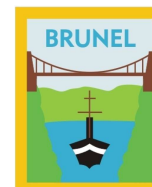




Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021



Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name...

Brunel District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by...

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)...

1 1 2 8 6 4 7

HQ registration number...

1 6 7 1 5

Charity's principal address...

50 Grove Road

Fishponds

Bristol

Postcode

B S 1 6 B W

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
1	(Position vacant)	District Chair	
2	Clive Lewis Syme Mason	District Commissioner (ex officio)	
3	Gabriela Nagyova	District Treasurer	
4	Martin Stuart Cush	District Secretary	
5	Christopher Andrew Padgett	District Youth Commissioner (ex officio)	
6	Benjamin Shadbolt	District Explorer Scout Commissioner (ex officio)	01/09/20
7	Samuel John David Kingstone	District Scout Network Leader (ex officio)	13/07/20
8	Hugh Mansfield Thorpe	(co-opted - finance)	
9	Hazel Sperrings	Executive member	
10	Alice Spikings	Executive member	
11	Peter William Lunt	Executive member	
12	Paul Baker	Executive member	
13	Christopher Mark Grattidge	Executive member	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B

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 Executive Committee, 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. This includes registration, keeping of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair (position currently vacant), Treasurer and Secretary and other members either elected by the local Scout council, nominated by the District Commissioner or by virtue of their role in Scouting and meets every two months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete the following training modules within the first 5 months of joining the committee...

- Essential Information (Module 01)
- Safety
- Safeguarding
- General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
- Trustee Introduction

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Scout Groups/Units in delivering scouting in the District and is responsible for:

- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- District public occasions
- The recruitment of leaders and other adult support

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Identifiable benefit statement - We help young people in their personal development and empower them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Scouts.

Public benefit statement - 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.

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

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

The Values of Scouting - As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- **Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- **Respect** - We have self respect and respect for others

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- **Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- **Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- **Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

Section C

Objectives and activities (continued)

The Scout Method - 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- learn by doing- share in spiritual reflection- take responsibility and make choices- undertake new and challenging activities- make and live by their Promise.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Highlights of the reporting year

- Overall decrease in District membership..with a 19% decrease in Young People (compared to an 8% increase in the previous reporting year 2019/2020). In addition, there has been a 12% decrease in volunteer numbers. Some sections have closed altogether and some Groups effectively 'mothballed' until restrictions eased.
- This is a clear result of the COVID pandemic but the District Executive is confident that as restrictions ultimately ease, numbers will return to at least pre-pandemic levels.
- All Groups/Units achieved a level of delivering virtual Scouting...some immediately and all others by the end of the reporting period. This was an outstanding effort by all volunteers and Young People, epitomising the resilience and adaptability of Scouting in crisis.
- The enthusiastic adoption of programmes and badgework online ensured that our Young People continued to achieve top awards and remained mentally & physically occupied during a particularly challenging time.
- At the end of the reporting period (31st March 2021), Scouting had moved to 'Amber' readiness level allowing face to face (F2F) Scouting outdoors, this was soon followed in April by also allowing meetings indoors (subject to restrictions).
- The District Executive continued to meet online, maintaining routine governance & administration but predominantly supporting all Group Executive committees (including financial guidance and support with applying for local authority grants).
- After a short break, the Young Leader training programme continued online with several Young Leaders close to achieving their 'YL Belts'
- With a new District Explorer Scout Commissioner in place, the management and support to Explorer Scouting has improved significantly. All Units are showing a steady increase in numbers and it is hoped to reopen the 'mothballed' Paradox ESU by the end of the year.
- Due to the pandemic, the relaunch of District Network was stalled but it is hoped to achieve this by the end of the year.

Section E

Financial Review

The District accounts for the period **1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021** have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis in line with guidance set out by the Scout Association and the Charities Commission in order to comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Accounts have been subject to independent examination by **Daisy Vowles MAAT** (Spectrum Accountancy Solutions, 18 Broad Street, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS16 5NX) in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and related Charities Commission General Direction.

