



**Scouts**  
Sunderland

**Sunderland District  
Scouts  
Annual Report  
2023-24**

***We prepare young people with skills for life***

## A message from our Chair...

Dear Colleagues

I am looking forward to this year's 'All District' meeting being held on 23 September 2024 at the 25th Sunderland (Castletown) Scout HQ and many thanks to our colleagues for hosting us on this occasion.

Our event comes at a time when we have taken significant steps towards transforming the organisation of Scouting across all areas of our movement and it is heartening to see so much progress being made in Sunderland with so many playing their part.

As we said last year, changing how we are organised and how we work is invariably a challenge and the District Trustees Board has been adept in adjusting to the new arrangements enabling us to maintain a focus on strategic matters – Safety and Risks, Finance, Property and Assets, Governance, Training and Compliance – all to help in supporting our Scout Programme and the growth and development of Scouting across Sunderland district.

One key factor, largely out of our control is meeting the increasing financial costs of what we do. National HQ has announced an increase in its element of the forthcoming membership fee and County is likely to follow suit. In recent years additional funding from the government was available as part of the response to the COVID-19 emergency. We were able to pass that on to groups in order effectively to suppress the annual membership fee however that additional funding is no longer available. Consequently, the District's ability to grant financial relief will be severely curtailed in the next round of setting the membership fee.

The Trustees have long taken the view that membership fees should not be a disincentive to maintaining and developing membership numbers. At the same time, we must, as part of our brief as Trustees, manage the District's financial obligations in a responsible and accountable manner - and we will continue to adhere to this requirement. Accordingly, we will look to set a District levy on the basis of "balancing the books" and we will announce the total membership fee for 2025 reflecting National and County charges as well as the resources the District needs to call upon.

Annual reports tend to be a time for reflection, looking back over the previous twelve months, assessing what has been achieved, what is still work in progress and what can be done better in the year to come. We need to do this in the ever-changing environment which surrounds us – reflecting among other things, rapid technological advancement, social trends and new legislation.

Coincidentally, National HQ has recently launched an online survey -“Have your say on what you think Scouts should look like in 10 years’ time” – They want our thoughts about planning for our future and want to find out what we think the biggest challenges are for Scouts at a local level and in the UK as a whole. Where should we focus our efforts to ensure as a movement that we keep moving forward and stay relevant to what young people need to thrive in the future? The responses will be used to help shape the next strategy for Scouts, as the Skills for Life strategy comes to a close next year.

They reckon the short online survey should take just 10 minutes So, do some crystal ball gazing and give it a go! (complete the online survey by 14 October 2024)

Moving on, you will undoubtedly have seen the announcement that Dwayne Fields, adventurer and TV presenter, is the UK’s new Chief Scout.

Dwayne’s been appointed as our 11th Chief Scout “to lead our half a million young people and adult volunteers for his values, commitment to helping young people and outstanding leadership qualities. During his time as Chief Scout, Dwayne aims to inspire even more young people and adult volunteers to join from all backgrounds” – an ambition I’m sure we all share.

Finally, I want to close by expressing my gratitude to my colleagues on the Trustees Board for their immense contributions in continuing to maintain and improve Scouting in Sunderland, over the past 12 months - and an extra big thank you to those members who may be stepping down or changing their volunteer role.

Yours sincerely and with my best wishes,

**Keith Lowes**

**Volunteer Chair of Trustees**

**Sunderland Scouts**

## A Reference and Administration Details

**Charity Name:** Sunderland District Scout Council  
*Also known as:* Sunderland Scouts /  
Sunderland District Scouts

**Charity Number:** 520713

**Scout HQ Registration Number:** 100001701

**Principal Address Charity:** Kayll House, 9 Foyle Street, Sunderland SR1 1LB

**Period this report covers:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Charity Trustees

*Those volunteers responsible for the management of the charity*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>
Keith Lowes,	District Chair
Emma Scott	District Secretary
Fiona Slater	District Treasurer (till 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Steven Whatt	Nominated Member (till 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
	District Treasurer (from 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Carlton Gronow	District Commissioner ( <i>now known as Lead Volunteer</i> )
Ben Hudson	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Aaron Horton	District Scout Network Commissioner
James Elliot	Elected Member
John Cooper	Elected Member
Andrew Donaldson	Elected Member (from 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Cameron Hirst	Elected Member (from 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023)
Lesley Robinson	Nominated Member
Kris Woods	Nominated Member
Phil Atkinson	Nominated Member
Dave Russell	Nominated Member

## **B Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.

### **Constitution**

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

### **Trustee Selection**

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

### **The District Scout Council**

The District Scout Council is the electoral body which appoints the District Trustee Board to manage the day to day matters of the charity.

