

# Annual report and financial statements 2025-26



**Scouts**  
Cheshire

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# Welcome from our Chair

**What a fantastic year it's been for Cheshire Scouts. Across the county, thousands of young people have discovered new skills, built lasting friendships, and taken part in adventures they will remember for a lifetime. From their very first meeting in Squirrels to international expeditions across the world, this year has truly captured the spirit of Scouting: fun, challenge, and opportunity for all.**

We've seen continued growth in our movement, with membership rising to 9,752 young people, supported by more than 3,300 volunteers. It's especially exciting to see our Early Years programme thriving, with Squirrels going from strength to strength and opening even more Dreys this year. At the same time, the demand for places remains incredibly high, with waiting lists across all sections. This shows just how valuable Scouting is to young people and communities, and it strengthens our commitment to grow, welcome more members, and reach those who don't yet have access to Scouting.

This year has been packed with adventure. From the incredible achievement of Cheshire Hike, where hundreds of young people covered thousands of kilometres, to our biggest-ever year of international travel, the opportunities on offer have been truly inspiring. Whether taking part in events closer to home, representing Cheshire on national stages, or exploring new cultures abroad, our young people have shown enthusiasm, resilience, and a real sense of adventure.

Their achievements continue to impress. Hundreds of top awards have been earned, including Chief Scout's Awards and King's Scout Awards, alongside fantastic results in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. These accomplishments reflect not only the hard work and determination of our young people, but also the support, encouragement, and guidance they receive throughout their journey in Scouting.

None of this would be possible without our volunteers. Week in, week out, they give their time, energy, and passion to create safe, inclusive, and exciting opportunities for young people. Whether leading weekly meetings, organising events, supporting behind the scenes, or developing their own skills through training, their contribution is simply incredible. This year alone has seen significant investment in volunteer development, along with well-deserved recognition through Good Service Awards and national honours. To every volunteer across Cheshire: thank you. Your dedication makes a real and lasting difference, and Scouting simply could not happen without you.

Behind so many of our adventures are the dedicated teams who support and develop our activity centres. Their hard work, often unseen, ensures that our sites remain safe, welcoming, and full of opportunity for young people to explore and challenge themselves. From maintaining facilities to introducing new activities and continuously improving what we offer, their efforts are vital in making sure every visit delivers a high-quality experience.

It has also been fantastic to see the continued impact of Sally's work across the county as we reach more under-represented and harder-to-reach communities.

Expanding Scouting into new areas and making it accessible to more young people is incredibly important, and this work is already making a meaningful difference. It is helping us build a more inclusive movement that truly reflects and serves all parts of our community.

I would also like to offer a special thank you to Dave and his team for the remarkable, selfless work they continue to give to Cheshire Scouts. Their leadership, commitment, and unwavering support have played a huge part in everything we have achieved this year. It is therefore especially fitting to congratulate Dave on receiving his Silver Acorn, a richly deserved recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to Scouting.

As we look ahead, there is so much to be excited about. Chamboree 2026 will bring thousands of young people together for an unforgettable international experience, while milestone anniversaries for Squirrels, Beavers, and Cubs give us the chance to celebrate our history and look to the future. The launch of the new national strategy, *Place to Belong*, sets an ambitious direction for the years ahead, focusing on inclusion, adventure, and stronger support for volunteers.

Together, we are building a movement where every young person has a place to belong, a place to explore, and a place to thrive. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in making this year so special.



**Michael Rollinson JP DL**  
Chair of the Trustee Board

# A Year of Adventure

**What a year it's been. Across Cheshire, thousands of young people have found fun, friendship and adventure, thanks to the incredible effort of our volunteers. As we bring the Skills for Life strategy to a close and look ahead to a brand-new chapter for Scouts, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who makes Scouting happen week after week.**

This year, our youth membership grew again, up 1.1% to 9,752 young people, supported by over 3,300 amazing volunteers. That's an achievement we should all be proud of.

## **Early Years Thriving and Sections Growing**

Our biggest growth this year came from our Early Years programme. Squirrels has gone from strength to strength with 52 Dreys now open, including 17 launched this year. It's wonderful to see so many 4–6 year olds joining the movement and beginning their Scouting journey. Scouts and Explorers have stayed broadly the same in size, while Beavers and Cubs saw a small decline, despite very long waiting lists. Our overall waiting list sits at 2,117 young people, including 654 Squirrels, 594 Beavers and 507 Cubs. Helping more young people join, especially in Beavers and Cubs, remains a key priority for next year.

## **A Year Packed with Adventure**

2025 has been one of our busiest and most exciting programme years ever.

## Cheshire Hike: bigger than ever

Our flagship event saw 720 young people walk an incredible 27,000km, that's over 40 million steps, with support from 300 volunteers. It was an inspiring achievement from everyone involved.

## International adventures everywhere

This year was officially our biggest year of Visits Abroad, ever: 329 young people, 115 adults, over half a million kilometres travelled. Trips included: 10 visits to Kandersteg (KISC); Adventures in the Azores, Norway, and Dublin; And a brilliant showing at the World Scout Moot in Portugal, with 20 participants and 2 IST. We also launched our plans for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland and other international opportunities in 2027, which will open up even more opportunities for Cheshire Scouts.

## Taking part in national moments

We were proud to see Cheshire represented at VE Day 80 at Horse Guards Parade, attended by His Majesty the King, a truly memorable occasion. Two Cheshire members also performed in the National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra & Concert Band, showcasing their incredible talent on a national stage.

