

MALDON AND EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1123146

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2008-03-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address 15 Brook Close
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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: Development and training of young people through planned activities, including team building and adventure in a controlled environment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE ESSEX
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£53,822	£43,730	-	-
2023-12-31	£49,998	£44,750	-	-
2022-12-31	£41,054	£69,944	-	-
2021-12-31	£37,528	£26,806	-	-
2020-12-31	£34,600	£46,172	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Derek George Joyce	Chair	2024-06-17
Ann Carol Dukes		2018-06-20
Christopher Edwin Burton		2022-07-07
Graham John bishop		2024-06-17
Janet Elizabeth Richardson		2020-09-30
NIGEL CLIFFORD HUNTER		
Paul Goold		2024-06-17

Accounts



**Maldon & East Essex District Scout
Council**

Trustees Report and Accounts

For

the Year Ended 31st December 2024.

Squirrels



SCOUTS

network



EXPLORERS

The Scout Groups of Maldon and East Essex District

1st Silver End

Kelvedon & Feering

1st Witham

3rd Witham(St Nicolas)

1st Hatfield Peverel

Tiptree

1st Beacon Hill

1st Blackwater

1st Heybridge(St Andrew's)

1st Maldon (All Saints)

Southminster & Maylandsea

1st North Fambridge (Holy Trinity)

1st Burnham-on-Crouch

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MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

For all your uniform, books and equipment

requirements Based at

Prances, Gt. Totham Rd, Wickham Bishops

Opening hours:

Saturday 10.00-13.00 hrs

Wednesday 17.00-19.00 hrs

Managers: Dave and Teresa Cousins, tel: 07849 628106

**Maldon and
East Essex District Scout Council**

**Annual Report
And
Accounts
2024**

*Presented at the
Annual General Meeting on
Monday 16th June 2025*

The Maldon and East Essex District Scout Council
is a Trust
established under the rules of
The Scout Association.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the
Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout
Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts
and payments basis.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12th
May 2025 and signed on their behalf by the District
Chairman and District Treasurer.

President *Mr B Cousins*

Vice Presidents

<i>Mr D Joyce</i>	<i>Mr M Bell</i>	<i>Mrs D Reed</i>
<i>Mrs P Turtle</i>	<i>Mrs M Webber</i>	<i>Mr B Martin</i>
<i>Mr C Burton</i>	<i>Mrs M Pritchard</i>	<i>Mr C Smith</i>
<i>Mrs M Flowers</i>		<i>Mrs P Rixon</i>

Ex Officio Trustees

Mrs A Dukes, Lead Volunteer
Mr D Joyce, District Chairman
Mr C Burton, District Treasurer

Trustees

<i>Mrs J. Richardson</i>	<i>Mr N Hunter</i>	<i>Mr P Goold</i>
<i>Mr G Bishop</i>		

Members *Mr A Goodwin Mr M Catto Mr T Bugg Mr P Green Mrs S Goodwin*

Bankers *Barclays Bank, Leicester, LE87 2BB*

Auditor/Examiner: *Mrs E. Ironmonger*

Charity Registration No. 1123146

Scout Association No. 11734

Contact address *District Secretary, 15 Brook Close, Gt. Totham, Essex, CM9 8PE*

Headquarters & Activity Centre: *Prances, Great Totham Road, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3NP*

Website www.meescouts.org.uk

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Structure, Governance & Management

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required too:

--- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommend Practice);

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District and operates in accordance with a written constitution. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) is accountable. Details of the Trustees are shown in Page 1. The Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council, either by election or nomination, and may also be co-opted by the Executive Committee during the year. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and can benefit from training provided by the Training Team as to the role of Trustee at District and Group level. Young people are also given opportunities across the district to become the Leaders of the future, leading to better retention of young people through to adult volunteering roles. The Trustee Board met on 5 occasions through the year.

The Trustee Board is supported by the Warmer Welcome Team. They held 3 warmer welcome panels in 2024. These were attended by a total of 8 candidates, from 4 Groups . There are c50 members of the District Team, advisers and supporters directly supporting the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council. None of these volunteers receives any payments for services rendered.

The principal sources of the Scout Councils income are membership subscriptions, fees paid by members for activities, Prances Scout Shop, grants and donations from public bodies and individuals.

During the year the Trustees have closely monitored the maintenance of the Prances HQ including the Activity Centre, Prances Cottage and the surrounding outdoor site. Details of these activities are reported separately.

Objectives, Activities, Achievements.

Our vision for 2025

Our vision for 2025 was to have prepared more young people with skills for life supported by amazing volunteers that deliver an inspiring programme. The aim was to grow, be more inclusive, shape our work by young people and make a bigger impact in our communities.

As we're now in 2025, we're developing a new strategy in line with volunteers and young people's needs. Since mid 2024, we have been conducting research with people inside and outside of Scouting to inform the development of our next strategy.

Our mission

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

Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.*

Scouting is currently undergoing change Transformation.

We want to make volunteering with Scouts easier and more fun... ..

so that we can attract more volunteers and our current volunteers want to stay

Training is ongoing, many leaders have completed their mandatory training, much of this is online.

Scouting in Maldon & East Essex District is open to all young people who are between the ages of 4 and 25 no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Scouting in our District is provided through 14 Scout Groups and 6 Explorer Scout Units, by around 200 committed, experienced and trained volunteers, working in teams across the district. The District Executive Committee acknowledges these volunteers are the most valuable asset and resource, without whose support it would not be possible to provide Scouting for the young people of our District.

The successes and achievements of the last twelve months can be seen in the Annual Review 2024.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The main principles of Scouting demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit in the following ways:

Developing young people towards their full potential, through the Scouting programme.

There is a clear link between the purpose of Scouting and the benefits to young people.

The various and numerous Scouting activities are undertaken with the health and safety of the young people taken very seriously, and the benefit of these activities far outweighing any associated risks.

The young people and other main beneficiaries of Scouting are in the 6-25 years age range.

Young people who are willing to make the Scout Promise can benefit from full Scouting membership.

We are an inclusive organisation with membership open to all, including those living in financial hardship. Whilst an annual membership fee is payable, the ability to join is not restricted by their ability to pay.

Sara Goodwin

District Secretary

Derek Joyce

District Chairman

Management and Policies

Governance

The District operates under the Royal Charter of The Scout Association which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Trustees

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Appropriate Induction and Training is offered on appointment using the Charity Commission document CC3 – The Essential Trustee as well as internal Factsheets.

Reserves policy

The Trustees recommend that the balance on the Genral Fund should be maintained at a level of not usually more than 25% of annual expenditure. This allows a suitable contingency to protect the continuity of business. In addition there will be a maintained balance in the Development Fund depending on available funds and requirement for development work both capital and in support of Groups. The Trustees will monitor the level of reserves on a regular basis.

Investment policy

The Trustees recognise the need to ensure that available liquid funds are invested in the best way by using the Bank Savings Deposit Account dictated by the requirement to readily access these funds should particular emergencies arise.

Risk Assessment policy

The Trustees are committed to undertake Risk Assessment in all areas of responsibility and in particular with due regard to the Safety Policy of The Scout Association. A detailed Risk Assessment of all activity and operation including both Safety and Finance at the District Activity Centre has been completed. There are in place systems of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Treasurers Report 2025

The District continues to operate on a sound financial footing, with funds set aside to support District Events and to subsidise attendance at four yearly International Jamborees.

The Scout Association made the decision to close the Short Term Investment Service during the year, these funds are now in the deposit account.

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement for the year to 31st December 2024 appear on the following pages.

I would like to thank everybody for all the hard work they have put in to ensuring the District remains financially viable.

Chris Burton

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Restricted £	General £	Princes £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorers £	District SAS £	2024 Total £	2023 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		39,780.00					0.00	39,780.00	35,360.00
Less paid		36,244.00				0.00	0.00	36,244.00	32,032.00
Sub total	0.00	3,536.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,536.00	3,328.00
Gift Aid		0.00		0.00	0.00	£594.52	0.00	594.52	332.40
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED									
Scout Charity Deposit Account							0.00		238.27
Bank interest		630.42					0.00	630.42	336.11
Sub total	0.00	630.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.42	574.38
DONATIONS/GRANTS									
Donations									
Miss Prance Book							0.00		0.00
John Reed Memorial Fund							0.00		0.00
Brian Baldry Memorial Fund							0.00		0.00
Grants									
Early Years Grant									500.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
ACTIVITIES									
Squirrel Drey Day		1,455.00					0.00	1,455.00	0.00
District Camp	18.97	3,185.00					0.00	3,203.97	0.00
Other Activities							0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	18.97	4,640.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,658.97	0.00
FUND RAISING (gross)									
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME									
Loan Repayments							0.00		364.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	364.00
SUNDRY RECEIPTS									
Camping Fees			6,080.00					6,080.00	7,159.75
Camp deposits received in advance			160.00					160.00	170.00
Hire of Peter Church Lodge			7,384.50					7,384.50	5,096.75
Princes Activities			9,453.00					9,453.00	6,264.25
Princes Sale of Equipment								0.00	0.00
WS Jamboree Receipts									3,075.00
Uniform Shop Sales					16,992.63			16,992.63	18,646.82
Scout Group credit sales					2,222.61			2,222.61	2,862.17
District Badge Sales				2,110.06				2,110.06	1,623.44
Sub total	0.00	0.00	23,077.50	2,110.06	19,215.24	0.00	0.00	44,402.80	44,900.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS	18.97	8,806.42	23,077.50	1,623.44	19,215.24	594.52	0.00	53,822.71	4,998.96
TOTAL PAYMENTS	319.99	9,253.98	16,083.86	1,368.10	16,109.91	594.52	0.00	43,730.36	44,750.74
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(301.02)	(447.56)	6,993.64	255.34	3,105.33	0.00	0.00	10,092.35	5,248.22

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorer	District SAS £	2024 Total £	2023
PREMISES									
Insurance - various		3,550.94					0.00	3,550.94	3,429.26
Utilities			3,857.84				0.00	3,857.84	4,099.49
Prances Improvements	0.00	3,550.94	3,857.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,408.78	7,528.75
DONATIONS/GRANTS/Loans									
Gift Aid to Witham explorers						594.52	0.00	594.52	332.40
							0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	594.52	0.00	594.52	332.40
ACTIVITIES									
District Awards day		190.79					0.00	190.79	676.23
Equipment purchases/Repairs			4,287.15				0.00	4,287.15	2,004.25
District Camp	229.99	2,713.00					0.00	2,942.99	0.00
Squirrel Drey Day		1,454.85					0.00	1,454.85	0.00
Activities (general)		672.26					0.00	672.26	0.00
	229.99	5,030.90	4,287.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,548.04	2,680.48
FUND RAISING									
Fundraising expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATION/ESTABLISHMENT									
Site/ Building Maintenance equipment			6,274.44				0.00	6,274.44	6,411.54
AGM & District Team Expenses		397.29					0.00	397.29	394.08
Rent							0.00	0.00	0.00
Training	90.00	274.85					0.00	364.85	0.00
	90.00	672.14	6,274.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,036.58	6,805.62
SUNDRY PAYMENTS									
WSJ Payments							0.00	0.00	5,657.00
Scout Shop purchases					12,534.11		0.00	12,534.11	14,673.26
Credit Card setup/processing costs					802.20		0.00	802.20	480.02
Cost of Scout Group credit Sales					2,222.61		0.00	2,222.61	2,862.17
Purchase of Badges				1,356.26			0.00	1,356.26	1,876.74
									332.40
							0.00		0.00
Sundries			1,664.43	11.84	550.99		0.00	2,227.26	1,521.90
	0.00	0.00	1,664.43	1,368.10	16,109.91	0.00	0.00	19,142.44	27,403.49
	319.99	9,253.98	16,083.86	1,368.10	16,109.91	594.52	0.00	43,730.36	44,750.74

