

Wetherby District Scout Council
Trustees' Annual Report
1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026



Administration, Structure, Governance and Management

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio

District Lead Volunteer	Simon Cocker (to 10/01/2026) Kyle Mallory (from 10/01/2026)
District Youth Lead	Sylvie Hollinghurst (from 03/05/2025)

TRUSTEES: Appointed

Chair	John Smallwood	<i>Signatory</i>
Treasurer	Ann Hill	<i>Signatory</i>
Tim Archer		<i>Signatory</i>
Michael Bee		<i>Signatory</i>
Sue Russell		
Claire Probert		
Kyle Mallory	(became Lead Volunteer from 10/01/2026 – see above)	
Simon Cocker	(from 10/01/2026) previously Lead Volunteer – see above)	

TRUSTEES: Nominated

None

Principal Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
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Independent Examiner

Parker Hartley & Co
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Charity Registration Number

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of the Council, which have been subject to independent examination, for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. These benefits are available to all young people and are therefore considered to be a public benefit under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

Wetherby District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which gives authority to the Bye Laws and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The District is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District.

The District have adopted the model constitution from The Scouts Policy, Organisation and Rules document.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

This year it has been pleasing to see Scouting in Wetherby District flourish. In July 2025 we held our Annual District Camp which was once again well attended with over 1000 adults and young people in attendance. It was Kyle Mallorie's first District camp as Lead, and we wish to thank him for all his efforts in making this camp a fantastic experience for everyone who attended. We are very grateful to the Lane-Fox family for allowing us to use the parkland in the beautiful Bramham Park.

Other District events held during the year included a St George's Day celebration in Scholes, a hike and sleepover for Cubs and the Andrew Oliver incident hike for Scouts held in Bramham Park. The District's Explorer Units have also been very active, with camps taking place across the year and numerous other events being enjoyed, and our Young Leader training programme continues to develop our adult leaders of the future. Planning has commenced for our District Morocco expedition to be held in July 2027.

It has been great to see how many Young People have achieved their top awards across the sections and many of them attended the Central Yorkshire County Annual awards in February 2025. It is notable to see an increase in number of the King Scout Awards (which is the highest award a Young Person/Adult achieve) being presented too

All these events, and the great scouting that is delivered week in week out by Groups, would not be possible without our adult volunteers. Over 275 adults in Wetherby District give their time to deliver fun, challenge and adventure for our young people and help them to gain Skills for Life. A big 'thank you' to you all for your dedication, whether working directly with young people or behind the scenes. Looking ahead, the work done by The Scouts nationally on attracting, retaining, training and supporting our adult volunteers more effectively will be put into place locally.

A significant milestone this year has been the appointment of our first District Inclusion Lead. Working alongside the Senior Leadership Team, she will help ensure Scouting in Wetherby District is accessible, welcoming and inclusive for everyone. We are delighted to benefit from her knowledge and experience as we continue to develop opportunities for all young people and volunteers.

We have also seen continued investment in our volunteers through an increasing range of training, development and networking opportunities provided by the Volunteer Development

Team. These opportunities help volunteers develop new skills, share best practice and provide the very best Scouting experience for young people across the District.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. Their commitment and enthusiasm continue to provide young people with opportunities for adventure, personal growth and Skills for Life, helping Wetherby District remain a thriving and growing Scout District.

The January 2026 census showed that the number of young people and adults volunteers involved in scouting in Wetherby District increased slightly compared with the previous year and we are starting to see the District returning to pre pandemic levels. Many Groups have waiting lists of young people eager to join and our capacity is always determined by the number of adult volunteers prepared to give up some of their precious time. Therefore, we are always keen and eager to hear from people interested in supporting Scouting in whatever capacity they wish.

Appointment of Trustees

From October 2025 the Trustee Board of Wetherby District Scout Council comprised the District Chair, the District Treasurer, the District Lead Volunteer and the District Youth Lead Volunteer as ex-officio members together with up to eight appointed members, making up to a possible total of twelve Trustees. Trustees usually serve for a period of three years. Invitations for nominations to any vacancies on the Trustee Board are advertised prior to the AGM.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are trained in their responsibilities and duties by the longer serving trustees. Additionally, trustees are required to complete an online training module provided by National Headquarters.

Organisation

The management of the business of the District Scout Council is vested in the Trustee Board. The Board has met regularly during the year to manage the affairs of the Charity. The Board is responsible for policy making.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks.