## **Delivering an Adventurous and Inclusive Programme**

### Early Years and Section Growth

Our growth this year has come predominantly from Squirrels, reflecting the continued success of Early Years Scouting. We now have 52 Squirrel Dreys, including 17 opened this year, giving more 4–6 year olds the chance to experience fun, friendship and adventure. Numbers in Scouts and Explorers have remained broadly stable, while Beavers and Cubs saw modest declines despite heavy demand, making volunteer recruitment and section support a priority for 2026.

## Waiting Lists

Our waiting list remains high and broadly unchanged at 2,117 young people, including: 654 Squirrels, 594 Beavers, 507 Cubs.

This demand demonstrates how much young people want to belong to Scouting and how essential our focus on volunteer growth will be in the coming year.

## **Celebrating Young People and What They Achieve**

This year, we've recognised over 300 Top Awards, including many Chief Scout's Awards. A special congratulations goes to our 11 King's Scouts, who took part in the prestigious Windsor Parade. Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants also had a fantastic year, achieving: 71 Bronze Awards, 42 Silver Awards, 21 Gold Awards. Our Young Leaders continue to excel and once again exceeded target, showing the strength of youth leadership across Cheshire.

## **Reaching More Young People Than Ever**

Through the Under-Represented Communities Fund, we have now opened 20 new sections across two years, helping bring Scouting to communities where it hasn't always been available.

We're pleased that this project has been extended into next year, with an even wider focus including re-energising existing sections and supporting inclusive growth across all communities, not just those in IMD 1–3 areas.

Our ethnicity profile remains the same: 5% of young people and 1% of volunteers are from an ethnic minority background. We know we have more to do to make our volunteer teams better reflect the young people we serve.

## **Celebrating and Supporting Our Volunteers**

Our volunteers make everything possible, and 2025 has been a standout year for volunteer development and recognition.

### A year of well-deserved awards

Over 70 Good Service Awards were presented

Four Cheshire volunteers received national honours, an amazing achievement.

### Training and skills at scale

Volunteers completed: 18 Section Wood Badges, 7 Manager Wood Badges, 68 First Response courses plus 8 blended courses, and 143 Adventurous Activity Permits gained.

This training reflects the passion and commitment of our volunteers to support young people safely and confidently.

We also continued to support leaders through the national changes to volunteering and digital tools, with more volunteers becoming confident in using the new systems as ongoing improvements rolled out through the year.

### **Serving our communities**

Volunteers played a huge part in major community events, including the Royal Cheshire Show and delivered another successful Foster Carers Activity Day, giving children in care a brilliant taste of Scouting.

### **Looking Ahead: Big Celebrations, Big Adventures and a Big New Strategy**

2026 is shaping up to be an incredibly exciting year for Cheshire Scouts.

### Chamboree 2026

We cannot wait to welcome thousands of young people from across the UK and the world to Chamboree, our international Scout and Guide Jamboree hosted right here in Cheshire.

Preparations are well underway and excitement is building.

### Birthday celebrations

Next year brings some big milestones: Squirrels turn 5, Beavers turn 40, Cubs turn 110. There are wonderful opportunities to celebrate Scouting's history and look ahead to its future.

### Explorer Programme refresh

Explorers will see more of the refreshed programme rolled out, with redesigned badges, new challenge awards (including a Values Award), and a stronger youth-led approach

### 26in26 for Scout Network

Our 18–25 year olds can take on 26in26, a national year of challenges, adventures and skill-building designed to help Network members try new things and take the lead.

### A New National Strategy

2026 also marks the start of the Scouts' new Strategy called Place to Belong, setting the direction of the movement up to 2035, alongside the first Three-Year Plan (2026–2028).

The new strategy focuses on two big priorities:

1. An adventurous and inclusive programme

More outdoors, more adventure, and a programme where every young person belongs and thrives.

2. Better support for volunteers  
Simpler roles, better tools and learning, and less admin so volunteers can focus on what they love.

With the following aims for 2035:

- A growing, inclusive movement
- More young people leading change
- Volunteers who feel confident and valued
- Stronger communities
- A movement that is safe, inclusive and sustainable.

It's exciting, ambitious and perfectly aligned with the direction we're already heading here in Cheshire.

### **Thank You**

2025 has been an unforgettable year. From record-breaking hikes and international adventures to national celebrations, outstanding volunteer recognition and incredible achievements from our young people, Cheshire Scouts has once again shown the very best of Scouting. To every volunteer, young person, parent, partner and supporter: thank you. Together, we will continue giving young people a place to belong, a place to explore, and a place to thrive.



**Dave Hopley**

County Lead Volunteer



# Our purpose and method

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

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Cheshire Scout's Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. We believe that we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

Cheshire Scouts follows 2 key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

## 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which we help young people in their personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Cheshire Scouts.

## 2. Public benefit

Cheshire Scouts is a county wide movement, open to young people aged 6-25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits aren't constrained by a member's ability to pay. There are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship, so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstrated throughout this report.

# Vision and strategic objectives

## Our vision for the future

In our Skills for Life Strategy, we aimed to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We talked about growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

# Skills for Life

## Our Plan to prepare better futures

### 2018-2025

#### Our vision

By 2025, 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, shaped 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

By delivering this plan, we'll achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

#### Growth

#### Inclusivity

#### Youth Shaped

#### Community Impact

### Our three pillars of work

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

#### Programme

A fun, enjoyable, high quality 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.

