



**Reflect.
Refocus.
Renew.**

Annual report
and accounts
2025-2026


Scouts
South Ribble



Reflecting on new beginnings

Scouts is all about new beginnings. We help young people start their lives filled with hope, friendship, encouragement and the skills to succeed.

The past twelve months have been a relatively quiet period for the District. While there have been fewer District-led events than in previous years, the Trustee Board has continued to fulfil its core responsibilities, ensuring South Ribble Scouts remains well governed, financially secure and able to support Scouting across the District.

Throughout the year, the Board has met regularly to oversee the District's affairs, monitor financial performance, review risks and ensure compliance with both Charity Commission and Scouts governance requirements. Although much of this work takes place behind the scenes, it provides the strong foundations that enable Scouting to operate safely, effectively and sustainably.

The District remains in a stable financial position. Full details can be found in the Annual Accounts, but I am pleased to report that our resources continue to be managed carefully and responsibly, ensuring funds are available to support Scouting activities when needed. I would like to thank our Finance Administrator for producing the Annual Accounts after taking on the role part way through the year, and Sarah Renox for once again acting as Independent Examiner.

Alongside our financial responsibilities, the Board has continued to review and strengthen our governance arrangements. This has included reviewing policies, procedures and risk management to ensure the District remains accountable, well managed and prepared for the future. Good governance is often unseen, but it is fundamental to supporting volunteers and creating the confidence needed for Scouting to flourish.

While District activity has been more limited this year, reflected in the Trustees' decision to waive the District Levy, our Groups have continued to deliver exceptional experiences for young people. Whether through weekly meetings, camps, adventurous activities, community projects or the achievement of Top Awards, volunteers

across South Ribble continue to make a positive and lasting difference.

The Board has also remained focused on supporting recruitment, volunteer development and succession planning. Like many organisations, attracting and retaining volunteers remains a challenge, but it is encouraging to see new people stepping forward to support Scouting in a variety of roles. Building a strong, diverse and sustainable volunteer team will remain essential to the future success of our District.

Looking ahead, the Trustee Board is committed to supporting the Lead Volunteer and wider volunteer team as we strengthen District activity, encourage greater collaboration between Groups and continue developing opportunities for young people and volunteers alike. We are confident that the foundations now in place will help South Ribble Scouts continue to grow and thrive.

Finally, thank you to every volunteer, trustee and supporter who gives their time so generously. Whether working directly with young people or behind the scenes, your commitment makes Scouting possible. My thanks also go to my fellow Trustees, whose often unseen work helps ensure South Ribble Scouts remains strong, sustainable and ready for the future.



Martin Sumner
Chair of Trustees



Renewing our promise to help other people

In Scouts, we bring young people together to have fun and make friends, creating great futures along the way. We're good at it, but it's not always easy.

As I write this report, I have recently been appointed Interim Lead Volunteer following Stuart Robinson's decision to step down from the role. Before looking ahead, I would like to thank Stuart for his commitment, leadership and service to South Ribble Scouts, and wish him every success for the future.

While the District has experienced change, one thing has remained constant: the incredible dedication of our volunteers. Every week, they provide more than 1,700 young people with opportunities to learn new skills, build confidence, make friends and experience adventure. Their commitment continues to make a lasting difference to young people, families and communities across South Ribble.

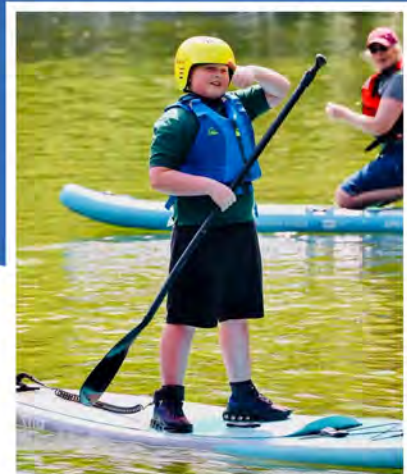
This year has once again seen many of our young people achieve their Top Awards. These awards represent years of commitment, resilience and personal growth, and are a testament not only to the young people receiving them but also to the volunteers who have supported them every step of the way. Congratulations to everyone involved.

As we reflect on the year, we must also recognise the challenges ahead. Membership has declined across some sections, and if we are to offer Scouting to every young person who wants to join, we must continue to recruit, retain and support volunteers. Creating an environment where people feel welcome, valued and able to thrive will be fundamental to our future.

As we look ahead, our focus for the coming year is simple: **Reflect. Refocus. Renew.**

- **Reflect** on the difference we make every day.
- **Refocus** on supporting volunteers and delivering exceptional experiences for young people.

'Every young person deserves the chance to discover what they're capable of. Every volunteer deserves to feel valued, supported and part of something bigger than themselves. That's the future we're building together in South Ribble.'



- **Renew** our ambition to grow Scouting.

Our vision is simple: to make South Ribble Scouts a place where everyone feels they belong. A place where young people can discover their potential, volunteers feel supported and valued, and communities continue to benefit from the positive impact of Scouting.

Over the coming year, we will strengthen communication, rebuild District teams, invest in volunteer development and create more opportunities for volunteers to connect and support one another. By working together, I am confident we can build an even stronger District and provide even more young people with Skills for Life.

