

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Skegness, Spilsby and District Scouts

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 4 6 3 7 7

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mark Holdsworth	Chair	
2	Janet Boulton	Treasurer	
3	Caroline Crowe	Secretary	
4	Simon Henry	-	
5	Joshua Newman	-	
6	Nicky Coxon	-	
7	Claire Litster	-	
8	Nigel Jarvis	-	
9	Jan Waite	-	Until 25/04/2023
10	Gemma Holland	-	
11	Josh Williams	-	
12	Pete Talbot-Jones	-	
13	Lyn Henry	-	
14	Caroline Holdsworth	-	
15	Ian Hall	-	

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The District's governing documents are those of the 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, various ex-officio, elected and nominated members and meets every 3 months.

Members complete training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This District Trustee Board exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and is responsible for:

The maintenance of District property;

The administration of District finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>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. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:</p> <p>Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. Through the capitation fees contributions to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising. The District is reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the groups. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or a group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. Groups provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>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 policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	

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.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Oversaw the growth of scouting within the District over a very difficult year as we steadily rebuild our lives following the period of lockdown. In our current challenging financial climate, the district has continued to support local scouting to the best of our abilities.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £5000.00

The District held reserves of approximately £5000.00 against this at year end. This is at the level required for operating expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The District Treasurer regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Treasurer considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Continue to guide Tom Thumb Holt campsite on the path to recovery, renewal and reopening.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Mark Holdsworth	Janet Boultyby
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

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District Accounts April 2022 - March 2023

Income

Subs Wainfleet/Kraken	£ 3,811.77
Camp/Activities	£ 7,546.43
Capitation	£ 9,630.50
Co-op Wainfleet	£ 2,137.35
Donation Activities	£ 1,000.00
Donation Circus	£ 100.00
Income from other group for items paid by District	£ 5,615.22

Total Income

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Expenditure

Camp/Activities	£ 7,395.92
David Sneddon	£ 66.24
Badges/Uniform/Paltinum/RIP	£ 3,323.84
General Costs	£ 583.87
District Equipment	£ 7,226.94
Items paid by District for other Groups	£ 8,663.53
Launch Linc	£ 390.00
Insurance	£ 42.00
Capitation	£ 11,327.00

Total Expenses

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Opening Balance ###

Income 2023 - 2024 ###

Total ###

Expenditure ###

Closing Balance ###

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Skegness, Spilsby & District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st March 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on page 5

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Steven Cornish
14 Elizabeth Crescent
Ingoldmells
Skegness
PE25 1NQ

Date 23/06/2023

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Cornish', with a long, sweeping vertical stroke extending upwards from the end of the signature.