

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-08-09

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Provide opportunities within the the Chorley area for young people to participate in the Scout Association

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£179,534	£186,001	-	-
2024-03-31	£141,859	£152,380	-	-
2023-03-31	£136,619	£186,398	-	-
2022-03-31	£65,133	£60,673	-	-
2021-03-31	£64,819	£38,821	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Jonathan Sturgess	Chair	2021-12-13
Alan Venn		2024-04-16
Amy Rebecca Calderbank		2022-07-06
Andrew Graeme Walton		2023-09-17
Kerry Helen Houghton		2022-07-06
Paul Smith		2020-08-08
Philip Henry Fairclough		2021-04-01
Victoria Christine Finley		2023-09-17

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District Lead Volunteer Report

Amy Calderbank

Yet again another Scouting year has flown by in what seems like barely a few minutes. Over the last 12 months we have continued to see changes to our organisation as towards the end of 2024 we started to prepare for the switch over from Compass to the new digital systems. This was always going to be one of the biggest changes and challenges that we faced throughout the transformation journey and whilst the switch over came with some hiccups we have also seen some significant benefits from it already. To name just a few of these: the links between online learning packages and automatic updates to completion dates, the ability for all volunteers to nominate their colleagues for recognition and awards and a Nights Away submission system that supports our Nights Away team in ensuring the compliance of all attending adults with their mandatory DBS and training requirements. There has been plenty of support from Scout Headquarters in ensuring queries are dealt with promptly and releasing regular updates to improve how the system works. I would like to thank all our volunteers who have persevered with these changes and for Scouting colleagues who have stepped up to provide support with technology and answering queries.

At the beginning of September 2024 we launched our Nights Away competition across all sections with our Nights Away team collating and recording data for all events completed. As a result of this, we are able to confirm that our volunteer teams have together taken the young people of Chorley on over 3500 Nights Away in just under 9 months! This is a fantastic achievement as one of the main reasons that our young people join us is to go camping and experience the outdoors. Our entire age range has been represented throughout the competition from our smallest Squirrel Scouts right through to our Network members and has covered not just local camps but also further afield including Yorkshire, Wales, Croatia, Scotland and more! The challenge is to see if we can beat that number next year.....watch this space!

Our Squirrel sections continue to expand in numbers. This year we have added another two Dreys to the District and there are upcoming plans for at least two more in the early part of next year. Our groups are embracing the energy and enthusiasm that these younger members bring and enlisting the support of their parents and carers to help bring Scouting to more young people.

This year I also had the pleasure of attending Chorley Capers 2025. Along with members of the Guiding community a number of our members put on a swashbuckling tale of pirates and adventure in Treasure Island. The cast and crew pulled together a brilliant spectacle of acting, singing and dancing. A couple of highlights for me were the younger members who started the show off with their various pirate shanties, the spooky skeletons and monsters in the cave and a certain adult member who I can still picture in a fetching blue wig....! We have some very talented individuals in our midst.

There are a huge number of committed, enthusiastic and dedicated adult volunteers working across our District in a variety of different ways to bring the excitement and adventure of Scouting to over 1 100 young people each and every week. On behalf of the young people of Chorley I'd like to thank you all the part you play in helping to make that happen. It is a genuine pleasure to be part of Chorley District and I look forward to continuing to work with you all over the next 12 months to continue offering amazing opportunities for all our young people and adults.

District Chair Report

Alan Venn

The Scout Association has been promoting a far-reaching agenda to transform the strategic leadership of scouting, and particularly the volunteer experience. Yet, 2024 was another busy and successful year in which hundreds of young people have enjoyed and benefitted from experiencing Scouting in Chorley. The addition of George Platt's Field will enhance our scouting, and our appreciation goes to the work put in by Team of volunteers. Together, leaders have facilitated exciting programmes and events throughout the year where young people have learned practical and social skills, at home and abroad, that will stay with them for life and where they have been able to meet others and form friendships that may well last for the rest of their lives.

More locally the national scouting agenda has entailed a huge amount of additional work by many members with the Transition which has been wholly responsible for the leadership of the district. I have a strong feeling that much of this work and effort has been thankless and even gone unnoticed by many but it has not been unappreciated and these leaders have ensured that the District has still managed to provide a full programme of activities and events throughout the year whilst at the same time bringing us into a good position to move forward into with the new structures that we need to follow. I would like to officially note and record our thanks to all those leaders for their dedication and effort.

As we said last year, changing how we are organised and how we work is invariably a challenge and the District Trustees Board has been adept in adjusting to the new arrangements enabling us to maintain a focus on strategic matters – Safety and Risks, Finance, Property and Assets, Governance, Training and Compliance – all to help in supporting our Scout Programme and the growth and development of Scouting across Chorley district.

The Trustees have long taken the view that membership fees should not be a disincentive to maintaining and developing membership numbers. At the same time, we must, as part of our brief as Trustees, manage the district's financial obligations in a responsible and accountable manner - and we will continue to adhere to this requirement. Accordingly, we will look to set a District levy based on "balancing the books" and we announce the district element fee will increase by £2 membership fee for 2026.

Change and Transformation are never straightforward, and we may all feel a little uneasy at times as this year progresses. I am sure that if we all remember to keep the Young People and their programme as the focus of our energies and support each other we shall all be able to work together and reach the end of this year with a stronger and more successful District than ever.



District Treasurer Report

Alan Venn

The policy of the district is to have adequate strategic financial reserves to provide the requisite level of support to the Scout Groups within the District for a minimum period of 18 months and to retain sufficient resources for the adequate maintenance of the properties and land that are held in the name of Chorley District Scout Council. The various sections of the District also maintain their own resources to support the activities in which they are involved. At the end of the year the General reserves amounted to £117,619 being monetary assets.

Financial:

The year opened with consolidated funds of £126,688 and closed with £125,376 at the end of the financial year, with an expenditure over income of £1,322.

Activities & events

In FY24/25 the District Leader Team provided or supported another fun year of events across all sections. All events were run to give the young people Skills for Life across various scouting activities which includes Chorley Capers with an Income of £58,645 against an expenditure of £75,209. Both Income and Expenditure include an amount for Explorers Red Rose 2026 of £13,950. Events show an overspend but are offset with event fund raising £4,775 and Gift Aid £10,028

District Properties and Land

There were no significant spend within the FY24/25 on our properties from the normal utilities, rates, insurance. George Platt's Field preparation for use has incurred a cost of £6,246 which has included site maintenance £3,965 and the purchase of equipment, ride on lawnmower £1,420, Camouflage Parachute and poles £715, sign for field £156.

Membership Fees

1282 Young People counted at census. Membership Fee plus District Levy was set at £62/YP by a vote of the Trustees.

Total Membership fees including District Levy (All Groups & Explorers): £74,258.00

Membership fees of £61,536.00 were paid to WLCSC on 12/03/25

Duplication of Membership Fees paid in 23/24 accounts: £9,046

Corrected value within accounts. £70,582

HMRC Gift Aid

The district has not received any significant donations in 24/25 eligible for gift aid.

The Explorer Section claims gift aid, and this is processed via the District NatWest Account. All amounts received are transferred to the Explorers bank accounts upon receipt.

The Explorer Section received gift aid of £10,028 in FY24/25.

Badge & Shop Stock

Provision of uniform & badge stock for retail purchase continues to be an invaluable local resource. Sales in the year were £4,428 with purchases of £2,226 with a year end stock level of £7,757.