The ex officio members of the District Scout Council are members by virtue of their role in The Scouts:

- all adult members with a role in the District - see District roles in the Chapter 16 Roles Table of The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules
- all District Scout Leaders and Deputy District Scout Leaders from the District
- all District Trustee Board Chairs from the District
- all District Trustee Board Treasurers from the District
- all Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders from the District
- all District Active Support Managers from the District
- all Explorers (including Young Leaders) in the District
- all members of the Scout Network in the District
- all parents and carers of all Explorers (including Young Leaders)
- a representative of the District Troop Leadership Forum, selected from amongst the membership of the Forum
- the County Commissioner
- the County Chair

For the year 2023-24 the District did not have any appointed or community members of the District Scout Council.

## The District Trustee Board

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

The Trustee Board meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board as well as mandatory training for Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR if not completed previously and within 3 years since last completing.

This 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 give young people skills for life.

## Risk and Internal Control

The 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 the building, property and equipment.** The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as a church, community centre, Scout Groups or other Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

**Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** The District through the capitation fees contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

**Reduced income from fundraising.** The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

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

**Reduction or loss of members.** The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Group or Unit or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the District.

**Material Mismanagement or Loss.** The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include a system of limited delegated authority for expenditure and 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

## C Objectives and Activities

### 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 cooperate 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.

How the District seeks to achieve these objectives:

	<p><b>Sectional Support</b></p> <p>Whilst the Scout programme from 4 to 14 is delivered in the Scout Groups we support. The District is responsible for directly operating out 14 to 24 provision. Ensuring suitable leadership, resources and finances are in place to support young people achieve their Top Awards.</p>
	<p><b>Adventurous Activities</b></p> <p>We encourage all sections to run adventurous activities for young people and adults and support the acquisition and renewal of activity permits, including Nights Away permits that allow our leaders to take young people on overnight camps and other residential activities.</p>
	<p><b>Growth &amp; Transformation</b></p> <p>Liaising with the Regional Growth and Communities Team to identify local Growth and Development projects to grow Scouting. Whether opening new Groups, new Sections or Re-energising a Group which may have less numbers. We are also supporting groups to transition to new digital system, new way of team based working, new roles and structures and introducing a new training scheme.</p>
	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>We run a number of District Events through the year or support Groups in participating in County Events. The purpose of these is to supplement the Scout programme where scale or access to certain activities may be limited, sometimes these are competitive, and sometimes just for fun – but always allowing our young members the opportunity to understand that they are part of a worldwide family.</p>
	<p><b>Facilities &amp; Resources</b></p> <p>We manage 2 buildings, Kayll House our District HQ and Scout Resource Centre ensuring our members have access to uniform and badges. Dene Lane, currently an unused site. An archive covering the events of Sunderland Scouts since 1908! Lots of activity and camping equipment and a box trailer that Groups can use to transport their equipment.</p>

	<p><b>Grants &amp; Fundraising</b></p> <p>We make a financial contributions to those who wish to apply for grant funding whether to access Scouting when affordability becomes a challenge, to support international experiences such as World Scout Jamborees and to support the costs of adult volunteers who wish to undertake adventurous activity training with a National Governing Bodies. We gratefully receive grants from benefactors who support our work with young people, which often need to be administered carefully and reported back to the initial funder.</p>
	<p><b>District Support</b></p> <p>Scout Programme is delivered in Scout Halls as section meetings – as a District we strive to provide additional support to leaders whether that be human, financial or capital resource directly, indirectly or perhaps with the support of subject matter experts to provide advice or a more hands on approach with our Scout Active Support Unit. We also provide technical tools to help with Youth Membership &amp; Programme Administration (OSM) and Risk Assessment Management.</p>
	<p><b>Welcoming and Supporting New Volunteers</b></p> <p>Whilst new volunteers are always welcome, it is important that we screen applicants to ensure their suitability to work with young people. We have robust processes that we implement in the District such as DBS checks, reference checks and welcome conversations.</p>
	<p><b>Links &amp; Community Impact</b></p> <p>Maintaining links between our District and our neighbours, be they other Scouting Districts and Areas or external bodies, is essential. We encourage and support giving young people the opportunity to take part in high quality social action as part of the Scouting Movement.</p>

