped as a result of a large number reaching 18 years. A number of these have more into adult leadership roles. Adult leaders remains a pressing issue as the established leaders are getting older with limited younger leaders joining. Elements ESU currently lead the way in terms of numbers and are due to leave on a foreign camp travelling around Europe via train. 7A are waiting for a new influx from Scouts that should soon see this Unit reach into the 20's. They remain active with DofE. Both these Units have ambition to pursue the higher scout Awards. North Star and K2 are 'ticking along' but both are seeking new overall

leaders. Pegasus remain constant. St Vincent are low on numbers but have linked with their Scout Troop, a number of whom will be 14 years soon.
We enjoy active Young Leaders who have requested a YL camp. One is arranged for late June, hopefully this will be the first of a regular annual event. Plans are in place to provide regular training opportunities.
The next OB Cup is planned for October and this year will be held locally.
I expect the next World Jamboree selection will be made this year; always controversial, but overall positive for those who are successful. They will need our support.

Effy Preston

District Lead Volunteer for Explorers and Network

## Stafford District Squirrels Report

In 2024 with Squirrels we had our first district day which was held at Sherratts Woods, it was a great day we did a variety of activities including;

Climbing, nature walk, soft tomahawks, parachute games, scratch art bookmarks and bird feeder making. I had planned for a couple more district days, but due to unforeseen circumstances, these had to be cancelled. Going forward I am looking forward to arranging some more district events for the squirrels to attend

Kirsty Watt

Squirrels ADC

## Stafford District Beaver Section report

2024 brought together the district beavers 3 times.

We started the year with a rowdy Beaver Drive, there was a good representation from most groups. The weather was extremely good, so we did end up enjoying the sunshine as well.
In the autumn we met a Beaudesert for a Halloween themed camp, we entertained around 100 children and there was good representation from the district.

Our final activity was our annual Christmas party, held at Stafford Cricket club, once again number were around 100 - however, it was disappointing to note that several groups were not in attendance.
Our leader meetings have only a handful of leaders attending and I do thank them for their commitment.
We have a full plan in place for 2025 and I hope that we see more groups attending.

Cathy Hordern
Stafford LV for Beavers.

## Stafford District Cub Scout Section Report

Following a successful leaders meeting I put together a program of activities that were requested by the various groups that covered 2024 - 25. Appreciating that not all groups would be able to make everything, as they have their own programmes and commitments regarding leaders.

I put a program together with an Activity per month and put this out to the sections to see which they would be interested in.

As a result, many of the events didn't take place due to leaders not being available or activities already taking place on the same days.

We had a successful games day organised by Baloo from the sixth. We also had a successful district camp with an Olympics theme with representation from 12th, 9th, 11th and 21st at Sherratts.

There was also a go-kart challenge at the Grammar School and we had a chess competition at Gnossal. We ended the year with a circular walk on the chase from marquis drive visitor centre.

For 2025 I have cut back the plans following feedback from the leaders and will be repeating the games day, possibly a camp, if enough interest, the Pete Clements trophy will make its return (Doreen is running that one) and the grand plan for October is an all section district swimming gala. I'm also looking at a Christmas party to finish the year.

If any groups need me please get in touch, the offer to support camps using my permit where packs don't have one is still available.

Finally just a massive thank you to all the packs leaders for the enormous amount of time, effort and imagination they put in to making the busy active and engaging adventures for our Stafford Cubs every week.

Roy Clarke ADC (cubs)

## Stafford District Scout Section Report

All the Troops have run wide and varied programmes this last year and continue to deliver weekly meetings that reflect the values and goals of the association. The majority are camping however the trend for a week long summer camp does seem to be on the decline with many reporting that they have shortened these events to only five days from the traditional seven and in some cases only a weekend. The reasons are varied whether it is the willingness of the scouts to attend a full week or leader availability. But whatever the format maybe we are still providing valuable residential experiences for our young people at a very reasonable cost. We have run the usual District events. The Scout Quiz which was very well supported and run by The Earl St Vincent explorers. Many thanks to them for a great evening. Lucie and David from the 11th organised the lord Stafford Cup which took place at Sherratt's Wood with several troops taking part. All who attended had a great weekend and got to meet scouts from other troops and pick up some different camping techniques from each other. This years District 5 aside was a joint affair with the cubs and Lee Smith from the 12th yet again did an amazing job organising this ever-popular event.

Chief Scout Gold Awards were presented at ST Georges day once again many congratulations to all those achieving this. If you would rather receive your award within your troop, please remember to invite someone from the district team. In order that we can help to celebrate this milestone in the young persons Scouting career with them.

Yet again I would like to thank all the Leaders and Volunteers who turn up week in week out to deliver their programmes to the young people. Without
you all none of this would be possible.

Lastly but by no means least I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for all her help and support over the years as she steps down as Lead

Volunteer. As I'm sure you will all agree she has been invaluable to us all and leaves us in a fantastic position going forwards. Also welcome to Kevin as he steps into the role, I'm confident that we will do a great job for us and know we will all support him.

