

GREATER LONDON NORTH EAST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-09-21

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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: 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.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Barking And Dagenham
- Hackney
- Havering
- Newham
- Redbridge
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£167,058	£66,946	-	-
2024-08-31	£88,302	£86,466	-	-
2023-08-31	£350,995	£350,079	-	-
2022-08-31	£169,197	£175,489	-	-
2021-08-31	£96,880	£69,290	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Oliver Stuart Stride	Chair	2023-09-01
John Ellison		2023-03-01
Jude John Adigwe		2022-02-19
Lisa Jones		2023-09-01
MALCOLM WETHERELL		
PAUL DANVERS		
Paul Fix		2021-02-20
Paul Symons		2023-03-01
Terry Kingham		2023-03-01

Accounts



Scouts

Greater London
North East

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

1st September 2024 to 31st March 2025

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COUNTY LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

A warm welcome to another Annual Report for Greater London North East. We have had an amazing 7 months, with more young people in the county gaining skills for life.

Membership and Growth

Following the momentum of our 2024 County Census, we've seen continued growth in youth membership across all sections, particularly among Squirrels and Explorers. This is a testament to the dedication of our volunteers and the appeal of our programme. We've also welcomed new adult volunteers, many of whom have stepped into leadership roles after attending our revamped induction and training sessions.

Programme Highlights

We were proud to have members represented at Whitehall during the National remembrance parade, with participants forming part of the Guard of honour, assisting as wayfinders, on Horse Guards Parade, and also forming Column Y as part of the parade. We were pleased to offer tickets to a select few at the VE celebration earlier this year as well as be invited to the Youth enclosure to celebrate the Kings Birthday at Trooping the Colour.

World Scout Jamboree 2027

We have been fortunate to be selected to send two units to the World Scout Jamboree to Poland in 2027. We had over 20 adults apply to be unit leaders, and at an upcoming selection event we will have to make the difficult decision to select 8 of them to represent the Unit leadership team for the two Units.

County Top Awards Ceremonies for Young People

Our Programme Team have continued to run 4 Top Awards events this year with more to follow as the year progresses. We have had an excellent attendance with a full house each session, and my sincere thanks go to the team for their organisation of the events and hard work before, during and after. We also had a very well attended and supported Jack Petchey Awards evening in the Autumn; this trust remains a strong supporter of GLNE, and we are very grateful for their continued support. Thank you too to Malcolm Wetherall for his continued leadership.

County Top Adult Awards

In the short year we have had so far we have been able to recognise our adults who have received top awards over the past 7 months, and we expect to see more recognition come through the system as our members get to grips with how nominations work for recognition. Our thanks to Dean Jefferys for his leadership of the County Awards Team.

County Adult Training

Our adult training team continue to work tirelessly developing our leadership, with training courses and monitoring compliance to ensure we remain safe, and a big shout out to Jude Adigwe and his team, thank you for your continuous hard work throughout the year.

County Personnel

Terry Kingham left the County at the end of February this year in his role as Joint CLV, and we would like to thank him for keeping GLNE going whilst we recruited more team members to take GLNE to the next level. Rob Warner also joined the team as Support Team Leader, which covers looking after our property at Wanstead Park Road and other assets, along with managing our IT infrastructure. Rob has already recruited a media team to enhance our County Communication Plan. A big thankyou to our other Team Leaders for Volunteer Development (Jon Ellison), Programme (Andy Mann), Youth lead (Jay Janny-Brewster).

Governance and Strategy

The County Trustee Board has met regularly to ensure sound governance and strategic oversight. Sam Longhurst has now taken on the role of County Chair and is in the process of developing our governance processes with the rest of the board, and aligning our priorities with the national Skills for Life strategy. I'd like to thank the Board for their diligence and support.

Looking Forward

As we move into the next phase of the Scouting year, our focus will be on strengthening local leadership teams, expanding youth voice initiatives. We'll also continue to support districts in delivering high-quality, safe, and inclusive programmes.

A Big Thank you

Our census numbers increased by 5.7% this year, showing that we are attracting more young people. None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Whether you're leading a section, supporting behind the scenes, or cheering from the sidelines—thank you. Together, we are shaping futures, one adventure at a time.

Thank you so much.

Colin Wreyford
County Lead Volunteer
Greater London North East

COUNTY CHAIR REPORT

Having only recently returned to GLNE as County Chair, I don't have much to report just yet. However, I'm glad to be back and supporting our County Lead Volunteer, Colin, and the wider team as we work to move GLNE forward. We're fortunate to have a fantastic team of trustees who are ready to offer their support wherever it's needed.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and hope that, in 12 months' time, we'll be reflecting on many positive steps forward.

Thank you for everything you do for the young people of GLNE.

Sam Longhurst
County Chair
Greater London North East

COUNTY YOUTH LEAD REPORT

Since our last AGM seven months ago in November 2024, there is one main achievement I would like to highlight. In March, GLNE sent a delegation consisting of two scouts and two explorers from across three districts to attend the UK Youth Forum which was held in Oxford. The day consisted of multiple workshops where our young people had the opportunity to have a voice their opinions on scouting and the experiences they have had to help shape the scouts next national strategy. I think one of the key takeaways from the day was hearing about all the great experiences our young people have had in scouting.

Looking forward to the months ahead, my main priority will be to ensure that as many young people as possible across the county have opportunities, similar to that of the UK Youth Forum, to have be able to express their opinions and share their experiences within scouting.

Jay Janny-Brewster
County Youth Lead
Greater London North East

COUNTY SUPPORT TEAM REPORT

The Support Team has made steady progress since the last AGM across several key areas. Our newly formed media team is beginning to take shape, with early steps already increasing our visibility. A communications plan is in development to help guide consistent, clear messaging across the County. From July, more members will be joining the team, which means you can expect to see a more active and regular presence on social media as the year goes on.

The Buildings and Assets team has been focused on the County HQ at Wanstead Park Road. After a detailed review and some difficult conversations, the decision was made to close the building due to concerns over its structural integrity. This wasn't an easy choice, but it was necessary to protect our long-term plans and the safety of those using the space. Work is now underway to explore practical options for the site's future.

We're ending this part of the year with solid foundations in place and a clear plan to grow. We're optimistic about what's ahead and look forward to sharing more success with you at the next AGM.

Rob Warner
County Support Team Lead
Greater London North East

AGENDA

Greater London North East County Scout Council Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 19:30
Gilwell Park, The Swan Centre

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st November 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the County's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the County Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the County Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The County Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 7 months in the GLNE County
 - b. The Regional Lead Volunteer's remarks
 - c. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the County Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the County Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the County Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the County Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the County Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the County Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the County Trustee Board
 - d. Re-appoint County President and Vice Presidents
 - e. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor
 - f. Elect representatives of the County Scout Council to represent the County on the Council of The Scout Association
6. **Closing remarks**

CHARITY DETAILS

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of Greater London North East (GLNE) County Scout Council for the period ended from 1st September 2024 to 31st March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011.

Charity Name Greater London North East County Scout Council

Other Names Greater London North East Scouts
GLNE Scouts

Registered Charity Number 1025705

Scout Association Registration Number 137
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Charity Details – continued

County Presidents & Vice Presidents

President	Mr John Barber
Vice Presidents	Colonel Paul Acda TD DL Colonel Mark Bryant MBE DL (Havering) Mr Thomas Chan DL (Redbridge) Mr Alan Dennison Major Jeremy Fern TD DL (Waltham Forest) Mr Dean Jefferys Mr Leslie Morgan OBE DL (Tower Hamlets) Mr Ian Pittaway BEM DL (Barking and Dagenham) Mr Paul Trayler Miss Barbara Westcott MBE Kim Bromley-Derry Mike Brace Nick Bracken Stephen Howlett

Board of Trustees

County Lead Volunteer	Mr Terry Kingham (to Feb 2025) Mr Colin Wreyford
County Youth Lead	Mr Jay Janny-Brewster
County Chair	Vacant Mr Sam Longhurst (from 30/04/2025)
County Treasurer	Miss Lisa Jones
Trustees	Mr Malcolm Wetherell Mr Paul Danvers Mr Jude Adigwe Mr Paul Symons Mr Sam Longhurst Mrs Rebecca Still

GOVERNANCE

Governing Documents

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Charity Constitution

The County is a trust established under the rules of The Scout Association which are common to all Scouts in the United Kingdom

Trustee Selection

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and Procedures

The County is managed by the County Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout County which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board consists of the County Chair and County Treasurer together with the County Lead Volunteers, and up to six members appointed by the board. The Regional Lead Volunteer for the Greater London Scout Region has a right of attendance at meetings of the County Trustee Board. Members of the Trustee Board are required to complete Module 1 (Essential Information), Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within the first five

months of joining the Board.

The Trustee Board exists to support the County Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. It meets formally at least five times a year.

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout County, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the County.
- Manage the County finances.
- Organise relevant insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement national Safety and Safeguarding Policies locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any Sub-Teams, including appointing a Team Leader to lead the Sub-Teams.
- Ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the County.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Districts, the County Scout Network in the County as necessary.
- Appoint and manage the operation of an Appointments Advisory Committee, including appointing an Appointments Committee Chair to lead it.

Governance – continued

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees routinely monitor the County's key risks and put in place measures to manage them appropriately. The Trustees have identified the following as the potential key risks faced by the charity:

A safeguarding incident involving Scouting members. This is mitigated through following The Scout Association's adult appointment process which includes carrying out DBS checks for those performing regulated activity; a national vetting process; and a clear system for reporting concerns. Volunteers are required to complete mandatory safeguarding training within the timeframes set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Training completion and renewal is monitored by the County Trustees through regular reporting. During the year, there was a continued improvement of compliance with mandatory safeguarding training and renewal.

Risk to the health and safety of Scouting members. This is mitigated through mandatory safety training for volunteers, which is monitored by the County Trustee board at each meeting through the County Lead Volunteer, and Trustees responsible for overseeing compliance; regular reporting of completion, overdue and renewal data to key line managers; adherence to the requirements of adventurous activity permit scheme; and following the provisions of the

Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. During the year, there was varied return in the overdue figures but there has always been a consistent focus from key line manager to improving compliance.

Routine checks are carried out at the County Centre to protect the health and safety of those who will use the building.

The County provides support for specific elements of the programme and runs schemes to recognise the achievements of young people in order to maintain engagement. The County delivers training to enable adult volunteers to deliver high quality Scouting and recognises the contributions of volunteers through schemes run by The Scout Association and external bodies.

Internal Controls. The County also has in place systems of internal financial control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

These include two signatories for all payments and regular reviews of the financial position and expenditure of the County at the County Trustee Board meetings.

The County has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. These include insurance for non-members attending Scouting activities and events.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Charity's objective is 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.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.

- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors – learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities – make and live by their Promise.
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Charity Activities

Scouting is open to all young people who are between the ages of four and 25, irrespective of their background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, financial status, political or religious beliefs.

The Scout County incorporates the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. Scouting is delivered to our members through sections and Groups within the Districts which cover these Boroughs. The County's role is to offer leadership and support to the Groups and Districts within its area of operation. It does this through supporting the development

of Scouting, the provision of training and other services, and the running of events and activities for young people.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate the Charity's aims are for the public benefit.

The Trustees' assessment is that Greater London North East County Scout Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

CHARITY ACHIEVEMENTS

International Support fund

The County are reserving money as part of the annual membership fee to support young people's international events going forward.

Governance and Financial Management

The County Trustee Board has continued to meet regularly in order to effectively manage the charity and support the County Commissioner in fulfilling the requirements of his appointment. At Trustee Board meetings, Trustees regularly receive financial and compliance reporting to exercise their duties along with regular oversight of the strategy for the County.

Digital Tools

The County continues to support the delivery of programme by providing Online Scout Manager licenses to all sections.

Recognising Achievement

The County is allocated 117 Achievement Awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation (JPF) each year to distribute fairly to young people aged 11-25 years for their achievements. The award comes with a £300 prize from JPF for the Group or Unit

to work with the recipient of the award to decide on how to best spend the prize. This can often result in new camping equipment for the Group/Unit or can be used to fund an activity or experience for the young people in the Group/Unit.

Additionally, JPF also recognise the County with Leader Awards for the services volunteers are making to the lives of young people. Seven leaders from across GLNE were recipients to this award and were offered the Leaders Award Grant of up to £1,000 per recipient of the award for a project of their choice.

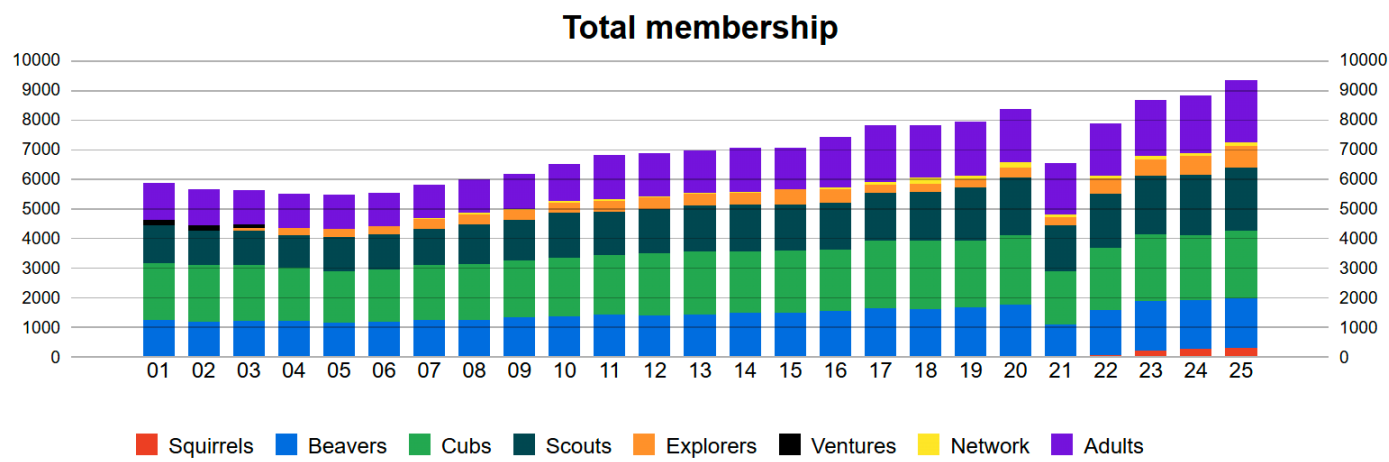
Overall, the County received £35,100 in donations from the JPF to be used by young people and £0 for the Leaders Award Grant. This support to recognise young people and volunteers has always been greatly welcomed by the County and Trustees thank JPF for their support over the 23-year partnership.

Top Awards

We have had four young persons award evenings which included all sections where our young people received a certificate and recognition for their hard work. Further evenings are being rolled out in the future.

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

The below graph shows the County's membership figures over the last few years.



