

Trustees Annual Report

(Financial year 1st January -31st December 2022)

Reference and Administration

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Registered Charity number: 1076603

Scout Association number: 11937820

Charity's principal address: c/o Howick Gate, The Haven, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9BQ

Charity Trustees:

District Commissioner	Sal Dartnell
District Chair	Heather Greenwood
District Secretary	Katie Weston, from September 2022 (Paula Huckle until July 2022)
District Treasurer	Joe Triccas, from September 2022 (Interim District Treasurer from March until September 2022) (Ian Turrell until February 2022)
Executive Committee	Dave King (DESC), Christopher Styles (DYC), Andy Bray (DNC), Brian Barker, Ellen Corke, Nigel Friswell, Alison Laker, Julian Peters, Anthony Smith, Geoff Spooner, Alison Styles, Tim Taylor, Graham Whymark

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District Report 2022 - 2023

Prepared for District AGM held 30th June 2023

Chair's Report

We started our 2022/23 Scouting year in September 2022 with the sad news of the passing of our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Monarch has been the Patron of The Scout Association since 1910 and The Queen had been our Patron since she came to the throne 62 years ago. Our 2022 District AGM took place one week after The Queen's death and provided us with the opportunity to come together as a Scouting family and pay our respects to Her Majesty and give thanks for her long and fulfilling life of devotion and service.

It was with great pride that we learnt that Christopher Styles, our District Youth Commissioner, had been nominated to be part of the national and international Scouting contingent assisting with the Queen's Lying in State. Christopher has written about his experience, please see later in this report.

With the final lifting of all Covid restrictions in February 2022, September saw all our District Committees make a very welcome return to face-to-face meetings. They continue to do their essential work and I would like to thank everyone on the District Executive, Campsite and Appointments Committees for all their hard work, help and support. Minutes of all our meetings can be found on the District website.

I would also like to thank Chris Sturdy, Dave Hatton, Chris Styles, Neil Phillips and his team of marshals, Chris Sillett and everyone at 1st Roffey for working together so effectively on the organisation of our first St George's Day Parade since 2019! Sunday 23rd April 2023 was a wonderful occasion for everyone involved, and I had the honour of hosting a number of VIPs on the day including our local MP, Jeremy Quin, and the Chair of Horsham District Council, Kate Rowbottom. Everyone I have spoken to thoroughly enjoyed watching the Parade, 1st Roffey's youth led presentation on the Bandstand and the renewal of promises. And of course, the bands! The Burgess Hill Youth Marching Band and Bloco do Soul were fantastic and I have already been booked for next year's Parade. I am looking forward to it already.

As you are all aware, this year has seen The Scout Association launch "Transformation" to make volunteering with Scouts easier and more rewarding by creating a warmer welcome for new volunteers, with personalised, flexible ways to get involved; simplifying volunteering by changing roles and team structures; making learning valuable, focussed and convenient; and developing a new digital experience to reduce admin for everyday things like managing member data. The County Transformation team delivered two briefing sessions for our District on 17th and 24th April 2023 to explain the impact of Transformation on Executive Committees and all those in operational roles. Both sessions were well attended and provided everyone with the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification. We are already seeing the most immediate changes required by Transformation, as our District and Group Executive Committees adopt a new constitution and move to a Trustee Board structure at their 2023 AGMs. More changes lie ahead and the District team are always available to provide support where needed. Further information about Transformation generally can be found on The Scout Association website.

Saturday 6th May 2023 saw the Coronation of King Charles III and another honour for Horsham District Scouts when Sebastian Cutter, one of our Deputy District Youth Commissioners, was selected to be part of the national and Commonwealth Scout contingent assisting at Westminster Abbey on the big day itself. Sebastian has also written about his experience, please see later in this report, particularly his encounter with Katy Perry – he's now a big fan!

It seems apt to end this Scouting year and my report as we started, celebrating the life, dedication and service of The Monarch. King Charles III has always strongly supported young people through his work with the Scouts, The Prince's Trust and other youth charities and we are truly fortunate to have him as our King.