Yours in Scouting
Graham Smith
Lead Volunteer Scouts

## District Activities Report

The kayaking team this year had over 300 Cubs and Scouts on the water, also, a number of the Explorer groups have used the facilities and run their own sessions. The session dates which were released in February were very quickly taken up within days. No one who requested a session did not get one, but there were requests for Cubs and Scouts to be able to paddle that had missed the deadline and in most cases, we were able to accommodate them. Our thanks go to Stafford Boat Club for allowing us to have a building on their land for storage and a centre for running the sessions.
We have also continued to upgrade some of our kayaks and equipment. There have also been a number of day trips on the river for the more experience scouts.
Tom Kent the Explorer Scout (the Bean Fund has been sponsoring his equipment to allow him to complete in white water events at a national level) is currently hoping to get into the British National team.
The climbing wall has had a fairly quiet year with bookings slightly down on previous years. Most groups in Stafford have had at least one visit. The County Mountaineering Team have run a number of courses over the year. We have continued to replace items of equipment that have reached their recommended life span.
A number of groups have had trips into the hills over the year with most of the groups operating in terrain 1 and 2.
My thanks go out to the activity team members for all there help and commitment putting on these activities over the last year.
Paul Askey
LDC Activities

## Sherratt's Wood Sub Committee Report

The number of visitors using the campsite reflects the current economic time and the changes occurring throughout scouting. Fewer groups have visited for traditional camping, perhaps because of low numbers or available qualified leaders. Target Sports, Archery and the Climbing Tower are monitored to meet Safety rules and the range of these more adventurous activities continues to grow.
The Crew meet for two full days every week maintaining and improving this brilliant site. A superb year of achievement and improvement. Visually the site is always looking clean, cared for and is friendly. The whole environment and wildlife are most important especially in the camping areas and in our bluebell woods.
The "quiet" months are when the crew is most busy meeting all the necessary requirements and the ambitions of the to do list. Safety in all we are responsible for is foremost and constantly reviewed and updated.
Stafford District Groups have all supported us for activities, camping and training.—Squirrels ( first visits ), Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers.
We have welcomed 5 groups from South Staffs, 5 from East Staffs, 12 from

North Staffs, 2 Guide companies, Group summer camp from the Forest of Dean Stone District held a successful District Camp, and our own District several training events including pioneering, skills and the Master of Arms, and Lord Stafford Cup events.
This year, 2025, we are celebrating our 25th anniversary with a special day on JULY 19TH. An occasion to reflect how much has been achieved and how much more remains for us to plan.
Sincere thanks to Kevin, all the Crew and everyone else who has helped to make Scouting achievable with friendship humour and good company

Keith Low
Chair

## 4th Stafford (St Paul's) Scout Group Report

SECTION REPORT 2024 - SQUIRRELS
2024 was a year of change and new adventures for the Squirrels! We started the year having fun at the hut junk modelling and creating some exciting experiments. As the weather improved we got outside and we gardened and explored the world around us trying everything from colour hunts, bark rubbings and parachute games to den building at Stafford castle and 2 campfires this year. We also managed a big turnout at St George's day parade with 6 squirrels representing the 4th! The end of summer saw a change of leadership within the Squirrels as we said goodbye to Bob our fearless leader as she began a new adventure down under. Autumn was all about settling in we enjoyed getting to know each other completing lots of arts and crafts , building a big indoor den for storytime with the young leaders , lots of games and enjoying completing a brand new badge to squirrels Space Explorers! It must be said the space robot was a particular favourite. This winter we focused on our community and the squirrels worked exceptionally hard collecting donations for Stafford Food bank and managed to collect an incredible 23.8kg of food to help others in need and managed to complete their community impact stage 1 - a first for our Squirrel scouts! This year we also awarded 6 Chief Scout acorn awards and welcomed many new faces as some of our Squirrels completed their Squirrel adventure and moved on to the next stage of their scouting journey.
We look forward to a fun filled 2025 with many more adventures and new challenges as the squirrels continue to show that they are capable of achieving so much.

SECTION REPORT 2024 - BEAVERS
2024 was a year of adventure for Beavers as well. We got out and about exploring our area, with trips to the fire station, Cannock chase on our bikes and Stafford Castle. We had sessions of cricket and rugby and martial arts. Our sleepover was once again held at Beau, we joined forces with the 7th Hixon and had great fun, grass sledging, go karting and exploring Beaudesert. In a first for our beavers we wrote letters to Blue Peter as part of our book badge and the majority of our members received their Blue Peter Book badge in return. We started our fund raising for our Sealife sleepover in 2025, we were also able to raise £128 in our penny appeal which was donated to the Marine Conservation Society as part of our community impact badge. We took part in district events, the beaver drive, the district halloween day and the christmas party. Our children achieved 9 Bronze awards.

SECTION REPORT 2024 - CUBS
2024 started off with the cubs using their communication skills to email sone ideas of joint Cub and Scout evenings to our scout troop, this eventually resulted in us doing a joint camp with Scouts which was a very different experience but highly enjoyable. Throughout the year Cubs learned all about sugar content of their favourite things, made pizza, hiked climbed, took part in district competitions, grew sunflowers, tried foods from around the world, visited the mosque, went on

a bike ride, regularly brushed up on their basic scouting skills and played lots of games! We had 2 camps and a Christmas sleepover which was a fantastic way to end and another busy and successful year of scouting.

SECTION REPORT 2024 - SCOUTS

We pride ourselves on our active outdoor and traditional Scouting programme. And what another action-packed year it has been. Concluding our last Scouting year with our phenomenal Summer Camp on the Isle of Wight, a week in fine sunshine, to make our adventures even better. The Scouts were fantastic. Throwing themselves (sometimes literally) into every activity and challenge. Activities we're only able to do with their enthusiasm and perseverance. From Coasteering to Bushcraft, Water Sports to Hikes, they will have made memories for life. All the Scouts conducted themselves and represented the Group impeccably.

Our autumn term programme kicked off with cooking skills and navigation, finding north without a compass. The Troop put their creativity into action with some leather work, making axe head covers, and putting pioneering skills to the test with tripods and monkey bridges. The Troop also produced and recorded their own podcast, discussing all their favourite Scouting adventures. As always, bushcraft skills featured heavily in our programme, investigating alternative fire lighting methods with charcloth and birch bark and knife skills, making feather sticks and wax fire starters/stoves. In preparation for our numerous camps, Scouts were practising building shelters. They learnt bowlines and taut line hitches to make guy lines, as well as different shelter-building techniques. Our Scouts prepped and Bannock Bread, Stewed apples, vegetable packs and sausage rolls as backwoods cooking projects, all cooked on fire and the Dutch oven. In September, the Scouts and Young Leaders were truly fantastic today, supporting the SRC model railway exhibition at the Showground to raise funds. Their enthusiasm, politeness and service were brilliant. Carrying out all manner of logistical tasks from selling tickets to making drinks and judging best in show.

