

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1091301

Details

Other names	BRISTOL SOUTH EAST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2002-03-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: The objectives of Bristol South are as a unit of the Scout Association. To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities, by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, guided by adult leadership.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE SOUTH EAST BRISTOL POST CODES BS4 AND BS14
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£106,751	£99,547	-	-
2024-03-31	£92,020	£107,992	-	-
2023-03-31	£129,297	£122,650	-	-
2022-03-31	£99,102	£85,187	-	-
2021-03-31	£89,098	£69,788	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tina Symons Mrs	Chair	2025-06-15
Aaron Wheatley		2021-07-30
Cathy Harding		2014-06-06
James Blackmore		2024-09-07
Jessica Tulit		2024-09-07
Nick Winter		
Paul Harper		2021-04-01
TONY REES		2013-07-04

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District Trustees Annual Report

to the

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

for the year ended 31 March 2025

**presented at the Annual General Meeting
15th July 2025**

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Status

The scout district was first registered with the Charity Commission (England & Wales) on 22nd March 2002 under the charity number 1091301 on the merger of the Bristol SE and SW Scout districts.

The charity is part of the Scout Association, located within the 'Scout County of Avon' and has the district registration number 16716.

District Trustees during 2024-25

Steve Williams	District Chair	(A)
Tony Rees	District Treasurer	(A)
James Blackmore	District Lead Volunteer*	(X)
Vacancy	District Youth Lead	(X)
Cathy Harding		(A)
Jessica Tulit		(A)
Ian Chalmers	[resigned during the year under review]	(A)
Nick Winter		(A)
Aaron Wheatley		(A)
Paul Harper		(A)

Two places were vacant during the year. There were no co-options to the Board of Trustees during the year under review.

Note: Trustee categories have changed in line with the Scout Association's Transformation programme. This resulted in Trustees being 'Appointed' (A) with only two Ex-officio positions, that of District Lead Volunteer [formerly DC] and District Youth Lead (X)

*Whilst we do have two DLVs only one is required to be recorded

Principal Address

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Bankers

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Independent Financial Examiner

Emily Reeve

Structure, Governance and Management

The district's governing documents and constitution are those of The Scout Association (TSA). These consist of Charter Royal, 1991 being the most recent, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. The district is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the rules and policies contained in POR of The Scout Association.

The District Board of Trustees (BOT) consisted of up to 12 members during the year, which as an educational charity, manages the district. 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 (England & Wales) as appropriate.

The district operates under the model rules and constitution provided by The Scout Association under POR rule 5 and subsections, as amended from time to time and with due regard and implementation of national policies, including, but not limited to, equal opportunities/equality, privacy and data protection, safeguarding and anti-bullying, safety and vetting.

The BOT meets on average six times a year (also by Zoom if circumstances dictate), and exists to support the District Leadership Team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of district property
- The raising of funds and the administration of district finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Providing general oversight and management where appropriate

As progress is made towards the full implementation of the 'Transformation' programme elements of BOT activity may be subject to further change.

Purpose, Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Scouting is to actively encourage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The objectives of the district are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is:

"To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities."

"The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership."

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Public Benefit

The district meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the 'advancement of education' and the 'advancement of citizenship or community development' headings. Bristol south scout district 'catchment' covers the following postal code areas of south Bristol, though in some areas not exclusively BS1, BS3, BS4, BS13 and BS14. Whilst membership, both young people and adult volunteer, is principally drawn from these areas, activities are not confined to these locations.

Risk Assessment

The DEC/BOT has identified the major risks to which they believe the district is exposed, these have been periodically reviewed and systems have established to mitigate against them. The principal areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment.
The district has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and in the event of temporary loss would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other scout groups, as a short-term solution.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.
The district through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy and has additional cover in place for occasional helpers. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities by the groups and units within the district.
- Reduction or loss of volunteers.
The district is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular area then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation of activities or closure of parts of the district operations.

Financial Review

Due to the nature of the district funding not being guaranteed to be consistent from one year to another the Reserves Policy is flexible in nature. In essence being sufficient funds to continue to pay non deferrable or fixed debts/costs for a period of three years without funding being received from the usual income streams. This usually amounts to being in the region of £20k.

Funds are also allocated in addition to this for any possible costs associated with the vacation of the Eastwinds Scout Centre property, £20k and other activities funds are held in specific bank accounts separate from the general district account e.g. Jamboree fund, Explorer Scout fund and Gang Show fund. Funds held are regularly monitored to ensure that they do not become excessive and that are used to the widest possible benefit. Opportunities to invest in local scouting post 'pandemic period' are returning and new ones identified. A financial support package to groups and units within the district to attend activities was actioned from the 2023-24 budgets, this continued in 2024-25 along with other activity subsidies and grants etc to reduce balances to reasonable levels, within three to five years. "Spending wisely for greatest benefit not in haste".

The district is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid, £788.57 being claimed in 2024-25. This figure is set to rise annually.

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The district has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in Lloyds Bank Accounts, some interest bearing, yielding £1.5k interest in the year. The district continues to reduce cash holdings, only now held by the Eastwinds Manager.

The BOT regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

The district has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include either two signatories or two online approvals for payments.

Statement of Trustees Financial Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring the keeping of proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the district and forecasting outturn during the year enabling financial provisions to be planned with a degree of certainty.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the district and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis and follow best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities."

Additional Required Reporting

There were no 'serious' or notifiable local incidents during the year under review. All processes are subject to review by the trustees.

Grant making is not the main way the charity fulfils its purposes. However, in these times, refunds have been made and small grants made available within the scout district in addition to those usually considered e.g. hardship assistance. There was no fundraising from the general public.

No funding was received as a payment for contracts with central or local government.

The charity does not have any trading subsidiaries, nor does it operate outside of England & Wales and has not received any overseas funding.

All the trustees are volunteers and as such not remunerated except for the payment of claimed expenses. There are no paid staff, thus no trustees have resigned to start paid appointments.

As a young person's charity, all volunteers including trustees are subject to a DBS check prior to appointment, which is reviewed upon positional changes and after five years or sooner if circumstances require. This service along with others e.g. mandatory safeguarding and safety training is provided centrally by The Scout Association or via its approved contractor. Trustee details are recorded and shown on The Charity Commission portal.

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District Accounts Commentary 2024-2025

As the total district income is less than £250k the accounts are in a Receipts and Payments format as per The Charity Commission requirements and subject to an Independent Examination rather than a full audit.

As usual the district finishes the review period in an apparently cash rich situation, however, this is not totally by design. The trustees agreed to a negative budget for the year under review publicising the availability of grants, loans and support for activities to groups and units but the anticipated take up was in fact lower than anticipated for the second year running, plus the closure of a scout group brought an unanticipated boost to funds near to the end of the financial year.

Until the effective use of funds can be made a sizeable proportion of account balances have been placed in a selection of interest-bearing accounts so that some gain is made from this until future expenditures are identified and made. Interest rates are again dropping so returns are not very high. Funds are still quickly accessible to make payments and/or assist groups and units. The trustees again reaffirmed that it would not be prudent management to spend just for spending's sake to reduce balances to the agreed reserved levels, which may need revaluation as costs continue to increase across the board. Gift Aid continues to be claimed although this could be expanded.

At the beginning of the year under review the trustees agreed that there would be a district membership levy of a nominal £1 per young person, however, with the implementation by scout headquarters of a very substantial increase in the national membership charge it was agreed to cancel the re-introduction of the district levy thus keeping a little more funds in groups and units accounts. This has not detrimentally impacted the district's financial position.

Actions commenced last year included the reduction or write off of badge stocks and band equipment and also the reserves allocations remain at previously set levels.

As I stand down as treasurer and trustee, I am confident the district remains in a financially stable position. "And Finally" my ongoing sincere thanks to all those signatories and examiners who have supported the operation of the district's finances over the years.

Tony Rees

**District Trustee formerly Finance Team latterly Treasurer
2013-2025**

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Achievements and Performance – Ben Wherrett & James Blackmore – joint DLVs

Thank you to everyone for attending tonight. This report covers the Scout year from April 2024 to March 2025.

Membership

Scouting is going well in Bristol South. The 2025 Census shows there are 1192 young people involved in Scouting in Bristol South. This is a 6% reduction on 1265 in the previous year. All our sections are slightly down on last year apart from Young Leaders, which has risen by 10%. However, group/unit numbers are stable and many have waiting lists of those interested with demand for Scouting is still outstripping supply. Last January we had 493 young people on our waiting list, this year it was 427, so volunteer [leader] recruitment is still crucial. Most importantly, however, numbers are extremely good following pre-pandemic levels which were just over 1000. Congratulations to all our volunteers. In a year when there has been so much change at Group Lead Volunteer level, this is a fantastic result.

Squirrels

We now have two established Squirrel Dreys at 11th Bristol Air Scout Group and Windmill Hill Scout Group. Demand is high so as further Groups decide to take the plunge and set up a Drey, we now have some experts who can help. Hopefully more dreys will be set up in the near future.

Redcliffe Beavers (supported by 255th Channel Sea Scouts)

As an attempt to offer Scouting in the inner City, we are pleased to be trialling the new Redcliffe Beaver Colony which is being supported by 255th (Channel) Sea Scout Group. It has been an interesting challenge, but I am delighted to announce the Group has 15 young people invested but also a number of volunteers undergoing their training. There have been recent discussions about opening a cub pack there as the next step in bringing Scouting to all.

Activities

Activities have been incredible this year with a wide spectrum of experiences being thought of and offered. We are truly amazed by some of the activities being held. Last year we had over 1500 young people on activities and over 1200 night-away experiences. This is thanks to the amazing volunteers whose time, planning, ingenuity and thoughtfulness have made this all possible.

14-24 Units

Our 14-24 units have gone from strength to strength with both explorer units increasing in size. From backwoods cooking to scuba diving sessions as well as the Monopoly Run and Rickard Shield, with Spinnaker taking to the water more than ever. Our young people have certainly been increasing their list of experiences. With a focus on youth-led programmes it is now up to the explorers themselves to produce ideas and to lead some of the nights within a term. This helps to improve the quality of Scouting further down the younger sections as both units have a large number of Young Leaders.

14-25 Units (continued)

Spinnaker SESU is also a part of the test phase for the national revamp of Explorer units from HQ trialling new badges such as a revamped cooking badge along with climbing and more to come next term.

Young Leaders with Dan, Anne and Scott at the helm have been meeting regularly. Teaching our next generation of volunteers all the skills they need to become successful lead volunteers. At 76 YLs we have more than ever across all our groups.

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards team, under the guidance of Tim, Ross, Rob and Tracey we have an excellent team helping our young people achieve with four explorers achieving silver last year and this year seven explorers will hopefully achieve bronze and five explorers gold, fingers crossed for them.

The Gert Lush Network is now well and truly active again with new members invested a few weeks ago helping to form our oldest section, of which most are volunteers within Bristol South as well.

Strengthening Our Group Structure

Our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who give thousands of hours to ensure our young people gain skills for life. So, our focus this year, as a district, was to support Groups, ensuring they have the right people in the right roles. We have focused on GSL/GLVs to attract, motivate and support your team of adult volunteers and to train and support our team leads. Many members of the district team cover a number of roles and of course some of us volunteer in Groups as well. While we still aim to visit every Group, we have often needed to focus on where extra support was required or requested. At Group level, the key to growth area is to have an inspirational Group Lead Volunteer to support each section. Hence the focus is on appointing new GLV/GSLs and utilising strong groups to support others in need of mentoring.

Over the year we ran a series of training events for the GLVs and District Team members of tomorrow and helped them with getting to grips with the new systems. This enabled us to identify and train the next generation of GLVs and District Team. We have supported the appointment of 4 Group Scout Leaders/ Group Lead volunteers.

Our most recent appointment is Roger who has recently taken up the post of what was known as DESC, this is now 14-24 Team Lead. He has been doing an excellent job of shepherding our revitalised Network and supporting our ESU's. With big plans for the coming year, we need to create stronger links between units and groups.

Transformation

2024 was all about transformation from the lead up to the roll out, it was a confusing time for all. But through demanding work and many hours we have gotten to grips with the new system known as 'my membership'. It has been great to see many people on zoom calls with HQ and attend training sessions run by Scott. Most people have now logged in to see what it is like. It has allowed for the streamlining of Nights Away Notifications for easier permit applications and a more central hub for information and communication.

A small sidenote, please could I ask for those that have not signed the online declaration or filled in their profile out to do so please as soon as possible.

Gang Show – February 2025

This year's spectacular show had the biggest cast and more young people than ever before. The County Lead volunteer, County Chair, Girl Guides Bristol SW Divisional Commissioner and around 700 people were treated to an excellent show with singing, dancing and comedy. It is also a great advert to other Scouts with visits from representatives of Gang Shows from all over the country, including Manchester! If you would like to be part of this amazing show next year, watch out for next year's auditions. Every Cub, Scout, Explorer, Network, Brownie and Girl Guide members are welcome, adult volunteers as well! Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons and transport is available from some Scout HQs.

District Lead Volunteer Team

With last year's AGM we had only just taken over our DLV roles. More than a year in now, where has the time gone! We have spent many hours working on issues within the district. Our aim is to ensure that excellent Scouting happens for all our young people and volunteers alike. We have had many challenges including HQs subsiding, new planning permissions, and lease agreements along with new training modules and not to mention a whole new way of Scouting. We have had a number of GLVs step down with new volunteers coming in.

Unfortunately, the difficult decision was made to close the Knowle West Sscout Group due to numerous factors. Since taking over it has been an interesting ride, but we both now feel we are getting to grips with the task. We would like to thank Teresa immensely, Nick, Steve, Tony, Roger, Arthur and anybody who we have missed. One thing that has happened since transition is the DLV/DMT team is a lot more compact – we feel we are one team. Note a lack of ladies on this team, so please feel free to step forward we always need extra help.

View for the future

We have decided to focus on linking our district together with a focus on holding a district wide event as well as holding the Pinewood derby and increasing links from Scout sections to Explorer units.

Sincerest thanks to all volunteers who contribute to giving the young people in our Groups, Units and District 'Skills For Life'.

Ben & James

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District Chairman's Report 2025 – Steve Williams



Dear Fellow Scout Volunteers

It always seems strange to me that we reflect on our past scouting year in April, especially when many of us are still working through this current year's programme. However, no matter how our Scouting life is at the present, it does cause us to stop and reflect and think about the highs and lows of our previous financial year in our Scouting life.

As some of you are aware I will be stepping down as district chair as of this year's District Annual General Meeting and therefore my reflection goes back over the time I have been in the role as your District Chair.

Since taking on the role in 2019 our District has endured a number of changes. The change of four different DC's/DLV's. Also not forgetting the challenges we all faced during the Covid pandemic not only in our Scouting lives but our personal lives as well.

More recently we have had to contend with changes to the structure of scouting both as Board of Trustees and as Leadership Teams with changes in responsibilities and coming to terms with a completely new online database and the issues and the uncertainties that this has sometimes caused. Adult Training is now emphasized as Learning with much of the this now carried out as online modules.

I think it is safe say no one likes, or always welcomes, change, but change is inevitable. It is because of change that Scouting has developed and changed over its 116 years and has adapted so it is still current and relevant in the lives of all of us and our young members today. What volunteer would wish to go back to pre OSM days when subscriptions and members badge progress had to maintained manually in ledgers, notebooks and sometimes written on the back of your hand.

Many things have changed in Scouting since
Lord Robert Baden-Powell said

"I have over and over again explained that the purpose of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movement is to build men and women as citizens endowed with the three H's namely, Health, Happiness and Helpfulness. The man or woman who succeeds in developing these three attributes has secured the main steps to success in this Life."



However, regardless of the changes we endure in Scouting, what has not change is the devotion, dedication and commitment of Scout volunteers to provide the very best for their members in ensuring the memories they build whilst in Scouts have a lasting effect on the rest of their lives.

It is my hope that whilst serving on the District Board of Trustees we have helped our groups and units to help achieve those goals.

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In conclusion I would like to express by sincere thanks to all those Trustees I have had the privilege to serve with over my tenure with special thanks to Tony Rees whose help and support during my time on the DBOT has been invaluable.

