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North Devon District Scout Council

2025 Financial Year Overview



# BACKGROUND

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

## DISTRICT

Receipts - £48,024  
Payments - £43,283  
Surplus - £4,741

## CAMPSITE

Receipts - £29,292  
Payments - £23,510  
Surplus - £5,782

## GANG SHOW

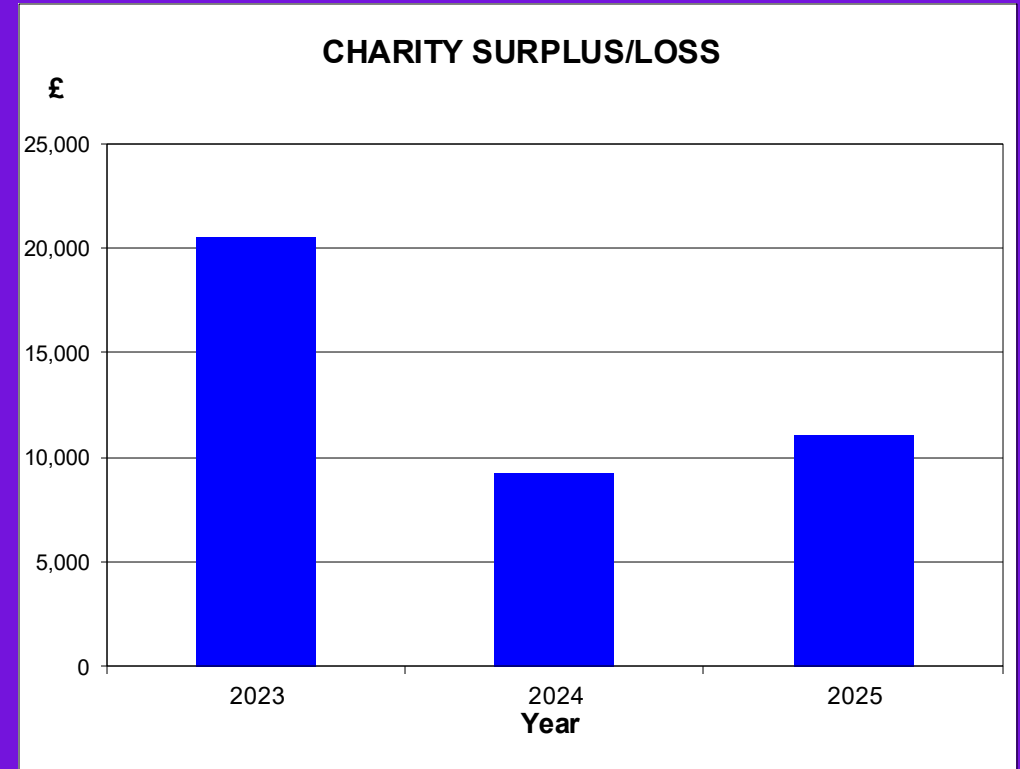
Receipts - £14,999  
Payments - £14,094  
Surplus - £905

## SCOUT SHOP

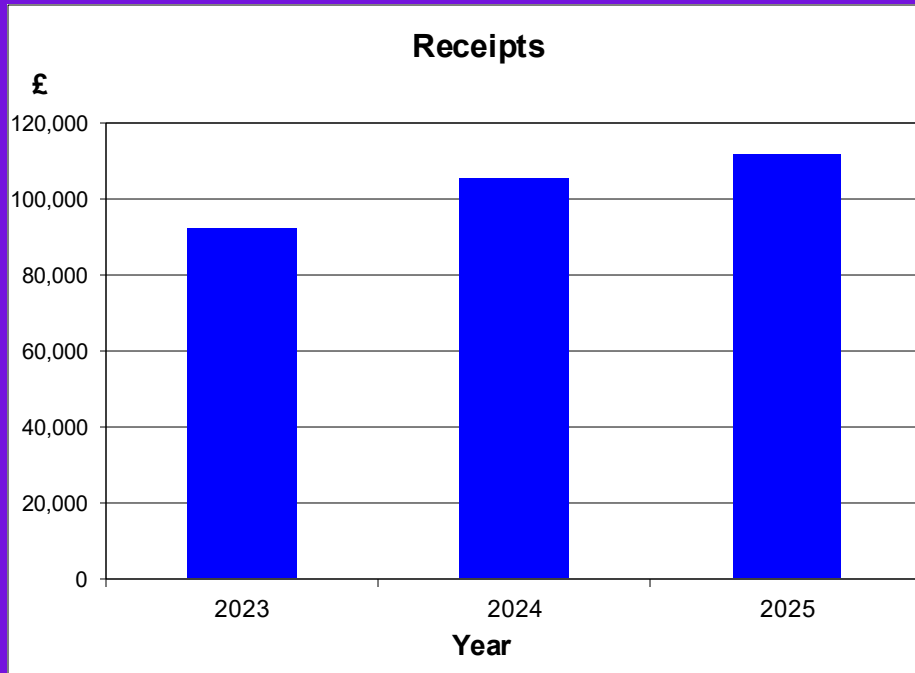
Receipts - £1,130  
Payments - £384  
Surplus - £746