	<p><b>Volunteer Training</b></p> <p>Ensuring all our adult volunteers, whatever their role are appropriately trained or re-trained in a timely manner. All adults are required to undertake mandatory training in Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR within 6 months of their appointment, with additional 'Wood Badge' training for those that volunteers that work with young people or those that manage and support adults. There is also other opportunities for adult volunteers to develop skills and achieve fully assessed 'permits' to provide adventurous activity experiences and nights away.</p>
	<p><b>Youth Shaped</b></p> <p>Youth Shaped Scouting isn't a new concept. Lord Baden Powell's aim was to create a movement suited to and shaped by the young people involved. The idea of a Youth Shaped movement is part of the fundamental values of Scouting, and has always been important. Youth shaped scouting is all about you the leaders working with the young people of your section to shape their scouting experience around what they want to do. We are a movement, so we need to keep moving. It's vital to find out what young people want from Scouting so we can continue to deliver an exciting and relevant programme.</p>
	<p><b>Recognition</b></p> <p>Ensuring that we shout about our successes and recognise those who help us achieve them! Whether the badges our young people earn, with trophies and certificates for competition winners, or awards and medals to recognise the good and long service of our adult volunteers.</p>

**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.

## D Membership & Growth

### Census of Membership in Sunderland For the year ending 31 January 2024

	2023					2024					2024 vs 2023					
	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total	% change
<b>YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>																
Squirrel Scouts	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	6	+4	+2	-	-	+6	0%
Beaver Scouts	85	10	0	0	95	81	11	0	0	92	-4	+1	-	-	-3	-3%
Cub Scouts	105	30	0	0	135	115	37	0	0	152	+10	+7	-	-	+17	+13%
Scouts	73	30	0	0	103	92	38	0	0	130	+19	+8	-	-	+27	+26%
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	26	5	0	0	31	30	12	0	0	42	+4	+7	-	-	+11	+35%
Network Members	8	7	0	0	15	22	13	1	0	36	+14	+6	+1	-	+21	+140%
<b>TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>+47</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>+21%</b>
<b>PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES</b>																
Section Leaders	17	20	0	0	37	17	22	0	0	39	-	+2	-	-	+2	+5%
Assistant Section Leaders	16	17	0	0	33	15	18	0	0	33	-1	+1	-	-	-	0%
Section Assistants	10	9	0	0	19	14	15	0	0	29	+4	+6	-	-	+10	+53%
<b>TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>+13%</b>
Young Leaders*	16	0	0	0	16	13	6	0	0	19	-3	+6	-	-	+3	+19%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>+14%</b>
<b>LINE MANAGER ROLES</b>																
Group Scout Leaders	3	1	0	0	4	4	3	0	0	7	+1	+2	-	-	+3	+75%
District Explorer Scout Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Scout Network Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-	-	-	-1	-100%
District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>+40%</b>
<b>GOVERNANCE ROLES</b>																
Group Chair	2	2	0	0	4	3	2	0	0	5	+1	-	-	-	+1	+25%
Group Secretary	0	5	0	0	5	2	5	0	0	7	+2	-	-	-	+2	+40%
Group Treasurer	2	4	0	0	6	3	5	0	0	8	+1	+1	-	-	+2	+33%
Group Executive Members	8	6	1	0	15	10	2	0	0	12	+2	-4	-1	-	-3	-20%
<b>TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>+7%</b>
District Chair	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Secretary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Executive Members	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>+6%</b>
<b>SUPPORT ROLES</b>																
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	+1	-	-	-	+1	+100%
Group Administrators -	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	+1	-	-	+1	0%
Group Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Group Adults	7	15	0	0	22	9	4	0	0	13	+2	-11	-	-	-9	-41%
<b>TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-30%</b>
Deputy District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Assistant District Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Leaders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Administrators -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
District Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other District Support roles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
Scout Active Support	1	4	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	4	-1	-	-	-	-1	-20%
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-29%</b>
<b>TOTAL ADULT ROLES</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+5%</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>+58</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+87</b>	<b>+16%</b>
Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription (Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network)										422						
<b>OPERATIONAL UNITS</b>																
Squirrel Scout Dreys	0					1					+1					
Beaver Scout Colonies	9					9					-					
Cub Scout Packs	10					10					-					
Scout Troops	10					10					-					
Explorer Scout Units, including YL Units	6					6					-					
Scout Networks	1					1					-					
Scout Active Support Units	1					1					-					
Groups	10					10					-					

