

Trustees Annual Report Sunderland Scouts 2024-2025



A message from our Chair...

It was my great pleasure and honour to be present, in February this year, at the unveiling of the Blue Plaque commemorating, effectively, the launch of the Scouting movement to the world. As you may know, it was 117 years ago, on February 22, 1908, that Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of our movement, conducted the world's first-ever Scout inspection in Sunderland, on Garrison Field behind what is now the Fire Station entertainments complex. Formed by Col. Ernest Vaux of the famous brewing family and Baden-Powell's friend from the Boer War, the Troop would go on to be known as Vaux's Own – Sunderland No. 1 and is also believed to be the first official Scout troop in the world.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne & Wear, Lucy Winskell OBE, and Ben Hodgkiss, UK Contingent Leader for the Scouts, carried out the unveiling of the plaque. It was a prestigious, profile-raising event for Scouting in Sunderland, attended by the great and the good from the District and further afield. I was struck, from chatting with various attendees, by how much Scouting and the contribution we make to the well-being of Sunderland is appreciated across the wider community. There were so many people who, even if no longer active in Scouting, had a story to tell of when they or their children were Scouts. **Once a Scout, always a Scout?**

Overall, the event was a great success and my gratitude is extended to those who helped make it happen – particularly two of our extraordinary volunteers, Lesley and Andrew Robinson, who did much of the “heavy lifting”. Their efforts remind me how essential volunteers are to every single success story within Scouting. Week in, week out, our volunteers across Sunderland give their time, energy, and creativity to inspire young people with skills for life. Whether leading weekly section nights, organising adventurous activities, or supporting behind the scenes, their contribution embodies our values of care, respect, integrity, belief, and cooperation. Quite simply, without them, none of this would be possible.

Sunderland's historic role in the origins and development of Scouting is one of the almost “quirky facts” which give the city its unique character. There are many “did you know” of this kind that I come across from time to time. My favourites include the laying of the foundation stone of Sunderland Museum in 1877, which was attended by American President Ulysses S. Grant, victorious general of the Civil War.

Another is that Sir William Herschel, distinguished composer and renowned astronomer, lived in Sunnyside in the 18th century – just around the corner from what is now Kayll House. These connections remind us that Sunderland has long been a place of innovation, culture, and influence. Scouting is proud to be part of that tradition, helping young people take their place in history by developing character, citizenship, and leadership.

When I reflect on the Blue Plaque event, I am struck not only by the significance of Sunderland's role in the Scouting story, but also by how that story continues to be written today. From those first parades on Garrison Field, to the hundreds of young people who now wear the Scout scarf across our District, we are united by a common purpose: preparing young people with skills for life. This is not simply about teaching outdoor skills or teamwork, though those remain at the heart of what we do. It is also about resilience, empathy, problem-solving, and confidence – qualities that help young people succeed in school, in work, and in life. In a world that is constantly changing, these skills are more relevant than ever.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Scouting in Sunderland is powered by ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Leaders who give up their evenings to run a programme. Trustees who ensure the safe and sustainable running of our Groups. Parents who lend a hand on camp. Skills instructors, administrators, fundraisers, and mentors who quietly keep everything moving. Each contribution, no matter how small, has a ripple effect on the lives of young people. Collectively, they create opportunities that young people may not otherwise have access to – from camping under the stars for the first time, to representing the UK at an international jamboree.

As we look forward to a new Scouting year, I would like to express my appreciation for the current Trustees Board, who over the past 12 months have really gelled together to form a highly effective team, working in the service of the District. Not all issues facing us have been finally resolved, but great progress has been made. Their work embodies the very best of our values: showing integrity in decision-making, belief in the potential of our young people, respect for the views of all stakeholders, and care in safeguarding the future of Scouting in Sunderland.

Changes will come along in the next months and years, as they always do. We will face new challenges, but I am confident that Sunderland District Scouts will continue to rise to them. We can draw strength from our history – from Baden-Powell's first parade here in 1908 – and from our present-day community of volunteers and young people. Together, we will keep creating moments of adventure, friendship, and growth. Together, we will keep making a difference. And together, we will keep equipping young people with skills for life.