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Chorley District Scout Council

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st April 2024

To

31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	74,258	-	-	74,258	73,582
District Activity Income from Members	21,670	-	-	21,670	20,686
Explorer Unit Member Contributions	-	56,029	-	56,029	37,662
Sales	4,421	-	-	4,421	4,389
Donations	100	4,775	-	4,875	-
Interest	46	-	-	46	974
Gift Aid	10,028	-	-	10,028	-
Property Rental	2,575	-	-	2,575	1,797
Other Income	5,832	-	-	5,832	2,649
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	118,730	60,804	-	179,534	141,859
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	118,730	60,804	-	179,534	141,859
A3 Payments					
District Activity Costs	24,664	-	-	24,664	35,358
Explorer Unit Activity Costs	-	52,647	-	52,647	36,464
Headquarters Membership Fee	70,562	-	-	70,562	53,269
Leader Training	6,896	-	-	6,896	2,544
Stock Purchases	2,226	-	-	2,226	3,136
Property Costs	17,135	-	-	17,135	14,457
IT Costs	3,246	-	-	3,246	3,452
Equipment Purchases	7,251	-	-	7,251	1,178
Other Overheads	1,354	-	-	1,354	1,711
Sub total	133,354	52,647	-	186,001	151,501
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	133,354	52,647	-	186,001	151,501
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,624	8,157	-	- 6,467	- 9,642
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	111,183	12,903	-	124,086	133,728
Cash funds this year end	96,559	21,060	-	117,619	124,088

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Bank Account	84,448	-	-
	Explorer Unit Accounts	-	21,060	-
	Chorley Capers Account	7,022	-	-
	JMC property Management Account	5,089	-	-
	Total cash funds	96,559	21,060	-

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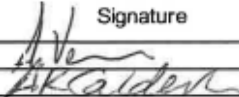
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Shop Stock	7,757	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		Headquarters Building (30% Ownership)	General	-
All Saints Building	General	-	30,000	
Platt Field Campsite	General	21,000	21,000	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				-
		-		
		-		
		-		

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	AMM CALDERBANK	9/7/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Chorley District Scout Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st MARCH 2025

Charity no (if any)

1024746

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Catherine Hough

Date:

20/5/25

Name:

Catherine Hough FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Certified Chartered Accountant
ACCA

Address:

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Programme Team Lead

Mark Finnigan

Every year in Scouting is interesting. This year has been no different, and we've had many reasons to celebrate. The Programme Team has gone from strength to strength, with occasional reshuffles to accommodate home and work commitments.

Current Programme Leadership Team:

- Liz Baker - Team Leader, Squirrels
- Kate Sturgess - Team Leader, Beavers
- Tammy Finnigan - Team Leader, Cubs
- Allyson Miller - Top Awards
- Kaitlin Hunter - Programme

I'll let the team leaders discuss their sections, but a couple of notable events truly deserve a special mention!

- **Chorley Monopoly Run:** Teams of Squirrels, Beavers, and Cubs scoured Chorley for landmarks and challenges to earn points, aiming to be named the inaugural Chorley Monopoly Run champions. Despite the biblical wet weather, this was a first-time event for us and was a tremendous success. I hope to see more teams taking part next year.
- **County Rally:** This event is always a winner, with a great turnout from Chorley Groups. There was a slight shock when we arrived to load the coaches and found that we had taken over the entire Morrisons car park. Luckily, we had discussed it with them, and they were quite pleased as it made them the busiest supermarket in Chorley.

Finally, a massive thank you from me to my team and all the leaders who support the programme within all our groups.

We have awarded over 300 top awards this year, comprising Acorn, Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, which is a fantastic achievement by all the Young People of Chorley District.

Did you know that Nights Away also falls under Programmes, and we have collectively completed over 3,000 nights away!

Squirrels

Liz Baker



There are currently five Squirrel Dreys in Chorley and all are proving to be successful with a packed programme offering new opportunities to our youngest members. From running sleepovers, exploring their local area and community to taking part in Drey Days at Waddecar, Squirrels are continually busy. This year Squirrel Leaders have had the benefit of a County Training Day in Preston which was very well attended and gave Leaders the chance to mix with Leaders from across West Lancs to exchange ideas. County has also run SquAD Day at Waddecar in May, basing the day's activities around the Earth Tribe badge which all adults and Squirrels who attended were awarded. We also had Squirrels take part in the inaugural Chorley District Monopoly Run, they did very well even with the rain. Acorn Awards have continued to be presented at the Christingle Service and locally, hopefully we can grow the section further in the next few years and present many more.



Beavers

Kate Sturgess



As usual we've had a busy 12 months with all the adventure they had been on, making new friends, learning new life skills, creating forever memories, which would not have been possible without the hard work of the Leader volunteers.

Thank you to Chorley Healey Beavers for a wonderful Christingle Service at St George's Church, it was a wonderful to see most of the groups attending, making it a great finish to the year. Started the New Year with 150 Beavers & Squirrels attending Panto in Bolton,

We also supported County events at Waddecar. This year was the first linking event 'Monopoly run' with Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, the event was a great success, each team had to find locations on the map and complete challenges around the town centre, despite the rain everyone had a great time



The winning Team was Charnock Richard Beavers, 2nd. Red Bank (T2) Cubs, 3rd. Clayton Brook Squirrels. Well done to everyone who took part, a huge thank you to all the Adult Volunteers who helped organise and run bases.

The number of Bronze and Acorn Awards presented in the last 12 months was an amazing 150. Congratulations to all the Beavers and Squirrels. Well Done!!

Beavers and Squirrels have thrived over the last 12 months, and I look forward to the next 12 months of new adventures and challenges.

Cubs

Tammy Finnigan



I am relatively new to the role of Team Leader for Cubs, and so far, it has been a fantastic experience full of adventure. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported me. I was thrilled to take part in my first Silver Awards presentation, where over 80 badges were awarded to young people in our District. I read through all the registrations, and it was fantastic to see the diverse activities our Young People get involved in, focusing on outdoor skills, community involvement, and personal challenges. The Chorley Monopoly Run was a fantastic linking event despite the "liquid sunshine," with Red Bank Cubs claiming 2nd place. I'm looking forward to doing this one again next year!

It has been a privilege to lead the Cub Section this year, and I look forward to next year bringing new events, such as Scout Quest, PL/6r Camp, and a few surprises.



Scouts

Will Laidlaw



This is my first Annual report as Team Leader for Scouts. It has been a real pleasure to have the opportunity to meet many of our young people and leadership teams. The achievements and behaviour of our young people has been a real credit and testament to the time and commitment given freely by our adult volunteers. I want to pass on my thanks to all our volunteers, without you our young people would miss out on so much.

In April many Scout troops attended the District St Georges Camp at Waddecar. It was lovely to see Scouts having fun & mixing with Scouts from across the District, as well as across sections.

This was swiftly followed in May by County Rally, where nearly 100 people from Chorley attended the weekend camp. It was lovely to see leaders from across the district got stuck into helping/running activities for the camp. The fact that all leaders from across all districts get involved in supporting the camp is just one of the things that makes the camp magical. That and over 1000 people dancing to YMCA & the Hokey Cokey at flag break each morning! The silent disco was again a sight to behold... Lots of happy (and tired) Scouts boarding the coaches to go home on Sunday. If you are involved with a troop and haven't been to County Rally please consider signing up next year. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.



Looking forward to the forthcoming year, we have the joint Cub & Scout activity day 'Scout Quest' coming up in the next few weeks. A PL & Sixer training weekend is also returning in January 2026. I have been speaking to Scouts and asking them what they would like so there are a few other things in the planning phase – watch your inbox for more details....

Explorers

Matt Fishwick

EXPLORERS

Another year full of opportunities for Explorer Scouts.

Our Explorer Scouts have had an abundance of adventures this year with camps and trips from weekends closer to home to Explorers Sailing from Scotland to Ireland all making memories that they won't ever forget.

Our Units have been running varied programmes throughout the year allowing Explorers to develop skills, get involved with communities, enjoy traditional scouting, and have a lot of fun.

A steady transition from Scouts has meant our numbers have remained strong in our Units this year.

I would like to thank the leaders in our team for their hard work and support. This year's activities and growth would not have happened without such amazing people.

Additional support is always needed, so if you are interested in taking on a task no matter how small within the section, please get in touch.

Network

James Houghton

network

Network have had a busy 12 months building on and increasing their membership along with a mixture of socials, camps and activities. Activities have included bowling, trying their hand at pumpkin carving (with some impressive results – see photo!), made pancakes and taken part in some regular pub quizzes. They've challenged each other at Go Karting and a contingent of 8 members went to the National Network Gathering – our largest group in some time.



Looking ahead they have a Festival Camp coming up in the next few weeks shortly followed by Reconnected in September. Evening events planned include mini golf, laser tag, board game night along with trips out to ice skating and the Christmas markets. A number of the group are also actively working towards their higher awards including King's Scout and Scouts of the World Award. Any young adults aged 18 – 25 are welcome to come along.