The Annual Report on pages 6 to 12 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 24th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Sam Longhurst
County Chair

Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review

The County's principal source of unrestricted income is the levy charged as part of the annual membership fee. This provides the County with funds which are used to support the growth and development of Scouting within GLNE and to meet the County's operating costs. During the reporting period, the County collected some of this levy in March 2025 with the rest due to be paid in April 2025. In addition, the County ordinarily receives payments from London over the Border Guides for their use of the County Centre, however this arrangement continues to be under negotiation.

Due to the timing of the County's membership income, the April 2024 income was used for the 2025 financial year. The County Trustees reviewed our year start/end and voted to change the year end back to 31st March. The Board of Trustees will continue to monitor the levels of unrestricted income and may make the decision to increase this with funds from the County's reserves.

This decision will be made by the County Board of

Trustees with due reference to the County's reserves policy and available reserves. Other income collected over the period typically relates to specific activities, events or projects. This includes registrations for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the County water activities days at the Docklands Scout Project.

The County coordinates the Jack Petchey Award Scheme for Groups, Explorer Units and Network units within GLNE. Funds received from the Jack Petchey Foundation are paid to those Groups and Units which have made successful nominations for awards for their young people.

Over the reporting period, a majority of the County's expenditure has related to the running costs of the County Centre, as well as other governance related costs such as the continued payments to Hornchurch District for the County Administrator, insurance and the Independent Examination of the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared on a payments and receipts basis.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

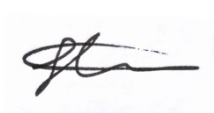
Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short. The County Board of Trustees has reviewed the reserve policy and considers that the County should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months base running costs, circa £30,000 based on historic trends. This reflects that the county receives the majority of its unrestricted income when it collects the annual membership fee and associated levy. As at 31 March 2025, the County held unrestricted reserves of £224,992.02. This is above the level required for operating expenses and the surplus will be utilized for the development of Scouting within the County.

Investment Policy

All the County's funds are held in cash using a mainstream bank, shown on page 6. The County Board of Trustees regularly monitors the balances within its bank accounts, as well as the distribution of bank accounts. As the County has not been required to utilise its reserves for a number of years, it continues to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements by investing surplus funds as may be appropriate.

The financial statements on pages 13 to 23 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 24th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Sam Longhurst
County Chair



Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Greater London North East County Scout Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Greater London North East County Scout Council (the Trust) for the period ended from 1st September 2024 to 31st March 2025.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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

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

Anwer Patel BA (Hons), BFP, FCA
Prestons & Jacksons Partnership LLP
364 - 368 Cranbrook Road
Ilford
Essex
IG2 6HY

Date:

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

			Year Ended 31 Mar 25	Year Ended 31 Aug 24
	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
INCOME FROM				
Donations and legacies		124,313.20	35,241.85	159,555.05
Other charitable activities	2	2,455.94	5,047.00	7,502.94
Total Incoming Resources		126,769.14	40,288.85	167,057.90
Outgoing Resources				
Charitable Activities				
Charitable activity		14,456.58	-	14,456.58
Training		5,201.02	-	5,201.02
Jack Petchey Foundation grants		-	28,701.18	28,701.18
World Scout Jamboree		-	-	-
Other activities		2,230.00	-	2,230.00
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh		807.30	3,822.00	4,629.30
Governance Costs				
County Centre		2,675.03	-	2,675.03
Insurance		3,349.21	-	3,349.21
Annual General Meeting		770.46	-	770.46
Other governance costs		4,933.53	-	4,933.52
Total		34,423.13	35,523.18	66,946.31
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		92,346.01	7,765.67	100,111.68
Transfer from General to Restricted Funds		519.16	(519.16)	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) after transfer		92,865.17	7,246.51	100,111.68
Funds Brought Forward		132,126.85	15,817.93	147,944.78
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	5	224,992.02	23,064.44	248,056.46

SUMMARY OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2025

			1.9.24 to 31.3.25	YE 31.8.24
	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank		224,992.02	23,064.44	248,056.46
TOTAL		224,992.02	23,064.44	248,056.46

			1.9.24 to 31.3.25	YE 31.8.24
		Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
FUNDS				
Reserves Brought Forward 1.9.24		132,126.85	15,817.93	147,944.78
Movement in the year		92,865.17	7,246.51	100,111.68
TOTAL		224,992.02	23,064.44	248,056.46

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised issue on 24th June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Sam Longhurst
County Chair



Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on receipts and payments basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement for the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from Membership Fees is accounted for on a receivable.

Payments

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going Concern

Having reviewed financial plans and cash flow forecasts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they believe that the going concern basis remains the appropriate basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

Debtors

Basic financial assets, including trade and other debtors, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Explanatory notes - continued

Creditors

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, loans from third parties and loans from related parties, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Such instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2. Other Trading Activities

	Year Ended 31 Mar 25 (£)	Year Ended 31 Aug 24 (£)
DSP Activity Days	1,952.50	4,605.00
Training	503.44	1,004.45
DofE	5,047.00	3,877.00
Total	7,502.94	9,486.45

3. Trustees' Remuneration & Benefits

Trustees' Remuneration

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended from 1st September 2024 to 31st March 2025 (year ended 31 August 2024: nil).

Trustees' Expenses

There were £3,100.53 of Trustees' expenses paid for the period ended from 1st September 2024 to 31st March 2025 (year ended 31 August 2024: £2,680.15).

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel comprise of the Board of Trustees.

4. Comparatives for the Statements of Receipts & Payments FY24

	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
RECEIPTS			
Donations and legacies	3,152	40,663	78,815
Other charitable activities	5,609	3,877	9,486
Total Receipts	43,761	44,540	88,302
PAYMENTS			
<i>Charitable Activities</i>			
Charitable activity	13,398	-	13,398
Training	1,825	-	1,825
Jack Petchey Foundation grants	-	42,380	42,380
World Scout Jamboree	-	5,083	5,083
Other activities	4,230	-	4,230
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh	788	3,881	4,668
<i>Governance Costs</i>			
County Centre	6,426	-	6,426
Insurance	3,318	-	3,318
Annual General Meeting	964	-	964
Other governance costs	4,173	-	4,173
Total Payments	35,122	51,344	86,465
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	8,640	(6,803)	1,836
Transfer from General to Restricted	(38,825)	38,825	-
	(30,185)	32,022	1,836
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward	162,312	(16,203)	146,109
Total Funds Carried Forward	132,126	15,819	147,945

Explanatory notes - continued

5. Movement in Funds

	At 31 Aug 24 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Mar 25 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	132,126.85	92,346.01	519.16	224,992.02
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	15,817.93	7,765.67	(519.16)	23,064.44
TOTAL FUNDS	147,944.78	100,111.68	-	248,056.46

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	129,769.14	(34,423.13)	92,346.01
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	40,288.85	(32,523.18)	7,765.67
TOTAL FUNDS	167,057.99	(66,946.31)	100,111.68

Comparatives for movement in funds FY24

	At 1 Sep 23 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 24 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	163,312.39	8,639.55	(38,825.09)	132,126.85
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	(16,203.85)	(6803.44)	38,825.09	15,817.65
TOTAL FUNDS	146,108.39	1,836.111	-	147,944.50

Explanatory notes – continued

5. Movement in Funds - Continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	43,761.45	(35,121.90)	8,639.55
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	44,540.45	(51,343.59)	(6,803.44)
TOTAL FUNDS	88,301.60	(86,465.49)	1,836.11

Restricted Reserve Analysis

	31 Mar 25 (£)	31 Aug 24 (£)
NAME OF FUND		
Jack Petchey Foundation Grants	22,855.81	16,315.14
Deficit/Surplus on Other Activities	208.50	(497.34)
TOTAL	23,064.31	(15,817.80)

	As at 1 Sep 24	Incoming Resources (£)	Outgoing Resources (£)	As at 31 Mar 25
Jack Petchey Foundation	16,315.14	35,241.85	(28,701.18)	22,855.81
Surplus on Other Activities (see Below)	(497.34)	5,047.00	(4,341.16)	208.50
	15,817.80	40,288.85	(33,042.34)	23,064.31

Further Analysis of Surplus on Other Activities

European Jamboree	519.16	-	(519.16)	-
DofE	(1,016.50)	5,047.00	(3,822.00)	208.50
	(497.34)	5,047.00	(4,341.16)	208.50

Explanatory notes – continued

The Jack Petchey Foundation Grants are funds awarded to the Scout Groups/Units of individuals who show outstanding achievements during the year and are administered in accordance with the requirements of the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The Other Activities fund consists of participant fees and fundraising for other events run by the County. As at 31 March 2025, this fund consisted of amounts relating the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The European Jamboree was cancelled in financial year ending 31 August 2022 and the remaining balance relating to this of £519.16 has now been released into unrestricted funds for other purposes. The balance on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme fund was a surplus of £208.50, which is included in "Surplus on Other Activities".

Accounts

Scouts
Greater London
North East

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

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Greater London North East County Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 21st November 2024 at 19:30
Gilwell Park, Collaboration Zone

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th February 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the County's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the County Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the County Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The County Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the GLNE County
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the County Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the County Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the County Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the County Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the County Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the County Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the County Trustee Board
 - d. Re-appoint County President and Vice Presidents
 - e. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor – To be confirmed appropriate
 - f. Elect representatives of the County Scout Council to represent the County on the Council of The Scout Association
6. **Closing remarks**
7. **Regional Commissioner – Richard Williams**
8. **Transformation Update – Jon Ellison (GLNE - Transformation Lead)**

CHARITY DETAILS

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of Greater London North East (GLNE) County Scout Council for the year ended 31st August 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011.

Charity Name	Greater London North East County Scout Council
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Other Names	Greater London North East Scouts GLNE Scouts
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Registered Charity Number	1025705
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Scout Association Registration Number	137 10000101
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Charity Principal Operating Address	437 Wanstead Park Road Ilford IG1 3TT
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Charity Registered Address	437 Wanstead Park Road Ilford IG1 3TT
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Bankers	Metro Bank plc One Southampton Row WC1B 5HA
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Independent Examiners	Prestons and Jacksons Partnership LLP Chartered Accountants 364-368 Cranbrook Road Ilford IG2 6HY
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Charity Details – continued

County Presidents & Vice Presidents

President	Mr John Barber (from 24/02/2024)
Vice Presidents	Colonel Paul Acda TD DL Mr John Barber DL (Newham) (to 24/02/2024) Colonel Mark Bryant MBE DL (Havering) Mr Thomas Chan DL (Redbridge) Mr Alan Dennison Major Jeremy Fern TD DL (Waltham Forest) Mr Dean Jefferys Mr Leslie Morgan OBE DL (Tower Hamlets) Sir Jack Petchey CBE Mr Ian Pittaway BEM DL (Barking and Dagenham) Mr Paul Trayler Miss Barbara Westcott MBE Kim Bromley-Derry (from 24/02/2024) Mike Brace (from 24/08/2024) Nick Bracken (from 24/02/2024) Stephen Howlett (from 24/02/2024)

Board of Trustees

County Lead Volunteer	Mr Terry Kingham Mr Colin Wreyford (from 14/03/2024)
County Youth Lead	Mr Jay Janny-Brewster (from 24/01/2024)
County Chair	Mr Oliver Stride (to 11/07/2024) Vacant (from 11/07/2024)
County Treasurer	Miss Lisa Jones
Trustees	Mrs Doreen Neun (to 31/03/2024) Mr Malcolm Wetherell Mr Paul Danvers Mr Julien Rawle (to 24/02/2024) Mr Jude Adigwe Mr Paul Symons Mr Jon Ellison Mrs Nadiya Mohammad-Umer

GOVERNANCE

Governing Documents

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Charity Constitution

The County is a trust established under the rules of The Scout Association which are common to all Scouts in the United Kingdom

Trustee Selection

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and Procedures

The County is managed by the County Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout County which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board consists of the County Chair and County Treasurer together with the County Lead Volunteers, and up to six members appointed by the board. The Regional Lead Volunteer for the Greater London Scout Region has a right of attendance at meetings of the County Trustee Board. Members of the Trustee Board are required to complete Module 1 (Essential Information), Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within

the first five months of joining the Board.

The Trustee Board exists to support the County Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. It meets formally at least five times a year.

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout County, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the County.
- Manage the County finances.
- Organise relevant insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement national Safety and Safeguarding Policies locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any Sub-Teams, including appointing a Team Leader to lead the Sub-Teams.
- Ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the County.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Districts, the County Scout Network in the County as necessary.
- Appoint and manage the operation of an Appointments Advisory Committee, including appointing an Appointments Committee Chair to lead it.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees routinely monitor the County's key risks and put in place measures to manage them appropriately. The Trustees have identified the following as the potential key risks faced by the charity:

A safeguarding incident involving Scouting members. This is mitigated through following The Scout Association's adult appointment process which includes carrying out DBS checks for those performing regulated activity; a national vetting process; and a clear system for reporting concerns. Volunteers are required to complete mandatory safeguarding training within the timeframes set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Training completion and renewal is monitored by the County Trustees through regular reporting. During the year, there was a continued improvement of compliance with mandatory safeguarding training and renewal.

Risk to the health and safety of Scouting members. This is mitigated through mandatory safety training for volunteers, which is monitored by the County Trustee board at each meeting through the County Lead Volunteer, and Trustees responsible for overseeing compliance; regular reporting of completion, overdue and renewal data to key line managers; adherence to the requirements of adventurous activity permit scheme; and following the provisions of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. During the year, there was varied return in the overdue figures but there has always been a consistent focus from key line manager to improving compliance.

Routine checks are carried out at the County Centre to protect the health and safety of those who will use the building

The County provides support for specific elements of the programme and runs schemes to recognise the achievements of young people

in order to maintain engagement. The County delivers training to enable adult volunteers to deliver high quality Scouting and recognises the contributions of volunteers through schemes run by The Scout Association and external bodies.

Internal Controls. The County also has in place systems of internal financial control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and regular reviews of the financial position and expenditure of the County at the County Trustee Board meetings.

The County has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. These include insurance for non-members attending Scouting activities and events.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Charity's objective is 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.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors – learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities – make and live by their Promise.

Charity Activities

Scouting is open to all young people who are between the ages of four and 25, irrespective of their background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, financial status, political or religious beliefs.

The Scout County incorporates the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. Scouting is delivered to our members through sections and Groups within the Districts which cover these Boroughs. The County's role is to offer leadership and support to the Groups and Districts within its area of operation. It does this through supporting the development of Scouting, the provision of training and other services, and the running of events and activities for young people.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate the Charity's aims are for the public benefit.

The Trustees' assessment is that Greater London North East County Scout Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

CHARITY ACHIEVEMENTS

International Support fund

The County are reserving money as part of the annual membership fee to support young people's international events going forward.

