

## **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Charity registration number: 1053232

### **Objectives and Activities**

The High Wycombe District Scout Council co-ordinates the activities of all Scout Groups within the High Wycombe area as laid down in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. It is responsible for the running of the District Explorer Section. The Council manages the District Headquarters building in Keep Hill Road, High Wycombe.

Income derives from an annual levy on all young members of the constituent Scout Groups and from fees from the hire of the District Headquarters building.

The High Wycombe Scout Council is currently combined with Marlow Scout Council for management purposes which is through a committee, including Trustees, which meets 4 times a year. The finances of the 2 Districts are not combined.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The High Wycombe Scout District continues to be active and the numbers of participating youngsters increasing.

### **Financial Review**

The Finances are sound with reserves gradually increasing. The Reserves are in excess of the Scout Association requirements.

The accounts are drawn up on a receipts and payments basis.

The Council banks with HSBC and Metro Bank with a small investment with the Scout Associations short term investment scheme.

### **Designated Funds**

There are no designated funds

### **Trustees**

Ron Cooper	Chairman
Steven Crawshaw	Treasurer
Michael Newman	District Explorer Scout Leader
Paul Cleaver	District Commissioner

The Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting

### **Contact details**

The Charity may be contacted at 9 The Briars, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1ED

# High Wycombe District Scout Council

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ended 31st March 2024



2023-24						2022-3
Note	General £	Property £	Marquees £	Total £	District Total £	
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>MEMBERSHIP FEES</b>						
Collected from Groups 2023 (after 1/4/23)	21,018.50	0.00	0.00	21,018.50	12,650.50	
Collected from Groups 2024	27,324.00	0.00	0.00	27,324.00	34,061.50	
Remitted to County and National HQ	-42,552.00	0.00	0.00	-42,552.00	-37,804.00	
District Membership Fees	5,790.50	0.00	0.00	5,790.50	8,908.00	
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>						
Building Hire Income (JWSC)	0.00	3,072.00	0.00	3,072.00	3,931.00	
Marquee Hire	0.00	0.00	505.00	505.00	300.00	
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
St George's Day collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	379.40	
Account interest	2.50	0.00	0.00	2.50	4.44	
Sands Project1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
District Income5	7,796.94	0.00	0.00	7,796.94	2,922.32	
Section Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1055.00	
Jamboree4	6,445.00	0.00	0.00	6,445.00	8,055.00	
Explorers	14,622.23	0.00	0.00	14,622.23	0.00	
Misc	258.94	0.00	0.00	258.94	0.00	
Sub Total Other Income	29,125.61	3,072.00	505.00	32,702.61	16,647.16	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	34,916.11	3,072.00	505.00	38,493.11	25,555.16	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Membership Fees						
JWSC maintenance2	0.00	5,893.03	0.00	5,893.03	8,508.63	
Sands Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sands Project3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Marquee expenses	0.00	0.00	398.00	398.00	0.00	
District expenses	13,095.70	0.00	0.00	13,095.70	12,014.04	
Section expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,895.78	
Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
St George's Day costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	917.00	
Jamboree4	3,180.00	0.00	0.00	3,180.00	18,940.01	
Explorers	7,075.19	0.00	0.00	7,075.19	0.00	
Misc	258.94	0.00	0.00	258.94	548.39	
Loan Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Loan Repayment1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	23,609.83	5,893.03	398.00	29,900.86	42,823.85	
<b>EXCESS / (DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>						
	11,306.28	-2,821.03	107.00	8,592.25	-17,268.69	

### High Wycombe District Scout Council

#### Balance Sheet

AS AT:

31st March 2024

31st March 2023

	General £	District Total £
<b>Bank Accounts and Cash Balances</b>		
Cash	0.00	0.00
Scout Association Investment (closed)	0.00	526.36
Metro Bank Account	44,355.68	29,930.76
HSBC Bank Account (closed)	0.00	5,306.31
Total Bank Accounts and Short Term Balances	<u>44,355.68</u>	<u>35,763.43</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Sands Repayment Loan - 4 payments over 3 years	0.00	0.00
<b>Funds brought forward</b>	<u>44,355.68</u>	<u>35,763.43</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Total Funds Brought forward	35,763.43	53,032.12
Current Year Excess/(Deficit)	8,592.25	-17,268.69
Loan Movement in year	0.00	0.00
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>44,355.68</u>	<u>35,763.43</u>

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#### Notes to the accounts

- Loan  
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- JWSC maintenance covered remaining fencing, tree pruning & boiler repairs
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- Jamboree and European Adventure  
£  
EuroJam fund 0.00  
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**Adjustment following outstanding capitation receipts & payments**

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**NON-MONETARY ASSETS:**

**John Wood Scout Centre, Keep Hill Road**

Property acquired for	£3,000
Refurbishment costs	£30,969
Insured value	£290,000

The above statement of assets and accompanying receipts and payments account and notes were approved  
by the Executive Committee (Trustees) on 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

**RON COOPER**  
Chairman

**STEVE CRAWSHAW**  
Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
HIGH WYCOMBE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the Accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of Executive Committee (Trustees) and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures

**Basis of Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

**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 41 of the Act and
  - \* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records
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have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
3. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the District's constitution have not been met.

**PHILIP RACKSTRAW**  
Chartered Certified Accountant

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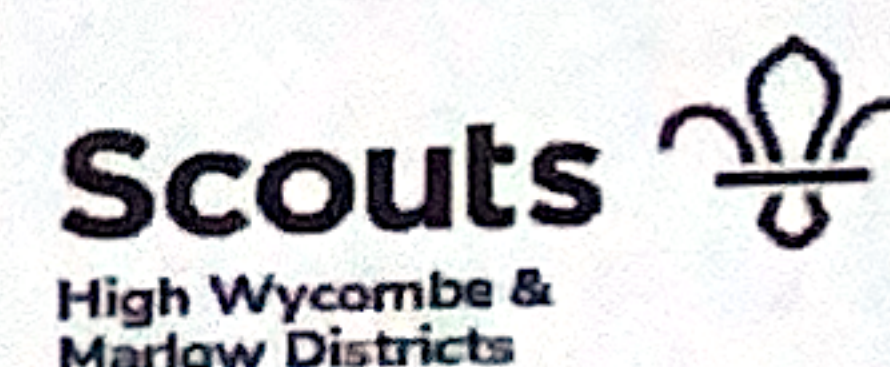
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Dated:

5/11/24