Awards

Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service



Adrienne Barrow

Graeme Calvert

Andrew Counce

Angela Neat

Tracey Brocklehurst

Jacqueline Dickens

Lorna Fishwick

Hayden Flint

David Johnson

Helen Kirkham

Victoria Lonsdale

Phillip Metge

Ian Pattison

Jenny Swindells

Thomas Whittaker

Nicola Williams

Award For Merit



Esther Beesley

Mark Finnigan

Jane Early

Dianne Metcalfe

Paul Kirby

Edward Brown

Pauline Elton

Paul Leadbetter

Paul Smith

Stephen Fogarty

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

48th Annual General Meeting

10th July 2024 7.30pm

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

Minutes of meeting

1. **Introduction and welcome** – Members of the District Scout Council and guests were welcomed including the Mayor and Mayoress of Chorley Council, Councillor Gordon France and Councillor Margaret France, our Vice Presidents and past District Commissioners
2. **Apologies for absence** – District President Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Alison Oliver, Alice Ditchfield, Jackie Malone, Phil Fairclough, Sue Twinn, Vicky Finlay, County President Gail Winstanley and County Lead Volunteer Craig Dewar-Willox
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17/09/2023 were approved.
 - b. Agreed that the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board was 6
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. Amy Calderbank, District Lead Volunteer spoke about the year we had enjoyed since the last AGM and looked forwards to the coming year. Much fun and plenty of challenges to come. See Annual Report for further detail.
 - b. The annual report and statement of accounts were accepted by those present as an accurate representation of the year.
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board – Alan Venn
 - b. District Treasurer, Mike was standing down and the process of finding a replacement was taking place. Mike kindly agreed to support in the interim.
 - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

Kerry Houghton	Andy Walton	Paul Smith
Vicki Finley	Pete Sturgess	Phil Fairclough

Emir Barker to become an administrative note taker for trustee meetings.
 - d. Appoint Vice Presidents – No new Vice Presidents were appointed.
 - e. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner Mr Ian Wilkin Senior Officer of LCC.
6. **Presentation of Awards**

Peter Beesley was presented with his 40 years long service award.
7. **Closing remarks**

The Mayor of Chorley thanked the Scout Council for the invite and congratulated all present on a very successful year and for many years to come.

Ian Lonsdale (Lonnie) spoke whilst representing the Scout County, echoing the thanks already mentioned and also looked to the future with Transformation happening nationally in Scouting promising improved structures for team working for the future.

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10th July 2024 7.30pm

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

AGENDA

Introduction and welcome

Apologies for absence

Governance topics

- ◆ Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17/09/2023
- ◆ Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
- ◆ Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

Review of the previous year

The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Chorley District

Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

Making appointments

Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board – Alan Venn

Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board –

Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

- Kerry Houghton
- Andy Walton
- Paul Smith
- Vicki Finley
- Pete Sturgess
- Phil Fairclough

Emir. Barker—minute taker ADMIN not Trustee Member

Appoint District President and/or Vice Presidents

Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner Mr Ian Wilkin
Senior Officer of LCC.

Closing remarks

Mayor of Chorley

Gail Stanley - County President



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2023	To	Period end date 31st March 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	73,592		-	73,592	57,950
District Activity Income from Members	20,605		-	20,605	37,959
Explorer Unit Member Contributions		37,662	-	37,662	26,235
Sales	4,380		-	4,380	7,885
Donations			-	-	639
Interest	974		-	974	168
Gift Aid			-	-	2,761
Property Rental	1,797		-	1,797	1,949
Other Income	2,851		-	2,851	1,073
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	104,198	37,662	-	141,859	136,619
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	104,198	37,662	-	141,859	136,619
A3 Payments					
District Activity Costs	35,358			35,358	67,879
Explorer Unit Activity Costs		36,404		36,404	23,183
Headquarters Membership fees	53,269			53,269	45,792
Leader Training	2,544			2,544	2,837
Stock Purchases	3,136			3,136	6,100
Property Costs	14,457			14,457	8,743
IT Costs	3,452			3,452	2,709
Equipment Purchases	1,170			1,170	560
Other Overheads	1,711			1,711	3,278
Sub total	115,097	36,404	-	151,501	161,081
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Platt Field Campsite		-	-	-	25,317
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	115,097	36,404	-	151,501	161,081
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,899	1,257	-	- 9,642	- 24,462
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	122,082	11,646	-	133,728	172,024
Cash funds this year end	111,183	12,903	-	124,086	147,562

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Bank Accounts	103,677		-
	Explorer Unit Accounts		12,903	-
	Chorley Capers Account	2,797		-
	JMC Property Management Account	4,709		-
	Total cash funds	111,183	12,903	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Shop Stock	2,602	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Headquarters Building (70% Ownership)	General	-	64,500
	All Saints Building	General	-	30,000
	Platt Field Campsite	General	21,000	21,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	nil			
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	

District Lead Volunteer Report

Amy Calderbank

It feels like only 5 minutes since our last AGM where I took up the role of District Lead Volunteer but already it seems time has flown by.

We've seen some significant changes over the last few months as we continue our transformation journey, with our volunteers starting to adopt the new role titles and our Executive Committees across the District becoming Boards of Trustees.

Whilst this has felt challenging at times, it is great to see adults embracing the new structures and still doing what they do best – providing amazing experiences to young people.

There are still further changes to come as we look ahead to the introduction of our new digital system and changes to our volunteer journey later this year and we'll continue to share information on what's coming next for all members.



Looking back over the last few months there have been some real highlights

- **3 new Squirrel Dreys opening (with more planned!)**
- **An increase in the numbers of Scouts and Explorers in the District**
- **Increases in the numbers of top awards achieved in all Sections**
- **Young people participating in International opportunities including the World Scout Jamboree, sailing expeditions and European Jamborees**
- **An increase in the numbers of adult volunteers in the District**
- **Platt's Field starting to be used by groups for evening activities**

Over the last year I have continually been impressed by the dedication and commitment of our adult volunteers supporting our young people in sections across the District. The variety of events and adventures that they have experienced is all down to the hard work that is put in by our leaders, occasional helpers, active support and trustee members.



It has been a privilege and a pleasure to recognise a small number of our volunteers through long service and commendation awards throughout the year and those individuals are listed as part of our report.

However, to all of our volunteers – a very heartfelt thank you for all that you do to make Chorley District a brilliant place to Scout.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all over the next 12 months to continue to ensure Chorley District is a thriving District for young people and adults alike to enjoy the best that Scouting can offer.



District Trustee Board Chair Report

Alan Venn

The past year has shown with tremendous commitment from all those involved in leading and enabling programmes which has provided so much benefit and enjoyment to our young people. The year saw an increase in our Membership although our Beaver and Cub sections showed a reduction in number, the opening of more Squirrel Dreys across the District has made a positive impact on the census.

It has to remain our ambition to provide the benefits of Scouting to as many young people as possible, not only those on waiting lists but also those areas of the District or from backgrounds we have not yet reached. For everyone it is about encouraging friends to become involved to meet the shortage of Leaders and helpers.

There are many people who are part of, and support Scouting in Chorley. I wish to thank all involved for the impact you have made and will continue to make.

Alan Venn

District Chair of Trustees



BEAVERS

What a busy 12 months. Firstly, I would like to thank the District Beaver Team for all their support and all the Beaver Leaders for their dedication, bringing experiences, life skills and forever memories to our young people.

Thank you also to Ecclestone Beavers for a wonderful Christingle Service at St George's Church. The church was full and it was a wonderful sight to see. For the first time, Acorn awards were presented and it was an honour to present them to Anderton Squirrels. A huge well done to all the Beavers and Squirrels on achieving their Top Awards.



Also Thank you to Amy our District Lead Volunteer for presenting them.

We've also supported County events as a district, with several of our groups attending events at Waddecar. Everyone had a great time meeting other Beavers, having fun together and learning new skills and activities.

We had a sleepover at Rascals play centre over 2 nights.

In total 183 attended the event, not a lot of sleep for the Leaders, but the Beavers had a fabulous time!

In April we visited Smithhills Farm.

It was the District's first joint event with Squirrels; the weather was lovely, not too hot and everyone had a great day learning about all the different animals, watching the cows being milked, feeding the calves, holding various baby animals and best of all eating lots of





home-made ice cream.

On the 1st June, 135 of us had a Special Trip to Manchester Runway Visitor centre. We sat on board Concorde, learned about the different jobs in the Airport and Beavers got to wear Pilots, Stewards and emergency services uniforms. They also got to sit in the cockpit and pretend to fly the plane.

We watched planes take off and land, including the world's largest Airplane.

The number of Bronze / Acorn Awards presented in the last 12 months was an amazing 150. Congratulations to all the Beavers and Squirrels. Well Done!!

I feel Beavers and Squirrels have thrived over the last 12 months, and I look forward to the next 12 months of new adventures and challenges.

Kate Sturgess,

District Lead Volunteer for Beavers.

EXPLORERS

As always I must thank all the Explorer Leaders for their hard work over the last few months, and the excellent programmes they have delivered.

2023 saw five of our Explorers jet off for what was supposed to be an experience of a lifetime at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Sadly it didn't quite go as planned and the event was hit by several problems. But in true British style our Explorers made the best of a trying situation and had a great time. They have certainly come back with memories that will last them for a lifetime

Some of our Explorers also had the opportunity to attend the Haarlem Jamborette in Holland where, as in previous trips, they had more than their fair share of rain and mud.