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2024

	Restricted £	General £	Total 2024 £	2023
CASH FUNDS				
Bank current accounts		35082.33	35,082.33	25,567.45
Bank deposit accounts	1,795.94	40742.83	42,538.77	41,908.35
Cash in hand			529.46	195.90
	1,795.94	75,825.16	78,150.56	67,671.70
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Site & Activity Fees not paid			555.75	1,307.00
Badge Secretary's accounts unpaid			0.00	0.00
Scout shop accounts not yet paid				160.00
Sub total			555.75	1,467.00
Outstanding Loans				
			0.00	
Sub total			0.00	
NON-MONETARY ASSETS for the Charity's own use				
Audio Visual Equipment			133.00	133.00
IT Equipment			1,060.98	1,060.98
Scout Shop Stock			10,271.65	9,630.23
Gift Shop Stock			2,936.25	3,372.80
Badge Secretary's Stock			4,217.85	4,487.64
Sub Total			18,619.74	18,684.65
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	Climbing/caving and tree felling equipment, filing cabinets, etc.		16,000.00	16,000.00
Land and buildings	District camp site including House, HQ building and toilet block			
LIABILITIES due within one year				
Brian Baldry memorial			299.69	299.69
Badge secretary's expenses			10.39	18.84
Balance of John Reed Memorial				
Explorer leader expenses				0.00
Scout shop credits attributable to Groups			2,946.46	2,862.17
Sub total			3,256.54	3,180.70

Note 1: Restrictd funds include:

BPA account
£1086.25 Road show
£410 early years grant
£299.69 Brian Baldry Memorial

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 19 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name	Date
Chairman	Derek Joyce	12/05/2025
Treasurer	Chris Burton	12/05/2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of
Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 5 of this report

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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 Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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 Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Elizabeth Ironmonger
20 Brook Close
Great Totham
Essex
CM9 8PE

date 8/5/2025

District Lead Volunteer's Report 2024-25

Hi all,

Wow! Has it really been 2 ½ years since I took on this roll, nearly halfway through, it has gone so quick. The last year has seen many changes. Most of all is Transformation with the new system being introduced last November. I would like to say a big thank you to all of you and the people who have helped me introduce this. I can't say that it has been easy, and we still have a long way to go to make it work for us, but with trial and a lot of errors we will.

It has been great to see all the fun and exciting visits, activities, camps (home and away) taking place, with more to come, across the district. Essex Jamboree was last year as well, with 5 groups attending having a brilliant time. Maldon and East Essex has always been a great District for camping and trips and this year is no exception, we hope there will be many more to come.

We received our first growth award last year from County, and this year is no different we have received one this year as well. From the Census every Section has grown and with addition of the 2 new Squirrel Dreys last year and 2 more planned for this year we are well on track.

Training is going well, and I would like to welcome Mark Catto. Mark has come on board to the district as District Lead for Training. He will be contacting groups shortly for any training needs you may have.

We are hoping that some of you will be willing to join us on these teams. We are always looking for new people to come and join us, help at events, and bring new ideas to us.

We have had a few district events past and future.

May 2024- Drey day at Prances with 10 Dreys attending from across the county.

September 2024 – District Camp Museum of Power. Great weekend with 150 young people attending Scouts and Guides. They had the run of the site access to the museum, train rides. Campfire, Magician and lots more. A big thank you to all those that made this happen and to the Museum of power who let us use the site.

May 2025 - saw the young people's awards day, with 85 YP invited to celebrate their achievements of Acorns, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum awards. And this year we saw a Diamond award as well. We gave out the John Reed award for Achievement and courage to Charlie a Cub from Kelvedon, who grew his hair for charity and fundraising a lot of money for the Little Princes trust. We gave out a Medal of Merit to Ben Hopkins (well deserved Ben) and a lot of long service awards to Leaders. Well Done everyone.

June 2025 – Drey Day at Prances

June 2025 AGM

May 2026 – Handicraft Exhibition (Looking for ideas and people to help)

A Big thank you from me to all the Leaders and helpers that make Scouting happen in Maldon and East Essex. Without your hard work and commitment, you give to Scouting this would never happen.

Enjoy the rest of 2025!

YIS

Ann Dukes

Prances District Scout Campsite Report 2024-2025

This past year Prances has been a busy site which is great. We're loving the site and with all the bookings and site works that have been carried out here it has been a hive of activity in the last year. Even more so into this year. It really feels like we're making headway from where we started. Hall Master has multiple bookings into 2026 and continues to manage our schedule. We have a maintenance crew helping around site and local contractors that have fixed and certified what needs fixing and certifying. At the end of last year, we were up from the number of bookings that we took in the previous year which is great and the direction that we want to be heading. Organising multiple groups on site allows us to increase bookings, along with the newly established DofE schools using the Beacon Hill site and our groups can camp at Headquarters which allows us to make this possible. Thank you, Janet Richardson and Ian Williams. It is great to have the whole grounds being utilised. All this considered, the numbers were starting to look good at the end of 2024. Having the site back to being a busy Headquarters again is fantastic although the grounds and equipment do also need time to recuperate and time to be maintained. The Upper camping field here has taken a bit of hammering with all the foot traffic through it, as well as it being one of the driest springs on record for at least fifty years. The result is that this combination has made for sparse grass regrowth on the upper camping field. Thankfully it has started to re grow this year and replenish to its former green grounds. With these bouts of intermittent rain and sunshine it should be ready for the 'ever busy' Summer ahead of us.

Here's a brief outlook at how the year panned out. Winter January 2024, we had a few camps along with our regular's 1st Heybridge Scout group. They started back up with us when term time started after the Christmas holidays and had their annual Christmas meal here at camp. Although it was a hard start to the year for the whole group with the loss of Clive Searles, they have stayed strong and carried on. Rest in Peace Clive Searles. We had Waltham Guides camp, 8th Chelmsford Explorer camp and Ingatestone with a Cub camp. They all braved the elements; with frozen fingers they climbed the tower and fired down the archery range. With numb faces and toes they Stacked the crates and climbed the adventure area. Plenty of hot chocolate was needed but all camps enjoyed themselves. A couple of birthday parties and a few meetings in the PCL Hall and that was the Winter season through. Spring arrived and more regulars started up with our Fitness and Yoga groups back in the PCL Lodge. Our Forest school in the day scattered the grounds with toddlers and toddlers' toys. We had birthday parties, one in particular a rather loud 50th birthday party celebration, to which the group had requested light guitar playing around the campfire and turned up with a DJ and a PA system. They contested with the football grounds music until 10.55pm when it was shut down for bedtime with time and there was a sigh of relief from our neighbours. St Georges Day fete where 1st Heybridge held their AGM and I am told that they raised a decent amount in donations. Summer arrived and alongside the big camps we had a very successful Drey day with a hundred squirrels outnumbering the ones that live in our oak trees. A well organised fun day was collaborated by Graham Bishop and thank you to all that helped alongside to run the activities for the day. What I negatively presumed would be a day harder than herding cats, turned into a very successful well organised and calm day full of activities and fun. It was great to see.

We had activities for our regular and non-regular Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in as well. We had Troop nights, DofE camps, Scout evenings, activity days. We also had group camps all the way through, Black Notley, 1st Danbury, 4th Braintree and Buttsbury guides towards the end of Summer. They all camped with us and had a good, successful and fun camp. Thanks again to all our instructors that help to make this possible with donating your time and effort to help the groups.

Autumn came and we had young leaders training in the PCL Hall, thank you to Rachel and Paul Wilkinson for all of your hard work. Multiple school DofE camps, a Theatre group using the PCL Hall for rehearsals. Buttsbury Guides back for a leader activity day and more birthday parties along with a multitude of activity evenings for Beavers, Cubs and Scout groups within district. An orienteering expedition from Rayleigh and the first District Camp for a very long time. The location was at the Museum of Power and the activity day here at Headquarters. Despite a few hurdles along the way it was a great Camp and a lot of fun. There are plans in motion for a repeat camp in August 2026. The activity day here on site ran through the Saturday with many of our instructors from district helping to run all the activities. Thank you to those that

helped to feed, transport, entertain and manage the groups. Putting in all that effort to organise such an event is no small feat and is greatly appreciated. Towards the end of Autumn we had bookings for bonfire night, 1st Maldon and 1st Heybridge with small category fireworks at a safe distance to round up the season with a great display. First aid training was held in the PCL Lodge and more training on our new defib machine attached to our PCL Hall now that we are on the circuit. Thank you to Trevor Hammond. Black Notley came back for their Scouts camp and had a great time with us to end off the year 2024. A lot of work has gone on at the beginning of 2025 on site. The huge amount of tree work carried out by Gary Steggal and his son in GKS tree care ltd has brought us up to date with the recommendations with our arboriculture assessment report from Hallwood Associates. The extensive electrical upgrades have been carried out making us compliant with the safe site audit that was sent out to scout sites. Once reviewed, the works have been taken on by Gareth and his team GJ building and electrical ltd. Newly fitted fire doors have been measured up ordered and replaced on the PCL Lodge and Ian Valentine block. Thank you Andrew Goodwin for all of the safe site management, time and admin that you've undertaken to get us up to speed and thanks to Derek Joyce and his son Steve Joyce that fitted the doors. It now looks great and adds that extra level of safety should a fire ever occur within the building. Annual checks of Fire system have been undertaken and all is okay. Boilers serviced and certified in both blocks. The maintenance crew have also sanded down and repainted the external cladding and re-stained the windows on both the Peter Church Lodge and the Ian Valentine shower block. It has revived the exterior of the building. Along with the substantial weeding and bramble control that is needed on this site, a fence fixing here and a handle fixing there, they have helped to keep the site functioning. Thank you to Chris Westall and Lewis Goodwin for your continued work and help on site. With the refresh of the climbing tower courtesy of Tony Bugg and Les Taylor, it is now looking great again. They have both cleaned the whole external structure whilst Chris Cushing and son Liam Cushing replaced the external safety netting. We aim to add new holds for new climbing routes in the future. They have completely refreshed it and it looks great, thank you guys. Graham Bishop, Simon Gill along with Tony Bugg helped to reinstate one of the climbing wall panels on a recent Scout party weekend and made it safe after installing the new frame work as per the reported requirements of 'High Times' our annual tower inspectors. The wall is certified and safe to climb. Thank you to all that have come to help with keeping this site refreshed and running safely. High Times are looking into restringing the cable for the zip wire next year and possibly adding some extra supports to the crate stacking structure when they come back to assess the climbing tower again. Thank you to our committee, our trustees and all that come to Prances for keeping this great site running and making it possible for those that enjoy all it has to offer.

Yours in Scouting

Louis and Rosie

Accounts



Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

Trustees Report and Accounts

For

the Year Ended 31st December 2023.

Squirrels



cubs

SCOUTS

network



EXPLORERS

The Scout Groups of Maldon and East Essex District

1st Silver End

Kelvedon & Feering

1st Witham

3rd Witham(St Nicolas)

1st Hatfield Peverel

Tiptree

1st Beacon Hill

1st Blackwater

1st Heybridge(St Andrew's)

1st Maldon (All Saints)

Southminster & Maylandsea

1st North Fambridge (Holy Trinity)

1st Burnham-on-Crouch

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MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

For all your uniform, books and equipment requirements

Based at

Prances, Gt. Totham Rd, Wickham Bishops

Opening hours:

Saturday 10.00-13.00 hrs

Wednesday 17.00-19.00 hrs

Managers: Dave and Teresa Cousins, tel: 07849 628106

**Maldon and
East Essex District Scout Council**

**Annual Report
And
Accounts
2023**

*Presented at the
Annual General Meeting on
Monday 17th June 2024*

The Maldon and East Essex District Scout Council
is a Trust
established under the rules of
The Scout Association.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the
Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout
Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts
and payments basis.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 20th
May 2024 and signed on their behalf by the District
Chairman and District Treasurer.