In October, Autumn Camp was a joint venture between the Troop and Cub Pack. Despite the cold and wet weather at times, it was a super weekend. A chance to develop and hone important Scouting skills. Adventure is the keystone of our programme, the Scouts enjoyed caving near Matlock Bath in November and Kilnworx climbing in April to finish the term. The early months of 2025 saw several hillwalking courses. 7.5 miles around Moel Famau and Moel Arthur in the Clwydian Range in February and 8 miles around the Goy Vallet in

March. Winter Camp was in February. A great weekend of greenfield and backwoods with the PLs and APLs. Reaching the pinnacle of Scouting skills and prowess, in constructing and sleeping in shelters, putting all matter in bushcraft skills into practice. Spring Camp, in April and what an amazing camp! Kinver 2025 turned out to be amongst the best weather we've ever had, helping to make the weekend even better. From hammocks and pioneered bridges, rifle shooting to aerial runways, cooking meals to bushcraft skills, the Scouts have the opportunities to experience these amazing traditional Scouting based activities.

Cathy Hordern
4th Stafford GLV

## 6th Stafford (Trinity) Scout Group Report

2024/25 has been an extremely challenging year for the Group, with a lot of changes taking place and a lot of pressure due to loss of several leaders in late 2024.

As a Group we continue to try and rebuild the Scouting skills lost during the various lockdowns of the past few years and the current levels of apathy, by camping and doing outdoor activities as much as we possibly can. Unfortunately the attendance and uptake on camps and activities / events outside of 'normal' meetings is extremely low, making it extremely difficult to organise or sort out logistics and often events are cancelled due to lack of interest.

Despite advertising on external sites, scouts.org.uk and our public social media sites we have

been unable to replace the 8 leaders we have lost over the past year. This means that an extreme amount of pressure is being placed on our GSL's to keep the Group's Beaver & Squirrel sections going. Changes with and issues relating to the new HQ system have also resulted in a number of leaders being suspended due to incomplete training and then leaving the Group due to the issues. However, despite these significant issues, the Group has been active and busy....

A couple of highlights for our Group:

- Taking an active part in the D-Day 80 commemorations at Victoria Park.
- Celebrating the 2nd birthday of our Squirrel Drey in January 2025.
- Getting further involved with the Platforms for Change project at Stafford railway station; working to create a Bee friendly garden and green corridor for wildlife.
- Planting new saplings in the green space around the car park at Stafford railway station.
- Being involved with the 2025 Stafford Gang Show.
- Celebrating the Scout Group's 95th anniversary in 2025 too!

We've had several camps this year, the highlight of which is always our Group Camp at Sandon which is special to us as a Group, and we appreciate the relationship that we have had with the estate and Lord Harrowby for 66 years now. This year in addition to the usually wide range of activities such as pioneering, bivi building, campfires & backwoods cooking and fun on the poly-slide, we also had a special falconry display as a treat!

We congratulate our members on achieving 8 Chief Scouts Acorn Awards; 2 Chief Scouts Bronze Awards; 2 Chief Scouts Silver Awards; and 2 Chief Scouts Gold Awards in the past year and 3 of our Young Leader Explorers have earned their Young Leader Belts.

We would like to thank members of our Trustee Board for their work over the past year, particularly Stuart (our Treasurer) and Jenny (who is a parent rep). We remain committed to gaining new, non-leaders, to join our Trustee Board, however recruitment remains difficult.

Our numbers currently stand as follows:

Squirrels - 6
Beavers – 8
Cubs – 11
Scouts – 18

During the past 12 months we have taken part in several events such as:

- 4 camps; Cubs & Scouts autumn camp at Consall, Scouts sleepover at Stafford railway station, Scouts training camp at Sherratt's Wood and our Group Camp at Sandon.
- The Cub Pack also really enjoyed the District Indoor Games Day.
- The Group have 'adopted' Stafford Station as part of the 'Platforms for Change' programme, if you visit the station you will see artwork from all of our sections in the various notice boards. We will also be taking part in Railway200 celebrations!
- All sections getting involved with the VE Day 80 commemorations.

As GSL's we have had another extremely stressful and busy year (with no signs of slowing down!) and would like to express our thanks to all our Leaders and Supporters for their assistance.

Regards, Justin L. & Vikki L. Williams (Group Scout Leaders)

## 7th Stafford (Trent Valley) Scout Group Report

Squirrels

11 members (+1 compared with June 2024)
3 leaders (as per June 2024)
1 young leader (as per June 2024)

Our squirrel drey opened in September 2023 and has grown to a steady number of around 10-12 members. We have agreed that 12 is the maximum number of squirrels we can have in our group, and will begin to operate a waiting list if needed. This will be reviewed at

regular intervals. Squirrels attend district and joint activities with our beavers. Recently this has included a navigation challenge and hike at Birches Valley, and grass sledging at Wolesley Bridge. The squirrels also had their first indoor sleepover at the end of last year. 6 Chief Scout's Acorn awards have been awarded in the last 12 months.