#### Perception

Scouts is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.

# Programmes of work

## Programme

2025 has been a year of adventure for the Programme Team, defined by growth, ambition, and expanded opportunities for young people. This has been our busiest programme year yet. The Cheshire Hike remained a flagship event, with 720 participants covering over 27,000 kilometres, supported by 300 volunteers. The Squirrels Picnic at Marbury Park was also a highlight, combining story time with an engaging adventure walk for our youngest members.

We hosted a successful Programme Forum, bringing together District teams from across the County to network, share best practice, and problem-solve collaboratively.

International opportunities reached record levels. A total of 329 young people and 115 adults travelled over 500,000 kilometres, with more than 10 expeditions visiting Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC). In addition, 20 participants from Cheshire and 2 IST members attended the World Scout Moot in Portugal.

We also launched the Journey to Jamboree 2027, beginning recruitment of young people and adult volunteers.

Achievement remains central to our programme. Over 300 Top Awards were presented, including 11 King's Scout Awards at Windsor. Alongside this, 71 Bronze, 42 Silver and 21 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were achieved, with Young Leader belt buckle awards exceeding expectations.

Looking ahead, we will support the introduction of a refreshed Explorer programme to further develop and challenge our older young people. We are also preparing for Chamboree, our international camp hosted here in Cheshire, where young people from across the world will come together at the heart of the County. The Programme Team remains focused on building on this momentum and continuing to deliver high-quality, inspiring opportunities for all.

**Charly O'Brien**  
County Programme Team Leader

## Volunteering Development

While the new on-line system is fully complete amendments continue to be made to ensure that managers administration work is reduced.

The County census has shown a further increase in both leaders and young people from last year's figures although there is some fluctuation in some of the sections.

Plans are now being made to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday of Squirrels, the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of Beaver Scouts and the 110<sup>th</sup> birthday of Cub Scouts in 2026. Megan Porter became the District Lead Volunteer for Chester District and we were delighted to welcome her to the County Team.

18 Section and 7 Manager Wood Badges were gained in 2025 with 68 First Response Courses held across Districts and 8 First Response Blended courses also gained. No Modular or Residential courses were held but plans are being made to offer these during 2026. 5 Regional Volunteering Development Co-ordinators are to be appointed who will co-ordinate the Leadership and Management learning beginning in October 2026.

The County Activities Team have awarded 135 permits through 2025; some of these were renewals but most were new permits. 14 Off-Road Cycling, 25 Rafting, 15 Bell-boating and 7 Stand-Up Paddle-boarding but some leaders need to complete one further step to complete the permit. Pleased to report that the Water Activities team is growing in numbers. No hill-walking courses were held but are being planned for 2026. However, there were many hill-walking activities held throughout the county for all the young people because a much larger number of leaders now have permits for Hillwalking.

A Nights Away Assessors moderation/training day was held in March for those leaders who were not able to attend the workshop held in November 2024. A County-led workshop for District Volunteering Development Teams was held in May and a Practical Skills Day for Leaders and Young Leaders was held in October; the Young Leaders also attended a session on Challenging Behaviour.

Leaders who had received Good Service Awards in recognition of their services to Scouting were presented with them at the County Scout Dinner held in March.

**Val Thomason**  
County Volunteering Development Team Leader

## Support

The extensive schedule of events has once again led to a busy and successful year from the adults in supporting the provision across the county. Much of this work is unseen and rarely acknowledged however is an essential part of delivering quality and safe events where young people can thrive.

Once again, we worked closely with Cheshire East council to deliver an activity day for Foster carers and their families from Cheshire East. A range of activities were delivered at Tatton Park campsite along with catering which was warmly received by all who attended. Technical, logistics and catering support was also given to a selection of larger scale county team planning meetings throughout the year as the need arose.

Cheshire Show again required a significant team of volunteers supporting the work of the agricultural society while staffing our own stand promoting our activities and membership.

During September we held Cheshire Hike at the now rearranged time of year. With over 700 hikers covering the footpaths of Cheshire, team members taking the lead roles in each of the critical areas of the event and the event team providing logistical support in many areas over the weekend, the event is an excellent demonstration of how Scouting brings differing skills and abilities together to deliver an inspiring event for young people.

With the emphasis on safety and procedures continuing from headquarters the sound procedures implemented and work in highlighting issues shows benefits in the management of events both large and small.

The work to continually maintain and develop the facilities and activity provision across the campsites is again largely unseen but appreciated by all on a regular basis. The advice and support with all the events and activities is an asset to the smooth running of the county.

### Andrew Little

County Support Team Leader

## Transformation and Change

The introduction of the new Adult Membership System was not without its challenges. The association acknowledged that the system did not operate as anticipated and therefore was not making the reduction on administration time, at all levels, that was planned.

The county had set up a support team across the districts. Thanks to all of these we were able to address a range of initial issues faced by adults trying to access and use the system for the first time.

Throughout the year there were a range of updates to the system which did address many of the initial problems as well as those that had been identified by users. These will continue in 2026 but for many the system is now providing the time savings that were planned.

A major part of the transformation programme was the introduction of team working environment at Group, District and County Levels.

The new structure was introduced during the year. The focus has been in embedding this and support to districts has been undertaken to support this structure and the operational changes they bring. This will continue in 2026 with specific focus on support to the Volunteer Development Teams.

### John Duley

County Transformation Lead

## Youth Leading Change

Youth Shaped Scouting continues to grow from strength to strength across Cheshire, with more district and county youth forums across Cheshire. A huge shout-out must go to our team of District Youth Leads, whose hard work has been key in making Youth Shaped Scouting a reality.

Locally, our County Youth Teams social media pages have grown steadily, and on a broader scale, I've been proud to represent Cheshire at regional and national events such as the UK Scouts AGM. This year, we had a strong contingent represent us at the UK Youth Forum, helping to design the next UK strategy.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to helping as many young people as possible shape their Scouting experience, ensuring they influence decisions at every level from local Groups to the County. I am especially excited for Chamboree 2026 and seeing how the input from our Youth Forum will shape our biggest event. We are ready to lead the way in Youth Led Scouting and I can't wait to see what's next!

### Dan Skinner

County Youth Lead

## **Inclusive Growth**

During 2024 and 2025, Cheshire Scouts benefitted from funding from the Scout Association's £2.5 million Under-Represented Communities programme to grow Scouting in areas that are in the 30% least prosperous in England.

Scout Association funding enabled the appointment of two full-time Local Growth Officers, one covering Mersey Weaver managed by the district team and one covering the remainder of Cheshire overseen by the County team.

Both projects have been phenomenally successful, creating 29 new sections in areas where there is a general lack of extra-curricular activities for children and young people. By the end of 2025 these sections had recruited 325 young people who were new to Scouting and nearly 90 new volunteers. They have also helped improve the gender and ethnic balance of Scouting in Cheshire. Setting up new sections, and in some places new groups, has particular challenges in areas that don't have a strong Scouting tradition. These include encouraging young people and their parents to engage with organised youth groups outside of the school day, recruiting suitable volunteers, and dealing with anti-social behaviour around meeting venues. These issues could not have been tackled without enthusiastic support from District Lead Volunteers and their teams, the local authorities, and the Police.

Scout Association funding ceased at the end of 2025, but in light of the success of the Under-represented Communities programme, both Mersey Weaver and the County have retained their Local Growth Officers (LGO) with a widened remit to provide support to existing groups as well as setting up new

sections in less prosperous areas. In Mersey Weaver this has been funded by the district, with the County based post being part funded by the County and contributions from districts. Both new programmes are just getting underway but are already increasing membership and strengthening groups in Alderley and Warrington as well as making significant progress with establishing a new Explorer section in Winsford and Middlewich.

### **Philip Cox**

Chair, Under-Represented Communities Fund Steering Group

## **Keeping Everyone Safe**

As was stated in the 2024 report; we continue to be committed to keeping young people in our care safe from harm. This is our number one priority. Safety and safeguarding are the golden thread throughout our movement. Following the tragic events on the Great Orme when Ben Leonard (an explorer) lost his life the coroner's report reinforced these comments (above) and their subsequent Prevention of Further Deaths document demanded further work on the way in which we deal with Safety. In addition, the Terrorism (Safety of Premises) Act 2025 has been passed by Parliament, this will impact on a number of scouting activities such as Cheshire Hike and Chamboree. Although enforcement will not begin until 2027 work is under way to prepare for the impact this will have on Scouting.

A number of Group Lead Volunteers asked for more information on reportable incidents which occur in Cheshire. Consequently, the County Safety Advisor now prepares a quarterly safety bulletin which is circulated to all GLVs and other members of the Senior Leadership Team.

This bulletin explains the circumstances of every Incident which meets the threshold to be reported to the Safety team at Scout HQ. It also records details of any Near Miss involving a young person or leader. The bulletin gives details of the Incident and Near Miss without giving any information which could identify who was involved and where it happened. In addition, the bulletin includes other safety information such as safety product recalls received from a variety of sources. During 2025 a total of 16 incidents met the requirements to be reported to Scout HQ along with 3 near misses. The injury incidents ranged from multiple mosquito stings to fractures. Each report covered lessons learned and a review of the risk assessment, which is shared on the quarterly bulletin. The same process is used for near misses. The majority of the reportable incidents involved injuries which occurred during free time and came under the category of slips/trips/falls.

Each group should complete a safety report on their premises. HQ have produced a pro forma called Safe Scouting Premises to be completed by the group and reviewed annually. Although it is a lengthy document, but it focuses on all aspects of safety in a group building.

Risk Assessments must be completed in respect of any activity a group or section undertakes. Although this was seen as an onerous task by some, groups are now building a library of assessments for activities which they regularly undertake. Once an assessment is completed it can be used again provided it is reviewed and updated, where appropriate.

### **John Bennett**

County Safety Advisor

## Activity Centres

Springtime 2025 saw a new shooting shelter constructed at Forest, Katakonus introduced at Forest along with new sit-on kayaks and a mobile climbing wall at Tatton.

Cheshire Scouts are now registered with the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) which gives access to Government grants, the first of which applied for is for removal of Rhododendrons at Forest.

The long-standing access issues at Forest have achieved a significant breakthrough this year with the unauthorised bollard blocking Kennel Lane being removed. Follow-up improvements to the lane to return it back into proper use are progressing. The long-since expired License for our use of Tatton is unresolved and has been escalated within Cheshire East Council.

The price list for both sites has been benchmarked against regional scout camps and updated for the 2026 season so that Cheshire is aligned, whilst remaining competitive. The new self-service booking website was rolled out to now include Tatton. Sadly, we experienced a theft of craft from the boat compound at Tatton. The low height and degraded perimeter fencing is being renewed with a more robust and higher fencing of modern weld-mesh type.