Governance and Financial Management

The County Trustee Board has continued to meet regularly in order to effectively manage the charity and support the County Commissioner in fulfilling the requirements of his appointment. At Trustee Board meetings, Trustees regularly receive financial and compliance reporting to exercise their duties along with regular oversight of the strategy for the County.

Digital Tools

The County continues to support the delivery of programme by providing Online Scout Manager licenses to all sections.

Recognising Achievement

The County is allocated 117 Achievement Awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation (JPF) each year to distribute fairly to young people aged 11-25 years for their achievements. The award comes with a £300 prize from JPF for the

Group or Unit to work with the recipient of the award to decide on how to best spend the prize. This can often result in new camping equipment for the Group/Unit or can be used to fund an activity or experience for the young people in the Group/Unit.

Additionally, JPF also recognise the County with Leader Awards for the services volunteers are making to the lives of young people. Seven leaders from across GLNE were recipients to this award and were offered the Leaders Award Grant of up to £1,000 per recipient of the award for a project of their choice.

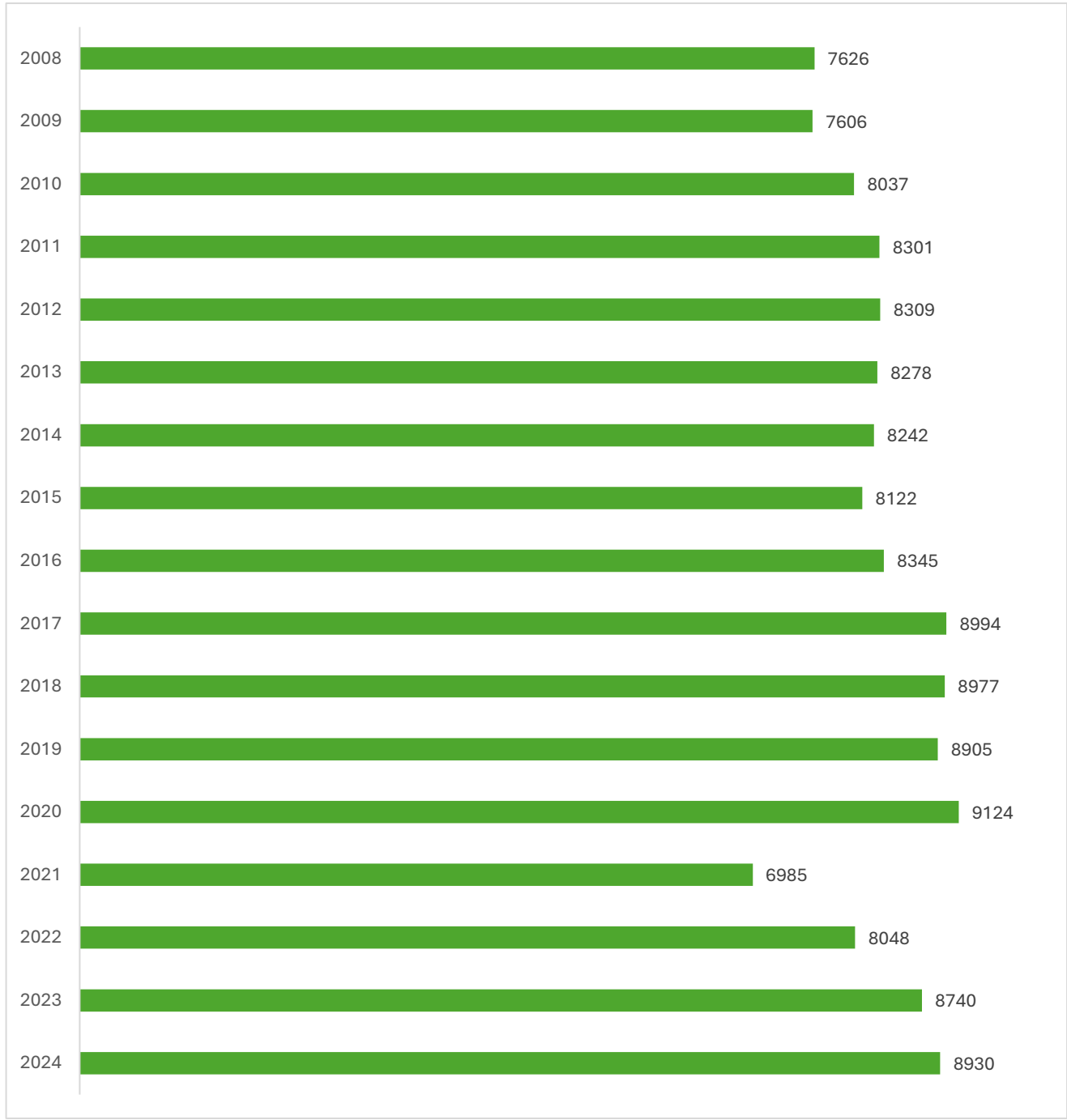
Overall, the County received £35,100 in donations from the JPF to be used by young people and £5,000 for the Leaders Award Grant. This support to recognise young people and volunteers has always been greatly welcomed by the County and Trustees thank JPF for their support over the 23-year partnership.

Top Awards

We have had four young persons award evenings which included all sections where our young people received a certificate and recognition for their hard work. Further evenings are being rolled out in the future.

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

The below graph shows the County's membership figures since 2008.



The Annual Report on pages 4 to 10 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 11th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Terry Kingham
County Lead Volunteer

Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review

The County's principal source of unrestricted income is the levy charged as part of the annual membership fee. This provides the County with funds which are used to support the growth and development of Scouting within GLNE and to meet the County's operating costs. During the reporting period, the County collected this levy through March and April 2024. In addition, the County ordinarily receives payments from London over the Border Guides for their use of the County Centre, however this arrangement continues to be under negotiation.

Due to the timing of the County's membership income, the April 2024 income will be used for the 2025 financial year. The recovery of membership numbers within the County has led to a decrease by 50p when compared to the year ended.

31 August 2023. The Board of Trustees will continue to monitor the levels of unrestricted income and may make the decision to increase this with funds from the County's reserves. This decision will be made by the County Board of Trustees with due reference to the County's reserves policy and available reserves. Other income collected over the period typically relates to specific activities, events or projects. This includes registrations for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the County water activities days at the Docklands Scout Project.

The County coordinates the Jack Petchey Award Scheme for Groups, Explorer Units and Network units within GLNE. Funds received from the Jack Petchey Foundation are paid to those Groups and Units which have made successful nominations for awards for their young people.

Over the reporting period, a majority of the County's expenditure has related to the running costs of the County Centre, as well as other governance related costs such as the continued payments to Hornchurch District for the County

Administrator, insurance and the Independent Examination of the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared on a payments and receipts basis.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short. The County Board of Trustees has reviewed the reserve policy and considers that the County should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months base running costs, circa £30,000 based on historic trends. This reflects that the county receives the majority of its unrestricted income when it collects the annual membership fee and associated levy. As at 31 August 2024, the County held unrestricted reserves of £132,127. This is above the level required for operating expenses and the surplus will be utilized for the development of Scouting within the County.

Investment Policy

All the County's funds are held in cash using a mainstream bank, shown on page 6. The County Board of Trustees regularly monitors the balances within its bank accounts, as well as the distribution of bank accounts. As the County has not been required to utilise its reserves for a number of years, it continues to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements by investing surplus funds as may be appropriate.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 20 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 11th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Terry Kingham
County Lead Volunteer



Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Greater London North East County Scout Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Greater London North East County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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

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

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Anwer Patel BA (Hons), BFP, FCA
Prestons & Jacksons Partnership LLP
364 - 368 Cranbrook Road
Ilford
Essex
IG2 6HY

Date: 15/11/2024

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 August 2024

			Year Ended 31 Aug 24	Year Ended 31 Aug 23
	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
INCOME FROM				
Donations and legacies		38,512.00	40,663.15	78,815.15
Other charitable activities	2	5,609.45	3,877.00	9,486.45
Total		43,761.45	44,540.15	88,301.60
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable Activities				
Charitable activity		13,397.57	-	13,397.57
Training		1,824.86	-	1,824.86
Jack Petchey Foundation grants		-	42,380.00	42,380.00
World Scout Jamboree		-	5,083.09	5,083.09
Other activities		4,230	0	4,230
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh		787.71	3,880.50	4,668.21
Governance Costs				
County Centre		6,425.97	-	6,425.97
Insurance		3,318.44	-	3,318.44
Annual General Meeting		963.93	-	963.93
Other governance costs		4,173.42	-	4,173.42
Total		35,121.90	51,343.59	86,465.49
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		8,639.55	(6,803.44)	1,836.11
Transfer from General to Restricted Funds		(38,825.09)	38,825.09	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) after transfer		(30,185.54)	32,021.65	1,836.11
Funds Brought Forward		162,312.39	(16,203.72)	146,108.67
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		132,126.85	15,817.93	147,944.78

SUMMARY OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2024

			31 Aug 24	31 Aug 23
	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank		132,126.85	15,817.93	147,944.78
Total Cash Funds		132,126.85	15,817.93	147,944.78
SPLIT OF CASH FUNDS				
	Unrestricted		132,126.85	162,312.39
	Restricted		15,817.93	(16,203.72)
TOTAL			147,944.78	146,108.67

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised issue on 11th November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Terry Kingham
County Lead Volunteer



Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on receipts and payments basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement for the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from Membership Fees is accounted for on a receivable.

Payments

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going Concern

Having reviewed financial plans and cash flow forecasts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they believe that the going concern basis remains the appropriate basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

Debtors

Basic financial assets, including trade and other debtors, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Explanatory notes - continued

Creditors

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, loans from third parties and loans from related parties, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Such instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2. Other Trading Activities

	Year Ended 31 Aug 24 (£)	Year Ended 31 Aug 23 (£)
World Scout Jamboree	-	187,927.09
Newham District Closure	-	39,459.98
Other Activities (included DSP Activity Days, DofE & Donations)	-	6,320.35
DSP Activity Days	4,605.00	-
Training	1,004.45	-
DofE	3,877.00	
Total	9,486.45	233,707.42

3. Trustees' Remuneration & Benefits

Trustees' Remuneration

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 (year ended 31 August 2023: nil).

Trustees' Expenses

There were £2,680.15 of Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 (year ended 31 August 2023: £582.70).

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel comprise of the Board of Trustees.

4. Comparatives for the Statements of Receipts & Payments FY23

	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
RECEIPTS			
Donations and legacies	71,764	45,524	117,288
Other charitable activities	3,514	230,193	233,707
Total Receipts	75,278	275,717	350,995
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Activities			
Charitable activity	13,800	-	13,800
Training	453	-	453
Jack Petchey Foundation grants	-	41,034	41,034
World Scout Jamboree	-	226,205	226,205
Other activities	4,000	39,460	43,460
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh	3,249	4,455	7,704
Governance Costs			
County centre	11,165	-	11,165
Insurance	3,172	-	3,172
Annual General Meeting	366	-	366
Other governance costs	2,720	-	2,720
Total Payments	38,925	311,154	350,079
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	36,353	(35,437)	916
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward			145,192
Total Funds Carried Forward			146,108

5. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Sep 23 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 24 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	163,312.39	8,639.55	(38,825.09)	132,126.85
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	(16,203.85)	(6803.44)	38,825.09	15,817.65
TOTAL FUNDS	146,108.39	1,836.111	-	147,944.50

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	43,761.45	(35,121.90)	8,639.55
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	44,540.45	(51,343.59)	(6,803.44)
TOTAL FUNDS	88,301.60	(86,465.49)	1,836.11

Comparatives for movement in funds FY23

	At 1 Sep 22 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 23 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	125,959	36,353	-	162,312
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	19,233	(35,437)	-	(16,204)
TOTAL FUNDS	145,192	916	-	146,108

5. Movement in Funds - Continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	75,278	(38,925)	36,353
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	275,717	(311,154)	(35,437)
TOTAL FUNDS	350,995	(350,079)	916

Restricted Reserve Analysis

	31 Aug 24 (£)	31 Aug 23 (£)
NAME OF FUND		
Jack Petchey Foundation Grants	16,315.14	18,031.99
World Scout Jamboree	-	(33,742.00)
Deficit/ Surplus on Other Activities	(497.34)	(493.84)
TOTAL	(15,817.80)	(16,203.85)

The Jack Petchey Foundation Grants are funds awarded to the Scout Groups/Units of individuals who show outstanding achievements during the year and are administered in accordance with the requirements of the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The Other Activities fund consists of participant fees and fundraising for other events run by the County. As at 31 August 2024 this fund consisted of amounts relating to the European Scout Jamboree and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The European Jamboree was cancelled in financial year ending 31 August 2022 and the remaining balance relating to this of £519.16 is to be released for other purposes. The balance on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme fund was a deficit of £1,016.50, which is included in "Deficit on Other Activities".

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County Commissioner Report

Introduction.

I took over from Lee Clark on 1st March 2023, and so this report covers the past 6 months of our operational year. The County Leadership Team has been working very hard to improve communication, activities, and county personnel. I am pleased to note we have made some headway in all these areas including relaunching the County newsletter, regular meetings with the DCs, and top award evenings.

King's Coronation.

Several of our young people participated in the King's Coronation representing our County, showing the talent that we have for this remarkable state event.

WSJ 2023...

Our young people headed to South Korea in July with eight fantastic leaders. On the whole, our eighty people had an amazing time despite some of the challenges they faced. I am formally placing on record my thanks to the two leadership teams and our IST from the County. Thank you all so much.

Looking Forward...

As we head into Autumn 2023, we will look forward to the Jack Petchey award evening, more top award events, adult awards evening, Kilmuir Trophy and census 2024.

Thanks.

I would like to thank Doreen, Paul, and the team for the hard work they have put into the top award events, which have been extremely well attended. My thanks to Malcolm Wetherell for standing in as our County Chair at short notice last March and bridging the gap between Gareth and Ollie starting on 1st September.

And finally, thank you to you all, for the amazing weekly leadership giving our young people, motivation, inspiration, and challenge.

In closing, I am incredibly grateful to everybody that has made me feel welcome as the Interim County Commissioner and the support shown over the past 12 months. I look forward to welcoming the new County Commissioner for GLNE in the near future. In the meantime, stay safe and be kind.

Terry Kingham
County Commissioner

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CHARITY DETAILS

Statement

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of Greater London North East (GLNE) County Scout Council for the year ended 31st August 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting

and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011.