And always remember "***There's more to life than Scouts but it's a great place to start.***"

Yours in Scouting

Steve

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by:



Steve Williams – Chair, Board of Trustees 2024-25



James Blackmore – Co-District Lead Volunteer 2024-25

Date: 17th June 2025

**Bristol South Scout District
Board Of Trustees
Annual Accounts 2024-25**

Registered Charity 1091301



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Accounts Statement - 2024 - 2025

<u>Accounts Summaries</u>			B/F	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Main Operational Accounts	n1	£	130168.42	82405.57	76674.66	135899.33
District Gang Show			4540.24	5842.85	6377.97	4005.12
District Jamboree			347.96	0.75	0.00	348.71
Eastwinds Manager			122.66	44.89	86.50	81.05
District Explorers			505.65	3642.70	3615.05	533.30
Spinnaker SESU			2456.91	7960.50	7288.84	3128.57
Supernova ESU			941.89	6351.85	5504.41	1789.33
District Network			308.01	502.08	0.00	810.09
Grand Totals	2024-2025	£	139391.74	106751.19	99547.43	146595.50

Non-monetary Assets

	2024-25	2023-24	
Eastwinds Building	345600.00	345600.00	(a)
Eastwinds Contents/Equipment	30352.00	30352.00	(a)
The Den Contents	7978.00	7978.00	(a)
District Badge Stock	200.50	1553.38	(b)
Ravens Band Equipment	495.00	1650.00	(c)
Valuations based on	(a) NFU Insurance Valuations (b) County/District Badge Stock (c) Writing off residual value		
		Activity Badge stock/written off.	
Total Non-monetary assets	£	384625.50	387133.38
Total Asset Value, Money Buildings etc	£	531221.00	526525.12

The District has no Endowment or otherwise 'restricted funds' formally ringfenced for specific use by Deed of Gift/Trust or similar legal condition.

n1 This sum includes provision for a payment being paid made at the commencement of each financial year, thus the balance c/f to 2025-26 is 'inflated' by this sum. "True Overall Balance after liabilities" **£74,106.83**

At the end of the year under review the district has one debtor, this being a loan to a group of £2500. On schedule a payment of £500 was received so the total 'Debtor' figure is now £1500. There is no reason to suspect that future payments will not be received on schedule.

<u>Main Operational Accounts</u>	2024-25	2023-24
Balance brought forward	130168.42	146509.11
Income		
Annual Membership Fees From Groups 2025	61792.50	
Residual Funds Knowle West Group Closure	7236.39	
Badge Income	294.00	
Loan Repayments	500.00	
Bank Interest	1498.56	
Eastwinds		
Forest School	8575.00	
Scout Use	1600.00	
Miscellaneous Hire	300.00	
EDF Refund	609.12	
	11084.12	
Total Income	82405.57	74622.22
Balance B/F + Income	212573.99	221131.33
Expenditure		
Membership Payment to County 2024	62537.50	
Youth Programme & Activities	271.00	
Den and Casual Helper Insurance	449.60	
District Website (URL, Hosting & Support)	345.44	
Licenses Legal & Consents	658.10	
Volunteer Training, Support & Events	141.60	
District Team Expenses	184.87	
AGM/Trustee Expenses	71.26	
District Overheads	199.70	
Eastwinds Utilities Water, Electric, BT	3709.65	
Repairs & Maintanance	284.22	
Waste Removal	172.35	
Insurance NFU & Fire Equipment	2085.08	
Business Rates	84.83	6336.13
Grants/Loans Other Financial Support		
Grants to Groups	3365.46	
Group Activity Support Payments	2114.00	5479.46
Total Expenditure	76674.66	90962.91
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>135899.33</u>	<u>130168.42</u>

<u>District Gang Show</u>	2024-25	2023-24
Balance brought forward	4540.24	4559.73
Income		
Ticket Sales (all sources)	3934.92	
Refreshment Sales	669.70	
Raffle Sales	405.00	
Donations	39.75	
Charitable Performance Collection	536.00	
Merchandise Sales incl DVD	100.00	
Programme Sales	90.00	
Show Celebration Contributions 2024	20.00	
Bank Interest	39.89	
Gift Aid	7.59	
Total Income	5842.85	7035.01
Balance B/F + Income	10383.09	11594.74
Expenditure		
Rehersal Expenses	500.00	
Equipment/Services Hire (Audio/Visual)	3225.00	
Scenery/Props	174.40	
Equipment - New/Replacement	523.98	
Front Of House Costs	18.59	
Costumes & Make Up	627.05	
Uniforms Badges Neckers	83.40	
Raffles Costs	4.73	
Refreshment Costs	325.48	
Charity Collection Payout	536.00	
Printing, Copying & Postage	114.34	
After Show Celebration Refunds 2024	245.00	
Total Expenditure	6377.97	7054.5
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>4005.12</u>	<u>4540.24</u>
 <u>District Jamboree</u>	 2024-25	 2023/24
Balance brought forward	347.96	347.96
Income		
Bank Interest	0.75	0.00
Total Income	0.75	0.00
Balance B/F + Income	348.71	347.96
Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>348.71</u>	<u>347.96</u>

<u>Eastwinds</u>	2024-25	2023-24
Balance brought forward	122.66	313.30
Income		
Hire - Non Regular Users	44.89	
Total Income	44.89	95.00
Balance B/F + Income	167.55	408.30
Expenditure		
Security	31.59	
General Maintainance	42.89	
Admin	2.49	
Plumbing	9.53	
Total Expenditure	86.50	285.64
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>81.05</u>	<u>122.66</u>

<u>District Explorers</u> (Incl. Young Leaders & DofE)	2024-25	2023-24
Balance brought forward	505.65	595.24
Income		
Subscriptions (net of Go Cardless fees)	2798.00	
Gift Aid	281.48	
DofE Award Contributions	560.00	
Bank Interest	3.22	
Total Income	3642.70	3307.88
Balance B/F + Income	4148.35	3903.12
Expenditure		
Membership To District 2025 For Young Leaders	2677.50	
Online Scout Manager License	21.50	
Young Leader Training	202.12	
DofE Expenses	713.93	
Total Expenditure	3615.05	3397.47
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>533.30</u>	<u>505.65</u>

Spinnaker ESU

	2024-25	2023-24
Balance brought forward	2456.91	1442.54
Income		
Subscriptions	2240.00	
HMRC Gift Aid (via District)	499.50	
Activity Contributions	653.00	
Camp Contributions	4568.00	
Total Income	7960.50	2893.42
Balance B/F + Income	10417.41	4335.96
Expenditure		
Annual Membership 2025	1312.50	
Rent	625.00	
Activity Costs	1835.82	
Camp Costs	3122.55	
Equipment Insurance	131.48	
Go Cardless Transaction Fees	251.49	
Training	10.00	
Total Expenditure	7288.84	1879.05
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>3128.57</u>	<u>2456.91</u>

Supernova ESU

	2024-25	2023-24
Balance brought forward	941.89	1287.86
Income		
Subscriptions	2834.85	
Activity & Camp Contributions	3412.00	
Activity Rebate From District	105.00	
Total Income	6351.85	4066.23
Balance B/F + Income	7293.74	5354.09
Expenditure		
National, County & District Membership	1155.00	
Rent Paid	400.00	
Meeting Activity Costs	200.05	
Activity & Camp Costs	3334.10	
OSM Charges	160.19	
Materials & Equipment	166.83	
Miscellaneous Costs	88.24	
Total Expenditure	5504.41	4412.20
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>1789.33</u>	<u>941.89</u>

<u>District Network</u>	2024-25	2023-24
Balance brought forward	308.01	308.01
Income		
Activity Restart Grant	500.00	
Bank Interest	2.08	
Total Income	502.08	0.00
Balance B/F + Income	810.09	308.01
Expenditure	0.00	
Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>810.09</u>	<u>308.01</u>

Declaration

Approved, subject to Independent Examination, at the Board of Trustees meeting on 15th April 2025.
in accordance with POR [2025 revision] Rule 5.7.2.1. and are signed on their behalf.

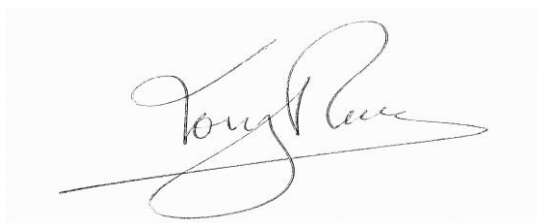
Steve Williams Chairman
Board of Trustees



James Blackmore Co-Lead Volunteer
& Trustee



Tony Rees District Treasurer
Board of Trustees



The annual accounts are:

- Presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol South Scout Council for its information
- Uploaded to The Charity Commission (England & Wales) portal as part of the annual charity report
- Forwarded to the Avon Scout County for information
- Uploaded to the Bristol South Scouts website to enable public access



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Bristol South District Scout Council		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2025	Charity Number	1091301
Set out on pages	1-7		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: *Emily Reeve*

Date: 31st May 2025

Name: Emily Reeve

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

Address: 43. William Street.

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Bristol. BS3 4TY

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Not Applicable.
[ER]

Accounts



District Trustees Annual Report

to the

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

for the year ended 31 March 2024

**presented at the Annual General Meeting
6 September 2024**

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Status

The scout district was first registered with the Charity Commission (England & Wales) on 22nd March 2002 under the charity number 1091301 on the merger of the Bristol SE and SW Scout districts.

The charity is part of the Scout Association, located within the 'Scout County of Avon' and has the district registration number 16716.

District Trustees during 2023-24

Steve Williams	District Chairman	(X)
Paul Harper	District Commissioner	(X)
Tony Rees	District Treasurer	(X)
Scott Stowell	Deputy District Commissioner	(N)
Cathy Harding	Deputy District Commissioner	(N)
Vacancy	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	(X)
Gemma Francis	District Explorer Leader (stood down during the year)	(E)
Nick Winter	District Explorer Scout Administrator	(E)
Gary Turner	District Scouter	(E)
Reece Foley	District Youth Commissioner (stood down during the year)	(X)
Stephen Thomas	Executive Committee Member	(E)
Nick Eccles	Executive Committee Member	(E)
Roger Whiter	District Network Commissioner	(X)
Aaron Wheatley	Executive Committee Member	(N)

(N) District Commissioner's Nomination, (E) Elected Member (X) Ex-officio

There were no co-options to the Board of Trustees during the year under review.

Trustee categories will be changing in line with the Scout Association's Transformation programme currently being rolled out. This will result in future Trustees being 'Appointed' with only two Ex-officio positions, that of District Lead Volunteer [formerly DC] and District Youth Lead.

Principal Address

c/o. 45 Whitecross Avenue, Bristol, BS14 9JF

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, Kingswood, Bristol PO Box 1000, BS1 6AH
Virgin Media, Unit 1, Transom House, Victoria Street, BX1 1LT

Bristol South District Website and e-mail Address

www.bristolsouthscouts.org.uk contact@bristolsouthscouts.org.uk

Independent Financial Examiner

Mr I J Chalmers

Structure, Governance and Management

The district's governing documents and constitution are those of The Scout Association (TSA). These consist of Charter Royal, 1991 being the most recent, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. The district is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the rules and policies contained in POR of The Scout Association.

The District Board of Trustees (BOT) consisted of up to 14 members during the year, which as an educational charity, manages the district. 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 (England & Wales) as appropriate.

The district operates under the model rules and constitution provided by The Scout Association under POR rule 5 and subsections, as amended from time to time and with due regard and implementation of national policies, including, but not limited to, equal opportunities/equality, privacy and data protection, safeguarding and anti-bullying, safety and vetting.

The BOT meets on average six times a year (also by Zoom if circumstances dictate), and exists to support the District Leadership Team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of district property
- The raising of funds and the administration of district finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Providing general oversight and management where appropriate

As progress is made towards the full implementation of the 'Transformation' programme elements of BOT activity may be subject to further change.

Purpose, Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Scouting is to actively encourage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The objectives of the district are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is:

"To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities."

"The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership."

Public Benefit

The district meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the 'advancement of education' and the 'advancement of citizenship or community development' headings. Bristol south scout district 'catchment' covers the following postal code areas of south Bristol, though in some areas not exclusively BS1, BS3, BS4, BS13 and BS14. Whilst membership, both young people and adult volunteer, is principally drawn from these areas, activities are not confined to these locations.

Risk Assessment

The DEC/BOT has identified the major risks to which they believe the district is exposed, these have been periodically reviewed and systems have established to mitigate against them. The principal areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment.
The district has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and in the event of temporary loss would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other scout groups, as a short-term solution.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.
The district through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy and has additional cover in place for occasional helpers. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities by the groups and units within the district.
- Reduction or loss of volunteers.
The district is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular area then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation of activities or closure of parts of the district operations.

Financial Review

Due to the nature of the district funding not being guaranteed to be consistent from one year to another the Reserves Policy is flexible in nature. In essence being sufficient funds to continue to pay non deferrable or fixed debts/costs for a period of three years without funding being received from the usual income streams. This usually amounts to being in the region of £18k.

Funds are also allocated in addition to this for any possible costs associated with the vacation of the Eastwinds Scout Centre property, £20k and other activities funds are held in specific bank accounts separate from the general district account e.g. Jamboree fund, Explorer Scout fund and Gang Show fund. Funds held are regularly monitored to ensure that they do not become excessive and that are used to the widest possible benefit. Opportunities to invest in local scouting post 'pandemic period' are returning and new ones identified. A financial support package to groups and units within the district to attend activities was actioned from the 2023-24 budgets, this will continue in 2024-25 along with other activity subsidies and grants etc to reduce balances to reasonable levels, within three to five years. "Spending wisely for greatest benefit not in haste".

The district is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid, £717.37 being claimed in 2023-24. This figure is set to rise annually.

The district has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in Lloyds Bank Accounts, some interest bearing, yielding £1k interest in the year. The district continues to reduce cash holdings, only now held by the Eastwinds Manager.

The BOT regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

The district has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include either two signatories or two online approvals for payments.

Statement of Trustees Financial Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring the keeping of proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the district and forecasting outturn during the year enabling financial provisions to be planned with a degree of certainty.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the district and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis and follow best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities."

Additional Required Reporting

There were no 'serious' or notifiable local incidents during the year under review. All processes are subject to review by the trustees.

Grant making is not the main way the charity fulfils its purposes. However, in these times, refunds have been made and small grants made available within the scout district in addition to those usually considered e.g. hardship assistance. There was no fundraising from the general public.

No funding was received as a payment for contracts with central or local government.

The charity does not have any trading subsidiaries, nor does it operate outside of England & Wales and has not received any overseas funding.

All the trustees are volunteers and as such not remunerated except for the payment of claimed expenses. There are no paid staff, thus no trustees have resigned to start paid appointments.

As a young person's charity, all volunteers including trustees are subject to a DBS check prior to appointment, which is reviewed upon positional changes and after five years. This service along with others e.g. mandatory safeguarding and safety training is provided centrally by The Scout Association or via its approved contractor. Trustee details are recorded and shown on The Charity Commission portal.

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SOUTH COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achievements and Performance

DC/DLV - Paul Harper

Thanks to everyone for attending tonight. This report covers the Scout year from April 2023 to March 2024.

Membership

Scouting is thriving in Bristol South. The 2024 Census shows there are 1265 young people involved in scouting in Bristol south. This is a 1% reduction on 1272 in the previous year. Squirrels, Beavers and Explorer numbers are slightly up overall, with Cubs and Scouts slightly down. However, group/unit numbers are stable and many have waiting lists of those interested with demand for Scouting is still outstripping supply, Last January we had 343 young people on our waiting list, this year its 493, so leader recruitment is still crucial.



Most importantly though, the number of young people in Bristol South has increased by over 26% in the past 3 years from 1004 to 1065. This number is also 4% ahead of our Pre pandemic total. Congratulations to all our volunteers.



In a year when there has been so much change at GLV level, this is a fantastic result.

Squirrels

We now have two established Squirrel Dreys at 11th Bristol Air Scout Group and Windmill Hill Scout Group. Demand seems to be high so as further Groups decide to take the plunge and set up a Drey, we now have some experts who can help. .



Redcliffe Beavers (supported by 255th Channel Sea Scouts)

As an attempt to offer Scouting in the inner City, we are pleased to be trialling the new Redcliffe Beaver Colony which is being supported by the two Counties project and 255th (Channel) Sea Scout Group. It has been an interesting challenge, but I am delighted to announce the Group has four young people invested but also four new volunteers undergoing their getting started training. Here they are making bird boxes and Gingerbread people.



We have also regained an old Friend. Chris James, who many of you will recall as GSL of 255th Channel Sea scouts, has returned as an assistant leader in the Redcliffe Colony.

Activities

A picture paints a thousand words, how very true!



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Explorers, Young Leaders, Duke of Edinburgh's Team and Network

Explorer numbers have risen this year. Our two Explorer units, Supernova and Spinnaker are developing with a more Explorer-led programme. Supernova PL/APLS met with Leaders to discuss several term's worth of nights with a range of activities including team building, problem solving, and back to scout basics such as fire lighting and knife skills.

Spinnaker have also been allowing for more nights to be run by Explorers and we are hoping for a good Fiesta with members from both units attending. Both units are now routinely hosting joint nights we recently visited Ashton Court to play wide games. Great fun was had by all.



