

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Warrington West District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Vale Owen Road

Warrington

Cheshire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Paul Carey	Chair	
2	Debra Phillips	District Commissioner	
3	Mo Patheyjohns	Secretary	
4	David Goodfellow	Treasurer	
5	Robert Patheyjohns		
6	Ian Turnbull		
7	Andrew Mountain		
8	Christopher Walls		
9	Christine Ralston		
10	Daniel Meadows		
11	Adam Potts		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

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 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 (e.g. trust, association, company)	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	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.
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	<p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner and Assitant District Commissioner and ordinary members. The District Executive Committee meets every 2 months.</p> <p>Members of the District Executive Committee complete '<i>Essential Information for Executive Committee</i>' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.</p> <p>This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maintenance of District property; The raising of funds and the administration of District finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; District public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. In 2022 the reduction in fundraising due to coronavirus remained mitigated by receipts of government grants.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District and the Groups within it are totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section, group or the district as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of Group(s).

Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular group or the district as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of Group(s). This was a real concern for the resumption of Scouting in 2022, but most Groups rebounded well.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Running of District events (hikes, camps, jamborees, parades and fundraising events); Management of Warrington District Camp Site (jointly with Warrington East District and the local Scout Group); Management of Explorer Scouts within the District; Management of District premises and equipment, including stores and climbing wall facilities; Hosting of Warrington Scout Shop; Managing appointments and safeguarding within the District
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	
Public benefit statement	The District Scout organisation 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	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Maintained Scouting activities and started the post-Covid rebuild
 Delivered on objectives for 900+ young persons in area, including delivery via virtual activities and groups.
 Training: Maintained zero tolerance policy on GDPR and safeguarding training
 Finances: Internalised debts relating to the old shop; managed Jamboree finances and reporting
 Governance: Ensured continued governance via remote meetings during periods when face to face was not possible.
 Safeguarding: Ensured all leaders and helpers were DBSd

Section E	Financial Review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £50000.
 (NB: running costs in 2020-2022 were artificially low due to Covid-19 pandemic preventing most face-face scouting activities including work to upgrade HQ buildings)

Quantify and explain any designations

The Group held unreserved funds of approximately £47k against this at year end. This is at the level required for operating expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Matters relating to the Scout Shop financial management were notified to the Charity Commission in 2021 and were investigated by the Police in 2021-2022. Debts have been managed and internalised. Warrington East District Scout Council owe Warrington West District Scout Council £6490 in final settlement.

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies

The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

2023 is all about stabilising Scouting after the pandemic. The Scout shop has reopened and is expected to grow in 2023 with the support of local Scout Districts and Groups. A change of leadership will take place in January 2023 when the current District Commissioners term expires.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Mo Patheyjohns

Paul Carey

Full name(s)

Mo Patheyjohns

Paul Carey

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Secretary

Chair

Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Warrington West District Scout Council

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Funds					
11 - Capitation	39,237	-	-	39,237	31,144
12 - Outgoing grants	-	-	-	-	-
13 - Scout Shop Dividends	2,763	-	-	2,763	-
14 - Donations	-	-	-	-	-
21 - Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
22 - Nominated Charity	-	-	-	-	-
34 - Transfer to BS	-	-	-	-	-
47 - Support for sections	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree					
31 - International	-	33,442	-	33,442	-
Sections					
15 - Beavers	30	-	-	30	-
16 - Cubs	704	-	-	704	-
17 - Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
18 - Explorers	-	-	-	-	-
19 - Network	-	-	-	-	-
50 - Rifle Club	-	-	-	-	-
Activities					
25 - St Georges Day	-	-	-	-	-
28 - District Camp	-	-	-	-	-
29 - Blakfoot Hike	600	-	-	600	-
23 - Activities	-	-	-	-	-
35 - District events	-	-	-	-	-
37 - County parade	-	-	-	-	-
51 - Back 2 Basics	2,364	-	-	2,364	-
Operating Expenses					
20 - Training	50	-	-	50	-
20a - Personal Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
26 - Equipment Repair	-	-	-	-	-
30 - DC expenses	-	-	-	-	-
32 - Postage	-	-	-	-	-
33 - Comms/Admin	-	-	-	-	-
38 - AGM expenses	-	-	-	-	-
48 - DC discretion	-	-	-	-	-
49 - Permits	-	-	-	-	-
DHQ					
24 - Climbing Wall	10	-	-	10	-
36 - District camp site	-	-	-	-	-
39 - DHQ rent	-	200	-	200	-
40 - DHQ electric	-	-	-	-	-
41 - DHQ gas	-	-	-	-	-
42 - DHQ insurance	-	-	-	-	-
43 - DHQ refuse	-	-	-	-	-
44 - DHQ water	-	-	-	-	-
45 - DHQ management	-	-	-	-	-
46 - Warden expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Misc					
99 - Misc	90	2,667	-	2,757	16,659
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,848	36,309	-	82,157	47,803
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,848	36,309	-	82,157	47,803

