Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 4 2 5 to end date 3 1 0 3 2 6

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Ripon & District Scouts
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	5 2 4 7 9 0
HQ registration number	
Charity's principal address	Miller's Croft, Mill Lane Boroughbridge North Yorkshire Postcode Y O 5 1 9 L H

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Aubrey de Lavenu		01.04.25-07.07.25
2	Ian Bardon		
3	Micheal Collins		
4	Donna Fleming		
5	Jonathan Goom		
6	Matilda Law		
7	John Lockwood		
8	Henry Morley		01.04.25-07.07.25
9	Sarah Rands		01.04.25-07.07.25
10	Sarah Slade	Treasurer	
11	Andrea Taylor		
12	Samantha Mason		07.07.25-31.03.26
13	Vacant	Secretary	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Calculated Ltd	

Section B Structure, governance and management

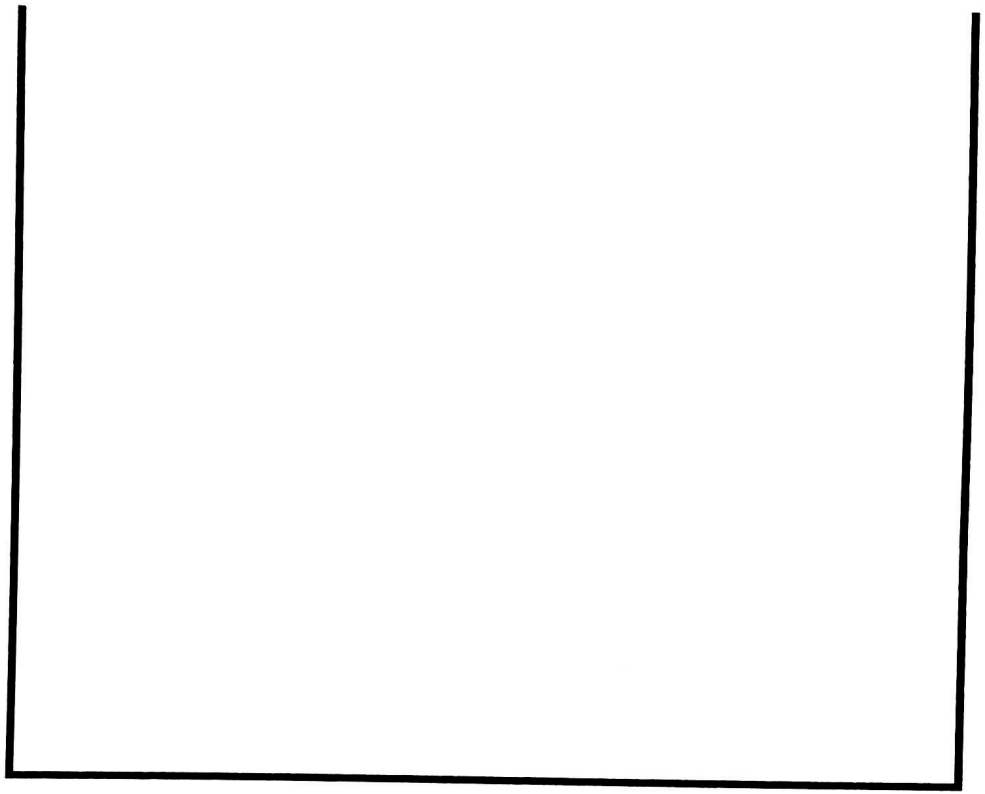
Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	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.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: Policies and procedures adopted for:	The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group 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 and 6

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 or 6 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.



Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	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 would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from capitation because of decreased membership. The District is primarily reliant upon income from capitation, but holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of capitation to increase income on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is aware that groups are totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the groups. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of a Group.

Financial 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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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** - 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Leaders in the District organise various activities which incorporate all District Groups to promote the values of Scouting. Two District camps were held in the year: the Scout Camp in May at the Ellerton Scout Activity Centre and a Cub Camp in July at Hillside Scouts HQ in Knayton. The Beavers enjoyed two events: Lightwater Valley Adventure Park in October and York Railway Museum in March.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Whilst the District and Groups continue to face challenges in terms of adult volunteer recruitment and retention, they have however, been able to provide a high level of Scouting activities required to meet the purposes and objectives of the charity.

The District has 4 active Explorer Units: White Horse, Spitfire,Fountains and Herriot.