Duke of Edinburgh Award participation saw a silver team for this year with six Network and Explorer Scouts practice on the Quantocks. With funding from the District, they now have a range of new equipment to take with them from tents to Trangias. Go Outdoors also offered additional discounts and a kit night for all Explorers so the young people managed to learn a thing or two and got a good discount.



Bristol South adults are now supporting over 60 young people to form the next generation of volunteers allowing them to learn vital skills like communication, programme development and assessing their leadership skills, through the Young Leaders Scheme.

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Supernova and Spinnaker Explorers had a lovely weekend in the sunshine, taking part in the “Strategy & Evolution” event. We had four teams, and they all did really well. Well done all.



The Gert Lush Network, although in its early stages of reforming won the Golden Boot at the Rickard shield are keen to get a good sturdy base for the next level of Scouting to continue within Bristol South.



World Scout Jamboree - South Korea

This year, Cathy's major focus was as Avon Scouts contingent leader at the World scout Jamboree in Korea. Our district was represented by three impressive Young People; Alex, Joel and Callum plus Cathy Harding and Tim Jones who had the honour of leading the Avon contingent and Tim Bird and Bethany Stubbins who provided support via the International Service Team.



While there were some well publicised challenges, our young people had an amazing experience and have told that to everyone who will listen!

Strengthening Our Group Structure

Our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who give thousands of hours to ensure our young people gain skills for life. So, our focus this year, as a district was to support Groups, ensuring they have the right people in the right roles, and, most importantly, a GSL/GLV to attract, motivate and support your team of adult volunteers and to train and support our Group Lead Volunteers.

Many members of the district team cover a number of roles and, of course some of us volunteer in Groups as well. While we still aim to visit every Group, we have often needed to focus where extra support was required or requested.

At Group level, the key to growth is to have an inspirational Group Lead Volunteer to support the volunteers. Hence the focus on appointing new GLV/GSLs and utilising strong groups to support others in need of mentoring.

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Over the past two years we ran a series of training events for the GLVs and District Team members of tomorrow. This enabled us to identify and train the Next generation of GLVs and District Team. We have supported the appointment of eight Group Scout Leaders/ Group Lead volunteers, a DESC, an ESL (Young Leaders) and provided face to face training to support them as well as providing a forum for them to share ideas with each other.



Transformation

2023 was the year we started the roll out the national to group transformation project. Titles are changing so a summary might help.

Previous title	New Title
Cub Scout Leader, scout leader, beaver leader, Squirrel leader etc	Section Leader
Group Scout Leader (GSL)	Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)
Assistant leader, sectional assistant	Volunteer Team member
District Commissioner (DC)	District Lead volunteer (DLV)
ADC etc	District Volunteer
District/Group Executive Committee	District/Group Board of Trustees (DBOT/GBOT)

Scott led the project on behalf of the district, and we provided support through training for Group Chairs and GLVs. This year training included: -

- *Building your new board of Trustees*
- *The perfect AGM*
- *What next for Bristol South District?*
- *How to ensure a flow of new adult volunteers into our scout groups and put a system in place to support them.*
- *Group Lead volunteers self Help discussion time.*
- *Specialist Safeguarding training provided by Avon & Somerset Police*

St George's Day Parade 2023

With an estimated 500 young people and adult volunteers representing 15 Scout Groups and both our Explorer scout units, this year created an experience which many will look back on with pride. Beaming faces and loud voices marked an occasion when our young people could be proud to be a scout. Thanks to our WSJ scouts and all our young people for their contribution. And a special mention should go to our Squirrel Scouts who attended and made such a memorable squirrel promise.



Such a momentous event doesn't happen by chance. Thanks to everyone in the District Team who organised and ran it and to all our scouting volunteers and parents for making it such a great celebration of Scouting in Bristol South.



It was the end of an era as we sadly say goodbye to parading on public roads due to additional costs now being imposed. The police insistence on use of outside contractors to manage the parade meant the previous format was no longer viable. We were the last district in Avon to hold a traditional St George's Day Parade. The new DLV team are intending to introduce a new format so we can recommence this important event in 2025.

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Gang Show – February 2024



This year's spectacular show had the biggest cast and more young people than ever before. The County Commissioner, County Chair, Girl Guides Bristol SW Divisional commissioner and around 700 people were treated to an excellent show with singing dancing, comedy. It is also a great advert to other Scouts with visits from representatives of Gang Shows in Swindon, Exeter, and Newport all visiting. Fred Webb, our County Gang show assessor told us it was our best show yet!



If you would like to be part of this amazing show next year, watch out for next year's auditions. Every Cub, Scout, Explorer, Network, Brownie and Girl Guide members are welcome, leaders as well! Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons and transport is available from some Scout HQs.

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New District Lead Volunteer team

On 1st April 2024, Scott, Cathy and I handed on the baton to a new District Leadership Team. Our initial tenure of 18 months was eventually extended to 3 years! The new DLV team is Sean Hegarty, Ben Wherrett and James Blackmore. They will share responsibilities between them with a shared email account. My aim was always to remain only long enough to ensure that the excellent scouting in the district could be sustained for the long term and, in some cases, rebuilt after the COVID lock-down. I am delighted to be handing over to a new fresh, talented and dedicated team.

Farewell & Thanks

As this is my last AGM Report as your District Lead Volunteer, I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has supported me over the past three years: -

- Cathy, Scott, Teresa, Ben, Arthur, Andy, Nick, Roger and Sean, in the District Leadership Team. Also, Joe who stepped down a few months ago.
- Steve, Tony, Stephen and all the Board of Trustees
- Margaret, EJ, Theresa and all on the District Appointments Committee with a special mention to Moe who has stepped down.
- Alan, (and Rose) who has 'retired' as Badge Secretary after a staggering 24 years.
- Dave, Sue, Cath, Gary and their Gang Show team.



- I would like to thank all our 18 GLVs and Explorer Scout leaders for all you do within your Groups and beyond.
- I want to thank all our leaders and every single volunteer who strives to support our young people and make a difference to their lives.
- Thank you to every one of you for making me feel welcome and for your support over the past 3 years. My stay in Bristol South was longer than anticipated but I have loved every minute of it.

Bristol South will always have a special place in my heart, and I wish you all every success for the future!

Thank you for all you do for our young people.

Paul

Paul Harper – District Commissioner

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SOUTH COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

District Chairman's Report 2024



As we come to the end of another Scouting year, we all reflect on the past year and the highs and lows of our scouting life. I am sure that there have been many occasions you come home from a session or scout meeting and shout *"That's it, I am giving up scouts! I am done with it!"*. Only to follow the next session with shouts of *"Why did I ever think about giving up scouting!"*

For the District Board of Trustees, it has been more a case of getting to terms with the idea of changes both as National, District and Group level. I am sure most of you have heard the term 'transformation' spoke about over the last 6 months, as we know is just another word for change.

Georg C Lichtenberg, the 17thC German physicist, is quoted to have said *"I cannot say whether things will get better if we change: What I can say is they must change if they are to get better"*

Frances Hesselbein who between 1965 and 1976 rose from volunteer troop leader of the Girl Scouts of the USA to CEO until 1990. During her tenure, the Girl Scouts attained a membership of 2.25 million girls with a workforce of 780,000, mainly volunteers. She is quoted to have said *"Culture does not change because we desire to change it. Culture changes when the organisation is transformed. The culture reflects the realities of people working together every day."*



I trust that we can all come to terms with changes however big or small they may seem at the time and remember that Scouting is not only an organisation but a movement: constantly moving and changing to remain relevant to our young people of both today and more importantly tomorrow.

On a district level we have had to accept a change in our District Leadership Team, and on behalf of the Board of Trustees and myself personally I would like to express our sincere thanks to Paul Harper (who's title changed from District Commissioner to District Lead Volunteer), for all his hard work and devotion to our District over the last 3 years. Which is truly reflected in his annual report, We wish him all the best in his next scouting endeavour.

Our new District Lead Volunteer Team have now been appointed with effect of 1st April and will soon, if not already done so, make themselves known to the district. Again, we wish Sean, Ben and James every success for the future.

To all Scout volunteers in the district (whatever your new titles), young and old, new to scouting or a seasoned leader, I trust you have another great year in scouting.

On a foot note, Fransis Hesselbein lived to be 107 years old so perhaps it can be said that Scouting is good for your health, wellbeing and longevity? Here's to another great year in scouting in Bristol South.

Yours in Scouting

Steve Williams

Chair, District Board of Trustees

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by:



Steve Williams – Chair, Board of Trustees 2023-24



Paul Harper – District Lead Volunteer [formerly DC] 2023-24

Date: 6th September 2024

**Bristol South Scout District
Board Of Trustees
Annual Accounts 2023-24**

Registered Charity 1091301



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Accounts Statement - 2023 - 2024

<u>Accounts Summaries</u>		B/F	Income	Expenditure	Balance	
Main Operational Accounts	£	146509.11	74622.22	90962.91	130168.42	n1
District Gang Show		4559.73	7035.01	7054.70	4540.04	
District Jamboree		347.96	0.00	0.00	347.96	
Eastwinds Manager		313.30	95.00	285.64	122.66	
District Explorers		595.24	3307.88	3397.47	505.65	
Spinnaker SESU		1442.54	2893.42	1879.05	2456.91	
Supernova ESU		1287.86	4066.23	4412.20	941.89	
District Network		308.01	0.00	0.00	308.01	
District Badge Secretary		0.29	0.00	0.00	0.29	
<u>Grand Totals</u>	2023-24	£	155364.04	92019.76	107991.97	139391.83

Non-monetary Assets

	2023-24	2022-23	
Eastwinds Building	345600.00	318555.00	(a)
Eastwinds Contents/Equipment	30352.00	29075.00	(a)
The Den Contents	7978.00	7978.00	(a)
District Badge Stock	1553.38	2511.30	(b)
Ravens Band Instruments & Equipment	1650.00	2500.00	(c)

Valuations based on (a) NFU Insurance (b) District Badge Secretary annual report (c) Band Leader estimate.

<u>Total Non-monetary assets</u>	£	387133.38	360619.30
<u>Total Asset Value, Money Buildings etc</u>	£	526525.21	515983.34

The District has no Endowment or otherwise 'restricted funds' formally ringfenced for specific use by Deed of Gift/Trust or similar legal condition.

n1 This sum includes provision for a payment being paid made at the commencement of each financial year, thus the balance c/f to 2024-25 is 'inflated' by this sum. "True Overall Balance after liabilities" **£67,630.92**

At the end of the year under review the district has one debtor, this being a loan to a group of £2500. On schedule a payment of £500 was received so the total 'Debtor' figure is £2000. There is no reason to suspect that future payments will not be received on schedule.

Main Operational Accounts

	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	146509.11	133327.00
Income		
Annual Membership Fees From Groups 2024	53033.50	
Miscellaneous Income	60.00	
Donations Recd - General	21.26	
Badge Income	7675.49	
Refunds Received	80.00	
Loan Repayments	500.00	
World Scout Jamboree Payments/Grants Recd	1485.00	
St George's Day Collection - Mercy Scouts	1281.26	
Bank Interest	1091.08	
Eastwinds		
Forest School	7515.00	
Scout Use	1600.00	
EDF Refund	279.63	
	9394.63	
Total Income	74622.22	110184.99
Balance B/F + Income	221131.33	243511.99
Expenditure		
Membership Payment to County 2023	60518.50	
Badge Purchases (Scout Store)	6326.58	
Youth Programme & Activities	226.06	
Den and Casual Helper Insurance	193.76	
District Website (URL, Hosting & Support)	340.64	
Licenses Legal & Consents	599.92	
Volunteer Training, Support & Events	967.72	
Activity Costs - District Support to Events	712.26	
District Team Expenses	432.22	
AGM/Trustee Expenses	40.00	
St George's Day - Mercy Scouts Uganda	1281.26	
World Scout Jamboree Payments to County	1635.00	
District Overheads	138.08	
Eastwinds Utilities Water, Electric, BT	3095.17	
Repairs & Maintenance	4243.14	
Waste Removal	163.56	
Insurance NFU & Fire Equipment	2029.60	
Business Rates	87.04	9618.51
Grants/Loans Other Financial Support		
Grants to Groups	5250.00	
Group Activity Support Payments	2682.40	7932.40
Total Expenditure	90962.91	97002.88
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>130168.42</u>	<u>146509.11</u>

District Gang Show

	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	4559.73	3954.49
Income		
Ticket Sales (all sources)	4796.30	
Refreshment Sales	909.90	
Raffle Sales	315.00	
Donations	35.00	
Charitable Performance Collection	500.35	
Merchandise Sales incl DVD	50.00	
Programme Sales	117.20	
After Show 2023 Celebration Contributions	215.00	
Contributions Towards Taunton Gang Show Visit	90.55	
Savings Account Interest	5.71	
Total Income	7035.01	7389.77
Balance B/F + Income	11594.74	11344.26
Expenditure		
Rehersal Expenses	550.00	
Equipment/Services Hire (Audio/Visual)	2978.60	
Scenery	256.73	
Equipment - New/Replacement	61.18	
Front Of House Costs	17.03	
Costumes & Make Up	553.81	
Residual Costs 2023 Show	610.65	
Repair Costs	425.00	
Refreshment Costs	374.59	
Charity Collection Payout	500.35	
Printing, Copying & Postage	74.05	
After 2023 Show Celebration Costs	392.40	
Taunton Gang Show Visit Costs	87.80	
Music Costs	172.51	
Total Expenditure	7054.70	6784.53
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>4540.04</u>	<u>4559.73</u>

District Jamboree

	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	347.96	4317.96
Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	0.00	0.00
Balance B/F + Income	347.96	4317.96
Expenditure	0.00	3970.00
Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>347.96</u>	<u>347.96</u>

Eastwinds	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	313.30	283.98
Income		
Hire - Non Regular Users	95.00	
Total Income	95.00	95.00
Balance B/F + Income	408.30	378.98
Expenditure		
Electrical	19.17	
General Maintainance	114.48	
Admin	1.99	
Strimmer	150.00	
Total Expenditure	285.64	65.68
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>122.66</u>	<u>313.30</u>

District Explorers (Incl. Young Leaders & DofE)	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	595.24	1906.85
Income		
Subscriptions (net of Go Cardless fees)	2429.75	
Gift Aid	198.95	
DofE Award Contributions	679.18	
Total Income	3307.88	1838.28
Balance B/F + Income	3903.12	3745.13
Expenditure		
Membership To District 2024	2400.00	
Online Scout Manager License	20.37	
Young Leader Training	140.84	
DofE Expenses	836.26	
Total Expenditure	3397.47	3149.89
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>505.65</u>	<u>595.24</u>

<u>Spinnaker ESU</u>	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	1442.54	981.88
Income		
Subscriptions	2250.00	
HMRC Gift Aid (via District)	518.42	
Refunds Received [Rent Net]	125.00	
Total Income	2893.42	5858.03
Balance B/F + Income	4335.96	6839.91
Expenditure		
Annual Membership 2024	390.00	
Uniforms & Badges	108.25	
Activity Costs	916.71	
Camp Costs	196.18	
Equipment Insurance	127.78	
Go Cardless Transaction Fees	140.13	
Total Expenditure	1879.05	5397.37
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>2456.91</u>	<u>1442.54</u>

<u>Supernova ESU</u>	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	1287.86	1733.27
Income		
Subscriptions	1950.00	
Activity Contributions	1791.23	
Camp Contributions	250.00	
Activity Rebate From District	75.00	
Total Income	4066.23	3931.00
Balance B/F + Income	5354.09	5664.27
Expenditure		
National, County & District Membership	1060.00	
Rent Paid	400.00	
Uniforms & Activity Wear	80.48	
Activity Costs	1712.62	
Camp Costs	510.00	
Materials & Equipment	599.10	
OSM Charges	50.00	
Total Expenditure	4412.20	4376.41
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>941.89</u>	<u>1287.86</u>

<u>District Network</u>	2023-24	2022-23
Balance brought forward	308.01	461.21
Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	0.00	0.00
Balance B/F + Income	308.01	461.21
Expenditure	0.00	
Network Neckerchiefs		0.00
Total Expenditure	0.00	153.20
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>308.01</u>	<u>308.01</u>

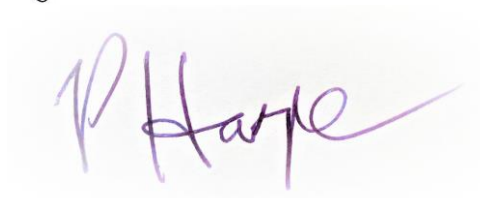
Declaration

Approved, subject to Independent Examination, at the Board of Trustees meeting 23rd April 2024 in accordance with POR [March 2024 revision] Rule 5.7.2.1. and are signed on their behalf.

Steve Williams Chairman
Board of Trustees



Paul Harper District Commissioner
[Lead Volunteer]
Bristol South Scouts



Tony Rees District Treasurer
Board of Trustees



The annual accounts are:

- Presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol South Scout Council for its information
- Uploaded to The Charity Commission (England & Wales) portal as part of the annual charity report
- Forwarded to the Avon Scout County for information
- Uploaded to the Bristol South Scouts website to enable public access

Accounts Commentary 2023-2024

As the total district Income is less than £250k the accounts are in a 'Receipts & Payments' format as per The Charity Commission requirements and subject to an 'Independent Examination' rather than full audit.

Once again, the district finishes a review period in an apparently 'cash rich' situation, however, this is not totally by design. The trustees agreed to a 'negative budget' for the year, publicising the availability of grants, loans and support for activities to groups and units. However, the anticipated take up was in fact lower than anticipated. *** Hence the trustees have agreed to continue this support philosophy into 2024-25.

Until the effective use of funds can be made, most of the balances 'at bank' have been placed in a selection of interest-bearing account so that some gain is made from it whilst future expenditures are being identified and made. The trustees reaffirmed that it would not be prudent management to spend for spending's sake just to reduce balances to the agreed reserves levels. Indeed, some of these may need revaluation as costs across the board continue to rise, although reliefs on rates and utilities were still received. Gift Aid continues to be claimed where possible.

The trustees agreed that there would be no district membership levy in 2023-24 plus that district funds would pay a proportion of county and national membership based on numbers from the previous year's Scout Census. Looking forward to 2024-25, in order for a return to payment of district membership not coming as a complete surprise and massive financial imposition in future years to groups and units the trustees have agreed to levy a £1 per young person per head charge as part of the membership 2025 payment.

As in the previously year, expenditures and costs relating to Eastwinds have risen and the income stream for incidental third-party has started to return, although not significantly. The amount of contribution made by Forest School for regular use is reassessed annually to contribute to the site operational costs which also helps in keeping the costs of Scouting use to pre pandemic levels.

The value of badge stocks has decreased and as groups/units are now directly purchasing these costs and incomes will no longer effect the accounts. There is still the intention to sell off obsolete stocks as opportunities permit so value will be recovered.

The established formal reserves policy, retaining at least an average of three years reserve covering non deferable costs, anticipated to be in the region of £15k and the remediation allocation at £22k have been maintained with development and assistance provisions remaining static at £18k***.

I end with my usual sincere thanks to all who have kept accounts over the year, enabling the timely production of these accounts, a successful Independent Examination and to the continued support of the account signatories for the smooth operation of the district finances.

As previously indicated, the production of the 2024-25 accounts will be my last function as District Treasurer.

Tony Rees
District Treasurer/Trustee



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Bristol South District Scouts

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1091301

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

I. J. Chalmers

Date:

27/05/2024

Name:

Ian Jeffrey Chalmers

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

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Accounts



District Trustees Annual Report

to the

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

for the year ended 31 March 2023

**presented at the Annual General Meeting
12 September 2023**

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Status

The scout district was first registered with the Charity Commission (England & Wales) on 22nd March 2002 under the charity number 1091301 on the merger of the Bristol SE and SW Scout districts.

The charity is part of the Scout Association, located within the 'Scout County of Avon' and has the district registration number 16716.

District Trustees during 2022-23

Steve Williams	District Chairman*	(X)
Paul Harper	District Commissioner	(X)
Vacancy	District Treasurer*	(X)
Theresa Coll	District Secretary (stood down) position now Vacant	(X)
Scott Stowell	Deputy District Commissioner*	(N)
Cathy Harding	Deputy District Commissioner*	(N)
Joe Derrick	District Explorer Scout Commissioner (stood down) position now vacant	(X)
Gemma Francis	District Explorer Leader*	(E)
Nick Winter	District Explorer Scout Administrator*	(E)
Gary Turner	District Scouter	(E)
Beth Haines	Assistant District Commissioner – Scouts (stood down) Position now vacant	(N)
Reece Foley	District Youth Commissioner	(X)
Stephen Thomas	Executive Committee Member*	(E)
Tony Rees	Executive Committee Member*	(E)
Nick Eccles	Executive Committee Member	(E)
Roger Whiter	District Network Commissioner	(X)
Aaron Wheatley	Executive Committee Member	(N)

*Indicates member of the Finance Sub Committee (Tony Rees acting Chairman).

(N) District Commissioner's Nomination, (E) Elected Member (X) Ex-officio

There were no co-options to the Board of Trustees during the year under review.

Principal Address

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Bankers

Lloyds Bank, Kingswood, Bristol PO Box 1000, BS1 6AH

Virgin Media, Unit 1, Transom House, Victoria Street, BX1 1LT

Bristol South District Website and e-mail Address

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Independent Financial Examiner

Mr. Simon Lovell - BSc ACA

Structure, Governance and Management

The district's governing documents and constitution are those of The Scout Association (TSA). These consist of Charter Royal, 1991 being the most recent, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. The district is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the rules and policies contained in POR of The Scout Association.

The District Executive Committee (DEC) consisted of up to 17 members during the year, all of which are the Board of Charity Trustees (BOT) of the scout district, which as an educational charity, manages the district. 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 (England & Wales) as appropriate.

The district operates under the model rules and constitution provided by The Scout Association under POR rule 5 and subsections, as amended from time to time and with due regard and implementation of national policies, including, but not limited to, equal opportunities/equality, privacy and data protection, safeguarding and anti-bullying, safety and vetting.

The BOT/DEC meets on average six times a year (also by Zoom if circumstances dictate), and exists to support the District Leadership Team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- 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

Purpose, Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Scouting is to actively encourage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The objectives of the district are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is:

“To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities.”

“The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.”

Public Benefit

The district meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the 'advancement of education' and the 'advancement of citizenship or community development' headings. Bristol south scout district 'catchment' covers the following postal code areas of south Bristol, though in some areas not exclusively BS1, BS3, BS4, BS13 and BS14. Whilst membership, both young people and adult volunteer, is principally drawn from these areas, activities are not confined to these locations.

Risk Assessment

The DEC/BOT has identified the major risks to which they believe the district is exposed, these have been periodically reviewed and systems have established to mitigate against them. The principal areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment.
The district has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and in the event of temporary loss would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other scout groups, as a short-term solution.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.
The district through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy and has additional cover in place for occasional helpers. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities by the groups and units within the district.
- Reduction or loss of volunteers.
The district is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular area then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation of activities or closure of parts of the district operations.

Financial Review

Due to the nature of the district funding not being guaranteed to be consistent from one year to another the Reserves Policy is flexible in nature. In essence being sufficient funds to continue to pay non deferrable or fixed debts/costs for a period of three years without funding being received from the usual income streams. This usually amounts to being in the region of £18k.

Funds are also allocated in addition to this for any possible costs associated with the vacation of the Eastwinds Scout Centre property, £22k and other activities funds are held in specific bank accounts separate from the general district account e.g. Jamboree fund, Explorer Scout fund and Gang Show fund. Funds held are regularly monitored to ensure that they do not become excessive and that are used to the widest possible benefit. However, opportunities to invest in local scouting during the 'pandemic period', the effects of relief aid and the funds from closing groups and specialist units has meant that balances/reserves were, at the end of the year under review much higher than usual or anticipated. A financial support package to groups and units within the district will be action from 2023-24 budgets, along with other activity 'subsidies' etc to reduce balances to reasonable levels, within three to five years. "Spending wisely for greatest benefit not in haste".

The district is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid, £366.29 being claimed in 2022-23.

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The district has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in Lloyds Bank Accounts and a Virgin Money deposit account. The district continues to reduce cash holdings, only now held by the Eastwinds Manager.

The BOT/DEC regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. 2022-23 saw the continuation of a programme of severe rate cutting by banks, building societies etc. Funds have therefore been left in place to attract what income it can.

The district has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include either two signatories or two online approvals for payments.

Further financial commentary along with the Independent Examiner's statement can be found on pages eight and nine of the annual accounts, 2022-23.

Statement of Trustees Financial Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the district.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the district and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis and follow best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities."

Additional Required Reporting

There were no 'serious' or notifiable local incidents during the year under review. All processes are subject to review by the trustees.

Grant making is not the main way the charity fulfils its purposes. However, in these times, refunds have been made and small grants made available within the scout district in addition to those usually considered e.g. hardship assistance. There was no fundraising from the general public.

No funding was received as a payment for contracts with central or local government.

The charity does not have any trading subsidiaries, nor does it operate outside of England & Wales and has not received any overseas funding.

All the trustees are volunteers and as such not remunerated except for the payment of claimed expenses. There are no paid staff, thus no trustees have resigned to start paid appointments.

As a young person's charity, all volunteers including trustees are subject to a DBS check prior to appointment, which is reviewed upon positional changes and after five years. This service along with others e.g. safeguarding is provided centrally by The Scout Association or via its approved contractor. Trustee details are recorded and shown on The Charity Commission portal.

Achievements and Performance

Paul Harper – District Commissioner

Membership

I am delighted that our membership numbers increased by 8% from 1182 to 1272 with a further 343 on waiting lists. The number of young people in Bristol South has increased by over 26% in the past 2 years from 1004 to 1272. Whereas UK scouts as a whole is still below pre pandemic levels, Bristol South is now 4% above our pre pandemic numbers even though we lost 2 scout groups and 1 explorer unit and sadly, Ravens Band was unable to reform after lockdown.

While beaver numbers have dropped slightly, the cub, scout and explorer sections are up, and we have 31 new Squirrels in two Dreys at 11th Bristol and Windmill Hill, and we have seen a new scout troop start up at 148th Bristol. Included in the numbers above are 53 Young leaders in our Groups and 45 explorers (10 are double counted).

District Activities

We began the year strongly with our First post pandemic St Georges day parade held at St Mary Redcliffe Church. We gave our beavers, cubs, scouts, explorer scouts, young leaders and leaders the chance to showcase scouting in Bristol South. It was a highly impressive turnout, with many hundreds of young people and adults in attendance.

Nowadays it is rare to get the opportunity to march in a full parade formation with fifty colour parties in attendance. The feedback I have received is that our young people loved it! We raised the roof off St Mary Redcliffe church with campfire singing and yells.

Thanks to Roger Whiter, who organised the service and, supported by Noah, his son, who stepped in at short notice, dressed as “Doc” and “Marty” from “Back to the future” backed by a time machine to grow the scout leaders of tomorrow. It culminated with Scott Stowell jumping out of a box!

The church wardens said they were amazed how we filled the church. This set us up for an even bigger attendance in 2023 which sadly proved to be our last.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

We also raised £266.83 for the South and East Bristol foodbank through the collection.



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Queen's award for Voluntary Service

Back last Summer, volunteers across Avon County Scouts, of which we are a part, were honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. It's the equivalent of an MBE for volunteer groups. Avon County Scouts was one of 244 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups from across the United Kingdom and Channel Islands to receive the prestigious award last year. Congratulations and thank you to all our amazing volunteers.



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The Big Fiesta

2022 was the first post lock-down year when it was possible to hold a large-scale camping event.

We were delighted to hold a join “Jamboree style” event at Woodhouse Park with Cotswold edge. Andy Scully, our ADC-Events and also Manager at Woodhouse helped lay on a fabulous event. The weather was great too!



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Bristol South Gang Show - February 2023

After the success of last years show we set ourselves a target of increasing the number of young people in this years show- and we certainly achieved it. It was a fabulous show with highlights including Joseph & the amazing Technicolour Dream Coat.

It's a massive undertaking and I would like to thank the Producers, Dave, Sue, Cath, Gary and ticket manager Rich but also all those who help front and back of house with costumes, lighting sound, ticketing and of course our generous hosts, Bedminster down School.

We also did something amazing this year to improve young peoples opportunity. The district funded and Sadie drove a minibus from withywood to the rehearsals in stockwood which made it easier for many of our young people to join the show. We hope to extend he service to other pickups this year as well if there is enough demand.

Congratulations to everyone who was involved.



Pinewood Derby - Cub event November 2022

We were delighted to host the first cub Pinewood Derby since COVID. it was held at 229th HQ and was packed with approaching a hundred excited cubs and leaders who raced a colourful variety of small wooden cars that have been put together from kits and painted by the Cubs themselves.



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Squirrels

We now have two established squirrel colonies for 4 & 5 year olds at 11th Bristol Air Scout Group and Windmill Hill Scout group so if any groups are considering setting up a squirrel colony, we now have some experts who can help.



Group Lead Volunteers

At last year's AGM, I identified the importance of a Group Lead Volunteer (previously called a Group Scout Leader) at every group. Their key role is to lead and recruit the Groups adult volunteers. In scouting nowadays, that is someone who is supportive rather than someone who is directive. We have 18 scout Groups, 2 explorer scout units, a young leaders' unit and a Gang show.

Many of our longest established GSLs had made it known (often many times) that they felt they had made their contribution and wished to step back but no-one had volunteered to replace them.

We kicked off the Scouting year by running Next Gen training sessions for anyone interested in stepping up to a lead volunteer or commissioner role. We initially ran taster sessions- either run by members of the district team and/or the County training team. These proved extremely popular. In particular, we found it gave some of our leaders the confidence to find out more.



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The theme of the sessions was “you are not alone”. It also gave our volunteers a chance to see what support would be available from others and a chance to get to know other leaders in the district.

More recently we have held training sessions for all GLVs and Chairs, to help with transformation programme and topics included running a successful Group AGM and how to recruit volunteers to your group.

The taster days plus other initiatives have ensured that all but one of our scout Groups now has a permanent GLV in place and a total of 8 new GLVs have been appointed since the pandemic. This has continued since the year end and now there are 10!

The training sessions will continue as will termly GLV meetings on zoom. My district team has continued to support all groups and their GLVs, but we have also been particularly grateful for two GLVs and their Scout Groups who offered to support two of our Groups based in areas of multiple deprivation. Aaron Wheatley and Windmill Hill Scout Group supported Knowle West Scout Group and the 148th Stockwood supported the 81st Bristol. This has made a massive difference. Thanks to both of you. It is clear that this collaborative way of GLVs working ensures we can keep to our theme “You are not alone.”

If you would like to know more about how Collaboration between Groups works in practice, a case study of Knowle West Scout Group is available.

District Volunteers Celebration Evening - Monday 20th March 2023

I was delighted to be able to honour so many of our adult volunteers at the celebration evening.

Well over forty adult volunteers received written praise from their peers or young people in their Group. All of you do wonderful things but it is great to be appreciated by your peers and your young people.

Below are a selection of those who the panel of peers felt received the greatest level of positive feedback. Congratulations and thanks to all of you!



Steve Williams – District Chairman, Board of Trustees

They say time flies when you are enjoying yourself, so I must have had a very enjoyable year as District Chair to the board of Trustees as it seems it was only recently, I composed last year's report. But here we are at the end another fiscal year with all the trials and tribulations, the low and more importantly the highs of another scouting year.



Firstly, I would like to thank all my fellow trustees on the Board of Trustees for all your hard work and dedication over another year within Bristol South District. Many of whom hold other positions, responsibilities, and duties within scouting so your time is very much appreciated. Your time and input as always is greatly appreciated and most of the work goes unnoticed but invaluable in ensuring we are compliant and available to support all our Scout groups and units throughout the district.

We have fortunately been able to offer financial assistance over the last twelve months to members attending District events, together with helping a number of individual groups and units with financial support in the forms of grants and loans towards the cost of running events or towards the cost of purchasing equipment to support their various programmes and activities.

I personally would like to encourage all groups and units within the district to seek assistance with funding for events when the costs of running these events can be sometimes prohibitive in members possibly attending. In the first instance please contact Tony Rees with your request and an ideal of the funding you are looking for. Please bear in mind that the Board of Trustees (BOT) only meets 5 or 6 times a year so please make sure you put your requests in as early as possible.

To Paul, Scott, Cathy, and all of the District Management Team, again, my sincere thanks for all your hard work and dedication in supporting, encouraging, and actively working with all our groups and units within our District over the last year. Safeguarding our young members has never been so important as it is at this time and unfortunately some tough and heartfelt decisions have had to be made over the last year in assuring we bring the best in Scouting to the forefront in our District. We continue to learn from experiences to contribute to better outcomes, promoting #SkillsForLife, our plan to deliver better futures.

They say that change is not only inevitable but crucial in the way we develop and grow. That is certainly the case as we embrace the national transition that is currently being undertaken within The Scout Association. Having a firm and strong structure in place in both your BOT and leadership teams is essential in the growth of Scouting.

