

A young child with dark curly hair, wearing a red and blue Scout uniform, is focused on watering a small green plant in a terracotta pot. The child is holding a large green watering can and pouring water from its spout onto the plant. The background is blurred, showing an indoor setting. The image is framed by large, colorful abstract shapes in yellow, green, and blue.

# **Annual report and accounts 2022-23**

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# Playing our part

This year has been a time  
of renewal for our movement  
and our nation.

Let me start by taking a moment to remember Our Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who was Patron of The Scout Association for so long. Although not in a Scouting capacity, I did meet Her Majesty. Her ability to put everyone at ease and chat knowledgeably with so many people while retaining a friendly smile impressed me. I am proud to be a Queen's Scout.

Last year, I spoke of the hope ahead with lifting COVID restrictions. I am glad to say the year closed with an excellent activity – 'The Big Weekender'. This year saw the return of many 'much loved' County-run activities which members of South Ribble attended.

Scouting in South Ribble District continues to grow with many new Squirrel Dreys and other new Sections, including another Explorer Unit. None of this would be possible without the continued dedication of our adult volunteers who give their time to support the young people of South Ribble.

There are many examples of changes in the way adults spend their spare time since Covid. The Photographic Society I am a member of has seen its membership drop from 50 to 15 over the last couple of years, so it is encouraging to see that Scouting remains one of the areas of society that has not only survived COVID-19 but is still thriving.

Now, more than ever, I feel that all our Volunteers, both at Group and District, should receive a huge 'pat on the back' as a thank you for all their efforts in supporting Scouting in South Ribble.

Finally, I want to thank Roy Ripley, our District Treasurer since 2015, who stood down at the last AGM but remained in post till the end of this year.



**Martin Sumner**  
District Chair



# A year of achievement

If 2021–22 was a year of recovery, then this was a year of achievement.

As I write this, I scan through Facebook and websites to see what has caught my eye these past 12 months.

Looking at the number of activities, adventures and opportunities we've offered our young people is overwhelming. I cannot see every group, but what I can see is impressive and heart-warming.

You only have to look at the following pages to see the impact that South Ribble Scouts and its Groups and Sections are having on young people's lives. And we help adults to have fun, too. We are still growing and offering scouting to more people year after year. We should be immensely proud.

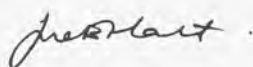
Not only are we growing in numbers, but we are growing in other ways. It is hard to explain, but there is more confidence and interest in progressing skills. Some of this is down to our newest section, Squirrels. Those groups who have engaged with this process have been re-invigorated. The enthusiasm a new group of Leaders brings is refreshing and quite welcome. We opened three new dreys last year and continue to spread them throughout the district.

In August, we saw that first district Explorer camp for many years. A credit to the team. What proved to be a hugely successful with a varied programme for the young people to enjoy. It was well-supported by adult volunteers, and new life skills developed. Network also supported this event to encourage Explorers to move on to their section. Several Scout troops also attended Red Rose 2022, an international

camp at the Westmoreland Showground. Almost 50 Cubs also visited for an overnight stay.

Network in South Ribble is thriving with many events for our younger adults to enjoy. We had a rocky start when Network returned to the district structure, and lockdown did not help. The section is geared towards social interaction, with members completing several awards and was virtually nil during the lockdown. However, the team is doing well and has eyes clearly on the future.

We have embraced changes to our systems, and I am sure future changes look exciting and will be equally well received. I want to thank all the adults who work tirelessly for the young people of South Ribble. It's great to see everything happening across the district and to know that it continues weekly, thanks to our dedicated adults. I want to thank everyone involved, as we make a great team.



**June Holt**  
Lead Volunteer





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**It's like nothing I've ever done before!  
You have the chance to take control of your  
time in Scouts. I've had one of the best years  
of my life, people come together from different  
backgrounds to form bonds. I've learnt so  
much, developed new skills, taken the lead  
and make a difference in my community.  
Make the most of the time and opportunities  
you get.**

Henry, Explorer Scout



# Skills for Life

## Our plan to prepare better futures 2023-2027

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We bring communities together and contribute to society. Above all, we aim to build better futures. That's why we encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, over 1700+ young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed in life across South Ribble.

### Our vision

By 2027, we'll have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We'll be growing, more inclusive, shared by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

### Our mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

### Our goals

As a District, we aim to grow, become more inclusive and youth shaped, while making a positive impact in our communities

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## Our four pillars of work

To support the district to achieve these objectives, we will focus on four pillars of work:

### Programme

A fun, enjoyable, high quality, inclusive programme, consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.

