



WIMBLEDON & WANDLE
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2022

WIMBLEDON & WANDLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Section A

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number 1036432

Contact Name and Address:

R.A. Brumwell Esq,
15 Northcliffe Close
Worcester Park KT4 7DS

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity

Robert Brumwell	Chairman
Muriel Treagust	Secretary
Michelle Baker	District Commissioner
Dave Bixby	District Commissioner
David Coggins	Treasurer
Neil McLauchlan	Co-opted member
Keira Pearson	Network Commissioner
Deborah Carter	Explorer Commissioner

Elected Members

Dave Christmas
Andrew Hayward
Michael Mayhew
Peter Treagust

Nominated Members

Jean Gould
Peter Hutton
Abdul Mohidin

Bankers

The District Bank Accounts are held at
CafBank Ltd.,
West Malling,
Kent, ME19 4JQ

The District Sections and the Explorer Units have accounts in their own names at various other banks.

Custodian Trustees

The Scout Trust Corporation

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Section B

Type of governing document

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

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Governance

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District, 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 District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the District;
- The raising of funds and administration of District finance and property;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing a District Appointments sub-committee;
- Appointing any other sub-committees that are or may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors, other than those who are elected;
- The presentation of an Annual Report and Accounts;

Risk and Internal Control

The District Executive has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments which are all paid by cheque or direct transfer. All receipts are banked normally within 7 days of receipt

Section C

Objects and Activities

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based upon the Scout Promise and Law and guided by Adult leadership.

The District Scout Council's role is to offer leadership and support to the Scout Groups within a geographical area.

The District encompasses Groups throughout the London Borough of Merton.

The District meets the Charities Commission public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

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Public Benefit Statement:

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Main achievements during the year

These are set out by the District Commissioner and Chairman in their reports in the District Annual Report presented to the Annual General Meeting on the 5th July 2022.

Section E

Financial Review

At the end of the period cash reserves amounted to £318,436 in funds held by the District, these and other funds used by the various sections and Units are shown in note 7 to the accounts.

Charity's policy on reserves

The District's policy on reserves is to hold an amount, considered by the Trustees to be sufficient to provide support to the Groups as previously, in particular in the form of loans for capital expenditure, to cover expected maintenance costs on the District Headquarters and other properties.

In making decisions about Reserves the Executive tries to balance the history and legacy of the Funds now available and the needs today of Scouting in London Borough of Merton.

Atlasta Hall was the name of the 25th Mitcham Group HQ in Collingwood Gardens, Colliers Wood.

After the 25th Mitcham Group closed in the 1980s, the land and HQ reverted to the District in accordance with Scout Association policies. The Hall was then rented until the mid 2000's. In the absence of any other viable proposition, the decision was taken to put the land up for sale. The property was sold without Planning Permission in 2008, but with the intention that a GP Practice / Dental surgery would be built on the site. The sale proceeds of £150,000 are what we have now called the "Atlasta Fund".

The Fund has since existed to enable money to be loaned efficiently and effectively to Groups within the District for HQ improvements. Loans are interest free with repayment terms up to 15 years. The intention being that by funding immediate property improvement, income is then created by wider community use of our buildings. Approaching half of the "Atlasta" Funds has been lent to develop Scout owned buildings in Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon. All Groups are repaying on the terms originally agreed.

By March 2026, the District has to review the future of another inherited building named Kenneth Black Hall in Worple Road, Wimbledon. This consists of a hall, (let in 2006 for 20 years), 3 bed flat, storage and garages. The sole source of our income; is from rent of the Hall to Wimbledon Bridge Club and also the refurbished Flat; let since 2016 on an annual Assured Short hold Tenancy. The storage and all but one of the garages are used by the District for storage.

The building was erected as a memorial to Kenneth Black on land gifted to District by his elder brother Sir Cyril Black. Sir Cyril was a local philanthropist, former Kings College scholar, local MP and Mayor of Wimbledon who died in 1991. The hall was opened in 1957.

Charities Commission Rules require us in the approach to 2026 to survey/ value the building and take legal advice on the best course of action. Opportunities may then include: Selling the land for development; developing the land for ourselves.

The greater part of remaining Reserve Funds will be required for upkeep of Kenneth Black Hall until 2026. The gutters will continue to leak and the costs of replacement are prohibitive and uneconomic, until such time as we can decide whether to renew the Hall lease, demolish and start again or sell the land.

In the meantime, the balance of Reserves is set aside for the continuing renovation of our leased District Headquarters in Morden Hall Park. Use of this building and the surrounding land, provided free to Groups (most that do not have access to their own green space), has increased 10-fold since the works commenced.

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Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in long term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies and such accounts are regularly monitored to ensure the maximum value and income from such arrangements.

Future plans

The future plans are as contained in the District Development Plan and in the Financial Plan.

Volunteer Help

The value of the help and time given by over 400 Leaders, Helpers and Lay Officials who work tirelessly for the District and Groups cannot be evaluated and is not therefore shown in the accounts presented with this report. However, it is hereby acknowledged with gratitude.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees by

Signature: 

R.A. Brumwell Esq.
Chairman

Dated: - 1st June 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council**

Charity Number 1036432

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 9 and which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, The Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view".