Details

Charity Name

Greater London North East County Scout Council

Other Names

Greater London North East Scouts
GLNE Scouts

Registered Charity Number

1025705

Scout Association Registration Number

137
10000101

Charity Principal Operating Address

437 Wanstead Park Road,
Ilford,
IG1 3TT

Charity Registered Address

34 Otley Drive,
Ilford,
IG2 6L

Bankers

Metro Bank plc,
One Southampton Row
WC1B 5HA

Independent Examiners

Prestons and Jacksons Partnership LLP
Chartered Accountants
364-368 Cranbrook Road, Ilford
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County Presidents & Vice Presidents

President:

Vacant

Vice Presidents:

Colonel Paul Acda TD DL
Mr John Barber DL (Newham)
Colonel Mark Bryan MBE DL (Havering)
Mr Thomas Chan DL (Redbridge)
Mr Alan Dennison
Major Jeremy Fern TD DL (Waltham Forest)
Colonel Stephen Foakes TD DL
The Right Reverend Peter Hill Mr
Dean Jefferys
Mr Leslie Morgan OBE DL (Tower Hamlets) Sir
Jack Petchey CBE
Mr Ian Pittaway BEM DL (Barking and Dagenham)
Mr Paul Trayler
Miss Barbara Westcott MBE

Board of Trustees

County Commissioner

Lee Clark (to 28/02/2023)
Mr Terry Kingham (from 01/03/2023)

County Chair

Mr Gareth Jones (to 28/02/2023)
Mr Malcolm Wetherell (01/03/2023 to
31/08/2023)
Mr Oliver Stride (from 01/09/2023)

County Treasurer

Mr Will Parry (to 31/08/2023)
Miss Lisa Jones (from 01/09/2023)

County Secretary

Vacant

Trustees

Mrs Doreen Neun
Mr Malcolm Wetherell
Mr Paul Danvers
Mr Julien Rawle
Mr Jude Adigwe
Mr Paul Symons
Mr Jon Ellison (from 24/04/2023)
Mrs Nadiya Mohammad-Umer (from
24/04/2023)
Mr Paul Fix (to 31/03/2023)

GOVERNANCE

Governing Documents

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Charity Constitution

The County is a trust established under the rules of The Scout Association which are common to all Scouts in the United Kingdom.

Trustee Selection

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and Procedures

The County is managed by the County Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout County which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Board consists of the County Chair, County Treasurer and County Secretary together with the County Commissioner, four to six members elected by the County Scout Council, four to six members nominated by the County Commissioner (the number of which must not exceed the number elected by the County Scout Council), and any further members co-opted by the board (the number of which must not exceed the number elected by the County Scout Council). The Regional Commissioner for the Greater London Scout Region has a right of attendance at meetings of the County Trustee Board

Members of the Trustee Board are required to complete Module 1 (Essential Information), Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within the first five months of joining the Committee.

The Trustee Board exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. It meets formally at least five times a year.

Members of the Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout County, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the County.
- Manage the County finances.
- Organise relevant insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement national Safety and Safeguarding Policies locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any Sub-Committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the Sub-Committee.
- Ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the County.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Districts, the County Scout Network and Scout Active Support Units in the County as necessary.
- Appoint and manage the operation of an Appointments Advisory Committee, including appointing an Appointments Committee Chair to lead it.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees routinely monitor the County's key risks and put in place measures to manage them appropriately. The Trustees have identified the following as the potential key risks faced by the charity:

A safeguarding incident involving Scouting members. This is mitigated through following The Scout Association's adult appointment process which includes carrying out DBS checks for those performing regulated activity; a national vetting process; and a clear system for reporting concerns. Volunteers are required to complete mandatory safeguarding training within the timeframes set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Training completion and renewal is monitored by the County Trustees through regular reporting. During the year, there was continued improved compliance with mandatory safeguarding training and renewal.

Risk to the health and safety of Scouting members. This is mitigated through mandatory safety training for volunteers, which is monitored by the County Trustee board at each meeting through the County Commissioner, and Trustees responsible for overseeing compliance; regular reporting of completion, overdue and renewal data to key line managers; adherence to the requirements of adventurous activity permit scheme; and following the provisions of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. During the year, there was varied return in the overdue figures but there has always been a consistent focus from key line manager to improving compliance.

Routine checks are carried out at the County Centre to protect the health and safety of those who will use the building

The County provides support for specific elements of the programme and

runs schemes to recognise the achievements of young people in order to maintain engagement. The County delivers training to enable adult volunteers to deliver high quality Scouting and recognises the contributions of volunteers through schemes run by The Scout Association and external bodies.

Internal Controls. The County also has in place systems of internal financial control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and regular reviews of the financial position and expenditure of the County at the County Trustee Board meetings.

The County has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. These include insurance for non-members attending Scouting activities and events.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Charity's objective is 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.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors – learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities – make and live by their Promise.

Charity Activities

Scouting is open to all young people who are between the ages of four and 25, irrespective of their background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, financial status, political or religious beliefs.

The Scout County incorporates the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. Scouting is delivered to our members through sections and Groups within the Districts which cover these Boroughs. The County's role is to offer leadership and support to the Groups and Districts within its area of operation. It does this through supporting the development of Scouting, the provision of training and other services, and the running of events and activities for young people.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate the Charity's aims are for the public benefit.

The Trustees' assessment is that Greater London North East County Scout Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

CHARITY ACHIEVEMENTS

We are now nearing our pre pandemic membership numbers and pleased to announce after last year's increase of 15% in overall membership we have continued to grow by 9% in January 2023.

Keeping Young People Safe

Keeping young people and volunteers safe is the number one priority for the County Team in GLNE Scouts. Non-compliance figures has remained the central focus for many on the County Team, working hard to ensure that the 2% target is obtained. At the point of writing this report, the County was averaging a compliance rate of 1.5% for the mandatory ongoing learning.

International Activities

The County had 63 young people and eight leaders attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Although the International experience didn't go to plan the young people still had an international experience of a lifetime.

Governance and Financial Management

The County Trustee Board has continued to meet regularly in order to effectively manage the charity and support the County Commissioner in fulfilling the requirements of his appointment. At Trustee Board meetings, Trustees regularly receive financial and compliance reporting to exercise their duties along with regular oversight of the strategy for the County.

Digital Tools

The County continues to support the delivery of programme by providing Online Scout Manager licenses to all sections.

National Strategy

We are going through a period of transformation which includes a warmer welcome, changes to role titles and a more

team-based approach. Digital learning, introduction of trustee boards and a new membership management system. Ten Counties have been chosen as early adopters and the rest of the country which include GLNE will start migrating across in the summer /autumn 2024.

Recognising Achievement

The County is allocated 117 Achievement Awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation (JPF) each year to distribute fairly to young people aged 11-25 years for their achievements. The award comes with a £300 prize from JPF for the Group or Unit to work with the recipient of the award to decide on how to best spend the prize. This can often result in new camping equipment for the Group/Unit or can be used to fund an activity or experience for the young people in the Group/Unit.

Additionally, JPF also recognise the County with Leader Awards for the services volunteers are making to the lives of young people. Seven leaders from across GLNE were recipients to this award and were offered the Leaders Award Grant of up to £1,000 per recipient of the award for a project of their choice.

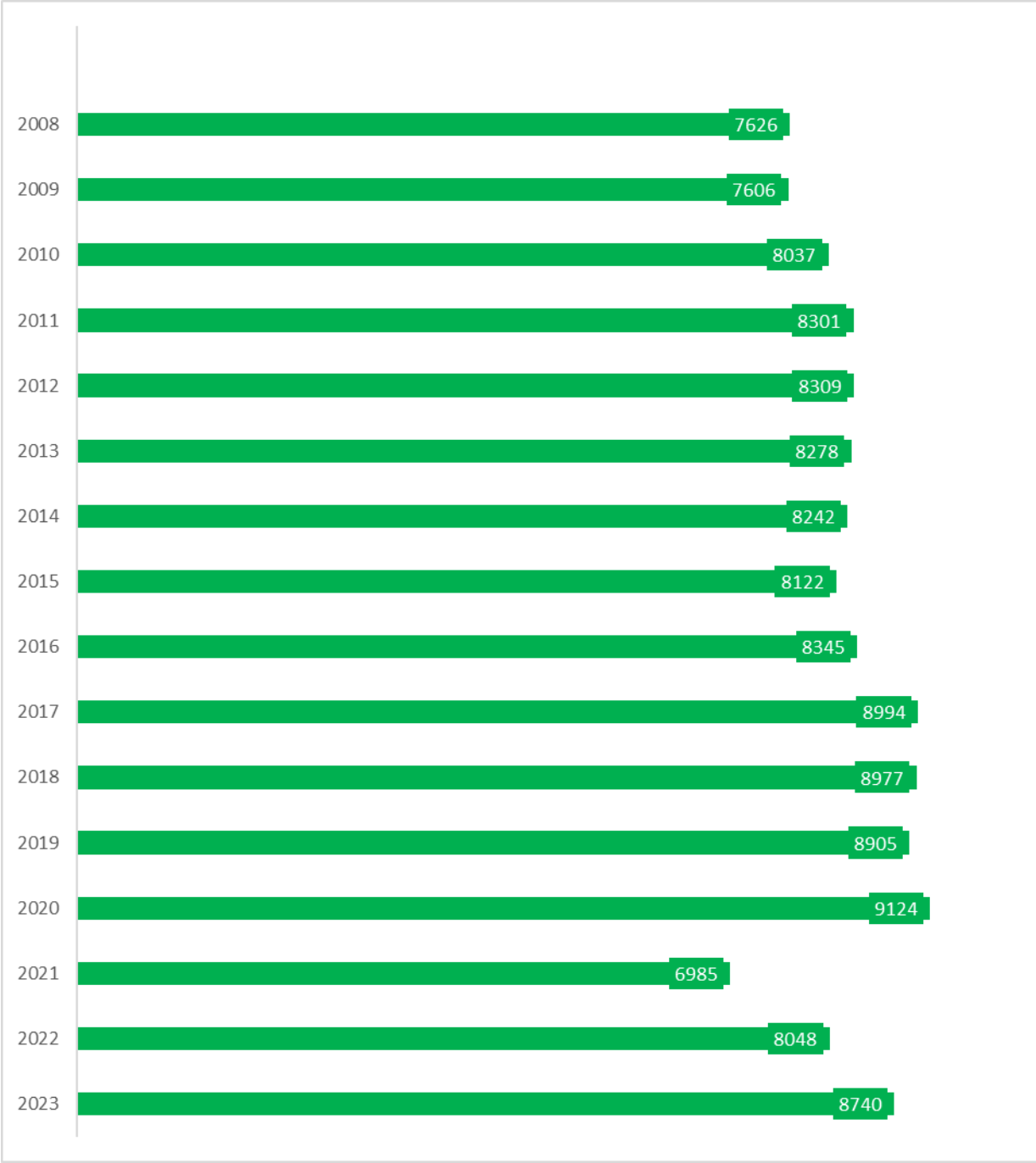
Overall, the County received £35,100 in donations from the JPF to be used by young people and £6,850 for the Leaders Award Grant. This support to recognise young people and volunteers has always been greatly welcomed by the County and Trustees thank JPF for their support over the 22-year partnership.

Top Awards

We have had two young persons award evenings since the pandemic which included all sections where our young people received a certificate and recognition for their hard work. Further evenings are being rolled out in the future

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

The below graph shows the County's membership figures over the last few years.



The Annual Report on pages 05 to 12 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Oliver Stride
County Chair

Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review

The County's principal source of unrestricted income is the levy charged as part of the annual membership fee. This provides the County with funds which are used to support the growth and development of Scouting within GLNE and to meet the County's operating costs. During the reporting period, the County collected this levy through March, April and May 2023. In addition, the County ordinarily receives payments from London over the Border Guides for their use of the County Centre, however this arrangement continues to be under negotiation.

Due to the timing of the County's membership income, the April 2023 income will be used for the 2024 financial year. The recovery of membership numbers within the County has led to an increase in the membership fee income when compared to the year ended 31 August 2022. The Board of Trustees will continue to monitor the levels of unrestricted income and may make the decision to increase this with funds from the County's reserves. This decision will be made by the County Board of Trustees with due reference to the County's reserves policy and available reserves. Other income collected over the period typically relates to specific activities, events or projects. This includes registrations for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the County water activities days at the Docklands Scout Project.

The County coordinates the Jack Petchey Award Scheme for Groups, Explorer Units and Network units within GLNE. Funds received from the Jack Petchey Foundation are paid to those Groups and Units which have made successful nominations for awards for their young people. During the period, the County also continued preparations for the World Scout Jamboree hosted in South Korea in August 2023.

Over the reporting period, a majority of the County's expenditure has related to the running costs of the County Centre, as well as other governance related costs such as the continued payments to Hornchurch District for the County Administrator, insurance and the Independent Examination of the accounts. As discussed above, the continuation of most training modules being run digitally has led to reduced costs associated with this area.

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short. The County Board of Trustees has reviewed the reserve policy and considers that the County should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months base running costs, circa £30,000 based on historic trends. This reflects that the county receives the majority of its unrestricted income when it collects the annual membership fee and associated levy. As at 31 August 2023, the County held unrestricted reserves of £162,312. This is above the level required for operating expenses and the surplus will be utilised for the development of Scouting within the County.

Investment Policy

All the County's funds are held in cash using a mainstream bank, shown on page 6. The County Board of Trustees regularly monitor the balances within its bank accounts, as well as the distribution of bank accounts. As the County has not been required to utilise its reserves for a number of years, it continues to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements by investing surplus funds as may be appropriate.

The financial statements on pages 17 to 23 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Oliver Stride
County Chair



Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Greater London North East County Scout Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Greater London North East County Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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

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

Name: Anwer Patel BA (Hons) BFP FCA
ICAEW
Prestons & Jacksons Partnership
LLP
364 - 368 Cranbrook Road
Ilford, Essex, IG2 6HY

Date:



Anwer Patel
Independent Examiner

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

			Year Ended 31 Aug 23	Year Ended 31 Aug 22
	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
INCOME FROM				
Donations and legacies		71,764	45,524	117,288
Other charitable activities	2	3,514	230,193	233,707
Total		75,278	275,717	350,995
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable Activities				
Charitable activity		13,800	-	13,800
Training		453	-	453
Jack Petchey Foundation grants		-	41,034	41,034
World Scout Jamboree		-	226,205	226,205
Other activities		4,000	39,460	43,460
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh		3,249	4,455	7,704
Governance Costs				
County Centre		11,165	-	11,165
Insurance		3,172	-	3,172
Annual General Meeting		366	-	366
Other governance costs		2,720	-	2,720
Total		38,925	311,154	350,079
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		36,353	(35,437)	916
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward		125,959	19,233	145,192
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		162,312	(16,204)	146,108

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	31 Aug 23 Total Funds (£)	31 Aug 22 Total Funds (£)
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		162,312	62,856	225,168	145,192
Total Cash Funds		162,312	62,856	225,168	145,192
CREDITORS					
Amount falling due within one year		-	(79,060)	(79,060)	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		162,312	(16,204)	146,108	-
NET ASSETS					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				162,312	125,959
Restricted funds				(16,204)	19,233
TOTAL FUNDS				146,108	145,192

The financial statements on pages 19 to 23 were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19th February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ollie Stride
County Chair



Lisa Jones
County Treasurer

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on receipts and payments basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement for the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from Membership Fees is accounted for on a receivable.