Whether you were a Group Scout Leader and now a Group Lead Volunteer: a section leader and now a section lead volunteer: or an assistant leader now a team member, the work you do is just as invaluable and as we progress into 2024 I wish you the best for all your future endeavours and that the District will be able to help and assist you whenever, wherever and however that might be.

Thank you and best wishes for a positive and beneficial future.



Plans for the Coming Year

Paul Harper – District Lead Volunteer [District Commissioner]

Transformation

The last few months has seen the start of the transformation roll out. Thanks to Scott, our transformation lead, it is not only the titles which will change!

There are some really exciting changes coming in the next 12 months including moving to being team based rather than role based which will help you to recruit people into the right tasks they want to do. Changes to the membership system which will be much easier to use, and all linked to the online training. Changes to the induction including the removal of the appointments committee as we know it moving to a welcome conversation. And finally, some changes to the executive committee becoming board of trustees.

Our lead volunteers in each group have been keeping up to date with the changes so that we can all take advantage of the changes. If you want to know, more ask your lead volunteer or one of the district team.

New District Lead Volunteer and leadership team

In a few months', time it will be time for Scott, Cathy and I to hand on the baton to a new district leadership team. We agreed last November to extend our tenure for 12 months beyond the 18 months we agreed to at outset, Now, it is someone else's turn to lead the district.

The DC and DDC roles will be replaced, by a new District Lead volunteer and team members. I have spoken to Clive, our new County Commissioner and asked him to begin the formal search for our replacements. The process will be announced shortly. It is a fantastic opportunity for to affect young peoples' lives for the better. You can impact on the lives of over 1200 young people and 300 volunteers.

The wonderful thing with taking on the role of lead volunteer is you can set your own team up in the way you want to run it. This is one of the momentous changes where you can have who you need on your team rather than it being set out by the scouts as to how your structure should look!



I would like to thank everyone in the district for making me feel so welcome. Particularly my ADCs, Teresa, Andy, Ben, Roger & Arthur. My outgoing DESC Joe and his team of Nick and Gary. Those who helped behind the scenes, Alan, Theresa, Margaret and her appointments team, Steve and Tony.

A special mention for my DDCs, Cathy and Scott for stepping up to support me when asked and making the past 2 years possible and enjoyable. We all want to remain in scouting but want to continue our scouting journeys in different ways.

Our successors will have plenty to do, the transformation taking place means you have the opportunity to shape the district how you want it. You also need to consider future district events such as the St George's Day parade replacement and whether we want to hold a fiesta again next year.

The 2023 St Georges day Parade, which happened just after the year end, was the end of an era as we sadly say goodbye to parading on public roads due to additional costs now being imposed. We are the last district in Avon to hold a traditional St Georges Day Parade but it does give us the chance to do something exciting and new next year.

What Next for Bristol South District?

Over the past 2 years, we have been focusing on recovering from the pandemic and restarting district events.

We have held two Gang Shows, two St Georges Day Parades and services, the Cub Pinewood Derby and the Big Fiesta for our young people. The Groups have returned to camping and other adventurous activities. Young people numbers are higher than before the pandemic and scouting is thriving.

There is high demand for what we do. However, we have 343 young people on waiting lists across the district and many of our Groups are full, so if we want to grow, we need to attract even more volunteers.

The Scout Group structure has worked well through the pandemic, the support of a Group lead volunteer and a Group Board of Trustees ensures that leaders are able to focus on providing an excellent programme for our young people.

At Group level, the key to growth is to have an inspirational Group Scout leader to support the volunteers. We have supported the appointment of 10 Group Scout Leaders/ Group Lead volunteers, an ESL (Young Leaders) and provided face to face training to support them as well as providing a forum for them to share ideas with each other.

We were recently approached by Avon and Somerset Constabulary who asked us if we could set up a new Youth provision in Redcliffe. We were also offered help from the 3 Counties team (previously called the Pears project). Redcliffe is an area where demand for scouting has ebbed and flowed over the years, depending on local authority policy on family occupation of the local flats.

There is therefore a significant risk that we might set up a scout group only to find demand drops significantly in the future if local Government housing policy changes.

Setting up a whole new scout group is complex and challenging, requiring the recruitment of a whole group of volunteers, including Team leaders, team members, Chair and board of trustees and of course, a talented Group lead volunteer. there are many moving parts and setting up a new scout Group from scratch carries a substantial risk of failure.

So, for this reason we have decided to adopt a lower risk approach. One of our strongest Scout Groups, 255th Sea scout Group has agreed to work with three counties and the local community to establish a beaver Colony in Faith Space, a Methodist run meeting hall. Once this is successful, other sections can be added, all supported by the whole scout Group including elaine, the GLV and its Board of trustees and leader team.

There is a lot more to come. Explorer scouts and Scout network are areas of opportunity which have yet to be fully addressed. We also are on the search for a team to support our explorers which we know is an area of opportunity for us.

With the transformation on the horizon and a new district leadership team being sought this next 12 months will be all about landing the changes to help you and to further strengthen our group.

Thanks to everyone connected to Bristol south district for everything you do for our young people.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by:



Steve Williams - Chairman



Paul Harper - District Commissioner

Date: 12 September 2023



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Accounts Statement - 2022 - 2023

<u>Accounts Summaries</u>				B/F	Income	Expenditure	Balance
A	Board of Trustees - Lloyds Accounts (1)	£		91087.84	110073.96	97002.88	104158.92
B	Board of Trustees - Virgin Money			42239.16	111.03	0.00	42350.19
C	District Gang Show			3954.49	7389.77	6784.53	4559.73
D	District Jamboree			4317.96	0.00	3970.00	347.96
E	Eastwinds Manager			283.98	95.00	65.68	313.30
F	District Explorers			1906.85	1838.28	3149.89	595.24
G	Spinnaker ESU			981.88	5858.03	5397.37	1442.54
H	Supernova ESU			1733.27	3931.00	4376.41	1287.86
I	District Network			461.21	0.00	153.20	308.01
L	District Badge Secretary (cash in hand at end of year)			0.49	0.00	0.20	0.29
M	Ravens Band Closing Account			1750.73	0.00	1750.73	0.00
Grand Totals				2022-23	(2)	£	
				148717.86	129297.07	122650.89	155364.04

Notes:

(1) The balance of funds is held as follows - £79155.80 in a business current account, £25000.00 in a one year interest account.

(2) The income recorded in A above is nearly £30000.00 in excess of the income anticipated for 2022-23 at the beginning of the year. [see page 3 income 'Closing Balances Received'].

Non-monetary Assets

	2022-23	2021-22	
Eastwinds Building	318555.00	287739.00	(a)
Eastwinds Contents/Equipment	29075.00	24848.00	(a)
The Den Contents	7978.00	6864.00	(a)
District Badge Stock	2480.30	2063.78	(b)
Ravens Band Instruments & Equipment	2500.00	5000.00	(c)

Valuations based on (a) NFU Insurance (b) District Badge Secretary annual report (c) Band Leader estimate.

Total Non-monetary assets	£	360588.30	326514.78
Total Asset Value, Money Buildings etc	£	515952.34	475232.64

"Notional" BOT Fund Allocations A+B

The District has no Endowment or otherwise 'restricted funds' formally ringfenced for specific use by Deed of Gift/Trust or similar legal condition.

	End 2022-23	End 2021-22
General Day To Day	13990.61	9223.00
District Property (Den & Eastwinds)	10000.00	10000.00
Development/Group Assistance incl. Additional Needs	18000.00	15000.00
Land or Building Remediation	22000.00	22000.00
District Activities (non Jamboree)	7000.00	7000.00
General Maintained Reserve	15000.00	15000.00
Membership Provision 2023 (3)	60518.50	55104.00
TOTALS	146509.11	133327.00

(3) This provision is for a payment being paid made at the commencement of each financial year, thus the balance c/f to 2023-24 is 'inflated' by this sum annually, see 'Comentary' on page 8.

A <u>Board of Trustees - Lloyds account</u>		2022-23	2021-22
Balance brought forward		91087.84	77786.76
Income			
Annual Membership Fees From Groups 2023		59939.50	
Scout Association Early Years Grant		500.00	
Donations Recd - General		150.00	
Donations Recd - Amazon/Paypal/JustGiving		12.85	
Badge Income		7970.71	
Scout Store Refunds		255.60	
World Scout Jamboree Payments/Grants Recd		2790.00	
Cub Pinewood Derby Event Entries		840.00	
St George's Day Collection For Trussell Trust		267.00	
Eastwinds			
Forest School	6253.00		
Scout Use	1600.00		
EDF Refund	51.94		
		7904.94	
Closing Balances Received	(See note '2' on page 2)		
146th Scout Group	27579.40		
Phoenix Scout Group	1041.37		
Ravens Band	822.59		
		29443.36	
Total Income		110073.96	84783.01
Balance B/F + Income		201161.80	162569.77
Expenditure			
Membership Payment to County 2023		55104.00	
Badge Purchases (Scout Shop)		7956.70	
Youth Programme & Activities		717.68	
Den and Casual Helper Insurance		242.40	
District Website (URL, Hosting & Support)		305.84	
Licenses Legal & Consents		544.88	
Clearance & Disposal Costs (Den)		792.00	
Cub District Event Costs		1700.54	
Volunteer Training, Support & Events		818.09	
Activity Costs - District Support to Events		480.00	
ADC/DC expenses		143.07	
AGM/Trustee Expenses		42.10	
St George's Day Collection To Trussell Trust		267.00	
World Scout Jamboree Payments to County		6340.00	
District Overheads		169.57	
Eastwinds			
BT for WiFi	474.48		
Repairs & Maintenance	360.00		
Water	407.20		
EDF Electricity	1388.00		
Insurance NFU & Fire Equipment	1980.36		
Business Rates	174.08	4784.12	
Grants/Loans Other Financial Support			
Gang Show Capital Item Purchase	2105.16		
Grants to Groups	7750.23		
Loans To Groups	2500.00		
Parental Refunds (Phoenix)	309.00		
Refund 2022 District Membership	3930.50	16594.89	
Total Expenditure		97002.88	71481.93
<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>		<u>104158.92</u>	<u>91087.84</u>

B	<u>Board of Trustees - Virgin Money</u>	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	42239.16	42183.15
	Interest Received		
	Account interest	101.43	56.01
	Total Transfers In/Interest	111.03	56.01
	Balance B/F + Deposits	42350.19	42239.16
	Transfers Out		
	Transfer to Lloyds Current Account	0.00	0.00
	Total Transfers Out		
	<u>Deposits less Withdraws to C/F</u>	<u>42350.19</u>	<u>42239.16</u>

C	<u>District Gang Show</u>	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	3954.49	2893.72
	Income		
	Ticket Sales (all sources)	4578.67	
	Refreshment Sales	836.00	
	Raffle Sales	323.00	
	Donations	85.00	
	Charitable Performance Collection	392.10	
	Merchandise Sales incl DVD	265.00	
	Programme Sales	95.00	
	After Show Celebration Contributions	415.00	
	Contributions Towards Taunton Gang Show Visit	110.00	
	After Show Celebration Venue Refund	50.00	
	Prop Hire To Third Party	240.00	
	Total Income	7389.77	5274.05
	Balance B/F + Income	11344.26	8167.77
	Expenditure		
	Rehersal Expenses	400.00	
	Equipment/Services Hire (Audio/Visual)	2878.60	
	Scenery	1098.57	
	Equipment - New/Replacement	359.28	
	Front Of House Costs	68.53	
	Costumes	318.21	
	Makeup	0.00	
	Uniform/Badges	250.00	
	Refreshment Costs	369.89	
	Charity Collection Payout	696.07	
	Printing, Copying & Postage	48.60	
	After Show Celebration Costs	186.78	
	Taunton Gang Show Visit Costs	110.00	
	Total Expenditure	6784.53	4213.28
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>4559.73</u>	<u>3954.49</u>

D	<u>District Jamboree</u>	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	4317.96	4317.96
	Income	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	0.00	0.00
	Balance B/F + Income	4317.96	4317.96
	Expenditure		
	Big Fiesta' subsidy to attending groups	3970.00	0.00
	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>347.96</u>	<u>4317.96</u>
E	<u>Eastwinds</u> (Held by Eastwinds Manager)	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	283.98	588.77
	Income		
	Hire - Non Regular Users	95.00	0.00
	Total Income	95.00	153.01
	Balance B/F + Income	378.98	741.78
	Expenditure		
	Electrical	9.17	
	Fuel	27.55	
	Admin	1.99	
	Plumbing	26.97	
	Total Expenditure	65.68	457.80
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>313.30</u>	<u>283.98</u>
F	<u>District Explorers</u> (Incl. Young Leaders & DofE)	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	1906.85	1812.96
	Income		
	Subscriptions (net of Go Cardless fees)	1219.62	
	Refund of District Membership 2022	73.50	
	Gift Aid	138.76	
	DofE Award Contributions	300.00	
	District Activity Contributions	106.40	
	Total Income	1838.28	1465.69
	Balance B/F + Income	3745.13	3278.65
	Expenditure		
	Membership To District 2023	2053.50	
	Youth Programme & Activities	380.00	
	Online Scout Manager License	28.91	
	Uniforms Badges Neckers	513.50	
	DofE Expenses	173.98	
	Total Expenditure	3149.89	1371.8

	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>595.24</u>	<u>1906.85</u>
G	<u>Spinnaker ESU</u>	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	981.88	1378.00
	Income		
	Subscriptions	3393.50	
	District Refund - Membership	70.00	
	HMRC Gift Aid (via District)	227.53	
	Camp/Activity Contributions	715.50	
	Fiesta Event Subsidy	150.00	
	Activities District Subsidy	380.00	
	Activity Contributions	884.50	
	Refunds Received	37.00	
	Total Income	5858.03	4711.99
	Balance B/F + Income	6839.91	6089.99
	Expenditure		
	Annual Membership 2022	1430.00	
	Rent	500.00	
	Activity Costs	1863.84	
	Camp Costs	1363.26	
	Equipment Insurance	116.16	
	Go Cardless Transaction Fees	124.11	
	Total Expenditure	5397.37	5108.11
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>1442.54</u>	<u>981.88</u>
H	<u>Supernova ESU</u>	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	1733.27	1689.97
	Income		
	Subscriptions	1690.00	
	Uniform & Activity Wear Contributions	393.00	
	Camp & Activity Contributions	1785.00	
	Refunds Received District Membership	63.00	
	Total Income	3931.00	2408.90
	Balance B/F + Income	5664.27	4098.87
	Expenditure		
	National, County & District Membership	711.00	
	Rent Paid	400.00	
	Uniforms & Activity Wear	600.17	
	Camp & Activity Costs	2428.95	
	Materials & Equipment	236.29	
	Total Expenditure	4376.41	2365.60
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>1287.86</u>	<u>1733.27</u>

I	<u>District Network</u>	2022-23	2021-22
	Balance brought forward	461.21	461.21
	Income	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	0.00	0.00
	Balance B/F + Income	461.21	461.21
	Expenditure		
	Network Neckerchiefs	153.20	0.00
	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>308.01</u>	<u>461.21</u>

M	<u>Ravens Band</u>	Closing Account	2022-23	2021-22
		Balance brought forward	1750.73	1689.28
	Income			
	Parade/Performance Donations		0.00	
	Total Income		0.00	250.00
	Balance B/F + Income		1750.73	1939.28
	Expenditure			
	Appreciation Presentations		48.99	
	Materials & Equipment		440.00	
	Closing Gathering Expenses		439.15	
	Transfer of Balance to Main District Account		822.59	
	Total Expenditure		1750.73	188.55
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>1750.73</u>

Declaration

Approved by the District Board of Trustees at its meeting on 20th June 2023.
in accordance with POR [January 2023 revision] Rule 5.6 and are signed on their behalf.

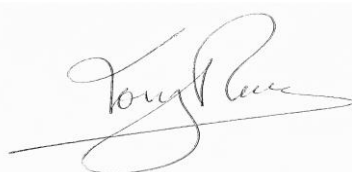
Steve Williams
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Bristol South Scouts



Paul Harper
District Commissioner
[Lead Volunteer]
Bristol South Scouts



Tony Rees
Finance Sub Committee
Board of Trustees
Bristol South Scouts



Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol South District Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 201 and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Mr. Simon Lovell BSc ACA

Date:

30/5/23

Accounts



District Trustees Annual Report

to the

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

for the year ended 31 March 2022

presented at the Annual General Meeting 11th July 2022

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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The accounts for the financial year 2021-22 and Independent Examine Statement form a separate document to this report.

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SOUTH COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Status

The scout district was first registered with the Charity Commission on 22nd March 2002 under the charity number 1091301 on the merger of the Bristol SE and SW scout districts.