The Fire & Rescue audit of Forest went well with no remedial action required. In preparation for the 2026 season at Forest, the electric heaters within Lakeview have been renewed, remedial works completed on the Begg Building fire doors, a new set of wooden stairs constructed for the zip wire and new Frisbee golf course installed.

The annual working party weekend took place in January 2026 and was very well attended, supported by our friends from Waddecar and Cheshire catering crew. This year a new gabion retaining wall was built around the Begg car park, a new backwoods facility constructed including parachute-covered fire pit, the archery range was completely renewed and enhanced with the introduction of a new waiting shelter. A watercraft hardstanding was constructed outside the Lakeview store and a new set of benches constructed for Tatton fire circle.

A strategy conference was convened in March with representatives from all stakeholders. A new 9-year+ strategy was created in line with the new UK HQ and Cheshire's Activity Centre Sub-Committee objectives.

### Glen Dugdale

Activity Centres Sub-Committee Chair

## Grants Committee

This year has been an important and exciting period of development for the Grants Committee. While grant activity has been more limited, this has been a deliberate focus as we invest time in building strong foundations for the future.

As we establish and shape the committee, our main priority has been creating a structure that will better support the future of our young people. By reviewing our processes and refining how we operate, we are putting ourselves in a much stronger position to grow our impact in the years ahead.

As we continue to invest our time in building a stronger and more dynamic committee, we are shaping a future where more young people can access life-changing opportunities and experiences.

We have continued to support members in accessing international opportunities, and we remain committed to ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent young people from taking part in these life-changing experiences.

This work forms part of the wider transition from the International Grants Committee to the Cheshire Scouts Grants Committee. This exciting strategic development, supported by the Board of Trustees, will open up a broader range of funding opportunities and allow us to reach and support more members than ever before.

As Chair, I am incredibly optimistic about the future. The work done this year has laid the groundwork for a more ambitious, inclusive, and impactful committee; one that will enable even more young people to access memorable and adventurous experiences. My thanks go to all committee members and the Board of Trustees for their time, commitment, and support throughout the year.

### Soiphet Sirisot (Nung)

Grants Committee Chair





# How we operate

Cheshire County Scout Council's 'Cheshire Scouts' 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 County 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 County is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout County 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.

The Trustee Board consists of 2 ex-officio members, the County Lead Volunteer and County Youth Lead; 2 appointed officers, the County Chair and County Treasurer; together with and up to 6 appointed members and up to 2 members co-opted by the Trustee Board. The Board typically meets every two months (six times per year).

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential Information for Trustee Boards' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

The County Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure Cheshire Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance, and assurance. They are responsible for:

- Protecting and maintaining any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the County.
- Managing the County finances.
- Providing insurance for people, property, and equipment.
- Promoting and supporting the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Ensuring that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appointing and managing the operation of any sub-Committees.
- Ensuring that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision-making at all levels within the County.

## Risk and Internal Control

The County has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The principal areas of concern that have been identified are:

### Damage to building, property and equipment

The County has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

### Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members

The County through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

### Reduced income

The County is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. The County does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the County on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

### Reduction or loss of leaders

The County is reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the County, its Districts and Groups. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or in the worst-case scenario closure.

### Reduction or loss of members

The County provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular District or Group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or in the worst-case scenario closure.

The Board reviews its major risks throughout the year. The safety and safeguarding of young people involved in Scouts are our highest priorities. Other major risks to the organisation include:

Public Trust – reputational damage due to public perception, historical issues, or external factors

Growth

Data security, specifically an information security breach

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

# Our members

Census results for the year ending January 2026

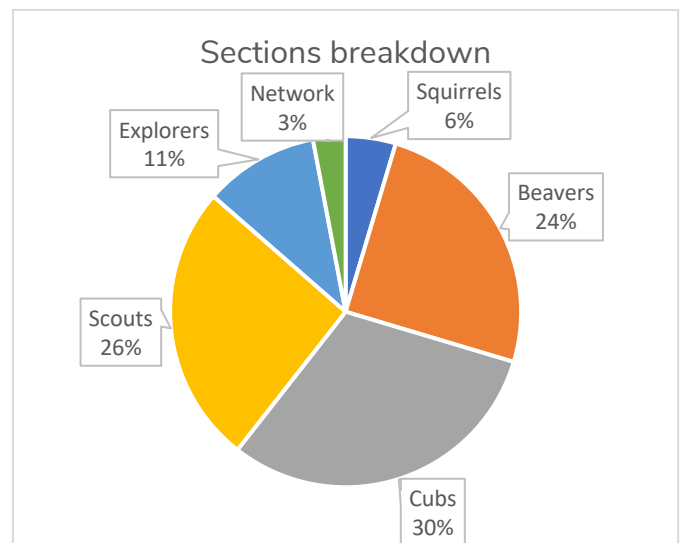
	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Squirrels	437	173	0	3	613
Beavers	1,862	486	1	28	2,337
Cubs	2,247	653	0	23	2,923
Scouts	1,835	635	3	14	2,487
Explorers (including Young Leaders)	677	330	2	20	1,029
Network	205	102	2	14	323
<b>TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>7,263</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>9,752</b>
<b>TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>2,024</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>4,534</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>9,651</b>	<b>4,403</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>14,286</b>

## UNITS

Squirrel dreys	35
Beaver colonies	153
Cub packs	158
Scout troops	137
Explorer units	51
Local network	9
Young Leader units	10

