



DOCKLAND SCOUT PROJECT

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The Trustees are deemed to be the members of the Project (District) Executive for the time being. Those who have served in this capacity during the last year (2023) are as follows.

Ex-officio – Appointment

District Commissioner / Centre Principal	Richard Hart
Training Manager	Ian Maynard
HR Manager	Sam Longhurst
Crew Leader	Martin Petchey
QM Leader	Beth Taylor / Tom Skinner
Webmaster	Richard Baltutis
Minutes Secretary	Beth Taylor

Nominated – Appointment

Chairman	Julian Cartwright
Treasurer	Pippa Barber

Elected

Elected Member	Mike Hudson
Elected Member	Alexander Mansi
Elected Member	William Coombs
Elected Member	William Brown

BANKERS

CAF Bank Limited & Shawbrook Bank

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association

103501

Contact Name & Address

Julian Cartwright
c/o HQTS Lord Amory, Dollar Bay
631 Manchester Road
London
E14 3NU

Structure

The Dockland Scout Project (DSP) is constituted as a Scout District and forms part of the Greater London North Scout County.

The Project is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is also a Registered Charity in its own right number 1126975.

The Project'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.

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

Aims

To promote the development of young people and enable them to achieve their full potential in line with the aims of the Scout Association.

To provide the opportunity for young people to experience Water Activities and Water Sports training under the leadership of qualified adults.

Operationally;

During 2023 we ran 10 Activity Weekends and 12 Open days, the Activity Weekends were down as 3 customers cancelled as they had not got the numbers following on from covid. We made use of these weekends for additional training courses. We had 2 groups have their Summer Camps at the Project; Riparian ESSU from Luton, and later the 7th/94th Bedford Sea Scouts. In May we hosted a Dutch sea Scout Group for 2 days of Boating whilst on their annual camp and in July did the same for scouts from Inverness. We continue to be used by local Scout groups for evening boating during the summer months.

During 2022 we had 1642 bed nights used by the Bed & Breakfast / Accommodation side of the Project, for 2023 this increased to 1977 a good 20% increase. This was due to Schools and Scout Groups returning to more settled programme following Covid.

Use by third party organisations, has stopped as our landlords have placed restrictions on use of the lockside and access.

Maintenance

The regular boat and ship maintenance and upkeep has continued. Many of the boats received refurbishments and during the year we fitted out the sister boat to Odd Job, this one having a tiller rather than wheel steered. We are also attempting to use materials which will reduce the maintenance in the future. We purchased 2 replacement kayaks.

We spent over £5,000 having the slipway surveyed and a design produced for a new slipway after our landlord condemned the current one and informed the Project we would have to replace it at our expense, including the removal of their old slipway. Maintenance costs for the project has been £25,800, a fair figure considering the number and age of our fleet.

Sadly at the end of December one of our largest motor boat sank overnight. The boat was salvaged in early 2024, but even after extensive investigations the reason could not be found, thankfully we expect our insurers to pay out on both the salvage costs and the loss of the boat.

Training

Another very successful year on the training front, we have managed to run 27 formal courses. For Paddlesports we ran 5 British Canoeing Explore Award, and 1 PSRC (replacement for the FSRT) courses. On the dinghy side we ran 4 RYA Dinghy Level 2 and a Level 3 and a Keelboat level 2., we also ran 3 RYA Powerboat Level 2 and a Safety Boat Course. 2 Scout Pulling courses, 2 RYA VHF Radio courses and 1 RYA Diesel engine courses. A total of just under 300 qualifications were gained by DSP staff.

We continued to provide the RYA First Aid course to our staff and ran 7 courses during the year ensuring all our staff are First Aid qualified.

By popular demand we ran 2 Induction courses early in the year and had 52 new members (9 adults and 43 Explorers) and we are pleased to say that In December 2023 44 are still actively involved.

Finance & Reserves

The project started the 2023 year in a healthy financial position. Income for the year amounted to £161k with Expenditure of £120K. A loss of £20k on the value of an Inboard Motor boat occurred during the year and the value was written off. The insurance claim for this is still ongoing at the year end with any receipt possible in 2024, resulting in a net movement of funds being a net surplus after the write off of £21K.

