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North Devon District Scout Council

2026 Financial Year Overview



BACKGROUND

The charity is made up of 5 operational areas: District, Campsite, Gang Show, Explorers and Scout Shop.

DISTRICT

Receipts - £352,684
Payments - £161,452
Surplus - £191,232

CAMPSITE

Receipts - £36,937
Payments - £27,313
Surplus - £9,624

GANG SHOW

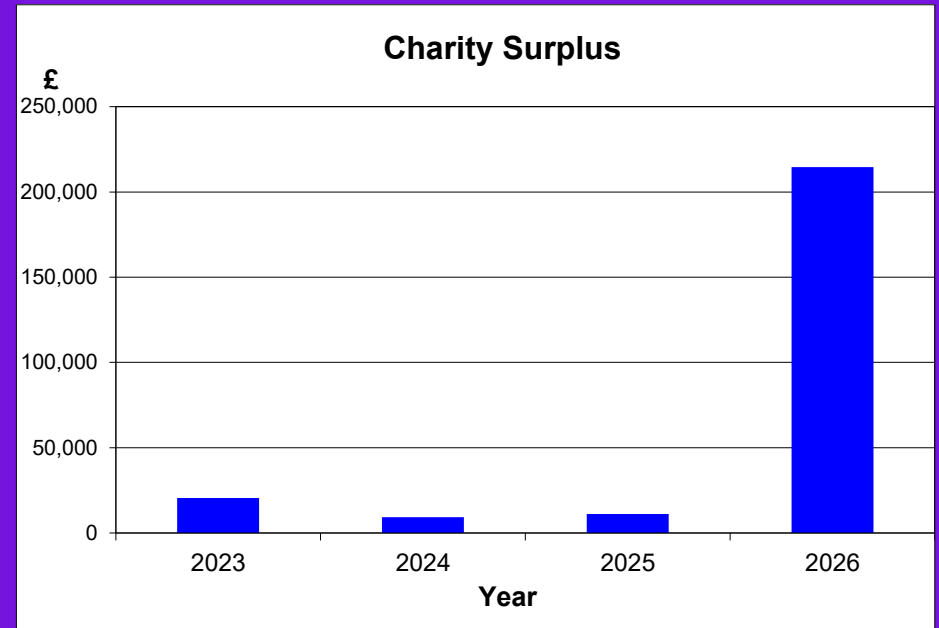
Receipts - £18,513
Payments - £17,494
Surplus - £1,019

SCOUT SHOP

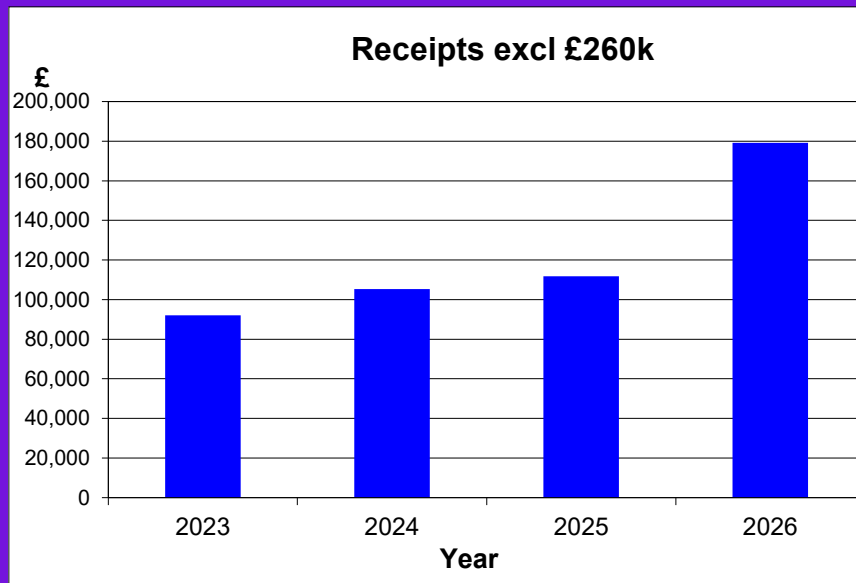
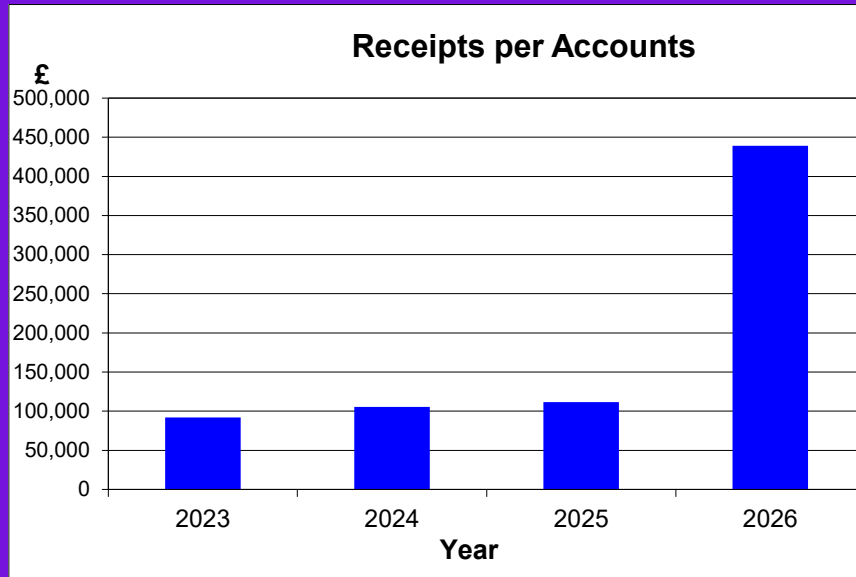
Receipts - £660
Payments - £1,153
Loss - £493

EXPLORERS

Receipts - £30,341
Payments - £17,209
Surplus - £13,132



2026 OVERVIEW



- 2026 accounts are prepared under Receipts & Payments basis
- On 14/01/2026, a strip of land at collard Bridge Scout Campsite estimated to be 3.9 acres out of previously owned 21 acres sold to Barnstaple & Yeo Valley Railway Trust for £260,000.
- The Trustees estimated the value of land sold was £51,071, this reduction in value reflected in Asset & Liabilities statement.
- Trustees have also reduced the value of the Hughes Building from £30k to £5k.
- 2026 receipts is considerably higher compared to previous years due to £260k. Excluding the £260k would still show 2026 as high due to a change in reporting requirements by Scouts whereby we can no longer net off the Membership fees with County/HQ levy.
- Another major highlight in the year is that the District provision would have made a loss without the £260k due to £79.7k spent using reserves to upgrade the Toilet facilities at the campsite.

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DISTRICT

Breakdown of Income

EVENTS



District Events incl:
Moonlight challenge, Cub Jam
Planning, District Camp in Bristol
2025.

7.04%

PROCEEDS FROM SALE



As already referenced, sold an
estimated 3.9 acres of land at
Campsite to Barnstaple & Yeo
Valley Railway Trust for £260,000

73.3%

MEMBERSHIP



District levy is £7.50 for 25/26.
Census 935 young people up from
933 in 2025.
As referenced, showed as gross
this year, not net so total levy was
£67.50.

17.4%

OTHER INCOME



Bank interest was received in the
year of £6,623 from District reserves.
Interest will increase in future year as
12 month bonds used in short term
for Railway proceeds.
£200 donation from Mr M Davis in his
will to be spent on WSJ.

1.9%

DISTRICT

Expenditure

The District spent the following from Reserves in the year:

- Toilet block works - £62.8k
- Leaders toilet block - £10.4k
- Climbing Towers removal - £6k
- Training permits - £0.4k

The District paid £1.9k in legal fees to Slee Blackwell Solicitors for the sale.

Activity equipment equates to 4% of District Expenditure. Scout groups can hire district equipment which includes, marquees, recruitment kit and catering equipment via the District Website.

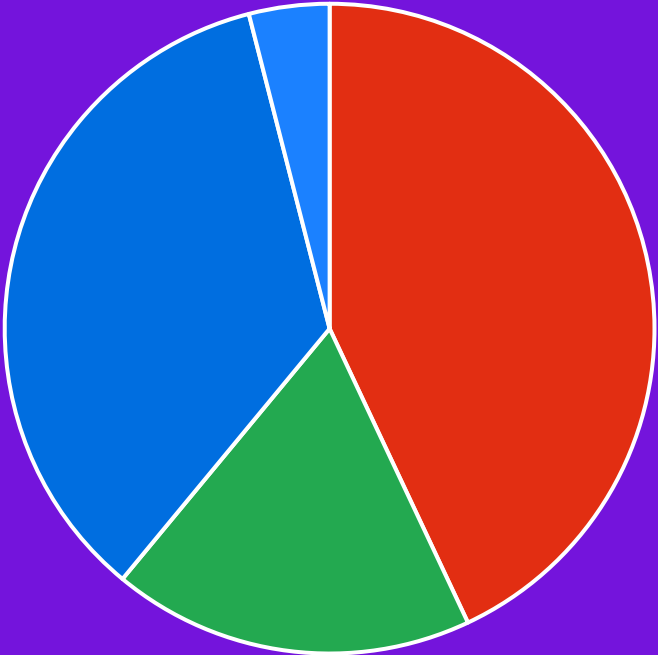
Programme support of 35% includes National Trust membership, Event Team Budget and MPLC license.

Awards at 18% relates to chief scout certificates and woggles.

Admin at 43% includes Accountancy cost, AGM, website/OSM and bank fees.

The membership fee for 26/27 increased to £7.50, this is to enable

Expenditure excl Events



■ Admin
 ■ Awards
 ■ Programme support
 ■ Activity equip

2026	2025	2026	2025
£2.59	£1.09	£2.10	£0.22
(£2.02)	(£1.28)	(£2.34)	(£0.36)

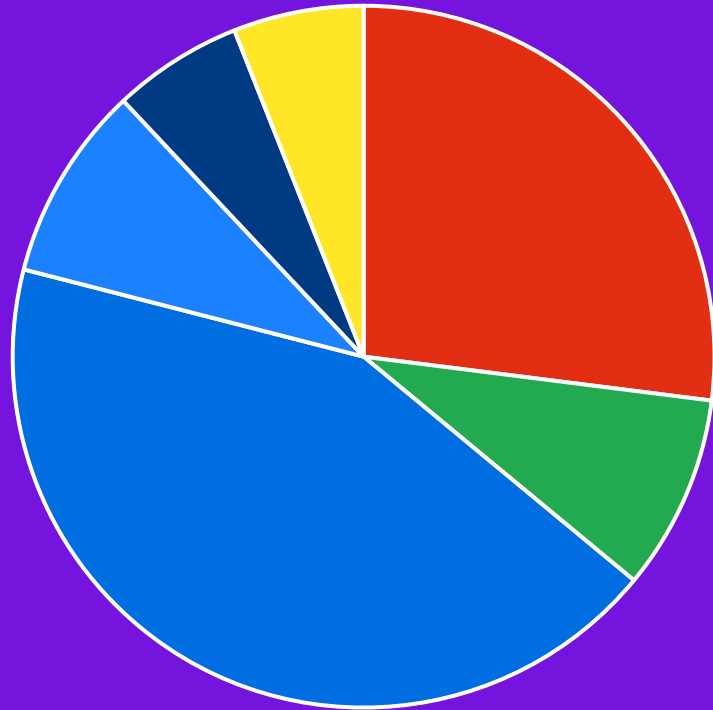
Breakdown of how District Levy of £6 spent in 2026 (2025)



DISTRICT

2026/27 Budget for District

District Budget 26/27



The membership fee for 26/27 increased by £1.50 to £7.50, this is to enable an increased budget for District, to ensure that the majority of the District levy is going towards District Events and Support.

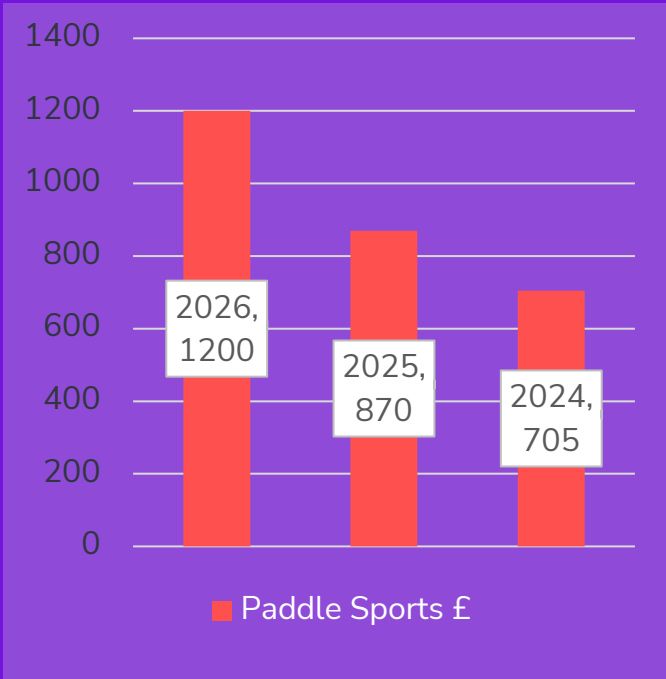
- Admin - £1,866 – 27% - £2.00
- Equipment - £650 – 9% - £0.70
- Programme support - £3,046 – 43% - £3.26
- Awards - £650 – 9% - £0.70
- Individual Representation Fund - £400 – 6% - £0.43
- Training/Permit Fund - £400 – 6% - £0.43