## SECTIONS

<b>SECTIONS</b>	<b>543</b>
<b>GROUPS</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>DISTRICTS</b>	<b>9</b>



DISTRICT BREAKDOWN	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network	Adults*	Total
Cheshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	242	242
Alderley and Knutsford	79	239	288	259	109	35	431	1405
Chester and District	67	333	472	387	167	50	643	2069
Ellesmere Port and Neston	60	135	181	113	50	26	262	801
Macclesfield and Congleton	64	349	434	359	177	23	591	1974
Mersey Weaver	119	281	322	239	112	106	676	1749
Mid Cheshire	48	224	266	264	101	1	410	1313
South West Cheshire	23	333	378	329	146	13	630	1839
Warrington East	83	258	316	278	98	28	518	1551
Warrington West	70	225	266	259	69	41	480	1369
<b>Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>2,923</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>14,312</b>

\* Total Adults stated here, is the number of adult volunteers, plus the Network members.

# Governance structure and Trustee Board membership – 1 July 2025 to 31 June 2026

The County Trustee Board is a team of 12 volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure Cheshire Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

We give an induction for all new Trustees. All Trustees take part in training and development opportunities throughout the year. In 2024–25, Trustees took part in training and development sessions, which focused on one or more areas related to Cheshire Scout's business, including: Safeguarding, Safety, Finance and Risk.

The Trustees Board delegates certain powers to the following sub committees: Activity Centres, Finance, Grants, Under-Represented Communities Fund Project Steering Group, Youth Forum.

## Founder

Robert Baden-Powell, OM,  
First Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell

## Patron

His Majesty King Charles III

## President

Lady Redmond (Alexis) MBE LL

## Vice Presidents

Peter Ellis  
Frank Hough  
Eddie Johnson  
Margaret Johnson  
Graham Phillips MBE DL  
Geoff Taylor BEM  
Peter Mather TD  
Steve Wilkinson  
Sir Nicholas Winterton

## Chief Scout

Dwayne Fields

## County Lead Volunteer

Dave Hopley

## The Trustee Board

The percentages indicate the number of eligible Board meetings each member attended. The Board met six times formally in the reportable period.

Michael Rollinson JP DL (100%)  
County Chair

David Hopley (100%)  
County Lead Volunteer

Daniel Skinner (100%)  
County Youth Lead

Luke Thornton (66%)  
County Treasurer

Andrew Cox (100%)  
Ben Savage JP (0%) - resigned  
John Duley (100%)  
Soiphet Sirisot (100%)  
Philip Cox (100%)  
Glen Dugdale (100%)

## Co-Opted Members

None

## Right of attendance (Non-voting)

Sam Davies  
Office Manager & EA

Heather Lomas  
Regional Commissioner

Charlotte King  
Oliver Chambers  
Nominated member on the Council of  
The Scout Association

Ellie Wallington  
Toby Abbott  
Nominated 18-24 members on the  
Council of The Scout Association

## Our advisers

### Examiners:

Stacey Mason FCCA  
HGA Accountants & Financial  
Consultants Ltd  
t/a Chittenden Horley - Chartered  
Accountants  
Hyde Park House  
Cartwright Street  
Hyde  
SK14 4EH

### Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland  
27 Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AB

## Our office

Cheshire Scouts  
Asher House  
Barsbank Lane, Lymm  
Warrington, WA13 0ED

## Registration

Charity Commission 511356  
The Scouts 00077

# Team Cheshire 2025-26

## County Lead Volunteer

Dave Hopley

## County Youth Lead

Dan Skinner

## Volunteering Development Team Leader

Val Thomason

## Programme Team Leader

Charly O'Brien

## Support Team Leader

Andrew Little

## District Lead Volunteers

Will Burnham  
Alderley and Knutsford

Megan Porter  
Chester and District

Richie Thornley  
Ellesmere Port and Neston

Mike Brown  
Macclesfield and Congleton

Oliver Chambers  
Mersey Weaver

Stuart Young  
Mid Cheshire

Dan Baldwin  
South West Cheshire

Mike Timmins  
Warrington East

Adam Potts  
Warrington West

## Volunteering Development Team

Neil McAleece  
Activities

Tim Owen and Richard Johnson  
Learning

Joanne Turner  
Volunteering Development

John Duley  
Growth & Transformation

Jane Duley  
Welcome

## Programme Team

Mel Black  
Squirrel Scouts

Pam Owen  
Cub Scouts

Charlotte King  
14-24 Team Leader

Amelia Riley  
Dave Wallington  
Explorer Scouts

Ian Turnbull  
Max Robinson  
Scout Network

Ruth Clemson  
Btec

Diane Blurton  
Young Leaders

Carol Frain  
Top Awards

Catherine Freeman  
Toby Abbott  
Top Awards Support

Graham Shaw  
Liam Foster  
International

## Support Team

Josh Diamond  
Communications

Paul Brown  
Community Impact

Nigel Flatman  
Event Support

Dave Metcalfe  
Inclusion

Roger Owens and Cathy Bland  
Member Support

Laura Livingstone  
Safeguarding Adviser

John Bennett MBE  
Safety Adviser

## Employees

Sam Davies  
County Office Manager & Executive  
Assistant



# Roll of Honour 2025-2026

Awards issued between 1 January 2025 and 31 March 2026

## Member of the British Empire



Jack Caine  
Marjorie Dutton  
Neil Dutton  
Ian Potts

Chester And District  
Macclesfield And Congleton  
Macclesfield And Congleton  
South West Cheshire

