

BARNET BOROUGH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
TRUSTEES REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT

Martin Russell

TRUSTEES : Ex-Officio

District Commissioner

Tracey Smith

District Deputy Commissioner

Clive Hailey

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Kevin Munday

District Youth Commissioner

Georgina Smith

TRUSTEES: Elected

Honorary Secretary

Penny Proctor (until December 2023)

Honorary Treasurer

Steven Maton

Jan Bennett

Cliff Bennett

Steven Cox

Marian Lowe

Wendy Rowell (until July 2023)

TRUSTEES: Nominated

Chairman

Trevor Young

Brian Atkinson

Angela Arnedo

Teresa Arnedo

BANKERS

Lloyds Bank plc

841 High Road, London, N12 8PX

Metro Bank plc

1 Southampton Row, London, WC1B 5HA

National Westminster Bank plc

786 High Road, North Finchley, London N12 9QT

Teachers Building Society

Allenvie House, Hanham Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1AG

Buckinghamshire Building Society

High Street, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4QB

Monmouthshire Building Society

Monmouthshire House, Newport, South Wales, NP20 1PX

DISTRICT REGISTRATION NUMBER

13610

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1125880

CONTACT NAME & ADDRESS

Steven Maton

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Structure, Governance And Management

The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association.

They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

Risk And Internal Control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

Objectives And Activities

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal opportunities for young people aged 4 to 25.

The role of the District Council is to further these general objectives, with particular reference to the members of the Scout Groups in the District.

The objectives are as follows:

- To make quality Scouting available to every young person in the District, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or disability.

- To ensure that every Scout Group offers the opportunity for a young person to progress from the age of 4 to 14, in a clearly identifiable way, either in the same group, or through formal arrangements with another group.

- To continually quality assure the quality of Scouting in every Scout Group.

- To continuously recruit and retain adult leaders and helpers.

- To maintain a quality programme of adult training and development.

- To build strong teams of adults who will deliver to the District's objectives.

- To ensure that every young person aged 14 to 18 is offered like opportunities by the District Explorer Unit or Units attached to Groups, recognising that administration, training and insurance are a District responsibility.

The District supports the work done in Groups in delivering the programme by:

- Appointing Assistants to the District Commissioner with special responsibility for sections to visit and advise section leaders in their groups.

- Providing District events for training, fundraising and activities.

- Maintaining premises at Frith Grange, Long Lane and Vernon Crescent for the use of all members of the District.

- Generating funds by hiring these premises, to other Scouting organisations and the community at large, to support members.

Achievements And Performance

The last financial year to 31 December 2023 has seen an increase in the District's Membership numbers and increased levels of organised activities for all sections, which is a credit to the Leaders and Trustees.

The increased usage and income of Frith Grange, Long Lane and Vernon Crescent by Scouting and third parties (at times which do not impact on Scouting) has covered the cost of premises.

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Public Benefit

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial Review

Funds are invested in bank deposit accounts which provide interest, planned access over the year and carry minimal risk.

The District has operated with sufficient reserves for two years operating expenditure and adequate insurance has been maintained to protect the assets and income.

In 2020 the District Trustee Board ring fenced a substantial insurance claim payout and certain other moneys for the redevelopment of Frith Grange and part has been utilised during 2021, 2022 and 2023 to progress the design and planning stages of what will be a significant undertaking.

The Trustees have implemented a health and safety review which is re-examined every six months.

Plans For The Future and Current Uncertainty

The outlook for Scouting continues to be positive, with the number of members increasing and work is ongoing to recruit more leaders to open new sections. The District continues to follow guidance from the Scout Association in the way it is organised and operates.

Rental income for the District premises is a key generator of funds and the District Trustee Board seeks to identify more options for the future.

Trustees And Statement Of Trustees' Responsibilities

The members of the District Trustee Board are the Charity Trustees of the District. The Trustees who held office during the period and at the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Charity law 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 District at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended during the year. The Trustees prepare the Accounts on a Receipts and Payments Basis.

The Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and to apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the District and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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

The Annual Accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments Basis in line with the Charity Commission requirements.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Trevor Young, Chair



Date

27/06/2024

Barnet Borough District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Jamboree Designated Funds	Explorer Unit Restricted Funds	Frith Grange Redevelopment Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Membership subscriptions	15,015	-	4,795	-	19,810	14,432
Property rents	79,161	-	-	-	79,161	61,079
Activities	22,350	-	31,848	-	54,198	29,241
Donations and grants	2	-	4,872	-	4,874	13,305
Badge Income	10,712	-	-	-	10,712	9,681
Other Income	3,534	-	-	2,275	5,809	1,354
Total Receipts	130,774	-	41,515	2,275	174,564	129,092
Payments						
Property expenses	70,146	-	-	-	70,146	63,465
Activities	20,702	-	31,480	-	52,182	41,924
Planning & Consultancy	2,280	-	-	9,533	11,813	34,470
Leaders and Training	1,308	-	-	-	1,308	5,650
Administration	4,503	-	68	-	4,571	6,075
Grants and Contributions	1,872	-	-	-	1,872	-
Equipment / Uniform purchases	-	-	1,306	-	1,306	-
Badge purchases	11,205	-	240	-	11,445	8,277
Total Payments	112,016	-	33,094	9,533	154,643	159,861
Net Receipts/(Payments)	18,758	-	8,421	(7,258)	19,921	(30,769)
Funds brought forward	168,094	548	17,035	185,332	371,009	401,778
Cash funds this period end	186,852	548	25,456	178,074	390,930	371,009

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trevor Young - Chair	Date 27/06/2024
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Barnet Borough District Scout Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Jamboree Designated Funds	Explorer Unit Restricted Funds	Frith Grange Redevelopment Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
Bank current accounts	110,307	548	25,403	-	136,258	120,674
Bank deposit accounts	76,045	-	-	178,074	254,119	249,569
Cash in hand	-	-	53	-	53	266
Warden's float	500	-	-	-	500	500
Total Cash Funds	186,852	548	25,456	178,074	390,930	371,009
Non-Monetary Assets						
Land and Buildings at insured values	2,525,577	-	-	-	2,525,577	2,345,096
Badge Secretary's stock	7,565	-	-	-	7,565	6,897
	2,533,142	-	-	-	2,533,142	2,351,993

Notes

1. No value has been attributed to the District's one quarter share of the woodlands campsite at Danemead.
2. The Trustees note that the local authority review of leases on District properties has been progressing very slowly and that the outcome of this review and eventual lease renewals may give rise to expenses. At this stage, it is not possible to quantify how much these expenses may be. However, the Trustees are confident that the current Total Cash Funds will be adequate to meet, if and when these expenses materialise.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
BARNET BOROUGH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the Barnet Borough District Scout Council for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

Responsibilities and Basis of report

As the charity trustees of Barnet Borough 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 Barnet Borough 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 Barnet Borough 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 the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chris Dale
Chartered Accountant

Dated: 27 June 2024