Payments

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going Concern

Having reviewed financial plans and cash flow forecasts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they believe that the going concern basis remains the appropriate basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

Debtors

Basic financial assets, including trade and other debtors, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Creditors

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, loans from third parties and loans from related parties, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Such instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2. Other Trading Activities

	Year Ended 31 Aug 23 (£)	Year Ended 31 Aug 22 (£)
World Scout Jamboree	187,927	83,017
Other Activities	6,320	36,729
Newham District Closure	39,460	0
Total	233,707	119,746

3. Trustees' Remuneration & Benefits

Trustees' Remuneration

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 (year ended 31 August 2022: nil).

Trustees' Expenses

There were £583 of Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2023 (year ended 31 August 2022: £294).

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel comprise of the Board of Trustees.

4. Comparatives for the Statements of Receipts & Payments FY22

	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
RECEIPTS			
Donations and legacies	8,594	40,856	49,450
Other charitable activities	1,064	118,682	119,747
Total Receipts	9,658	159,538	169,197
PAYMENTS			
<i>Charitable Activities</i>			
Charitable activity	9,488	-	9,488
Training	97	-	97
Jack Petchey Foundation grants	-	42,503	42,503
World Scout Jamboree	-	79,682	79,682
Other activities	-	31,016	31,016
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh	687	2,557	3,244
<i>Governance Costs</i>			
County centre	3,392	-	3,392
Insurance	3,139	-	3,139
Annual General Meeting	-	-	-
Other governance costs	2,928	-	2,928
Total Payments	19,731	155,758	175,489
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(10,073)	3,780	(6,293)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward			151,486
Total Funds Carried Forward			145,192

5. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Sep 22 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 23 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	125,959	36,353	-	162,312
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	19,233	(35,437)	-	(16,204)
TOTAL FUNDS	145,192	916	-	146,108

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	75,278	(38,925)	36,353
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	275,717	(311,154)	(35,437)
TOTAL FUNDS	350,995	(350,079)	916

Comparatives for movement in funds FY22

	At 1 Sep 21 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 22 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	136,032	(10,073)	-	125,959
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	15,453	3,780	-	19,233
TOTAL FUNDS	151,485	(6,293)	-	145,192

5. Movement in Funds - Continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	9,658	(19,731)	(10,073)
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	159,538	(155,758)	3,780
TOTAL FUNDS	169,196	(175,489)	(6,293)

Restricted Reserve Analysis

	31 Aug 23 (£)	31 Aug 22 (£)
NAME OF FUND		
Jack Petchey Foundation Grants	18,032	13,542
World Scout Jamboree	(33,742)	4,536
Deficit/ Surplus on Other Activities	(494)	1,155
TOTAL	(16,204)	19,233

The Jack Petchey Foundation Grants are funds awarded to the Scout Groups/Units of individuals who show outstanding achievements during the year and are administered in accordance with the requirements of the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The World Scout Jamboree fund consists of participant fees and fundraising used towards the expenses for the World Scout Jamboree that takes place once every four years. The deficit seen above was partially covered by donations from the County, approved by the Trustees, to each participant, and the balance will be transferred from the unrestricted funds once in the next financial year.

The Other Activities fund consists of participant fees and fundraising for other events run by the County. As at 31 August 2023 this fund consisted of amounts relating to the European Scout Jamboree and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The European Jamboree was cancelled in financial year ending 31 August 2022 and the remaining balance relating to this of £519 is expected to be released for other purposes. The balance on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme fund was a deficit of £1,013, which is included in "Surplus on Other Activities".

6. Related Party Disclosure

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023 (year ended 31 August 2022: nil).



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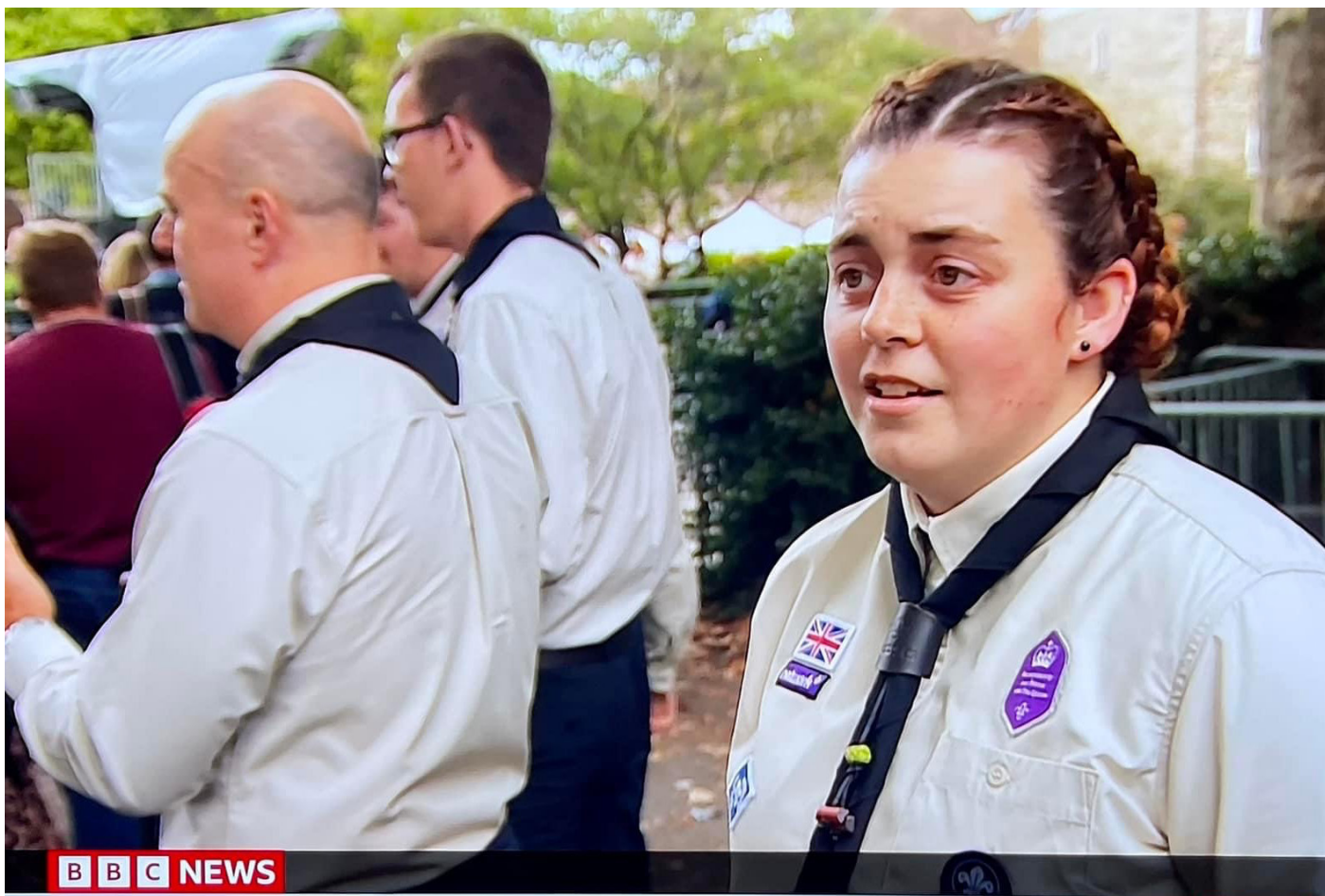


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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022



I am pleased to introduce my fourth full annual report as the County Commissioner for Greater London North East (GLNE) Scouts. The 2021/22 financial year has seen an extraordinary effort from all of our amazing volunteers to achieve 15% growth following the tough years of the Coronavirus pandemic. Not only have we seen the County bounce back with extraordinary figures, but we've seen everyone step up to do more, be more and share more experiences with each other.

But not only are we having experiences here in the UK, but we're pleased to be sending even more young people to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023. Each and every one of these young people are working tirelessly to fundraise and prepare for the experience of a lifetime, not to mention the inspiring leaders who are taking them.

As I begin to near the end of my five year term as your County Commissioner, I would like to take the opportunity to say an enormous thank you to all of our volunteers. I am constantly impressed by the commitment and energy of everyone within the movement to ensure that we support our young people to gain Skills for Life.

Lee Clark
County Commissioner

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ANNUAL REPORT

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CHARITY DETAILS

Statement

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of Greater London North East (GLNE) County Scout Council for the year ended 31st August 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting

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Details

Charity Name

Greater London North East County Scout Council

Other Names

Greater London North East Scouts
GLNE Scouts

Registered Charity Number

1025705

Scout Association Registration Number

137
10000101

Charity Principal Operating Address

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Independent Examiners

Prestons and Jacksons Partnership LLP
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364-368 Cranbrook Road, Ilford
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County Presidents & Vice Presidents

President: Lieutenant Colonel Roderick Morris TD DL OBE
(Hackney) (until 22/06/2021)

Vice Presidents:

Colonel Paul Acda TD DL
Mr John Barber DL (Newham)
Colonel Mark Bryan MBE DL (Havering)
Mr Thomas Chan DL (Redbridge)
Mr Alan Dennison
Major Jeremy Fern TD DL (Waltham Forest)
Colonel Stephen Foakes TD DL
The Right Reverend Peter Hill
Mr Dean Jefferys
Mr Leslie Morgan OBE DL (Tower Hamlets)
Sir Jack Petchey CBE
Mr Ian Pittaway BEM DL (Barking and Dagenham)
Mr Paul Trayler
Mrs Joan Walker (until 23/11/2022)
Miss Barbara Westcott MBE

Board of Trustees

County Commissioner The Reverend Lee Clark

County Chair Mr Gareth Jones

County Treasurer Mr William Parry

County Secretary Vacant

Trustees

Mrs Doreen Neun
Mr Malcolm Wetherell
Mr Paul Danvers
Mr Paul Fix
Mr Julien Rawle (elected 19/02/2022)
Mr Jude Adigwe (elected 19/02/2022)
Mr Chris Harrison (elected 19/02/2022
resigned 03/10/2022)
Mr Steve Hewitt (until 19/02/2022)

GOVERNANCE

Governing Documents

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Charity Constitution

The County is a trust established under the rules of The Scout Association which are common to all Scouts in the United Kingdom.

Trustee Selection

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and Procedures

The County is managed by the County Executive Committee, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout County which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of the County Chair, County Treasurer and County Secretary together with the County Commissioner, four to six members elected by the County Scout Council, four to six members nominated by the County Commissioner (the number of which must not exceed the number elected by the County Scout Council), and any further members co-opted by the Committee (the number of which must not exceed the number elected by the County Scout Council). The Regional Commissioner for the Greater London Scout Region has a right of attendance at meetings of the County Executive Committee.

Members of the Executive Committee are required to complete Module 1 (Essential Information), Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within the first five months of joining the Committee.

The County Executive Committee exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. It meets formally at least five times a year.

Members of the Executive Committee must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout County, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the County.
- Manage the County finances.
- Organise relevant insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement national Safety and Safeguarding Policies locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any Sub-Committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the Sub-Committee.
- Ensure that young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the County.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Districts, the County Scout Network and Scout Active Support Units in the County as necessary.
- Appoint and manage the operation of an Appointments Advisory Committee, including appointing an Appointments Committee Chair to lead it.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees routinely monitor the County's key risks and put in place measures to manage them appropriately. The Trustees have identified the following as the potential key risks faced by the charity:

A safeguarding incident involving Scouting members. This is mitigated through following The Scout Association's adult appointment process which includes carrying out DBS checks for those performing regulated activity; a national vetting process; and a clear system for reporting concerns. Volunteers are required to complete mandatory safeguarding training within the timeframes set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Training completion and renewal is monitored by the County Executive through regular reporting. During the year, there was continued improved compliance with mandatory safeguarding training and renewal.

Risk to the health and safety of Scouting members. This is mitigated through mandatory safety training for volunteers, which is monitored by the County Executive Committee at each meeting through the County Commissioner, and Trustees responsible for overseeing compliance; regular reporting of completion, overdue and renewal data to key line managers; adherence to the requirements of adventurous activity permit scheme; and following the provisions of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. During the year, there was varied return in the overdue figures but there has always been a consistent focus from key line manager to improving compliance.

Routine checks are carried out at the County Centre to protect the health and safety of those who will use the building now that face-to-face activities have become a more regular occurrence.

A significant reduction in income resulting from decreased youth membership. This is mitigated by the County working closely with Groups and Districts to support them to grow and develop Scouting locally. The County provides support for specific elements of the programme and

runs schemes to recognise the achievements of young people in order to maintain engagement. The County delivers training to enable adult volunteers to deliver high quality Scouting and recognises the contributions of volunteers through schemes run by The Scout Association and external bodies.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the periods of suspension of face-to-face Scouting, the County has seen a significant decrease in membership. The return of face-to-face Scouting has seen a boost to the number of members involved raising the overall youth membership to 6,145 in the beginning of 2022 which will have a positive impact on the financial position of the County.

Following continued support for online methods of delivering support to adult volunteers across the year, the County has been able to make savings, following a reduced income, across the board. The hybrid working methods will continue into the financial year 2022-23 and will help to strengthen the County's financial position.

Internal Controls. The County also has in place systems of internal financial control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and regular reviews of the financial position and expenditure of the County at the County Executive Committee meetings.

The County has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. These include insurance for non-members attending Scouting activities and events.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Charity's objective is 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.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors – learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities – make and live by their Promise.

Charity Activities

Scouting is open to all young people who are between the ages of four and 25, irrespective of their background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, financial status, political or religious beliefs.

The Scout County incorporates the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. Scouting is delivered to our members through sections and Groups within the Districts which cover these Boroughs. The County's role is to offer leadership and support to the Groups and Districts within its area of operation. It does this through supporting the development of Scouting, the provision of training and other services, and the running of events and activities for young people.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that the Charity's aims are for the public benefit.

The Trustees' assessment is that Greater London North East County Scout Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

CHARITY ACHIEVEMENTS

The past year has seen Scouting return to its pre-pandemic ways of operating with young people having returned to their Groups to engage with regular programmes of activities. Following a 24% reduction in membership in the previous financial year, it is a pleasure to report an increase of 15% in overall membership in January 2022.

Keeping Young People Safe

Keeping young people and volunteers safe is the number one priority for the County Team in GLNE Scouts. Non-compliance figures has remained the central focus for many on the County Team, working hard to ensure that the 2% target is obtained. At the point of writing this report, the County was averaging a compliance rate of 1.5% for the mandatory ongoing learning.

Progress continues to be made with First Aid being a large focus for the County Training Team. Following the pandemic there has been a backlog of volunteers needing to complete the second part of the First Aid learning which requires an in person assessment. This continues to be a focus for the County Team moving into the new financial year.