## Silver Wolf



Joanne Gregory  
David Hollinshead  
Linda Buckley

Alderley and Knutsford District  
South West Cheshire  
Warrington West

## Bar to the Silver Acorn



Andrew Little  
Peter Goodger  
Diane Blurton  
Alan Wilding  
Martin Taylor  
Sandra Hale  
Gerald Newbrook  
Christine Ralston

Cheshire  
Cheshire  
Cheshire  
Chester And District  
Macclesfield And Congleton  
Mersey Weaver  
South West Cheshire  
Warrington West

## Silver Acorn



David Hopley  
Bernard Carr  
David Nock  
Steven Blackburn  
John Penneyston  
Carl Shore  
Gill Evanson  
Teresa Shaw  
Geoffrey Shadwell  
Thomas Michael Organ

Cheshire  
Cheshire  
Cheshire  
Macclesfield And Congleton  
Macclesfield And Congleton  
South West Cheshire  
South West Cheshire  
South West Cheshire  
Warrington West  
Warrington West

## Bar to the Award for Merit



Alexandra Davies  
 Andrew Wood  
 Paul Brown  
 Neil Raval  
 Richard Hodges  
 Stephen Richmond  
 Suzanne Wardle  
 Michael Scholes  
 Caroline Donnelly  
 Stephen Cummings  
 Glen Dugdale

Cheshire  
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 Warrington East  
 Warrington West  
 Warrington West  
 Warrington West

## Award for Merit



Barbara Manley  
 Denise Little  
 Joshua Diamond  
 Richard Thornley  
 Amelia Riley  
 Ruth Clemson  
 Richard de-Beger  
 Veronica Fisher  
 Joanne Lund  
 Holly Platt Wells  
 Martin Hardy  
 Nicholas Phythian  
 Ashley Proctor  
 Oliver Chambers  
 Anthony Hulme  
 Sarah Bennett  
 Gaynor Bracey  
 Gemma Wright  
 Keith John Sarson  
 Neil Tomlinson  
 Helen Lucas  
 Claire Irons  
 Edward Gough  
 Justin Mills  
 Liane Clarke  
 Melanie Black  
 Nichala Johansen  
 Rachael Kindon  
 Richard Storey  
 Richard Stockton  
 Stephen Searle  
 Susan Lowndes  
 Nicholas Wild  
 Alexander Devers  
 Anthony Walton  
 Sandra Pugh  
 Stuart Kilburn

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## Meritorious Conduct



## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service



Rachel Wilson

Warrington East

Elizabeth Hancock  
Heba Elshourbagy  
Katie Davies  
Matthew Flint  
Robert Walley  
Robert Ackroyd  
Thomas Thompson  
Kate Brock  
Jill Langan  
Brent Heyes  
Karl Feakes  
Ryan McNulty  
Amanda Whitley-Smith  
Ann Pocock  
George Ventris  
Ian Pocock  
Gair Ford  
Paul Nichols  
Grace Hampson  
Martin Wheeler  
Brian Doran  
Jake Vickery  
Carly Harris  
Cheryl Marnell  
Hayley Rae  
Michelle Foulkes  
Keith Slator  
Thomas Austin  
Andrew Ladley  
Claire Hales  
Philip Gannon  
Richard Mills  
Carolyn Yaxley  
Christine Hulme  
Danielle Jones  
Helen Waring  
Milton Wimpenny  
Sharon King  
Toby Sasse  
Ulrich Veltkamp  
Emma Francioli

Alderley and Knutsford District  
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Warrington East

## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service cont...



John Ellis  
Simon Gare  
Stuart Francioli  
Joseph Mountain  
Martin Hill  
Michael Sheffield  
Samuel Harvey  
Geoffrey Harman  
Duncan Wareham  
Ian Stranack  
Katharine Robinson  
Lindsay Watkinson

Warrington East  
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## Commendation Awards



Andrew Barratt  
Daniel Skinner  
Toby Abbott  
Joeseph Duckett  
Craig Shaw

Chester And District  
Chester And District  
Chester And District  
Mersey Weaver  
South West Cheshire

## Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards



Andrew Barratt  
Joseph Haigh  
Oliver Bebbington  
Adam Berry  
William Line  
George Birch  
Edward Knight  
Angus Adamson  
Harry Ames  
Andrew Walker  
Jack Boothman  
Phoebe Gruber  
Michael Sleigh  
Hannah Drennan  
Joseph Wainwright  
Barney Mitcheson  
Jack Rose  
Maria Grigoriew  
Alana Maddock  
Aaron Bennion  
Grace Wheeler  
Rhys Barber  
Matthew Braviner  
Emily Browning  
Matthew Crawford  
Max Robinson

Chester and District  
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Macclesfield and Congleton  
Mersey Weaver  
Mersey Weaver  
Mersey Weaver  
South West Cheshire  
South West Cheshire  
Warrington East  
Warrington East  
Warrington West

## King's Scout Awards



Andrew Barratt  
George Birch  
Harry Edgar  
Grace Wheeler  
Jamie Glenton  
Sophie Grattidge  
Fabio Cura  
James Parfrey  
Matthew Crawford  
Abigail Hurst  
Charlotte Mason  
Max Robinson

Chester And District  
Mersey Weaver  
Mersey Weaver  
Mersey Weaver  
Mid Cheshire District  
Mid Cheshire District  
South West Cheshire  
Warrington East  
Warrington East  
Warrington East  
Warrington West  
Warrington West

