

District Commissioner's Report March 2023

Appointments.

Back in February when we last ran the report, we had 21 that needed to attend. We still have 21 needing the appointments panel although some of these are new appointments.

The appointments committee have seen a few people since last month, but as ever this is a moving load with new adults being added all the time.

Again, I will tie with Keith and see if we can do some drop in's at groups during their meeting nights.

At the last DC's meeting – items brought up were

- Compliance – we are now pretty good in terms of our compliance.
- On the last monthly report from HQ we only had 1 that was outstanding for safety & safeguarding.

First aid is now starting to come through on the compliance report and currently we have 2 leaders with overdue first Aid. I am assured by the GSL's of those groups that these will be sorted by the end of the month

Challenge 23

Numbers from groups are still filtering in but currently its looking like we have over the 300 (Coach capacity)

Numbers have to be in to County by the end of April, by which time we will know exactly how many are attending and if we need to order in a 7th/8th Coach.

One particular group (50th) is having quite a number only going for the day – these will have to make their own way to Bramham.

Just to remember that the 6 coaches we have paid deposits for are £1100 per coach.

Each YP is paying £15.00 towards the cost and district is subsidising the addition £7/PP

Census

Numbers are up overall on 2022.

Beavers are **Down** slightly from 221 to 216

Cubs are **UP** from 261 to 288

Scouts are **UP** from 192 to 220

Explorer are **UP** from 63 to 79

Network are **UP** from 7 to 8

Giving a Young person total for the District at **811** compared to 791 in 2022

Adults are **UP** from 274 to 291

Overall District total **1102** compared with 1018 in 2022

Attached is the overall census numbers.

Carol Milburn – County commissioner Thanked the districts for the growth in Young People

St Georges Day.

Despite us deciding on a Traffic Management Company (TM) – the one we went with never replied back to emails or a phone call.

The late comer has how ever come as a saviour. O'Connors Utilities are supplying the TM through one of their suppliers (Total Resources UK) free of Charge. They want to put a little back in to the community as they are responsible for a lot of the digging up on roads around Wakefield of late and only ask for some recognition to Wakefield Scouts.

They are supplying all the signage and will deal with all the Erection & removal of all the signage. They are also supplying 10 operatives to cover the road closure and have supplied a traffic management plan for the event. (see attached)

GSL's Have now been sent the information with a view to them distributing the information to their sections and leaders.

Chris Thorpe will be acting as the Parade Controller and as another point of contact other than myself with the TM company during the event.

The Following have had an invitation

- Major of Wakefield
- County Commissioner - Carol Milburn
- Guiding Commissioners

We currently have a poll out with the leaders over which Promise should be used.

We still need to get the service sheets printed but I have these in hand.

We still need to look at getting the mats for the Squirrels & Beavers to sit on to the Cathedral.

Transformation

DC's and District Chairs were invited to a morning session on Saturday 25th March regarding governance of executive committees and its up and coming changes. As of April we will become a Trustee Board.

I have attached a copy of POR Chapter 5 (New tweaked version to come)

Between Barrie and myself we will be looking to help and support groups with regard to these changes for their up and coming AGM's

Members from across the county then were invited to an afternoon drop in where the to focus was on moving forward about being part of different Teams, and we want to promote this to the wider county and district as these changes start to filter down from head quarters.

Squirrels

Things are progressing well with the Dreys.

Squirrels at the 25th were being invested tonight.

Squirrels at the 50th have already been invested of far as I'm aware.

Explorers

Apollo – I've had notification (Barrie & Chris aware) the leaders at apollo of their intention to finish – I think a lot of their reason is they are struggling with some you people and their different genders.

This is despite me referring them to the inclusion and diversity team at county.
The issue is not we still may need support for leaders at the unit these YP decide to move to.
We will have to monitor this over the coming weeks and months.

Other units seem to be working well – with Phoenix and Vikings doing joint meetings most weeks and other units inviting other units to their activities on a more regular basis.

Awards

Currently outstanding to present are

- 12 - long service awards
- 5 - Wood badges Certificates with beads
- 3 - Wood badge Certificates

Various certificates left over from the awards day that didn't attend – these will be passed to the GSL's to present.

At the recent transformation day I was presented with my DC wood Badge certificate.

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Wakefield District Scouts Receipts and Payments Account

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Receipts and payments

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
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Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	38,759		34,483	-
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 36,537		- 32,667	
Net membership subscriptions retained	2,222	-	1,816	-
Donations	1,298	327	250	
Other income			43	
Activities income	22,963		1,934	
Sale of Garages	2,772			
Group loan repayment	300		300	
Group grants		2,038		3,600
Campsite grants		5,257		38,047
Young Leaders grant		1,000		
Other grants				2,384
Campsite income	7,026		4,536	
Narrowboat income	16,187		14,357	
Contra unrestricted funds				3,641
	-	-		-
Sub total	52,768	8,622	23,236	47,672
Grants				
District camp site project	-		-	-
Re new scout groups	-		-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Fundraising (gross)				
Detail 1	-	-	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	258		6	
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
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Charitable Payments				
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Campsite costs	6,053		1,245	
Narrowboat costs	17,127		9,633	
Web site upgrade	1,200			
Administration costs	552		689	
Jamboree Grants	3,500			
Loan repayment re lawnmower			1,312	
Uniforms/Badges			202	
Contra restricted funds			3,641	
Donations		327		
Payments from grants received		4,918		1,912
Scout group costs paid from grants				3,948
Campsite upgrades paid from grants		10,676		37,577
Purchase of Angus Ferguson	20,000			
Little Beck costs	1,137			
Sub total	76,160	15,921	17,982	43,437
Fundraising expenses				
Detail 1	-	-	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	76,160	15,921	17,982	43,437
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	76,160	15,921	17,982	43,437
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 23,134	- 7,299	5,260	4,235
Cash funds last year end	88,719	19,377	83,459	15,142
Cash funds this year end	65,585	12,078	88,719	19,377

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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Bank deposit account	58,916		58,658	
Building society account				
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	65,584	12,079	89,318	18,778
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	4,892		4,604	-
Activity deposits	1,000		2,275	-
Sub total	5,892		6,879	
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-		-	
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
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2) Two rideon mowers: one donated 2010	1,500		1,500	
one purchased 2020	2,630		2,630	
3) Two Narrow boats Jubilee Venture, purchased 1977 *			25,000	
Scouting Venture purchased 2016	30,000		30,000	
Angus Ferguson purchased 2022	20,000			
* Decommissioned 2022 and now on campsite as accommodation / activity rooms				
Sub total	59,130		64,130	
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan from members re new mower		-		-
Other liabilities	-	-		-
Sub total	-		-	

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21/06/23 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

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 2023

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

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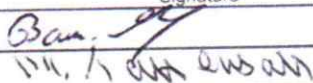
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