President *Mr B Cousins*

Vice Presidents

<i>Mr D Joyce</i>	<i>Mr M Bell</i>	<i>Mrs D Reed</i>
<i>Mrs P Turtle</i>	<i>Mrs M Webber</i>	<i>Mr B Martin</i>
<i>Mr C Burton</i>		<i>Mr C Smith</i>
<i>Mrs M Flowers</i>		<i>Mrs P Rixon</i>

Ex Officio Trustees

Mrs A Dukes, Lead Volunteer
Mr T Baker, District Chairman
Mrs S Goodwin, District Secretary
Mr C Burton, District Treasurer

Trustees

<i>Mrs J. Richardson</i>	<i>Mr N Hunter</i>	<i>Mr A Goodwin</i>
<i>Mr P Goold</i>	<i>Mr P Green</i>	

Bankers *Barclays Bank, Leicester, LE87 2BB*

Auditor/Examiner: *Mrs E. Ironmonger*

Charity Registration No. 1123146

Scout Association No. 11734

Contact address *District Secretary, 15 Brook Close, Gt. Totham, Essex, CM9 8PE*

Headquarters & Activity Centre: *Prances, Great Totham Road, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3NP*

Website *www.meescouts.org.uk*

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, Governance & Management

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Training is ongoing, many leaders have completed their mandatory training, much of this is online. The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required too:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice);

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District and operates in accordance with a written constitution. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) is accountable. Details of the Trustees are shown in Page 1. The Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council, either by election or nomination, and may also be co-opted by the Executive Committee during the year. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and can benefit from training provided by the Training Team as to the role of Trustee at District and Group level. Young people are also given opportunities across the district to become the Leaders of the future, leading to better retention of young people through to adult volunteering roles.

The Trustee Board met on 5 occasions through the year. The Trustee Board is supported by the Appointments Advisory sub-committee. They held 4 leader interview panels in 2023. These were attended by a total of 13 candidates, from 6 Groups. There are around 50 members of the District Team, advisers and supporters directly supporting the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council. None of these volunteers receives any payments for services rendered.

The principal sources of the Scout Councils income are membership subscriptions, fees paid by members for activities, Princes Scout Shop, grants and donations from public bodies and individuals.

During the year the Trustees have closely monitored the maintenance of the Princes HQ including the Activity Centre, Princes Cottage and the surrounding outdoor site. Details of these activities are reported separately.

Objectives, Activities, Achievements.

Our vision for 2025

By 2025* we'll have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We'll be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

**Due to the impact of COVID-19, our Skills for Life strategy has been extended until 2025.*

Our mission

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

Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Scouting is currently undergoing change Transformation.

We want to make volunteering with Scouts easier and more fun...

... so that we can attract more volunteers and our current volunteers want to stay

Training is ongoing, many leaders have completed their mandatory training, much of this is online.

Scouting in Maldon & East Essex District is open to all young people who are between the ages of 6 and 25 no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Scouting in our District is provided through 14 Scout Groups and 6 Explorer Scout Units, by around 200 committed, experienced and trained volunteers, working in teams across the district. The District Executive Committee acknowledges these volunteers are the most valuable asset and resource, without whose support it would not be possible to provide Scouting for the young people of our District.

The successes and achievements of the last twelve months can be seen in the Annual Review 2023.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

The main principles of Scouting demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit in the following ways:

Developing young people towards their full potential, through the Scouting programme.

There is a clear link between the purpose of Scouting and the benefits to young people.

The various and numerous Scouting activities are undertaken with the health and safety of the young people taken very seriously, and the benefit of these activities far outweighing any associated risks.

The young people and other main beneficiaries of Scouting are in the 6-25 years age range.

Young people who are willing to make the Scout Promise can benefit from full Scouting membership.

We are an inclusive organisation with membership open to all, including those living in financial hardship. Whilst an annual membership fee is payable, the ability to join is not restricted by their ability to pay.

Sara Goodwin

District Secretary

Trevor Baker

District Chairman

District Lead Volunteer's Report 2023-24

Hi all,

While I have only been officially in the role for a few months, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the help and support that I have been given by everyone to make this work.

It has been great to see all the fun and exciting visits, activities, camps (home and away) taking place, with more to come, across the district. So far, I have managed to make it around to about half of the group/section meetings and am looking forward to seeing the other half of the District in the coming months, especially if an invite to visit camp (not too far away) if Tea and Cake is involved.

We have already received our first growth award from County, as from the Census every Section has grown and with addition of the 2 new Squirrel Dreys in the District we are growing even more.

Training is going well, and Maldon and East Essex as a constant run at 96% all training and 99% DBS. As always there is room for improvement, but Well Done! all your efforts and hard work have not been in vain and we are doing well.

With the changes coming from Transformation, we have already changed to the Trustees board (Ex committee). While the district team is still quite small at the moment, I would like to welcome the new Team Leads to the District to be ready for Transformation when it happens. We are already working in these teams and are hoping to expand them in the future.

Andrew Goodwin – District Team Lead Support

Tony Bugg – District Team Lead Programme (4-14)

Paul Green – District Team lead Development

Vacancy - District Team Lead Programme (14-24) (old Desc)

We are hoping that some of you will be willing to join us on these teams. We are always looking for new people to come and join us, help at events, and bring new ideas to us.

We have had a few District events past and future.

October 2023 saw the adult's awards day with 27 of the leaders' receiving commendations from Scouting.

April 2024 Handicraft Exhibition. Great day even though the numbers of entries were down the quality of the entries were exceptionally high..

May 2024 saw the young people's awards day, with 85 YP invited to celebrate their achievements of Acorns, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum awards.

June 2024 AGM

September 2024 – District Camp Museum of Power

A Big thank you from me to all the Leaders and helpers that make Scouting happen in Maldon and East Essex. Without your hard work and commitment, you give to Scouting this would never happen.

Enjoy the rest of 2024!

YIS

Ann Dukes

District Lead Volunteer, Maldon & East Essex Scouts

Prances District Scout Campsite Report 2023-2024

We have been getting positive feedback at the end of camps and compliments from groups on how the site is looking good well maintained. This is great, the hard work is paying off and camp life is good. Thank you to our crew that have helped to keep this site running smoothly and that keep it well maintained and safe for scout groups to enjoy. Thank you to our committee for keeping this great site running well and making it possible for scouting to enjoy all that it has to offer here. There has been a lot of sorting and refreshing in 2023 and into 2024. Graham Bishop and Tom Maguire came for a maintenance weekend back in February 2023 fixing a lot of things on the site maintenance 'to do' list. Ann Dukes cleared out and re-organised the district cupboard with Sara Goodwin's help making it more accessible and better organised. Paul Goold cleared out and organised the Archives room, filing all the important historical archives that we have. In more recent days Andrew and Sara Goodwin along with Ann Dukes have cleared out the crew room and have reinstated it for future bookings and Instructor use. Thank you all for your efforts and those that continue to help with equipment, mending arrows and building of stands etc. Slowly but surely it feels like space is freeing up here and things are more organised, the ever growing memorabilia, lost property and generously donated items along with disused kit and cupboards of miscellaneous is getting sorted.

Looking back over 2023-2024 it has been quite a busy year of Scouting fun. The activity areas have all been safety assessed and repaired to meet the standards required. Fire safety regulations have been updated and so has the site. There has been an increase in bookings for Archery and subsequently half of those were indoors whilst the safety firing structure was being constructed for outdoor Archery / Rifles. It is now fully functional and a safe space to practice those activities within it. Climbing bookings have been steady and on the increase moving through 2023 and into 2024. New holds and grips have been purchased to be installed to add alternative climbing routes. Pedal Karts have had new tyres where needed and servicing. We are looking into improvements for the track with the possibility of resurfacing it. The adventure area had a revamp and new structures replaced the old rotting ones. The cave maze has had a new entry door added to the front entrance. These have been the most popular self led activities in 2023 running alongside the Instructor lead activities. We have serviced all the machinery and the woodland area has had a good clearing and is suitable for troop camps again. We're starting to tackle the ever growing foliage that swallows up space on site and hope to utilise it for additional activities in the future with potential upgrades to our existing activity areas as well.

We continue to build our relationships with the groups that visit here and we're progressing with ideas and talks on how to better the site. Team building with new groups and our regulars that come to Prances will hopefully lead to an increased input from them enabling us to improve the site and gain more support for our future camps. Throughout the year we have had interest from charities for D of E camps, looking to increase our bookings we decided to have talks and arranged site visits, we now have booked large multiple camps in 2024. This is a great earner with minimal output required from our team. As long as the groups are happy with this it will increase revenue substantially. We have been promoting private events as well as scouting for their friends and family in the hope that it will attract more support and involvement in Scouting overall.

Bookings in 2023 were predominantly activity evenings and group camps, whole site bookings with their activities ran through the year. We did have a Silver Wedding anniversary and birthday parties but it was steady scouting and a few multiple bookings during week days testing the water with how successful it would be and how well it ran. We held climbing assessments, first aid, pistols and rifles courses, re certifying our instructors and obtaining a few more to the team. It is certainly busy now and we have a lot of visitors with continued multiple bookings during the week and on weekends moving in 2024.

Hall Master will enable us to manage this excess smoothly as we transition to using this online booking / invoicing system. We now have the advantage of offering the Beacon Hill Site to groups thanks to Janet Richardson and Ian Williams who have kindly opened their site grounds for us to use. This has been great, allowing the two charities with their D of E camps to run alongside our existing bookings when needed. So far it has been working in tune with our aim since taking this role

. We have been trying to get the site as busy as safely possible and to get the most out of 'Prances Camp Site' for our own district, for out of district and for other organisations too. During Covid lock down, scouting took a heavy knock across the board and we want to get the 'District Headquarters' back to being as busy as it has been in previous years, if not busier.

We have been joining in and assisting with our instructors for groups that book with us and have been helping with their activities where and when needed. It has been an absolute pleasure and continues to be great fun working with a fantastic team of skilled and positive instructors. We have learned a lot from our team, our committee, our Instructors and groups that take time to share knowledge and advice. Thank you all. It has been almost 2 years to the day that we enquired about the position here. With great 'like minded' people, all enjoying the outdoors and creating fun for scouts, we really do feel lucky to have been given the opportunity to share it with you and hope that we are running the site well. We are learning to move with the tide of scouting and the ways in which it operates.

Yours in Scouting

Louis and Rosie

Management and Policies

Governance

The District operates under the Royal Charter of The Scout Association which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Trustees

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Appropriate Induction and Training is offered on appointment using the Charity Commission document CC3 – The Essential Trustee as well as internal Factsheets.

Reserves policy

The Trustees recommend that the balance on the General Fund should be maintained at a level of not usually more than 25% of annual expenditure. This allows a suitable contingency to protect the continuity of business. In addition there will be a maintained balance in the Development Fund depending on available funds and requirement for development work both capital and in support of Groups. The Trustees will monitor the level of reserves on a regular basis.

Investment policy

The Trustees recognise the need to ensure that available liquid funds are invested in the best way by using the Bank Savings Deposit Account dictated by the requirement to readily access these funds should particular emergencies arise.

Risk Assessment policy

The Trustees are committed to undertake Risk Assessment in all areas of responsibility and in particular with due regard to the Safety Policy of The Scout Association. A detailed Risk Assessment of all activity and operation including both Safety and Finance at the District Activity Centre has been completed.

There are in place systems of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Treasurers Report 2023

The District continues to operate on a sound financial footing, with funds set aside to support District Events and to subsidise attendance at four yearly International Jamborees.

The Scout Association made the decision to close the Short Term Investment Service during the year, these funds are now in the deposit account.

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement for the year to 31st December 2023 appear on the following pages.

I would like to thank everybody for all the hard work they have put in to ensuring the District remains financially viable.