Heather Greenwood - District Chair, Horsham Scouts

District Commissioner's Report

It's joyful to see scouting in the Horsham District continue to thrive with numbers of young people involved back to pre-pandemic levels. This is thanks to the hard work, energy and enthusiasm of 750+ adult volunteers who enable Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network to happen, alongside those involved in a variety of Group, District and County roles which are all needed to keep things working behind the scenes. Our thanks to everyone for the difference you make to the life skills of young people and the wider communities in which we live. This year I would like to extend particular thanks to Nigel "Fris" Friswell who has reached the distinction of 50 years of service to scouting – just think of how many people he has benefitted. An inspiration to us all!

We have waiting lists in almost all groups and units. There are flexible opportunities for anyone wishing to volunteer, whatever their skills and interests we will definitely have a suitable role to suit them and their availability. For anyone wanting to learn or develop new skills there is a wide range of training available through The Scout Association too which can help both in scouting and in other aspects of life. As someone who has been volunteering for over 30 years, I encourage everyone to get involved, share and spread skills for life and fun.

Our Community of Scout Groups

Our 15 Scout Groups and associated Explorer Units continue to do an outstanding job across our local communities. In the last year Graham Clayton has handed over the GSL role to Chris Jones at St Leonards Forest. Drew Scarborough has had to step back from the GSL role at 5th/10th who are currently without a GSL. Jo Middleton will be handing over at 1st Southwater Sea Scouts at their next AGM, as will Adam Sandle at 2nd Southwater and Bill Power at 4th Horsham. Those who thrive in the GSL role are able to move their skills to another Group. The GSL role can be non-uniformed and can be shared. It is a great opportunity to use or develop leadership and management skills. Training is available and the District team endeavour to support new GSLs as needed. Reflecting the move to Leadership Teams that are part of the "Transformation" that TSA are rolling out over the next year, many Groups are adding Deputy GSLs to share the role amongst a number of people who bring different skills and perspectives. This can also help with succession planning and provide continuity, for example, Geoff Fitsall has taken on a DGSL role with 3rd Horsham with a view to taking up the GSL role from Alison Styles next year when Transformation has been completed.

Huge thanks to ADC Scouts Andy Sands and new scout leader Tom Peterkin who have been working hard to firmly establish the Scout Troop section at 12th Horsham. The Group will soon be moving to new premises and continue to grow.

We are delighted that the new Squirrel sections in 2nd Horsham and 1st Cowfold are thriving and we know other groups are looking to introduce Squirrel sections in the future.

New Groups – Fris, Heather and Dave H continue work with HDC and local developers. They are working on initial plans for a Group to serve the new Mowbray development north of Horsham.

Want To Join

Thanks to Sue Apps who has held this role for recent years. She will now be handing this over to take up a new role. Sue reports strong interest with many groups with full waiting lists. There is much Squirrel interest, we just need additional leaders to get sections going at 2nd Southwater who are next on the national scheme.

Recruitment/Appointments Advisory Committee Report – Chair, Don Newport

Herewith a review of the activities of the Horsham District Appointments Advisory Committee for the last 12 months:

- With the current Transformation Project underway it is assumed that the role of the AAC will change (and possibly cease altogether) when the new arrangements are fully adopted. However, there will still be a need for a “welcome conversation” to be held, to include someone other than a colleague of the new volunteer, presumably someone from the newly created Volunteering Development Team. Maybe this is a role for existing AAC members? For the time-being we are asked to carry on as normal.
- The purpose of the AAC is to provide whatever support is needed within the District to ensure that, in the words of The Scout Association, we have “the right people in the right place” to deliver the Scouting programme for our young people. Scouting has an enviable reputation to uphold.
- The AAC currently has 10 fully-trained members including our Secretary and Assistant Secretary (who do not normally form part of the interview panels unless we are short on numbers for a particular evening). A complete list of current members is appended to this review for confirmation. Additionally we have three new members in prospect, and are currently deliberating over appropriate training for them given the changes brought about by the Transformation Project.
- Subject to the above, we continue to look-out for new committee members to assist the process of discussing with new adult volunteers. They do not need to be current or former members of The Scout Association and appropriate training will be provided. In line with current policy, we are particularly keen to enlist young people in the 18-25 year age-range to broaden the diversity of our panel members.
- Regular panels are normally held on the first Monday evening of each month in central Horsham. Since the beginning of 2016 we have been running two panels simultaneously on most occasions in order to keep pace with the numbers of new volunteers coming forward; this gives us capacity to meet with up to eight candidates during a typical evening.
- Our Local Training Managers also attend panel evenings in order to discuss training arrangements individually with each candidate.
- Additionally AAC members also conduct interviews at other locations/times for candidates who are unable to attend the normal monthly panels. During the period of the pandemic many interviews have taken place on Zoom, particularly as for a while we were unable to meet face-to-face; a number of candidates (and indeed panel members) found this a useful alternative to conventional meetings.
- During the last 12 months 44 “new” adult volunteers have been interviewed by the AAC; additionally the committee has considered over 30 changes of role etc when individuals do not necessarily have to attend a panel, and conducted numerous routine reviews of appointments to ensure that training targets are being met and volunteers’ DBS checks are maintained.
- Dealing with suspensions and disciplinary matters is also part of the remit of the AAC which calls for a particular degree of sensitivity and understanding.
- Thanks are due to all of the AAC members for the time which they give to this role, but in particular to Helen Palmer and Robert Gardner, respectively our Appointments Secretary and Assistant Secretary, for all they do behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly.

To note for the District Annual General Meeting

Members of the Horsham District Appointments Advisory Committee serving during the next 12 months (appointed as a sub-committee of the District Executive):

- Don Newport Chair
- Helen Palmer Secretary
- Robert Gardner Assistant Secretary
- Stuart Cutler
- Stephen Hoad
- Neil Phillips
- Anthony Smith
- Sheila Spicer
- Bob Tichband
- Barbara Wyatt

District Explorer Scout Commissioner – Dave King; ADESC, Henry Lewis

Over the past year it has been great to see Explorer Scouting across the District emerge from the pandemic period and start to thrive again with a varied programme in place, growing collaboration across a number of leadership teams, a thriving DoE and Young Leader provision and a return to summer expeditions across the UK. Plans are also starting to be created to return to Expeditions Abroad which is exciting. Thank you to the Explorer Leadership Teams for all the hard work and dedication they have put in to support the 14-18 age group.

During the year we have established a new Partnership Agreement between 1st Roffey and Phoenix Explorers that hopefully builds the foundation for the continuation of a long standing and successful collaboration between both parties. Unfortunately during the year we have had to close Orion Explorers in Southwater as we start the search for a new leadership team. Thanks to David Cox for keeping the Unit going for as long as possible and for the support to transfer existing funds into the District Accounts. This means that we currently do not have an Explorer Scout Unit in Southwater and ideally we would like to re-launch the Unit in the near future to ensure that young people leaving the 1st and 2nd Southwater Groups have somewhere to continue their Scouting. Please contact Henry Lewis or Dave King if you know of anyone that could be interested in learning more.

We have welcomed Robin Wilson to the District Explorer Team as our DESA (District Explorer Scout Administrator) which is a great support. We are always on the lookout for further leadership support to ensure we can continue to grow our Explorer membership as Horsham District continues to expand. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please let us know.

The Explorer Team would also like to thank the wider District Team for their support during the last 12 months and also our thanks to Group GSL's and Group Execs where we have partnerships in place. Without your support, Explorer Scouts would not be as strong as it is across Horsham. We are looking forward to the next year being even better than the last!

District Youth Commissioner and team - Christopher Styles, District Youth Commissioner

The District Youth team have been working hard over the past year on a few different projects. We held our first Youth Forum for Explorers where we gained valuable ideas and thoughts from the young people present. Some of their ideas and comments have already been implemented around the District.

The team took an active part in supporting the planning of the St George's Day Parade where I had the honour of opening and closing the ceremony, which I'm very proud of. The team also supported other events over the year including the District Cub Camp and the District stall at Horsham's Coronation Street Party.

We've been working with the District Explorer and Network teams on a couple of things. For Explorers, we'd like to try and set up a District Explorer Camp, and for Network we have organised a meet up and are in the process of supporting two more meet ups this summer!

We have also worked with the various Chairs of the District Committees to increase and recruit more young people to the 4 District Committees, starting with our 3 Deputy YC's. We now have two 18-25s on the District Executive Committee (Trustee Board), 1 on the Appointments Panel and 1 on the Campsite Management Committee. We are always looking for more young people to get involved with the governance side of Scouting and become trustees and we are able to support young people and committee members/chairs with this process!