# Our Finances

Cheshire Scouts' financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland, FRS 102, known as the Charities SORP (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

## Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considered the normalised expenditure from one year to the next, excluding the impact of Chamboree, and used 6 months of expenditure as a starting point for their analysis. This showed a c.£150k requirement for the reserves. In addition to this, the Trustees considered the additional impact of Chamboree on the charity. They therefore calculated a 25% expenditure overrun, based on a gross budget of £500k, and established an additional reserve of £125k. This gives a total reserves requirement of £275k. To be prudent, the Trustees evaluated a reasonable ongoing minimum reserves position of £300k. This clearly leaves headroom above the £579k unrestricted reserves position currently. The Board therefore are looking to utilise this additional headroom, by doing the following:

- Investing an amount of the additional resources, via the Board's investment policy

- Looking to create a managed deficit in the year, via investing in the long-term development of the charity through growth initiatives and supporting large events (e.g., Chamboree & Jamboree).

The board are also actively considering how access to additional funds, for example through grants, can support Cheshire Scouts through activity centres and accessibility to accelerate our growth, and this is viewed to be in the long-term financial interest of the Charity.

## Investment Policy

The Trustee Board takes a proactive approach to its financial position. In doing so, when there are surplus reserves above that which will be required over the short to medium term, the Trustees will look to allocate it to areas which will benefit the long-term health of the charity, be that in the level of activity through investing in the development of the charity, or into financial investments to generate a long-term financial return to the charity. The Trustees have the authority to allocate the financial resources as it sees fit to further the charitable endeavours of the charity. The charity's investment objectives are to generate a return on the financial assets of the charity, so that its resources continue to keep pace with inflation and ideally generate a return above inflation.

The charity's approach to risk is as follows:

- To ensure the charity's resources are appropriately diversified across asset classes, when considering all the financial resources of the charity.
- To invest over a sufficient timeframe so to achieve higher returns and be able to weather out any shorter-term downturns in the market.

- To invest in funds with specified strategies/ trackers, rather than specific stocks or bonds, to ensure that we are utilising fund managers and strategies broader than the charity.
- To invest with reputable and respected investment managers, to safeguard the charity's assets and reputation.
- To ensure that our funds are not held with a single institution, to protect us from concentrated credit risk.

# Our Finances

## Independent examiner's report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Stacy Mason*

Stacy Mason FCCA  
HGA Accountants & Financial  
Consultants Ltd  
t/a Chittenden Horley - Chartered  
Accountants  
Hyde Park House  
Cartwright Street  
Hyde  
SK14 4EH

7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

# Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Income and Endowments from	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Donations and legacies	1,581	-	1,581	7,000
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Campsites	219,082	-	219,082	180,496
Cheshire Hike	18,728	-	18,728	16,518
Investment Income	11,590	-	11,590	12,392
Membership Fees	98,595	-	98,595	93,763
International Activities	-	-	-	(7,236)
Other Scouting Activities	3,350	-	3,350	5,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>352,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>352,926</b>	<b>308,041</b>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>				
Campsites	182,925	-	182,925	181,097
Chamboree	652	-	652	4,800
Other Scouting Activities	117,626	-	117,626	80,156
Training	3,478	-	3,478	8,307
Duke of Edinburgh Awards & Higher Awards	(61)	-	(61)	2,575
Cheshire Hike	16,593	-	16,593	18,196
Group Computer Systems OSM	23,220	-	23,220	20,898
<b>Total</b>	<b>344,434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>344,434</b>	<b>316,030</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>(7,989)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	562,986	135,239	698,225	706,213
Total funds Carried Forward	571,478	135,239	706,717	698,225

# Balance Sheet

31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.25 Total funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible assets	106,718	-	106,718	110,463
Investments	4,554	-	4,554	22,103
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,272</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,272</b>	<b>132,566</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	17,360	-	17,360	18,846
Cash at bank	815,350	135,239	815,350	638,891
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,710</b>	<b>135,239</b>	<b>832,710</b>	<b>657,737</b>
<b>Creditors</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	(372,503)	-	(372,503)	(92,078)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>460,206</b>	<b>135,239</b>	<b>595,455</b>	<b>565,659</b>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>571,478</b>	<b>135,239</b>	<b>706,717</b>	<b>698,225</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>571,478</b>	<b>135,239</b>	<b>706,717</b>	<b>698,225</b>
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted funds:				
General fund			266,931	258,139
Building Fund			194,696	194,696
County Activity Fund			54,408	54,408
International Fund			8,187	8,487
Campsite Development			47,256	47,256
<b>Total</b>			<b>571,478</b>	<b>562,986</b>
Restricted funds:				
Rolling Fund			15,430	15,430
Leverhulme Fund			4,489	4,489
Presidents Fund			3,499	3,499
Ernest Mather Fund			111,821	111,821
<b>Total</b>			<b>135,239</b>	<b>135,239</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>706,717</b>	<b>698,225</b>

Approved by the Trustee Board on 7 June 2026 and authorised for release and signed on its behalf by:



Michael Rollinson JP DL  
County Chair of the Trustee Board



Luke Thornton  
County Treasurer

# Our thanks

Cheshire Scouts would like to thank all its volunteers and supporters for their commitment and contributions over the last year

## Cheshire Scouts

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511356 (England and Wales)

**Registered address:**  
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Warrington, WA13 0ED

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# Scouts

## Cheshire

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