Finally, thank you to every volunteer, trustee, supporter and young person who makes South Ribble Scouts possible. Your enthusiasm, kindness and commitment are what make our District such a special place. I look forward to working alongside you as we begin the next chapter together.

Jon Nutten
Interim Lead Volunteer



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It's such an honour being the UK Chief Scout. I want a new generation to learn the skills, friendship and belonging I felt when I needed them most. As Chief Scout, I want to show that the outdoors is a place for all of us to be at our best, and that Scouts is truly open to all.

Dwayne Fields, UK Chief Scout



Our finances

Overview

The District has continued to maintain a strong and stable financial position throughout the year, ensuring that resources remain available to support Scouting across South Ribble both now and in the future.

Although District-level activity was lower than in previous years, reflected in the decision to waive the District Levy, careful financial management has enabled the District to remain financially resilient while continuing to support our Groups, Explorer Units and young people. Investment in our volunteers and young people has remained a priority, including continued support for the South Ribble contingent attending the 26th World Scout Jamboree in 2027.

The District also continued to strengthen its financial governance throughout the year, maintaining appropriate reserves and ensuring robust financial controls remained in place. This provides a solid foundation as we look ahead to supporting future growth and development across South Ribble Scouts.

Financial Performance

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Report for South Ribble Scout District for the year ended **31 March 2026**.

Total income for the year was **£110,591**, with expenditure of **£91,138**, resulting in an overall surplus of **£19,453**.

This positive outcome was largely due to a strong trading performance from badge sales, generating a surplus of just over **£5,000**, together with the first successful Gift Aid claim for one of our Explorer Units, which included previous years' entitlement.

At the year end, the District held total funds of **£180,080**. These reserves provide financial stability, ensure the District can meet its ongoing commitments and allow us to invest confidently in the future of Scouting across South Ribble.

While there were no significant financial activities at District level during the year, Bradbury and our Explorer Units continued to deliver an excellent programme of activities for young people. The District also made the first contribution towards supporting our five participants attending the 26th World Scout Jamboree in 2027.

On behalf of the District, I would like to thank our volunteers and supporters for their continued commitment and careful stewardship of the District's resources. My thanks also go to our Finance Administrator for preparing the accounts and to Sarah Renox for once again acting as Independent Examiner.

The following Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and accompanying notes provide full details of the District's financial performance and financial position for the year ended 31 March 2026.



Martin Sumner
District Chair



Our finances

The following pages summarise the District's financial performance and financial position for the year ended 31 March 2026.

For the year from	1-Apr-25	To	31-Mar-26
Income			
Income	2025-26 Unrestricted funds £	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	
Donations, legacies and similar income	-	-	
Membership subscriptions	36,875	30,403	
Donations	500	6,759	
Legacies	-	-	
Gift Aid	9,749	5,247	
Training	1,172	2,372	
Sub total	48,296	44,781	
Grants	-	-	
Maintenance grant	-	-	
International	-	-	
Other grants	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	
Fundraising and Events	-	-	
DofE fees	426	-	
Camps and activities	29,183	28,292	
Network	-	-	
Charity Collections	-	-	
Clothing and Badge Sales	28,233	25,293	
Miscellaneous	3,987	646	
Sub total	61,829	54,231	
Investment income	-	-	
Bank interest	466	363	
Sub total	466	363	
Total Gross Income	110,591	99,375	
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For the year from	1-Apr-25	To	31-Mar-26
Expenses			
Expenses	2025-26 Unrestricted funds £	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	
HQ fees	5,029	-	
International	1,663	750	
Training	2,216	828	
Administration	3,450	1,541	
Grants	-	-	
Camps and Activities	38,189	39,732	
Events (AGM/SGD)	1,749	5,237	
Badges and clothing	26,470	27,570	
Insurance	757	52	
Room Hire	3,909	2,737	
Marketing	-	-	
Video License	836	699	
Equipment	3,298	3,552	
Sub total	87,565	82,698	
Development	-	-	
District Expenses	452	956	
Presentations/Flowers	-	-	
Sundries	3,121	4,678	
Sub total	3,573	5,634	
Total Gross Expenses	91,138	88,332	
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	
Total expense	91,138	88,332	
Net income	19,453	11,043	
Net Assets last year end	173,421	162,378	
Net Assets this year end	192,874	173,421	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year		
	2025-26 Unrestricted funds £	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds	-	-
Bank current account	152,819	71,423
Bank deposit account	25,736	87,270
Card accounts	1,489	2,297
Cash/Floats	37	119
Total cash funds	180,080	161,109
Non monetary assets for charity's own use	-	-
Badge and Uniform Shop stock	12,794	12,312
Sub total	12,794	12,312
Liabilities	-	-
Accounts not yet paid HQ Levy	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Net Assets	192,874	173,421

The full independently examined Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 June 2026 by written resolution and are available from the District Treasurer on request. The District's accounts have been independently examined in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.



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Every adventure with Scouts is a chance to try something new. Whether it's climbing, camping or learning new skills, I've discovered that the best memories are made when you challenge yourself and give things a go.

Isla, Scout

Our Vision

To empower more young people through adventure, teamwork and shared values, to take the lead on making a positive difference in the world.





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When I joined Scouts, I was shy and lacked confidence. Since then, I've made amazing friends, taken on new challenges and discovered I can achieve more than I ever imagined. Scouts has helped me believe in myself.

Olivia, Explorer Scout

South Ribble District Scouts

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