Beavers

20 members (-5 compared with June 2024)
4 leaders (as per June 2024)
1 young leader (-1 compared with June 2024)
Numbers are steady, but we may do some local school recruitment in the autumn term as we will lose more beavers to cubs than we gain from squirrels. Recent activities include joint activities with the squirrels as well as a healthy attendance at the district Beaver Drive. Indoor sleepover with the squirrels last year, with another planned with the cubs in the summer. 6 Chief Scout's Bronze awards achieved in last 12 months.

Cubs

22 members (+2 compared with June 2024)
2 leaders (-1 compared with June 2024)
1 young leader (+1 compared with June 2024)
Our new Akela and team are settling into the role well. More stable year overall. 1 x leadership water class B1 permit awarded this year. Climbing permits x 2 also in progress. Joint cub/beaver sleepover in the summer term. Kayaking and sailing also booked, as well as regular hikes on the chase during sessions. 4 Chief Scout's Silver awards in the last 12 months.

Scouts

16 members (-8 compared with June 2024)
2 leaders (-1 compared with June 2024)

Maternity leave covered with 1 x in house leader and 1 x district scout leader attending sessions. This worked well and special thanks should be given to those that helped out. Kayaking and sailing sessions completed this year. 5 x scouts booked on district expedition weekend so should achieve some Chief Scout's Gold awards this year. Interest in at least 3 of these scouts moving up to explorers too.

GLV's report

Member numbers are stable, although we have seen a slight loss overall this year. I think that reflects a big drop in scout numbers purely due to ages of the members of the troop. We currently have a fairly young troop so numbers should increase as cubs filter in. We have recruited two fantastic new leaders this year, and they have both hit the ground running with activities and ideas. However, although the leader numbers in each section look adequate, the reality is that we still have a very flexible leadership team who are all cross-covering various sections. The actual number of leaders is just 8 across all four sections, plus the GLV to help out where needed. We also have a new leader undergoing the recruitment process to help in scouts, where he's been acting as helper for over a year. We have a young leader in all sections apart from scouts, but these are all DofE students and will leave when their volunteering time is complete. Any explorers or network leaders that would like to come across to Hixon to help out would be welcomed with open arms! There are 15 children on the waiting list, with 5 of those being over 4. All have been offered places at squirrels but are waiting for beavers. We are not struggling for places at the moment.

The 7th continue to represent well at district events. Our turnout for St George's day parade was very healthy again, and we have supported the beaver and squirrel district events well. We also put a team of cubs into the Pete Clements trophy day and had a fantastic day – thank you to those that put these events on. In addition, we had 2 squirrels, 3 beavers, 2 cubs, 1 scout and 1 leader in this year's gang show. We also had 29 members in uniform come to support the show on the Friday night, along with members of their families,

meaning over 50 tickets sold for the Gang Show! (I'm still waiting for my salesperson of the year prize...)
Our chairman completed the safety audit for our premises and this has raised some important points which have already started to be actioned. He has set a target of July to make all of these improvements. One of our new leaders has experience in marketing and social media, so she has also agreed to take over the website, newsletter and social media accounts with improvements already being seen. Finally, this year we are planning a group outdoor camp and have had approval to plan it as 3 separate camps and therefore apply for 3 permits. This is a huge relief as lack of outdoor permits has been a problem at the 7th for many years now. This will formulate the main focus of the group this year, along with continuing to improve our risk assessments following the safety audit.

Sarah Nightingale
Group Lead Volunteer

## 9th Stafford (Sea Scouts) Scout Group Report

The 9th Stafford Sea Scout Group continues to deliver a vibrant, adventurous, and inclusive programme for young people in Stafford. As a Sea Scout Group, we provide a unique blend of traditional Scouting, water-based activities and as well as land based activities. helping our members develop skills for life while exploring new challenges on land and water.

Over the past year, we've seen fantastic participation across all sections, with each section helping give out leaflets promoting our group. We feel that St George's day this year was a success and the collection in Nicks Lloyds memory raised £370 for this years recipient Katherine House Hospice. We are also excited to be starting our Squirrels section this September.]

Water Activities

This year, we are delivering an exciting range of water activities at South Staffs Sailing Club including, Sailing, kayaking, Canoeing, paddle boarding and rowing. water venue, e.g. Chasewater or Gailey]. Activities included.

We're proud of the continued support and enthusiasm shown by our leaders. Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,

Spencer Hewitt

(9th Stafford Sea Scouts GLV)

## 11th Stafford Scout Group Report

Well, it's been another great year for the 11th with our numbers continuing to increase with more Young People. We now just need to get more "Volunteers" into the group. We have also finally got our storage container moved from Wildwood and up at the conference centre and thanks to our great parents, we got everything out and had a good tidy-up, sending a few carloads to the tip and a good stock take.
We now have great numbers in all the sections, but critically we still rely on some great parent helpers as life still gets in the way of having a full complement of volunteers every week (although we are working on them!!) We really hope the new

system and welcome meetings help give new volunteers the push needed to get them into uniform.
One of my highlights for me was the number of our Young People who took part in this years Gang Show, especially from the Beavers, who will be the stars of the future.
We are still tight on finances after the low numbers for the last few years, but we have had a few grants (one from Titantic brewery, which other groups might find it worth looking at) and we are starting to build our coffers again, but with lots of new parents it's time to get the fundraising team again and start really building.
I will say a big thank-you to all our members of the district for your continued support of the group and let's continue teach our members Skills for Life as we continue to build in both the 11th and Stafford District.
Finally, I cannot say enough about our small team of Leaders and Executive members who continue to put so much into keeping our small but expanding group going. You are all fantastic and I look forward to seeing the group continue to grow and provide our Young People with great experiences and skills for life.

