



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	May	2020	To	30	April	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Blyth Valley District Scout Council
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1116322
Charity's principal address	Walker Hall
	Edward Street
	Blyth
Postcode	NE24 1DW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Shaun Barkley			
2	Mr David McClen			
3	Miss Carol Worfell	ADC Beavers		
4	Mr Robbie Leese	Secretary		
5	Mr Paul Kelly	District Explorer Commissioner.		
6	Mr Jonathon Finlay	District Commissioner		
7	Dr Allen Ricalton	Treasurer		
8	Mr Dave Linton	Chairman		
9	Mr David Mason			
10	Mrs Marylyn Grimshaw			
11	Miss Laura Shaw			
12	Mr Adam Shaw			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The organisation operates under the Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules. (POR September 2021)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election at District AGM of the Scout Council held in May each year.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society

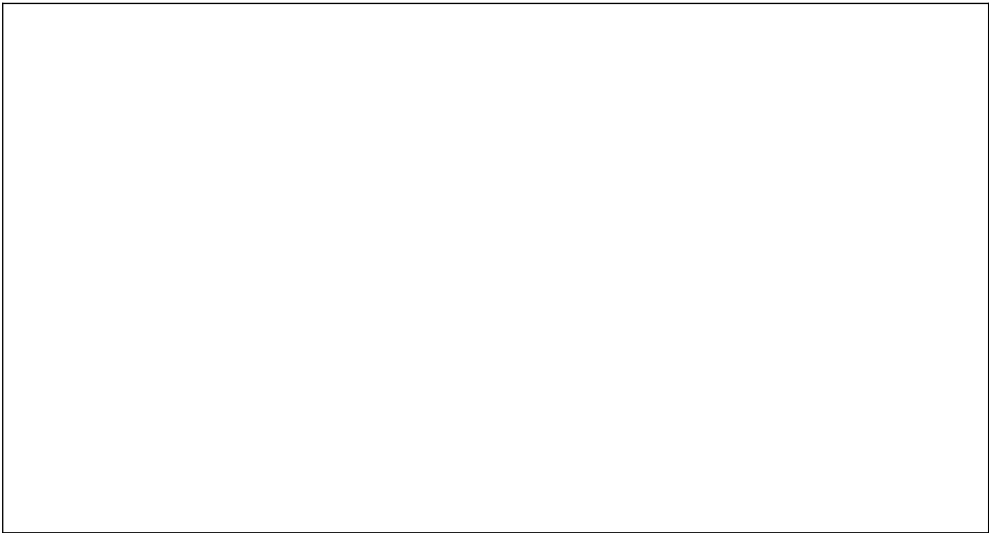
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The District of Blyth Valley covers and operates over the areas of Blyth, Cramlington and Seaton Valley of Northumberland County and provides services to further the Scout Association's purpose. These services undertaken by volunteers support the provision to Beaver Scouts (6-8 years), Cub Scouts (8-10 years) and Scouts (10-14 years), through scout groups, within the district and directly by the District to Explorer Scouts (14-18 years) and members of the Scout Network (18-25 years). The services include the provision of a programme of activities for all the young members, the provision of equipment, premises and facilities to support the activities and necessary administrative support. Training for the District adult volunteers and those within the Scout Groups is provided by the district through the provision of the required expertise or a service offered by Northumberland Scout County, to ensure everyone has the required skills and expertise to undertake their roles as defined by The Scout Association. Provision of the services is funded via membership fees, fundraising and donations.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Chairman's Report

Over many months there has been little or no scouting because of Covid, and the lockdowns, and it is so re-assuring that we are getting moving again. Scouting may have stopped for our Leaders and young members, but the District Exec Comm have continued with their work to provide assurances for the next 12 months.

By now we will have paid our Capitation for the next 12 months with the cost continuing to rise. The District has kept its proportion to a bare minimum with the lion's share going to Gilwell and the County. Last year is the first time in 3 years the District has increased our fee purely to offset the forecast of a financial loss by this time next year.