Thank you all for the part you play in our ongoing story. Whether you are leading, supporting, encouraging, or simply sharing your pride in being part of Scouting, you are shaping lives and building a better world.

Mr. 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 of the Charity:	Kayll House, 9 Foyle Street, Sunderland SR1 1LB
Period this report covers:	1 st April 2024 to 31 st March 2025

Board of Trustees

Those volunteers appointed by the District Scout Council to be responsible for the sound day-to-day governance of the charity on their behalf.

Name	Role
Keith Lowes,	District Chair
Emma Scott	District Secretary* (1 st April 2024 to 23 rd September 2024)
Steven Whatt	District Treasurer
Carlton Gronow	Lead Volunteer (Ex Officio Trustee)
Ian Simpson	Youth Lead (Ex Officio Trustee)
Aaron Horton	Trustee
James Elliot	Trustee
John Cooper	Trustee
Lesley Robinson	Trustee
Phil Atkinson	Trustee
Dave Russell	Trustee
Andrew Donaldson	Trustee (1 st April 2024 to 23 rd September 2024)
Cameron Hirst	Trustee (1 st April 2024 to 23 rd September 2024)
Kris Woods	Trustee (1 st April 2024 to 23 rd September 2024)

** - Please note that the role of District Secretary continues to support the board and has attendance at meetings, but from 23rd September 2024 is not a trustee by right of appointment.*

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:

- a. All adult members with a District role
(as per The Scouts Policy, Organisation & Rules Teams Table)
- b. All Group Lead Volunteer members of each Group Leadership Team from the District
- c. All Group Leadership Team Members of each Group in the District
- d. All Group Section Team Members of each Group in the District
- e. All Group Trustee Board Chairs from the District
- f. All Group Trustee Board Treasurers from the District
- g. All Explorers (including Young Leaders) in the District
- h. All members of the Scout Network in the District
- i. All parents of all Explorers (including Young Leaders) in the District
- j. The County Lead Volunteer (Durham Scouts)
- k. The County Chair (Durham Scouts)

For the year 2024-25 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, Creating Inclusion, 'Who we are and what we do' 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.


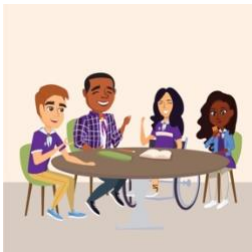


The Scout Method




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 our objectives:

<p>EXPLORERS</p> 	<p>Sectional Support</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 our 14 to 24 provisions. Ensuring suitable leadership, resources and finances are in place to support young people achieve their Top Awards.</p>
	<p>Adventurous Activities</p> <p>We encourage all sections to run adventurous activities for young people and adults and support the acquisition and renewal of adventurous activity permits, including Nights Away permits that allow our leaders to take young people on overnight camps and other residential activities.</p>
	<p>Growth & Transformation</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>Events</p> <p>We run a number of District Events through the year and 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>Facilities & Resources</p> <p>Kayll House our District HQ & Scout Resource Centre ensuring our members have access to uniform and badges.</p> <p>An archive covering the events of Sunderland Scouts since 1908!</p> <p>A box trailer that Groups can use to transport their equipment.</p> <p>And lots of activity and camping equipment for Groups to use.</p>

	<p>Grants & Fundraising</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>District Support</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. We also provide technical tools to help with Youth Membership & Programme Administration (OSM) and Risk Assessment Management.</p>
	<p>Welcoming and Supporting New Volunteers</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 in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy such as DBS checks, reference checks and welcome conversations.</p>
	<p>Links & Community Impact</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. As well as representing The Scouts at local, national and international events ensuring that Young People are the good work we do are showcased and celebrated in the wider community.</p>

	<p>Volunteer Training</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, 'Who We Are and What We Do', Creating Inclusion and GDPR when starting months of their appointment. Additional modules for Trustees, Line Mangers and those with Programme Based roles are also mandatory. Additional and advanced training is available with a 'Wood Badge' being awarded to adults as a symbol of the completion of the advanced training.</p>
	<p>Youth Shaped</p> <p>Youth Shaped Scouting isn't a new concept. Baden-Powell our founder'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>Recognition</p> <p>Valuing the contribution, commitment and achievements of our members is an essential. The badges and awards our young people earn, trophies and certificates for competition winners and presentation at our annual St. Georges Day event.</p> <p>We also present adult volunteers for long service at 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 & 70 years as well as good service awards and medals for outstanding contribution.</p>