Following a review of boundary areas by the North Yorkshire Scouts (at County level), it was concluded that the Ripon District be closed in November 2025. However, pending appeals to this decision it was agreed certain financial transactions continue. Capitation was actioned via the new areas that Groups were allocated to and so no capitation figures were processed through the District accounts this year.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**Reserves Policy** The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, currently circa £2K. The District held reserves of approximately £72K against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by a significant donation several years ago which has still to be utilised.
Quantify and explain any designations	Nine designated funds were held at the end of the year. Four relate to Explorer Groups who self-manage their income and expenditure within District guidelines. The other five funds are reviewed annually for their appropriateness and can be un-designated as required.
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	In the current year a surplus of £5K was achieved (£1.5K prior year) Contributors to the surplus included interest on an Investment Bond and surpluses generated by the Explorer Groups and badge sales To note: Capitation was actioned via the new areas that Groups were allocated to following the Boundary Review and so no capitation figures were processed through the District accounts this year.

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	
• investment policy and objectives;	**Investment Policy** The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash or a 1 Year Fixed Rate Bond using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Jonathan Neil Goom
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Trustee
Date	

Ripon and District Scout Council
Year Ending 31st March 2026

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR-ENDING 31.03.26

Overall

The result of income less expenditure for the year is a surplus of £4,963.33 (last year surplus £1,542.39)
Detailed comments are in the Notes on the I&E tab

The main contributors to the surplus were:
£2,212.46 bank interest
£2,076.49 Explorer units
£677.71 badge sales

To note: the District was closed by County in November 2025. However, pending appeals to this decision it was agreed certain financial transactions continue. Capitation was actioned via the new areas that Groups were allocated to and so no capitation figures were processed through the District accounts this year

Explorers

Spitfire
A surplus of £1,610.66 for the year increased their funds to £3,927.09. Funds are held in their own bank account

White Horse
A deficit of £635.85 for the year decreased their funds to £1,199.90. Funds are held in their own bank account

Fountains
A surplus of £827.38 for the year increased their funds to £1,365.31. Funds are held in their own bank account

Herriot
A surplus of £272.30 for the year increased their funds to £389.17. Funds are held in their own bank account

Badge income & expense

The result of income less expenditure was a surplus of £677.71

Badge stock

Badge stock increased from £1,637.49 to £2,083.87
However, this included a large purchase of necker stock just before the District closure was made known to all

The obsolescence provision remains at £1,098.92.

Bank Interest and Charges

£2,143.24 interest received on the Skipton BS account. The interest rate: 4.35%
(Rate decreases to 3.75% from 12.09.25)
£69.22 interest received on the Lloyds savings account

District Events

See attached sheet

To note

Beaver Day 07.03.26
£70 of income was received after 31.03.26

Cub Camp 4-6 Jul26
£1,457 of income was received after 31.03.26
£547.28 of expenditure was paid after 31.03.26
£536.93 of expenditure is still to be paid pending receipts being provided
Overall, once final payments are made, the camp made a surplus of £776.79

Year Ending 31st March 2026

Receipts and Payments account

	Receipts 2026	Receipts 2025	Payments 2026	Payments 2025	Notes on 2026 receipts & payments
Squirrels					
Beavers	1,249.00	1,260.00	1,249.52	1,200.00	2 x Beaver Days at Lightwater Valley 11.10.25 & York Railway Museum 07.03.26
Cubs	0.00	860.00	0.00	1,023.00	
Scouts	0.00	0.00	54.04	391.40	Scout Challenge 13.06.25 & Scout Hike 01.03.25 (delay in expense being received)
Explorers	24,186.26	12,922.75	22,109.77	12,118.82	
DAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
District Camps	3,529.00	1,230.00	3,009.60	1,043.00	
- cub camp					Cub Camp 4-6 July 25 (£1,457 received after 31.03.26, £547.28 paid after 31.03.26 & £593.96 to pay on receipt of receipts)
- scout camp					Scout Camp 16-18 May 25
Badges	3,502.45	4,624.52	2,824.74	3,944.48	Surplus £677.71
Training	0.00	725.00	60.00	2,255.85	£20 x 3 for room hire Nov24, Jan25 & May25 for First Aid training (invoice received late)
Equipment rebates	0.00	0.00	0.00	870.91	Rebates on-hold from Dec24 ie no more claims can be made
Grants & Donations	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
District Equipment			0.00	540.05	
Insurance			94.00	94.00	
Expenses claimed			0.00	0.00	
Hall hire			0.00	119.00	
Storage rent			250.00	500.00	Paid in advance 01.04.26-30.09.26
Postage & Stationery			43.38	5.70	
IT costs			64.79	56.39	
Bank Interest & charges	2,212.46	2,567.72	0.00	0.00	Interest from Skipton B/S Bond (3.75%) & Lloyds savings account
Sundries	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.50	
AGM costs			36.00	0.00	
Gift Aid	754.98	461.02	754.98	461.02	
Capitation	0.00	34,892.00	0.00	33,286.50	
	35,514.15	59,543.01	30,550.82	58,000.62	
LESS Payments	(30,550.82)	(58,000.62)			
Surplus/(deficit)	4,963.33	1,542.39			