### People

More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people, from diverse backgrounds across South Ribble.

### Perception

Scouts is clearly understood, more visible, trusted, respected, across South Ribble and widely seen as playing a key role in society.

### Places

Good quality, affordable, accessible, equipt and practical locations are available to support our programme across South Ribble.



# A year of achievement

If 2021–22 was a year of recovery, then this was a year of achievement.

## ↑ +1.7% Growth

We're steadily growing in all areas of Scouts across the South Ribble, which is fantastic news. With more adult volunteers and Young Leaders, we can give more young people skills for life.

## ↑ +4.2k Nights Away

Whether camping, hostelling, sleepovers or bivouacs, form an integral part of scouting, and are something that every young person should have the opportunity to take part in.

## Celebrating young peoples achievements

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### 14 Chief Scout Acorn

This is the highest award a Squirrel Scout can earn. It shows that you've had adventures, helped your friends, and learned new things – it's a big achievement, and you should be proud!



### 113 Chief Scout Bronze

This is the highest award a Beaver can earn, and it's something you work on gradually throughout your whole time in the section.



### 108 Chief Scout Silver

This is the highest award a Cub can earn. To complete it, you need to earn six Activity or Staged Activity Badges of your choice, as well as all seven of the Challenge Awards.



### 43 Chief Scout Gold

This is the highest award a Scout can earn. To complete it, you need to complete all nine of the Challenge Awards, plus six Activity badges.



### 16 Chief Scout Platinum

The Chief Scout's Platinum Award is a chance to celebrate your progress, and take stock of how far you've come.



### 5 Chief Scout Diamond

The Chief Scout's Diamond Award is the highest of the Chief Scout's Awards and the final step before the King's Scout Award.



### 5 Queen Scout Award

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members. Earning it is a huge achievement!



### 1 King Scout Award

The King's Scout Award is the highest award for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members. Earning it is a huge achievement!



### 6 Scout of the World Award

A Scout Network award that gives members the chance to undertake a project of their choice within the themes of Peace, Environment and Sustainability and take action on their chosen issue.

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Is not just a prestigious Award much desired by colleges, universities, and employers. It's recognition of the huge effort you've put in to doing it, the people you've helped and the skills you've learnt along the way.  
**Be proud. You're an Achiever!**



### 16 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze



### 11 Duke of Edinburgh Silver



### 4 Duke of Edinburgh Gold

# Our finances

There are significant differences between last year's accounts and this year's. First, the subscriptions have increased due to the number of Explorer Scouts and the changing philosophy around collecting subscriptions. Further changes in the current year have followed and will make the process more streamlined and easier to administer.

There is an increase in camp (and activities) income and expenditure as the district progresses back into the broader world following the lockdown. £5,000.00 of the expenditure was towards this year's district camp in the form of deposits for the bus company and the campsite. The remainder represents a significant investment by the Explorer section to hold a District Explorer Camp in August 2022.

Uniform and badge sales have seen a rise in income and expenditure partly due to price increases and partially because this includes an entire 12-month period of uniform sales. In the previous year, there were only 6 months represented as the shop opened in September 2021.

Although there was a deficit of £14k in this financial year, there was a budgetary consideration for the return to full-time scouting carried over from the previous financial year, amounting to £10k. Coupled with the Explorer deficit, this means that spending was well-controlled throughout.

So, the district remains financially buoyant, and accounts for Q1 this year reflect a similar approach to spending and bode well for our future.

The Board of Trustees is still considering changes to collection methods and procedures, to further strengthen our financial position.



**June Holt**  
Interim Treasurer

## Notes forming part of the accounts

Accounts for the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

### Accounting Policies:

**Receipts and Payments** accounting is the adopted method and in consequence creditors and debtors are not taken into account.

**Equipment** is written off in the year of purchase. The total replacement value of equipment held was reported for insurance purposes as £41,347 (2022 £42,408).

**Earmarked funds** which are held in the District Treasurer's General Fund at 31 March 2023 were:

Description	31/03/2023	31/03/2022
International	£9,347	£11,792
SASU	£698	£698

These funds have been earmarked but do not constitute restricted funds and could be removed from earmarking at the decision of the trustees.



# Our finances

The summarised statement of financial activities can be viewed below. A full version of the accounts has been approved by the Trustee Board and are available for viewing by contacting District Treasurer.