In the background we've been creating some youth shape resources which we plan to share with leaders to help them ensure Horsham Scouting is #youshape! If any leaders would like support or would like a member of our team to pop along to a session one evening, please get in touch at dyc@horshamscouts.com and we'll do our best to help out!

District Network Commissioner - Andy Bray

Andy is new to the role and due to work commitments hasn't been able to report separately but has been working closely with the NYC team. Andy would welcome any additional support to enable the Network members (age 18 – 25) to extend their activities in the District.

Young Leaders – Richard Grover

The Young Leaders Unit now has 65 young people enrolled across the district and has representation from every Explorer Scout Unit and also some from outside of Scouting. Young Leaders are a valuable resource and addition to leadership teams in every section. The Young Leaders provide help, support, a link between the young people and the adult leaders and finally a different perspective during planning and individual evenings.

This year we have run a full programme of modules with the help of various leaders throughout the district. We have also teamed up with Crawley District and are now able to offer those modules being run by them to our young people. I would like to thank Tim Taylor who has kindly taken over the administrative side of the Young Leaders and has got us on a good footing.

Finally we have been able to award three Young Leaders belts (the final element of the young leaders scheme), congratulations to Harry Vadja (1st Southwater), Enya Moore (5th/10th – Europa) and Rowan Joy (Titans) for achieving this award.

We are always looking for help running modules for the Young Leaders if you are interested or have any young leaders interested in joining the scheme please contact Richard Grover (RGrover@horshamscouts.com) or the young leaders email (youngleaderteam@horshamscouts.com) to find out more.

Duke Of Edinburgh (DofE) – Richard Grover

Duke of Edinburgh continues to grow within Horsham District. For those that do not know, the DofE complements the Chief Scouts Awards within Scouting and both can be worked on in tandem. Provision of the DofE scheme is run through three centres with Horsham – a District Provision, 1st Cowfold (Taurus Explorers) and 1st Slinfold (Hurricanes Explorers). Over the past year 18 young adults have gained at least the Bronze level and many have moved onto the silver level.

Currently we have 53 Explorer Scouts working towards various elements of the scheme across the district. The leaders are able to help with advice and the organising of activities and expeditions at the appropriate time. All Explorer Scouts are eligible to sign up to the scheme and are able to join the bronze level from 13.5 years.

If you are interested in getting involved as a leader or have any young adults wanting to join the scheme please contact either Richard Grover (rgrover@horshamscouts.com) or Henry Lewis

(adesc@horshamscouts.com) and we will put you in touch with the appropriate leader.

Horsham Scout Support Unit

Kevin Murdoch has taken over the running of the HSSU ably supported by Fris and Geraldine

Open invite for active HSSU members to support Groups and Districts ad-hoc as required – please do contact Kevin with any requests for support.

The Queen's Lying in State – Chris Styles, DYC

When a monarch dies, the country comes to a halt as we enter a period of mourning. In September 2022, when the Queen died, plans that had been in place for years were quickly put into action as people from across the world came to London to remember and pay their respects to Her Majesty.

The Scouts have had a long history supporting historic and important national events and this was no exception. Within days, the Scouts Association put plans into place and asked counties and countries to nominate young people between 18 and 25 years old. I was fortunate enough to be nominated and then selected to be part of the team supporting the Queen's Lying in State in London.

This meant I had to get my uniform ready and head up to Gilwell Park to meet 119 other young people and be briefed on what we were going to be doing for the next week. Everyone was split into 3 shifts, early, late and night. I was on earlys which meant I had to wake up at 4am, get ready and then hop on a coach which took us into central London so we were able to start our shift at 7am.

Our main role was to be based in Victoria Tower Gardens, next to the Palace of Westminster, and assist the public as they queued to see the Queen Lying in State. We made conversation, gave out blankets if it was cold, explained how security worked to aid the process and generally just helped where we could. We also assisted with the accessible queue helping members of the public through the hall and guiding them to where they needed to be.

At 3pm our shift finished, so we headed back onto the bus to Gilwell to get some food and well needed rest before doing it all again the next day.

Supporting the Queen's Lying in State was an incredibly rewarding experience and one that I will never forget.