Chris Burton

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorers £	District SAS £	2023 Total £	2022 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		35,360.00					0.00	35,360.00	30,959.00
Less paid		-32,032.00				0.00	0.00	-32,032.00	-27,975.00
Sub total	0.00	3,328.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,328.00	2,984.00
Gift Aid		0.00		0.00	0.00	£332.40	0.00	332.40	0.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED									
Scout Charity Deposit Account		238.27					0.00	238.27	59.66
Bank interest		336.11					0.00	336.11	22.68
Sub total	0.00	574.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	574.38	24.61
DONATIONS/GRANTS									
Donations									
Miss Prance Book								0.00	0.00
John Reed Memorial Fund								0.00	0.00
Brian Baldry Memorial Fund								0.00	0.00
									0.00
Grants									
Early Years Grant								500.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
ACTIVITIES									
District Hikes							0.00	0.00	0.00
Camping / Caving trips							0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities							0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUND RAISING (gross)									
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME									
Loan Repayments								364.00	0.00
Miscellaneous							0.00		0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	364.00	0.00
SUNDRY RECEIPTS									
Camping Fees			7,159.75					7,159.75	6,230.25
Camp deposits received in advance			170.00					170.00	275.00
Hire of Peter Church Lodge			5,098.75					5,098.75	4,146.50
Prances Activities			6,264.25					6,264.25	1,717.58
Prances Sale of Equipment								0.00	0.00
WS Jamboree Receipts								3,075.00	3,075.00
Uniform Shop Sales					18,646.82			18,646.82	17,080.59
Scout Group credit sales					2862.17			2,862.17	2,522.74
District Badge Sales				1,623.44				1,623.44	2,189.61
Sub total	0.00	0.00	18,692.75	1,623.44	21,508.99	0.00	0.00	44,900.18	37,987.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0.00	3,902.38	18,692.75	1,623.44	21,508.99	332.40	0.00	49,998.96	41,053.61
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	10,356.57	13,112.99	1,894.68	18,721.70	332.40	0.00	44,750.74	69,943.66
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	0.00	-6,454.19	5,579.76	-271.24	2,787.29	0.00	0.00	5,248.22	-28,890.05

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorer	District SAS £	2023 Total £	2022
PREMISES									
Insurance - various		3,429.26					0.00	3,429.26	3,017.05
Utilities			4,099.49				0.00	4,099.49	3,349.50
Prances Improvements							0.00	0.00	30,963.88
	0.00	3,429.26	4,099.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,528.75	37,330.43
DONATIONS/GRANTS/Loans									
Gift Aid to Witham explorers						332.40	0.00	332.40	0.00
1st Burnham							0.00	0.00	364.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	332.40	0.00	332.40	364.00
ACTIVITIES									
District Awards day		676.23					0.00	676.23	0.00
Equipment purchases/Repairs			2,004.25				0.00	2,004.25	640.82
Camping / Caving trips							0.00	0.00	0.00
District Activities							0.00	0.00	77.51
Activities (general)							0.00	0.00	439.32
	0.00	676.23	2,004.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,680.48	1,157.65
FUND RAISING									
Fundraising expenses									
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATION/ESTABLISHMENT									
Site/ Building Maintenance equipment			6,411.54				0.00	6,411.54	4,559.15
AGM & District Team Expenses		394.08					0.00	394.08	1,054.10
Rent							0.00	0.00	
Training							0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	394.08	6,411.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,805.62	5,613.25
SUNDRY PAYMENTS									
WSJ Payments		5,657.00					0.00	5,657.00	3,825.00
Scout Shop purchases					14,673.26		0.00	14,673.26	16,300.37
Credit Card setup/processing costs					480.02		0.00	480.02	323.95
Cost of Scout Group credit Sales					2,862.17		0.00	2,862.17	2,522.74
Purchase of Badges				1,876.74			0.00	1,876.74	1,436.89
Gift aid to Explorers								332.40	0.00
John Reed memorial							0.00		0.00
Sundries		200.00	597.71	17.94	706.25		0.00	1,521.90	550.55
	0.00	5,857.00	597.71	1,894.68	18,721.70	0.00	0.00	27,403.49	25,478.33
	0.00	10,356.57	13,112.99	1,894.68	18,721.70	332.40	0.00	44,750.74	69,943.66

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Restricted £	General £	Total 2023 £	2022
CASH FUNDS				
Bank current accounts		25567.45	25,567.45	18,854.99
Bank deposit accounts	2,096.96	39811.39	41,908.35	19,447.65
Short Term Investment Service (Scout Charity Deposit Account)				21,389.05
Cash in hand			195.90	250.08
	2,096.96	65,378.84	67,671.70	60,141.77
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Site & Activity Fees not paid			1,307.00	867.25
Badge Secretary's accounts unpaid			0.00	0.00
Scout shop accounts not yet paid			160.00	557.45

Note 1: Restrictd funds include:

BPA account
£1297.27 Road show
£500 early years grant
£299.69 Brian Baldry Memorial

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name	Date
Lead Volunteer	Ann Dukes	20/05/2024
Treasurer	Chris Burton	20/05/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 5 of this report

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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 Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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

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20 Brook Close
Great Totham
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date 10 May 2024

Accounts



Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

Trustees Report and Accounts

For

the Year Ended 31st December 2022.

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1st Hatfield Peverel

Tiptree

1st Beacon Hill

1st Blackwater

1st Heybridge(St Andrew's)

1st Maldon (All Saints)

Southminster & Maylandsea

1st North Fambridge (Holy Trinity)

1st Burnham-on-Crouch

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MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

For all your uniform, books and equipment requirements

Based at

Prances, Gt. Totham Rd, Wickham Bishops

Opening hours:

Saturday 10.00-13.00 hrs

Wednesday 17.00-19.00 hrs

Managers: Dave and Teresa Cousins, tel: 07849 628106

**Maldon and
East Essex District Scout Council**

**Annual Report
And
Accounts
2022**

*Presented at the
Annual General Meeting on
Monday 19th June 2023*

The Maldon and East Essex District Scout Council
is a Trust
established under the rules of
The Scout Association.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the
Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout
Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts
and payments basis.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22nd
May 2023 and signed on their behalf by the District
Chairman and District Treasurer.

President *Mr B Cousins*

Vice Presidents

<i>Mr D Joyce</i>	<i>Mr M Bell</i>	<i>Mrs D Reed</i>
<i>Mrs P Turtle</i>	<i>Mrs M Webber</i>	<i>Mr B Martin</i>
<i>Mr C Burton</i>		<i>Mr C Smith</i>
<i>Mrs M Flowers</i>		<i>Mrs P Rixon</i>

Ex Officio Trustees

Mr S Gray, District Commissioner
Mr T Baker, District Chairman
Mrs S Goodwin, District Secretary
Mr C Burton, District Treasurer

Trustees

<i>Mrs J. Richardson</i>		<i>Mrs D Bishop</i>
<i>Mr D Saxton</i>	<i>Mr N Hunter</i>	<i>Mr A. Goodwin</i>
<i>Mrs A. Dukes</i>	<i>Mr P Goold</i>	<i>Mr P Green</i>

Bankers *Barclays Bank, Leicester, LE87 2BB*

Auditor/Examiner: *Mrs E. Ironmonger*

Charity Registration No. 1123146

Scout Association No. 11734

Contact address *District Secretary, 15 Brook Close, Gt. Totham, Essex, CM9 8PE*

Headquarters & Activity Centre: *Prances, Great Totham Road, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3NP*

Website *www.meescouts.org.uk*

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, Governance & Management

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District, and operates in accordance with a written constitution. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) is accountable. Details of the Trustees are shown on Page 1. The Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council, either by election or nomination, and may also be co-opted by the Executive Committee during the year. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are able to benefit from training provided by the Training Team as to the role of Trustee at District and Group level. Young people are also given opportunities across the District to become the Leaders of the future, leading to better retention of young people through to adult volunteering roles.

The Trustee Board (the Executive Committee), met on 5 occasions through the year. The Trustee Board is supported by the Appointments Advisory sub-committee. They held 3 leader interviews panels in 2022. These were attended by a total of 12 candidates, from 3 Groups. Interviews this year were via Zoom due to the global pandemic. There are c50 members of the District Team, advisers and supporters directly supporting the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council. None of these volunteers receives any payments for services rendered.

The principal sources of the Scout Council's income are membership subscriptions, fees paid by members for activities, the sale of uniforms, badges and souvenirs, grants and donations from public bodies, and individuals.

During the year the Trustees have closely monitored the maintenance of the Prances HQ including the Activity Centre, Prances Cottage, and the surrounding outdoor site. Details of these activities are reported separately.

.Objectives, Activities, Achievements

Our vision for 2025

- . By 2025* we'll have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We'll be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

**Due to the impact of COVID-19, our Skills for Life strategy has been extended until 2025.*

Our mission

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

Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Scouting is currently undergoing change Transformation.

We want to make volunteering with Scouts easier and more fun...

... so that we can attract more volunteers and our current volunteers want to stay

Training is ongoing, many leaders have completed their mandatory training, much of this is online.

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

Scouting in Maldon & East Essex District is open to all young people who are between the ages of 6 and 25 no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Scouting in our District is provided through 14 Scout Groups and 6 Explorer Scout Units, by around 200 committed, experienced and trained volunteers, working in teams across the District. The District Executive Committee acknowledges these volunteers are the most valuable asset and resource, without whose support it would not be possible to provide Scouting for the young people of our District.

The successes and achievements of the last twelve months can be seen in the Annual Review 2022.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

The main principles of Scouting demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit in the following ways:

- Developing young people towards their full potential, through the Scouting programme.
- There is a clear link between the purpose of Scouting and the benefits to young people.
- The various and numerous Scouting activities are undertaken with the health and safety of the young people taken very seriously, and the benefit of these activities far outweighing any associated risks.
- The young people and other main beneficiaries of Scouting are in the 6 – 25 years age range.
- Young people who are willing to make the Scout Promise are able to benefit from full Scouting membership.
- We are an inclusive organisation, with membership open to all, including those living in financial hardship. Whilst an annual membership fee is payable, the ability to join is not restricted by their ability to pay.

Sara Goodwin
District Secretary

Trevor Baker
District Chairman

Management and Policies

Governance

The District operates under the Royal Charter of The Scout Association which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association, and The Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Trustees

The District is managed by The District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Appropriate Induction and Training is offered on appointment using the Charity Commission document CC3 – The Essential Trustee as well as internal Factsheets.

Reserves policy

The Trustees recommend that the balance on the General Fund should be maintained at a level of not usually more than 25% of annual expenditure. This allows a suitable contingency to protect the continuity of business. In addition there will be a maintained balance in the Development Fund depending on available funds and requirements for development work both capital and in support of Groups. The Trustees will monitor the level of reserves on a regular basis.

Investment policy

The Trustees recognise the need to ensure that available liquid funds are invested in the best way by using the Bank Savings Deposit Account and The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account dictated by the requirement to readily access these funds should particular emergencies arise.

Risk Assessment policy

The Trustees are committed to undertake Risk Assessment in all areas of responsibility and in particular with due regard to the Safety Policy of The Scout Association. A detailed Risk Assessment of all activity and operation including both Safety and Finance at the District Activity Centre has been completed.

There are in place systems of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Treasurer's Report

The District continues to operate on a sound financial footing, with funds set aside to support District Events and to subsidise attendance at four yearly International Jamborees. However the Covid 19 pandemic has continued to have an impact on our financial situation, but there are signs of a recovery, particularly at Prances.

We have spent a considerable sum on Prances on cottage repairs and tree work.

The Accounts and Independant Examiner's statement for the year to 31st December 2022 appear on the following pages.

I would like to thank everybody for all the hard work they have put in ensuring the District remains financially viable. This has been my first year as Treasurer and I would like to thank my predecessor Mike Hopper for his invaluable help in the transition .

