Scouts
Durham City

Durham City and District

Trustees Report July 2025

HQ Registration number – 10001694

Principal address – 4 Beechcrest, Nevilles Cross, Durham, DH1 4QF

Durham City and District overview

The District has eight Scout Groups and five Explorer Scout Units.

Two groups have their own headquarters with other meeting in a mixture of schools, church halls and community centres.

Running a wide ranging programme of activities for 878 young people aged 6 – 25 with the support of adult leaders and helpers. Helping them to develop skills for life.

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Who's Who in the District

Names of the trustees who manage the District.

Trustee Name	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted**
Alastair C Edge	Chair	May-13
Unfilled	Secretary	
Grant J Bailey	Treasurer	Jul-22
Jayne Gibson	District Lead Volunteer	Feb-22
Jonathan Tones	Trustee	Nov-21
Alfie Baker	District Youth Lead	Jul-22
Martha Manley	Trustee -DUSAGG	May-23
Nick Bucknall	Team 14 – 25, Team Leader	Jan-23

Names of advisers

Type of advisor	Name
Top Awards & DofE	Ian Dickinson

Structure, governance and management

Overview



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 of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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 the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Structure

The Board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the other members, co-opted and elected representation and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Trustee Introduction training' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This District Trustee Board exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of any District property.

The raising of funds and the administration of District finance.

The insurance of persons, property and equipment.

District public occasions.

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support.

Appointing any sub committees that may be required.

Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Governance

The District 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 property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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 Trustee Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Management

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 a group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. Across the District the Groups provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

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 co-operate 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.

Achievements and performance

This report is for year ending June 2025.

Our District Lead Volunteer (Jayne Gibson) has continued with growing the District. The Trustee Board has met regularly every three months with meetings with GLVs in the weeks before the Trustee Board.

All groups have offered their young people the chance to take part in both District and County lead activities ranging from cooking, 1st aid and team challenges.



This year we saw Squirrels experience their first nights away. Squirrel numbers continue to grow.

Durham Student Scout and Guides also ran the Indoor and Outdoor competitions for the Scout section. A number of their members have also taken leader roles in groups across the district and their President is our District Youth Lead further embedding DUSSAG as an important part of district life. Along with their Liaison Officer who is a District Trustee. The work of DUSSAG was recognised by the University with the Student Team of the year and their president Alfie Baker being awarded Student Volunteer of the year.

The District has offered several training days for all leaders and helpers that have been very successful in raising the level of skills across the district.

The District took part in Confido at Moor House (the County campsite) with 180 young people from both the scout and explorer sections camping for the weekend.

The District has held two Young Leader training weekends and two 1st Aid Masterclass this year, with 32 Explorers completing their training.

The District ran Sanctuary again in November and continues to encourage Explorer Scouts to take part in Top Awards and the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme.

We congratulated a number of leaders for completing their Wood Badges and gaining long service awards, medals of merit and also a number of Commissioners Commendations.

The District continues to grow with all groups now having waiting lists. The Trustee Board are now providing a role of support to the DLV and are looking at the development of the district as a whole.

It only remains to thank everyone for their support in helping to deliver Scouting in Durham City & District; and to look forward to Scouting in 2026.

Financial Review for year-end 31st March 2025

	INCOME 2023/24	EXPENDITURE 2023/24	INCOME 2024/25	EXPENDITURE 2024/25
Capitation fee	£ 40,155	£ 40,155	£ 39,875	£ 39,875
Grants Received	£ -	£ -	£ 7,000	£ -
Donation	£ 150	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sales of Equipment	£ 674	£ -	£ -	£ -
Rebate	£ 2,336	£ -	£ 2,340	£ -
Loan 15th Elvet	£ 6,709	£ 4,619	£ -	£ -
TOTAL	**£ 50,025**	**£44,774**	**£ 49,215**	**£ 39,875**
Activities				
D of E Activities	£ 3,480	£ 3,480	£ 2,616	£ 2,042
AGM	£ -	£ 352	£ 44	£ 419
Christingle	£ -	£ 37	£ -	£ -
Beavers Activities	-£ 78	£ 149	£ -	£ 217
Scouts Archery/Shooting	£ -	£ 210	£ -	£ 252
Outdoor /indoor Scouting Competition	£ 188	£ 596	£ 227	£ 407
District Sanctuary	£ 2,991	£ 2,221	£ 3,043	£ 2,738
TOTAL	**£ 6,582**	**£ 7,045**	**£ 5,929**	**£ 6,074**
District Support				
Admin	£ -	£ 72	£ -	£ 71
Insurance	£ -	£ 262	£ -	£ 262
Coalburn Development	£ -	£ 240	£ -	£ -
Training	£ -	£ -	£ 669	£ 460
Website Development & Hosting (Inc Sanctuary Site)	£ -	£ 313	£ -	£ 278
Online Scout Manager	£ -	£ 1,772	£ -	£ 1,742
District/Sanctuary Flags	£ -	£ 548	£ -	£ -
Explorer Belts	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 273
Neckers	£ 20	£ -	£ 200	£ 840
Repairs	£ -	£ -		£ 459
TOTAL	**£ 20**	**£ 3,206**	**£ 869**	**£ 4,384**
TOTAL	**£ 56,626**	**£ 55,025**	**£ 56,014**	**£ 50,333**
Surplus/Deficit		**£ 1,601**		**£ 5,680**

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

ASSETS		**2023/24**		**2024/25**	
Investments *		£	55,978	£	59,991
Cash at bank		£	8,543	£	14,223
Cash on OSM		£	50	£	50
	TOTAL	**£**	**64,522**	**£**	**74,215**
LIABILITIES					
	TOTAL				
TOTAL ASSSETS - TOTAL LIABILITES		**£**	**64,522**	**£**	**74,215**
Cash surplus b/f		£	6,942	£	8,543
Surplus in year		£	1,601	£	5,680
Investments in reserve		£	55,978	£	59,991
NET ASSETS 2014/15		**£**	**64,522**	**£**	**74,215**

*Investments surrender value based on latest statements. Investment surrender valuation can go up or down

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature



Full Name Alastair Edge

Position Chair of Trustee Board

Date 15/06/2025