The King's Coronation – Seb Cutter, DDYC

Since the creation of the Scout Association in 1907, the Scouts have been directly involved in the Coronation and this year was no different. On 6th May 2023, we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III – the first Coronation in many of our lifetimes.

I was lucky enough to be selected to play a small part in the Coronation, supporting this historic event. I was part of a team made up of people from all over the country and the Commonwealth who had travelled hundreds if not thousands of miles to be there.

On Thursday 4th May 2023, the whole Coronation camp travelled to Gilwell Park to begin our training and to meet each other. We learnt about our shifts, where we would be stationed and got to meet the smaller teams that we would be spending the day of the Coronation with. I was stationed at Victoria Tower Gardens, next to the Palace of Westminster. Other teams were stationed at different key viewing points such as Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace.

Our role at the Coronation was to assist the invited attendees from Lambeth Bridge to security in Victoria Tower Gardens and then into Westminster Abbey. We were there to answer questions about security, support less mobile attendees and make conversation with everyone. Doing this role meant that I was able to meet some incredible people and also some celebrities too, including Katy Perry, famous for not only her music but also not being able to find her seat.

The whole Coronation camp left Gilwell at 4am in the morning for the journey into London, with us starting our shift at 6.30am. We then got to experience the Coronation and do our job. Our shift finally ended at around 4pm which then meant we had to trek across London to the coach back to Gilwell.

I'm incredibly lucky to have had this opportunity to play a small role in such an historic event and to live up to the Scout promise. I was able to do my duty to the King. I will never forget this amazing experience and I'm very grateful to have had it.

Raising the Profile of Horsham Scouts

As part of the Horsham Town Coronation Street Party event, Andy Sands, our ADC Scouts put together an amazing and engaging mobile display of scouting. Heather and Sal would like to thank Andy and everyone from 12th Horsham, 2nd Horsham and 3rd Horsham Groups who helped on the day and reinforced the positive profile of local scouting.

2023 District Programme

- April – SGD & Kings Coronation
- May – District Cub Camp
- June – District Cub Hike event
- 30 June – District AGM – At campsite
- July – Scout & Explorer 2 Rings Hike
- 17 Sept – Riverside Walk
- Oct - District Cooking Event for Scouts
- Oct - JOTA/JOTI - TBC
- Nov - Cubs Cyclo Cross competition – Oliver Smith
- Nov – Remembrance Sunday

Training and Compass Actions

We are making progress on reducing the number of outstanding actions but a large number of new joiners means this still look significant. TSA monthly emails are helping to tackle backlog and identify those who are no longer in roles. It is envisaged that the transition to the new model will simplify training.

Campsite

Beacon Hill and its facilities are being well used including non-district group bookings. Bill, Campsite Manager, Martin, the wardens, the committee and support crew have been working hard on an ongoing programme of maintenance and improvement, with the range nearing completion. This year we have had two more wardens join the team which helps to spread the load, however additional help is always appreciated, particularly on monthly workdays. Scout and Explorer units that wish to do service towards their Chief Scouts Awards should contact Bill to discuss options.

Alison Styles	Chair	GSL/Beavers	3rd Horsham
Bill Power	Campsite Manager	GSL	4th Horsham
Joe Triccas	Treasurer		Independent
Steve Mitchison	Secretary		County
Martin Dold	Developments	Scouts	1st St Leonard's Forest
Hanna Smith		DDYC/Cubs	Network/2 nd Horsham
Anthony Smith	Bookings/Events		District
Tim Aveline	Health & Safety	GSL	6 th Horsham
Sal Dartnell	Ex-officio	DC	District
Heather Greenwood	Ex-officio	District Chair	District

To recognise the wonderful teamwork and contribution of so many scout volunteers over the last 5 years of renovations to the campsite, Sal has made a commemorative plaque.

International Events

12 young people from the District are representing the District with West Sussex Jamboree Units #73 & #74 at the World Scout Jamboree 29th July – 19th August in South Korea. The District also has 2 adult leaders and 3 International Service Team members attending.

An Explorer Belt Expedition to Switzerland was successfully completed in summer 2022 supported by DDC Dave Hatton. This is one of the top awards in scouting and is something 16 - 25 year olds can get involved in and take on!

In April/May, West Sussex Scouts held selection events for Roverway 2024. Roverway is a European scouting event which takes place every 4-6 years. The next one will be in Norway and we're really excited that we have 4 young people going and representing Horsham.