Chris Burton

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorer	District SAS £	2022 Total £	2021
PREMISES									
Insurance - various		3,017.05					0.00	3,017.05	2,822.02
Utilities			3,349.50				0.00	3,349.50	2,484.00
Prances Improvements			30,963.88				0.00	30,963.88	376.85
	0.00	3,017.05	34,313.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,330.43	5,682.87
DONATIONS/GRANTS/Loans									
WSJ 2023							0.00	0.00	0.00
1st Burnham		364.00					0.00	364.00	0.00
	0.00	364.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	364.00	0.00
ACTIVITIES									
Pantomime / Show in a Day							0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment purchases/Repairs			640.82				0.00	640.82	543.76
Camping / Caving trips							0.00	0.00	0.00
District Activities		77.51					0.00	77.51	178.69
Activities (general)			439.32				0.00	439.32	218.29
	0.00	77.51	1,080.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,157.65	940.74
FUND RAISING									
Fundraising expenses									
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATION/ESTABLISHMENT									
Site/ Building Maintenance equipment			4,559.15				0.00	4,559.15	2,550.94
AGM & District Team Expenses		397.34			656.76		0.00	1,054.10	619.10
Rent							0.00	0.00	
Training							0.00	0.00	142.34
	0.00	397.34	4,559.15	0.00	656.76	0.00	0.00	5,613.25	3,312.38
SUNDRY PAYMENTS									
WSJ Payments		3,825.00					0.00	3,825.00	0.00
Scout Shop purchases					16,300.37		0.00	16,300.37	1,009.52
Credit Card setup/processing costs					323.95		0.00	323.95	360.53
Cost of Scout Group credit Sales					2,522.74		0.00	2,522.74	2,272.54
Purchase of Badges				1,955.72			0.00	1,955.72	1,436.89
Caving Team Balance written off									2,232.69
John Reed memorial							0.00		184.14
Sundries		200.00	307.80	42.75			0.00	550.55	374.02
	0.00	4,025.00	307.80	1,998.47	19,147.06	0.00	0.00	25,478.33	16,870.33
	0.00	7,880.90	40,260.47	1,998.47	19,803.82	0.00	0.00	69,943.66	26,806.32

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorers £	District SAS £	2022 Total £	2021 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		30,959.00					0.00	30,959.00	25,202.60
Less paid		(27,975.00)				0.00	0.00	(27,975.00)	(23,322.00)
Sub total	0.00	2,984.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,984.00	1,880.60
Gift Aid		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED									
Scout Charity Deposit Account		59.66					0.00	59.66	21.94
Bank interest		22.68					0.00	22.68	2.67
Sub total	0.00	82.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.34	24.61
DONATIONS/GRANTS									
Donations									
Miss Prance Book								0.00	15.00
John Reed Memorial Fund								0.00	0.00
Brian Baldry Memorial Fund								0.00	0.00
Howden's								0.00	500.00
Grants									
Maldon DC - Small Business Relief									10,259.88
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,774.88
ACTIVITIES									
District Hikes							0.00	0.00	0.00
Camping / Caving trips							0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities							0.00	0.00	20.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
FUND RAISING (gross)									
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME									
Loan Repayments									420.00
Miscellaneous							0.00		585.19
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,005.19
SUNDRY RECEIPTS									
Camping Fees			6,230.25					6,230.25	268.00
Camp deposits received in advance			275.00					275.00	250.00
Hire of Peter Church Lodge			4,146.50					4,146.50	1,868.00
Prances Activities			1,717.58					1,717.58	2,760.23
Prances Sale of Equipment								0.00	30.00
WS Jamboree Receipts								3,825.00	0.00
Uniform Shop Sales					17,080.59			17,080.59	14,363.31
Scout Group credit sales					2,522.74			2,522.74	2,272.54
District Badge Sales				2,189.61				2,189.61	2,011.11
Sub total	0.00	0.00	12,369.33	2,189.61	19,603.33	0.00	0.00	37,987.27	23,823.19
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0.00	3,066.34	12,369.33	2,217.96	19,603.33	0.00	0.00	41,053.61	37,528.47
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	7,880.90	40,260.47	1,998.47	19,803.82	0.00	0.00	69,943.66	26,806.32
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	0.00	(4,814.56)	(27,891.14)	219.49	(200.49)	0.00	0.00	(28,890.05)	10,722.15

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2022

	Restricted £	General £	Total 2022 £	2021
CASH FUNDS				
Bank current accounts (299.69 Maldengie)	299.69	18555.30	18,854.99	41,158.87
Bank deposit accounts		19647.65	19,647.65	26,624.97
Short Term Investment Service (Scout Charity Deposit Account)		21389.05	21,389.05	21,329.39
Cash in hand		250.08	250.08	858.54
	299.69	59,842.08	60,141.77	89,971.77

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Site & Activity Fees not paid			867.25	0.00
Badge Secretary's accounts unpaid			0.00	0.00
Scout shop accounts not yet paid			557.45	355.00
Sub total			1,424.70	355.00

Outstanding Loans				
1st Burnham			364.00	0.00
Sub total			364.00	0.00

NON-MONETARY ASSETS for the Charity's own use				
Audio Visual Equipment			133.00	133.00
IT Equipment			1,060.98	1,060.98
Scout Shop Stock			10,815.38	9,454.49
Gift Shop Stock			2,580.68	3,598.20
Badge Secretary's Stock			3,802.55	3,772.76
Sub Total			18,392.59	18,019.43
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	Climbing/caving and tree felling equipment, filing cabinets, etc.		16,000.00	16,000.00
Land and buildings	District camp site including House, HQ building and toilet block			

LIABILITIES due within one year				
Brian Baldry memorial			299.69	299.69
Badge secretary's expenses			42.75	45.19
Balance of John Reed Memorial				
Explorer leader expenses				16.33
Scout shop credits attributable to Groups			2,702.65	1,985.36
Sub total			3,045.09	2,346.57

Note 1: Restrictd funds include:

Current A/C £299.69 Brian Baldry memorial fund

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name	Date
Chairman	Trevor Baker	22/05/2023
Treasurer	Chris Burton	22/05/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 7 of this report

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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Elizabeth Ironmonger

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18/5/2023

Acting District Commissioner's Report AGM 2023

As most of you are aware Simon has stepped down from being our District Commissioner of the last 5 years and we would like to thank him for all his hard work and commitment and leading us through the rigors of Covid.

The search party is looking for a new DC or Two everyone please keep looking and nominating people.

Where has this last year gone!

There has been a lot of hard work and Commitment by each of the Group's to bring us back to some sort of normality after Covid. I applaud you all for achieving this.

Sadly, we saw the loss of one group that had to close during this time but all in all the 12 groups we have are going from strength to strength.

Getting back to normal Scouting without restrictions has taken time but now we are on the upward stretch with increased numbers of Young People, new Leaders being appointed and the introduction of the Squirrels section. Though as normal we still need more help and new Leaders.

The District held its Annual Awards Day at Prances in May this year where we celebrated with the young people and their families the top awards that can be achieved in their sections. It was lovely to see so many YP achieving these.

Training is going well, we have still have a bit to do but it is looking a lot better with a 99-100% DBS rate, and all other training between 80-90% so keep up the good work. Trevor Hammond has agreed to run 1st aid courses at Prances for us and we have 2 dates booked at Prances in October.

Camping has always been a big part of Scouting at Maldon and East Essex and it is fantastic to see the number of Sleepovers, Camps and International trips already undertaken and planned.

This year is the World Scout Jamboree in Korea, International Jersey Jamboree, and the North American Jamboree. I am proud to say we have 1 young person going to Jersey and 4 going to North America. The young people have worked really hard to raise the money to participate in these themselves with bottle collections, helping at fetes and many other things.

Prances our District Campsite 2022 saw the stepping down of the Warden's Cathy and Andrew. We now have new Warden's Louis and Rosie who came to us in September we would like to give a very big welcome them to the district. With the help of a new booking system is the site is busy. They have already been working with the Prances committee, the site and cottage is looking amazing.

We welcome Chris Burton to the team as District Treasurer and working with Mike on the handover.

Keep up the good work everyone.

YIS

Regards Ann Dukes

Acting DC Maldon and East Essex

Prances District Scout Campsite 2023

We have seen some significant changes in 2022-2023 with Rosie and myself taking over the role in management here at Prances campsite. It has been almost a year since Cathy and Andrew Garrett left and we thank them both for all of the good work that they have done for our site and for scouting in their time here. Since we started in August last year we have met lots of groups coming to Prances for their camps and for activity evenings up until today. All have been very kind and understanding with us settling in here. Thank you.

With the last year being focused on getting into the role and finding our feet, learning how we can drive this headquarters in the best possible fashion we have focussed on assessing all the equipment and fixing what needed to be fixed along with the buildings and grounds. The equipment is in good condition and the activity areas passed assessments and are certified safe. We aim to continue to do as good a job running this site as our predecessors and as best we can, encompassing all that it entails

We are very happy to have taken over the role and love it here, along with our children who feel very lucky with the fantastic grounds for our scout groups. Last year Hallwood carried out an arboricultural assessment report and found a lot of Ash dieback disease in the trees which has meant that we've needed to fell, coppice and deadwood a lot of the trees. 'Just Trees' carried out weeks of tree works making our site safe to camp. Plenty of work has been done on the activity areas to get them to pass risk assessment and M.J.Allen has assessed and repaired / replaced a lot of structural work and we've also replaced the braking system on the Zip Line for a safer stop. Work continues to be done on maintaining the grounds so all our machinery has been serviced and sharpened up ready for the excessive growth in these summer months. Our buildings have seen internal works carried out to bring them up to date with regulations and are now functioning with additional security lighting outside for the darker months and for camps to set up in the late evenings. We've met so many great people and have been treated with kindness that it makes life here very enjoyable and with a positive attitude we hope that it will reflect in how the site is run in our years to come.

Some Big camps ending last year before Christmas and have re booked again this year which is a good sign. Our regular fitness groups are still here and continue to use the hall in the weekdays. Additional groups have started and are enjoying our Peter Church Lodge and grounds. We've implemented an online booking system that is working well and as we enter into the busy season of scouting this is helping to keep us organised. We are seeing the site come to life with groups now and with permit renewals and nights away permit assessments we are hopeful to keep it that way, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and even Leader weekends have all had some good times here on site. It is being used and enjoyed which is what we are here for so that is great to see after a huge Pandemic that shook us all.

Lieutenant-General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell said these two phrases that stood out to us, among many others;

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

"The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

Watching the groups over the last year that spend their camps here and leave our site with positivity and happy memories, it certainly feels like 'Prances' is delivering just what Lord Robert Baden Powell set out to achieve when he started our movement many years ago in 1907. This cannot happen without all of the hard work that our instructors and leaders along with parent helpers put in so thank you all for continuing to do so.

We would like to think that we now have a relatively good grasp on what is required from us to help things run smoothly here and to head into the future in the right direction. We want all the groups and their troops, however big or small, short or tall, to enjoy our site to the fullest, taking home good memories, having had lots of fun and learning a little more than their time here before. We now have multiple groups on site and this year we are seeing Prances starting to become a very busy site. May and June have seen 3- 4 groups at the same time during mid-week evenings, all fields in use and activity areas. Although the drop off and collection is a potential logistical nightmare at times, with a bit of traffic management it is not a problem and it is great to see the site being used to its full potential. Moving forward we are looking towards maintaining and developing the site over the next few years with the hope of adding more activities and more adventure for scouting.

We aim to keep it a busy, happy and a safe site whilst benefiting the young people of Maldon and East Essex District and indeed further afield for all that visit us. We'd like to thank you all for your warm welcome and we hope to provide you with a good service in the years to come. Drop in for a cuppa sometime to chat and give us your feedback.

Yours in Scouting

Louis and Rosie

Accounts



Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

Trustees Report and Accounts

For

the Year Ended 31st December 2021.

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The Scout Groups of Maldon and East Essex District

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Tiptree

1st Beacon Hill

1st Blackwater

1st Heybridge(St Andrew's)

1st Maldon(All Saints)

1st Bradwell-on-Sea

Southminster & Maylandsea

1st North Fambridge(Holy Trinity)

1st Burnham-on-Crouch

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**Maldon and
East Essex District Scout Council**

**Annual Report
And
Accounts
2021**

*Presented at the
Annual General Meeting on
Monday 6th June 2022*

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Ex Officio Trustees

Mr S Gray, District Commissioner
Mr T Baker, District Chairman
Mrs S Goodwin, District Secretary
Mr M Hopper, District Treasurer

Trustees

<i>Mrs J. Richardson</i>		<i>Mrs D Bishop</i>
<i>Mr D Saxton</i>	<i>Mr N Hunter</i>	<i>Mr A. Goodwin</i>
<i>Mrs A. Dukes</i>	<i>Mr P Goold</i>	<i>Mrs C Garrett</i>
<i>Mrs C Fischer-Hill</i>		<i>Mr P Green</i>

Bankers *Barclays Bank, Newlands Street, Witham, CM8*

Auditor/Examiner: *Mr M D Borgartz*

Charity Registration No. 1123146

Scout Association No. 11734

Contact address *District Secretary, 15 Brook Close, Gt. Totham, Essex, CM9 8PE*

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Website *www.meescouts.org.uk*

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Structure, Governance & Management

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District, and operates in accordance with a written constitution. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) is accountable. Details of the Trustees are shown on Page 1. The Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council, either by election or nomination, and may also be co-opted by the Executive Committee during the year. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are able to benefit from training provided by the Training Team as to the role of Trustee at District and Group level. Young people are also given opportunities across the District to become the Leaders of the future, leading to better retention of young people through to adult volunteering roles.