The charity is part of the Scout Association, located within the 'Scout County of Avon' and has the district registration number 16716.

Trustees 2021-22

Steve Williams	District Chairman*	(X)
Paul Harper	District Commissioner	(X)
<i>Vacancy</i>	District Treasurer*	(X)
<i>Theresa Coll</i>	District Secretary (stood down) position now Vacant	(X)
Scott Stowell	Deputy District Commissioner*	(N)
Cathy Harding	Deputy District Commissioner*	(N)
Carl Rogers	District Explorer Scout Commissioner (stood down)	(X)
Joe Derrick	District Explorer Scout Commissioner (wef 21.01.22)	(X)
Gemma Francis	District Explorer Leader*	(E)
Nick Winter	District Explorer Scout Administrator*	(E)
Gary Turner	District Scouter	(E)
Beth Haines	Assistant District Commissioner – Scouts	(N)
Tansie Congdon	District Youth Commissioner (wef 30.07.21)	(X)
James Wall	District Network Commissioner	(X)
Stephen Thomas	Executive Committee Member*	(E)
Tony Rees	Executive Committee Member*	(E)
Andy Morris	Executive Committee Member* (stood down 30.07.21)	(E)
Nick Eccles	Executive Committee Member (wef 30.07.21)	(E)
Roger Whiter	Executive Committee Member (wef 30.07.21)	(N)
Aaron Wheatley	Executive Committee Member (wef 30.07.21)	(N)

*Indicates member of the Finance Sub Committee (Tony Rees acting Chairman).
(N) District Commissioner's Nomination, (E) Elected Member (X) Ex-officio

Principal Address

c/o. 45 Whitecross Avenue, Bristol, BS14 9JF

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, Kingswood, Bristol PO Box 1000, BS1 6AH
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Bristol South District Website and e-mail Address

www.bristolsouthscouts.org.uk contact@bristolsouthscouts.org.uk

Independent Financial Examiner

Simon Lovell - BSc ACA

Structure, Governance and Management

The district's governing documents and constitution are those of The Scout Association (TSA). These consist of Charter Royal, 1991 being the most recent, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. The district is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the rules and policies contained in POR of The Scout Association.

The District Executive Committee (DEC) consisted of up to 15 members during the year, all of which are the charity trustees of the scout district, which is an educational charity, manages the district. 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.

The district operates under the model rules and constitution provided by The Scout Association under POR rule 4.25, as amended from time to time.

The DEC meets on average six times a year (by Zoom during the pandemic period restrictions), and exists to support the district leadership team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- 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

The DEC is a member of the Small Charities Coalition, which exists to help promote good practise and operational procedure of smaller charities using forums, online learning and lobbies on behalf of this sector in general.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the district are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is:

“To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities.”

“The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.”

Public Benefit

The district meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the 'advancement of education' and the 'advancement of citizenship or community development' headings. Bristol south scout district 'catchment' covers the following postal code areas of south Bristol, though in some areas not exclusively BS1, BS3, BS4, BS13 and BS14.

Risk Assessment

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

- Damage to the building, property and equipment.
The district has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and in the event of temporary loss would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other scout groups, as a short-term solution.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.
The district through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy and has additional cover in place for occasional helpers. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities by the groups and units within the district.
- Reduction or loss of volunteers.
The district is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular area then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation of activities or closure of parts of the district operations.

Financial Review

Due to the nature of the district funding not being guaranteed to be consistent from one year to another the Reserves Policy is somewhat flexible in nature. In essence being sufficient funds to continue to pay non deferrable or fixed debts/costs for a period of three years without funding being received from the usual income streams. This usually amounts to being in the region of £15k.

Funds are also allocated in addition to this for any possible costs associated with the vacation of the Eastwinds Scout Centre property, £22k and other activities funds are held in specific bank accounts separate from the general district account e.g. Jamboree fund, Explorer Scout fund and Gang Show fund. Funds held are regularly monitored to ensure that they do not become excessive and that are used to the widest possible benefit. However, opportunities to invest in local scouting during the ongoing 'pandemic period' and the continued availability of grant aid has meant that balances/reserves were at the end of the year under review much higher than usual or anticipated. A financial support package to groups and units within the district will be action from 2022-23 budgets, along with other activity 'subsidies' etc to reduce balances to reasonable levels.

The district is now registered with HMRC for Gift Aid, £1915.93 being claimed in 2021-22. These claims including 'back years'.

The district has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in Lloyds Bank Accounts and a Virgin Money deposit account. The district is continuing to reduce cash holdings, only now held by the Eastwinds manager, all other floats having been repaid.

The DEC regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. 2021-22 saw the continuation of a programme of severe rate cutting by banks, building societies etc. Funds have therefore been left in place to attract what income it can, however, this is much reduced on previous years.

The district has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include either two signatories (Cheques) or two approvals (BACs transfers) for all payments.

Further financial commentary along with the Independent Examiner's statement can be found on pages 9 & 10 of the annual accounts, 2021-22.

Statement of Trustees Financial Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the district.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the district and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis and follow best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities."

Additional Reporting Requirements

Numbers at the end of each comment refers to The Charity Commission 'Additional Reporting Requirements' template.

There were no 'serious' or notifiable incidents during the year under review. All processes are subject to review by the trustees (4&36).

Grant making is not the main way the charity fulfils its purposes. However, in this unprecedented year, refunds have been made and small grants made available within the scout district in addition to those usually considered e.g. hardship assistance. No funds were raised from the general public (5&10).

No funding was received as a payment for contracts with central or local government. However, two Covid relief grant payments were received from government paid by the local authority totalling £10667.00 as detailed in the annual accounts, page three, section A (11, 14, 15&16).

The charity does not have any trading subsidiaries, nor does it operate outside of England & Wales and has not received any overseas funding (17,20&27).

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All the trustees are volunteers and as such not remunerated except for the payment of claimed expenses. There are no paid staff, thus no trustees have resigned to start paid appointments (29,31&32).

As a young person's charity, all volunteers including trustees are subject to a DBS check prior to appointment, which is reviewed upon positional changes and after five years. This service is provided centrally by The Scout Association via its approved contractor. Trustee details are recorded and shown on The Charity Commission portal (37&41).

Achievements and Performance

Paul Harper – District Commissioner

2021/22 will hopefully be looked back on as the year we finally moved forward from the COVID lockdown. It was also my first year as District Commissioner as I was appointed in April 2021.

In the past year a lot has happened. Having lost one scout troop and one explorer unit during the pandemic, we were delighted that every other beaver colony, cub pack, scout troop and explorer unit restarted. This followed a lot of work by my predecessor and the district team to work with the scout groups and units to design and sign off COVID risk assessments.

Overall, the young people membership has bounced back quickly with numbers up by 178 young people and 2 adult volunteers.

My aim this year was to rebuild the district team so we can support the groups. We now have an almost complete district team with all section commissioners in place who are able to visit and support the groups.

We also wanted to re-establish the major district events. The Gang Show was a great success in March. It also managed to make a small profit, so we have plans to make it even bigger and better in 2023.

Looking forward, we hope for an almost 100% group turnout at St George's Parade and church service at St Mary Redcliffe church in April. We will shortly be supporting the "Big Fiesta" at Woodhouse Park, anticipating approximately 450 young people and 150 volunteers to attend the event overseen by Andy Scully, our new ADC (events). We have plans to re-establish section events. Cubs are planning a pinewood derby and mad March while the scout section is planning a district PLs and APLs camp.

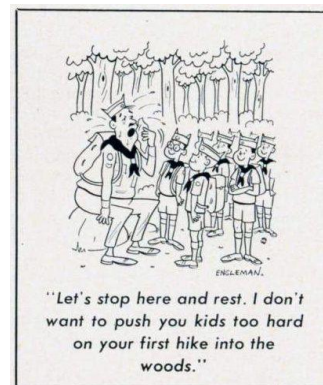
Not everything is perfect of course, we lost one group during the year and a couple of others are vulnerable due to low leader numbers. However, we have also had some successes. One of our most vulnerable groups, Knowle West, has been supported by Aaron Wheatley and Windmill Hill Scout Group, who, with financial support from the Trustees, was able to ensure 25 young people have signed up to attend the Big Fiesta. This is a massive achievement which most would have thought would be impossible even a short time ago. By providing GSL and committee support, we may just have found a way of pairing our most vulnerable groups with stronger ones.

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Steve Williams – District Chairman

When putting pen to paper or in this world of technology fingers to keyboard, after several years you begin to run out of accolades to use to describe the excellent work that is undertaken by all our uniform leaders across the district. Whether it is running or assisting with a section, small or large, running a group in the role of a Group Scout Leader, overseeing the leaders in a district role or running a district, the last couple of years has certainly challenged us all.

Overall membership in the district is up on last year which can only be put down to all your hard work and determination in not letting even a world pandemic stop Scouting from thriving and growing. As we get into the spring and summer months, both groups and district can start planning and reintroducing many of the much loved and welcomed traditional scout events and activities. St. George's day parade, the joint District "Big Fiesta" and District Gang Show to name just a few. Not forgetting all the locally ran scout camps and days-out ran by individual Scout Groups and Explorer Units and our specialist activities e.g. our acclaimed Gang Show.



Every week, month, term and year you continue to bring to your weekly meetings and group activities fresh and innovative ideas to motivate and encourage all our young members. My grateful thanks to all of you!

John Donne, the 15th century poet wrote "*No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent*". Here in Bristol South the same can be said of our District Management Team where no leader belongs to a section but one piece of the Scout District Team, all working together with the common aim of bringing the aims and objectives of the Scout movement to all our groups and units under the leadership of our District Commissioner (DC), Paul Harper.



Having spent all my relatively short Scouting life working behind the scenes on both group and more recently District Executive committees (or Board of Trustees as we are now referred too) then I know from first-hand experience that the success of scouting is not only down to those who wear the uniform. There are roles, too many to mention here, that contribute to the Scouting success whether it's at your local Scout Group, working in a District role supporting the management team or holding a County position.

As we look forward to the new financial year, financially, the District is in a stable position which can be seen from our Annual Accounts Report. My thanks to Tony and his team for all their hard work in ensuring the finances as always are never an issue.

I would also like to extend a very special thanks to Scott who since standing down from the role of DC seems to now spend more time working on behalf of the District than ever. Thank you, Scott, for all your help and support.

So, to all the volunteer, helpers and supporters across the District our grateful thanks for another year of service to Scouting and here's to another great year ahead. In the words of our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls **"So much of who we are as an adult is formed when we are kids. What scouting says to people is- It's ok to go for it in life!"**

Plans for the Coming Year

Paul Harper – District Commissioner

My next priority is to strengthen our groups.

Scouting is dependent on our excellent volunteers. While there is plenty of room for variety, it is evident to me that groups with an effective GSL who can recruit and motivate leaders are in the best position to offer great programmes to their young people. So, this year, my team and I will focus on identifying and developing the next generation of GSLs and Commissioners for our district and working with them to attract our next generation of volunteers.

Finally, I would like to reflect on my first year in Bristol South District. It's a unique district with many exclusive aspects. 2 sea scout groups. 1 sea explorer unit, 1 air scout group, a gang show and a band. It also has a phenomenal leadership team. Currently Cathy Harding, our DDC has been selected to lead the Avon contingent of 36 young people to South Korea. Scott, our DDC has stepped up to every role as it has arisen, however temporarily and Andy Scully is giving his time to Support Woodhouse Park. We may be small, but we punch above our weight.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their support and the appointments committee for continuing to be a line of defence to protect our young people. Finally, I would like to thank my district Team and all our volunteers who continue to offer adventures and memories to all of our young people.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by:



Steve Williams - Chairman



Paul Harper - District Commissioner

Date: 15th June 2022

Bristol South Scout District
Board Of Trustees
Annual Accounts 2021 - 2022

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Accounts Statement - 2021 - 2022

<u>Accounts Summaries</u>			<u>B/F</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
A	Board of Trustees - Lloyds Account	£	77786.76	84783.01	71481.93	91087.84
B	Board of Trustees - Virgin Money		42183.15	56.01	0.00	42239.16
C	District Gang Show		2893.72	5274.05	4213.28	3954.49
D	District Jamboree		4317.96	0.00	0.00	4317.96
E	Eastwinds Manager		588.77	153.01	457.80	283.98
F	District Explorers		1812.96	1465.69	1371.80	1906.85
G	District Network		461.21	0.00	0.00	461.21
H	Spinnaker ESU		1378.00	4711.99	5108.11	981.88
I	Supernova ESU		1689.97	2408.90	2365.60	1733.27
L	District Badge Secretary <i>(cash in hand at end of year)</i>		0.44	0.05	0.00	0.49
M	Ravens Band		1689.28	250.00	188.55	1750.73
<u>Grand Totals</u>		2021-22	£	134802.22	99102.71	85187.07
						148717.86

Non-monetary Assets

	2021-22	2020-21	
Eastwinds Building	287739.00	282014.00	(a)
Eastwinds Contents/Equipment	24848.00	23735.00	(a)
The Den Contents	6864.00	6279.00	(a)
District Badge Stock	2063.78	2599.30	(b)
Ravens Band Instruments & Equipment	5000.00	5000.00	(c)

Valuations based on (a) NFU Insurance (b) District Badge Secretary annual report (c) Band Leader estimate.

<u>Total Non-monetary assets</u>	£	326514.78	319627.30
<u>Total Asset Value, Money Buildings etc</u>	£	475232.64	454429.52

"Notional" BOT Fund Allocations A+B

The District has no Endowment or otherwise 'restricted funds' formally ringfenced for specific use by Deed of Gift/Trust or similar legal condition.

	End 2021-22	End 2020-21
General Day To Day	20222.00	20452.41
District Property (Den & Eastwinds)	10000.00	5000.00
Development/Group Assistance incl. Additional Needs	15000.00	10000.00
Land or Building Remediation	22000.00	20000.00
District Activities (non Jamboree)	7000.00	5000.00
General Maintained Reserve	15000.00	12000.00
Membership Provision 2022	44105.00	47517.50
TOTALS	133327.00	119969.91

A	<u>Board of Trustees - Lloyds account</u>	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	77786.76	59338.21
	Income		
	Annual Membership Fees From Groups 2021	58302.50	
	Covid Support Grants from Bristol Council	10667.00	
	Donations Recd - General	17.50	
	Donations Recd - Amazon/Paypal/JustGiving	250.01	
	Badge Income	5802.41	
	World Scout Jamboree Payments/Grants Recd	1550.00	
	Repayment of Loan from District	760.00	
	Eastwinds		
	Forest School	5196.00	
	Scout Use	1600.00	
	EDF Refund	637.59	
		7433.59	
	Total Income	84783.01	81490.11
	Balance B/F + Income	162569.77	140828.32
	Expenditure		
	Membership Payment to County 2021	47517.50	
	Badge Purchases (Scout Shop)	6250.07	
	Badge Purchase (County/District Restock)	562.74	
	Den and Casual Helper Insurance	229.04	
	District Website (URL, Hosting & Support)	263.84	
	Licenses Legal & Consents	469.73	
	Clearance & Disposal Costs (Den)	180.00	
	Active Support Unit Costs	25.00	
	Adult Training & Support	100.00	
	Activity Costs - District Support to Events	75.00	
	ADC/DC expenses	170.02	
	AGM/Trustee Expenses	0.00	
	Materials & Equipment	113.18	
	World Scout Jamboree Payments to County	600.00	
	Refund of Grant Recieved	50.00	
	Eastwinds BT for WiFi	481.28	
	Repairs & Maintanance	1516.00	
	Water	355.16	
	EDF Electricity	1117.00	
	Insurance NFU & Fire Equipment	1973.61	
	Business Rates	88.86	
		5531.91	
	Covid Related Expenditures		
	Grants to Groups	6357.40	
	Eastwinds Refunds	400.00	
	Refund 2021 District Membership	2586.50	
		9343.90	
	Total Expenditure	71481.93	63041.56
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>91087.84</u>	<u>77786.76</u>

B	<u>Board of Trustees - Virgin Money</u>	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	42183.15	41976.73
	Interest Received		
	Account interest	56.01	206.42
	Total Transfers In/Interest	56.01	206.42
	Balance B/F + Deposits	42239.16	42183.15
	Transfers Out		
	Transfer to Lloyds Current Account	0.00	0.00
	Total Transfers Out		
	<u>Deposits less Withdraws to C/F</u>	<u>42239.16</u>	<u>42183.15</u>