Closer to home though our Units have been very active this last year.



It is not possible to

list everything that they have done over the last few months

in a short report, but they have certainly been busy.



As a snapshot of some of the wonderful array of events and activities they

have taken part in , the activities range from a night of axe throwing at Bibbys Farm, archery at Platt Fields, book bench trail in Chorley, Monopoly Run in Manchester and London, murder mystery night at C02 to mention just a very few.



The District again had a few teams in the Mountain Activity Challenge (MAC) but sadly we failed to retain the trophy but came in a very creditable second. Let's hope with a few more teams, we can take it back this coming year.



It has not just been adventurous activities; a number of Units have been out and about helping in the Community with some helping to tidy up around Chorley whilst others have given up their time to work on the Service Crew at Bibby's Farm and I know that Bibby's are grateful for this help



Phil Fairclough
District Explorer Scout
Commissioner

You will only see a section report from the Beavers in this year's AGM report. Key roles in Squirrels and Cubs remain open and are being actively recruited for.

Will has come onboard recently as Team Leader for Scouts and is already making a huge difference; I am sure he will have plenty to say in next year's report

A massive thanks to all the Leaders in our District who have helped deliver top awards and continue to contribute to section programming—a special call out to Kate for taking the Squirrels under her wing this year.

Due to certain circumstances, we have had to operate with a limited District calendar this year. However, this has not deterred our young people from achieving fantastic milestones and receiving top awards.

Our young people have truly shone this year across all sections. their achievements are not just significant, but also a source of immense pride for us all.

Squirrels – 12+ Acorn Awards

Beavers- 120+ Bronze Awards

Cubs- 70+ Silver Awards

Scouts- 50+ Gold Awards

Together, we have delivered over 200 nights away, with all our sections having enjoyed camping outdoors on at least one occasion.

We are eagerly looking forward to 2024 and are confident that it will be another year of remarkable achievements and growth for Chorley District.

Mark Finnegan

Awards

Chief Scout's Commendation For Good Service

Ellie Baker

Paul Barker

Darren Lomax

William Laidlaw

Carol Bentham

Oliver Brett

Susan Brocken

Mark Brocklehurst

Lawrence Cocker

Bryan Cocker

Gary Fairclough

Victoria Finley

Paul Headen

Catherine Jones

Julie Lowe

Jeffrey Mellling

Martin Sherlock

Anthony Smith

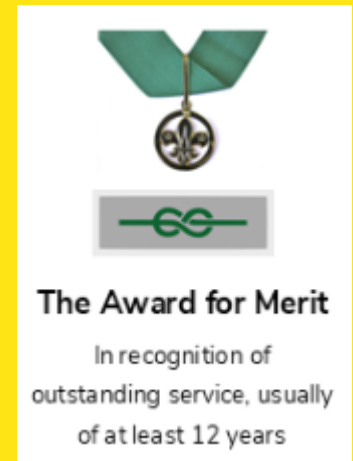
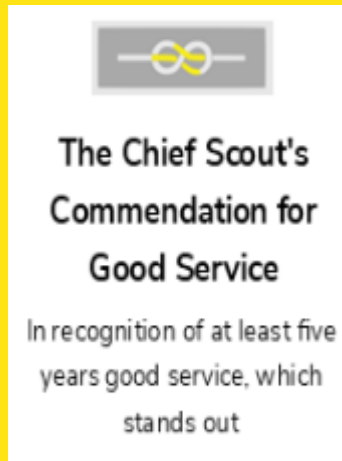
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John Wilcock

Mark Cocker



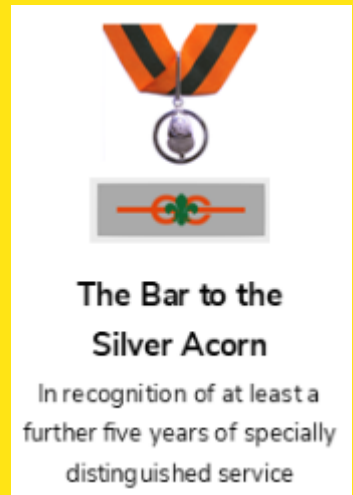
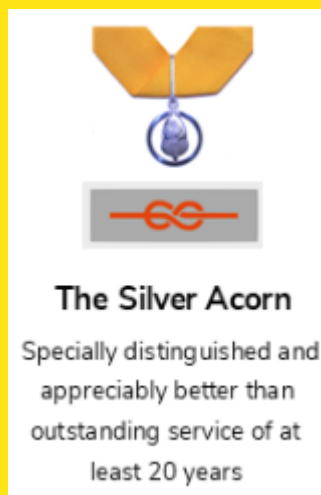
Award for Merit

Christine Coxon

Elizabeth Baker

Peter Baker

Emma Hardacre



Silver Acorn

Barry Matthias

Lynne Whitehead

Bar to the Silver Acorn

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Minutes of the CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (CDSC)

47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –

Venue – Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite

Sunday 17th September 2023

Time – 3.00 p.m.

No. of attendees – 38. Groups represented - 12; ESUs represented – 1.
Plus, SASU, District Team and District Board of Trustees.

Presentation of District Colours by Charnock Richard SG (outgoing duty Group)

District Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM including our VIP guests The Deputy Mayor and Mayor-ess, Cllr Gordon France and Councillor Margaret France, Craig Dewar-Willox (County Commissioner) and commenting that it was good to see so many attending. Attention was drawn to the fact that whilst this is the AGM for the previous financial year ending March 2023 it was in the Scouting year leading up to Chorley District's 50th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the borough of Chorley.

Our District President, Sir Lindsay Hoyle sent his apologies for not being able to attend our AGM via his pre-recorded address, which was played back at this point.

Opening thoughts by George Lewis on the theme of 'Change and Continuity'.

Apologies. Rt. Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle, MP, Phil Fairclough, Kerry Houghton, Andy Walton, Andy Baker and Ellie Baker.

Awards Presentations – just one award presented at the AGM to Doreen Gibson for 60 years' service to Scouting in Chorley.

Presentation of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM were tabled, having previously been circulated to members of Chorley District Scout Council (CDSC). There were no points raised, no queries and no proposed amendments.

Minutes proposed by Kate Sturgess as a true and accurate records of the 2021 AGM proceedings and seconded by Tom Whittaker.

All members of CDSC attending voted in favour.

The 2021/2022 Annual Report and Accounts.

Approval of change to the 2022/2023 account examiner appointed at the 2022 AGM.

The District Treasurer reported that we are required to appoint an account's examiner at each AGM for the upcoming year, usually 12 months in advance. Due to current pressure of the appointed examiner, Mr. Andrew Aspden was unavailable. Mr. Ian Wilkin, a senior officer for LCC kindly agreed to examine the accounts for the financial year 2022 -2023. The following proposal was then tabled.

Proposal is to seek approval from the District Scout Council for the change in examiner of District end of year accounts from Mr Andrew Aspden to Mr Ian Wilkin, Senior Officer of LCC.

Proposed by Mike Grayson and seconded by Pete Beesley.

All members of CDSC attending voted in favour.

Presentation of 2021/2022 Annual Accounts.

District Treasurer, Mike Grayson highlighted the following headline points from the accounts which had previously been circulated to member of the District Scout Council. Noting that the accounts had previously been successfully examined by Mr, Wilkin and approved by the District Board of Trustees on 12th July 2023.

District accounts are in a strong position with an overall balance of around £130k.

There were 2 significant spends during the financial year. The purchase of the greenfield activity site at Birkacre for £25k and further £25k invested in the growth of Scouting in Chorley including a reduction of £2/head in the district element of the membership fee.

Attention was drawn to the changed presentation standard of the accounts with the Charity Commission standard format being adopted. This makes the accounts easier to follow. Mike's closing remarks were a vote of thanks to the previous treasurer, Alan Venn for his work done over the previous years.

Presentation of the 2022/23 Annual Report by Andy Lewis. This was Andy's final presentation of the annual report, as District Commissioner, (see appendix 1).

Changes to CDSC Constitution, - background to proposed change.

POR has been updated 8 times since Jan 2022 the last one being July 2023

The April 2023 update brought in a number of significant changes about the terminology we use e.g., Board of Trustees and not executive committees, requirements of AGMs and the responsibilities of adult volunteers.

These changes would mean a complete re-write of the current District Constitution. Additionally there is a raise in issue of POR due in spring 2024. Advice from HQ is that all groups and districts adopt the model constitution in Chpt 5.4 of POR.

