

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the period

From 

01	04	2023
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 To 

31	03	2024
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### Section A Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Grimsby & Cleethorpes District Scout Council
Registered Charity Number	1008034
Charities Principal Address	Cherrygarth Campsite Humberston Avenue Grimsby DN36 4SJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Michelle Oldershaw	Chair (Acting)	
2	Carol Dillon	District Commissioner (ex officio)	
3	Mike Connor	District Commissioner	
4	Elaine Pett	District Secretary	
5	Lawrence Brown	District Treasurer	
6	Rob Douglass	Executive Member	
7	Dave Drinkell	Executive Member	
8	Rick Kirk	Executive Member	
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## Description of the charity's trusts

Structure	<p>The District is managed by the District Board of Trustees, 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. The committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer together with elected members.</p>
Responsibilities	<p>Charity trustees are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration, keeping comprehensive accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees supports the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maintenance of District property</li> <li>The raising of funds and the administration of District finance</li> <li>The insurance of persons, property and equipment</li> <li>Assisting in the recruitment of adult support</li> <li>Appointment of the chair, secretary and members of the appointments advisory committee and appointment of any required sub committees</li> <li>Appointing District administrators and advisors other than those who are elected</li> </ul>
Governing Document	<p>The District 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, Operation and Rules of the Scout Association</p>
Constitution	<p>The District is a trust established under rules common to all scouts</p>
Trustee Appointment	<p>The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association</p>
Risks and Internal Controls	<p>The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate against them.</p> <p>Risks include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• property and capital assets – the District has sufficient property and capital assets insurance to mitigate against damage and loss.</li> <li>• capital replacement – included in budget setting discussions, reliance on fundraising and availability of grant funding</li> <li>• reduced income – the District has sufficient reserves to cover overheads for nine months</li> </ul>

## Section C

## Objectives and Activities

### Summary

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the aims of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and progressive training based on the Scout promise and law and guided by adult leadership.

The District provides

- Training and adult support
- Programme support
- Adventurous activities
- Residential opportunities

### Public Benefit Statement

The District meets the Charities Commission public benefit criteria under the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship.

## Section D

## Main Achievements of Charity During The Year

In 2023/24,

- Support the re-opening of the few remaining sections which have remained closed since covid due to a lack of volunteers within the Group
- Continue to support Groups with recruitment and retention strategies to reduce the weekly input required from District team members, improving resilience and ability to grow and enabling the redirection of District resources
- Aim for sustainable growth in membership with an annual target of 5%
- Further recruitment and development of key District roles to support adults, support sections and programme delivery, support growth and development and support skills and activity training
- Maintain a focus on adult training to improve compliance with Scout Association training requirements for adult roles
- Refurbishment and development of campsite facilities and replacement of equipment.

Achievements across the District included

- Following the successful recruitment of volunteers opened a new beaver section and scout section in a group located in an area social and economic deprivation. Achieved target growth of 12 young members in the beaver section, slow growth in the scout section
- Completed taster sessions and preparations for opening a closed beaver section. Deferred opening pending recruitment of adult volunteers.
- 3rd Squirrel section opened offering more opportunities for 4-6 year olds
- Whilst the District did not achieve the target growth of 5% for young members in the year it did achieve an increase in adult volunteers and is well placed to achieve the

- growth target for next year
- Achieved full training compliance
- Re-established Scout Summer Camp. Held in Cleveland for one week and attended by 35 young people aged 10-14 years
- Commenced essential tree work and maintenance at the local campsite

## Section E Finance Review

### Reporting

The District has a gross income of less than £250,000 and therefore operates Receipts and Payments accounts. Year end accounts are shared with members at the Annual General Meeting

### Reserve Policy

The District policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resource to continue the charitable activities should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Board of Trustees considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 9 months running costs circa £12000

### Investment Policy

The Districts income and expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy for the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using mainstream accounts, the scout association short term investment service or investment bonds