The District Executive Committee (the Executive Committee), met on 3 occasions through the year. The Executive Committee is supported by the Appointments Advisory sub-committee. They held 3 leader interviews panels in 2021 These were attended by a total of 12 candidates, from 3 Groups. Interviews this year were via Zoom due to the global pandemic. There are c50 members of the District Team, advisers and supporters directly supporting the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council. None of these volunteers receives any payments for services rendered.

The principal sources of the Scout Council's income are membership subscriptions, fees paid by members for activities, the sale of uniforms, badges and souvenirs, grants and donations from public bodies, and individuals.

During the year the Trustees have closely monitored the maintenance of the Prances HQ including the Activity Centre, Prances Cottage, and the surrounding outdoor site. Details of these activities are reported separately.

.Objectives, Activities, Achievements

During 2021 the Scout Groups started to meet face to face after the difficulties of Covid and meeting remotely, our hats went off to all leaders their creativity was incredible in carrying on their weekly commitments with the young people during those difficult months.

Training is ongoing, many leaders have completed their mandatory training, much of this is online

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

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun;
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- Share in spiritual reflections;
- Take responsibility and make choices;
- Undertake new and challenging activities;
- Make and live by their Promise.

We seek to do this in a safe environment for young people. This responsibility ranks equally with the other responsibilities incumbent upon those providing Scouting activities and functions.

Scouting in Maldon & East Essex District is open to all young people who are between the ages of 6 and 25 no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Scouting in our District is provided through 14 Scout Groups and 7 Explorer Scout Units, by around 200 committed, experienced and trained volunteers, working in teams across the District. The District Executive Committee acknowledges these volunteers are the most valuable asset and resource, without whose support it would not be possible to provide Scouting for the young people of our District.

The successes and achievements of the last twelve months can be seen in the Annual Review 2021.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

The main principles of Scouting demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit in the following ways:

- Developing young people towards their full potential, through the Scouting programme.
- There is a clear link between the purpose of Scouting and the benefits to young people.
- The various and numerous Scouting activities are undertaken with the health and safety of the young people taken very seriously, and the benefit of these activities far outweighing any associated risks.
- The young people and other main beneficiaries of Scouting are in the 6 – 25 years age range.
- Young people who are willing to make the Scout Promise are able to benefit from full Scouting membership.
- We are an inclusive organisation, with membership open to all, including those living in financial hardship. Whilst an annual membership fee is payable, the ability to join is not restricted by their ability to pay.

Sara Goodwin
District Secretary

Trevor Baker
District Chairman

District Commissioner's Report

Another year has passed and it's good to see scouting getting back to some sort of normality.

Most groups are back and numbers have increased but as always there is a pressing need for new leaders and helpers. This is always a hard task to fulfil.

Training for new Leaders and refreshing the training for existing leaders has still been our biggest issue and has now got to a point that if this is not completed within a reasonable timescale then suspensions are being put into place until completed or even roles being closed.

We had our District Awards Day earlier in the year and it was amazing to see the many young people (and some not so young) collecting all the awards for their achievements.

Unfortunately due to work commitments and illness I have not been able to get around to see everyone as I had intended, but hopefully later this year I will be able to.

Once again many thanks for all your hard work and commitment in making all you do possible for the young people in Maldon and East Essex.

Yours in Scouting

Simon Gray

ADC Beavers Report

Now we have seen Scouting return to "Green" Beaver sections across the district have been meeting face to face and getting back to Scouting with lots of camps and exciting weekly activities planned.

In January a successful joint Beaver and Cub leaders meeting was held at Prances. Beaver leaders or their representatives from groups across the district came together to discuss future plans and give updates on how their colonies are doing. The general consensus was that the number of members / enquiries regarding Beavers are increasing, and that everyone was looking forward to getting out on Camps over the summer. Some leaders expressed an interest in taking their colonies to the County "Beavers in Tents" camp planned for September at Skreens Park.

It is great to see so many groups committing to providing the opportunities to Beavers, allowing them to experience nights away camping in tents and all that scouting has to offer.

After discussion with leaders, it was decided that a District Adventurous activity day / camp would be well attended, and this will be planned for Summer 2023. The aim is to provide a range of activities that cannot easily be provisioned in a weekly Beaver meeting.

The District has welcomed three new Beaver leaders who have joined existing colonies, and I am looking forward to seeing all Beaver sections grow from strength to strength over the next year.

Carol Fischer-Hill
ADC Beavers

Prances District Scout HQ and Campsite Report 2022

Clearly the pandemic has taken its toll on Prances and bookings have been severely impacted. Stop start scouting and virtual scout meetings have taken their toll on the site usage.

This situation is now on the change and bookings are starting to return although at a slower pace than would be liked. Hopefully over time the bookings will return to a pre-pandemic level and normal service will return.

It was reported that at the recent County Wardens meeting, the situation being experienced at Prances with regard to bookings is similar to that being experienced around the county.

Activity training has continued so that the site is prepared for the hopefully busy season to come.

Whilst visits have been slower, some serious works have been completed and there are other works in the pipeline.

The cottage was suffering with some quite serious leaks, and this was the result of a combination of many factors. The solution was to remove the tiles, carry out some repairs to the joists, replace the felt and battens, retile and point up. These works have now been completed and all is looking good.

Another major project was to have the trees at Prances surveyed and a report was received. This confirmed that some quite serious and extensive tree works were required. These have been ordered and the works are expected to commence in early June.

The cottage bathroom is currently having some work to replace the shower with a bath more suitable to a young family. We hope to have these works completed in the coming weeks.

Towards the end of last year Cathy and Andy decided that their time at Prances was coming to an end and they resigned from the role. They have been at Prances since 2015 and how time flies. We thank Cathy and Andy, Matthew, and Jacob for their hard work at the site and for the developments seen during their time at Prances. A few to mention are the introduction of greatly improved design and marketing documentation and literature. On the activity front they have introduced activities such as tomahawks, also go-carts with a designed track at the lower end of the site. Both having been successful with the latter being extremely popular indeed. There has also been the addition of a sinks washing facility at the bottom field for campers to use. The hall outside stairs have been renewed and the car park resurfaced. The fire area has been formalised and a permanent BBQ area is also now available to visitors. The archery area has been redesigned with additional capture netting erected to ensure it is safe now that there is a development of houses behind the site. Cathy has also worked on the publishing of the book about the life of Miss Prance, and I know that came with more than its fair share of opportunities. Cathy also worked through the various hoops and challenges of documentation to ensure the site could open for restricted activities etc. during the pandemic. We hope that despite the hard work involved they will be able to look back on their time at Prances fondly.

On behalf of the whole district, I pass on our thanks to all the family for what they have both achieved and endured during their time at Prances.

A search commenced and we are delighted to have appointed Louis and Rosie to the role. They will become the new wardens with their 3 young children. Louis has a vast amount of experience that will be hugely beneficial to Prances and we look forward to what he and his family can bring to the site. Louis is already learning the role and is working on site to maintain it. He is also working on decorating the cottage prior to moving in. If enthusiasm is a measure of success to come, then we really are on a roll and we look forward to future developments in the continuing Prances story.

On behalf of the site, the District and the Prances team, we would like to thank all those who have helped and assisted in any way to the site. Your volunteering and support are very much appreciated and helps to keep Prances delivering an enjoyable experience for all of the visitors. A special thanks to those who volunteer to provide activities for the visitors and in doing so make sure their visits are always memorable.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Hopper as the Treasurer who is now standing down after many years in the role. Thank you for the direct support you have given to the Prances team, your support on the Prances subcommittee and the steadying levelheaded input you have always given. It has been very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you on site in the not-too-distant future.

Andrew Goodwin.

On behalf of all of the Prances Team

Management and Policies

Governance

The District operates under the Royal Charter of The Scout Association which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association, and The Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Trustees

The District is managed by The District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Appropriate Induction and Training is offered on appointment using the Charity Commission document CC3 – The Essential Trustee as well as internal Factsheets.

Reserves policy

The Trustees recommend that the balance on the General Fund should be maintained at a level of not usually more than 25% of annual expenditure. This allows a suitable contingency to protect the continuity of business. In addition there will be a maintained balance in the Development Fund depending on available funds and requirements for development work both capital and in support of Groups. The Trustees will monitor the level of reserves on a regular basis.

Investment policy

The Trustees recognise the need to ensure that available liquid funds are invested in the best way by using the Bank Savings Deposit Account and The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account dictated by the requirement to readily access these funds should particular emergencies arise.

Risk Assessment policy

The Trustees are committed to undertake Risk Assessment in all areas of responsibility and in particular with due regard to the Safety Policy of The Scout Association. A detailed Risk Assessment of all activity and operation including both Safety and Finance at the District Activity Centre has been completed.

There are in place systems of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Treasurer's Report

The District continues to operate on a sound financial footing, with funds set aside to support District Events and to subsidise attendance at the four yearly International Jamboree. However the Covid 19 pandemic has continued to have an impact on our financial situation, as evidenced by the following accounts. We have been lucky to receive the Governments Small Business relief grants, which has helped to partially offset these losses, so we remain in a financially viable situation.

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement for the year to 31st December 2021 appear on the following pages.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work they have put in, not only in ensuring that the District remains financially viable but in producing accurate accounts which continues to make my job so much easier.

Mike Hopper

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorers £	District SAS £	2021 Total £	2020 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		24,948.00				254.60	0.00	25,202.60	32,590.25
Less paid		(23,322.00)				0.00	0.00	(23,322.00)	(28,221.00)
Sub total	0.00	1,626.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	254.60	0.00	1,880.60	4,369.25
Gift Aid		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED									
Scout Charity Deposit Account		21.94					0.00	21.94	144.99
Bank interest		2.67					0.00	2.67	29.03
Sub total	0.00	24.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.61	174.02
DONATIONS/GRANTS									
Donations									
Miss Prance Book			15.00					15.00	0.00
John Reed Memorial Fund								0.00	0.00
Brian Baldry Memorial Fund								0.00	299.69
Howden's			500.00					500.00	
Grants									
Maldon DC - Small Business Relief		10,259.88						10,259.88	11,101.00
HSBC								0.00	0.00
less transfer to N Fambridge Watersports								0.00	0.00
CAF / HBUK Banks								0.00	0.00
less transfer to N Fambridge Watersports								0.00	0.00
less transfer to Maldon Explorer Unit								0.00	0.00
							0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	10,259.88	515.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,774.88	11,403.34
ACTIVITIES									
District Hikes							0.00	0.00	16.25
Camping / Caving trips							0.00	0.00	1,020.00
Other Activities						20.00	0.00	20.00	1,685.55
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	2,721.80
FUND RAISING (gross)									
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME									
Loan Repayments		420.00						420.00	1,008.00
Miscellaneous		500.00	40.00	45.19			0.00	585.19	29.60
	0.00	920.00	40.00	45.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,005.19	1,037.60
SUNDRY RECEIPTS									
Camping Fees			268.00					268.00	1,315.00
Camp deposits received in advance			250.00					250.00	20.00
Hire of Peter Church Lodge			1,868.00					1,868.00	2,955.00
Prances Activities			2,760.23					2,760.23	387.60
Prances Sale of Equipment			30.00					30.00	0.00
WS Jamboree Receipts								0.00	0.00
Uniform Shop Sales					14,363.31			14,363.31	6,361.60
Scout Group credit sales					2,272.54			2,272.54	2,014.88
District Badge Sales				2,011.11				2,011.11	1,839.64
Sub total	0.00	0.00	5,176.23	2,011.11	16,635.85	0.00	0.00	23,823.19	14,893.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0.00	12,830.49	5,731.23	2,056.30	16,635.85	274.60	0.00	37,528.47	34,599.73
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	3,197.06	6,605.27	1,466.49	13,111.69	193.12	2,232.69	26,806.32	46,172.14
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	0.00	9,633.43	(874.04)	589.81	3,524.16	81.48	(2,232.69)	10,722.15	(11,572.41)