Public benefit statement

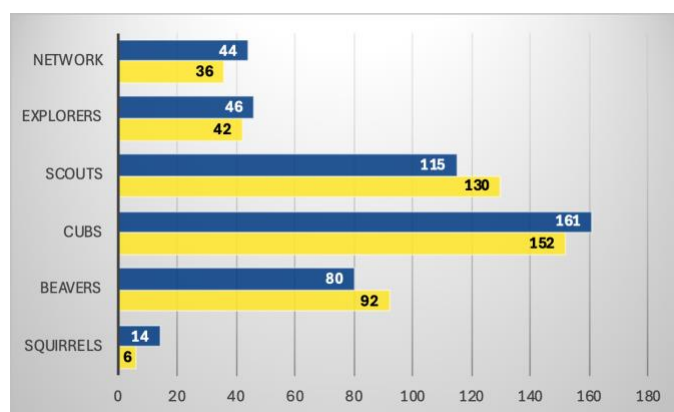
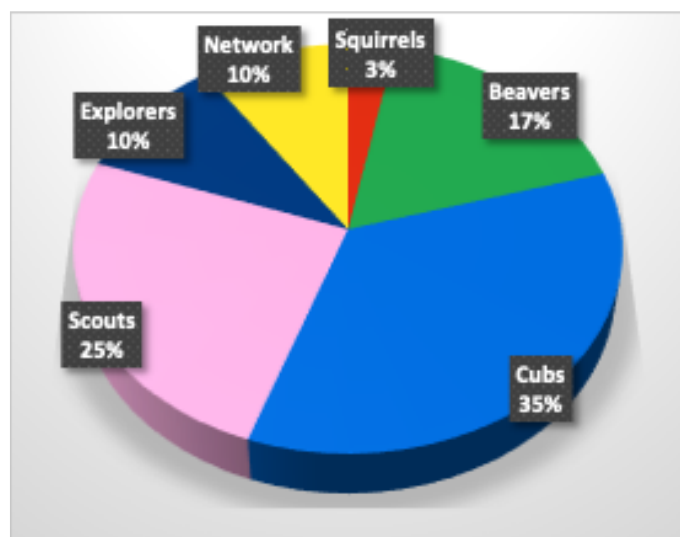
The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

D Membership & Growth

The graphs and tables show a summary of the current membership of Sunderland Scouts.

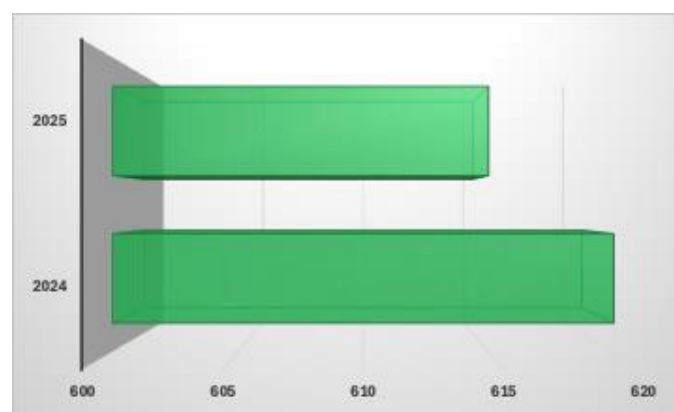
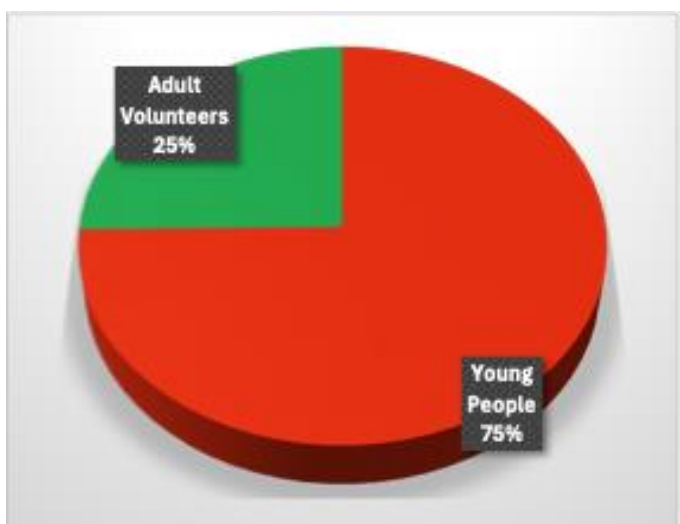
Youth Membership 2025		Total
Squirrels		14
Beavers		80
Cubs		161
Scouts		115
Explorers		46
Network		44
Total number of Young People		460