Dave Francis
11th Stafford Scout Group

## 12th Stafford (Berkswich) Scout Group Report

What a Year for everybody in more ways than one. Lets hope all the mayhem caused through the so called 'new system' now dies down and we can all get on with doing what we do best.
Last September we opened our first Squirrel Section. Everything went very smoothly and Michelle Stephens who is the Leader quickly had 18 new members. But unfortunately the swarm of new leaders that we were told would ensue must have got held up at Crewe resulting in Michelle now reducing her numbers to 14 with a waiting list. But all going well and they are all taking part in lots of fun, games and activities every week. Congratulations to Michelle for taking this on and making it such a success
Now that Squirrels are on board we have 10 sections. We currently have 320 children attending various sections every week so the Group is still very busy. Beavers are doing very well and enjoying the wide range of activities which the leaders put on for them. Most sections are almost full thanks to Sue Darby, Michelle Martin and Kim and Ashton Willis who put on excellent programmes which are so good the drop off rate in Beavers is virtually zero.
Cubs - The three cub packs are as active as ever All had brilliant camps and outings to various places and are pretty much full thanks to all the hard work of the respective Cub Leaders and their Teams. The leaders provide a wide range of activities which the cubs thoroughly enjoy. However, their success does result in children outside the Group wanting to join. We take some in but on the whole having three Beaver colonies with Beavers moving up all of the time we have to restrict outsiders which sometimes is sad. We do refer them to other Groups but most of the time they want to be where their friends are which sometimes just can't happen.
We were very fortunate to have Aron Fudger return to Scouting and take up the role of Akela with our Mercury Pack. He brings a wealth of experience which, for us, is great.
Scouts - are running full on thanks to our dedicated Scout Leaders. The list of activities they provide and the opportunities open to them is huge. I know

between them they have had the opportunity to be involved and take part in so many adventurous activities the list is too long to mention. Huge respect to all of the our Scout Leaders namely Lee. Hayley and Rob who do go above and beyond all that is expected of them. Their numbers reflect how much they do with probably near on 100 Scouts between them which is totally amazing.
Like every Group, because of the new system, our Trustee's are now working hard, under the guidance of our Chairman Ian Farish and Treasurer Chris Bennett to ensure that our Group stays solvent so that the leaders can continue to do what they do. I thank them all for what they do.
This year already our camping season is well under way. Those who have already had their first camp have reported how well they went. A large contingent will be travelling to Kandersteg in July for what sounds, and from what people say, looks as if they will be in for a major treat.
On the whole the 12th is ticking along nicely and hopefully will continue to do so over the coming years. I know the word of the century is growth. I think we have more than done our bit towards that but whilst we could probably increase some more we just don't have the Leaders or the nights to do so. But who knows what the future might bring.

Kind regards to all
Doreen Smith GLV

## 15th Stafford (Penkridge) Scout Group Report

**Beavers**
Since I took over as Beaver leader, our group have attended the district beaver party held at Stafford cricket and hockey club and are looking forward to the district beaver drive on the 11th of May.
The majority of Beavers have achieved their: Cooking badge, Creative badge, Hobbies badge, camp craft and Book badge. We have had a visit from Network rail and the British Transport police to give a talk on rail safety.
We are hoping to join a visit to our local Church to complete our Faith badge - with the young leaders helping to earn this badge, working towards their King scout.
We have 2 Bronze awards to give out, hopefully at the St George's Day parade on the 27th.
The next term we will hopefully be doing lots of outdoor activities. Gardening, Health and fitness and Sports badges.

Stephen Hill
Beaver Scout Leader

**Cubs**

In the last 12 months Penkridge Mohawk Cub Pack have, completed our Science badge back April 2024, we did a role reversal night whereby the leaders became young leaders and the Young Leaders became the Leaders which the Cubs really enjoyed as well as the Leaders 😊 . We attended St. Georges Day parade, we started our challenge badges and cubs sewed Dinosaurs, pitched tents, backwoods cooking, we completed the artist badge / chef badge went on 2 night walks over the chase in the rain went on camps one at Sherratt's Wood our summer/spring camp and we took cubs/scouts/explorers away to High Tower for Summer Camp whereby we did rock climbing/create stacking/tree climbing and we went on our Halloween camp at Kibblestone and some brave cubs bivvied out , we attended our local Remembrance Parade we finished of our faith badge and world

faith with cubs writing their own prayers and making prayer beads, we had our Christmas sleep over in the hut, completed their Astronomy badge, we've attended this years St. Georges day Parade. Went on a hike from Glacial Bolder to Penkridge and had a night camp whereby all cubs slept under the stars in their bivvis no tent no tarps.

We have invested a total of 14. We have welcomed 2 new Leaders and welcomed an explorer who turned 18 as a leaders.

In the next couple of weeks we are doing our local Knowledge Badge and sleeping in the Church, Water activities at Pillaton and Kayaking.

We will end the term off with 30 cubs

Tricia Adams, Cub Scout Leader

**Scouts**

Littleton troop currently has 14 scouts,
They are about to start their Navigators badge, recently completed fire safety and astronomer badges. Done multiple camps and hikes.
Still on the hunt for new leaders as I will be leaving at the end of summer term to concentrate on my masters degree in September and don't have capacity to run the troop and study.

Craig Carter
Scout Leader

## 16th (Wheaton Aston) Stafford Scout Group Report

The Cub section currently has 11 Cubs and 3 leaders. Over the last year we have worked towards their challenge badges and have awarded a Chief Scouts Silver award. The Cubs have also worked towards their DIY, athletics, pioneer, scientist and chef badges. Last Summer the Cubs spent a weekend at PGL and plan to return this year.

Beavers currently have 14 children, 1 leader, 2 young leaders and supported by regular volunteers. They have worked towards a range of challenge and activity badges. They have also done off site activities such as visiting Wolf Mountain to do caving and climbing.

