Scouts
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Huddersfield North District Scout Council

Annual Report & Accounts 2026



Annual Report and Accounts of Huddersfield North District Scout Council 2026

Section A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name:	Huddersfield North District Scouts
Registered Charity Number:	524747
District registration number:	10001837
Charity's principal address:	47a Sherwood Avenue, Bradley, Huddersfield HD2 1RQ

Name of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Steve Bagshaw	District Chair
Jason Robbins	District Treasurer / District Lead Volunteer Team
Rachel Jinks	District Secretary
Graham Earnshaw	District Lead Volunteer Team Representative (Ex Officio)
Chris Stephens	Elected Member
Steve Holland	Elected Member
Mike Oldridge	Elected Member
Ed Wilson	Elected Member
Helen Roy	Co-opted Member
Carey Dowson	Co-opted Member
Callum Weir	Ex Officio Member (District Youth Commissioner)

Independent Examiner: David Lewis

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of the 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. The District is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, DLV Representative and 7 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good

working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to property and equipment. The District and Groups request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as Churches, Community Centres and other Scout parts of the Scout County. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District and Groups have sufficient Buildings and Contents Insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District members are insured through the capitation fees and contribute to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities

The District Trustee Board also oversaw full compliance across the District with the required response to all Scout Trustees receiving in February 2026 'Regulatory Advice and Guidance to all Trustees of the Scout Movement on implementation of Prevention of Future Deaths (PFD) Report Commitments from Charity Commission for England and Wales. This involved each Trustee Board and every Trustee reading, understanding, discussing the document itself and all the related documents and then documenting this traceably. This was completed and submitted to County in line with requirements.

Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives 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 Value of Scouting
As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
Respect	We have self-respect and respect for others
Care	We support others and take care of the world in which we live
Belief	We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes
Co-operation	We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

The Scout Method
Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Public Benefit Statement
The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

Section D: Achievements and Performance
A summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year are included in this report.

Section E: Financial Review
The District's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs.

The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the past year are included in this Annual Report**.**

Section F: Declaration
The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above (and attached)

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature:

Full Name: Steve Bagshaw

Position: District Chair

Date: 9 June 2026

District Lead Volunteers' Report for year 2025-26

During the year our interim joint DLV arrangement came to an end. Helen and Jason decided to continue their Scouting in other ways. We three agreed to take on the joint role on a permanent basis. This report is a good opportunity to reiterate our thanks to Jason and Helen - and to remember Helen's five years prior to that as District Commissioner.

On the programme front, we had District camp early in the year, at Whitley Beaumont in July. Unfortunately, Night Hawk had to be cancelled at the last minute when Storm Amy got the better of us. This year, the Marsden Three Peaks event ran successfully in March, a joint event with the other Huddersfield Districts ahead of the April calendar fixture of St George's Day.

As the Joint DLV team, we're pleased to have been able to fill many of the roles on the District Team and are grateful to those who have agreed to continue their existing role or take on a new one. We're looking forward to seeing more programme opportunities now this team is almost at full strength.

Next up is the District International Trip to the Denmark Jamboree, with 24 young people going on the event supported by 15 volunteers - all of whom have been preparing for several months over this year. What an amazing opportunity, and hopefully the catalyst to restart our District's tradition of international experiences.

Lastly, a thank you to every adult volunteer in the District for all you do week in, week out, to ensure brilliant Scouts experiences for the young people across our patch.

Steven Ainley, Jenny Bennett & Graham Earnshaw
Joint District Leader Volunteers

Trustees' Report

The District has had another good Scouting year and on behalf of the Trustees I want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to do all the different tasks and roles needed to give our youngsters the opportunity to experience and grow within the Scouting family. Our groups continue to run varied and inventive local programmes which support over 530 registered youngsters in the five different age group sections.

