Preparing young people with skills for life

Scouts
19th North Leeds, St. Chad's

19th North Leeds (St Chad's) Scout Group

Annual Report - 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

This was another busy year of scouting at St Chad's.
As well as a weekly programme of varied indoor and outdoor activities our young people took part in several County, District and Group organised events this year including the District Cycling event in April, Cubadoodledo camp in May, Junior Warrior and our Group camp in June, Festive Fundays, District Scout Frosty camp, the County Cub pantomime trip and our annual group trip to Leeds Playhouse to see 'A Christmas Carol' in January. These events provide valuable opportunities for interaction with scouting members from other Groups and Districts, and the chance to take part in activities a single group cannot provide.

Other highlights of the year include:

Squirrels

- Earning 121 badges including 10 achieving their Chief Scout's Acorn Award
- Taking part in the cycling event and attending our group camp for the day

Beavers

- 13 Beavers sleeping overnight at our Group Camp and 9 taking on the Junior Warrior challenge
- Earning just over 200 badges including 10 Beavers achieving their Chief Scout Bronze award

Cubs

- Attending County Cubadoodledo camp in May, a 2-night camp in September and a Harry Potter themed residential weekend at Aldwark Activity Centre in March
- Earning 1000 badges including 9 Cubs achieving their Chief Scout Silver award

Scouts

- One team taking part in the 6-Dales Walk in September and winning the Junior Open trophy for completing the 23 miles from Settle to Lofthouse
- 3 Scouts being selected to join the Central Yorkshire contingent attending the World Scout Jamboree in 2027
- Attending a joint summer camp near Windermere with scouts from Teesside and a weekend at Hag Dyke Scout hostel near Kettlewell

Leaders

We welcomed several new adult volunteers this year – Tom Parker, Theo Wilcocks, Toby Simpson and Gemma Taylor. Eleanor Gallon has joined as a Trustee.
Katie Fabri stood down as Squirrel section leader in November. Our thanks go to Katie for setting up and running the Squirrels Drey for 3 years. Without her dedication 4 to 6 year olds would not have the opportunity to experience the fun and adventure that scouting provides. Sadly, we also said goodbye to Michelle McCabe, David Dewhurst, Kartik Prabhu and Dipti Desai before the end of the year. Details of our regular volunteer team can be found in the table on the next page.
Congratulations go to Jack Burgess, who has been awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service, and to Andy Wood and Caroline Bedford who have received the Scout Silver Acorn for distinguished service.

Young Leaders

The group has several Young Leaders (aged 15 to 18) who volunteer in Cubs and Beavers. For some it is a requirement of their Duke of Edinburgh award, whilst others enjoy helping the younger members to have fun and achieve their badges.

The Scout Group has maintained its membership again to around 130 young people. We reviewed the waiting list and reduced the number to just under 50 young people waiting for a place. The waiting list remained closed to new additions until August 2026 but has now reopened.

The Group is supported by a Trustee Board: Neville Fell (Chair), Andy Cooper (Treasurer), Rachel Fogg, Lesley Connor, Manjit McKenzie, Zoe Hinchliffe and Eleanor Gallon. The Trustee Board focusses on strategy, performance and assurance as well as financial management of group funds. Effective Trustee Board governance helps the leaders to deliver great programmes that give young people skills for life.

All sections rely on parents helping either on an ad hoc or a rota basis and we are very grateful for their help and support. Some parents have been DBS checked for the scout group and are able to provide additional adult supervision on trips and camps.

The Group would again like to thank our vicar, Hannah, the PCC, the Parish Centre Management Committee and the caretaker John for their continued help and support, as well as those involved at District and County level for the work they do to support Scouting in the area.

The regular volunteer team during this period was:

Section			Leaders	Young members
St Chad's 19th NL	Group	Group Lead Volunteer	Caroline Bedford	
		Young Leaders	Anabel Hinchliffe Caoimhe Hinchliffe Rhiannon Sprenger Luke Simms Jude Digings-Wood Joshua Drew Max Gardner Jesse Sprenger	8
Squirrels	Squirrels age 4-6	Squirrel Team Leader	Vacant	10
		Squirrel Team Members	Lizzy Pawson Gemma Taylor	
BEAVERS	Beavers age 6-8	Beaver Team Leader	Melissa Simpkins	22
		Beaver Team Members	Andrea Vann Marc Fabri Sarah Cawthra Katie Fabri	
cubs	Cubs age 8-10 ½	Cub Team Leader	Carrie Shotton	42
		Cub Team Members	Alex Bradshaw Roz Halliwell Matthew Laurillard Sarah Abenbrook Helen Slater James Murphy Alice Phillips	
SCOUTS	Scouts age 10-14	Scout Team Leader	Vacant	53
		Scout Team Members	Andy Wood Simon Bottrell Andy Neal Mairi Wood David Grindrod Jack Burgess Theo Wilcocks Tom Parker Toby Simpson	

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING SCOUTING AT ST CHAD'S

Caroline Bedford Group Lead Volunteer September 2026

19th North Leeds (St Chad's) Scouts

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2026

2024/25	INCOME	2025/26
11,783.00	Subscriptions	12,315.00
11,506.81	Camps	17,920.37
0.00	Fundraising/Donations	1,000.00
6,772.10	Trips and Activities	6,097.86
149.50	Sale of Uniform	80.50
2,171.20	HMRC Gift Aid	2,668.01
84.00	Sundry Income	466.26
32,466.61	**Total Income**	**40,548.00**
32,466.61		**40,548.00**

2024/25	EXPENDITURE	2025/26
7,780.50	Capitation Fees	7,735.00
14,377.26	Camps	16,914.51
1,740.00	Parish Centre (Rent/Fees)	1,740.00
1,832.53	Badges and Handbooks	1,402.39
341.03	Insurance	360.39
9,002.99	Trips and Activities	6,017.71
656.56	Uniforms	288.50
346.27	Equipment	4,344.10
404.72	Sundries/Training	548.10
200.00	Donations/Gifts	650.00
0.00	Mileage	35.10
36,681.86	**Total Expenditure**	**40,035.80**
	Excess Income	512.20
36,681.86		**40,548.00**

	Bank Balance B/Fwd 1st April 2025	**6,288.04**
	Excess Income over Expenditure	**512.20**

	Bank Balance C/Fwd 31st March 2026	**6,800.24**

Prepared by: Andy Cooper (FCCA)
Treasurer

Independently Verified: Nick Russell
Former Treasurer (2004 to 2024)

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 19th North Leeds (St Chad's) Scout Group Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 19th North Leeds (St Chad's) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2026

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 19th North Leeds (St Chad's) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

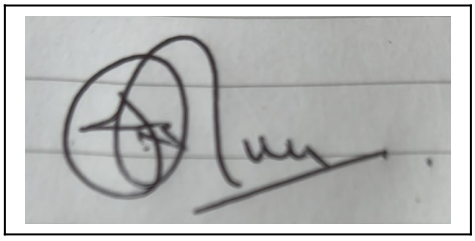
I report in respect of my examination of the 19th North Leeds (St Chad's) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 19th North Leeds (St Chad's) Scout Group 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: **Nick Russell**

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

Former Treasurer - St Chads Scouts (2004 to 2024)

Address: **224, Otley Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS16 5AB**

Date: **16TH September 2026**