

District Commissioners Report 2020-21

A Scouting year like no other!

Unfortunately it was a sour start to the scouting year with the continuation of the suspension of face-to-face scouting by Scouting Headquarters due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Scouting did however continue across the district for most in a different way, with both adults and the young people continuing with their virtual meetings, and some very innovative home packs of activities as well as some virtual competitions.

In late July 20 sections and groups were able to start meeting face to face, but with restricted numbers, new procedures and Covid risk assessments became part of everyday scouting. Meetings were limited to meeting outside only and wearing a facemask became part of most meetings. Many groups across the District chose to wait for September before meeting face to face again, while others did a combination of both.

In October a local lockdown slipped us back to meeting virtually again and this continued through the Christmas period and on to around April, when face-to-face meetings were again allowed.

Unfortunately a few groups were not able to restart, through external restrictions on their meeting venues and understandably some adults not feeling safe to meet in large groups.

As the restrictions become less we are looking forward to the future, with much excitement and in being able to return to our normal scouting activities. We know that the opportunities and possibilities for the future are endless.

The section reports although somewhat shorter this year, they do show that things haven't just stood still. And most have managed some scouting through the last year.

The impact on the District was felt quite hard this year when the annual census was carried out. The number of young people registered with the Scout association in January this year for the District dropped to 683 from 1179 last year. Unfortunately our school group had to suspend their scouting activities due to the impact of the pandemic on normal schooling. This in part contributed to the drop in the number of young people

The break down is as follows - 170 Beavers (284 last year), 262 Cubs (495 last Year), 187 Scouts (299 last year), 57 Explorers (83 last year) and 7 Network, (18 last year).

The number of registered adult members in the district has dropped this year from 311 adults in 2020 to 268 adults this year (2021). This is due in part to the updating of the Compass system in removing adults no longer active in scouting.

The total membership in the District for 2021 is 951 members.

Interest in the young people wishing to join the organisation remains high and the waiting lists within most groups continue to reflect this, however I suspect that many on waiting lists will be joining sections and groups as we slowly rebuild coming out of the pandemic.

Particularly this year it is appropriate to salute all the fantastic leaders, section assistants and helpers across the District for their continued commitment, dedication, time and hard work they all show to their groups and to the young people of Wakefield.

Thank you also to the District Executive Committee, my District Team and the County Team who have continued to work tirelessly in supporting myself and the whole district over this difficult year.

A quote -

"Look wide, beyond your immediate surroundings and limits, and you see things in their right proportion. Look above the level of things around you and see a higher aim and possibility to your work."

Lord Robert Baden Powell



Charity Number 1084038

Adrian Cooper
District Commissioner.

Wakefield District Scouts Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022

Receipts and payments

	2021/22	2021/22	2020/21	2020/21
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	£		£	
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities	1,260			
Campsite costs	1,245		8,549	
Narrowboat costs	9,633		5,288	
Activity Refunds				3,213
Repairs and Renewals			395	
Administration costs	689		446	
Loan repayment re lawnmower	1,312			
Uniforms/Badges	202			
Donations			50	
Contra restricted funds	3,641			
Payments from grants received		1,912	-	1,990
Scout group costs etc paid from grants		3,948		
Campsite upgrades from grants etc		37,577		
Sub total	17,982	43,437	14,728	5,203
Fundraising expenses				
Detail 1	-	-	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	17,982	43,437	14,728	5,203
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,982	43,437	14,728	5,203
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,260	4,235	-	2,729
Cash funds last year end	83,459	15,142	86,484	12,413
Cash funds this year end	88,719	19,377	83,459	15,142

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	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	34,483	-	30,749	-
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	32,667	-	31,096
Membership subscriptions retained	1,816	-	347	-
Donations	250	-	250	-
Interest income	43	-	11	161
Legacies income	1,934	-	-	-
Legacies - deposit refunds	-	-	2,000	-
Loan repayment	300	-	-	-
Grants	-	3,600	-	-
Website grants	-	38,047	-	-
Other grants	-	2,384	-	-
Website income	4,536	-	5,763	-
Rowboat income	14,357	-	4,002	-
Unrestricted funds	-	3,641	-	-
Sub total	23,236	47,672	11,679	161
Expenditure				
Scout camp site project	-	-	-	3,141
New scout groups	-	-	-	4,630
Sub total	-	-	-	7,771
Raising (gross)				
1	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment income				
Interest	6	-	24	-
Scouting Society interest	-	-	-	-
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6	-	24	-
Total Gross Income	23,242	47,672	11,703	7,932
Net and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,242	47,672	11,703	7,932

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

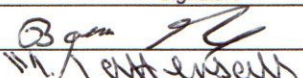
	2021/22	2021/22	2020/21	2020/21
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Cash funds				
Bank current account	30,660	18,778	24,807	15,142
Bank deposit account	58,658		58,652	
Building society account	-	-	-	-
The Scout-Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	89,318	18,778	83,459	15,142
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	4,604	-	4,904	-
Activity deposits	2,275	-	2,275	-
Sub total	6,879		7,179	
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-		-	
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
The District has a number of buildings on the capsite along with				
two powered lawn mowers				
The District also owns two narrow boats				
Sub total	-		-	
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan from members re new mower	-	-	2,630	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-		2,630	

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28/09/2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name


Barrie Mawson

Barrie Mawson	Chair
Michael Tattersall	Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WAKEFIELD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 31st March 2022

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *):

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 Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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