At a District level it has been another year of change. The 'gang of five' who took over the District Lead Volunteer role from Helen (Graham, Steven, Jenny, Jason and Helen) have now become a 'Triad' with Graham Earnshaw, Jenny Bennett and Steven Ainley splitting the roles and responsibilities between them. On behalf of the Trustees I'd like to say a big thank you to all five of them for making the changeover from Helen so smooth and then to Graham, Jenny and Steven for agreeing to keep things going forward with a more permanent arrangement. Helen has agreed to stay on as a Trustee - we will value her experience and thank her again for her years as DLV and her help through the year of transition. Another significant change is underway with Jason Robbins standing down as Treasurer – he will be replaced by Carey Dowson – whom many of you will know from years of association with us at Group, District and County level. I'd like to welcome Carey and

thank Jason for all the work he has done over the years diligently maintaining a grip on the District Finances, for all the other unseen parts of the Treasurer role and also providing an unending stream of advice on all things operations and governance at District level.

The District programme has continued with amongst others the recent St George's Day, Three Peaks of Marsden and the District Camp continuing to be great successes in their own right. Thank you to all who make these, and the other events happen across the District.

Our Resource Team have continued to be active across Woodhouse Lodge in Bradley Woods, Whitley Beaumont and the District Resource Centre in Bradley. The new agreements in place at Bradley Wood continue to work well and improvements continue across all three locations – we are grateful for all involved with these as well as the successful Christmas tree collection in January. Thank you.

As this third year of being Trustee Board Chair comes to a close – I'd like to thank Rachel for keeping us on track, Jason for the financial diligence he has put in alongside all his other sound Scouting advice, to the DLV Team and the rest of the Trustees for their support.

Steve Bagshaw

District Chair

District Census

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	**2026**
Squirrels							17	29	31	10	**10**
Beavers	114	126	133	138	158	104	153	156	166	124	**131**
Cub Scouts	132	139	126	152	186	154	137	157	166	154	**138**
Scouts	149	125	138	124	172	156	150	158	169	142	**158**
Explorers	100	99	116	110	100	82	61	66	80	101	**71**
Network	16	9	27	34	41	33	39	32	16	11	**18**
Adults	162	221	220	250	252	211	211	223	203	178	**196**
Total	673	719	760	808	909	740	768	801	792	720	**722**

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025/2026 Total Funds £	2024/2025 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions		27,710	0	27,710	27,878
less subscriptions paid on to County		0	0	0	(27,347)
Net membership subscriptions retained		27,710	0	27,710	531
Investment Income		1,514	0	1,514	1,532
Donations/Grants		723	0	723	809
Gift Aid Rebate		3,038	0	3,038	0
Activities	1	46,908	913	47,821	34,446
Fundraising		3,375	0	3,375	2,767
Other Income	2	18,534	0	18,534	31,477
TOTAL RECEIPTS		101,802	913	102,715	71,562
Payments					
Membership Subscriptions		27,178	0	27,178	0
Premises/Equipment	3	14,623	0	14,623	19,152
Training		275	0	275	290
Activities	4	33,127	1,534	34,661	39,809
Administration expenses		0	0	0	0
General expenses	5	1,617	0	1,617	2,531
TOTAL PAYMENTS		76,820	1,534	78,354	61,782
Net of receipts/(payments)		24,982	(621)	24,361	9,780
Cash funds last year end		136,968	6,851	143,819	134,039
Cash, bank and similar funds as 31st March 2026		161,950	6,230	168,180	143,819

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12/05/2026 and signed on their behalf by the Chairman

Chair
Steve Bagshaw

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Notes to the Account Summary

