



Creating brighter futures

Annual report and
accounts 2024-2025



Scouts
South Ribble



We're proud to champion young people and serve our communities

Scouts continues to grow, with even more young people joining this year, all gaining skills for life.

Last year, I discussed transformation as a significant change in the way leadership and volunteering in Scouting are organised. Now, a year in, I hope most of you are getting accustomed to the new structures.

Volunteering is one of the most rewarding ways to contribute to your community, develop new skills, and connect with people who share your values. However, effective volunteering goes beyond simply showing up; it involves strategic engagement, thoughtful preparation, and a willingness to learn and grow. Volunteering is the backbone of many organisations. Without the passion and dedication of volunteers, countless charities and community groups would struggle to achieve their missions. Your time and talent can make a tangible difference.

But volunteering with Scouting is not a one-way street. Alongside helping others, you can develop valuable skills, expand your professional network, and gain a fresh perspective on the world. When approached thoughtfully, volunteering can enrich your life as well as the lives of those you serve. Consider deepening your involvement over time. Long-term

volunteers often become mentors, trainers, or even integral parts of the organisation's leadership.

- Take on additional responsibilities or specialised projects.
- Offer to lead volunteer teams or organise events.
- Share your expertise to strengthen the organisation's capacity and sustainability.

Effective volunteering is the art of giving your best self to a cause greater than yourself. By preparing thoughtfully, communicating proactively, and embracing growth opportunities, you can create a lasting positive impact. Your journey as a volunteer is as much about your own personal development as it is about serving others—so approach it with an open heart, a curious mind, and a spirit of generosity.

While volunteers do not seek praise, it is vital to acknowledge their efforts. Recognition can be as simple as a sincere "thank you," a handwritten note, or a public acknowledgement at an event. These gestures affirm the value of volunteers' contributions and inspire others to join in. They also strengthen the bond between organisations and their supporters, creating a culture of mutual respect and gratitude.

To every volunteer: thank you. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, your boundless energy, and your open heart. Thank you for choosing to make a difference, for believing in the power of community, and for reminding us all that change is possible.

As our District Lead Volunteer steps down from the role, special thanks are due to June Holt, who, while continuing to run a Scout Troop, has led our District forward for 10 years, including guiding us through the challenging pandemic years. June also has my personal thanks for getting me back into Scouting after time away.

Now, together, let's look forward to another great year of Scouting in the South Ribble District.

Martin Sumner
Chair - Trustee Board



Looking back with pride.

Looking back at the adventure so far — ready for what's next, together.

As we gather for this year's Annual General Meeting, it's an opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved together and to look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead. It has been a year filled with new challenges, collective success, and, most importantly, teamwork.

One of the items introduced this year was our **Programme Conference, SPARK**. The programme is at the heart of what we do, and a strong foundation here allows us to build and expand the platforms on which we operate. This event brought together our leaders from different groups and sections to discuss and consider the direction of our activities for the coming months. It was a day filled with collaboration and creativity; we shared ideas, addressed challenges, and, most importantly, aligned on the values that make our Scout District a safe, inclusive, and inspiring place for young people to grow. The dedication shown at the Programme Conference reinforced how much we can achieve when we work together with purpose.

We also hosted our annual Funday, a day filled with fun, team-building activities, and celebration. The Funday was an excellent opportunity for our Scouts to bond, learn new skills, and participate in friendly competition. It was fantastic to see all age groups—from Beavers Scouts to Network—working together, encouraging each other, and showing great teamwork throughout the event. The laughter, joy, and sense of achievement on that day perfectly captured the spirit of Scouting. Our success this year is not only measured by the activities we've carried out but also by the growth of

our young people. Whether it's a Scout overcoming their fear of heights on a climbing wall, learning the value of giving back through community service or developing lasting friendships, these experiences are the true markers of success.

Within our adult membership, we have revised our management structure and taken the time to embed some new ideas and ways of working. It is a testament to the adaptability of Scouting that this has been embraced. While there is still work to be done, progress is made forward on each occasion.

I spoke at St. George's Day about the people who make it happen, as behind every event and every activity is a team that makes it all possible. Our leaders, parent volunteers, and trustees have given countless hours of their time to ensure the success of our programme. The unwavering commitment and teamwork ensure that every young person who joins our movement has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. It's this collective effort that continues to drive our success.

Looking to the future, we have set ambitious goals. We will continue to build on the strong foundation laid year after year by expanding our activities, introducing new initiatives, and providing more opportunities for youth leadership. Our focus will remain on fostering a sense of community, adventure, and service. We will continue to work to ensure that our Scouts not only develop skills but also grow into responsible, engaged, and compassionate citizens.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you to our leaders, parents, and volunteers for your dedication and hard work. And thank you to our Scouts, who inspire us all with their energy, curiosity, and eagerness to contribute.