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C	<u>District Gang Show</u>	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	2893.72	3267.51
	Income		
	Ticket Sales (all sources)	3518.63	
	Refreshment Sales	663.00	
	Raffle Sales	256.60	
	Donations	100.00	
	Charitable Performance Collection	303.97	
	Merchandise Sales	25.00	
	Programme Sales	71.85	
	After Show Celebration Contributions	335.00	
	Total Income	5274.05	0.00
	Balance B/F + Income	8167.77	3267.51
	Expenditure		
	Rehersal Expenses	250.00	
	Equipment/Services Hire (Audio/Visual)	2628.60	
	Scenery	100.45	
	Music	44.71	
	Costumes	280.24	
	Makeup	19.10	
	Uniform/Badges	241.75	
	Refreshment Costs	363.38	
	Raffle Costs	6.25	
	Disposal Redundant Equipment/Scenery	180.00	
	Printing, Copying & Postage	48.80	
	After Show Celebration Costs	50.00	
	Total Expenditure	4213.28	373.79
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>3954.49</u>	<u>2893.72</u>

D	<u>District Jamboree</u>	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	4317.96	4317.96
	Income	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	0.00	0.00
	Balance B/F + Income	4317.96	4317.96
	Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>4317.96</u>	<u>4317.96</u>

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E	<u>Eastwinds</u> (Held by Eastwinds Manager)	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	588.77	949.00
	Income		
	Hire - Non Regular Users	65.00	0.00
	Refunds Received	88.01	
	Total Income	153.01	
	Balance B/F + Income	741.78	949.00
	Expenditure		
	Electrical	88.46	
	Chainsaw	107.00	
	Security	102.70	
	Admin	2.50	
	Tools	12.99	
	Cleaning	38.62	
	Plumbing	105.53	
	Total Expenditure	457.80	360.23
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>283.98</u>	<u>588.77</u>

F	<u>District Explorers</u> (Incl. Young Leaders & DofE)	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	1812.96	1325.98
	Income		
	Subscriptions (net of Go Cardless fees)	762.14	
	Refund of District Membership 2021	59.50	
	Donations Recd	172.11	
	Gift Aid	240.94	
	Covid Assistance from District	204.00	
	Uniform & Badge Payments	27.00	
	Total Income	1465.69	1388.48
	Balance B/F + Income	3278.65	2714.46
	Expenditure		
	Membership To District 2021	1052.00	
	Uniform & Badges	302.80	
	Online Scout Manager License	17.00	
	Total Expenditure	1371.80	901.5
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>1906.85</u>	<u>1812.96</u>

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G	<u>District Network</u>	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	461.21	461.21
	Income	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	0.00	0.00
	Balance B/F + Income	461.21	461.21
	Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>461.21</u>	<u>461.21</u>

H	<u>Spinnaker ESU</u>	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	1378.00	670.57
	Income		
	Subscriptions	1330.00	
	Membership Refund Received	63.00	
	Covid Grant from District	171.00	
	HMRC Gift Aid (via District)	1774.99	
	Programme & Activity Contributions	483.00	
	Camps Contributions	890.00	
	Total Income	4711.99	3239.00
	Balance B/F + Income	6089.99	3909.57
	Expenditure		
	Loan Repayment	760.00	
	Annual Membership 2021	1001.00	
	Rent	250.00	
	Camps Costs	1926.29	
	Camp Refund Given	250.00	
	Activity Costs	733.08	
	Badges	55.00	
	Equipment Insurance	103.04	
	Go Cardless Transaction Fees	29.70	
	Total Expenditure	5108.11	2531.57
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>981.88</u>	<u>1378.00</u>

I	<u>Supernova ESU</u>	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	1689.97	1019.22
	Income		
	Subscriptions	1350.00	
	Activity Contributions	450.00	
	Camp Contributions	180.00	
	Refunds Received		
	Running Costs	143.90	
	District Membership	52.50	
	Support Grant	232.50	
	Total Income	2408.90	2268.00
	Balance B/F + Income	4098.87	3287.22
	Expenditure		
	National, County & District Membership	901.50	
	Rent Paid	300.00	
	Uniforms & Badges	42.94	
	Activity Costs	915.79	
	Camp Costs	185.37	
	Leader Training	20.00	
	Total Expenditure	2365.60	1597.25
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>1733.27</u>	<u>1689.97</u>

M	<u>Ravens Band</u> (Held by The Band)	2021-22	2020-21
	Balance brought forward	1689.28	1659.28
	Income		
	Parade/Performance Donations	250.00	
	Total Income	250.00	30.00
	Balance B/F + Income	1939.28	1689.28
	Expenditure		
	Festive Season Celebration Get Together	188.55	
	Total Expenditure	188.55	0.00
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	<u>1750.73</u>	<u>1689.28</u>

Declaration

Approved by the District Trustees at the Executive Committee meeting on 26th April 2022.
in accordance with POR Rule 4:25 f ii point 16 and are signed on their behalf.

Steve Williams Chairman
Board of Trustees

Paul Harper District Commissioner
Bristol South Scouts

Tony Rees Finance Sub Committee
Board of Trustees

These accounts are :

- * Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol South District Scout Council
- * Uploaded to The Charity Commission portal as part of the annual charity report after the AGM
- * Forwarded to Avon County Scouts for information
- * Uploaded to the Bristol South Website enabling public access

In a repeat of last year, I start the year by talking about the apparent 'cash rich' position at the end of the financial year, this year there is no 'apparent' about it. The Covid pandemic has seen a second year unlike any other, resulting in –

- 1). An increase in income due to the financial support from Bristol City Council as the district is a Business Rate paying organisation, to the tune of some £10k in grants.
- 2). The decrease in the usual and projected outgoings across the year (many postponed until 2022-23 e.g. Eastwinds expenditures, district events or agreed support payments).
- 3). Refunds and reliefs have been granted to groups and ESUs, e.g. return of district membership and refund of Scouting rents payable for Eastwinds use due to the prevailing situation.

However, the usual county and national membership payment taking place in the first few days of the subsequent financial year, means the main account needs to be reduced by some £44.1k to give an accurate snapshot of the true balance, equaling approx £47.0k.

The total district income falls between £25k and £250k, therefore, in accordance with The Charity Commission guidelines the accounts are of the 'Receipts & Payments' type rather than 'Accrual & Prepayment' accounting.

In this year under review we have seen a growing incidence of payments being received to accounts other than where they should be. The main account, Network and Jamboree accounts have all received such payments which have been dealt with as 'transfers' and not shown as income in the originally receiving accounts, as when transferred to the correct accounts would have 'double accounted' for the amounts concerned.

As in the previously year, expenditures relating to Eastwinds have been deferred and the regular income stream for incidental third party use has decreased. Whilst a Business Rates holiday was granted utility charges still occurred and increased.

After several years of trying to sort out a 'false start' in registering for Gift Aid, the issues have now been resolved with HMRC and two back claims' have been made. Going forward, a claim for 2021-22 will be made at the commencement of 2022-23.

The financial effects of Covid having been widely felt, last year it was, for the first time necessary to report that the district had a debtor. However, the payment to clear this was made right at the start of the year under review.

The district has no specific external financial liabilities, except for ongoing payments for services provided/business rates. No capital assets were purchased nor disposed of during the year under review.

The value of badge stocks has fallen, although perhaps not quite as much as would be expected in a 'normal' operational year. It is still the intention to sell off stocks of obsolete badges as circumstances permit, recognising that this will not be for market value.

Whilst the trustees reaffirmed the intention that the Jamboree account would be used to support those attending the rescheduled 2022 county Avon event this has now been permanently cancelled, so this fund will be used to underwrite costs of a similar event and the Gang Show account will continue to 'pump prime' the next (2023) show.

Also the Virgin Money deposit account has not been drawn upon over this year, interest gained has decreased due to the ongoing reductions in the interest percentage paid, which was much in line with the practice across the banking sector.

Whilst 2020 saw the establishing of a formal reserves policy, essentially retaining at least an average of three years reserve covering non deferrable costs, anticipated to be in the region of £12k this has been increased to £15k in the light of increasing costs. The 'Remediation' fund at £20k has been increased to £22k against the need to vacate and clear the Eastwinds site due to termination of lease or the district wishing to vacate the site in the future.

Whilst it is hoped that the Covid situation will continue to ease the District Executive will continue its prudent financial attitude to providing support across the district in the future. Therefore, overall fund holding is larger than would normally be the norm.

I end with my usual sincere thanks to all who have kept accounts over the year, enabling the timely production of these accounts. Also the continued support of the account signatories contributions to the 'finance steering committee'.

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol South District Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Simon Lovell
BSc ACA
Date: 10/06/2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol South District Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Simon Lovell
BSc ACA

Date: 10/06/2022

Accounts



District Trustees Annual Report

to the

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

for the year ended 31 March 2021

presented at the Annual General Meeting 30 July 2021

BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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The accounts for the financial year 2020-21 form a separate document to this report.

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Status

The scout district was first registered with the Charity Commission on 22nd March 2002 under the charity number 1091301 on the merger of the Bristol SE and SW scout districts.

The charity is part of the Scout Association, located within the 'Scout County of Avon' and has the district registration number 16716.

Trustees

Steve Williams	District Chairman
Scott Stowell	District Commissioner (until 31.12.2020)*
<i>Vacancy</i>	District Treasurer
Theresa Coll	District Secretary
Cathy Harding	Deputy District Commissioner*
Sam Beard	Assistant District Commissioner- Events (until 31.12.2020)
Gemma Francis	District Explorer Leader*
Nick Winter	District Explorer Scout Administrator*
Gary Turner	District Scouter
Beth Haines	District Youth Commissioner
James Wall	District Network Commissioner
Stephen Thomas	Executive Committee Member*
Tony Rees	Executive Committee Member*
Andy Morris	Executive Committee Member*

*Indicates member of the Finance Sub Committee (Tony Rees acting Chairman).

Principal Address

c/o. 45 Whitecross Avenue, Bristol, BS14 9JF

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, Kingswood, Bristol PO Box 1000, BS1 6AH
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Bristol South District Website and e-mail Address

www.bristolsouthscouts.org.uk bristolsouth@avonscouts.org.uk

Independent Financial Examiner

Russell Smith

Structure, Governance and Management

The district's governing documents and constitution are those of The Scout Association (TSA). These consist of Charter Royal, 1991 being the most recent, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. The district is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the rules and policies contained in POR of The Scout Association.

The District Executive Committee (DEC) consisted of up to 13 members during the year, all of which are the charity trustees of the scout district, which is an educational charity, manages the district. 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.

The district operates under the model rules and constitution provided by The Scout Association under POR rule 4.25, as amended from time to time.

The DEC meets on average six times a year (by Zoom during the pandemic period restrictions), and exists to support the district leadership team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- 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

The DEC is a member of the Small Charities Coalition, which exists to help promote good practise and operational procedure of smaller charities using forums, online learning and lobbies on behalf of this sector in general.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the district are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is:

“To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities.”

“The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.”

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Public Benefit

The district meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the 'advancement of education' and the 'advancement of citizenship or community development' headings. Bristol south scout district 'catchment' covers the following postal code areas of south Bristol, though in some areas not exclusively BS1, BS3, BS4, BS13 and BS14.

Risk Assessment

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

- Damage to the building, property and equipment.
The district has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and in the event of temporary loss would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other scout groups, as a short-term solution.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.
The district through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy and has additional cover in place for occasional helpers. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities by the groups and units within the district.
- Reduction or loss of volunteers.
The district is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular area then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation of activities or closure of parts of the district operations.

Financial Review

Due to the nature of the district funding not being guaranteed to be consistent from one year to another the Reserves Policy is somewhat flexible in nature. In essence being sufficient funds to continue to pay non deferrable or fixed debts/costs for a period of three years without funding being received from the usual income streams. This usually amounts to being in the region of £12k.

Funds are also allocated in addition to this for any possible costs associated with the vacation of the Eastwinds Scout Centre property, £20k and other activities funds are held in specific bank accounts separate from the general district account e.g. Jamboree fund, Explorer Scout fund and Gang Show fund. Funds held are regularly monitored to ensure that they do not become excessive and that are used to the widest possible benefit. However, opportunities to invest in local scouting during the 'pandemic period' and the availability of grant aid has meant that balances/reserves were at the end of the year under review much higher than usual or anticipated. A financial support package to groups and units within the district will be actioned from 2021-22 budgets, along with other activity 'subsidies' etc to reduce balances to reasonable levels.

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The district has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in Lloyds Bank Accounts and a Virgin Money deposit account. The district is continuing to reduce cash holdings, only now held by the Eastwinds manager, all other floats having been repaid.

The DEC regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. 2020 saw the commencement of a programme of severe rate cutting by banks, building societies etc. Funds have therefore been left in place to attract what income it can, however, this is much reduced on previous years.

The district has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include either two signatories (Cheques) or two approvals (BACs transfers) for all payments.

Further financial commentary along with the Independent Examiner's statement can be found on pages 9 & 10 of the annual accounts, 2020-21.

Statement of Trustees Financial Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the district.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the district and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis and follow best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities."

Additional Reporting Requirements

Numbers at the end of each comment refers to The Charity Commission 'Additional Reporting Requirements' template.

There were no 'serious' or notifiable incidents during the year under review. All processes are subject to review by the trustees (4&36).

Grant making is not the main way the charity fulfils its purposes. However, in this unprecedented year, refunds have been made and small grants made available within the scout district in addition to those usually considered e.g. hardship assistance. No funds were raised from the general public (5&10).

No funding was received as a payment for contracts with central or local government. However, six Covid relief grant payments were received from government paid by the local authority totalling £20717.36 as detailed in the annual accounts, page three, section A (11, 14, 15&16).

The charity does not have any trading subsidiaries, nor does it operate outside of England & Wales and has not received any overseas funding (17,20&27).

All the trustees are volunteers and as such not remunerated except for the payment of claimed expenses. There are no paid staff, thus no trustees have resigned to start paid appointments (29,31&32).

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As a young person's charity, all volunteers including trustees are subject to a DBS check prior to appointment, which is reviewed upon positional changes and after five years. This service is provided centrally by The Scout Association via its approved contractor. Trustee details are recorded and shown on The Charity Commission portal (37&41).

Achievements and Performance

Scott Stowell – District Commissioner (until 31.12.2020).

This year has been a year like no other for the world and Bristol South Scouts volunteers have work tirelessly to keep scouting alive in the south of Bristol, volunteers having to completely amend their normal working practises of scouting being predominately a charity providing outdoor/face to face activities to being mainly online or delivered home activity packs for the majority of the year. Whilst regularly scheduled activities and events have had to have been postponed and cancelled, these will be taken forward when restrictions finally permit these to take place.

Our volunteers have embraced new ways of delivering Scouting as well as meeting as volunteers by using technology such as Zoom. This has supported the efforts to ensure scouting continued for young people but also the infrastructure of scouting was able to function and flourish.

The Bristol South Scout district has supported all groups to embrace the changes in scouting to ensure that face to face scouting bounces back and thrives once the pandemic is over. Covid 19 has been tough for people in their own personal lives, a testimony to their character and resolve being that the majority have continued to provide support as a volunteer to their local community, even when their own personal circumstances have been challenging. The pandemic has taught us new skills and will only strengthen how we operate as a charity in the future.

We successfully held our AGM last year on Zoom with everyone getting the opportunity to attend so that we could share our progress to date. We also held another thank you event in 2020, this time with a twist in that it was also online. We had over 60 volunteers attend the event where we shared our top awards as well as local thank you awards for our amazing leaders and volunteers.

We have also taken this opportunity to further our connection with our volunteers over social media and we updated our website to better support our members as much as possible.

It has been a tough year for everyone but scouting in Bristol South has pulled through, all down to our outstanding volunteers.

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Steve Williams – District Chairman

My report this year starts similarly to last year's report in commenting on what a strange and different and sometimes difficult year it has been to that of a normal year in the life of scouting. Last year I reflected on the resignation of our District Commissioner (DC) which hopefully was not attributed to myself. On my second year in office, we are now on our third DC, so on reflection perhaps my days as District Chair are now numbered.

I would like to express my thanks to Isabelle Mills for standing into the breach for her short tenure as 'caretaker' DC, who together with her other county roles in scouting took time out to help and assist the district in the period of AS (After Scott) and thank her for all her help and support. We now have our newly appointed DC in place and a very warm welcome is extended to Paul Harper in his new position and the Board of Trustees look forward to supporting Paul in the coming months as we (hopefully) return to what most of us refer to as the "new normal."

Although, it has been a quite year in terms of meeting up with everyone face to face, I know many of you have been working behind the scenes in maintaining scouting both at group, unit, district and Group Executive level through the periods of ever rapidly changing regulations – Who would of thought that traffic lights would control, if, where, when and how scouting would, or even could, be conducted. My extreme admiration must go to Group Scout Leaders and all uniformed leaders for their diversity and ingenuity in continuing to bring scouting to many of our members during the last 12-month period.