## EXPLORERS

Receipts - £18,262  
Payments - £19,365  
Loss - £1,103  
Remediation plan for 2026 in place



# 2025 OVERVIEW



- First year with new Independent Examiner – moved from Smarter Accounting to Stephens & Willey
- 2025 accounts are prepared under new cash basis, agreed by the Trustees.
- Matt & Andrew Kennard (Accountant) identified material errors in previously filed accounts – charity commission agreed and we are in process of re-doing 2024 and 2023 accounts, although error dates back to 2016.
- Additional accountancy cost paid in 2026 due to the errors identified by previous accountants. Still in communication with Smarter Accounting regarding correction of the 2023 and 2024 accounts.
- Cash basis means the charity recognises income on a receipt and payment basis.
- Income for the charity has increased over the last 3 years due to the increase in activities that the charity has undertaken.

# DISTRICT

## Breakdown of Income MEMBERSHIP

### EVENTS



District Events incl:  
Each sections District camp,  
Moonlight challenge, Cub Jam  
fundraising and costs relating to prep  
for District Camp in May 2025

**62.5%**



District levy is £6 for 24/25.  
Census 933 young people up from  
907 in 2024.

£2.3k, is the insurance claim  
being received for the Marquee,  
this was spent immediately to buy  
replacement Marquee

**35.2%**

### BANK INTEREST



Bank interest was received in the  
year of £1,111 from District reserves.

Post year end, the charity received  
£3,802.59 of interest from the  
Hampshire trust reserve account.

Interest will reduce in future years  
due to spend on capital projects.

**2.3%**

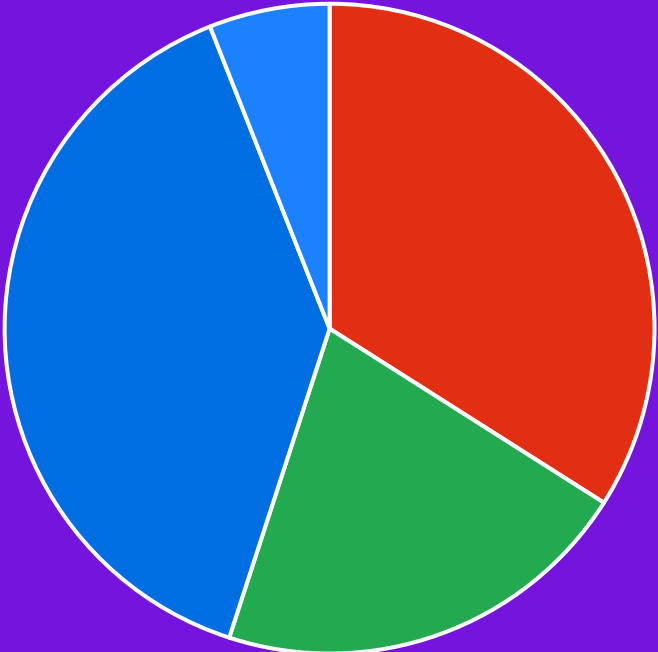
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# DISTRICT

## Expenditure

Expenditure excl Events



Admin Awards Programme support Activity equip

£2.02	£1.28	£2.34	£0.36
(£1.77)	(£0.49)	(£2.45)	(£1.28)

Breakdown of how District Levy of £6 spent in 2025 (2024)

The District purchased the following from Reserves in the year:

- Initial Toilet block works
- Safety kit for wild camping
- Fencing equipment
- New troop shirts
- Expedition tents

Activity equipment equates to 6% of District Expenditure. Scout groups can hire district equipment which includes, marquees, recruitment kit and catering equipment via the District Website.