International Activities

The main focus for the County's international activities during the period is the attendance to the World Scout Jamboree. This is an event that occurs once every four years where the County send a group of young people to take part in an event with young people from Scout movements across the globe.

On this occasion the County have seen an increase in its allocation, increasing from 36 young people and four leaders to 63 young people and seven leaders. In preparation for the event the County has supported the Units with preparation weekends, events, activities and fundraising.

County Restructure

Over the course of the last 3-5 years, the largest strategic undertaking for the County Team has been to coordinate the reduction in the number of Districts within the County. The primary focus was to reduce the volume of duplication happening across the North East region of London and to better support the Districts with smaller memberships to have full and effective District Teams, something that is more difficult to achieve in smaller Districts.

The first restructure saw Chingford and Waltham Forest South combine to become Waltham Forest District, the second saw Epping Forest South, Ilford North West and Ilford East combine to become Redbridge, and the final Districts were Newham and Barking & Dagenham, combining to become BDN District.

This re-structure has taken place over a number of years and the success of the restructure is a credit to all who were involved, making sure that sufficient engagement with volunteers occurred to gain the best outcome. The final restructure to create BDN District operationally completed within the financial year and the closure of the Newham assets finalising in the next financial year to see the end of the last element of the County re-structure.

Governance and Financial Management

The County Executive Committee has continued the effective work of consolidation of accounts. Now that this has been completed the County is able to focus on more strategic financial work and look to increase its return following a healthy cash balance coming out of the precarious pandemic years. The details of the County's banking arrangements can be found at the beginning of this report.

The County Executive Committee has continued to meet regularly in order to effectively manage the charity and support the County Commissioner in fulfilling the requirements of his appointment. At Executive Committee meetings Trustees regularly receive financial and compliance reporting to exercise their duties along with regular oversight of the strategy for the County.

Digital Tools

The County continues to support the delivery of programme by providing Online Scout Manager licenses to all sections. There are currently 335 sections using GLNE-issued OSM licenses out of an approximate 380 sections.

Alongside this, the County have continued to deliver volunteer learning remotely due to the popular nature of the sessions, utilising the Microsoft 365 tools that have been put in place as well as finding new and innovative ways of engaging with volunteers online.

National Strategy

During May 2022, representatives of the County attended the national strategy conference Basecamp to learn more about the upcoming changes to the structures of the movement. The County representatives learned about updates to the membership system, the appointment and welcoming process, roles and role titles alongside the importance of becoming a more diverse and inclusive movement.

Since the conference, the County Team have been analysing the information and working to determine how the new structures could be adopted in GLNE Scouts to best support volunteers and young people during their time at Scouts.

Recognising Achievement

The County is allocated 126 Achievement Awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation (JPF) each year to distribute fairly to young people aged 11-25 years for their achievements. The award comes with a £300 prize from JPF for

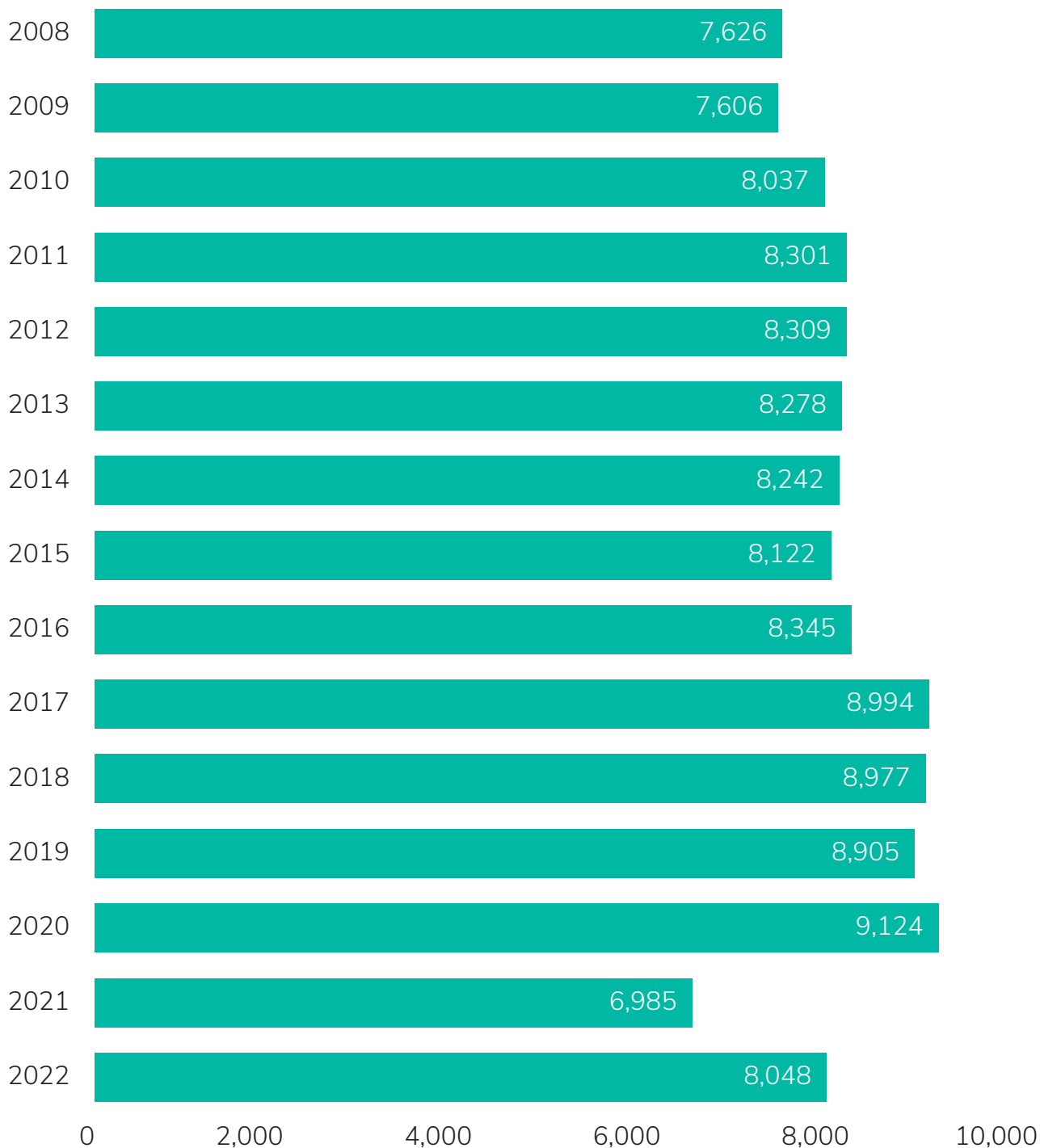
the Group or Unit to work with the recipient of the award to decide on how to best spend the prize. This can often result in new camping equipment for the Group/Unit, or can be used to fund an activity or experience for the young people in the Group/Unit.

Additionally, JPF also recognise the County with Leader Awards for the services volunteers are making to the lives of young people. Six leaders from across GLNE were recipients to this award and were offered the Leaders Award Grant of up to £1,000 per recipient of the award for a project of their choice.

Overall, the County received £37,800 in donations from the JPF to be used by young people and £5,350 for the Leaders Award Grant. This support to recognise young people and volunteers has always been greatly welcomed by the County and Trustees thank JPF for their support over the 21 year partnership.

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

The below graph shows the County's membership figures over the last few years. We are pleased to see an increase of 1063 young people since the significant drop through the pandemic



The Annual Report on pages 05 to 13 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Gareth Jones
County Chair

27/02/2023

William Parry
County Treasurer

27/02/2023





ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review

The County's principal source of unrestricted income is the levy charged as part of the annual membership fee. This provides the County with funds which are used to support the growth and development of Scouting within GLNE and to meet the County's operating costs. During the reporting period, the County collected this levy through March and April 2022. In addition, the County ordinarily receives payments from London over the Border Guides for their use of the County Centre, however this arrangement is currently under negotiation.

Due to the timing of the County's membership income, the April 2022 income will be used for the 2023 financial year. The recovery of membership numbers within the County has led to an increase in the membership fee income when compared to the year ended 31 August 2021. The Board of Trustees will continue to monitor the levels of unrestricted income and may make the decision to increase this with funds from the County's reserves. This decision will be made by the County Executive with due reference to the County's reserves policy and available reserves. Other income collected over the period typically relates to specific activities, events or projects. This includes registrations for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the County water activities days at the Docklands Scout Project. The £8,594 income is net of a debtor balance of £31,852 which was received post year end on 28 December 2022.

The County coordinates the Jack Petchey Award Scheme for Groups and Explorer Scout Units within GLNE. Funds received from the Jack Petchey Foundation are paid to those Groups and Units which have made successful nominations for awards for their young people. During the period, the County also began preparations for the World Scout Jamboree being hosted in South Korea in August 2023. Refer to note 5 for further details.

Over the reporting period, a majority of the County's expenditure has related to the running costs of the County Centre, as well as other governance related costs such as the continued payments to Hornchurch District for the County Administrator, insurance and the Independent Examination of the accounts. As discussed above, the continuation of most training modules being run digitally has led to reduced costs associated with this area.

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Impact of the coronavirus pandemic

At the time of signing these financial statements, the County has returned to face-to-face Scouting activities in line with Government and The Scout Association guidance. Based on this, the County Trustees have considered whether it is appropriate to sign these accounts on a going concern basis. Having reviewed financial plans and cash flow forecasts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they believe that the going concern basis remains the appropriate basis on which to prepare the financial statements. At this point in time, the County sees no reason why the 2023 membership fee would not be collected and, as discussed in the "Review" section, the 2022 membership fee will be used for the 2023 financial year. Any requirements for additional money may be met from the County's reserves, but always with due consideration to the reserves policy and reserves position of the County.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

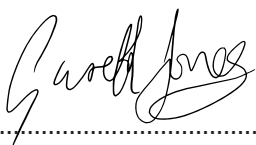
Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short. The County Board of Trustees has reviewed the reserve policy and considers that the County should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months base running costs, circa £30,000 based on historic trends. This reflects that the county receives the majority of its unrestricted income when it collects the annual membership fee and associated levy. As at 31 August 2022, the County held unrestricted reserves of £125,959. This is above the level required for operating expenses and the surplus will be utilised for the development of Scouting within the County.

Investment Policy

All the County's funds are held in cash using a mainstream bank, shown on page 6. The County Board of Trustees regularly monitor the balances within its bank accounts, as well as the distribution of bank accounts. As the County has not been required to utilise its reserves for a number of years, it continues to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements by investing surplus funds as may be appropriate.

The financial statements on pages 20 to 26 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Gareth Jones
County Chair

27/02/2023



William Parry
County Treasurer

27/02/2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Greater London North East County Scout Council

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Greater London North East County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

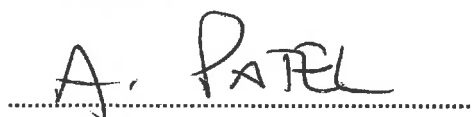
Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

The accounts do not accord with those records. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Prestons & Jacksons Partnership
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Date: 27/02/2023



Anwer Patel
Independent Examiner

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 August 2022

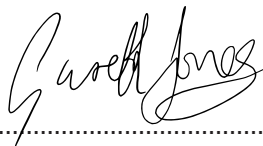
			Year Ended 31 Aug 22	Year Ended 31 Aug 21
	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
RECEIPTS				
Donations and legacies		8,594	40,856	49,450
Other charitable activities	2	1,064	118,682	119,747
Total Receipts		9,658	159,538	169,197
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities				
Charitable activity		9,488	-	9,488
Training		97	-	97
Jack Petchey Foundation grants		-	42,503	42,503
World Scout Jamboree		-	79,682	79,682
Other activities		-	31,016	31,016
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh		687	2,557	3,244
Governance Costs				
County centre		3,392	-	3,392
Insurance		3,139	-	3,139
Annual General Meeting		-	-	-
Other governance costs		2,928	-	2,928
Total Payments		19,731	155,758	175,489
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		(10,073)	3,780	(6,293)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward		136,032	15,453	151,485
Total Funds Carried Forward		125,959	19,233	145,192

SUMMARY OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	31 Aug 22 Total Funds (£)	31 Aug 21 Total Funds (£)
CASH FUND					
Cash at bank		125,959	19,233	145,192	151,485
Total Cash Funds		125,959	19,233	145,192	151,485
SPLIT OF CASH FUNDS					
	5				
Unrestricted funds				125,959	136,032
Restricted funds				19,233	15,453
TOTAL CASH FUNDS				145,192	151,485

The financial statements on pages 20 to 26 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Gareth Jones
County Chair

27/02/2023



William Parry
County Treasurer

27/02/2023

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on receipts and payments basis.

Receipts

All income is recognised in the Summary of Receipts and Payments once the charity receives the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from Membership Fees is accounted for on net received basis of the amount payable to The Scout Association, the amount included in the financial statements is the net amount received by GLNE.

Payments

Expenses are recognised on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going Concern

Having reviewed financial plans and cash flow forecasts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they believe that the going concern basis remains the appropriate basis on which to prepare the financial statements.

2. Other Trading Activities

	Year Ended 31 Aug 22 (£)	Year Ended 31 Aug 21 (£)
World Scout Jamboree	83,017	-
Other Activities	36,729	23,966
Total	119,746	£23,966

3. Trustees' Remuneration & Benefits

Trustees' Remuneration

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 (year ended 31 August 2021: nil).

Trustees' Expenses

There were £294 of Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 (year ended 31 August 2021: £442).

4. Comparatives for the Statements of Receipts & Payments

	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
RECEIPTS			
Donations and legacies	35,588	37,326	72,914
Other charitable activities	898	23,068	23,966
Total Receipts	36,486	60,394	96,880
PAYMENTS			
<i>Charitable Activities</i>			
Charitable activity	15,767	-	15,767
Training	220	-	220
Jack Petchey Foundation grants	-	36,451	36,451
World Scout Jamboree	-	498	498
Other activities	-	104	104
Top awards and Duke of Edinburgh	310	3,295	3,605
<i>Governance Costs</i>			
County centre	5,530	-	5,530
Insurance	3,113	-	3,113
Annual General Meeting	-	-	-
Other governance costs	4,002	-	4,002
Total Payments	28,942	40,348	69,290
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	7,544	20,046	27,590
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward	128,488	(4,593)	123,895
Total Funds Carried Forward	136,032	15,453	151,485

5. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Sep 21 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 22 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	136,032	(10,073)	-	125,959
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	15,453	3,780	-	19,233
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	151,485	(6,293)	-	145,192

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	9,658	(19,731)	(10,073)
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	159,538	(155,758)	3,780
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	169,197	(175,489)	(6,293)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1 Sep 20 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 21 (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General Funds	128,488	7,544	-	136,032
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Restricted funds	(4,593)	20,046	-	15,453
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	123,895	27,590	-	151,485

5. Movement in Funds - Continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds	36,486	(28,942)	7,544
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Restricted funds	60,394	(40,348)	20,046
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	96,880	(69,290)	27,590

Restricted Reserve Analysis

	31 Aug 22 (£)	31 Aug 21 (£)
NAME OF FUND		
Jack Petchey Foundation Grants	13,542	15,189
World Scout Jamboree	4,536	1,201
Surplus on Other Activities	1,155	(937)
TOTAL	19,233	15,453

The Jack Petchey Foundation Grants are funds awarded to the Scout Groups/Units of individuals who show outstanding achievements during the year and are administered in accordance with the requirements of the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The World Scout Jamboree fund consists of participant fees and fundraising used towards the expenses for the World Scout Jamboree that takes place once every four years. The surplus seen above will be used towards the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

The Other Activities fund consists of participant fees and fundraising for other events run by the County. As at 31 August 2022 this fund consisted of amounts relating to the European Scout Jamboree and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The European Jamboree was cancelled in the prior year and the remaining balance relating to this of £519 is expected to be released for other purposes in the next financial year. The balance on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme fund was a deficit of £636, which is included in "Surplus on Other Activities".