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025/2026 Total Funds £	2024/2025 Total Funds £
1	**Activities**				
	Squirrels	0	0	0	0
	Beavers	0	0	0	200
	Cubs	0	0	0	1,060
	Scouts	0	0	0	0
	Explorers	14,645	0	14,645	22,809
	Correction to Previous Accounts	716	0	716	289
	Network	0	0	0	100
	The Rig SAS	0	0	0	280
	District events	0	0	0	0
	International Trips	22,762	0	22,762	2,100
	Jamboree	2,160	0	2,160	0
	Night Hawk	688	0	688	1,825
	HN Goes	5,937	0	5,937	120
	Four Districts Events	0	913	913	873
	International Projects	0	0	0	4,790
		46,908	913	47,821	34,446
2	**Other Income**				
	Sundry	860	0	860	0
	Badge receipts	65	0	65	144
	BART SAS	862	0	862	668
	Woodhouse Lodge	16,681	0	16,681	21,315
	Closure of Oakes Scout Group	66	0	66	9,023
	Short Term Loans	0	0	0	327
		18,534	0	18,534	31,477
3	**Premises/Equipment**				
	Woodhouse Lodge expenses	8,638	0	8,638	12,067
	District Resource Centre meeting room	89	0	89	934
	District Resource Centre running expenses	4,705	0	4,705	4,158
	BART SAS	1,191	0	1,191	1,993
		14,623	0	14,623	19,152
4	**Activities**				
	Squirrels	0	0	0	0
	Beavers	0	0	0	250
	Cubs	60	0	60	892
	Scouts	0	0	0	0
	Explorers	16,102	0	16,102	18,797
	Correction to Previous Accounts	555	0	555	125
	Network	0	0	0	199
	District events	755	0	755	323
	International Trips	7,645	0	7,645	5,415
	Jamboree	3,240	0	3,240	0
	Night Hawk	810	0	810	1,551
	HN Goes	3,960	0	3,960	0
	Four Distrct Events	0	1,534	1,534	1,070
	International Projects	0	0	0	11,187
		33,127	1,534	34,661	39,809
5	**General Expenses**				
	Sundry	1,444	0	1,444	466
	Fundraising	173	0	173	489
	District Badge purchase	0	0	0	605
	Short Term Loans	0	0	0	500
	Closure of Oakes Scout Group	0	0	0	471
		1,617	0	1,617	2,531

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025/2026 Total Funds £	2024/2025 Total Funds £
Monetary assets - Cash, bank and similar funds				
Bank Current Accounts	36,091	3,632	39,723	37,905
Bank Deposit Accounts	122,954	2,598	125,552	104,042
PrePaid Expense Accounts	2,433	0	2,433	1,059
Cash in hand	365	0	365	711
Non-GBP cash in hand	107	0	107	102
	161,950	6,230	168,180	143,819
Other Monetary assets				
Tax claim for year ending 31 March 2024	0	0	0	9
Tax claim for year ending 31 March 2025	0	0	0	1,002
Tax claim for year ending 31 March 2026	868	0	868	0
Accruded interest on Co-Op Deposit Account	718	0	718	761
Sundry debtors	128	0	128	27
	1,714	0	1,714	1,798
Non-monetary assets				
District Resource Centre (insurance valuation)				
Land (trustee valuation)	100,000	0	100,000	100,000
Main Building	461,651	0	461,651	430,731
Portacabin Office	36,902	0	36,902	34,679
Workshop	24,840	0	24,840	19,500
Containers	17,760	0	17,760	16,690
Woodhouse Lodge (insurance valuation)	358,131	0	358,131	338,469
General scouting equipment (insurance valuation)	39,354	0	39,354	39,354
Bradley Wood ESU equipment (trustees valuation)	1,890	0	1,890	1,750
Cambodunum ESU equipment (trustees valuation)	600	0	600	600
Cliffe Tykes ESU equipment (trustees valuation)	190	0	190	190
Horizon Seekers ESU equipment (trustee valuation)	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
BART SAS equipment (insurance valuation)	27,500	0	27,500	27,500
The Rig SAS equipment (trustee valuation)	10,000	0	10,000	95,468
Badge Stock (cost)	459	0	459	484
	1,080,277	0	1,080,277	1,106,415
Liabilities (due within one year)				
Sundry creditors	263	0	263	24
	263	0	263	24

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Huddersfield North District Scout Council for the year ended 31/03/2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Huddersfield North 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 Huddersfield North 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

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Huddersfield North District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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:

Name: David Lewis

Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (FCA)

Address: 151 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3TP

Date: 3 June 2026