## E Financial Review

### Sunderland District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01 April 2023	To	31 March 2024
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#### Receipts and Payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	25,742.00	21,293.50
Donations	3,000.00	2,700.00
County rebate	182.00	166.50
Rent from Kayll House car park	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,924.00</b>	<b>25,160.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Grants	1,022.00	4,000.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,022.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
Camps, training courses, events	1,723.00	2,026.50
Shop	6,526.28	5,936.97
Network	161.30	218.00
Explorers	4,811.60	4,789.00
Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,222.18</b>	<b>12,970.47</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Bank Interest	749.26	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>749.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>44,917.44</b>	<b>42,130.47</b>
<b>Asset and Investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>44,917.44</b>	<b>42,130.47</b>

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### Receipts and Payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
Membership fees paid to County	21,522.00	17,654.00
Youth programme and activities	1,930.64	1,762.08
Explorers	5,455.39	4,316.20
Network	397.80	306.49
Adult support and training	502.56	0.00
Refunds/Rebates	256.00	130.50
Grant made	720.00	300.00
Rates (Kayll House)	120.15	227.84
Water and sewerage (Kayll House)	285.55	170.60
Electricity and gas (Kayll House)	1,736.30	2,225.84
Maintenance and cleaning (Kayll House)	0.00	0.00
Telephone, alarm and broadband (Kayll House)	0.00	94.56
Rent and rates (Dene Lane)	48.08	68.52
Water and sewerage (Dene Lane)	241.01	172.71
Insurance	1,231.49	1,130.88
AGM and trustee expenses	100.00	100.00
Shop purchases for resale	7,118.79	4,674.53
Legal etc. Fees	0.00	0.00
Bank charges	166.53	50.10
Audit fee	0.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	3,779.74	161.84
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>45,612.03</b>	<b>33,621.69</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>45,612.03</b>	<b>33,621.69</b>
<b>Asset and Investment purchases, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>45,612.03</b>	<b>33,621.69</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) generated in the year</b>	<b>(694.59)</b>	<b>8,508.72</b>

## Sunderland District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from

01 April 2023

To

31 March 2024

### Statement of cash balances at the end of the year

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	5,119.73	80,492.93
Bank Deposit Account	75,749.26	0.00
Soldo account	234.98	992.76
Equals Money account	194.41	507.28
Cash Float	75.00	75.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>81,373.38</b>	<b>82,067.97</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		0.00
Shop stock	7,868.37	5,922.32
<b>Land and buildings</b>		
Kayll House	75,000.00	75,000.00
Trailer	500.00	500.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total non-cash assets</b>	<b>84,868.37</b>	<b>82,922.32</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00	0.00
Group Activity Debtors	13.00	0.00
Shop Debtors	930.60	0.00
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>943.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>167,185.35</b>	<b>164,990.29</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

S. Whitt  
Signature

Steven Whitt  
Name

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Treasurer

K. Lowes  
Signature

Keith Lowes  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

## Sunderland District Scout Association

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### *Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sunderland District Scout Group*

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### *Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner*

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed, in accordance with the financial rules of the charity.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### *Basis of independent examiner's report*

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

#### *Independent examiner's statement*

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



John Edwards  
2 Rose Cottages  
Windlass Lane  
Washington  
Tyne and Wear  
NE37 1BD

May 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

### 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 Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months of running costs, circa £4000

### Investment Policy

The District Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short-Term Investment Service.

The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

## G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 

Full Name: Keith Lowes

Position: Volunteer Chair of Trustees - Sunderland Scouts

Date: 20/09/2024