Proposal

As a result of major changes in POR it is proposed that CDSC adopt the model version of the district Constitution defined in POR para 5.4

Proposer – Jim Banks. Secunder – Lisa Lewis

All members of CDSC attending voted in favour.

Investiture of new DC.

Craig pointed out then when Andy Lewis signed up to be District Commissioner it was pre 2019. Since then Covid and the lockdown took its toll on DCs across the county. A great burden of responsibilities was placed upon them to sustain the district's finances and bring about an overall recovery. The number of members in a district is one indicator of the health of that district. Current Chorley are at 98.6% of the pre-lockdown total. Across the county we lost 25% in first year and some districts still haven't recovered. In a more light hearted remark he would still like to know how Andy convinced the trustees spend £15k on the Bounce Back Camp. On behalf of the whole of the county Craig passed on his thanks to Andy for all that he had achieved as DC.

Craig then introduced Amy Calderbank as our new District Commissioner, commenting that a DC has to be someone that the district and WLSC can rely on. Amy has done many things in the Scouting over the past 20 years. She is highly motivated and passionate about Scouting and what she can do in Chorley. It gave him great pleasure to ask Amy to repeat her Scout Promise and take up the role as DC of Chorley District.

Approval of the new District Commissioner's nomination of District Chairman.

DC's nominee for District Chairman – Steve Morton

Approval by all those attending the meeting.

A vote of thanks was made by the Chair to Alan Venn and Jim Banks who were both standing down as District Officers.

Election of District Officers.

Nominee for District Secretary – Pete Sturgess

Proposed by Steve Morton and seconded by Mark Finnigan.

Nomination approved by all those attending the meeting.

Nominee for District Treasurer – Mike Grayson

Proposed by Paul Smith and seconded by George Carroll.

Nomination approved by all those attending the meeting.

The District Executive

This year will see a number of changes in the membership of the exec committee and the Chair made a vote of thanks to all exec members standing down.

Elected members - the following have been nominated:

Kerry Houghton

Andy Walton

Andy Baker

Paul Smith

Proposed by Pete Beesley and seconded by Paul Ryan.

Nominations approval by all those attending the meeting.

Confirmation of District Commissioner's nominations:

Alison Kirby (Eccleston SG) – District GSL rep.

Jim Banks

Emir Barker

Vicki Finley

Proposed by Amy Calderbank and seconded by George Lewis.

Nominations approval by all those attending the meeting.

Approval / Appointment of Auditors.

Resulting from the inability to engage Mr A Aspden as examiner for the 2022-2023 accounts, the district board of trustees agreed that in order to de-risk this happening again in the future, we should look to find a suitable auditor/examiner and retain them on a commercial basis. So the following proposal is made –

That permission is granted by the District Scout Council, for the incoming board of trustees to find a suitable professional accountant and retain them on a commercial basis to examine the accounts for financial year 2023 - 2024 at the appropriate time in 2024

Proposed by Mike Grayson and seconded by Ian Lonsdale.

Proposal approval by all those attending the meeting.

Note that the Chorley District membership fee remains unchanged at £14 per young member.

New District Commissioner's early thoughts and vision of next 12 months.

Amy wanted to echo Craig's thanks to Andy for leaving district in strong position and that Andy will still be here doing jobs in district.

Amy is honoured to be here and has been in CDSC for last 20 years. It's brilliant district to be part of both as youngster and an adult,

Transformation and change. Scouting has always been a movement of change. In last 30 - 40 years introduction of Beavers and Squirrels and we will carry on changing. Transitioning through the changes we will have Skills for Life and talk about challenges won and the opportunities for young members. Next year is our 50th. The plan is to make it a really big celebration and show what we can do for our members. This is OUR district and Amy is looking forward to doing the role.

County Commissioners Address.

The AGM is good chance to look across the county. Chorley District is in good health and 8% membership growth is incredible – reflecting great growth in what young people in Chorley can do. Scouting gives Skills for Life. it helps to build leadership skills and resilience. Nationally there are more clubs than ever before but parents are still choosing Scouting,

TRANSFORMATION – overarchingly it reflects World change. There was change before and during pandemic. National research shows that we are a complicated organisation for new people to join, we have to change to recruit new people. Scouting is thought of new people as being hard to understand. What will change is how we organise ourselves. Teamwork for instance; we shall do more of it rather predominantly lead by one person and then people becoming burned out.

Digital tools coming down the line – new training to help people develop.

What doesn't change- are our values, and the opportunities and support we provide.

For some change is uncomfortable. The challenge is to take people along with us – this is about changing more lives as we go along. In county we have 800+ young people on waiting lists. We need to do something different to get the opportunities for these young people opened.

Return of district colours by in-coming duty group Eccleston.

Closure of formal proceedings.

The chair thanked everyone for attending and participating. There being no further business he closed the meeting at 16.05.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Chorley District Scout Council

No (if any)
1024746

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2023	To	Period end date 31st March 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	73,592		-	73,592	57,950
District Activity Income from Members	20,605		-	20,605	37,959
Explorer Unit Member Contributions		37,662	-	37,662	26,235
Sales	4,380		-	4,380	7,885
Donations			-	-	639
Interest	974		-	974	168
Gift Aid			-	-	2,761
Property Rental	1,797		-	1,797	1,949
Other Income	2,851		-	2,851	1,073
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	104,198	37,662	-	141,859	136,619
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	104,198	37,662	-	141,859	136,619
A3 Payments					
District Activity Costs	35,358			35,358	67,879
Explorer Unit Activity Costs		37,283		37,283	23,183
Headquarters Membership fees	53,269			53,269	45,792
Leader Training	2,544			2,544	2,837
Stock Purchases	3,136			3,136	6,100
Property Costs	14,457			14,457	8,743
IT Costs	3,452			3,452	2,709
Equipment Purchases	1,170			1,170	560
Other Overheads	1,711			1,711	3,278
Sub total	115,097	37,283	-	152,380	161,081
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Platt Field Campsite		-	-	-	25,317
Sub total	-	-	-	-	25,317
Total payments	115,097	37,283	-	152,380	186,398
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,899	379	-	- 10,521	- 49,779
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	122,082	11,646	-	133,728	183,507
Cash funds this year end	111,183	12,025	-	123,207	133,728

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Headquarters Building (70% Ownership)	General	-	64,500
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	Platt Field Campsite	General	21,000	21,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Chorley District Scout Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2024 Charity no (if any) 1024746

Set out on pages

1 and 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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 Trust's 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 12th July 2024

Name: Ian Wilkin

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Senior Officer, Lancashire County Council

Address: c/o County Hall, Preston

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1024746

Accounts

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

- Charity Name:** Chorley District Scout Council
- Registered Charity No:** 1024746
- District Registration No:** The Scout Association: 12910
- Governing instrument:** The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association by authority of a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.
- Aim and Values of Scouting:** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 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.

Legal & Administrative Information

Bankers:

- Main bankers - TSB (Chorley Branch)
Chorley District Scout Council,
Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2SE
- Other bankers - HSBC (Chorley Branch)
26 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4HE
National Westminster Bank (Chorley Branch)
46 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2RZ

Investment: The Scout Association,
Short Term Investment Service,
Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW

Independent Examiner: Mr. Ian Wilkin

Contact Name & Address: Jim Banks
54 Westhoughton Road, Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4ET

President: The Rt. Honourable, Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP

Vice Presidents: Alan Fishwick
Jim Banks

Trustees - Ex-Officio:	Stephen Morton	District Chair
	Jim Banks	District Secretary
	Mike Grayson	District Treasurer
	Andrew Lewis	District Commissioner
	Philip Fairclough	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	Ellie Baker	District Network Commissioner
Trustees - Elected:	George Lewis	District Youth Commissioner
	Amy Calderbank	District Executive Committee Member
	Lisa Lewis	District Executive Committee Member
	Peter Sturgess	District Executive Committee Member
Trustees – Nominated:	Peter Beesley	District Executive Committee Member
	Kerry Houghton	District Group Scout Leader Representative
	Paul Smith	Chair Chorley Risk Assessment Group

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Introduction

The legal and administrative information as set out forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Articles of Association and Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

a. Trustees Interests

No Trustee had a personal interest in any assets of the Chorley District Scout Council.

b. The District Scouting Governance and Finance (fully set out in POR chapter 5)

The Scout District is led by a District Commissioner and managed by a District Trustee Board. They are accountable to the District Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the district.

The District Scout Council is the body which has charity governance responsibility for Scouting in the District. The District Trustee Board is accountable to the District Scout Council.