Total Reserves as at 31.03.26

b/fwd reserves at 01.04.25	67,078.47
Surplus/(deficit)	4,963.33
Reserves as at 31.03.26	72,041.80

Ripon and District Scout Council

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.26

			31.03.26 £	31.03.25 £
Current Assets				
Cash	Petty Cash - Fountains ESU		-	408.66
Bank	Lloyds - District ...760		2,637.11	5,003.34
	Lloyds - District Savings ...563		10,277.36	8,208.14
	Lloyds - White Horse ESU		1,199.90	1,833.75
	Lloyds - Herriot ESU		389.17	2,316.43
	HSBC - Spitfire ESU		261.54	116.87
	Lloyds - Spitfire ESU		3,665.55	
	Lloyds - Fountains ESU		1,365.31	
Building Society	Skipton BS		51,413.13	49,269.89
Badge Stock			2,083.87	1,637.49
Less Badge stock obsolescence provision			(1,098.92)	(1,098.92)
Other debtors			-	-
Prepayments			-	-
Total Current Assets			**72,194.02**	**67,695.65**
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Current Liabilities				
Other Creditors	Badge Floats		152.22	572.18
	Deposit	L Priest paid in error to District. Xfer to 6th Ripon Apr	-	45.00
Total Current Liabilities			**152.22**	**617.18**
Total Assets less Liabilities			**72,041.80**	**67,078.47**
Reserves				
Surplus b/fwd			67,078.47	65,536.08
Surplus/(deficit) (Current Year)			4,963.33	1,542.39
			72,041.80	**67,078.47**
Difference			-	-

Ripon and District Scout Council

Explorer unit accounts
Period: 01.04.25-31.03.26

White Horse Explorer unit

Receipts	5,592.00	
LESS Payments	(6,225.85)	
Surplus for the year	(633.85)	
Balance brought forward	1,833.75	
Balance carried forward	**1,199.90**	**bank statement 31.03.26**

Fountains Explorer unit

Lloyds Bank (within District account)

Balance brought forward	129.27	
Transferred to Fountains (via V	(129.27)	07.05.25
Balance carried forward	.00	

Petty Cash

Balance brought forward	408.66	
Xferred to bank	(408.66)	
Balance carried forward	.00	

B/fwd balance at 01.04.25	.00	
Receipts (less xfer from cash b	3,854.18	
Xfer from cash to bank	408.66	
Xfer from District to Exp (via W	129.27	
LESS Payments	(3,026.80)	
Balance carried forward	**1,365.31**	**bank statement 31.03.26**

Spitfire Explorer unit

HSBC

Receipts	3,834.58	
LESS Payments	(5,889.47)	incl 3.5K xfer to Lloyds new bank a
Surplus for the year	(2,054.89)	
Balance brought forward	2,316.43	
Balance carried forward	**261.54**	**bank statement 31.03.26**

LLOYDS

Receipts	9,050.00	incl 3.5K xfer in from HSBC a/c
LESS Payments	(5,384.45)	
Surplus for the year	3,665.55	
Balance brought forward	.00	
Balance carried forward	**3,665.55**	**bank statement 31.03.26**

Herriot Explorer unit

Receipts	1,855.50	
LESS Payments	(1,583.20)	
Surplus for the year	272.30	
Balance brought forward	116.87	
Balance carried forward	**389.17**	**bank statement 31.03.26**

Template 2: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ripon and District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and District for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Ripon and District 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 Ripon and District 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 Ripon and District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns. All queries arising from my examination of the accounts have been satisfactorily answered.

Signed: N Mercer
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