

# Kentdale District Scouts - 2023 AGM Reports

Registered Charity 1123330



## Annual General Meeting Agenda

Attendance - please sign the sheets by the door

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Treasurer's Report (see separate sheet) & Acceptance - *Roger Downing*
3. District Commissioner's Report - *Damian King*
4. District Chairman's Report - *Tim Keegan*
5. Lead Volunteer's Nomination of District Chair - *Damian King*
6. Election of District Executive
  - 6.1 Secretary
  - 6.2 Treasurer
  - 6.3 Members
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner



## District Commissioner's (Lead Volunteer's) Report - Damian King

I am just approaching the end of my second year as DC (or Lead Volunteer as you'll know me from now on!) and I still absolutely love the role. Every day is different, with new challenges and things to be proud of.

Our census numbers have grown yet again with youth membership up by 12% and adult membership up by 25%. We have opened another Beaver Colony at 10<sup>th</sup> Kendal and a Squirrel Drey at Grange and Cartmel, both are doing incredibly well.

We've had a great programme of District events including St. Georges Day at Great Tower, Scouts Taskmaster Camp, a Cubs trip to Eureka and our first Beaver and Cub sleepovers in a few years. There are still a few events coming up this year including the County Cooking Competition tomorrow and a Beavers trip to Blackpool Zoo in October. Next year's programme is also looking great with a few new events being introduced. I'd like to thank Richard Hirst and his team for arranging these events.

We've had two international trips this summer with Explorers heading out to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and to Harlem Jamborette in the Netherlands. You'll be hearing more about that later on.

Our provision for watersports at Killington Reservoir is going from strength to strength. We can now offer sailing, canoeing, kayaking, raft building and paddleboarding. Our young people have taken part in over 500 hours of activity on the water this year. Isn't that just amazing! This would not have happened without the dedication of *Toby Hubbard*, so I'd like to say a huge thanks to Toby for this.

As you've probably heard, we're going through a period of transformation in Scouts nationally. A change to where we work more in teams and make things generally easier for our volunteers. I won't steal Neil's thunder too much, as you'll hear more about that shortly.

All that's left for me to say is a huge thank you to all of you and your teams for everything that you do, and everything that you are going to do to help the young people of our District. I don't think you get thanked enough.

## District Chairman's Report - Tim Keegan

We know that the young people in Scouting, and perhaps their parents too, do not understand the amount of time, enthusiasm and effort that is given by the volunteer adults in the Scout Movement. It is absolutely right that we are careful with the training and guidelines (rules!) to ensure that Scouting is safe for everyone. Therefore, like last year, I start by thanking those adults involved at Group and District level for their dedication. This includes leadership teams and background committees.

*Damian King* our Lead Volunteer has been very hardworking and an inspiration. Most people do not realise the number of telephone calls and emails he receives. He has with him a great District Team, virtually all of whom have responsibilities within Groups as well.

Damian has reported on the number of District events for all age groups - Squirrels, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Young Leaders and adults too. Whilst not actually within the time frame for this Annual Meeting, I want to mention the wonderful experiences of some of our Explorers at the World Scout Jamboree and also the International Camp at Haarlem in Holland.

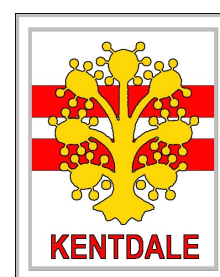
The extra work particularly of *Toby Hubbard* and *Richard Hirst* at Killington has been superb. We now have an excellent water activities base with good equipment. The facility has been updated with many young people having their first and ongoing experience. The District has further plans for Killington.

Our finances are in good order and well within Charity Commission guidelines. My thanks to *Roger Downing*, our Treasurer and our Independent Examiner *Alan Fleming*. We reintroduced the District Levy which barely covers the costs of running the District. This will have to be reviewed.

I am grateful to the members of the District Committee in the last year: As well as myself, *Damian King* (DC), *Roger Downing* (Treasurer), *Linda Bowden*, *Becky Coates*, *Bill Davison*, *Angela Frost*, *Ste Gilbert*, *Richard Hirst*, *Toby Hubbard*, *Josh McLeod*, *Victoria Mitchell*, *Michael Ryan* and *Val Yeadon*.

The challenges ahead are changes to the Scout database, amendments to the adult training programme, and with it far more requirements to make Scouting safe, yet as fun and exciting as ever.

I became District Chairman at the AGM in 2015. Now it is time for me to step back from that role. I wish Linda, our new Chair, every success.



**Kentdale District Scouts**  
**Statement of Accounts as at 31st March 2023**  
Registered Charity Number 1123330

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Fees	27,304.50		Membership Fees	25,956.75	
Badges	55.00		Badges	16.49	
Sailing	541.41		Killington Sailing	320.00	
Movie Licence	28.00		Movie Licence	308.16	
Donation	500.00		Killington Storage	3,420.22	
Neckers	113.00		Travel Expenses	379.58	
Sale of Equipment	100.00		Equipment	1,904.73	
Bank Interest	95.20		Misc.	111.00	
			Room Hire	42.00	
			Start Up Grants	550.00	
			Training	40.00	
			4thK Water rates	342.56	
			Poppy Wreath	40.00	
		28,737.11			33,431.49
<b>District Events</b>					
St.George's Day 22	2,260.00		St.George's Day 22	4,932.22	
St.George's Day 23	1,545.00		St.George's Day 23	783.69	
Beaver Challenge	315.00		Beaver Challenge	229.71	
District Comp	200.00		District Comp	174.80	
Lewis Baron	60.00		Lewis Baron	46.78	
Swimming	345.00		Swimming	272.25	
Cubs Waddecar	50.00		Cubs Waddecar	140.00	
Cooking Comp	100.00		Cooking Comp	56.00	
Cubs Eureka	2,540.00		Cubs Eureka	2,205.60	
Mike Sloane	400.00		Mike Sloane	390.20	
ESU Mono	2613.05		ESU Mono	1,944.70	
ESU Haarlem	1,115.00		ESU Haarlem	535.00	
ESU Laser	285.00		ESU Laser	360.00	
-do- Durrant	75.00		Durrant Bursary	292.55	
ESU Mersey Moot	500.00		ESU Mersey Moot	520.00	
ESU Escape	18.00				
		12,421.05			12,883.50
Excess Expenditure		5,156.83			
		<u>46314.99</u>			<u>46314.99</u>
<b>Reconcillation Statement</b>					
Bank a/c's 01.04.22			Bank a/c's 31.03.23		
Current:District Funds		4,579.71	Current:District Funds		10,327.68
Savings:District Funds	41,228.70		Savings:District Funds	30,716.45	
Durrant Bursary	1,726.32		Durrant Bursary	1,433.77	
G&C ESU	2,373.73		G&C ESU	2,373.73	
4th Kendal	100.00				34,523.95
		45,428.75	Excess Expenditure		5,156.83
		<u>50,008.46</u>			<u>50,008.46</u>

Roger Downing. Honorary Treasurer.  
Alan Fleming. Independent Examiner. (signed declaration held)





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Kentdale District Scouts

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1123330

Set out on pages

1 (One)

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023 DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent  
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

Date:

26-6-23

Name:

Alan Fleming

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

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