I make no apology for using the analogy of a good scout leader resembling a swimming swan. On the surface the swan glides majestically and calmly across the water creating nothing but gentle ripples in its wake, while underneath it is paddling like mad with its legs to keep the smooth motion going. *(Sounds like a typical section meeting I hear some of you cry!)* Scout leaders just like the swans are always cool and calm on the surface but working furiously underneath to ensure that the direction, drive and decision making continues – with consistency, no matter the challenge ahead for the betterment of all the young people in Scouting.

I would also like to express to all members of executive committees (or trustees as we now refer to them) either at group or district level my grateful thanks for all your continued collaboration with the uniform leadership teams in providing the much-needed support and encouragement we have all needed over the last 12 months.

At a district level I would like to express again, my thanks to Tony Rees for all his hard work heading up our finance sub-committee and for the help and assistance to groups within the district with advice and help regarding available national and local grants and funding opportunities. Not to forget the endless work he does on our social media Facebook page and district website. Also, my gratitude to Andrew Morris, our former District Chair, who has decided to stand down as a trustee from the district board of trustees. Our sincere thanks for your years of commitment and we wish you every success for the future.

As we all personally begin to recover from the last 12 months of restrictions and limitations, I wish you every success and pledge that any support we can offer please remember we are only a phone call or an email away. In the words of Bear Grylls

**"So much of who we are as an adult is formed when we are kids.
What scouting says to people is - It's ok to go for it in life!"**

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Plans for the Coming Year

Paul Harper – District Commissioner (wef 1.4.2021)

In April 2021 I took over from the 'caretaker' Interim DC Isabelle Mills (1.1.2021 to 31.3.2021) as District Commissioner. I have a clear remit to ensure scouting is ready to take advantage of the opportunities available to young people as the world opens up for camping and other exciting scouting opportunities.

Despite the pandemic, the fact we were able to retain so many leaders and young people, demonstrates resilience and an appetite for scouting. At the annual census (January) the number of young people aged 6-18 was 18% down on the previous census at 1004 and adults was down 16% (171 were leaders) to 307.

I also aim to strengthen the district leadership team and establish a clear direction for the future. One of my first acts was to maintain continuity by appointing Scott Stowell and Cathy Harding as DDCs to help us build the district leadership team of the future. Scott and Cathy both know the district well and are well positioned to advise me how we can make meaningful progress without undermining the things that made us so successful. I thank them for agreeing to help me.

I am also delighted to be supported by a mix of old and new faces. As someone new to the DC role it gave me great confidence to see such a strong support structure within the district with an active Board of Trustees, Scout Active Support section and Appointments sub committee all focused on ensuring our young people receive the best scouting they possibly can. Thanks one and all.

Taking over as DC 'after' a pandemic is exciting but also not to be underestimated. Much has changed and we have lost a number of stalwart leaders and adult volunteers over the past year. Others have chosen to step back or found other interests, passing on the batten to the next generation. We thank all who served us in the past as well as those who continue to do so. A matter of great concern to me is the number of young people unable to access scouting in our district, we also lost an Explorer Scout Unit (Pegasus) due to a combination of factors not just the pandemic.

Based on the data provided in the last census, there are 212 young people in beavers, cubs and scouts on waiting lists in our district. Anecdotal information suggests that number is currently rising and also the number of our leaders might be overstretched, often wearing several "hats" within their groups. We need to find a way of supporting those who need it while attracting a new generation of adult volunteers to help us progress. The latest national scouting slogan is "Volunteering is Good for you" and it is true. There is a role in scouting for everyone, uniformed and behind the scenes.

If we can take care of our leaders, giving them the life opportunities they value, they will ensure an even greater number of young people acquire the unique skills for life that scouting offers. I look forward to a year of recovery and as we re-establish face to face scouting for our members.

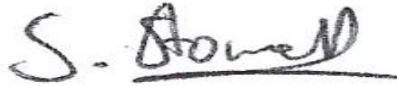
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by:



Steve Williams - Chairman



Scott Stowell - District Commissioner (until 31.12.2020).

Date: 29th June 2021

**Bristol South Scout District
Board Of Trustees
Annual Accounts 2020 - 2021**

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Accounts Statement - 2020 - 2021

Charity No: 1091301

<u>Accounts Summaries</u>			B/F	Income	Expenditure	Balance		
A	Board of Trustees - Lloyds Account	£	59338.21	81490.11	63041.56	77786.76		
B	Board of Trustees - Virgin Money		41976.73	206.42	0.00	42183.15		
C	District Gang Show		3267.51	0.00	373.79	2893.72		
D	District Jamboree	No transactions during this year.	4317.96	0.00	0.00	4317.96		
E	Eastwinds Manager		949.00	0.00	360.23	588.77		
F	District Explorers		1325.98	1388.48	901.50	1812.96		
G	District Network	No transactions during this year.	461.21	0.00	0.00	461.21		
H	Spinnaker ESU		670.57	3239.00	2531.57	1378.00		
I	Supernova ESU		1019.22	2268.00	1597.25	1689.97		
J	Pegasus ESU	ESU closed wef.31.3.2021	506.10	476.00	982.10	0.00		
L	District Badge Secretary	(cash in hand at end of year)	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.44		
M	Ravens Band		1659.28	30.00	0.00	1689.28		
Grand Totals			2020-21	£	115491.77	89098.45	69788.00	134802.22

Non-monetary Assets

	2020-21	2019-20	
Eastwinds Building	282014.00	276485.00	(a)
Eastwinds Contents/Equipment	23735.00 *	13695.00	(a)
The Den Contents	6279.00	6279.00	(a)
District Badge Stock	2599.30	2840.89	(b)
Ravens Band Instruments & Equipment	5000.00	5000.00	(c)

Valuations based on (a) NFU Insurance (b) District Badge Secretary annual report (c) Band Leader estimate.

*This valuation now includes camping and outdoor equipment, stored and used at Eastwinds.

<u>Total Non-monetary assets</u>	£	319627.30	304299.89
<u>Total Asset Value, Money Buildings etc</u>	£	454429.52	419791.66

"Notional" BOT Fund Allocations A+B**End 2020-21****End 2019-20**

The District has no Endowment or otherwise 'restricted funds' formally ringfenced for specific use by Deed of Gift/Trust or similar legal condition.

General Day To Day	20452.41	2239.94
District Property (Den & Eastwinds)	5000.00	1500.00
Development/Group Assistance incl. Additional Needs	10000.00	10000.00
Land or Building Remediation <i>(see commentary)</i>	20000.00	16000.00
District Activities (non Jamboree)	5000.00	3000.00
General Maintained Reserve <i>(see commentary)</i>	12000.00	20000.00
Membership 2021	47517.50	48575.00
TOTALS	119969.91	101314.94

A	<u>Board of Trustees - Lloyds account</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	59338.21	55699.11
	Income		
	Annual Membership Fees From Groups 2021	50695.25	
	Covid Support Grants from Bristol Council	20717.36	
	Donation Received (for Covid Relief)	50.00	
	Returned Loan from Group Unused	156.00	
	Badge Income	3258.41	
	Payback Cash Float	200.00	
	Eastwinds Insurance Rebate	74.93	
	Forest School	4680.00	
	Scout Use	1600.00	
	Business Rate Rebate	58.16	
		6413.09	
	Total Income	81490.11	72379.92
	Balance B/F + Income	140828.32	128079.03
	Expenditure		
	Membership Payment to County 2020	48575.00	
	Badge Purchases (Scout Shop)	2828.57	
	Den and Casual Helper Insurance	226.80	
	District Website (URL, Hosting & Support)	247.04	
	Licenses Legal & Consents	456.05	
	ADC/DC expenses	146.03	
	AGM/Trustee Expenses	70.80	
	Materials & Equipment	72.20	
	Eastwinds BT for WiFi	481.34	
	Water	376.95	
	EDF Electricity	1567.00	
	Insurance NFU	1899.07	
	Business Rates	58.16	
		4382.52	
	Covid Related Expenditures		
	Comms (Zoom)	28.78	
	Grants to Groups	196.27	
	Eastwinds Refunds	1600.00	
	Refund 2020 District Membership	4211.50	
		6036.55	
	Total Expenditure	63041.56	68740.82
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	77786.76	59338.21

B	<u>Board of Trustees - Virgin Money</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	41976.73	41663.67
	Transfers In & Interest Received		
	Transfers from Lloyds Current Account	0.00	0.00
	Account interest	206.42	313.06
	Total Transfers In/Interest	206.42	313.06
	Balance B/F + Deposits	42183.15	41976.73
	Transfers Out		
	Transfer to Lloyds Current Account	0.00	0.00
	Total Transfers Out		
	<u>Deposits less Withdraws to C/F</u>	42183.15	41976.73
C	<u>District Gang Show</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	3267.51	1591.46
	Income		
	Total Income	0.00	5583.34
	Balance B/F + Income	3267.51	7174.80
	Expenditure		
	Props & Costumes (outstanding from 19/20)	17.64	
	Performance Donation Frenchay Nuro Unit Club	356.15	
	Total Expenditure	373.79	3907.29
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	2893.72	3267.51
D	<u>District Jamboree</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	4317.96	4317.96
	Income	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	0.00	0.00
	Balance B/F + Income	4317.96	4317.96
	Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	4317.96	4317.96

E	<u>Eastwinds</u> (Held by Eastwinds Manager)	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	949.00	1354.23
	Income		
	Hire - Non Regular Users	0.00	45.00
	Balance B/F + Income	949.00	1399.23
	Expenditure		
	Security	109.51	
	Kitchen equipment & parts	81.15	
	Cleaning	3.00	
	Materials & Tools	82.00	
	Spares & Repairs	84.57	
	Total Expenditure	360.23	450.23
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	588.77	949.00
F	<u>District Explorers</u> (Incl. Young Leaders & DofE)	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	1325.98	1796.63
	Income		
	Subscriptions (net of Go Cardless fees)	690.38	
	Refund of District Membership 2020	88.00	
	Closing Balance from Pegasus ESU	610.10	
	Total Income	1388.48	880
	Balance B/F + Income	2714.46	2676.63
	Expenditure		
	Membership To District 2021	864.50	
	Uniform & Badges	1.00	
	Online Scout Manager License	36.00	
	Total Expenditure	901.50	1350.65
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	1812.96	1325.98

G	<u>District Network</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	461.21	461.21
	Income	0.00	0.00
	Total Income	0.00	0.00
	Balance B/F + Income	461.21	461.21
	Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	461.21	461.21
H	<u>Spinnaker ESU</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	670.57	1432.83
	Income		
	Subscriptions	770.00	
	Membership Refund Received	68.00	
	Refund Received - Rent	250.00	
	Refund Received - Wings	1815.00	
	Refund Received - Avon Jamboree	144.00	
	Refund Received - Sailing	72.00	
	Refund Received - Clip N Clmib	120.00	
	Total Income	3239.00	8485.77
	Balance B/F + Income	3909.57	9918.60
	Expenditure		
	Youth Programme & Activities	97.50	
	Annual Membership 2021	918.50	
	Rent	375.00	
	Materials & Equipment	92.30	
	Refunds Paid Out - Avon Jamboree	130.00	
	Refunds Paid Out - Wings	790.00	
	Equipment Insurance	108.00	
	Go Cardless Transaction Fees	20.27	
	Total Expenditure	2531.57	9248.03
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	1378.00	670.57

I	<u>Supernova ESU</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	1019.22	866.96
	Income		
	Subscriptions	1500.00	
	Refunds Received Rent	400.00	
	Avon Jamboree	195.00	
	District Membership	100.00	695.00
	Donations	73.00	
	Total Income	2268.00	4566.20
	Balance B/F + Income	3287.22	5433.16
	Expenditure		
	National, County & District Membership	760.00	
	Rent Paid	400.00	
	Refunds paid out Camps/Activities	224.00	
	Uniform/Badges	69.35	293.35
	Zoom costs	143.90	
	Total Expenditure	1597.25	4413.94
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	1689.97	1019.22

J	<u>Pegasus ESU</u>	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	506.10	1454.57
	Income		
	Subscriptions	444.00	
	Refunds Received (District Membership 2020)	32.00	
	Total Income	476.00	2436.00
	Balance B/F + Income	982.10	3890.57
	Expenditure		
	Subscription Refunds (To individuals)	372.00	
	Transfer of Remaining Funds to District upon closure	610.10	
	Total Expenditure	982.10	3384.47
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	0.00	506.10

M	<u>Ravens Band</u> (Held by The Band)	2020-21	2019-20
	Balance brought forward	1659.28	2056.70
	Income		
	Subscriptions	30.00	
	Total Income	30.00	1601.60
	Balance B/F + Income	1689.28	3658.30
	Expenditure		
	Total Expenditure	0.00	1999.02
	<u>Income less Expenditure to C/F</u>	1689.28	1659.28

Declaration

Approved by the District Trustees at the Executive Committee meeting on 25th May 2021 in accordance with POR Rule 4:25 f ii point 15 and are signed on their behalf.

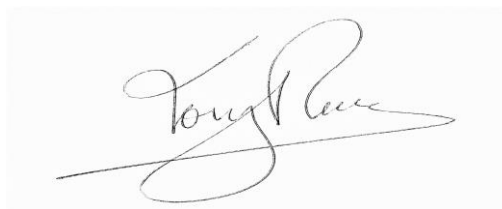
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Board of Trustees



Scott Stowell District Commissioner
Bristol South Scouts
Until 31.12.2020



Tony Rees Finance Sub Committee
Board of Trustees



These accounts are :

- * Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol South District Scout Council
- * Uploaded to The Charity Commission portal as part of the annual charity report
- * Forwarded to Avon County Scouts for information
- * Uploaded to the Bristol South Website enabling public access

Commentary 2020-2021

I usually start the year by talking about the apparent 'cash rich' position at the end of the financial year, this year there is no 'apparent' about it. The Covid pandemic has seen a year unlike any other, resulting in –

- An increase in income due to the financial support from Bristol City Council as the district is a Business Rate paying organisation, to the tune of some £20k in grants.
- A decrease in the usual and projected outgoings across the year (many postponed until 2021-22 e.g. Eastwinds expenditures, district events or agreed support payments e.g. Avon Jamboree).
- Refunds and reliefs have been granted to groups and ESUs, e.g. return of district membership and refund of Scouting rents payable for Eastwinds use due to the prevailing 'red traffic light' situation.
- Funding for Covid related activity alternatives was made available to the district although it was disappointing that only one group claimed support.

However, the usual county and national membership payment taking place in the first few days of the subsequent financial year, means the main account balance needs to be reduced by some £47.5k to give a snapshot of the closing balance.

The total district income falls between £25k and £250k, therefore, in accordance with The Charity Commission guidelines the accounts are of the 'Receipts & Payments' type rather than 'Accrual & Prepayment' accounting.

As previously mentioned, expenditures relating to Eastwinds have been deferred and the regular income stream for third party use has decreased from the 2019-20 due to few days use. Whilst a Business Rates holiday was granted utility charges still occurred and rose.

Regretfully, Pegasus ESU closed during the financial year, subscription refunds being given for the period of inactivity, all liabilities paid, the balance transferred to the District Explorers account for future use to support 14-18 age groups activities etc.

The financial effects of Covid having been widely felt, for the first time it is necessary to report that the district has a debtor totalling £0.8k. However, this is subject to an approved deferral, so there is confidence this amount will be paid.

The district has no specific external financial liabilities, except for ongoing payments for services provided/business rates.

No capital assets were purchased nor disposed of during the year under review.

The value of badge stocks has fallen, although perhaps not quite as much as would be expected in a 'normal' operational year. It is still the intention to sell off stocks of obsolete badges as circumstances permit, recognising that this will not be for market value.

There were no payments from the District Jamboree, District Network and Ravens Band accounts and only two payments from the District Gang Show account, the larger of these being the payment of the show donations to the Frenchay Nuro Unit Fund. The Executive reaffirmed the intention that the Jamboree account be used to support those attending the rescheduled 2022 event and the Gang Show account to 'pump prime' the next show.

Also the Virgin Money deposit account has not been drawn upon over this year, interest gained has decreased due to the reduction in the interest percentage paid, which was much in line with the practice across the banking sector.

2020 saw the establishing of a formal reserves policy, essentially retaining at least an average of three years reserve covering non deferrable costs, anticipated to be in the region of £12k. The 'Remediation' fund has been increased to £20k against the need to vacate and clear the Eastwinds site due to termination of lease or the district wishing to vacate the site in the future.

Whilst it is hoped that the Covid situation will ease during 2020-21 the District Executive will adopt a prudent financial attitude to provide support across the district in the future.

I end with my usual sincere thanks to all who have kept accounts over the year, enabling the timely production of these accounts.

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol South District Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(signed) **Russell Smith**
Date: **25/05/2021**

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