District website and Facebook pages

Our District Website is being rebuilt after it appears to have been hacked earlier in the year. Facebook pages are well used and we continue to seek news items and update info. Webmasters - Nik Glover (IT@horshamscouts.com) and Tim Taylor (ttaylor@horshamscouts.com), Social Media lead Chris Styles (DYC@horshamscouts.com) and several other volunteers have been trained and are able to publish and edit. More volunteers are welcome to join the Communications team.

Adult Awards

I am delighted that TSA have confirmed that Clive Light has been awarded the Silver Acorn Award. A number of other nominations are currently working their way through the system for later in the year.

District Plan

The current plan is being updated to reflect the transition to the new TSA model being rolled out. From 1 July the DC role will be shared equally by Dave Hatton and Jo Sands who will contribute to this update and make available via the [District Sharepoint](#). It is a collaborative living plan and continuously evolves, and constructive input is welcomed from any member of the District at any time.

District Additional Needs Advisor – Cat Flook DANACat@horshamscouts.com

Cat continues to support groups and individuals. We are aware of a number of sections who have supported young people to delay moving up. We will always support making adjustments to suit individual needs.

District Executive Committee (Trustee Board)

All adult members of the District are invited to stand for District Executive Committee roles at the AGM each year. All adult members are invited to attend the AGM itself. We have a full Committee with strong representation and breadth of skills and experience. POR guidelines are that Committee members are in post for a maximum of 5 years. Do consider if you would be willing to stand at our next AGM. Every adult volunteer in every role in every group and unit is a member of Horsham District Scout Council and together we are all responsible for the running of our District. All details of membership and meeting minutes are published on our website and sharepoint. The priority of the District Executive Committee in recent months has been to ensure a smooth transition to the new TSA model over the next year.

Vacancies

The page on the [District Website highlighting Group/Unit/District vacancies](#) can be used for section and group roles. Please do continue to let Tim and Nik know of any roles. An ADC Beavers is a key vacancy and a fantastic role if anyone would like to support this brilliant age group (6 – 8yrs)

St George's Day 2024 – Thanks to DDC Chris Sturdy for leading so many previous SGDs. This year was his last and we now seek a new lead for this wonderful annual event. Please do contact Heather, Jo or Dave if you are able to take on this exciting task that leaves such a super impression on the wider Horsham community.

Farewell ... but do stay in touch ... and visit the Peaks!

It has been my honour to serve the Horsham District as DC over the last 4+ years. What a joyful family to be part of! I will continue my scouting adventures in the Peak District and with 3 Scout campsites within 5 miles of my home I hope to see some familiar faces and be invited to some campfires (I'm always good for baking a cake or two to share 😊). I know that our District is in expert hands with Jo, Dave, Heather and the rest of the team. The young people of Horsham and surrounding areas are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunities that scouting brings to them led by so many wonderful people that it has been a privilege to volunteer alongside.

Sal Dartnell - District Commissioner

Financial Review 2022

The year represented a return to (near) normal activity, following the removal of Covid restrictions imposed during the pandemic. A programme of events and Campsite usage represents the majority of entries in the District accounts for the year.

Total receipts for the year totalled £39,615, split £20,473 for the Campsite and £19,142 for District. Income was received as follows: Capitation (£15,203), Campsite fees/income (£15,419), District activities: two Cub camps and a Riverside Walk (£3,379), and £192 from interest received on deposits held. Other income received during the year included a rent refund for the campsite (held on a lease from Crawley Borough Council) of £875 successfully negotiated by our District Chair, £2,396 from the previous year's Christmas Tree Collection organised once again by the Campsite Committee and run superbly by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, and finally the payment of an insurance claim (£1,499), following a break in at the Campsite and a claim made for repairs.

Total payments in the year totalled £44,271, which includes the restricted funds expenditure of £4,188 on an extra container for the Campsite. After extracting these, the District paid out unrestricted funds of £40,083 in the year. Included in these costs were the usual running costs for the Campsite, namely £21,602, costs of District activities being a figure of £2,831, payment of £12,000 plus £1,950 for grants relating to the forthcoming 2023 World Scout Jamboree, £1,599 for the campsite break in repair costs, £1,687 for costs and grants paid from the Christmas Tree Collection and £1,245 on other items (website and media, badge purchase and meeting expenses).