6. Related Party Disclosure

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022 (year ended 31 August 2021: nil).





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I am pleased to introduce my third full annual report as Greater London North East's (GLNE) County Commissioner. The 2020/21 Financial Year has seen continued challenges for the entire County. Moving in and out of lockdowns caused by the unprecedented situation posed by the coronavirus pandemic has made returning to face-to-face Scouting extremely difficult. However, I have been inspired by the passion shown by volunteers and amazed by how they have adapted and dealt with these ever-changing circumstances to deliver Scouting for the benefit of Young People in GLNE.

With the uncertainties of the pandemic the County continued to provide training digitally, receiving positive feedback and continued engagement with online resources. It has been another difficult year for Scouting, but we have been able to use this as an opportunity to improve our structures to allow for better support. You can read more about the County's activities later in this Annual Report.

This year more than ever, I would like to thank everyone who is making Scouting a success throughout GLNE. Through working together we have been able to bounce back over the summer months to ensure that we can support more Young People through Scouts.

Lee Clark
County Commissioner

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CHARITY DETAILS

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of Greater London North East (GLNE) County Scout Council for the year ended 31 August 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.

Charity Name	Greater London North East County Scout Council
Other Names	Greater London North East Scouts GLNE Scouts
Registered Charity Number	1025705
Scout Association Registration Number	137 10000101
Charity Principal Operating Address	437 Wanstead Park Road, Ilford, IG1 3TT
Charity Registered Address	34 Otley Drive, Ilford, IG2 6SL
Bankers	Metro Bank plc, One Southampton Row, WC1B 5HA TSB Bank plc, 797-799 High Rd Leytonstone, Bushwood, London, E11 4QS (Until 03/2021)
Independent Examiners	Prestons and Jacksons Partnership LLP, Chartered Accountants 364-368 Cranbrook Road, Ilford, IG2 6HY

County President and Vice-Presidents

President:	Lieutenant Colonel Roderick Morris TD DL OBE (Hackney)
Vice-Presidents:	Colonel Paul Acda TD DL Mr John Barber DL (Newham) Colonel Mark Bryant MBE DL (Havering) Mr Thomas Chan DL (Redbridge) Mr Alan Dennison Major Jeremy Fern TD DL (Waltham Forest) Colonel Stephen Foakes TD DL The Right Reverend Peter Hill Mr Dean Jefferys Mr Leslie Morgan OBE DL (Tower Hamlets) Sir Jack Petchey CBE Mr Ian Pittaway BEM DL (Barking and Dagenham) Mr Paul Trayler Mrs Joan Walker Miss Barbara Westcott MBE

Board of Trustees

County Commissioner	The Reverend Lee Clark
County Chair	Mr Paul Danvers (until 20/02/2021)
County Chair (Acting)	Mr Gareth Jones (from 16/03/2021)
Deputy County Chair	Mr Robert Cashman (resigned 06/01/2021)
County Treasurer	Mr William Parry
County Secretary	Vacant
Trustees	Mrs Doreen Neun Mr Alan Towler Mr Malcolm Wetherell Mr Paul Danvers (from 20/02/2021) Miss Amy Ruder (from 20/02/2021; resigned 24/08/2021) Mr Steve Hewitt (from 20/02/2021)

GOVERNANCE

Governing Document

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Charity Constitution

The County is a trust established under the rules of The Scout Association which are common to all Scouts in the United Kingdom.

Trustee Selection

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Policies and Procedures

The County is managed by the County Executive Committee, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout County which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of the County Chair, Acting County Chair, Deputy County Chair, County Treasurer and County Secretary together with the County Commissioner, four to six members elected by the County Scout Council, four to six members nominated by the County Commissioner (the number of which must not exceed the number elected by the County Scout Council), and any further members co-opted by the Committee (the number of which must not exceed the number elected by the County Scout Council). The Regional Commissioner for the Greater London Scout Region has a right of attendance at meetings of the County Executive Committee.

Members of the Executive Committee complete Module 1 Essential Information, Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within the first 5 months of joining the Committee.

The County Executive Committee exists to support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. It meets formally at least five times a year.

Members of the Executive Committee must act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout County, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the County.
- Manage the County finances.
- Organising relevant insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement national Safety and Safeguarding Policies locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-Committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-committees.
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the County.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Districts, the County Scout Network and Scout Active Support Units in the County as necessary.
- Appoint and manage the operation of an Appointments Advisory Committee, including appointing an Appointments Committee Chair to lead it.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees routinely monitor the County's key risks and put in place measures to manage them appropriately. The Trustees have identified the following as the potential key risks faced by the charity:

A safeguarding incident involving Scouting members. This is mitigated through following The Scout Association's adult appointment process which includes carrying out DBS checks for those performing regulated activity; a national vetting process; and a clear system for reporting concerns. Volunteers are required to complete mandatory safeguarding training within the timeframes set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Training completion and renewal is monitored by the County Executive through monthly reporting. During the year, there was continued improved compliance with mandatory safeguarding training and renewal.

Risk to the health and safety of Scouting members. This is mitigated through mandatory safety training for volunteers, which is monitored by the County Executive at each meeting through the County Commissioner, and includes regular reporting of completion and renewal data to key line managers; adherence to the requirements of the adventurous activity permit scheme; and following the provisions of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. During the year, there was continued improved compliance with mandatory safety training and renewal.

Routine checks have been carried out at the County Centre during periods of disuse through the Coronavirus pandemic to protect the health and safety of those who will use the building when return to face-to-face Scouting occurred.

A significant reduction in income resulting from decreased youth membership. This is mitigated by the County working closely with Groups and Districts to support them to grow and develop Scouting locally. The County provides support for specific elements of the programme and runs schemes to

recognise the achievements of young people in order to maintain engagement. The County delivers training to enable adult volunteers to deliver high quality Scouting and recognises the contributions of volunteers through schemes run by The Scout Association and external bodies.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the periods of suspension of face-to-face Scouting, the County has seen a significant decrease in membership of 2,166, 24%. As of the end 2021, the County has begun to see membership increase. Due to this, the Trustees hope to see improvements in the FY 2022-23.

Due to the reduction in the County's operational costs over the course of the pandemic, the County's financial risk due to a reduction in youth membership has been mitigated to manageable levels for the Financial Year 2021-2022.

Internal Controls. The County also has in place systems of internal financial control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and regular reviews of the financial position and expenditure of the County at the County Executive meetings.

The County has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. These include insurance for non-members attending Scouting activities and events.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The charity's objective is 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.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.

Charity Activities

Scouting is open to all young people who are between the ages of four and 25, irrespective of their background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, financial status, political or religious beliefs.

The Scout County incorporates the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. Scouting is delivered to our members through sections and Groups within the Districts which cover these Boroughs. The County's role is to offer leadership and support to the Groups and Districts within its area of operation. It does this through supporting the development of Scouting, the provision of training and other services, and the running of events and activities for young people.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that the Charity's aims are for the public benefit.

The Trustees' assessment is that Greater London North East County Scout Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

CHARITY ACHIEVEMENTS

The past year has seen Scouting continue to face disruption in providing programme to young people. The challenges faced by the Coronavirus pandemic have been on-going and restricted the amount of face-to-face Scouting that has been possible. These challenges have seen a 24% reduction in GLNE's membership in January 2021 but positive signs of a bounce back within the summer. Having said this, the County has continued to support its Districts where necessary and continued its strategy for enhancing the operation of the County.

People

Enhancing remote learning. Due to the pandemic the Training Team, led by Karen Notaro, transitioned from in person training courses to remote learning through Microsoft Teams. Throughout the year the Training Team have been adapting the scheduling of the courses based on the demand for those that are needed across the County. Alongside this the County Training Team have continued to enhance the learning experience through making regular updates to the training courses based on the feedback provided. They have also been working to make validation simpler through testing online quizzes to streamline the process for volunteers in the County.

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues to disrupt regular operating models, it has meant that completing First Aid requirements has been difficult. The County Training Team worked hard to support the remote delivery of the majority of the First Aid qualification, then switching to deliver the remainder of the courses when face-to-face Scouting resumed. Since then the Training Team began alternating the delivery of the courses to ensure volunteers were able to complete the course in a timely manner.

Recognising young people and volunteers through the Jack Petchey Awards. The County continues to be supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation through allowing the County to

take part in its scheme recognising young people and leaders for over twenty years. In the period 126 Achievement Awards were provided across the Districts for those aged 11-25. Each winner is awarded with not only a medallion and certificate but £250 to spend within their Scout Group, typically on equipment or an activity for the Group. The value of these awards in full equate to £31,500 a year to support the development of young people and GLNE would like to thank the Jack Petchey Foundation for their continued support.

Furthermore, the Jack Petchey Foundation support recognition for Leaders who demonstrated, in an outstanding way, an ability to encourage and motivate young people aged 11-25 in London or Essex. Last year six Leaders were nominated and received the award resulting in up to £1,000 each for a project of their choosing and resulted in £5,300 in total.

Improving volunteer compliance with appointments and training requirements. This has continued to be a core focus for the County Team and County Executive. At the beginning of each month Districts receive a compliance report detailing the volunteers that are non-compliant helping to alleviate the administration for Districts. This focus has ensured that non-compliance of our mandatory ongoing learning of Safety and Safeguarding is consistently below 10% with the vast majority of Districts below 5% non-compliance; working towards a target of no more than 2% of volunteers non-compliant. Progress continues to be made tackling other training compliance areas such as First Aid, Getting Started Training and Woodbadge completion.

Adapting to hybrid Scouting. This year has been difficult for both volunteers and young people to engage with Scouting. Towards the end of 2020 and early 2021, the Country found itself in another national lockdown placing several restrictions on the ability to conduct face-to-face Scouting. Volunteers across

the County have shown great resilience and determination to provide programme for young people in a frequently changing environment. As we saw at the beginning of the pandemic, volunteers made huge efforts to take Scouting online and have once again made the same efforts to grapple with hybrid Scouting. As a result, the County has become more adaptable to utilising both in person and online meetings becoming more effective and saving time. With this transformation in mind, it is an appropriate time to thank all volunteers for their efforts, perseverance and hard work to support young people when they have needed Scouting now more than ever before.

Programme

Recognising the achievements of young people within GLNE. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic it has not been possible to hold ceremony awards evenings to celebrate these achievements. Ordinarily, the young people who achieve their Top Awards in all sections are provided with the opportunity to attend an awards evening. Throughout the pandemic the County have continued to collect the relevant data for the Top Award holders to issue certificates for the Districts to distribute to the young people themselves. The celebration for these achievements are currently conducted locally whilst the pandemic is on-going.

International activities. In April 2020 it was announced that the European Jamboree would be postponed to August 2021. In September of 2020 the County conducted a recruitment drive to fill the remaining spaces in the European Jamboree Contingent caused by the postponement of the event caused by the pandemic. In November 2020 it was then announced that the European Jamboree would be cancelled.

Since the cancellation of the event, the County have been working tirelessly to organise insurance claims to refund participants costs associated with the event. By the year end, participants had not yet received refunds, however, organisation of a partial refund that equated to approximately 50% of the cost for participants. The County Executive have been working closely with insurers and

communicating regularly with participants on the remainder which has been held up due to a dispute between third party providers and the insurers.

Towards the end of the financial year the County has worked towards preparing for the next World Scout Jamboree, held in South Korea in 2023. For the first time, GLNE Scouts have been provided with one and three quarter units (the remainder of the second unit allocated to London And South East Region Guides). By the year end two Unit Leaders were appointed for the units with the appointments of the remainder completed after the year end.

Supporting the programme. The County continues to support the programme within the County by providing Online Scout Manager licenses to all sections. During the year ended August 2021, around 330 sections were using the GLNE-issued OSM, which marks an increase from 300 in August 2020.

Developing Scouting in GLNE

Strengthening the foundations of the County. It has been a focus of the County to ensure that the structures of the how the County operates are correct to be able to support the growth of Scouting. It has been recognised that with Districts of smaller membership it becomes difficult to ensure a full District Team to support Groups across the District as well as apply for Borough based funding. With this in mind, the County has worked hard re-organise the Districts into ones of somewhat comparable membership and alignment to the London Boroughs where possible.

Some time ago the District of Waltham Forest was formed from the previous two Districts of Chingford and Waltham Forest South. This merger of the two has been a success and seen Scouting grow stronger within the District. Within this financial year, the County has predominantly focused on supporting the merger of Epping Forest South, Ilford East and Ilford North West into Redbridge District, which has its inaugural meeting just after the year end in September 2021. Epping Forest South and Ilford North West began the merger by first operating as one entity, however, as

two separate charities from a governance perspective. The success of working together was strongly apparent to volunteers and as Redbridge, Ilford East will gain the benefits from working together.

This method has paved the way for the final expected merger to happen between Barking & Dagenham and Newham. Towards the year end, both Districts were beginning the journey of operating as one District with the view to a full merger occurring within the next financial year.

Supporting the growth of Scouting. Following a difficult year through the pandemic, the County saw a large reduction in its membership from 9,124 in 2020 to 6,958 in 2021. This 24% reduction in membership (28% reduction in young people and 11% reduction in adult volunteers) was similar across the country. However, throughout 2021 the return of face-to-face Scouting brought a little hope, anecdotally seeing more young people engage with face-to-face than with online. Over the summer months there appeared to be a bounce back, not to the former numbers the County had, but a positive direction given the continued effects of the pandemic.