New for 2026/27 budget is the introduction of 2 funds that the Trustees want to offer. Applications can be made via the website and will be considered by the Trustees. There is no limit on how many times people can apply but previous grants will be taken into account.

In addition to the above budget allocation, interest that District receives on it's reserves (excluding the investment bonds for Railway proceeds) are equally split 50/50 into each Fund. At the year end, £2.9k is already in each Fund.

CAMPSITE

Paddle sports



Paddle sports is increased to £40 a session during the summer at Judy's Lake, who the Trustees are very thankful for allowing us to use the site and give the young people water sport activities.

Target



Target includes Archery, Shooting and Tomahawks both self led and with Target team.

2026 season saw decrease in Target income due to lack of volunteers.

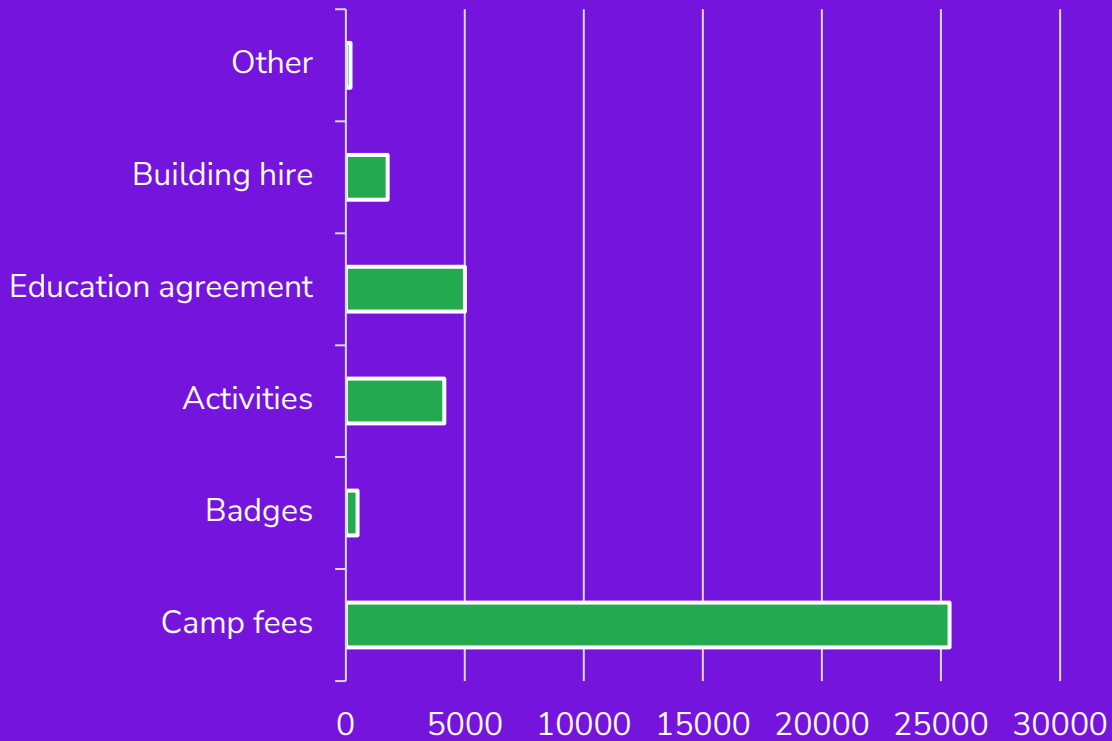
Camp Fees



CAMPSITE

Receipts

Receipts £



This year Campsite has continued to increase camping fees by £4k to £25k.

As well the fabulous team lead by Mark Etheridge have built a new relationship with a local school to use the site during school hours which is the £5k income received this year under this agreement.

Bookings are once again strong going into the 2026 season.