The District Accounts together with the Examiner's report are attached.

All expenditure in the year has supported the key objectives of the charity helping any Groups/Units in need of financial support, cost of consumables, rent, insurance, annual membership subscription to the Scouts Association, etc. It also covers the cost of any equipment that is needed and adult training to promote the development of young people within the District.

The District Executive Committee does not consider it appropriate for the District to invest in assets other than cash. All the excess cash funds are with the Scouts HQ Charity Deposit (Gilwell) Account to earn a higher rate of interest.

Reserves Policy

The District has significant cash funds to meet future requirements. An upper limit of reserves has not been set as over time available funds will be appropriately utilised across the District to provide financial support, to fund expansion and for capital investment. Total cash balances are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Executive Committee to ensure they are appropriate to meet the strategic objectives of the District.

Section F

Other Optional Information

The impact of COVID19 restrictions continue to impact the delivery of Scouting (and in particular face to face). The District Executive will continually monitor and support those Groups/Units who require it. This may mean financial support or be more practical in terms of volunteer recruitment & management.

We are a resilient organisation which has gone through challenging times before. Whilst there will undoubtedly be a reduction in membership and volunteer support, we are confident and optimistic that given the demand for Scouting, these numbers will return in an appropriate and realistic timescale (subject to COVID restriction removal).

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees...

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Date

Brunel District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-20	To	31-Mar-21
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	53,124	58,649
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 53,160	- 59,007
Net membership subscriptions retained	- 36	- 358
Donations	33,513	1,835
Other similar income	4,978	1,062
Sub total	38,455	2,540
Events		
Income for events by District	1,825	30,351
Receipts for World and European Jamboree	-	7,119
Sub total	1,825	37,470
Fundraising (gross)		
Other fundraising activities	-	1,594
Sub total	-	1,594
Investment income		
Bank interest	181	345
Loan repayments received from Groups	-	20,958
Property Rent income	1,500	1,500
Sub total	1,681	22,803
Total Gross Income	41,960	64,406
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	500
Total receipts	41,960	64,906

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Receipts and payments

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Premises costs	636	8,606
Insurance	200	180
Training	-	1,285
IT costs	582	1,132
Events run by District	7,208	34,711
Payments for World and European Jamborees	-	7,885
Other costs	1,545	2,360
Sub total	10,170	56,160
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	-	355
Sub total	-	355
Total Gross Expenditure	10,170	56,515
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Loan advances made to Groups	1,680	10,399
Transfers of Groups out of District	105	2,064
Total payments	11,745	68,978
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,215	4,072
Cash funds last year end	127,224	131,295
Cash funds this year end	157,438	127,224

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2021 Unrestricted funds £	31/03/2020 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Brunel District Current Account	62,449	64,374
Brunel District Reserve Account	29,441	2,157
Giltwell	51,231	51,051
Brunel District Cubs	2,058	2,058
Paradox Explorers	673	505
Fromeside Explorers	3,269	1,123
Solar Explorers	3,673	1,179
Trident Explorers	4,610	4,743
Phoenix Explorers	-	-
Brabazon Explorers	-	-
Cash/Floats	34	34
Total cash funds	157,439	127,224
Other monetary assets		
Debts due from Groups	5,900	5,900
Sub total	5,900	5,900
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
District neckerchiefs	72	72
Feather flags	221	221
Explorer equipment	2,500	2,500
First aid equipment	5,323	5,323
Sub total	8,116	8,116
Liabilities		
Annual Scout Association subscription due in April	50,683	53,160
Amounts due to Groups	55	1,735
Other liabilities	9,431	-
Sub total	60,169	54,895

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 07/09/2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name
 CLIVE MASON (D.C.) JP. Chair
 TREASURER Gabriela Nagyova

Brunel District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brunel District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brunel District Scout Council for the year ended 31

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Brunel 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 Brunel District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Brunel 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.

Signed:



Name: Daisy Vowles MAAT

Address: Spectrum Accountancy Solutions, 18
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Date: 24.08.2021

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