The District has continued to manage the risks to which it is exposed using the approach adopted in the previous year. These specific measures continue to build on the existing risk frameworks in Scouting for everything from leadership compliance to international trips, and the requirements surrounding Information Security (GDPR) and financial prudence.

Financial Review

The 2025/26 accounts show that Wetherby District Scouts remain in a healthy financial position. Payments exceeded receipts during the year by £3,733, mainly due to deposits paid for

international trips taking place in 2027 and 2028. Cash balances on 31st March 2026 totalled £67,422, some of which relate to Explorers, but the majority are general District funds. Based on the reserves policy set out below the District needs to hold reserves in the region of £62,000. Cash balances have reduced by £4,587 during the financial year due to the deposits paid in advance for international trips.

The District Trustee Board would like to thank John Hartley for his continued support for Wetherby District Scouts, acting as our Independent Examiner once again.

Reserves Policy

The District Trustee Board aims to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to cover the general running expenses of the District should income unexpectedly reduce or unforeseen expenditure be required. The Trustee Board considers that the District should hold cash reserves of approximately six months normal running costs for this purpose, which equates to around £13,000.

Reserves are also required to fund payments for major District events which have to be made before income is received from participants. The annual District Camp is the District's largest event and reserves of up to £20,000 may be required for cash flow purposes.

Funds of £25,000 have been set aside to enable the Trustee Board to decide on the best way forward when the minibus reaches the end of its useful life.

Two grant funds totalling £1,500 are held in reserves. They were established through donations and are available to support scouting activities in Wetherby District. As grants are made the funds are topped up to the level of the original donations so the funds are available 'in perpetuity'.

Holding reserves enables the District to provide financial support to new Groups within the District whilst they become established. They can also allow support to be provided on a 'last resort' basis for any Groups in financial difficulty that they are unable to resolve themselves.

Reserves also support the District in providing its Financial Inclusion Fund, the aim of which is to help ensure that no young person is prevented from joining Scouts or participating in all the opportunities and activities that scouting offers due to their family's financial circumstances.

Investment Policy

The District does not have any significant free reserves and so the Trustee Board has adopted a low-risk strategy in the investment of its funds. Consequently, all funds are held in current and deposit accounts that are low risk.

Grant Funds for Young People

There are two funds totalling £1,500 available to provide some financial support to young people in Wetherby District. The Brian Slack Memorial Fund provides support for overseas activities and expeditions and the Alice Carr Memorial Fund supports the development of young people in adventurous activity. Applications are encouraged and should be made through the District Chair for consideration and approval by the Trustee Board.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and International Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any major departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity. And to enable them to ensure that any statements of accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

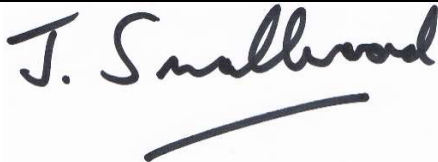
Concluding Remarks

The Trustees wish to record their thanks for the efforts by all adults across the District and especially those taking on District roles for their part in providing successful scouting in Wetherby District during the year.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature	
Full name	John Smallwood
Position	Chair

Wetherby District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments Account
1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Receipts and payments

	Notes	2025/26			2024/25
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership fees		64,924	-	64,924	63,653
Donations		830	-	830	666
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid		2,122	-	2,122	1,805
Other similar income		-	-	-	-
Sub total		67,876	-	67,876	66,124
Scouting activities					
District camp		30,055	-	30,055	30,450
Explorers activities	1	7,397	-	7,397	3,680
Other scouting activities		11,275	-	11,275	6,175
Minibus usage charges		1,753	-	1,753	1,563
Badge sales		6,590	-	6,590	5,288
Uniform sales		987	-	987	9
Sub total		58,057	-	58,057	47,165
Grants					
Maintenance grant		-	-	-	-
Other grants		-	-	-	3,750
Sub total		-	-	-	3,750
Fundraising events					
Quiz nights		6,006	-	6,006	4,787
Other fundraising activities		745	-	745	150
Jamboree 2027 fundraising	2	1,719	-	1,719	-
Less: Jamboree fundraising to CYCS	2	- 1,679	- -	1,679	-
Sub total		6,791	-	6,791	4,937
Investment income					
Bank interest		141	-	141	242
Building society interest		2,061	-	2,061	2,479
Sub total		2,202	-	2,202	2,721
Total Gross Income		134,926	-	134,926	124,697
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		134,926	-	134,926	124,697