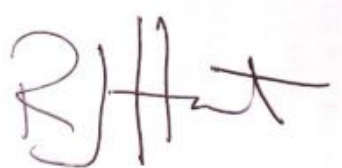
For the year the project spent £25k on Repairs & Maintenance, £14k on Insurance, nearly £13k on Light & Heat and £4k on Water. After a long period of discussion with the water supplier, a better payment structure has been established and we hope to see reductions. The electricity contract was renewed and an increase has resulted however this will be reviewed to ensure we get the best deal.

Free reserves represent the working capital of the Project available to support & maintain short and medium-term requirements and to safeguard against any unexpected decrease in income. Free reserves currently equate to between 3- 4 years of total expenditure which are necessary for any large physical items such as the Lord Amory or Christopher W needing immediate investment or repair or replacement in the medium term.

These reserves are held in short- and medium-term bank deposits at the balance sheet date.

Conclusion

Finally, we must say a big thank you to all our volunteer water instructors, maintenance staff, admin staff and helpers without them the Project would not go from strength to strength.



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Richard Hart
Centre Principal / District Commissioner

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY for the year ended 31st December 2023

	This year General Fund £	Previous Year £
Total receipts for the year (see page 5)	161,403	150,873
Total Payments for the year (see page 6)	120,190	85,054
Net receipts/payments for the year	<u>41,212</u>	<u>65,819</u>
Gain (Loss) on revaluation of Tangible Assests	- 20,000	-
	<u>21,212</u>	<u>65,819</u>
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	427,554	361,735
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The above account and accompanying statement of assets
and liabilities were approved by the Trustees
and signed on their behalf by



Philippa (Pippa) Barber - Treasurer

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Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2023

INCOMING RESOURCES	This Year	Previous Year
Capitation and Crew Fees		-
Less Paid		-
	-	-
Activities		
Days & Weekends	31,946	34,037
Open Days	22,304	23,396
Meeting Room Hire	2,030	160
RYA & Other Training	14,303	18,373
Boat & Estate Hire		6,000
Uniforms	290	180
Miscellaneous Income	2,345	1,057
	73,217	83,203
International Hosting	84,614	49,384
Sale of Equipment		-
Donations & Grants	905	18,012
Interest Received	2,666	275
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	161,403	150,873

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Payments for the year ended 31 December 2023

RESOURCES EXPENDED	This Year	Previous Year
	Notes	
Activity & Training Costs	7,433	8,597
International Hosting	49,300	30,577
Vessel Purchases and Improvement costs	-	-
Headquarters Costs		
General Running Costs	2,691	2,509
Light & Heat	12,491	5,096
Water Rates	3,804	642
Rates	1,779	41
Telephone & Internet	1,536	1,443
	22,301	9,732
Boating Costs		
Repairs & Replacements	25,845	18,459
Insurance	13,531	14,580
	39,376	33,039
Administrative Costs		
General	427	409
Postage & Stationary	12	69
Motor & Travel	901	1,070
Bank Charges	66	89
Uniforms	375	1,443
	1,780	3,080
Other Expenses		30
Purchase of Equipment		
Other	-	-
Total Resources Expended	120,190	85,054

Notes:

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	This Year	Previous Year
MONETARY ASSETS, cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Accounts	248,061	212,341
Bank Deposit Accounts	167,591	166,092
Trade Debtors	-	-
Creditors	-	-
	<u>415,653</u>	<u>378,433</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS - Assets for Group's own use		
Vehicles, Boats and other equipment	<u>605,044</u>	<u>625,044</u>
The assets are revalued each year by the Trustees, The current values are:		
Canoes	21,300	21,300
Chandlery/Marine Equipment/Motors	6,000	6,000
Converted Dutch Barge	300,000	300,000
Dinghies	2,675	2,675
Headquarters Ship - Lord Amory	85,000	85,000
Kayaks	11,100	11,100
Motor Boats	46,850	46,850
Motor Boats Inboard	58,000	78,000
Paddleboards	1,969	1,969
Pontoons	3,000	3,000
Pulling Boats	4,000	4,000
Sailing Dinghies	60,200	60,200
Vehicles and Trailers	4,950	4,950
Total Tangible Assets	<u>605,044</u>	<u>625,044</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the DOCKLAND SCOUT PROJECT

I report on the accounts of the Project for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the responsibility of the examiner to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met. or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Tessa I Bullimore FEEA

Tessa Bullimore

23/10/2024