Programme support of 39% includes National Trust membership, old ADC funds and MPLC license.

Awards at 21% relates to chief scout certificates and woggles.

Admin at 34% includes Accountancy cost, AGM, website and bank fees.



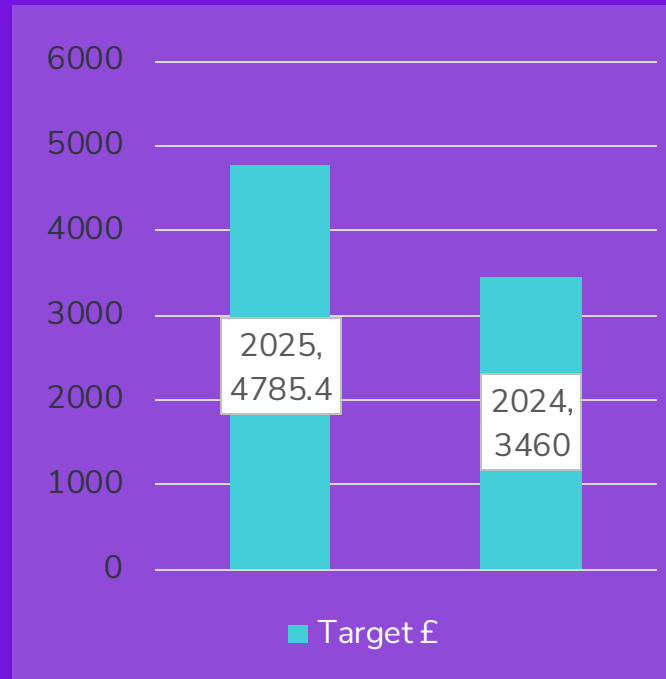
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## Paddle sports



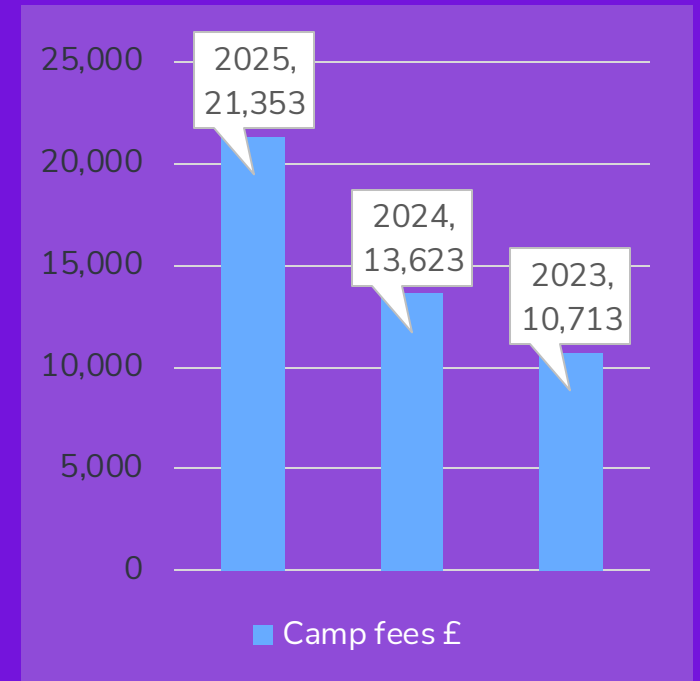
Paddle sports is £30 a session during the summer at Judy's Lake, who the Trustees are very thankful for allowing us to use the site and give the young people water sport activities.