Alice Hopkins, Cub Scout Leader

## 17th (Gnosall) Stafford Scout Group Report

This has been another successful year for the Group sections.
Beavers have increased back to 16 and Cubs remain full. Scouts are currently running at 18 members. We continue to have a strong demand for places .
Scouts have had a few weekend camps in the last year but didn't run a summer week camp due to lack of take up. We are currently offering another weekend camp at Kibblestone and a week at Gilwell, something we haven't done before.
The cubs have also booked a camp at Patshull which they are looking forward to.
They have had a very busy programme including making bird boxes and taking part in cycling proficiency and baking.
Beavers are about to take part in a joint sleepover with the 4th at Sealife centre with a trip to Lego as well. Thank you to the 4th for inviting our beavers along.
I am extremely pleased to say we have had a growth in leader numbers (sorry, volunteer numbers)

This is great for us and we are enjoying having new younger volunteers with their enthusiasm and energy to support us in our sections.
The Group's activities wouldn't be possible without the support of the adult, young leader and parent helpers who generously give up so much time and, also our Trustee members. I'd like to offer the Group's thanks to all of them.
We are very lucky to own our own building, shared with the guides. This is looked after by a wonderful team of volunteers, known as the management committee who raise the funds to pay the bills and keep it fit for use. Last year was a major fundraiser going on to buy new heating for the hut. Our parents and members played a big part in that and raised an amazing amount. We are now nice and toasty for the foreseeable future. Thank you to all for making the new heating possible.

Lesley Worsley
GLV 17th Stafford (Gnosall) Scout Group

## 20th Stafford (St Bertelin's) Scout Group Report

The group continues to operate 3 sections; Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The number within each group has remained fairly static for the last 12 months with Beavers and Cubs virtually at maximum capacity. Scouts are looking to increase membership slightly over the coming months. A wide variety of activities have been undertaken by all sections during the last year with a significant number of badges awarded including 6 Chief Scout Bronze awards to Beavers.

Following the success of a volunteer day last year, employees from EDF and Capula will be completing work on the hut, both inside and out and will include the installation of new emergency lighting. It will be gratefully appreciated.

The group is planning a number of fundraising activities over the coming months including a summer fete in June and bingo/quiz night in September.

Di Rowlands

Group Lead Volunteer 20th St Bertelin's

## 21st (West) Stafford Scout Group Report

2024 has been a very lively and challenging year for the group with lots of issues both internally and externally affecting the group

We have seen leaders change roles, leave and had some new leaders in the form of Ex Scouts come back to join us. Our numbers have fluctuated quite significantly causing particular issues in our younger sections for a few months for Squirrels and most of the year with Beavers. With a missing age range moving through the group from the time of Covid, the cub pack is now feeling the reduced numbers with children moving up to Scouts but not been backfilled from Beavers.

Our headquarters continues to be a millstone around our neck with continuous need for maintenance on a building that is well past its use by date . And most definitely not very appealing to the eye.

We have once again applied for planning permission, for a completely new design building, for which we had to wait seven months for the permission to come through from the council. We now have this but then learned we have got thousands of pounds more to spend on the final drawings

for the structural design and satisfaction of conditions put on the build that are irrelevant to our design.

We will get there eventually, as we now have no choice as the church has committed to selling the land which the group has used for several decades; in the new year.

As a group, we have also changed our name by dropping the reference to the church as it was too much of a mouthful and nobody ever used it anyway. Thanks to Hayley Cropp the group have also created links with historic Stafford which has provided activities and promotional opportunities for the group.

The group has however proved itself to be very resilient. We offer some fantastic scouting. The leader team are incredibly committed and work together well to deliver the excitement and adventure our members enjoy.

In the squirrel and beaver parents we are starting to see more support and interest that had been sadly lacking in recent years.

We have achieved a few CSA's in the sections, along with many activity badges. Camps have been frequent with each section having at least two nights away experiences including some Squirrels camping. There have also been numerous trips and we are partaking in the district run events whenever possible.

I am very proud of the group, our leaders and our members.

Roy Clarke GLV

## Elements Explorer Unit Report

The unit has had an excellent year with our number increasing but more importantly regular attendance.

The programme has been developed with the units input and we are frequently away from the HQ, combining a mix of scouting activities and social events.

Summer camp was a week in St Austell in Cornwall which proved a great success. In addition to this there have been numerous DofE expeditions and nights away.

We have unfortunately lost a new leader due to a change in his personal circumstances. However those remaining have fantastic support from parent and unit members.

Many members are close to achieving diamond and Platinum awards. And several have done their bronze and silver DofE. We are looking to get a gold expedition done before the end of 2025.

Over half the unit are also YL's helping in all sections at various groups.

We are also in the process of planning our biggest adventure to date with a European rail trip in August visiting 5 countries in 12 days. 17 explorers, 4 network leaders & 3 more leaders. To raise funds for this the unit organised a 24 hour cycle ride, a sponsored 3 peaks weekend and a Christmas fair.

The unit is going well and looking forward to new members, more adventures and new challenges in 2025. 29 members currently but we will have to say goodbye to 4 next year however we will be welcoming at least 9 new explorers hopefully.

Would be good to have some more leaders onboard to enjoy the journey.

Roy Clarke
Explorer Scout Leader

## St Vincent Explorer Unit

We've had an average attendance of around six Explorers throughout the year, with a few evenings seeing higher numbers. While we're a smaller unit, we've remained committed to offering a fun, engaging, and challenging programme.
We've been actively working on developing stronger links with other units. This has helped us create a more balanced programme and opened up opportunities for collaboration, as well as allowing other groups to feed into our unit more effectively.
Unfortunately, we weren't able to put forward a team for the OB Cup weekend this year. However, we've still managed to organise a few camps, which have been well received. Much of our focus has been on teamwork and core Scouting activities, all geared towards earning award badges. We've also continued to enjoy our usual water sports, which remain a highlight for many of the Explorers.
We're proud of the positive environment we've built—one that encourages growth, learning, and fun. We're excited about the year ahead and look forward to building on this foundation.