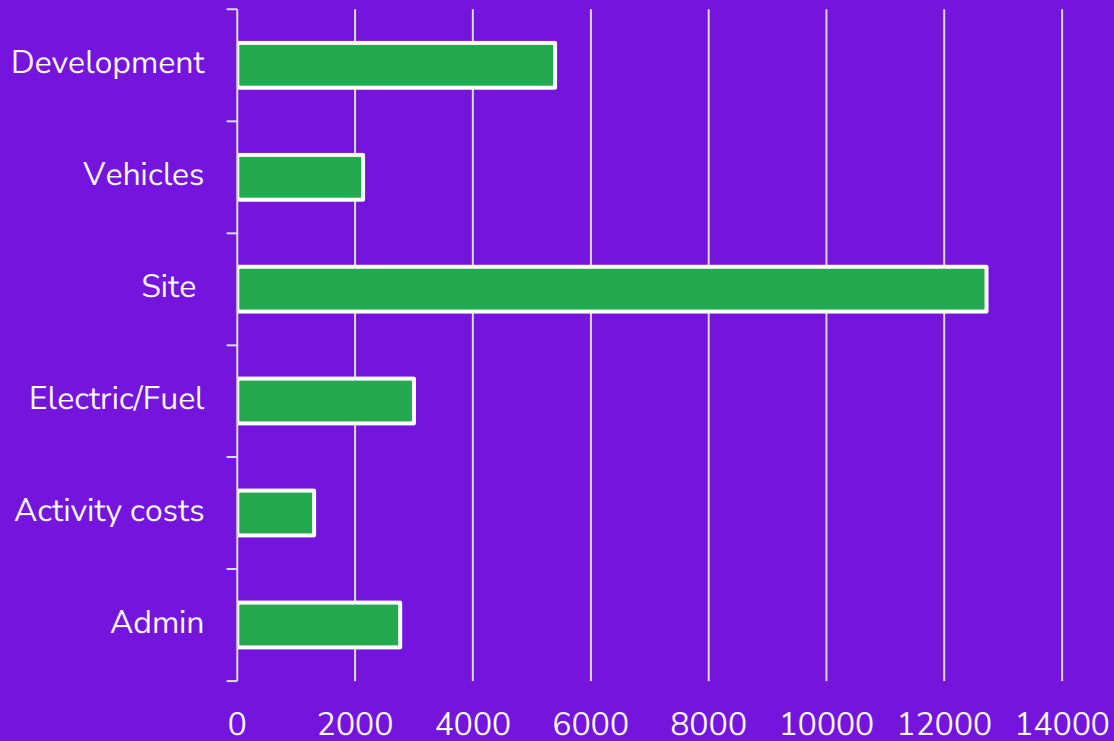
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CAMPSITE

Payments The campsite is a wonderful asset for the charity however it does require a lot of volunteer hours to maintain the beautiful site which the charity is very thankful for.

Payments £



Site Maintenance costs total just over £12,000 for the year. (£8k last year).

Development costs of £5,393 relates to:

- Hughes TV
- Toilets
- Heaters
- Welding machine
- Entrance sign
- Air Rifle Range
- Assault Course
- Target sheds
- Laser Tag

Campsite also received a grant of £950 which was used to buy Silent Disco equip.

Post year end a new mower for £6.25k has been bought and the old one traded in for £1.25k.

GANG SHOW

£2,521
Reserve spending

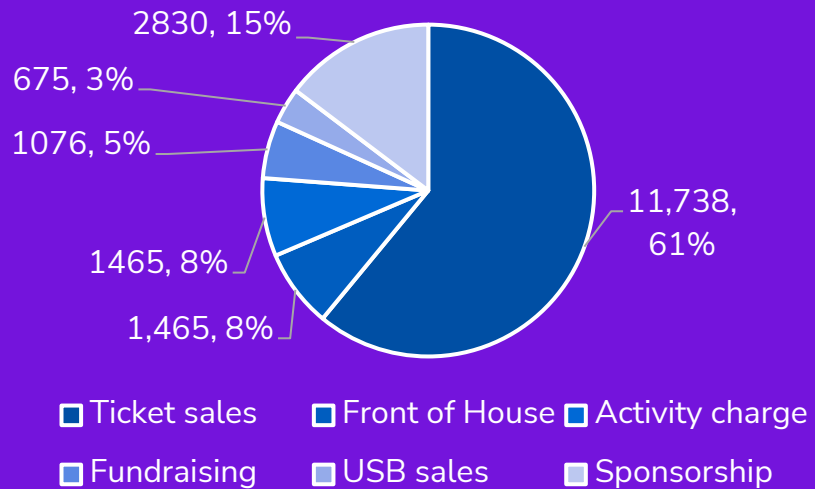
Cast of 67 & volunteers of over 30.