You may be aware the District is in the process of selling Walker Hall. We have owned the building since 1988 and the building is showing signs of terminal deterioration which the District cannot afford to remedy. The proceeds of the sale which should be completed the end of this year will be 'ring fenced' in the District Accounts and detailed discussions will take place on the distribution of this windfall.

Seghill Pavilion has been largely unoccupied except for periodic use by St.-Johns Ambulance for training purposes. The Chair of Newcastle Gang Show approached the District to see if they could temporarily transfer their wardrobe into our building from September last year and pay an annual rent as they had been evicted from their venue in Gosforth. This was agreed and currently ongoing, however, the Lease has been terminated by NCC consequently the Newcastle Gang Show will have to move again.

The cottage at Spylaw continues to be a popular venue and is used regularly. Improvements have been made to make the building comfortable with more plans for the future. Whereas the building belongs to the Duke of Northumberland we continue to invest small amounts, at risk, for the benefit of the users. Whereas we have been able to occupy the building for free since 1997, the Duke's Estate Office invited us to sign a lease with an annual charge of £100 per annum. The new DC decided to sign and return the Lease which includes a Full Repair Clause. This clause has attracted an annual insurance premium which is more than the expected income, consequently our annual budget will need to make provision for this deficit.

The camp site at Selby Wood continues to provide the District, and many other organisations, with a wonderful venue and it improves year on year. It takes many hours of effort to keep it in prime condition but the benefits are there for all. The bad weather has provided us with challenges with the lower part of the site flooding a number of times. The District is conscious of the extra costs being incurred and is willing to support the site on request.

Last year saw the suspension of our Gang Show which was first presented in 1992. The decision was a difficult one to make because of the success we have all enjoyed in the past. The Exec.Comm. agreed to a 5 years term to see if the show will be reborn, keeping the money in the GS Account 'ring fenced' until then. In the meantime some of our wardrobe will be absorbed into NGS's, the balance dispersed to those who want the costumes as the Wansbeck District have asked us to vacate the building at Bedlington Station. I am quietly confident in years to come it will be revived by enthusiastic Leaders and young members and I look forward to this.

Finally, on behalf of the new DC, I would like to thank the Members of the Executive Committee for their attendances and wise words over the last 12 months and trust they will be in the mix of those who will apply to serve this forthcoming year. Who knows what challenges will be presented to the District in the next 12 months, but with a dedicated Executive Committee they will face and solve

Section D Achievements and performance

them knowing we are financially sound and also satisfy the requirements of the Charities Commission.

David Linton.
Chairman.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim is to have at least two years running cost as a reserve in an accessible account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Annual District Levy
Donations from Charitable trusts for District events including the Gang Show. No investment policy at present .

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Allen Rinton

DA Linton

Full name(s)	Allen Ricalton	Dave Linton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	28/12/2021	

Blyth Valley Scout District
Income and Expenditure Account
for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

	Expenses £	Income £	Net £
Capitation	17,718	17,718	
Ardeche 2020	60,965	60,475	490
<u>Premises</u>			
Seghill		750	-750
Selby Wood	6,100		6,100
Spylaw		10	-10
Walker Hall	978	185	793
<u>Other</u>			
Interest		17	-17
Grants		10,330	-10,330
Rent	603		603
Insurance	2,695		2,695
Miscellaneous	179	40	139
Surplus for the Year		287	
Totals	<u>89,238</u>	<u>89,238</u>	

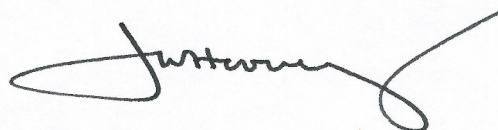
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Charity Commission Reserve Account	6,398	
Walker Hall Account	<u>487</u>	23,183
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General Reserve		
Balance b/fwd 1st April 2020	24,416	
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