The net effect of these transactions is a net deficit of £4,656 for the year and this has shrunk District funds held from £84,454 at the start of the year to £79,798 at the end of the year on 31st December 2022.

As per the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as at 31st December 2022, the Charity held £79,798 of cash funds, together with non-monetary Charity assets valued at £438,135 (£421,141 in 2021). This is due to a change in the way of calculating values from an historic valuation to insurance valuations.

The reserves held include restricted funds totalling £5,679 (see Assets & Liabilities note 1). Unrestricted funds being £74,119 as at 31st December 2022 of which funds held for designated purposes totalled £12,498, with the remainder held free of £61,621.

These numbers reflect the closure and incorporation of the old Badge Shop account, which includes provision for HSSU and Beaver Unit, and the similar closure and incorporation of the old Network account.

A new account facility was set up for District with Lloyds Bank, to mirror the account run by the Campsite and provides full banking and online transaction facilities. In time, it is intended to wind down the longer established account held with National Westminster.

An amount of £52,229 is additionally held in a Short-Term Deposit Facility via The Scout Association and represents longer term reserves. It is subject to a fluctuating return over and above deposit rates but is also exposed to relative risk. This situation continues to be monitored.

The District Executive Committee continues to monitor the reserves of the Charity, aiming to retain funds at least equivalent to one year's net running costs, which are currently estimated to be in the region of £20,000 annum. The District also has an additional reserve policy to contribute to future costs of the World Scout Jamboree and International events over a four year cycle at a level of £3,000 a year. This policy is subject to fluctuations, dependant on District Executive Committee decisions on involvement both financial and the places offered.

It is also the determination of the District Executive Committee that the Campsite should continue to work towards generating sufficient funds to become self-sufficient, which should greatly reduce the running costs of the District moving forward.

Joe Triccas

District and Campsite Treasurer

30.06.2023

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From 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
RECEIPTS					
Donations, legacies & other similar income	£	£	£	£	£
Membership fees	76,676				
Less paid to County	(61,473)	15,203		15,203	11,900
Donations	0	0		0	555
Grants received	0	0		0	0
Activities for generating funds					
District activities	3,379			3,379	160
Eurojam (Refund)	0			0	3,250
Badge receipts	653			653	230
Campsite fees-In District	4,525			4,525	0
Campsite fees-Out of District	7,277			7,277	0
Campsite fees-Caving	3,411			3,411	0
Campsite fees-Tomahawks	207			207	0
Campsite fees-other income	0			0	6,977
Investment income					
STIS investment Account interest	146			146	54
Reserve Account interest	46			46	5
Other receipts					
Horsham Beaver Scouts	0			0	0
HSSU	0			0	0
Insurance Claim payment	1,499			1,499	0
Campsite Rent Refund	875			875	0
Campsite Xmas Tree initiative(net)	2,396			2,396	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	39,615	0	0	39,615	23,130
PAYMENTS					
District activities					
Grants paid	1,950			1,950	0
District award ceremonies	0			0	0
Leader support and training expenses	0			0	0
District website and media	535			535	0
District equipment purchased	219			219	0
International & Jamboree contribution	12,000			12,000	0
Eurojam Refunds	278			278	3,639
District team expenses reimbursed	0			0	371
Campsite toilet & shower block renovation costs	4,188			4,188	45,432
Campsite cave system installation costs	0	0		0	904
Campsite contribution(insurance payment)	4,065			4,065	2,263
Campsite fixed costs(rent/insurance/utilities)	3,768			3,768	3,663
Campsite other recurring costs(tank empty/cleaning/	6,239			6,239	2,924
Campsite other costs(equipment/refunds/misc other	4,243			4,243	1,456
Campsite Break in repair costs	1,599			1,599	0
Campsite Xmas Tree pay outs	1,687			1,687	0
Costs of generating funds					
District activities	2,831			2,831	63
Badge purchases and expenses	311			311	0
Support costs					
Insurance-District	-			0	0
AGM and meeting expenses	245			245	0
Other					
District run Explorer Unit expenses	-			0	0
Bank charge	-			0	0
Horsham Beaver Scouts	-			0	0
HSSU	-			0	0
Adjustment	0			0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	44,158	0	0	44,158	60,713
Net of receipts/(payments)	(4,542)	-	-	(4,542)	(37,582)
Funds held as at 1st January	78,671	5,679	0	84,350	121,932
Funds held as at 31st December	74,129	5,679	0	79,808	84,350
			diff	9.96	0