Year	Ticket sales
2026	921
2025	899
2024	1,042

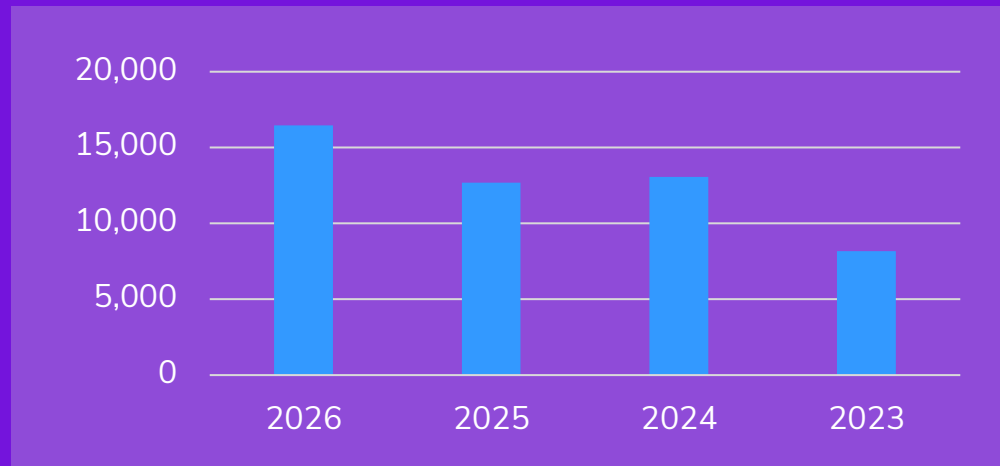
Show surplus

£1,019, will be reinvested into Gang Show 2027 at Queens Theatre.

Income breakdown for Gang Show 2026



Gang Show Expenditure at the Landmark Theatre



EXPLORERS

EVENTS



Explorers events includes:
District camp, Theme park, Ten
Tors, DofE, Shatter camp &
Adrenaline Quarry.

Under Alison's leadership,
Events and Explorers as a
whole has run under a much
tighter ship with the finances in
a much improved position in
25/26.

TORRIDGE ESU



Taw ESU has 64 young people
and 10 who are just young
leaders.

The Unit made a surplus of
£9.7k in 25/26 excl events.

In the year back dated Gift aid
of 4 years was received,
totaling £5.5k. This is planned
to be spent on some new tents,
catering equipment & subsidies
for future events.

TAW ESU



Torrige ESU is a small unit
with only 16 young people.

The Unit made a surplus of
£1.2K (Excl events) which is
due to fundraising of £600.

Post year end, a catch up
payment of rent paid to 2nd
Bideford of £645.

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RESERVES & CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

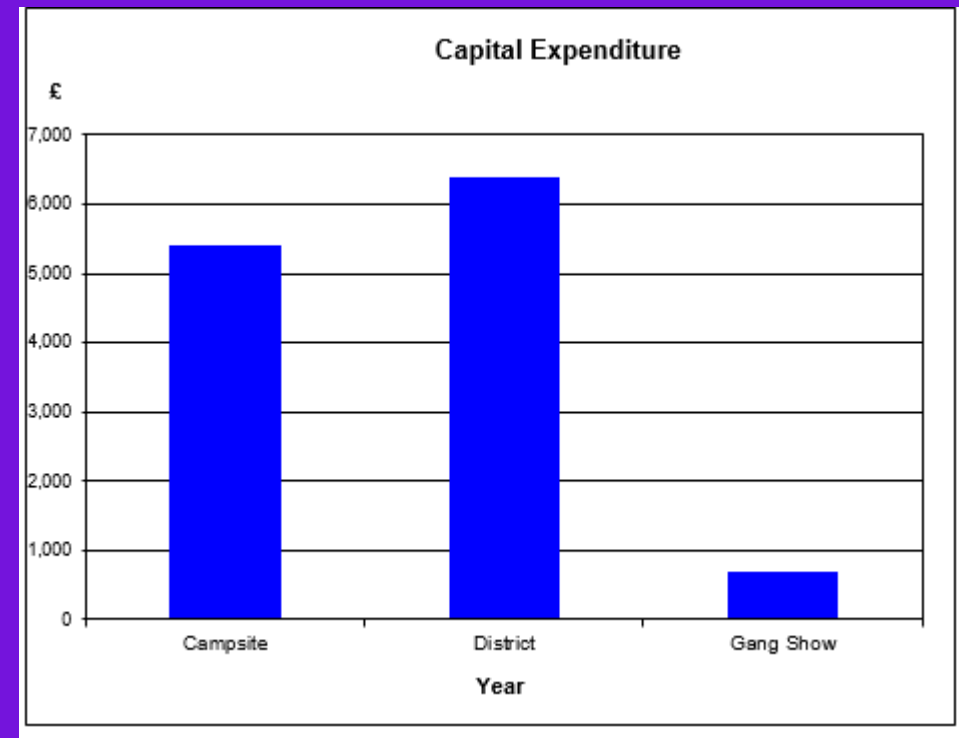
The charity maintained reserves at £40,000 which was reduced from £85,000 during the year.

- District - £10,000
- Campsite - £20,000
- Gang Show - £10,000

This reduction allowed the charity to finance the refurbishments of the Toilet Block along with using existing cash. Project totalled £73,200.



Each section of the charity has cash reserves within their budgets to spend on capital projects such as equipment and new activities and improving infrastructure. Below summaries how much each section spent on these projects.



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CASH BALANCES

The plan for the Trustees in 2025/27 was to reduce the cash held to fund the campsite project.

However with the injection of cash from the sale of land to the Railway of £258,022. (net of fees), this has meant that the Charities cash has increased from 2025 to 2026.

For the next 12 months, the charity has invested the proceeds from the Railway into 2 bonds and increased our holding in our notice account with Hampshire Trust Bank. Any interest raised will be allocated towards the campsite regeneration plan.

On the next slide, shows a of Cash funds in each provision run by the District breakdown and a breakdown of the funds held in Savings A/c's, Notice A/c's and the Bonds.

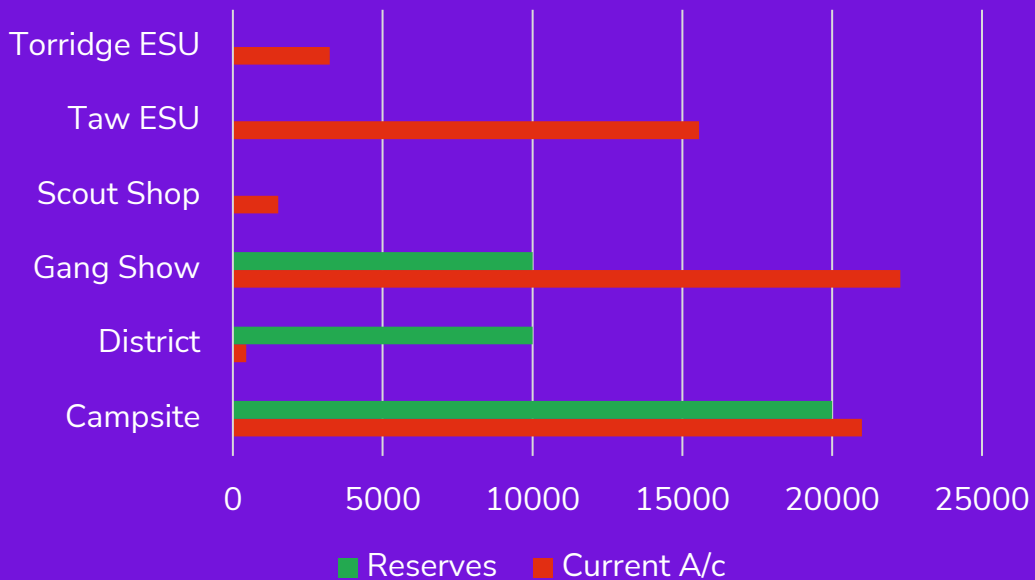


CASH BALANCES

Current Account breakdown of cash held by each provision run by the District as well as the ring fenced reserves held.