## Section F Plans for Financial Year 2023/24

Commence discussions within the Nunsthorpe community to establish if there is the scope and opportunity to recruit new volunteers with a view to opening a new Group if feasible

Open a 4<sup>th</sup> Squirrel drey increasing the provision for 4-6 year olds

Open an additional Explorer Unit partnered with one of the village groups to widen the provision and accessibility for 14-18 year olds

Continue to support Groups with recruitment and retention strategies to reduce the weekly improving resilience and ability to grow and enabling the redirection of District resources

Aim for sustainable growth in membership with an annual target of 5%

Prepare the District teams and Groups for the Scout Association transformation plans

Further recruitment and development of key District roles to support adults, sections and programme delivery, support growth and development and support skills and activity training

Maintain a focus on adult training to improve compliance with Scout Association training requirements for adult roles

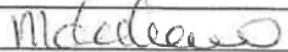

Introduce additional annual District events alongside the now re-established Scout Summer Camp.

Refurbishment and development of campsite facilities and replacement of equipment.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the charitys trustees

Signatures

	
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Full Names

Michelle Oldershaw	LAWRENCE BROWN
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Position

Chair	TREASURER
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Date

29	11	2024
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**Grimsby & Cleethorpes District Scout Council**  
**Balance Sheet**

	<b>31/03/2024</b>		<b>31/03/2023</b>	
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Current accounts	33,101.54		46,365.70	
Cash	<u>621.61</u>		<u>917.66</u>	
		33,723.15		47,283.36
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Bond	<u>4,000.00</u>		<u>4,000.00</u>	
		4,000.00		4,000.00
Debtors	<u>2,880.97</u>		5,003.07	
		2,880.97		5,003.07
Creditors	- <u>1,575.00</u>		- <u>4,030.51</u>	
		(1575.00)	-	4,030.51
<b>Assets held for own use</b>				
Land & buildings	<u>286,750.00</u>		<u>286,750.00</u>	
		286,750.00		286,750.00
		<u>325,779.12</u>		<u>339,005.92</u>
Balance b/f		339,005.92		340,818.88
(Deficit)/ Surplus		(13226.80)		(1812.96)
		<u>325,779.12</u>		<u>339,005.92</u>

**Grimsby & Cleethorpes District Scout Council**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**

	31/03/2024		31/03/2023
<b>Income</b>			
Net membership subscriptions retained	2,871.50		2,992.00
Grants	-		575.00
Shop & badges	155.50		67.50
District camps & sleepovers	7,449.41		-
Donations, sponsorship & events	1,181.86		316.65
Bank interest	210.94		109.52
Property rental - Cherrygarth	9,007.81		7,433.24
Property rental - Immingham	3,759.60		3,900.00
Activities	404.00		-
Minibus	-		7,500.00
Close Scout Post account	1,664.82		-
Explorers	3,072.71		2,965.81
Scout Active Support	526.77		9.72
Scout Radio	255.37		384.24
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	30,560.29		26,253.68
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Water & sewerage	4,600.39		1,950.75
Electricity & gas	3,778.16		3,169.66
Insurance	5,020.77		4,309.40
Repairs & renewals	12,502.45		5,932.86
Sundry	426.82		201.50
Committee expenses	-		165.45
Minibus running	16.76		161.48
Website	628.78		466.38
Training & courses	-		821.00
Travel	772.80		-
Explorers	2,679.61		5,887.68
Scout Active Support	232.42		-
Scout Radio	169.40		399.14
Shop & badges	335.94		-
Professional fees	140.40		140.40
District camps & sleepovers	7,242.20		-
Activities	786.44		1,712.46
Climbing wall	3,138.24		2,220.24
Awards evening	1,054.02		-
Mobile phone	165.74		384.24
Bank charges	95.75		144.00
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	43,787.09		28,066.64

	-	43,787.09	
<b>(Deficit)/ Surplus</b>	<b>(13226.80)</b>		<b>(1812.96)</b>



## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District 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 Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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**

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 Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Claire Bateman

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCA

Address: 1 Mill Lane, Caistor, LN7 6UA

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025