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorer	District SAS £	2021 Total £	2020
PREMISES									
Insurance - various		2,746.02				76.00	0.00	2,822.02	3,501.75
Utilities			2,484.00				0.00	2,484.00	3,034.07
Prances Improvements			376.85				0.00	376.85	15,730.00
	0.00	2,746.02	2,860.85	0.00	0.00	76.00	0.00	5,682.87	22,265.82
DONATIONS/GRANTS/Loans									
WSJ 2019							0.00	0.00	0.00
							0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ACTIVITIES									
Pantomime / Show in a Day							0.00	0.00	1,337.96
Equipment purchases/Repairs			543.76				0.00	543.76	438.21
Camping / Caving trips							0.00	0.00	1,201.63
District Activities		178.69					0.00	178.69	559.01
Activities (general)			175.44			42.85	0.00	218.29	3,007.06
	0.00	178.69	719.20	0.00	0.00	42.85	0.00	940.74	6,543.87
FUND RAISING									
Fundraising expenses									
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATION/ESTABLISHMENT									
Site/ Building Maintenance equipment			2,540.95			9.99	0.00	2,550.94	5,129.62
AGM & District Team Expenses		150.00			469.10		0.00	619.10	436.80
Rent							0.00	0.00	(9.00)
Training		122.35				19.99	0.00	142.34	19.99
	0.00	272.35	2,540.95	0.00	469.10	29.98	0.00	3,312.38	5,577.41
SUNDRY PAYMENTS									
WSJ Payments							0.00	0.00	0.00
Scout Shop purchases					10,009.52		0.00	10,009.52	7,446.16
Credit Card setup/processing costs					360.53		0.00	360.53	328.40
Cost of Scout Group credit Sales					2,272.54		0.00	2,272.54	2,014.88
Purchase of Badges				1,436.89			0.00	1,436.89	1,656.48
Caving Team Balance written off							2,232.69	2,232.69	
John Reed memorial			184.14				0.00	184.14	0.00
Sundries			300.13	29.60		44.29	0.00	374.02	339.12
	0.00	0.00	484.27	1,466.49	12,642.59	44.29	2,232.69	16,870.33	11,785.04
	0.00	3,197.06	6,605.27	1,466.49	13,111.69	193.12	2,232.69	26,806.32	46,172.14

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2021

	Restricted £	General £	Total 2021 £	2020
CASH FUNDS				
Bank current accounts (299.69 Maldengie)	299.69	40859.18	41,158.87	28,471.45
Bank deposit accounts	2,263.34	24361.63	26,624.97	29,212.75
Short Term Investment Service (Scout Charity Deposit Account)		21329.39	21,329.39	21,307.45
Cash in hand		858.54	858.54	257.97
	2,563.03	87,408.74	89,971.77	79,249.62
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Site & Activity Fees not paid			0.00	0.00
Badge Secretary's accounts unpaid			0.00	0.00
Scout shop accounts not yet paid			355.00	24.00
	Sub total		355.00	24.00
Outstanding Loans				
North Farnbridge Watersports				320.00
	Sub total		0.00	320.00
NON-MONETARY ASSETS for the Charity's own use				
Audio Visual Equipment			133.00	133.00
IT Equipment			1,060.98	1,060.98
Scout Shop Stock			9,454.49	11,264.19
Gift Shop Stock			3,598.20	3,835.31
Badge Secretary's Stock			3,772.76	4,071.87
	Sub Total		18,019.43	20,365.35
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	Climbing/caving and tree felling equipment, filing cabinets, etc.		16,000.00	16,000.00
Land and buildings	District camp site including House, HQ building and toilet block			
LIABILITIES due within one year				
Brian Baldry memorial			299.69	299.69
Badge secretary's expenses			45.19	29.60
Balance of John Reed Memorial				143.01
Explorer leader expenses			16.33	
Scout shop credits attributable to Groups			1,985.36	857.44
	Sub total		2,346.57	1,329.74

Note 1: Restrictd funds include:

Deposit A/C	£592.37 held on behalf of the Woggle Club
	£1670.97 from 1st Tillingham Scout Group following their closure
Current A/C	£299.69 Brian Baldry memorial fund

Note 2: The decision was made during the year (after consulting with Essex County Scouts) that the historical assets (£2232.69) of the Caving Team should be written out of the accounts. The team had been dormant for many years and the members were no longer involved in Scouting.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 3rd June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name	Date
Chairman	Trevor Baker	03/06/2022
Treasurer	Mike Hopper	03/06/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 9 of this report

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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 Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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 Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those 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.

M D Borgartz FCCA

3 June 2022

64 Riverside Way
Kelvedon
Essex
CO5 9LY

Accounts



Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

Trustees Report and Accounts For the Year Ended 31st December 2020.



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The Scout Groups of Maldon and East Essex District

	1st Silver End	
Kelvedon & Feering		3rd Witham(St Nicolas)
	1st Witham	
1st Hatfield Peverel		Tiptree
	1st Beacon Hill	
1st Blackwater		1st Heybridge(St Andrew's)
	1st Maldon(All Saints)	
1st Bradwell-on-Sea		Southminster & Maylandsea
1st North Fambridge(Holy Trinity)		1st Burnham-on-Crouch

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Structure, Governance & Management

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District, and operates in accordance with a written constitution. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee (the Trustees) is accountable. Details of the Trustees are shown on Page 1. The Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council, either by election or nomination, and may also be co-opted by the Executive Committee during the year. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and are able to benefit from training provided by the Training Team as to the role of Trustee at District and Group level. Young people are also given opportunities across the District to become the Leaders of the future, leading to better retention of young people through to adult volunteering roles.

The District Executive Committee (the Executive Committee), met on 4 occasions through the year. The Executive Committee is supported by the Appointments Advisory sub-committee. They held 7 leader interviews panels in 2019. These were attended by a total of 11 candidates, from 6 Groups and one for the District team. Interviews are held at different HQ's throughout the District. There are c50 members of the District Team, advisers and supporters directly supporting the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council. None of these volunteers receives any payments for services rendered.

The principal sources of the Scout Council's income are membership subscriptions, fees paid by members for activities, the sale of uniforms, badges and souvenirs, grants and donations from public bodies, and individuals.

During the year the Trustees have closely monitored the maintenance of the Prances HQ including the Activity Centre, Prances Cottage, and the surrounding outdoor site. Details of these activities are reported separately.

This last year the Scouting Association has been affected by Covid 19. During the lockdown of 2020 many groups rose to the challenge and didn't let not being able to have face to face meetings stop them from meeting with their sections. "Zoom" meetings became the 'norm' each week, with leaders putting together programmes for the young people. Awards were being handed out virtually too. The creativity that has been shown has been incredible. Training has also been ongoing much of which is now mandatory for all members of the Scouting Association – leaders, and supporters have risen to this too, as so much of this can be achieved online.

Objectives, Activities, Achievements

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

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun;
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- Share in spiritual reflections;
- Take responsibility and make choices;
- Undertake new and challenging activities;
- Make and live by their Promise.

We seek to do this in a safe environment for young people. This responsibility ranks equally with the other responsibilities incumbent upon those providing Scouting activities and functions.

Scouting in Maldon & East Essex District is open to all young people who are between the ages of 6 and 25 no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Scouting in our District is provided through 14 Scout Groups and 7 Explorer Scout Units, by around 200 committed, experienced and trained volunteers, working in teams across the District. The District Executive Committee acknowledges these volunteers are the most valuable asset and resource, without whose support it would not be possible to provide Scouting for the young people of our District.

The successes and achievements of the last twelve months can be seen in the Annual Review 2020.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

The main principles of Scouting demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit in the following ways:

- Developing young people towards their full potential, through the Scouting programme.
- There is a clear link between the purpose of Scouting and the benefits to young people.
- The various and numerous Scouting activities are undertaken with the health and safety of the young people taken very seriously, and the benefit of these activities far outweighing any associated risks.
- The young people and other main beneficiaries of Scouting are in the 6 – 25 years age range.
- Young people who are willing to make the Scout Promise are able to benefit from full Scouting membership.
- We are an inclusive organisation, with membership open to all, including those living in financial hardship. Whilst an annual membership fee is payable, the ability to join is not restricted by their ability to pay.

Sara Goodwin
District Secretary

Trevor Baker
District Chairman

District Commissioner's Report

Thank you all for your continued patience, perseverance and positivity during the last year. Covid19/ lockdowns still affected scouting in a big way, with groups suffering in more ways than one. Not being able to meet, meeting up in small groups, not meeting, outdoors only, then indoors. It's been a juggle but again everyone adapted and made things work.

Sadly across the District, some groups have closed following decisions to step down in roles, children moved on to older groups etc. Leaders leaving to do other things. Fortunately some groups have been lucky enough to recruit new leaders and currently processes are in motion to get them through and started. We endeavour to get other groups up and running as soon as possible by recruiting other leaders.

Through the lockdown, we have strived to keep county happy with the mandatory training, and trustee training. We're not fully compliant as were about 84% completed mandatory, whereas trustee training we're one of the worst in county. So there is a plea to all to complete all necessary training. Thank you for all those that have completed everything.

Well done to everyone.

June 2020 onwards

Obviously visits to groups was very limited, however when some rules were lifted I visited Kelvedon Scouts to present a few Gold and silver awards in December.

There were a couple of on line presentations along the way via zoom as well as a few appointment sub committee zooms for prospective new leaders.

Meetings continued on line and invites to zooms as and when.

2021

March

I visited Kelvedon for their AGM. Margaret has stepped down after 30 plus years. After losing their Beaver leaders, cub leaders and GSL they have been fortunate enough to recruit two new beaver leaders and merge their cub packs with the assistance of a new acting GSL.

Zoom on line presentations for Maldon.

June

Having seen many changes in Blackwater with leaders leaving, and no certainty of whether this will close or not, I can report that there has been interest from a few people to step in and run groups. Talks are happening within the next few weeks to see what's involved and hopefully we can get them through asap with training/DBS etc

I fully appreciate every effort and adaptations you have all made, and thank you all for your dedication and commitment.

Lets continue making memories for all and make it a District to be proud of. Keep going in strength and numbers.

Yours in scouting

Simon

ADC Beavers Report 2021

After taking on the role in December 2020 I reached out to the 40 plus Scouting members listed in Compass as holding either a GSL or Beaver Leader role, with an introductory email and survey designed to gather some basic information and their thoughts. This also included a link to a new Facebook group for leaders and GSL's to enable the sharing of virtual and face to face programme ideas and a platform to offer informal support.

Over 50% of the responses to the survey asked for regular events, I am looking forward to organising these in the future when Covid-19 Restrictions allow, Fingers crossed for 2022, In addition to asking for district events the responses gave a valuable insight into the needs and wants of the beaver leaders across the district and provided a basis of information to move forward with.

Due to the different restrictions and lockdowns I have been unable to get out and visit colonies in person but with some of our colonies meeting Zoom I have been able to join in with investitures, games and badgework, which has been lovely to be able to do. from September I am planning to visit colonies across the district and I look forward to meeting all those leaders who I do not already know.

With the restrictions imposed upon Scouting now lifted to yellow, we have lots of Beaver leaders forging ahead with face 2 face socially distanced meetings which is fantastic, they are getting existing members back and welcoming lots of new ones to Scouting.

There are some Colonies who are not planning a return to face 2 face just yet, with returns planned for later in the year either due to lack of adults or youth members, I have been in conversation with leaders from a couple of groups who I will be supporting to get them back up and running over the next few months, with a return to meetings planned for September if everything continues to follow the government pathway out of Covid,

In good news the district has welcomed two new Assistant Beaver leaders who have joined existing teams at Kelvedon and Silver end.