2. Aims and Objectives

The aim of Chorley District Scout Council ("CDSC") is that of The Scout Association; the purpose of Scouting is to contribute to 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. These benefits are available to all young people and are therefore considered to be a public benefit under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

We welcome young people and volunteers from all backgrounds, and with us, they learn and share skills, enjoy an engaged and varied programme of activities, honour the Scout values and become active citizens of a connected community. We produce happier, more resilient citizens who work together towards greater social cohesion and an undeniable better world.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

Chorley District Scout Council is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association, which are common to all Scout Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation & Rules (Chpt 5) of the Scout Association.

3. Financials

Appendix 1 - Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31st March 2023 including headline figures for year opening and end of year general reserves.

Appendix 2 - Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Chorley District Scout Council

The policy of the district is to have adequate strategic financial reserves in order to provide the requisite level of support to the Scout Groups within the district for a minimum period of two years and to retain sufficient resources for the adequate maintenance of the properties that are held in the name of Chorley District Scout Council. The various sections of the district also maintain their own resources to support the activities in which they are involved.

The district remains in strong financial health having total cash reserves in excess of £133k at the year end.

There has been a net outflow of funds during the year of c£50k. Of this £25k related to the purchase of the new camping field with the remainder disbursed to further the district's objective of supporting the post Covid growth of Scouting.

There is a change in format to this year's accounts in that the standard Charities Commission layout has been adopted and approved by the Executive committee. There have been no material changes to accounting conventions.

During the year there was a change of Treasurer with Alan Venn stepping down after many years of dedicated service. The district owes a large debt of gratitude for his considerable efforts in controlling the district's finances and leaving the district in a strong financial position.

We have continued to invest in the adult training programmes for basic outdoor Scouting skills, first aid and other Scout training requirements.

With the longer term strategic aims of investing in the growth of the district, providing further support for international Scouting events and providing adult training either free of charge to the adult or subsidised for externally accredited skills, it was approved by the Trustees Board to fully implement the district element of the Scout membership fee for 2022/23. The district element was approved by the District Scout Council at the AGM in July 2022. However an early payment discount was agreed by the Trustee Board, of £2 per head resulting in £2257 being re-invested back into grass roots scouting in the district.

Investment in the long term future strategic development of the district was significantly enhanced by the purchase of 2.5 acres of land at Birkacre, Chorley. The purchase cost was £23000 plus a further £1600 in legal and HM Land Registry Fees with funding coming from the Geroge Platt legacy fund specifically set up for investments in the future of scouting in Chorley. The land is dedicated to greenfield activities for the whole of Chorley District Scout Council. Efforts are now concentrating on improving the overall accessibility and eradication of areas of significant weed infestation.

4. Overall Performance and Achievements

In 2022/23 we started the return to more normal Scouting activities both indoors and outdoors. Some of the highlights were a 'Bounce Back Camp' for all groups and sections, paid from district central funds and attended by 700 members of Chorley District, participation in the 'Red Rose' International Camp held in Cumbria, various Cub, Scout and Explorer camps at district and Scout County levels, first face-to-face St. George's Day parade held since the Covid-19 lockdown with representation from every Scout Group in Chorley District and the return to face-to face meetings for all group and district trustee boards.

We also saw the welcome return of the biennial, joint Chorley Scout and Guide show, 'Chorley Capers' after its cancellation in 2021 due to Covid 19.

The January 2023 Scout Association census figures show a marked increase of 8.5 %, in the numbers of young people (4 to 18 year olds) taking part in Scouting across Chorley District, since the 2022 census, with 1272 young members.

The number of 16-18 year old Explorer Scouts taking on roles as Young Leaders went up to 59 which is not only an increase over the 2022 census figures but is also higher than the 2020 pre-Covid lock down number. A magnificent achievement by these Explorer Scouts and all the adult leaders supporting them.

During the same period the total number of adult volunteers including Scout Network (18 to 24 year olds) rose by 4% to 355.

In addition, we saw the launch of the first Squirrel Dray for 4-6 year old young members at Eccleston Scout group. This launch is already bearing fruit with a further 5 groups declaring positive interest in opening Squirrel Drays.

The Trustees Board maintained a constant review of costs during this period and monitoring increased costs in building insurance, content insurance, utility charges, mandatory HSE safety checks and maintenance for property owned by Chorley District Scout Council.

5. Awards

Members Awards

Top Awards achieved: -

Beavers Bronze Chief Scout Award – 82

Cubs Silver Chief Scout Award – 103

Scouts Gold Chief Scouts Award – 37
Explorer Scouts Palatium Chief Scouts Award – 8
Explorer Scouts Diamond Award - 2
Explorer Scouts Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – 5
Explorer Scouts Young Leader Belt Buckle - 1

Adult Volunteer Awards

Commissioner's Commendation – 6
Award for Merit -3
Bar to the Award for Merit - 2

6. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that the Trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity during that year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.
- The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention, and detection, of fraud and other irregularities.

7. Independent Examiner:

A resolution will be proposed at the 2023 Annual General Meeting that the district's Board of Trustees appoint a suitable person as the Independent Examiner for the coming year on a retained fee basis.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 12th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustees 1. Stephen Morton



Chair, Chorley District Scout Council

Trustee 2. Andrew Lewis



District Commissioner



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Chorley District Scout Council

No (if any)
1024746

Receipts and payments accounts

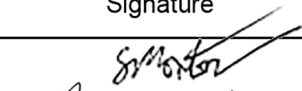
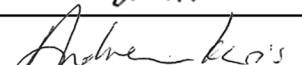
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For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2022	To	Period end date 31st March 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	57,950	-	-	57,950	57,688
District Activity Income from Members	37,959	-	-	37,959	15,988
Explorer Unit Member Contributions		26,235	-	26,235	
Sales	7,885	-	-	7,885	5,423
Donations	639	-	-	639	-
Interest	168	-	-	168	615
Gift Aid		2,761	-	2,761	2,425
Property Rental	1,949	-	-	1,949	2,098
Other Income	1,073	-	-	1,073	21,916
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	107,623	28,996	-	136,619	106,153
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	107,623	28,996	-	136,619	106,153
A3 Payments					
District Activity Costs	67,879	-	-	67,879	6,732
Explorer Unit Activity Costs		23,183	-	23,183	20,216
Headquarters Membership fees	40,142	5,650	-	45,792	41,020
Leader Training	2,837	-	-	2,837	-
Stock Purchases	6,100	-	-	6,100	8,891
Property Costs	8,743	-	-	8,743	11,439
IT Costs	2,709	-	-	2,709	-
Equipment Purchases	560	-	-	560	-
Other Overheads	3,278	-	-	3,278	13,395
Sub total	132,248	28,833	-	161,081	101,693
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Platt Field Campsite	25,317	-	-	25,317	Nil
Sub total	25,317	-	-	25,317	-
Total payments	157,565	28,833	-	186,398	101,693
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 49,942	163	-	- 49,779	4,460
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	172,024	11,483	-	183,507	183,441
Cash funds this year end	122,082	11,646	-	133,728	187,901

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Bank Accounts	114,449	-	-
	Explorer Unit Accounts		11,646	-
	Chorley Capers Account	4,153	-	-
	JMC Property Management Account	3,480	-	-
	Total cash funds	122,082	11,646	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Shop Stock	3,084	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Headquarters Building (70% Ownership)	General	-	64,500
	All Saints Building	General	-	30,000
	Platt Field Campsite	General	21,000	21,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Final Payments for International camps	General	6,698	01 August 2023
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Stephen Morton	31/07/2023	
		Andrew Lewis	31/07/2023	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Chorley District Scout Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1024746

Set out on pages

1 and 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

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 Trust's 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18th August 2023

Name:

Ian Wilkin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Senior Officer, Lancashire County Council

Address:

168 Brodick Drive

Bolton

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1024746

Accounts

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Charity Name: Chorley District Scout Council
Registered Charity No: 1024746
District Registration No: The Scout Association: 12910
Governing instrument: The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association by authority of a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.
Purpose / Aim of Scouting: Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
 The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, and guided by adult leadership.