	For the year from	1-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
Receipts and payments				
	2022/23	Unrestricted funds	2021/22	Unrestricted funds
	£		£	
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions		21,482		13,358
Donations		-		2,007
Legacies		-		-
Gift Aid		-		1,099
Training		-		30
Sub total		21,482		16,494
<b>Grants</b>				
Maintenance grant		-		-
International		-		-
Other grants		1,022		2,798
Sub total		1,022		2,798
<b>Fundraising and Events</b>				
DoE fees		500		2,428
Camps		-		8,371
Network		880		-
Charity Collections		-		-
Clothing and Badge Sales		47,882		22,575
Miscellaneous		621		113
Sub total		49,143		33,487
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest		-		3
Sub total		-		3
<b>Total Gross Receipts</b>		71,647		52,881
		-		-
<b>Total receipts</b>		71,647		52,884

	For the year from	1-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
Receipts and payments				
	2022/23	Unrestricted funds	2021/22	Unrestricted funds
	£		£	
<b>Payments</b>				
International		12,300		157
Network		-		-
Training		1,140		175
Rent		4,383		1,031
DoE fees		939		-
Marketing		1,378		-
Grants and Gifts		500		4,370
Expenses		341		257
Maintenance		2,798		1,799
Equipment		2,332		4,906
Sub total		36,199		12,695
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>				
Activities and Events		588		8,908
Camps		37,069		14,497
Charity Collections		-		25
Clothing and Badge Purchases		28,992		21,615
Miscellaneous		715		543
Sub total		67,364		45,588
<b>Total Gross Payments</b>		103,563		58,283
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>		-		-
<b>Total payments</b>		103,563		58,283
<b>Net payments (2021 net receipts)</b>		14,472		5,802
<b>Net Assets last year end</b>		152,962		158,764
<b>Net Assets this year end</b>		138,490		152,962

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year			
	2022/23	Unrestricted funds	2021/22
	£		£
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank current account		99,499	115,177
Bank deposit account		26,476	26,436
Cash/Flouts		-	-
Total cash funds		125,975	141,613
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>			
Badge and Uniform Shop stock		12,515	11,349
Sub total		12,515	11,349
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts not yet paid HQ Levy		-	-
Sub total		-	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		138,490	152,962

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st September 2023 (the date of the Board of Trustees meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature:



Martin Sumner (Chair)

June Holt (Interim Treasurer)

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**We're Scouts and everyone's welcome here. I wanted to improve things and help people. It gives me a chance to use my existing skills for the better with my fellow volunteers and with young people. I joined, because someone asked me to help and i've loved it ever since.**

**Paul, District Activity Team**





# Our governance structure, Board membership and Team Structure.

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

## Board of Trustees

**District President**  
Cllr Karen Walton

**District Vice-President**  
Cllr Cliff Hughes

**District Commissioner**  
June Holt

**District Chair**  
Martin Sumner

**District Treasurer**  
Roy Ripley (Served full year)

**District Secretary**  
Vacant

**Network Commissioner**  
Paul Furnival

**Explorer Scout Commissioner**  
Rik Whittaker

**Youth Commissioner**  
Vacant

**Elected Executive Committee Members**  
Andy Chester (Served full year)  
Jon Nutten

**Nominated Members**  
Cllr Cliff Hughes  
Rosalyn Illingworth  
Josh Riley  
Karen Bell (Served full year)  
Billy Martin  
Jason Hodson (Served full year)

## District Team

**District Commissioner**  
June Holt

**Deputy District Commissioner**  
Rosalyn Illingworth

**Network Commissioner**  
Paul Furnival

**Explorer Scout Commissioner**  
Rik Whittaker

**Youth Commissioner**  
Vacant

**ADC Beavers**  
Stuart Baxter  
Rachel Nemes

**ADC Cubs**  
Alison Walsmley

**ADC Scouts**  
Andy Taylor  
Billy Martin

**ADC Activities**  
Chris Worthington

**ADC Special Needs**  
Margaret Eckton

**ADC Communications**  
Jon Nutten

**SASU Manager**  
Vacant

**District Explorer Scout Leader**  
Dan Heron (Admin)  
Lee McNulty (Young Leader Programme)

**District Scout Leader**  
Mick Parkinson  
Ben Jones

**District Cub Scout Leader**  
Martin Watson  
Steve Catterall

**District Beaver Scout Leader**  
Stephen Clough  
Michelle Iddon

**Nights Away Adviser**  
Billy Martin

**Training Manager**  
Marion Yardley

**Chair of Appointments Committee**  
Rosalyn Illingworth



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