Independent Examiner's Statement:

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

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

Signed by: G Rostron FCA

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Address: 77 Merton Hall Rd, London, SW19 3PX

Dated: - 29 June 2023

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
OPENING BALANCES as at 1/1/22		279,196	5,674	284,870	262,458
RECEIPTS					
Donations, Grants etc.					
Membership Subscriptions		42,990	-	42,990	37,248
Less: paid over	-	49,045	-	49,045	41,904
Subscriptions subsidy	-	6,055	-	6,055	4,656
Other Subscriptions		9,202	-	9,202	5,031
Other Income		4,097	-	4,097	-
Donations	1	486	-	486	2,181
Grants	2	5,334	3,000	8,334	3,193
Sub total		13,064	3,000	16,064	5,749
Badge and Store Sales		21,273	-	21,273	12,105
Investment Income					
Loan Repayments		21,667	-	21,667	11,000
Bank Interest		766	-	766	561
Rental Income	3	42,649	-	42,649	38,714
Sub total		65,082	-	65,082	50,275
Activities		51,954	-	51,954	12,955
TOTAL RECEIPTS		151,373	3,000	154,373	81,084
Total Receipts and Opening Balance		430,569	8,674	439,243	343,542
PAYMENTS					
Rental, Admin and Loans					
Rentals		3,680	-	3,680	3,721
Admin		509	-	509	445
Loans to Groups / Units		-	-	-	10,000
Sub total		4,189	-	4,189	14,166
Activities and Training					
Youth Training		64,431	1,700	66,131	23,490
Jamboree 2024		7,000	-	7,000	-
Leader Training		616	-	616	462
Other Costs		967	-	967	497
Sub total		73,014	1,700	74,714	24,449
Badge/ Store Purchases & Profit Shares		21,260	-	21,260	12,477
Premises					
Repairs	4	9,539	-	9,539	2,020
Utilities	5	3,288	-	3,288	883
Insurances & Legal	6	3,943	-	3,943	2,133
Sub total		16,770	-	16,770	5,036
Asset Purchases		2,874	1,000	3,874	2,544
TOTAL PAYMENTS		118,107	2,700	120,807	58,672
CLOSING BALANCES as at 31/12/22	7	£ 312,462	£ 5,974	£ 318,436	£ 284,870

The notes on pages 8 & 9 form part of these accounts

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds					
Bank Current Accounts		89,426	5,974	95,400	97,327
Bank Deposit Accounts		222,168	-	222,168	186,799
Cash Floats		868	-	868	744
Total Cash Funds	7	312,462	5,974	318,436	284,870
Outstanding Loans to Groups					
1st Morden		9,333	-	9,333	10,000
6th/12th Mitcham		11,000	-	11,000	12,000
8th Morden		5,500	-	5,500	5,500
19th Wimbledon		-	-	-	20,000
Total Loans		25,833	-	25,833	47,500
Non monetary Assets for the charity's own use					
Land and Buildings	8	1,285,508	-	1,285,508	1,224,293
Scouting Equipment		71,713	-	71,713	71,713
Badge & Store stocks at cost or lower market value		7,661	-	7,661	7,349
Prepayments		1,192	-	1,192	1,141
		1,366,074	-	1,366,074	1,304,496
LIABILITIES					
Amounts received in advance and accrued expenses					
Rental Kenneth Black Hall		5,690	-	5,690	5,000
Badge Sales		1,418	-	1,418	1,263
Store rebates due		1,300	-	1,300	2,171
Accrued expenses (utilities)		-	-	-	-
Deposits for 2023 Scout Activities		2,590	-	2,590	-
		10,998	-	10,998	8,434

The notes on pages 8 & 9 form part of these accounts

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on the 24th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by

R A Brumwell (Chair)

Signature 

D J Coggins (Treasurer)

Signature 

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Note 1	Donations received with thanks:-				
	To Merton Park Unit Funds	-	-	-	2,084
	To District Funds	485	-	485	97
		485	-	485	2,181
Note 2	Grants received:-				
	Jack Petchey Foundation:-				
	Throughout these accounts all amounts relating to the Foundation appear as restricted funds in accordance with their terms	-	3,000	3,000	3,193
	LB Merton	5,334	-	5,334	-
		5,334	3,000	8,334	3,193
Note 3	Rental Income				
	Kenneth Black Hall	22,754	-	22,754	22,754
	Kenneth Black Flat	18,095	-	18,095	15,960
	Kenneth Black garages	1,800	-	1,800	-
	District HQ	-	-	-	-
		42,649	-	42,649	38,714
Note 4	Premises repairs:-				
	Kenneth Black Flat	7,594	-	7,594	492
	Kenneth Black Garages	-	-	-	-
	Wandle HQ	1,408	-	1,408	1,243
	Kenneth Black Hall	537	-	537	285
		9,539	-	9,539	2,020
Note 5	Premises Utilities				
	Wandle HQ	1,195	-	1,195	883
	Kenneth Black Hall	-	-	-	-
	Kenneth Black Flat	2,093	-	2,093	-
		3,288	-	3,288	883

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		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Note 6	Insurance & Legal				
	Wandle HQ and all equipment	1,701	-	1,701	1,549
	Insurance claim (HQ)	-	-	-	-
	Kenneth Black Hall	2,148	-	2,148	500
	Kenneth Black Flat	-	-	-	-
	Personal accident (helpers)	94	-	94	84
		3,943	-	3,943	2,133
Note 7	Cash and Bank balances:-				
	District Accounts	282,566	-	282,566	256,308
	Cub Account	120	-	120	120
	Scout Account	8,456	-	8,456	3,920
	Network & Explorer Accounts	21,697	-	21,697	19,692
	SAS Account	599	-	599	639
	Band Account	946	-	946	946
	Badge and Store Account	4,052	-	4,052	3,246
		318,436	-	318,436	284,871
Note 8	Land and Buildings:-				
	No historical costs are available, Properties are shown at the value assessed by insurers at the last renewal date:-				
	Kenneth Black Hall (freehold)	1,206,491	-	1,206,491	1,149,039
	Wandle HQ built on land leased from the National Trust	79,017	-	79,017	75,254
		1,285,508	-	1,285,508	1,224,293