## Target



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

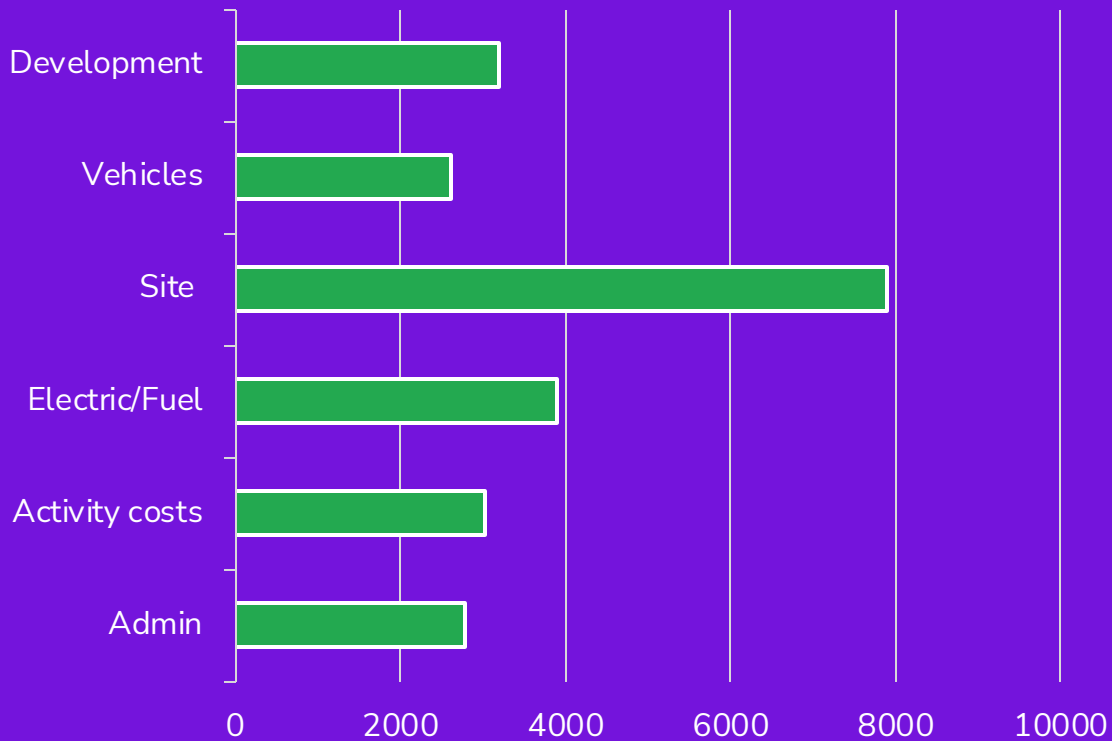
## Camp Fees



# CAMPSITE

## Expenditure

### Expenditure £



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.

Site Maintenance costs total just under £8,000 for the year.

Development costs of £3,209 relates:

- Archery equip
- Crazy golf
- Frisbee golf
- Lawn Games
- Pizza Oven
- Slingshots
- Assault Course.

# GANG SHOW

**£1,392**  
Reserve spending

Year	Ticket sales
2025	899
2024	1,042
2023	837

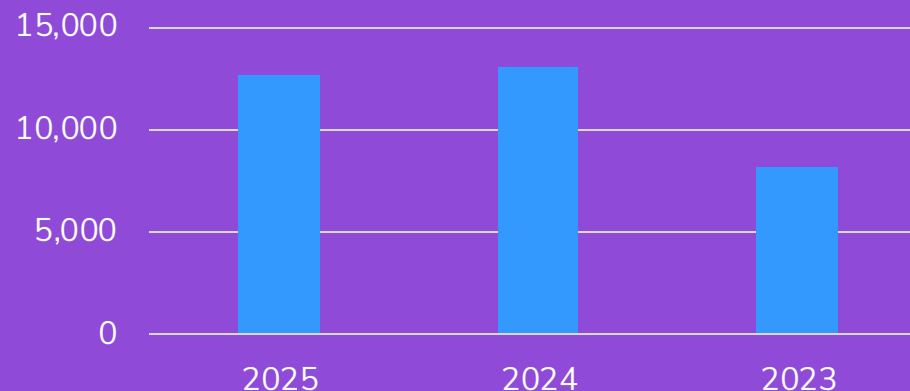
**£9,890**  
Ticket sales  
value

Gang Show Expenditure at the Landmark Theatre

## Show Surplus

The Show made a surplus of £2,300, due to the £1,500 grant received from Fullabrook CIC

**Cast of 68**  
**30**  
**volunteers**

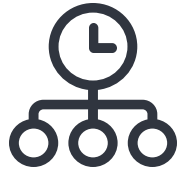


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# EXPLORERS

## EVENTS



Explorers events includes:  
District camp, Theme park  
camo, Ten Tors, DofE, Bonfire  
camp.