Hopefully with the restrictions easing and the return to face 2 face becoming easier over the next few months we will see Beaver colonies grow from strength to strength.

Carol

ADC Beavers

Prances District Scout HQ and Campsite Report 2021

2020 through to 2021 has been a difficult and very quiet year at Prances. Restrictions put a halt on any Scouting Activities effectively for the whole year. Although tentative bookings had been made for various dates throughout the year, as time went on it became apparent that they would all have to be cancelled.

The Restrictions also meant that we were limited to a few weeks through the summer months to call on help from the probation service to help with general site maintenance work but once again that was all cancelled as autumn set in. Probation service found new ways for people to complete their hours by homeworking and so far it has meant that they haven't returned to help around site and it has been very difficult to keep up with all the work required.

Slimming World, who have been regular hirers of PCL for many years have unfortunately closed and will no longer require the use of the hall. Their numbers depleted rapidly whilst their meetings went on zoom and it was no longer practical or economical to keep all group in the area running to the detriment of the Wickham Bishops Group.

Bookings for the hall by other third parties on a regular basis have been good albeit a bit stop start as restrictions tightened and eased but most are now back again and once Heybridge resume meetings in September we will be busy every night during the week. It would be good to pick up a couple more daytime bookings and we keep our fingers crossed on that one.

When scouting went to Amber and groups were allowed to meet outside and partake in activities, bookings at Prances were very slow. I believe the very wet weather earlier in the year put many groups off meeting at all. June has looked much better and assuming no back tracking of restrictions happen. I'm hopeful for a busy autumn term. Over the summer, we will need to assist a number of instructors with renewing of permits etc. as many have expired over the 16 months that they couldn't instruct.

Work on the new housing behind Prances continues but an end is in sight. The 5 properties classed as affordable housing were sold first and all 5 are now occupied and approximately 50% of the remaining properties have now gone to market.

2 years ago, we applied to Howdens and were donated new Kitchen units for PCL as part of a scheme they run to support charitable organisations. At the end of May the manager of Howdens in Maldon, approached me to say that they have been instructed to choose 3 charities within the area to benefit from a small donation in recognition of how difficult the last 16 months have been. In June, he presented us with a cheque for £500 stating Prances had been chosen as one of their 3 charities. We would like it to be noted how grateful we are to Howdens for choosing Prances. We have some ideas on creating new activities for the young people when they visit Prances but if any members have suggestions, we are always open to new ideas.

As always we would like to say an enormous thank you to all the Prances Instructors and the Working Party who volunteer their time and hope that we will see you all back very soon.

Yours in Scouting,

Andrew and Cathy Garrett

Management and Policies

Governance

The District operates under the Royal Charter of The Scout Association which gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association, and The Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Trustees

The District is managed by The District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Appropriate Induction and Training is offered on appointment using the Charity Commission document CC3 – The Essential Trustee as well as internal Factsheets.

Reserves policy

The Trustees recommend that the balance on the General Fund should be maintained at a level of not usually more than 25% of annual expenditure. This allows a suitable contingency to protect the continuity of business. In addition there will be a maintained balance in the Development Fund depending on available funds and requirements for development work both capital and in support of Groups. The Trustees will monitor the level of reserves on a regular basis.

Investment policy

The Trustees recognise the need to ensure that available liquid funds are invested in the best way by using the Bank Savings Deposit Account and The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account dictated by the requirement to readily access these funds should particular emergencies arise.

Risk Assessment policy

The Trustees are committed to undertake Risk Assessment in all areas of responsibility and in particular with due regard to the Safety Policy of The Scout Association. A detailed Risk Assessment of all activity and operation including both Safety and Finance at the District Activity Centre has been completed.

There are in place systems of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Treasurer's Report

The District continues to operate on a sound financial footing, with funds set aside to support District Events and to subsidise attendance at the four yearly International Jamboree. However the Covid 19 pandemic has inevitably had an impact on our financial situation, as evidenced by the following accounts. We have been lucky to receive the Governments Small Business relief grants, which has helped to partially offset these losses, as we remain in a financially viable situation.

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement for the year to 31st December 2020 appear on the following pages.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work they have put in, not only in ensuring that the District remains financially viable but in producing accurate accounts which continues to make my job so much easier.

Mike Hopper

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Restricted £	General £	Prances £	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop £	Witham Explorers £	District SAS £	2020 Total £	2019 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		32,528.00				62.25	0.00	32,590.25	35,946.27
Less paid		(28,145.00)				(76.00)	0.00	(28,221.00)	(30,572.00)
Sub total	0.00	4,383.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(13.75)	0.00	4,369.25	5,374.27
Gift Aid		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	177.93
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED									
Scout Charity Deposit Account		144.99					0.00	144.99	133.05
Bank interest		29.03					0.00	29.03	80.29
Sub total	0.00	174.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	174.02	213.34
DONATIONS/GRANTS									
Donations						2.65	0.00	2.65	15.00
Miss Prance Book								0.00	70.78
John Reed Memorial Fund								0.00	627.50
Brian Baldry Memorial Fund	299.69							299.69	
Grants								0.00	
Maldon DC - Small Business Relief		11,101.00						11,101.00	
HSBC								0.00	8,042.00
less transfer to N Fambridge Watersports								0.00	-8,042.00
CAF / HBUK Banks								0.00	1,450.00
less transfer to N Fambridge Watersports								0.00	-950.00
less transfer to Maldon Explorer Unit								0.00	-500.00
							0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	299.69	11,101.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.65	0.00	11,403.34	713.28
ACTIVITIES									
District Hikes		16.25					0.00	16.25	144.00
Camping / Caving trips						1,020.00	0.00	1,020.00	700.00
Other Activities							1,685.55	1,685.55	1,464.90
	0.00	16.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.00	1,685.55	2,721.80	2,308.90
FUND RAISING (gross)									
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME									
Loan Repayments		1,008.00						1,008.00	1,212.00
Miscellaneous			0.00	29.60			0.00	29.60	64.95
	0.00	1,008.00	0.00	29.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,037.60	1,276.95
SUNDRY RECEIPTS									
Camping Fees			1,315.00					1,315.00	4,165.00
Camp deposits received in advance			20.00					20.00	0.00
Hire of Peter Church Lodge			2,955.00					2,955.00	8,941.87
Prances Activities			387.60					387.60	5,394.00
Prances Sale of Equipment								0.00	624.15
WS Jamboree Receipts								0.00	2,991.64
Uniform Shop Sales					6,361.60			6,361.60	20,316.30
Scout Group credit sales					2,014.88			2,014.88	2,847.33
District Badge Sales				1,839.64				1,839.64	3,439.41
Sub total	0.00	0.00	4,677.60	1,839.64	8,376.48	0.00	0.00	14,893.72	48,719.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS	299.69	16,682.27	4,677.60	1,869.24	8,376.48	1,008.90	1,685.55	34,599.73	58,784.37
TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	15,960.90	15,861.30	1,687.09	10,010.10	1,314.79	1,337.96	46,172.14	46,753.64
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	299.69	721.37	(11,183.70)	182.15	(1,633.62)	(305.89)	347.59	(11,572.41)	12,030.73

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Payments for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Restricted	General	Prances	Badge Secretary	Scout Shop	Witham Explorer	District SAS	2020Total	2019
	£	£	£		£		£	£	
PREMISES									
Insurance - various		3,425.75				76.00	0.00	3,501.75	3,396.11
Utilities			3,034.07				0.00	3,034.07	4,159.79
Prances Improvements - Car Park		11,760.00	3,970.00				0.00	15,730.00	890.84
	0.00	15,185.75	7,004.07	0.00	0.00	76.00	0.00	22,265.82	8,446.74
DONATIONS/GRANTS/Loans									
WSJ 2019							0.00	0.00	200.00
							0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
ACTIVITIES									
Pantomime / Show in a Day							1,337.96	1,337.96	840.59
Equipment purchases/Repairs			419.36			18.85	0.00	438.21	2,451.45
Camping / Caving trips						1,201.63	0.00	1,201.63	422.58
District Activities		559.01					0.00	559.01	1,328.84
Activities (general)			3,007.06				0.00	3,007.06	1,204.57
	0.00	559.01	3,426.42	0.00	0.00	1,220.48	1,337.96	6,543.87	6,248.03
FUND RAISING									
Fundraising expenses									
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATION/ESTABLISHMENT									
Site/ Building Maintenance equipment			5,129.62				0.00	5,129.62	4,642.61
AGM & District Team Expenses		216.14			220.66		0.00	436.80	1,290.70
Rent						(9.00)	0.00	(9.00)	78.00
Training						19.99	0.00	19.99	54.69
	0.00	216.14	5,129.62	0.00	220.66	10.99	0.00	5,577.41	6,066.00
SUNDRY PAYMENTS									
WSJ Payments							0.00	0.00	3,705.00
Scout Shop purchases					7,446.16		0.00	7,446.16	15,506.92
Credit Card setup/processing costs					328.40		0.00	328.40	324.02
Cost of Scout Group credit Sales					2,014.88		0.00	2,014.88	2,847.33
Purchase of Badges				1,656.48			0.00	1,656.48	2,811.65
John Reed memorial							0.00	0.00	484.49
Sundries			301.19	30.61		7.32	0.00	339.12	113.46
	0.00	0.00	301.19	1,687.09	9,789.44	7.32	0.00	11,785.04	25,792.87
	0.00	15,960.90	15,861.30	1,687.09	10,010.10	1,314.79	1,337.96	46,172.14	46,753.64

MALDON & EAST ESSEX DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2020

	Restricted £	General £	Total 2020 £	2019
CASH FUNDS				
Bank current accounts (299.69 Roadshow, 143.01 District)	442.70	28028.75	28,471.45	27,714.40
Bank deposit accounts	2,263.34	26949.41	29,212.75	41,183.72
Short Term Investment Service (Scout Charity Deposit Account)		21307.45	21,307.45	21,162.46
Cash in hand		257.97	257.97	761.45
	2,706.04	76,543.58	79,249.62	90,822.03
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Site & Activity Fees not paid		0.00	0.00	2,066.00
Badge Secretary's accounts unpaid		0.00	0.00	37.71
Scout shop accounts not yet paid		24.00	24.00	255.75
Sub total			24.00	2,359.46
Outstanding Loans				
North Fambridge Watersports		320.00	320.00	1,412.00
Sub total			320.00	1,412.00
NON-MONETARY ASSETS for the Charity's own use				
Audio Visual Equipment		133.00	133.00	133.00
IT Equipment		1,060.98	1,060.98	1,060.98
Scout Shop Stock		11,264.19	11,264.19	10,051.67
Gift Shop Stock		3,835.31	3,835.31	3,460.35
Badge Secretary's Stock		4,071.87	4,071.87	4,150.37
Sub Total			20,365.35	18,856.37
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	Climbing/caving and tree felling equipment, filing cabinets, etc.		16,000.00	16,000.00
Land and buildings	District camp site including House, HQ building and toilet block			
LIABILITIES due within one year				
Brian Baldry memorial		299.69	299.69	
Badge secretary's expenses		29.60	29.60	30.61
Balance of John Reed Memorial		143.01	143.01	0.00
Scout shop credits attributable to Groups		857.44	857.44	3,086.04
Sub total			1,329.74	3,116.65

Note: Restrictd funds include:

Deposit A/C	£592.37 held on behalf of the Woggle Club
	£1670.97 from 1st Tillingham Scout Group following their closure
Current A/C	£143.01 Balance of John Reed memorial fund
	£299.69 Brian Baldry memorial fund

Caving Team The Caving team is in the process of being wound up and the final disposition of the funds agreed.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 20September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name	Date
Chairman	Trevor Baker	20/09/2021
Treasurer	Mike Hopper	20/09/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 10 of this report

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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 Maldon & East Essex District Scout Council 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 Maldon & East Essex District
Scout Council as required by
section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those 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.

M D Borgartz FCCA

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6 October 2021