A3 Payments

Funds					
11 - Capitation	35,518	-	-	35,518	27,853
12 - Outgoing grants	-	-	-	-	-
13 - Scout Shop Dividends	15,753	-	-	15,753	79
14 - Donations	-	-	-	-	-
21 - Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
22 - Nominated Charity	-	-	-	-	-
34 - Transfer to BS	-	-	-	-	-
47 - Support for sections	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree					
31 - International	-	22,800	-	22,800	-
Sections					
15 - Beavers	-	-	-	-	-
16 - Cubs	693	-	-	693	20
17 - Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
18 - Explorers	-	-	-	-	-
19 - Network	85	-	-	85	44
50 - Rifle Club	-	-	-	-	-
Activities					
25 - St Georges Day	-	-	-	-	-
28 - District Camp	-	-	-	-	-
29 - Blakfoot Hike	350	-	-	350	700
23 - Activities	-	-	-	-	-
35 - District events	75	-	-	75	365
37 - County parade	-	-	-	-	-
51 - Back 2 Basics	2,009	-	-	2,009	-
Operating Expenses					
20 - Training	-	-	-	-	-
20a - Personal Insurance	94	-	-	94	-
26 - Equipment Repair	366	-	-	366	-
30 - DC expenses	-	-	-	-	-
32 - Postage	-	-	-	-	-
33 - Comms/Admin	-	85	-	85	62
38 - AGM expenses	-	-	-	-	-
48 - DC discretion	-	-	-	-	20
49 - Permits	-	-	-	-	-
DHQ					
24 - Climbing Wall	-	-	-	-	-
36 - District camp site	-	-	-	-	-
39 - DHQ rent	-	1,600	-	1,600	2,000
40 - DHQ electric	-	1,225	-	1,225	1,846
41 - DHQ gas	-	418	-	418	402
42 - DHQ insurance	-	1,733	-	1,733	1,756
43 - DHQ refuse	-	129	-	129	-
44 - DHQ water	-	377	-	377	264
45 - DHQ management	-	294	-	294	109
46 - Warden expenses	-	400	-	400	-
Misc					
99 - Misc	56	-	-	56	361
Sub total	54,999	29,061	-	84,060	35,881

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	54,999	29,061	-	84,060	35,881
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,151	7,247	-	- 1,903	11,922
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,480	22,938	-	79,418	67,496
Cash funds this year end	47,329	30,186	-	77,515	79,418

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	36,277	30,186	-
	Savings Account	11,052	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	47,329	30,186	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
David Goodfellow	David Goodfellow	01/01/2023
Paul Carey	Paul Carey	01/01/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Warrington West District Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1053741

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2022**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

T Napier

Date:

12/06/2023

Name:

Bright Ideas Accounting Ltd

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

Bright Ideas Accounting Ltd is Authorised and Regulated by the AAT No.10402566

Address:

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80 Ashton Road, Denton, Manchester, M34 3JF

Section B

Disclosure

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

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