Legal & Administrative Information

Bankers:

Main bankers - TSB (Chorley Branch)
Chorley District Scout Council,
Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2SE

Other bankers - HSBC (Chorley Branch)
26 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4HE
National Westminster Bank (Chorley Branch)
46 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2RZ

Investment: The Scout Association,
Short Term Investment Service,
Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW

Independent Examiner: L King

Contact Name & Address: Jim Banks
54 Westhoughton Road, Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4ET

President: Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Vice Presidents: Alan Fishwick
Jim Banks

Trustees - Ex-Officio:	Stephen Morton	District Chair
	Jim Banks	District Secretary
	Alan Venn	District Treasurer
	Andrew Lewis	District Commissioner
	Philip Fairclough	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	Phillipa Climpson	Network Commissioner
	George Lewis	District Youth Commissioner

Trustees - Elected:	Steve Owen	District Executive Committee Member
	Lisa Lewis	District Executive Committee Member
	Dave Trueman	District Executive Committee Member
	Peter Sturgess	Appointments Secretary
	Peter Beesley	Deputy District Chair

Trustees – Nominated:	Andy Walton	District Group Scout Leader Representative
	Sandra Mercer	Appointments Chairperson
	Paul Smith	Group Scout Leader

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022

The legal and administrative information as set out forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Articles of Association and Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

The district is a Trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.

Trustees' Interests:

No Trustee had a personal interest in any assets of the Chorley District Scout Council.

Organisation:

The Scout District is led by the District Commissioner and is supported by the following The District Scout Council, The District Executive Committee, District Administrators & Advisors and the District Team which comprises of all Assistant District Commissioners and District Scout Leaders.

District Scout Council:

The District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the Chorley District. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee is accountable.

District Executive Committee:

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting their responsibilities to provide support for the Scout Groups within Chorley District.

Members of the District Executive Committee are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout District and are responsible for complying with the legislation that is applicable to charities.

The Objectives of the District are:

- To continue to increase the number of trained leaders in all sections of the District.
- To identify areas for development of Scout & Explorer Groups with the District.
- To continue to improve communications and publicity not only within the Scout District but within the wider local community.
- To maintain and improve the District resources.
- To provide an opportunity for the members of the District to participate in International activities with members of Scouting from other countries through International camps.
- To identify areas of training need and to make adequate provision for them.

The policy of the District is to have adequate strategic financial reserves in order to provide the requisite level of support to the Scout Groups within the District for a minimum period of two years and to retain sufficient resources for the adequate maintenance of the properties that are held in the name of Chorley District Scout Council. The various sections of the District also maintain their own resources to support the particular activities in which they are involved.

At the end of the year the General reserves amounted to £183,507 of which £80,615 was in designated funds and monetary assets of £102,892.

Financial:

The year opened with consolidated funds of £183,441 and closed with £187,901 at the end of the financial year, with an income over expenditure of £4,460.

The Covid19 pandemic continued to affect our Scouting Activities across all sections for half of the year. The Scout Association Membership fee was reduced slightly on prior year, so the District Executive did not feel the need to subsidise.

Our Incoming Resources were strengthened by the Government maintaining financial support through the – Covid 19 Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant, receiving further grants totalling £10,677.

The Short-Term Investment with The Scout Association has provided £615 interest; this covers a 2 year period owing to the staff at the Scout Association being either furloughed or made redundant. Our investment now stands at £80,615.

The Scout Shop Agency and the Badge Shop, both reopened mid-year due to covid19 pandemic, so for this financial year there is no financial support to the district from profits. Both have had to revalue their stocks with items that have become obsolete or due to re-branding and on this occasion have made losses.

Achievements and Performance

Members Awards

- Top Awards achieved: -
 - Beavers Bronze Chief Scout Award - 80
 - Cubs Silver Chief Scout Award – 88
 - Scouts Gold Chief Scouts Award – 53
 - Explorer Scouts Palatium Chief Scouts Award – 14
 - Explorer Scouts Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – 1
 - Explorer Scouts Silver Duke of Edingurgh Award - 2
 - Explorer Scouts Young Leader Belt Buckle -1
- Good Service Awards to 9 Adult members in recognition of outstanding service from the Scout Association.

The changes over the year with rules changing with Covid 19 this continued to affect our Scouting programmes we maintained the utilisation of Zoom to maintain both communications going throughout with our normal District Team and All Leaders Meetings. District Team continued to run virtual themed activities for all sections with virtual weekend camps including St. Georges Day, Halloween. The later part of the year saw the return of Face-to-Face meetings and the return to our scouting activities.

CDSC maintained a constant review of costs during this period and monitoring increased costs in building insurance, content insurance, utility costs, mandatory HSE safety checks and maintenance for property by CDSC. CDSC followed the government guidance for PPE within our buildings and have produced Risk Assessments covering the use of the buildings. Risk Assessments are now a standard requirement for our camps and other activities.

Our youth membership grew by 4% in the past year, but still down on pre-pandemic levels. The number of young people wanting to join is increasing and several groups do have waiting lists.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that the Trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity during that year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

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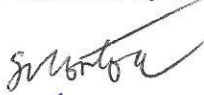
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Independent Examiner:

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that A.Aspden be appointed as the Independent Examiner to the Charity for the ensuing year.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 11th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

S Morton



Chair, Chorley District Scout Council

A Lewis



District Commissioner

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31st March 2022

	This year General Fund £	Previous Year £
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (page 6)	65,133	64,819
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (page 7)	<u>60,673</u>	<u>38,845</u>
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	4,460	25,974
Gains (losses) on investment assets		
Realised		
Unrealised		
Revaluation of tangible assets		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	4,460	25,974
Prior Year Adjustment (see note 7)	0	0
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>277,941</u>	<u>251,967</u>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£282,401</u>	<u>£277,941</u>

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	This Year	Previous Year
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Membership Subscriptions		57,688	43,552
Less: Payable		41,020	39,785
		16,668	3,767
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank Interest		0	1
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		615	0
Property rents	1	2,098	1,524
DONATIONS			
		0	0
ACTIVITIES			
District		0	2,259
Scout Active Support Unit		1,200	0
Beaver Section		818	292
Cub Section		0	0
Scout Section		0	1,100
Explorers		12,135	338
Chorley Capers	4	0	0
International Camps		0	19,150
FUND RAISING			
District		0	0
Scout Active Support Unit		0	0
Explorers		1,835	41
Chorley Capers		0	0
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			
Grants	5	10,667	21,070
Gift Aid		2,425	2,732
Badge Sales		1,594	327
Scout Agency Shop		3,829	0
Miscellaneous		11,249	12,218
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£65,133	£64,819

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	This Year £	Previous Year £
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
PREMISES			
Rent & Rates	2	821	789
Light, Heat and Water	2	1,225	1,248
Insurance	2	2,029	1,996
Repairs and Renewals	2	4,965	1,665
Phone	2	171	152
All Saints		2,228	1,207
DONATIONS/GRANTS	3	1,000	130
ACTIVITIES			
District		4,307	1,068
Scout Active Support Unit		1,848	0
Beaver Section		577	0
Cub Section		0	0
Scout Section		0	0
Explorers		20,216	3,169
Chorley Capers	4	0	100
International Camps		0	19,868
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES			
District Explorers		0	0
Scout Active Support Unit		0	0
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		2,595	2,531
OTHER EXPENDITURE			
Scout Agency Shop		6,357	0
Badge Sales		2,534	547
District		4,169	2,082
Scout Active Support Unit		150	0
Beaver Section		41	0
Cub Section		295	19
Scout Section		40	0
Explorers		5,055	2,204
Chorley Capers	4	50	70
 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		 £60,673	 £38,821

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	Notes	This Year	This Year	Previous Year	Previous Year
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		94,500		94,500
Investments					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		3,644		8,854	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		80,615		80,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		102,892		95,864	
Debtors		750		0	
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Amounts due within one year			0		1,277
NET CURRENT ASSETS			187,901		183,441
NET ASSETS					
Represented by:					
GENERAL FUND			<u>£282,401</u>		<u>£277,941</u>

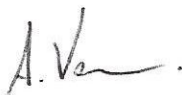
These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 11th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

S Morton



Chair, Chorley District Scout Council

A Venn



Treasurer, Chorley District Scout Council

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Accounts

Note	Details
1	These figures include half of the income from the joint management account of the Scout Centre which is run jointly by Chorley District and Chorley Healey Scout Group (charity no 521546)
2	These figures include half of the expenses from the joint management account of the Scout Centre which is run jointly by Chorley District and Chorley Healey Scout Group (charity no 521546)
3	The following donations/grants were made during the year: Chorley Girl Guiding £1000
4	The Chorley Capers Gang Show is a bi-annual activity and there was no performance due to the covid19 pandemic.
5	The donations/grants received during the year were: Chorley Borough Council – Covid 19 Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant £10,667.
6	The total value of the property (at original building cost) is £215k and is split 70% Chorley Healey Scout Group and 30% Chorley District Scouts. There is also £30k value (at original cost) for All Saints Scout building.
7	There were no Prior Year adjustments.