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Bank balances as at 31/12/2022	£	£	£	£
Natwest Current Account	200		200	200
Natwest Reserve Account	12,946	5,679	18,625	25,269
STIS Investment Account	52,229		52,229	52,083
Lloyds District Account	4,714		4,714	0
Lloyds Campsite Account	4,028		4,028	1,850
Lloyds Reserve Account	1		1	1
Badge Shop A/c	0		0	3,747
Nat West Network Community Account	0		0	1,302
	74,119	5,679	79,798	84,452

District funds held as follows:

	2022	2021
Restricted	£	£
Restricted	5,679	5,679
Restricted	0	278
Unrestricted	0	6,000
Unrestricted	5,000	5,000
Unrestricted	0	3,747
Unrestricted	5,055	9,243
Unrestricted	1,303	1,302
Unrestricted	189	0
Unrestricted	951	0
Unrestricted	61,621	53,204
	79,798	84,452

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	TOTAL FUNDS 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Natwest current account	200			200	200
Natwest reserve account	12,946	5,679		18,625	25,269
STIS Investment account	52,229			52,229	52,083
Lloyds District account	4,714			4,714	0
Lloyds campsite bank account	4,028			4,028	1,850
Lloyds campsite Reserve account	1			1	1
Lloyds Badge shop bank account	0			0	3,747
Nat West Network Community Account	0			0	1,302
Total Cash funds	74,119	5,679	0	79,798	84,452
Other monetary assets	0	0	0	0	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Scout Campsite building and toilet/shower block	248,457			248,457	240,055
Caving building	26,710			26,710	26,380
Caving equipment	114,913			114,913	111,026
Other Campsite contents and equipment	46,798			46,798	43,496
Badge shop stock	1,257			1,257	184
	438,135	0	0	438,135	421,141
Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1 Restricted cash funds held are to be retained for the following purposes:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Paul Dold Memorial fund - Restricted to Caving project	5,679	5,679
Eurojam 2020 fund raising - Restricted to Eurojam 2020 entries	0	278
	5,679	5,956

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

- 2 Unrestricted cash funds are to be retained and spent as the District Executive deem fit, the following amounts have been designated for specific purposes:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
International and Jamboree Fund	0	6,000
Campsite building and grounds improvement project	5,055	9,243
District Grant Fund -Henfield HQ refurbishment fund	5,000	5,000
Beaver Unit	951	951
HSSU	189	339
Network Community	1,303	1,303

- 3 The Scout Campsite is maintained and leased by the District on a 50 year lease from Crawley Borough Council dated 24th June 2000. The lease has 28 years remaining. Renewal costs of the lease in 2050 are likely to be minimal, equal to legal fees.

Campsite rent reviews are on a 5 year cycle-next review due in 2025

- 4 Since the introduction of the Explorer Scouts, their units have been officially designated as part of the Scout District and are neither independent or part of the Group to which they may attach. For this reason their monetary assets are included as assets of the District.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Europa Unit	7,406	8,186
Paladin Unit	806	595
Spitfire Unit	2,049	1,038
Hurricanes Unit	914	1,005
Phoenix Unit	1,526	1,594
Pegasus Unit	2,781	1,306
Apollo Unit	2,915	3,032
Taurus(Cowfold) Unit	161	161
Titans Unit	8,998	5,935
Orion Unit	1,875	3,029
	29,431	25,880

- 5 The campsite valuations have been arrived at by reference to insurance valuations, as this is deemed to be more meaningful, rather than the previous receipts and payments basis

- 6 No Trustees received remuneration or benefits during the year

Approved by the trustees on 30/06/2022 and signed on their behalf by;

H Greenwood
H Greenwood-District Chair

J Triccas
J Triccas-District Treasurer

HORSHAM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Charity Number: 1076603

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HORSHAM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on the accounts of Horsham District Scout Council for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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); and 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 Commissioners. That 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 the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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
2. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
3. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
4. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Eve Fegredo

Date:12.6.23.....