Youth Membership	2024 Vs 2025	
Squirrels	6	14
Beavers	92	80
Cubs	152	161
Scouts	130	115
Explorers	42	46
Network	36	44
Totals	458	460



Young People Vs Adults	Total
Young People	460
Adult Volunteers	155
Total District Membership	615

Total Membership 2024 Vs 2025	Total
2024	620
2025	615
Difference +/-	-5



Please Note: While there is a slight decrease from 2024 to 2025, we believe this reflects changes to our volunteer structure and role recording, not a drop in adult volunteer numbers.

The table below is a summary of our National Scout Census return as of
31st January 2025 vs 31st January 2024

	2024					2025					2025 vs 2024					
	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
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP																
Squirrel Scouts	4	2	0	0	6	10	4	0	0	14	+6	+2	-	-	+8	+133%
Beaver Scouts	81	11	0	0	92	71	9	0	0	80	-10	-2	-	-	-12	-13%
Cub Scouts	115	37	0	0	152	128	33	0	0	161	+13	-4	-	-	+9	+6%
Scouts	92	38	0	0	130	86	29	0	0	115	-6	-9	-	-	-15	-12%
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	30	12	0	0	42	33	11	2	0	46	+3	-1	+2	-	+4	+10%
Network Members	22	13	1	0	36	28	15	1	0	44	+6	+2	-	-	+8	+22%
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	344	113	1	0	458	356	101	3	0	460	+12	-12	+2	-	+2	+0%
SECTION TEAMS																
Team Leader	17	22	0	0	39	22	26	0	0	48	+5	+4	-	-	+9	+23%
Team Member	29	33	0	0	62	28	26	1	0	55	-1	-7	+1	-	-7	-11%
TOTAL ADULT SECTION TEAMS	46	55	0	0	101	50	52	1	0	103	+4	-3	+1	-	+2	+2%
Young Leader	13	6	0	0	19	5	4	0	0	9	-8	-2	-	-	-10	-53%
Other 14-17 Helper	3	1	0	0	4	2	5	0	0	7	-1	+4	-	-	+3	+75%
TOTAL SECTION TEAMS	62	62	0	0	124	57	61	1	0	119	-5	-1	+1	-	-5	-4%
GROUP LEADERSHIP TEAM																
Group Lead Volunteer	4	3	0	0	7	4	2	0	0	6	-	-1	-	-	-1	-14%
Team Member	2	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	6	+2	+2	-	-	+4	+200%
GROUP TRUSTEE BOARD																
Group Chair	3	2	0	0	5	4	2	0	0	6	+1	-	-	-	+1	+20%
Treasurer	3	5	0	0	8	3	3	0	0	6	-	-2	-	-	-2	-25%
Members (nominated, elected or co-opted)	12	7	0	0	19	12	12	0	0	24	-	+5	-	-	+5	+26%
GROUP DISCONTINUED ROLES																
Group Administrator	0	1	0	0	1											
Other adults with Group support roles	9	4	0	0	13											
TOTAL GROUP TEAMS	33	22	0	0	55	27	21	0	0	48	-6	-1	-	-	-7	-13%
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM																
Lead Volunteer	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	+1	-	-	-	+1	0%
Youth Lead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Team Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
DISTRICT 14-24 TEAM																
Team Lead	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	+2	-	-	-	+2	0%
Team Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
DISTRICT PROGRAMME TEAM																
Team Lead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Team Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
DISTRICT VOLUNTEERING DEVELOPMENT TEAM																
Team Lead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Team Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM																
Team Lead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Team Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Adults	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
DISTRICT TRUSTEE BOARD																
Chair	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Members (nominated, elected or co-opted)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-	-	-	-1	-100%
DISTRICT DISCONTINUED ROLES																
Deputy Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0											
Deputy Youth Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0											
Assistant Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0											
District Leader	0	0	0	0	0											
Administrator	0	0	0	0	0											
Scout Active Support	0	4	0	0	4											
TOTAL DISTRICT TEAMS	2	4	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	4	+2	-4	-	-	-2	-33%
TOTAL ADULT ROLES	81	81	0	0	162	81	73	1	0	155	-	-8	+1	-	-7	-4%
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	425	194	1	0	620	437	174	4	0	615	+12	-20	+3	-	-5	-1%
Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription (Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network)										416						
OPERATIONAL UNITS																
Squirrel Scout Dreys	1					2					+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					0					-1					
Groups	10					10					-					