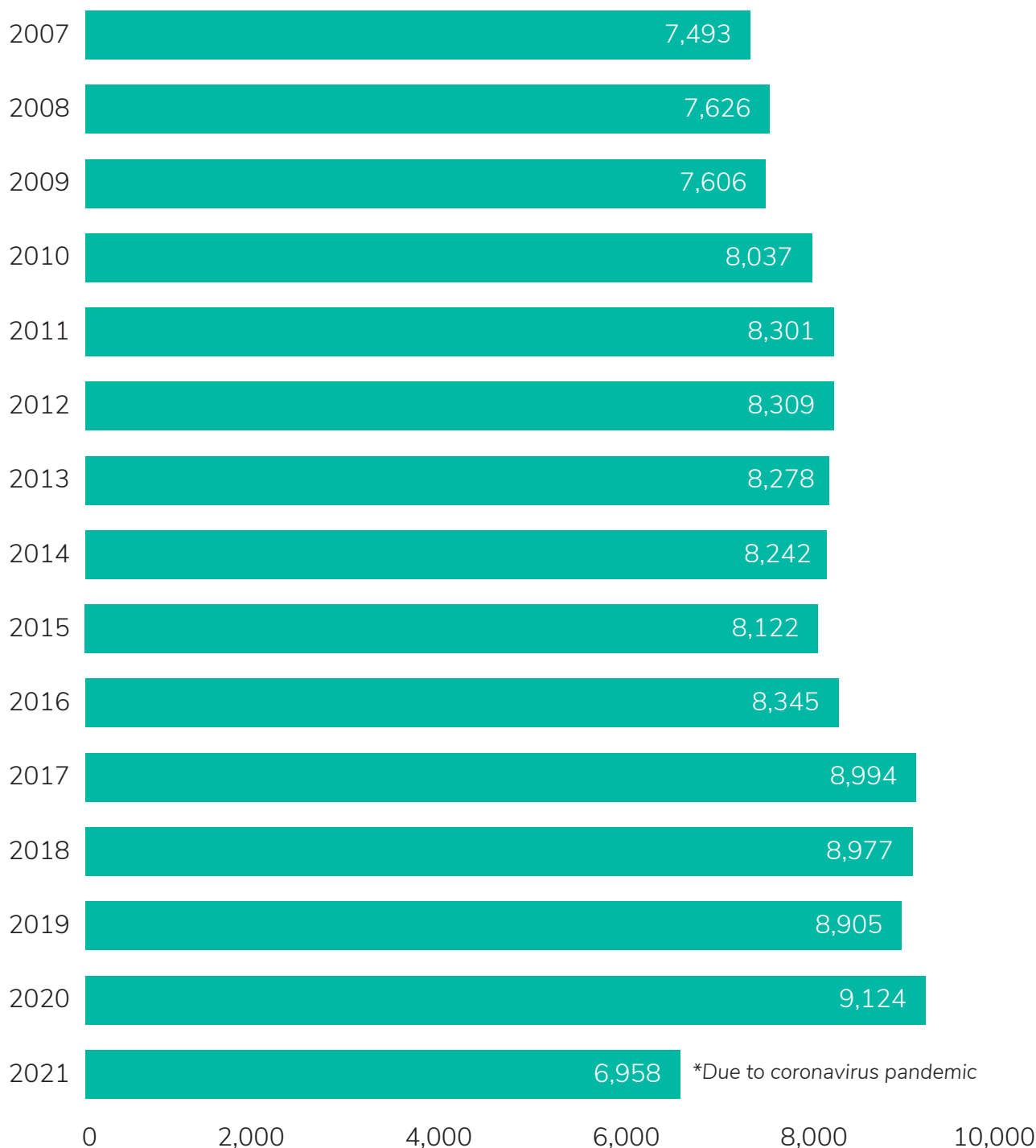
Using digital tools to support volunteers. Over the course of the pandemic the County and much of the world has entered into a new normal with the use of digital tools. In the previous year, the County made the decision to switch from Google Suite as its main provider to Microsoft Office 365 (O365). This has been a major shift in the way that the County has worked and has become integral to its operation. The County has become much more collaborative in the way it works with these tools ensuring that all volunteers with a County role have access to the digital tools.

On top of the O365 tools, the County also utilises a Zoom license, provided by The Scout Association through the partnership with Zoom, to ensure the most efficient tools are available depending on the event. Other tools such as the website and Eventbrite continue to be utilised for training purposes as has been normal practice prior to the pandemic.

Enhancing governance and financial management. Furthering the work from the previous year, the County has completed work to close an additional legacy bank account, details of which are stated under Charity Details of this report. The purpose of this work is to ensure that Metro Bank is the sole provider of banking services for the County.

The County Executive has continued to meet regularly in order to effectively manage the charity and support the County Commissioner in fulfilling the requirements of his appointment. At Executive Committee meetings trustees regularly receive financial and compliance reporting to exercise their duties along with regular oversight over the strategy for the County.

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES



The Annual Report on pages 05 to 14 was authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Gareth Jones
County Chair (Acting)
18/02/2022

William Parry
County Treasurer
18/02/2022



Annual Financial Accounts

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review

The County's principal source of unrestricted income is the levy charged as part of the annual membership fee. This provides the County with funds which are used to support the growth and development of Scouting within GLNE and to meet the County's operating costs. During the reporting period, the County collected this levy in April 2021. In addition, the County ordinarily receives payments from London over the Border Guides for their use of the County Centre, however, given the Coronavirus pandemic this remains low over this financial year.

Due to the timing of the County's membership income, the April 2021 income will be used for the 2022 financial year. The reduction in the County membership numbers means that it is likely the County will need to top up the income with money built up into reserves. This decision will be made by the County Executive with due reference to the County's reserves policy and available reserves. Other income collected over the period typically relates to specific activities, events or projects. This includes registrations for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and the County water activities days at the Docklands Scout Project.

The County coordinates the Jack Petchey Award Scheme for Groups and Explorer Scout Units within GLNE. Funds received from the Jack Petchey Foundation are paid to those Groups and Units which have made successful nominations for awards for their Young People. During the period, the County also continued to coordinate fees for the European Scout Jamboree. After the date of the FY21 year end, being the 31 August 2021, the European Jamboree was cancelled. The County has since been managing the process of refunds to participants. This has been heavily impacted by delays from third parties which has been outside the control of the County. Post-balance sheet date, these refunds have begun to be paid based on the value received from insurers.

The County Executive is now working with the insurance company to ensure the remainder of the value can be paid in due course. The details for these refunds will be visible in the FY 2021-22 Annual Report and Accounts.

Over the reporting period, the majority of County expenditure has related to the running costs of the County Centre as well as other governance related costs such as the continued payments to Hornchurch District for the County Administrator, insurance and the independent examination of the accounts. As discussed above, the cessation of face-to-face Scouting meant that costs associated with training continue to be reduced due to digital training.

The accounts have been prepared on receipts and payments basis.

Impact of the coronavirus pandemic

At the time of signing these financial statements, the County has returned to face-to-face Scouting activities in line with Government and The Scout Association guidance. Based on this, the County Trustees have considered whether it is appropriate to sign these accounts on a Going Concern basis. The Trustees have determined that it is appropriate for these accounts to be prepared on a Going Concern basis as the Charity has sufficient funds to meet its financial obligations for the foreseeable future and at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. The County will keep abreast of the latest Government and The Scout Association guidelines when planning any future events. At this point in time, the County sees no reason why the 2022 membership fee would not be collected and, as discussed in the "review" section, the 2021 membership fee will be used for the 2022 financial year. Any requirements for additional money may be met from the County's reserves, but at all times due consideration will be given to the reserves policy and reserves position of the County.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

Reserves Policy

The County's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the County should income and fundraising activities fall short. The County Executive Committee has reviewed the reserve policy and considers that the County should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months base running costs, circa £30,000. This reflects that the county receives the majority of its unrestricted income when it collects the annual membership fee and associated levy. As at 31 August 2021, the County held unrestricted reserves of £136,032. This is above the level required for operating expenses and surplus aimed to being utilised for the development of Scouting within the County.

Investment Policy

All the County's funds are held in cash using mainstream banks, listed on page 6. The County Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances, as well as the distribution of bank accounts. As the County has not been required to utilise its reserves due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, the County Executive will now look to ensure the County obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements by investing surplus funds as may be appropriate. The County Executive will seek to ensure that investment deposits are spread across institutions to mitigate the risk of loss associated with investments. The County may use accounts that require a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, but before doing so the County Executive will consider the County's cashflow requirements.

The financial statements on pages 20 to 26 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Gareth Jones
County Chair (Acting)
18/02/2022



William Parry
County Treasurer
18/02/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Greater London North East County Scout Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Greater London North East County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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

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

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Date: 18/2/22


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Anwer Patel
Independent Examiner

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the Year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021

Year Ended
31 Aug 21 Year Ended
31 Aug 20

	Notes	Unrestricted fund (£)	Restricted fund (£)	Total funds (£)	Total funds (£)
RECEIPTS					
Donations and Legacies		35,588	37,326	72,914	94,477
Other Trading Activities	2	898	23,068	23,966	38,133
Total Receipts		36,486	60,394	96,880	132,610
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Activities					
Charitable Activity		15,767	-	15,767	11,969
Training		220	-	220	2,476
Jack Petchey Foundation Grants		-	36,451	36,451	36,519
World Scout Jamboree		-	498	498	4,953
Other Activities		-	104	104	46,840
Top Awards and Duke of Edinburgh		310	3,295	3,605	4,484
Governance Costs					
County Centre		5,530	-	5,530	6,411
Insurance		3,113	-	3,113	3,360
Annual General Meeting		-	-	-	-
Other Governance Costs		4,002	-	4,002	3,065
Total Payments		28,942	40,348	69,290	120,077
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		7,544	20,046	27,590	12,533
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds Brought Forward		128,488	(4,593)	123,895	111,362
Total Funds Carried Forward		136,032	15,453	151,485	123,895

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2021

			31 Aug 21	31 Aug 20
	Notes	Unrestricted fund (£)	Restricted fund (£)	Total funds (£)
CASH FUND				
Cash at Bank		136,032	15,453	151,485
Total Cash Funds		136,032	15,453	151,485
SPLIT OF CASH FUNDS				
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Unrestricted Funds			136,032	128,488
Restricted Funds			15,453	(4,593)
Total Cash Funds			151,485	123,895

The financial statements on pages 20 to 26 were authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Gareth Jones
County Chair (Acting)
18/02/2022



William Parry
County Treasurer
18/02/2022

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on receipts and payments basis.

Receipts

All income is recognised in the Summary of Receipts and Payments once the charity receives the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from Membership Fees is accounted for on net received basis of the amount payable to The Scout Association, the amount included in the financial statements is the net amount received by GLNE.

Payments

Expenses are recognised on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going Concern

As with other organisations, the Charity has been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. At the time of signing these financial statements the County has started to return to a form of regular operation of its activities, however, continues to adjust its activities in-line with public health guidance. There has been minimal impact on income for FY21, as the County receives a majority of its unrestricted income via the County levy which was calculated in Jan 20 and charged when it collects the annual membership fees on behalf of Headquarters in March/April each year. There is reduced County levy income in FY22 due to the reduction in youth membership when recorded in January 21. The charity has sufficient funds to meet its financial obligations for the foreseeable future and period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. GLNE has a reasonable expectation that it will be able to collect its annual levy in 2022. As such, the Financial Statement have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. Other Trading Activities

	Year Ended 31 Aug 21 (£)	Year Ended 31 Aug 20 (£)
World Scout Jamboree	-	2,900
Other Activities	23,966	35,229
Bank Interest	-	4
Total	23,966	38,133

3. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Trustees' Remuneration

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 (year ended 31 August 2020: nil).

Trustees' Expenses

There were £442 Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 (year ended 31 August 2020: £969).

4. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Fund (£)	Restricted Fund (£)	Total Funds (£)
RECEIPTS			
Donations and Legacies	58,125	36,352	94,477
Other Trading Activities	3,720	34,413	38,133
Total Receipts	61,845	70,765	132,610
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Activities			
Charitable Activity	11,969	-	11,969
Training	2,476	-	2,476
Jack Petchey Foundation Grants	-	36,519	36,519
World Scout Jamboree	-	4,953	4,953
Other Activities	1,645	45,195	46,840
Top Awards and Duke of Edinburgh	1,673	2,811	4,484
Governance costs			
County Centre	6,411	-	6,411
Insurance	3,360	-	3,360
Other Governance Costs	3,065	-	3,065
Total	30,599	89,478	120,077
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	31,249	(18,713)	12,533
Transfer Between Funds	24,800	(24,800)	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward	72,442	38,920	111,362
Total Funds Carried Forward	128,488	(4,593)	123,895

5. Movement in Funds

	At 1 Sep 20 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 21 (£)
Unrestricted Fund				
General Funds	128,488	7,544	-	136,032
Restricted Fund				
Restricted Fund	(4,593)	20,046	-	15,453
Total Cash Funds	123,895	27,590	-	151,485

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
Unrestricted Fund			
General Fund	36,486	(28,942)	7,544
Restricted Fund			
Restricted Fund	60,394	(40,348)	20,046
Total Cash Funds	96,880	(69,290)	27,590

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1 Apr 19 (£)	Net Movement in Funds (£)	Transfers Between Funds (£)	At 31 Aug 20 (£)
Unrestricted Fund				
General Fund	72,442	31,246	24,800	128,488
Restricted Fund				
Restricted Fund	38,920	(18,713)	(24,800)	(4,593)
Total Funds	111,362	12,533	-	123,895

5. Movement in Funds - Continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources (£)	Resources Expended (£)	Movement in Funds (£)
Unrestricted Fund			
General Fund	61,845	(30,599)	31,246
Restricted Fund			
Restricted Fund	70,765	(89,478)	(18,713)
Total Funds	132,610	(120,077)	12,533

Restricted Reserves Analysis

	31 Aug 21 (£)	31 Aug 20 (£)
Name of Fund		
Jack Petchey Foundation Grants	15,189	14,314
World Scout Jamboree	1,201	1,699
Surplus on Other Activities	(937)	(20,606)
Total	15,453	(4,593)

The Jack Petchey Foundation Grants are funds awarded to the Scout Groups/Units of individuals who show outstanding achievements during the year and are administered in accordance with the requirements of the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The World Scout Jamboree fund consists of participant fees and fundraising used towards the expenses for the World Scout Jamboree that takes place once every four years. The surplus seen above will be used towards the 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

The Other Activities fund consists of participant fees and fundraising for other events run by the County. As at 31 August 2021 this fund consisted of amounts relating to the European Scout Jamboree and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The deficit on the restricted fund is comprised partly of a surplus on the European Scout Jamboree (£87). During the financial year, the event was cancelled and the County has been managing the process of refunds to participants. This small surplus does not take into account the value due to be received from the event insurance, which will be paid out to participants to cover the payments made towards the event.

The balance on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme fund was a deficit of £1,024, which is included in "Surplus on Other Activities".

6. Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021 (year ended 31 August 2020: nil).





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