

East London District Scout Council

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2020



East London District Scout Council Incorporating the London Boroughs of Hackney and Tower Hamlets

Vice President: Mr P Final

Vice President: Mr A Hands

Trustees: Ex-Officio – District Scout Officers:

District Chairman Mr A Hands

District Commissioner Mr J Ellison

District Treasurer

District Secretary Ms V Constans

District Youth Commissioner

District Explorer Scout Commissioner Mr K Bridge

District Network Commissioner Mr B Gray

Trustees: Nominated:

Trustees: Elected: Mr G Davis
Miss C Carpenter
Mrs J Bridge

Trustees: Co-opted: Mr B Bench
Mr C Greenslade
Ms K Leggett

Bankers: Unity Trust Bank Plc, Nine Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HB

Custodian Trustees: The Scout Association

Charity Registration Number: 1114589

Organisation

The Scout District is led by a District Commissioner and managed by a District Executive Committee. The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and is accountable to the East London District Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the District.

The East London District Scout Council is an unincorporated charitable association under the umbrella of the Scout Association. It operates within the guidelines laid down in Policy, Organisation and Rules by the Scout Association.

The District Executive meets formally five times a year and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the District
- Acting with the District Commissioner and District Team in all matters relating to finance and property
- Presenting an Annual Report and annual statement of accounts to the General Meeting of the Scout Council.

Our Mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

District Commissioner

On paper 2020 might not seem a remarkable year for Scouting in East London:

- Every week meetings happened across Hackney and Tower Hamlets
- Badges were earned (more in fact than in 2019)
- We had new members join and old friends return

2020 was not an unremarkable year for the world and the immediate response of our leaders is something that we should all be proud of. Our Swimming Gala on 14th March was cancelled because the Crew were growing worried about the potential dangers of a new virus epidemic. On the 16th March their judgement was borne out when all face-to-face meetings in the UK ended and our district moved quickly to provide a range of other ways to connect with our members (and the odd Zoom meeting.) Whilst visiting group AGMs this year I've been proud to hear parents talk about how The Scouts adapted better and more quickly than their child's school and how Cubs (using a Zoom account borrowed from work) was the one shred of normality and outside contact that their child still had.

Our section leaders have been outstanding – beginning monthly leaders meetings in April to sync up and share ideas. All groups had returned to some form of meeting by Easter except for our two smallest groups who will need our support to reform and flourish in the 2021/22 school year. Some of you were called on nationally for programme support, you opened Early Years Pilot sections and were a key workers completing jobs to keep the country running before logging on to Zoom. However, all of you did your best and helped improve the lives of our members and their communities through things like acts of kindness, contact with care homes, races around the world, camping at home and The Great Indoors. This will be borne out in next year's AGM report and the colossal number of Good Service Awards being presented for the work done this year.

Thanks should also go to our sub-committees: the appointments committee who had made the transition to online by Easter and successfully caught up on (and overtook) a small backlog from opening 2 new groups; the Bouverie Road committee who saw the hall & kitchen put to use in the urgent response to the crisis and kept up on essential maintenance; and the Campground Committee who first mothballed Fairmead and then brought it back into service for day visitors so that we could bring our city groups out into Epping Forest.

Our biggest challenge comes next: in helping some groups back onto their feet, and opening new groups for the increasing waiting list numbers; in bringing back normal Scouting without making our leaders look like superheroes that family members could never hope to match up to if they volunteered; and in making sure that we bring Skills For Life and Scouting to All.

Jon Ellison

District Commissioner

District Chair

2020 was a difficult year for our youth members and their families due to the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic. We were able to fund high quality engaging face to face activities including Go Karting and a Giant sleep-over at a trampoline park, before national and local Covid-19 related restrictions took effect in March.

No longer able to meet face to face from March resulted in a concern that our youth members would experience:

- Isolation: missing their friendship group, relationships and support from trusted adults and peers
- Increased emotional wellbeing and mental health challenges
- Pressure on family relationships; coping with stress, lack of respite, financial stability and education
- Digital access became a basic need in lockdown

East London Scouting was needed more in 2020 than at any time in the last 80 years and rose to the challenge. Our volunteers pivoted their activities / weekly programme to online, supplementing with paper resources and dropping them into the children who struggled for digital access. Our youth members completed over 6,000 badges during this period which was a remarkable achievement.

We are fortunate to have so many volunteers who give up their time to engage and support young people in their personal development, whilst empowering them to think of others in need across Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Our leaders have been outstanding providing support for our local communities throughout the pandemic. Their resilience through these tough times has been incredible and I have so much respect for each and every one of them for what they achieved with our youth members during a very tough year.