Some events did run at a loss  
which has meant the cash  
position of the Explorers  
section is at £5,991 at the year  
end down from £7,094.

## TAW ESU



Taw ESU has 53 young people  
and 8 who are just young  
leaders.

The Unit made a surplus of  
£3.2k in the year excluding  
events.

Just over £1,000 spent on an  
exciting programme and £4,256  
on membership costs.

## TORRIDGE ESU



Torridge ESU is a small unit  
with only 14 young people.

The Unit made a surplus of  
£463 (Excl events) which is  
due to fundraising of £735.

Major cost for the unit is the  
membership fee at £64 per  
head

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# RESERVES & CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The charity maintained reserves at £85,000, however post year end the trustees have agreed to reduce the reserves to £40,000.

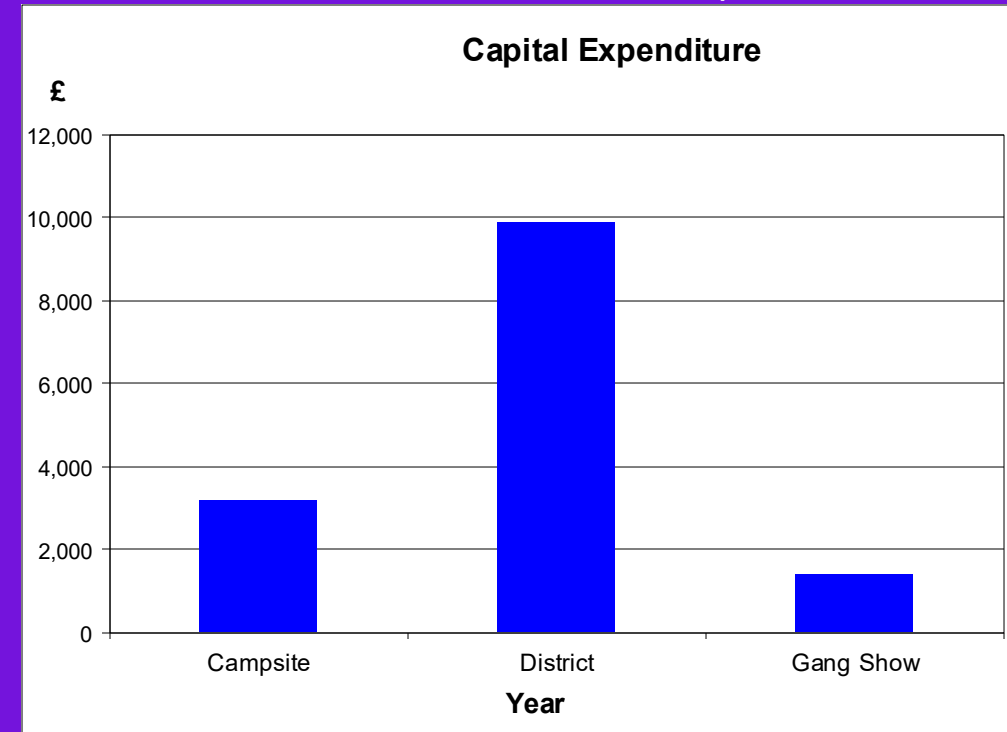
- District - £10,000
- Campsite - £20,000
- Gang Show - £10,000

This reduction has allowed the charity to finance the refurbishments of the Toilet Block and campsite regeneration projects.



During the year, all the charity operational sections has their own savings accounts closed (Gang Show in process – closed post year end), this was to streamline the number of bank accounts managed by the trustees.

Each section of the charity has cash reserves within their budgets to spend on capital projects. Below summaries how much each section spent on these



# FUTURE PLANS





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