Phil Hoult

Explorer Scout Leader

## Pegasus Explorer Unit (Gnosall) Report

As of the January 2025 census the Unit had six Explorers and three Leaders. We currently have nine Explorers, including three Scouts currently visiting us.
We have had a busy and varied twelve months with highlights including:
May-August 2024

- Unit weekend camp at Sherratt's Wood Campsite (including a roast dinner in the camp oven)
- Building a Da Vinci Bridge
- Go Karting
- Leaders and Explorers helped steward the Giant Challenge Bike Ride and a stall at Gnosall Carnival

September-December 2024

- Backwoods Cooking
- Crossbow shooting night at Sherratt's Wood
- Night Hike
- Completing the Emergency Aid Lv4 badge with the help of Gnosall First Responders
- Christmas treat, ice skating in Telford.

January-May 2025

- Working towards the Survival badge- including making nettle soup,

whittling spoons and purifying canal water!
- Pistol shooting night at Sherratt's Wood
- Bouldering at Newport Rock
- Investiture on Lilleshall Monument at sunset and hike back to Newport
- Pancake Olympics
- Joint Troop and Unit Camp at Patshull Campsite

In addition, we have continued to regularly maintain the dog poo bag holders around the village as part of the Chief Scout Awards.
Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Lesley Worsley and Andy Manners for their continued help and support over the last twelve months (particularly while I was away with work during the Autumn term in Scotland). As well as thank you to many of 17th Stafford (Gnosall) Scout Group Leaders who have volunteered to help out when we have been short for Leaders on a Friday.

Will Swinnerton
Explorer Scout Leader

## K2 Explorer Unit Report

K2 has seen a consistent number of Explorers stay with us for the whole of the time from 14-17, and are just preparing for their last summer camp with us. There appears to be growing demand from the 12th for scouts coming up to 14 to join us in the near future if this is linked to Young Leaders.
This year has seen us present 1 diamond Award and about to Award another 2, with some Explorers keen to progress to King Scout Award. We held our summer camp last year in the Yorkshire dales, climbing Pen Y Ghent and Ingleborough, as well as some caving with the District activity team. We ran our usual successful winter camp at Sherratt's wood in January, with the weather being kind to us, and at the beginning of April, the weather was glorious for a mountain weekend in Snowdonia. We camped at the base of Snowdon and climbed Snowdon on the Saturday and Cnicht on the Sunday.
Wednesday evenings are spend doing a range of activities, with frequent use of Cannock Chase for outside navigation and Games. For the future are off to the Lake District in August for this years summer camp.

Andy Goode
Explorer Scout Leader

## North Star Explorer Scout Unit report

Numbers have held around 12 during the year. We have focused our programme around core themes such as, teamwork, Scouting activities and a fun but challenging environment.
The Unit entered a team into the district OB Cup weekend, which they all enjoyed. We have started to develop links with other units and troops to help the leaders forge a balanced programme.
Well done to Dylan Owen achieving his Young Leaders Award.

Guy Allcock
Explorer Scout Leader

## 7A ESU (Penkridge)

7A ESU is down in numbers this year, this is due to explorers turning 18. We have had 3 become Leaders one in Beavers, 1 in Cubs and 1 in Scouts.

In the last 12 months we have completed Gold and Silver Practice and Expedition. We have some Explorers finish off their King Scout Award.

We have been on many camps. We are now waiting for the new influx of Scouts to fill our ranks and have a bronze DofE planned in the new school term.

We have just spent the whole of the Bank Holiday at the Bushcraft Show and we are putting our skills to the test in the next few camps 😊

Lee Adams, Explorer Scout Leader

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**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signatures | | |
| Full names | | |
| Position | | |

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| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endownment | Total Funds 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts and Payments** | | | | |
| **Receipts** | | | | |
| **Donations and other income** | | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions | 58,240 | | | 58,240 |
| Less Membership Paid on | 46,852 | | | 46,852 |
| Net Membership Subscriptions | 11,388 | | | 11,388 |
| Donations/Bequest | 3,822 | | | 3,822 |
| Beaver Revenue | 125 | | | 125 |
| M & G Dividend to Current Accoun | 2,145 | | | 2,145 |
| Events | 1,198 | | | 1,198 |
| Explorer Income | 51,297 | | | 51,297 |
| St Peters Revenue | 3,848 | | | 3,848 |
| Minbus Income | 745 | | | 745 |
| | 74,569 | | | 74,569 |
| **Grants** | | | | |
| Maintenance | | | | |
| Other | | | | 0 |
| | 0 | | | 0 |
| **Fundraising** | | | | |
| Shop Sales | 5,824 | | | 5,824 |
| Badge Sales | 2,837 | | | 2,837 |
| Activity Fees Received | 6,415 | | | 6,415 |
| Campsite Fees | 17,635 | | | 17,635 |
| Gang Show Ticket Sales | 13,320 | | | 13,320 |
| | 46,032 | | | 46,032 |
| **Investment Income** | | | | |
| Bank Interest | 1,117 | | | 1,117 |
| Building Society Interest | | 1,609 | | 1,609 |
| Property Rent Income | | | | |
| Other Investment Income | | | | |
| | 1,117 | 1,609 | | 2,726 |
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| Total Gross Income | 121,717 | 1,609 | | 123,326 |
| Asset & Investment Sales | | | | |
| Total Receipts | 121,717 | 1,609 | | 123,326 |

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endownment | Total Funds 2025 |
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| **Receipts & Payments** | | | | |
| **Payments** | | | | |
| Bean Fund | | 2,948 | | 2,948 |
| Beaver Expenses | 124 | | | 124 |