E Financial Review

Sunderland District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01 April 2024	To	31 March 2025
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Receipts and Payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Subscriptions	28,080	25,742.00
Donations	0	3,000.00
County rebate	633.00	182.00
Rent from Kayll House car park	1000.00	1,000.00
Trailer Income	40.00	
Sub total	29753.00	29,924.00
Grants		
Grants	4850.00	1,022.00
Sub total	4850.00	1,022.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Camps, training courses, events	2152.66	1,723.00
Shop	8543.99	6,526.28
Network	0	161.30
Explorers	7004.92	4,811.60
Other	106	0.00
Sub total	17807.57	13,222.18
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	787.06	749.26
Sub total	787.06	749.26
Total Gross Income	53,197.63	44,917.44
Asset and Investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	53,197.63	44,917.44

Charity number: 520713

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Receipts and Payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Membership fees paid to County	23,504.00	21,522.00
Youth programme and activities	1,981.29	1,930.64
Explorers	6,459.92	5,455.39
Network	15.00	397.8
Adult support and training	1,803.78	502.56
Refunds/Rebates	633	256
Grants Made	0	720
Rates (Kayll House)	128.24	120.15
Water and sewerage (Kayll House)	509.28	285.55
Electricity and gas (Kayll House)	1,817.58	1,736.30
Maintenance and cleaning (Kayll House)	2700.00	0
Telephone, alarm and broadband (Kayll House)	0	0
Insurance (Kyall House)	923.68	1,231.49
Rent and rates (Dene Lane)	49.47	48.08
Water and sewerage (Dene Lane)	269.46	241.01
Maintenance (Dene Lane)	19,496.59	
Insurance (Dene Lane)	254.00	
Trailer Repair	165.46	
AGM and trustee expenses	0	100
Shop purchases for resale	6,125.04	7,118.79
Legal etc. Fees	0	0
Bank charges	299.24	166.53
Audit Fees	0	0
Subscriptions	1,627.00	
Miscellaneous	1054.23	3,779.74
Sub total	69,816.26	45,612.03
Total Gross Expenditure	69,816.26	45,612.03
Asset and Investment purchases, etc.		0.00
Total payments	69,816.26	45,612.03
Surplus/(Deficit) generated in the year	(16,618.63)	(694.59)

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Statement of cash balances at the end of the year

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	6,298.47	5,119.73
Bank Deposit Account	57,536.32	75,749.26
Soldo account	0.00	234.98
Equals Money account	844.96	194.41
Cash Float	75.00	75.00
Total cash funds	65,754.75	81,373.38
Investment assets		
Shop stock	7,397.31	7,868.37
Land and buildings		
Kayll House	150,000.00	75,000.00
Dene Lane	12,000	
Trailer	500.00	500.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total non-cash assets	171,397.31	84,868.37
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	129.26	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00	0.00
Group Activity Debtors	0.00	13.00
Shop Debtors	86.40	930.60
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total liabilities	215.66	943.60
Total net assets	236,367.72	167,185.35

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 30/06/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name	Treasurer
Signature	Name	Chair
	<i>Charity number: 520713</i>	

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 2025.

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.

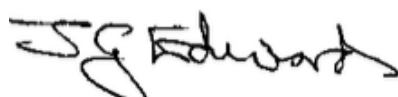
Independent examiner's statement

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.



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June 26th 2025

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.

F 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:

16/08/2025