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Chorley District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 8 of this annual report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Trustees of the District you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement----

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: L King

Signature: 

Qualifications: Company Director

Address: 8 Wells Fold Close
Whittle-Le-Woods
Chorley
Lancashire
PR6 7QL

Date: 10/05/2022

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1024746

Accounts

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

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Other bankers - HSBC (Chorley Branch)
26 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4HE
National Westminster Bank (Chorley Branch)
46 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2RZ

Investment: The Scout Association,
Short Term Investment Service,
Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW

Independent Examiner: L King

Contact Name & Address: Jim Banks
54 Westhoughton Road, Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4ET

President: Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Vice Presidents: Alan Fishwick
Jim Banks

Trustees - Ex-Officio:	Peter Beesley	Chair Chorley District Scout Council
	Jim Banks	District Secretary
	Alan Venn	District Treasurer
	Andrew Lewis	District Commissioner
	Philip Fairclough	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	Chelsea Wilkinson	Network Commissioner
	Pip Climpson	District Youth Commissioner
Trustees - Elected:	Steve Owen	District Executive Committee Member
	Peter Goldsworthy	District Executive Committee Member
	Dave Trueman	District Executive Committee Member
	Matthew Fishwick	Explorer Scout Leader
	Stephen Morton	District Executive Committee Member

Trustees – Nominated: Andy Walton District Group Scout Leader Representative
Sandra Mercer Appointments Chairperson

Trustees – Co-opted: Paul Smith Assistant District Commissioner Cubs

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

The legal and administrative information as set out forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Articles of Association and Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

The District is a Trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.

Trustees' Interests:

No Trustee had a personal interest in any assets of the Chorley District Scout Council.

Organisation:

The Scout District is led by the District Commissioner and is supported by the following The District Scout Council, The District Executive Committee, District Administrators & Advisors and the District Team which comprises of all Assistant District Commissioners and District Scout Leaders.

District Scout Council:

The District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the Chorley District. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee is accountable.

District Executive Committee:

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting their responsibilities to provide support for the Scout Groups within Chorley District.

Members of the District Executive Committee are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout District and are responsible for complying with the legislation that is applicable to charities.

The Objectives of the District are:

- To continue to increase the number of trained leaders in all sections of the District.
- To identify areas for development of Scout & Explorer Groups with the District.
- To continue to improve communications and publicity not only within the Scout District but within the wider local community.
- To maintain and improve the District resources.
- To provide an opportunity for the members of the District to participate in International activities with members of Scouting from other countries through International camps.
- To identify areas of training need and to make adequate provision for them.

The policy of the District is to have adequate strategic financial reserves in order to provide the requisite level of support to the Scout Groups within the District for a minimum period of two years and to retain sufficient resources for the adequate maintenance of the properties that are held in the name of Chorley District Scout Council. The various sections of the District also maintain their own resources to support the particular activities in which they are involved.

At the end of the year the General reserves amounted to £175,864 of which £80,000 was in designated funds and monetary assets of £95,864.

Financial:

The year opened with consolidated funds of £157,467 and closed with £183,441 at the end of the financial year, with an income over expenditure of £25,974.

The Covid19 pandemic has greatly affected our Scouting Activities across all sections including the Districts International Expedition to Kandersteg Switzerland 2021 which was cancelled with funds returned. The Scout Association Membership fee was greatly increased this year and this was absorbed by the District in order that no member would be hit financially, also the District Executive did not include the proposed District increase.

Our Incoming Resources were strengthened by the Governments – Covid 19 Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant with the initial and subsequent grants we have received £21,070.

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The Short Term Investment with The Scout Association has provided zero interest this year with the Investment of £80,000 secure.

The Scout Shop Agency and the Badge Shop both have been closed due to covid19 pandemic, so for current year there is financial support to the District.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that the Trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity during that year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

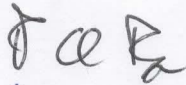
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.
- The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention, and detection, of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner:

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that L_King be appointed as the Independent Examiner to the Charity for the ensuing year.

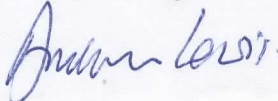
This report was approved by the Trustees on 12th May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

P Beesley



Chair, Chorley District Scout Council

A Lewis



District Commissioner

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31st March 2021

	This year General Fund £	Previous Year £
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (page 6)	64,819	120,177
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (page 7)	<u>38,845</u>	<u>74,726</u>
 NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	 25,974	 45,451
 Gains (losses) on investment assets		
Realised		
Unrealised		
Revaluation of tangible assets		
 NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	 <u>25,974</u>	 <u>45,451</u>
Prior Year Adjustment (see note 7)	0	0
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>251,967</u>	<u>206,516</u>
 FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	 <u>£277,941</u>	 <u>£251,967</u>

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	This Year	Previous Year
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Membership Subscriptions		43,552	56,675
Less: Payable		39,785	38,831
		3,767	17,844
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank Interest		1	5
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0	312
Property rents	1	1,524	2,509
DONATIONS			
		0	29,265
ACTIVITIES			
District		2,259	729
Scout Active Support Unit		0	975
Beaver Section		292	4,858
Cub Section		0	6,467
Scout Section		1,100	7,522
Explorers		338	12,540
Chorley Capers	4	0	4,575
International Camps		19,150	6,536
FUND RAISING			
District		0	0
Scout Active Support Unit		0	0
Explorers		41	562
Chorley Capers		0	0
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			
Grants	5	21,070	0
Gift Aid		2,732	1,573
Badge Sales		327	5,400
Scout Agency Shop		0	4,887
Miscellaneous		12,218	13,618
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£64,819	£120,177

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2021

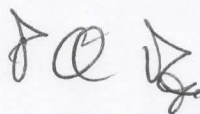
	Notes	This Year £	Previous Year £
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
PREMISES			
Rent & Rates	2	789	1,353
Light, Heat and Water	2	1,248	2,018
Insurance	2	1,996	2,068
Repairs and Renewals	2	1,665	701
Phone	2	152	151
All Saints		1,207	1,537
DONATIONS/GRANTS	3	130	150
ACTIVITIES			
District		1,068	1,825
Scout Active Support Unit		0	1,032
Beaver Section		0	4,281
Cub Section		0	5,633
Scout Section		0	8,764
Explorers		3,169	19,043
Chorley Capers	4	100	1,545
International Camps		19,868	6,135
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES			
District Explorers		0	0
Scout Active Support Unit		0	0
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
		2,531	771
OTHER EXPENDITURE			
Scout Agency Shop		0	3,073
Badge Sales		547	4,590
District		2,082	5,966
Scout Active Support Unit		0	0
Beaver Section		0	0
Cub Section		19	620
Scout Section		0	0
Explorers		2,204	3,435
Chorley Capers	4	70	35
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£38,821	£74,726

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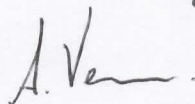
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Notes	This Year	This Year	Previous Year	Previous Year
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		94,500		94,500
Investments					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		8,854		9,337	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		80,000		80,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		95,864		75,462	
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Amounts due within one year		<u>1,277</u>		<u>7,332</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			183,441		157,467
NET ASSETS					
Represented by:					
GENERAL FUND			<u>£277,941</u>		<u>£251,967</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12th May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

P Beesley 

Chair, Chorley District Scout Council

A Venn 

Treasurer, Chorley District Scout Council

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts

CHORLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to the Accounts

Note	Details				
1	These figures include half of the income from the joint management account of the Scout Centre which is run jointly by Chorley District and Chorley Healey Scout Group (charity no 521546)				
2	These figures include half of the expenses from the joint management account of the Scout Centre which is run jointly by Chorley District and Chorley Healey Scout Group (charity no 521546)				
3	The following donations/grants were made during the year: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Derian House</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christies Hospice</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30</td> </tr> </table>	Derian House	£100	Christies Hospice	£30
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Christies Hospice	£30				
4	The Chorley Capers Gang Show is a bi-annual activity and there was a performance due to the covid19 pandemic.				
5	The donations/grants received during the year were: Chorley Borough Council – Covid 19 Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant £21,070.				
6	The total value of the property (at original building cost) is £215k and is split 70% Chorley Healey Scout Group and 30% Chorley District Scouts. There is also £30k value (at original cost) for All Saints Scout building.				
7	There were no Prior Year adjustments.				

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Chorley District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 8 of this annual report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Trustees of the District you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report


My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement----

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: L King

Signature: 

Qualifications: Company Director

Address: 8 Wells Fold Close
Whittle-Le-Woods
Chorley
Lancashire
PR6 7QL

Date: 10/05/2021