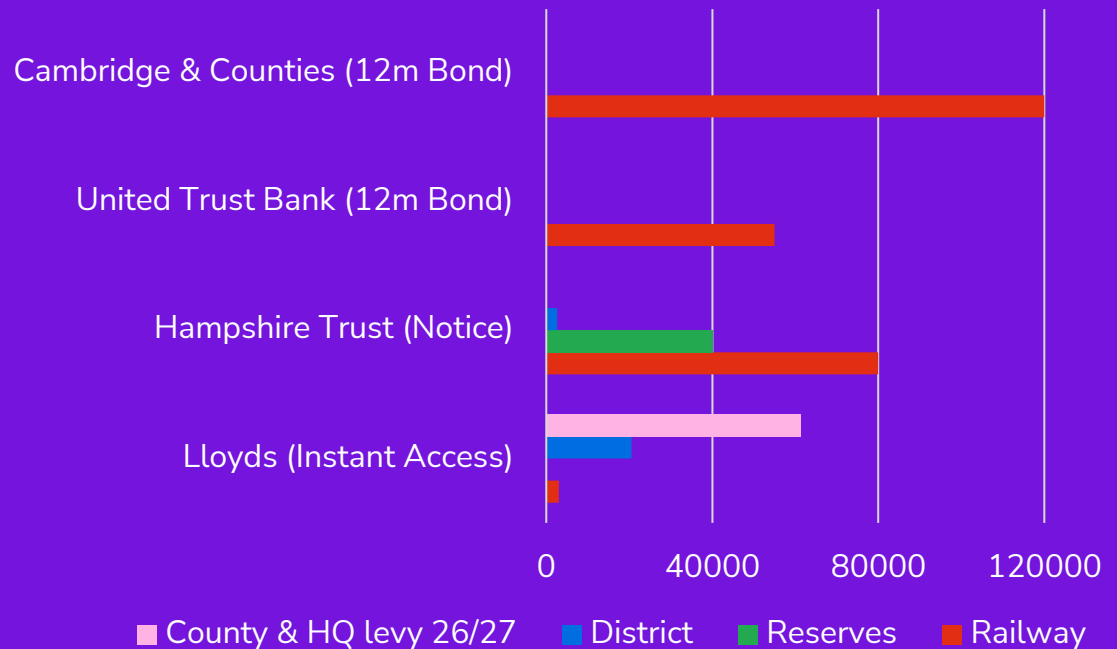
The District current account balance is small at the year as expected due this being the end of the 25/26 financial year and the membership levy has been spent.

Note – there is no reserve amount held for Explorers as this is included within £10k for District.



The below graph shows the split of funds held in the various long term accounts. The Green column is split on the aside graph between each District provision.

The County & HQ levy is paid direct to Devon Scouts in April 2026. District only retain the £7.50 per YP in census fee, the remaining £60 is passed on.



CAMPSITE REGENERATION PROJECT

NOTE: THIS PLAN IS A PRELIMINARY PLAN – COSTINGS & TIMESCALES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Phase 1: Modular Classroom Building		
Total Cost: £300,000	Our Contribution: £210,000	Funding Required: £90,000
A modern, energy-efficient modular building will replace the temporary classroom, creating a safe, warm, accessible indoor space for year-round learning.		
Phase 2: Covered Shelters		
Total Cost: £10,000	Our Contribution: £4,000	Funding Required: £6,000
Covered shelters will be installed on each campsite, improving resilience in poor weather, enhancing user experience, and supporting volunteer-led activities.		
Phase 3: Rendle Hut Replacement		
Total Cost: £25,000	Our Contribution: £10,000	Funding Required: £15,000
A new, durable covered shelter will replace the ageing and damaged Rendle Hut, improving safety, reducing maintenance, and providing a flexible activity space.		
Phase 4: Concrete Base for Activity Barn		
Total Cost: £6,000	Our Contribution: £2,500	Funding Required: £3,500
A new concrete base will replace the current gravel surface, improving accessibility, safety, and year-round usability for a wide range of activities.		
Phase 5: Climbing Tower		
Total Cost: £100,000	Our Contribution: £25,000	Funding Required: £75,000
A new climbing tower will expand adventure activity provision, promote confidence and physical development, attract new users, and create new income opportunities through instructor-led sessions.		

The Trustees have put together an initial draft 5 year regeneration programmes to modernise the site, strengthen its resilience and expand the opportunities it offers to young people in North Devon.

The programme will hopefully deliver 5 capital projects, each addressing a critical need on the site using the proceeds from the sale of land to the Railway, along with targeted external fundraising. The result is a balanced achievable roadmap so the next generation can rely on Collard Bridge as a place to learn, grow and seek adventure!

If any members of the Scout Council have any expertise's in applying for grants, in the building trade or project development, please get in touch. The District Trustee Board wants to use the skills and knowledge from the Scout Council and local area to make this plan, a reality.



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Thank you