

Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council
Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

	Start date				End date		
From	1	1	2023	To	31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council

Registered charity number (if any)

1026244

Charity's principal address

2nd Leek Scouts

1A Clerk Bank

Leek ST13 5HB

Names of the Trustees

	Trustee name	Office/Position (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Lloyd	District Commissioner		County Commissioner
2	Susan Walley	District Chair	appointed October 2023	SMDSC
3	Derek Simkins	District Treasurer		SMDSC
4	Vacant	District Secretary		
5	Graham Deavall	Trustee		SMDSC
6	Philip Shemilt	Trustee		SMDSC
7	Adrian Ship	Trustee	appointed October 2023	SMDSC
8				
9				
10				
11				

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA	VAST, The Dudson Centre, Hope Street, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5DD

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council is an Exempt Charity.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The District Commissioner is appointed by the County Commissioner. All other trustees are either nominated by the District Commissioner and approved or directly elected at the Annual General Meeting of the charity.

Internal controls

How the charity manages risks (e.g. what internal controls it has)	<p>The District has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.</p> <p>During 2023 Trustees have reviewed internal financial controls (using form CC8) at board meetings, including specifying reserve policies for the District, as well as Consall Camp.</p> <p>All District bank accounts continue to be organised through the Unity Banking system which is ensuring greater clarity and allowing the Trustees improved financial risk management.</p>
Other governance matters	<p>Disclosure and Barring Service checks are carried out prior to the start of trusteeship. These checks are repeated every five years in line with POR.</p> <p>Trustees are required to undertake four mandatory training elements as a requirement of membership of the Scout Association. The four elements are Essential Information for Executive Committee Members; GDPR; Safety and Safeguarding. These elements are completed through online training and records are kept on Compass (The Scout Associations secure tool to keep track of adult members in the Association).</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the charity's aims

Included within this section is the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In January 2023, there were 339 young people (6-25 years) recorded as members on the 2023 Annual Census, significantly up from the previous year. comprising 107 Beaver Scouts (aged 6-8), 128 Cub Scouts (aged 8-10), 80 Scouts (aged 10-14) and 20 Explorer Scouts (aged 14-17).

The annual census also recorded 111 adult members, including governance roles.

Consequences of Coronavirus continued to affect Consall Camp and with rising inflation there was a significant impact on the cost of utilities and maintenance across the Camp. The Consall Management Group with the Executive worked on mitigating these rising costs and during the year a three-year development plan was established.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The District does not make grants to outside organisations.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Several District events took place during the year including a Cub and Scout Dragon Boating competition and the District Camp. The District camp had 150 Young People attend and 45 adults taking part in multiple activities.

J Wilcox attended the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, and

Section D

Achievements and performance

3 Explorer Scouts visited Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, with the County.

Over the year across all sections in the District there were 9 Bronze Chief Scout Awards, 16 Silver Chief Scout Awards, 5 Gold Chief Scout Awards and 1 Platinum Chief Scout Award.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

State the level of reserves and why they are held

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources in the current account to continue day to day running of all the charitable activities in the year, should income and fundraising fail to raise sufficient money to replace authorised expenditure.


The minimum reserves have been set at £15,000 for the year for Consall Scout Camp and £5,000 for the District in order to maintain a level sufficient to cover 12 months fixed cost expenses.

Total cash reserves at the year end were £46,617 (2023: £57,079).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
Full names	Susan Walley
Position	District Chair
Date	10 th September 2024

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Staffordshire Moorlands District Scout Council 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 accounting 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.

Signed



Date 24/09/2024

Daryl Denson ACMA
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STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

Receipts and payments		2023	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	
	£	£	
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	£ 14,852	£ 13,968	
Campsite Income	£ 31,240	£ 36,052	
District income	£ 4,971	£ 4,779	
Explorer income	£ 1,936	£ 1,672	
Insurance claim	-	-	
refund from Scottish Power	-	-	
Donations and Legacies	£ 267	£ 1,045	
Other income	-	-	
Sub total	£ 53,266	£ 57,516	
Grants			
Covid grant inc Furlough scheme	-	£ 2,667	
Other grants	-	-	
Sub total		£ 2,667	
Fundraising (gross)			
Special Camps Moorjam	£ 6,665	-	
Korea Jamboree	£ 352	3,072	
Bagpacking	-	-	
Other fundraising activities	-	-	
Sub total	£ 7,017	3,072	
Investment income			
Bank interest	-	-	
Building Society interest	-	-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment	-	-	
Property Rent income	-	-	
Other investment income	-	-	
Sub total	£ -	£ -	
Total Gross Income	£ 60,283	£ 63,255	
Asset and investment sales, etc.			
	-	-	
Total receipts	£ 60,283	£ 63,255	

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts and payments

	2023	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National, County)	-£ 14,740	-£ 13,642
Youth programme and activities	-£ 3,658	-£ 4,491
Adult support and training	-£ 468	-£ 542
Rent	-£ 240	-£ 280
Water and Sewerage	-£ 2,564	-£ 2,788
Electricity and Gas	-£ 7,685	-£ 7,364
Insurance	-£ 3,703	-£ 3,586
Repairs and Renewals	-£ 6,211	-£ 6,891
Materials and equipment	-£ 1,747	-£ 6,742
Shop materials	-£ 1,172	-£ 1,384
Admin, Postage and printing	-£ 1,424	-£ 189
Employee costs	-£ 13,412	-£ 15,508
Other camp costs, rates, bins, forestry, phone	-£ 2,493	-£ 1,764
AGM, trustee expenses, Accounts	-£ 460	-£ 650
Bank and account fees	-£ 890	-£ 423
Camp Site Expenditure Costs 70th	-£ 653	-
Other costs - Korea Jamboree, Moorjam	-£ 8,671	-£ 2,431
Other costs - cleaning	-£ 303	-£ 606
Other costs - fuel, sundries	-£ 251	-£ 526
Sub total	-£ 70,745	-£ 69,807
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	-£ 70,745	-£ 69,807
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	-£ 70,745	-£ 69,807
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£ 10,462	-£ 6,552

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts and Payments Account

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
Cash funds				
Unity Bank current accounts	£	46,490	£	56,667
Building society account		-		-
Cash/Floats	£	127	£	412
Total cash funds	£	46,617	£	57,079
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim		-		-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-		-
Insurance claim		-		-
Sub total		-		-
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail		-		-
Quoted investments		-		-
Other investments - detail		-		-
Sub total		-		-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock		-		-
Shop stock	£	1,337		-
Other stock		-		-
Buildings Note 1	£	1,064,855	£	1,064,855
Motor vehicles	£	18,799	£	18,799
Scouting equipment, furniture etc Note 2	£	60,543	£	60,543
Other				
Sub total	£	1,145,534	£	1,144,197
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid (Jamboree Fees)	-£	123	-£	1,259
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		-		-
Subscriptions not yet paid		-		-
Amounts due to HMRC	-	208	-£	200
Other liabilities		-		-
Sub total	-£	331	-£	1,459

Note 1 - This is the (declared) insurance valuation of buildings owned by the charity but situated on land held in trust and not owned by the charity

Note 2 - This is the (declared) insurance valuation of equipment held by the District and fixtures and fittings at Consall

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on:

16/09/2024

and signed on their behalf by:-

Signature

Derek Simkins
 18, 2024 20:05 GMT+1)

Print Name

Derek Simkins









SMDSC Accounts for Signing

Final Audit Report

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