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Receipts and payments

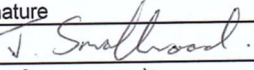
	Notes	2025/26			2024/25
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Scouting activities					
Membership fees paid		55,533	-	55,533	55,583
District camp		28,431	-	28,431	30,666
Explorers activities	1	13,492	-	13,492	6,222
Other scouting activities		10,285	-	10,285	12,727
Minibus expenses		1,064	-	1,064	2,914
Badge purchases		6,117	-	6,117	5,823
Materials and equipment		3,263	-	3,263	2,465
Adult support and training		2,490	-	2,490	1,242
Rent		2,524	-	2,524	2,770
Insurance		3,515	-	3,515	3,816
Management and administration		1,359	-	1,359	1,577
Bank and payment charges		565	-	565	341
Uniforms		1,776	-	1,776	719
AGM and trustee expenses		315	-	315	336
Grants		2,675	-	2,675	1,700
Quiz night donations		2,612	-	2,612	1,677
Other donations		790	-	790	373
Sub total		136,806	-	136,806	130,951
Fundraising expenses					
Quiz nights		1,853	-	1,853	1,775
Other fundraising costs		-	-	-	-
Sub total		1,853	-	1,853	1,775
Total Gross Expenditure		138,659	-	138,659	132,726
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		-	-	-	-
Total payments		138,659	-	138,659	132,726
Net of receipts/(payments)	3	- 3,733	-	- 3,733	- 8,029
Transfer of funds to South Milford Group		- 854	-	- 854	- 6,899
Cash funds last year end		72,009	-	72,009	86,937
Cash funds this year end		67,422	-	67,422	72,009

Wetherby District Scout Council

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Notes	31st March 2026			31st March 2025
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	4	147	463	610	748
Bank deposit account		10,626	-	10,626	4,136
Building society account		56,186	-	56,186	67,125
Cash/floats		-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	5	66,959	463	67,422	72,009
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	6	1,575	-	1,575	1,228
Debts due		616	-	616	550
Payments in advance	5	7,938	-	7,938	1,570
Sub total		10,129	-	10,129	3,348
Non monetary assets					
Badge stock		1,502	-	1,502	1,718
Other stock		-	-	-	-
Land and buildings		-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles (minibus)	7	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	8	59,697	-	59,697	55,456
Other		-	-	-	-
Sub total		61,199	-	61,199	57,174
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid		482	-	482	-
Subscriptions not yet paid		-	-	-	-
Receipts in advance	9	2,905	-	2,905	-
Badge account balances		1,477	-	1,477	1,119
Other liabilities		-	-	-	-
Sub total		4,864	-	4,864	1,119

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11th June 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	Position
	John Smallwood	Chair
	Ann Hill	Treasurer

Wetherby District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Receipts and Payments Account

Note 1

Expenditure for Explorer activities significantly exceeds income due to deposits paid for international trips taking place in 2027 and 2028.

Note 2

Fundraising by young people taking part in the 2027 World Scout Jamboree is paid in to the District bank account then transferred on their behalf to Central Yorkshire Scouts who are responsible for the financial arrangements.

Note 3

The net deficit is mainly due to deposit payments in advance for international trips as outlined in Note 1.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Note 4

The restricted funds relate to a donation from the Carr Family for the development of young people in adventurous activity.

Note 5

The reduction in cash funds between 31st March 2025 and 2026 and payments in advance mainly relate to deposit payments for international trips as outlined in Note 1.

Note 6

The tax claim due is the 2025/26 Explorer Gift Aid claim to be submitted in 2026/27.

Note 7

The minibus has now been fully depreciated. The annual depreciation together with any in-year surpluses on its operation are held in reserves in preparation for its replacement. This funding has been augmented to provide a reserve of £25,000 for the likely cost of replacing the minibus.

Note 8

Scouting equipment is mainly valued at replacement cost.

Note 9

Receipts in advance are mainly for Explorer events taking place in the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Wetherby and District Scout Council

We report on the Accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1 to 4.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for our examination work.

Respective responsibility of Trustees and Examiner

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year [under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)] and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District 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 statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention -

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



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11th August 2026