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| Camp Site purchases | 4,271 | | | 4,271 |
| District Expenses | | | | 0 |
| District Purchases | | | | 0 |
| Donations & Gifts | 347 | | | 347 |
| Events | 2,897 | | | 2,897 |
| Explorer Units | 53,316 | | | 53,316 |
| Insurance | 3,942 | | | 3,942 |
| Materials & Equipment | 297 | | | 297 |
| Minibus Purchase & Running Cost | 1,979 | | | 1,979 |
| Rent | 10 | | | 10 |
| Repairs & Renewals | 6,574 | | | 6,574 |
| St Peters Expenses | 1,671 | | | 1,671 |
| Training | 1,152 | | | 1,152 |
| Transfer | | | | 0 |
| Utilities | 9,226 | | | 9,226 |
| Youth Programme & Activities | 3,170 | | | 3,170 |
| | 88,976 | 2,948 | | 91,923 |
| **Fundraising Expenses** | | | | |
| Camp Shop | 11,289 | | | 11,289 |
| Gangshow | 13,835 | | | 13,835 |
| County Jamboree Fund | | | | 0 |
| Badges | 624 | | | 624 |
| | 25,748 | | | 25,748 |
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| Total Gross Expenditure | 114,724 | 2,948 | | 117,672 |
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| Loan Repayment | | | | |
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| Total Payments | 114,724 | 2,948 | | 117,672 |
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| Net of Receipts/(payments) | 6,993 | (1,339) | | 5,654 |
| Transfers Between Funds | | | | |
| Cash Funds Last Year End | 109,009 | 52,750 | | 161,759 |
| Cash Funds End This Year | 116,002 | 51,411 | | 167,413 |

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Endownment | Total Funds 2025 |
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## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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| **Cash Funds** | | | | |
| Bank Current Account | 76,136 | | | 76,136 |
| Bank Savings Account | 75,276 | | | 75,276 |
| Building Society Account | | 54,359 | | 54,359 |
| Cash/Floats | 95 | | | 95 |
| **Total Cash Funds** | 151,507 | 54,359 | | 205,866 |
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| **Other Monetary Assets** | | | | |

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| Debts due from County/District/Groups | | | | |
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| **Investment Assets** | | | | |
| Investment Property | | | | |
| Quoted Investments M & G | | 39,215 | | 39,215 |
| Other Investments | | | | |
| Total | | 39,215 | | 39,215 |
| **Non Monetary assets for Charity's own use** | | | | |
| Badge Stock | 2,921 | | | 2,921 |
| Sherratts Wood Shop Stock | 0 | | | 0 |
| St Peters Building | 214,225 | | | 214,225 |
| St Peters Fixtures and Fittings | 34,458 | | | 34,458 |
| Sherrats Wood Camp Site | 300,000 | | | 300,000 |
| Mini Bus | 3,265 | | | 3,265 |
| Sherrats Wood Fixtures & Fittings | 35,800 | | | 35,800 |
| Kayak Store | 20,000 | | | 20,000 |
| Kayaks & Equipment | 35,000 | | | 35,000 |
| | 645,669 | | | 645,669 |
| **Total** | 797,177 | 93,574 | | 890,751 |
| **Liabilities** | | | | |
| Accounts not paid | | | | |
| Expenses incurred but no yet invoiced | | | | |
| Subscription not yet paid | | | | |
| Loan | | | | |
| Other Liabilities | | | | |
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**Contingent liabilities and future obligations**

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| Chairman | District Commisioner |
| *Roland Smith* | *Kevin Hewitt* |

| Total Funds 2024 |
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| 53,889 |
| 43,010 |
| 10,879 |
| 1,473 |
| 279 |
| 2,511 |
| 727 |
| 25,956 |
| 3,480 |
| 2,440 |
| 47,743 |
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| 0 |
| 0 |
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| 3,222 |
| 1,477 |
| 2,082 |
| 16,891 |
| 2,013 |
| 25,685 |
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| 1,284 |
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| 1,284 |
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| 124,935 |
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| 124,935 |

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| Total Funds 2024 |
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| 1,340 |
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| 1,316 |
| 660 |
| 2,057 |
| 473 |
| 16,874 |
| 23,356 |
| 3,560 |
| 3,250 |
| 2,247 |
| 0 |
| 18,438 |
| 0 |
| 1,635 |
| 25,000 |
| 7,949 |
| 4,596 |
| 112,752 |
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| 2,416 |
| 643 |
| 0 |
| 1,162 |
| 4,221 |
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| 116,973 |
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| 116,973 |
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| (42,260) |
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| 161,759 |
| 119,499 |

| **Total Funds 2024** |
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| 65,206 |
| 74,159 |
| 52,750 |
| 597 |
| 192,713 |
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| 33,423 |
| 33,423 |
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| 5,778 |
| 2,024 |
| 214,225 |
| 34,458 |
| 300,000 |
| 3,265 |
| 35,800 |
| 20,000 |
| 35,000 |
| 650,551 |
| 876,687 |
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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| **Report to the trustees/ members of** | Charity Name<br>Stafford District Scout Council | | |
| **On accounts for the year ended** | 31 December 2025 | **Charity no (if any)** | 524528 |
| **Set out on pages** | File attached with back up information<br>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets) | | |

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025 15 SJH DD / MM / YYYY.

**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.*

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| **Signed:** | Roland Skelton | **Date:** | 20/04/26 |
| **Name:** | ROLAND SKELTON | | |
| **Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** | A.A.~~T~~.<br>CPFA (pq) | | |
| **Address:** | 4 ASTONFIELDS MEADOWS<br>STAFFORD<br>ST16 3UG | | |