Let's continue to work together as one strong team—united by our shared values, mission, and commitment to the next generation.

June Holt
Lead Volunteer



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Joining Scouts was the best idea ever! I've had so many adventures! I made loads of new friends and got to try so many amazing activities – from climbing and archery to frisbee golf and the high ropes! Every day was packed with fun, laughter and challenges, and I didn't want it to end. I can't wait to go back!

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Abigail, 9th Penwortham Scout



In good shape read for the future.

South Ribble Scouts is in a strong financial position — and we're committed to putting those funds back where they belong.

South Ribble Scouts is in good financial health. There is a profit in this financial year of £11,000. That isn't as straightforward as it looks, as it is made up of some smaller earnings as follows:

- 1k from Explorer section
- 2k from Bradbury
- 1k across the younger sections
- 1k from the badge and uniform account
- 6k from district.

There has been no significant spending in the last year, as the district camp was postponed, and this would have taken most of the £6,000 profit to place a deposit.

The Trustee Board is aware that strong budgeting is an issue that they need to address, but in the absence of a full-time treasurer, this proves difficult and time-consuming.

There is a commitment from the trustee board to ensure that costings are more accurate and that budgeting is given more time and consideration. Consideration is also being given to the number and nature of the accounts that the district holds.

Whilst the increase in funds in this last year is not ideal for a non-profit making organisation, there is a commitment from the Trustee Board to underwrite more activities this year as "compensation" and to ensure that money is redirected back to the young people.

The potential for capital spending remains, as reflected in the reserves policy. These figures have been increased to keep pace with rising costs seen in every walk of life at present.

In summary, scouting in South Ribble is in a strong financial position, and there is considerable potential for future development.

June Holt
Interim Treasurer



Our finances

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

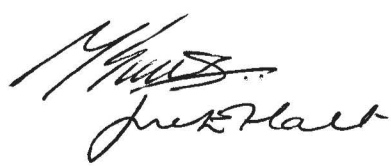
For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
Receipts and payments			
	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	2023-24 Unrestricted funds £	
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	30,403	27,638	
Donations	6,759	2,092	
Legacies	-	-	
Gift Aid	5,247	5,247	
Training	2,372	1,119	
Sub total	44,781	36,097	
Grants			
Maintenence grant	-	-	
International	-	-	
Other grants	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	
Fundraising and Events			
DofE fees	-	349	
Camps	28,292	44,785	
Network	-	-	
Charity Collections	-	-	
Clothing and Badge Sales	25,293	28,730	
Miscellaneous	646	1,050	
Sub total	54,231	74,914	
Investment income			
Bank interest	363	440	
Sub total	363	440	
Total Gross Receipts	99,375	111,451	
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Total receipts	99,375	111,451	

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
Receipts and payments			
	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	2023-24 Unrestricted funds £	
Payments			
International	750	1,680	
Administration	1,541	1,418	
Video license	699	649	
Insurance	52	1,390	
Marketing	-	601	
Network	-	-	
Training	828	1,933	
Rent	2,737	1,641	
DofE Fees	1,206	585	
Grants and Gifts	-	-	
Expenses	956	179	
Maintenance	180	1,223	
Equipment	3,552	1,676	
Sub total	12,501	12,973	
Development	-	1,109	
Activities and Events	5,237	3,712	
Camps	39,732	46,450	
Charity Collections	-	5	
Clothing and Badge Purchases	27,570	23,076	
Miscellaneous	3,292	1,239	
	75,831	74,590	
Total Gross Payments	88,332	87,564	
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	
Total payments	88,332	87,564	
Net payments	11,043	23,887	
Net Assets last year end	162,378	138,491	
Net Assets this year end	173,421	162,378	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year			
	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	2023-24 Unrestricted funds £	
Cash funds			
Bank current account	71,423	122072	
Bank deposit account	87,270	26907	
Card accounts	2,297	1006	
Cash/Floats	119	306	
Total cash funds	161,109	150,290	
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Badge and Uniform Shop stock	12,312	12088	
Sub total	12,312	12,088	
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid HQ Levy	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	
Total Net Assets	173,421	162,378	

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 30th June 2025 (the date of the Board of Trustees meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by.

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Martin Sumner (Chair)
June Holt (Interim Treasurer)

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

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.



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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, Activity Team Leader (South Ribble)



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As well as supporting our Scouts Adventure Challenge Award, our new partner Dacia have provided an **Outdoor Adventure Fund** for all Sections who need financial support for their adventure.”



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