In addition to all those working directly with young people on programme delivery we had a variety of teams helping to ensure our governance, safeguarding, safety, risk assessments, support, tools, finances and facilities are outstanding. A big thank you to our District Badge Secretary, and our volunteers looking after our premises 'Charles Watts Memorial Hall' in Bouverie Road, and our volunteers looking after our Fairmead Scout camp site. You are all making a huge difference.

Our income dropped from £15,111 to £10,937 (Bouverie Road) and £16,661 to £3,205 (Fairmead Camp Site) but we have made these facilities Covid-19 safe and continued to make improvements in preparation for young people returning to face to face activities in 2021.

We are very thankful to generous financial supporters of East London Scouting. Their funding has made it possible to provide activity badges at 50% of cost, provide free District/ County badges, subsidise the cost of membership for our youth members, run free adult training events, provide funding for a programme of activities building skills for life. Their funding will help us roar back into action.

Thank you to:

- The Jack Petchey Foundation: 14 sets of £250 donations direct to our Scout Groups
- Pemberton Barnes Will Trust: £27,456
- Bloomberg: £3,892
- Government Covid-19 Leisure, Hospitality Grants: £35,000

We are continuing to reach out to potential funders to enable us to expand further and provide better Scouting for more young people. **If you are able to introduce us to a potential funder please let us know.**

2021 is the year we bounce back and ramp up our support for our youth members across Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Let's all look forward to making a big impact in the year ahead. Thank you for your service and dedication.

Alan Hands
District Chair

Time to celebrate – congratulations to the following:

Jack Petchey Achiever Award – young people:

- Abida (8th EL)
- Leah (65 H)
- Yash (4 SN)
- Basanti (4 SN)
- Mohammed (8 EL)
- Habiba (16 EL)
- William (23 POP)
- Maya (5 TH)
- Hiroki (Endeavor Explorers)
- Stuart (9 S)
- Sawdah (16 EL)
- Rohan (4 SN)
- Hannah (8 EL)
- Zoe (63 H)

Jack Petchey Leader Award

- Nicola Phillips (Red Panda Explorers)

- Dermot O'Brien
- Suehannah Rahman
- Fathama Rahman
- Shahina Rahman
- Tamara Zedginidze

Chief Scout's 10 year Service Award

- Branca Pegado
- Michael Oades

Chief Scouts 15 year Service Award

- Judy Phillips

Chief Scouts 30 year Service Award

- Joan Bridge

Chief Scouts 60 year Service Award

- Joe Olivo

Good Service Awards:

Silver Wolf

- Alan Hands

Award of Merit

- Roy Newland
- Vicky Thompson

Long service:

Chief Scout's 5 year Service Award

- Borira Begum
- Rubiya Begum
- Aklima Begum
- Phillip Elam
- Fatima Farid
- Susanna Griffiths
- Afia Khanom
- Naheen Miah

Training

Wood Badges:

- Ben Gray – Group Scout Leader
- Billy Thomas – Section Leader Scouts
- Joe Watson – Section Leader Scouts
- Vicky Ault – ASL Cub Scouts
- Dermot O'Brien – Assistant Section Leader
- Mark Smorthit – ASL Cub Scouts
- Vicky Thompson – Section Leader Cubs
- Gregory Cohen – Group Scout Leader
- Jay Morris – Section Leader
- Abdulmukith Ahmed – Group Scout Leader
- Uddin Swapna – Section Leader Scouts
- Claire McNally – Section Leader
- Jon Ellison – District Commissioner

Please note that not all awards have yet been received or presented due to delays resulting from Covid-19 restrictions / reduction in resources within Headquarters Awards team. Your patience is appreciated.

Annual census of membership at 31st January 2021

Group / Unit	Number Young People	Number of Adults	Total
East London Scout District – officers, active support unit, Explorer leaders		32	32
East London Explorer Scouts	33		33
2 nd East London	106	36	142
3 rd Bethnal Green	11	6	17
4 th Poplar		5	5
4 th Stoke Newington	37	9	46
5 th Tower Hamlets	58	18	76
7 th Stoke Newington	28	10	38
8 th East London	45	25	70
9 th Stepney	10	8	18
10 th Stepney	21	10	31
14 th Hackney	48	9	57
16 th East London	52	56	108
23 rd Poplar	51	19	70
29 th Hackney		3	3
63 rd Hackney	15	2	17
65 th Hackney		4	4
Total	515	251	767

**EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
Income			
Programme - Activities		255	4,962
Programme – Badges		1,435	1,269
Campsite fees and electricity charge		3,205	16,661
Hall hire – Bouverie Road		10,937	15,111
Donations and grants	2	71,348	38,405
Membership subscriptions		22,050	21,654
Miscellaneous income	3	290	-
Bank and building society interest		4	7
Total Income		<u>109,524</u>	<u>98,069</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
Expenditure			
Programme: Activities		3,158	12,030
Programme: Badges		3,139	4,386
Administration costs		60	587
Campsite: Maintenance/improvements	4	14,728	16,789
Bouverie Rd: Maintenance/improvements	6	7,539	4,790
Bank charges		72	80
Training materials		-	489
Membership fees		25,557	22,314
Equipment depreciation		1,337	4,913
Sundry payments	7	1,501	997
		-	-
Total Expenditure		<u>57,091</u>	<u>71,243</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year		<u>52,433</u>	<u>26,826</u>

The above accounts and accompanying balance sheet were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on the 30th June 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:

Alan Hands

District Chair

EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT
31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Buildings at cost or valuation			
Bouverie Road Scout Hall	12	403,001	403,001
Fairmead Campsite	11	<u>414,105</u>	<u>414,105</u>
		817,106	817,106
EQUIPMENT			
Bouverie Road	8	4,614	5,860
Fairmead Campsite	9	-	51
Other	10	<u>1</u>	<u>41</u>
		821,721	823,058
CURRENT ASSETS			
Badge Stock		1,253	1,863
Debtors and prepayments	5	3,385	5,130
Bank Accounts		123,753	68,976
Cash		<u>-</u>	<u>294</u>
		<u>128,391</u>	<u>76,264</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		950,112	899,322
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals		<u>150</u>	<u>422</u>
		<u>949,962</u>	<u>898,900</u>
Assets at 1 st January 2020		898,900	872,074
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>51,062</u>	<u>26,826</u>
		<u>949,962</u>	<u>898,900</u>

EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTS

The accounts incorporate the funds administered by the District Scout Council and do not include any of the funds administered by the individual groups within the East London District.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
Bloomberg	3,892	-
UKHQ Scouts Start up grants	5,000	-
Miss E A Pemberton-Barnes Will Trust	27,456	30,969
Covid-19 Grants – Retail Leisure & Hospitality	35,000	-
Other donations	-	<u>7,436</u>
	<u>71,348</u>	<u>38,405</u>
3. MISCELLANEOUS AND NON-RECURRING INCOME		
Bouverie Road – EON refund	222	-
Bouverie Road – TSB compensation	50	-
Bouverie Road - Sale of surplus CO2 Alarm	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>290</u>	<u>-</u>
4. CAMPSITE EXPENDITURE		
Electricity	2,569	2,315
Gas	108	18
Business Rates	184	181
Miscellaneous – repairs, mower, website	444	284
Water	41	381
Telephone	332	505
Cleaning consumables	202	703
Insurance	1,782	1,921
Fire Extinguishers	531	-
Waste removal	569	-
Maintenance and improvements	7,963	10,481
	<u>14,728</u>	<u>16,789</u>
5. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Roland Philipps Centre	-	270
Subscriptions	1,785	2520
Prepayments	<u>1,600</u>	<u>2,488</u>
	<u>3,385</u>	<u>8,300</u>

**EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL,
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
6. PREMISES – BOUVERIE ROAD - EXPENDITURE		
Cleaning	211	260
Gas and Electricity	2,152	2,272
Rates	146	1,575
Miscellaneous	655	281
Water	459	-
Insurance	1,066	1,022
Repairs and Improvements	2,848	2,488
	<u>7,539</u>	<u>7,898</u>
7. SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Covid Signage and materials	410	-
District Scarfs	294	-
10 th Stepney Scarfs	347	-
3 rd Bethnal Green Hall Hire	450	-
	<u>1,501</u>	<u>-</u>
8 EQUIPMENT - BOUVERIE		
Value 1 January	5,860	7,106
Additions in the year	-	-
	<u>5,860</u>	<u>7,106</u>
Depreciation	1,246	1,246
Written down value 31 December	<u>4,614</u>	<u>5,860</u>
9 EQUIPMENT - FAIRMEAD		
Value 1 January	51	3,678
Addition	-	-
	<u>51</u>	<u>3,678</u>
Depreciation in the year	51	3,627
Written down value 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>51</u>
10 EQUIPMENT		
Written down value 1 January	41	81
Additions in the year	-	-
	<u>41</u>	<u>81</u>
Depreciation in the year	40	40
Written down value 31 December	<u>1</u>	<u>41</u>
11 FAIRMEAD CAMPSITE		
Balance 1 January and 31 December	<u>414,105</u>	<u>414,105</u>
12 BOUVERIE ROAD SCOUT HALL		
Balance 1 January and 31 December	<u>403,001</u>	<u>403,001</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE EAST LONDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached, or
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the District's constitution have not been met.

W A NOIBI

Signature

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Qualification: FCCA
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Date: