# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1150177

## Details

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| **Status** | Registered |
| **Legal form** | Other |
| **Registered** | 2012-12-13 |
| **Register** | View on the Charity Commission register |

## Contact

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| **Address** | 51 Carey Way<br>Olney<br>MK46 4DR |
| **Phone** | 01234714677 |
| **Email** | treasurer@mkscouts.org |
| **Website** | www.mkscouts.org |

## Activities

**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONALCOMMUNITIES"

**Activities:** Milton Keynes District Scout Council is part of The Scout Association, and is responsible for supporting 24 Scout Groups in the Milton Keynes area. It owns it's own camping grounds.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- Milton Keynes

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## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025-03-31 | £266,683 | £242,113 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £234,803 | £210,583 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £229,352 | £238,187 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £157,424 | £145,145 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £110,261 | £121,211 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| **BERNARD HANCOX** | Chair | 2012-11-20 |
| ASHLEY PANKHURST | | 2012-11-20 |
| Alex Garner | | 2018-09-19 |
| Andrew Peter Frogbrook | | 2024-10-21 |
| Beverley Anne Delaney | | 2023-09-27 |
| Daniel Frederick Shipley | | 2024-09-25 |
| ELISA MCCARTHY | | 2015-07-23 |
| Jason Paul Raggett | | 2023-02-18 |
| Michael Gibson | | 2024-10-23 |
| Nathan Robinson | | 2024-09-27 |
| Paul Gerard McCarthy | | 2024-09-25 |

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# Accounts

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### 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').

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.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member and fellow of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

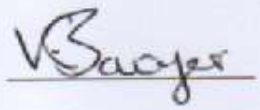
### Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

**Vanessa Bowyer FCCA**



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

| Milton Keynes District Scout Council | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual accounts for the period | | | | |
| Period start date | 01-Apr-24 | To | 31-Mar-25 | |

# Section A Statement of financial activities

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted income funds £ | Total funds £ | Restated Prior year funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming resources (Note 3)** | | | | |
| **Income and endowments from:** | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 13,711 | - | 13,711 | 7,286 |
| Charitable activities | 249,700 | - | 249,700 | 214,443 |
| Investments | 3,272 | - | 3,272 | 1,167 |
| ***Total*** | 266,683 | - | 266,683 | 222,896 |
| **Resources expended (Note 4)** | | | | |
| **Expenditure on:** | | | | |
| Raising funds | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable activities | 242,113 | - | 242,113 | 246,464 |
| Other | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total*** | 242,113 | - | 242,113 | 246,464 |
| **Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)** | 24,570 | - | 24,570 | - 23,568 |
| **Net income/(expenditure)** | 24,570 | - | 24,570 | - 23,568 |
| **Transfers between funds** | 131 | - 131 | - | - |
| **Other recognised gains/(losses):** | | | | |
| Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use | - | - | - | - |
| ***Net movement in funds*** | 24,701 | - 131 | 24,570 | - 23,568 |
| | | | | |
| ***Reconciliation of funds:*** | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 523,032 | 131 | 523,163 | 546,731 |
| ***Total funds carried forward*** | 547,733 | - | 547,733 | 523,163 |

| Milton Keynes District Scout Council | Charity No | 1150177 |
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| Annual accounts for the period | | Period end date: 31/03/25 |

## Section B Balance sheet

| | | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted income funds £ | Total this year £ | Total last year £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed assets** | | | | | |
| **Tangible assets** | (Note 6) | 423,847 | - | 423,847 | 429,964 |
| ***Total fixed assets*** | | 423,847 | - | 423,847 | 429,964 |
| **Current assets** | | | | | |
| **Stocks** | (Note 7) | 17,660 | - | 17,660 | 15,101 |
| **Debtors** | (Note 8) | 11,017 | - | 11,017 | 13,890 |
| **Cash at bank and in hand** | (Note 9) | 305,614 | - | 305,614 | 237,079 |
| ***Total current assets*** | | 334,291 | - | 334,291 | 266,070 |
| **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year** | (Note 10) | 210,405 | - | 210,405 | 172,871 |
| ***Net current assets/(liabilities)*** | | 123,886 | - | 123,886 | 93,199 |
| ***Total assets less current liabilities*** | | 547,733 | - | 547,733 | 523,163 |
| ***Total net assets or liabilities*** | | 547,733 | - | 547,733 | 523,163 |
| **Funds of the Charity** | | | | | |
| **Restricted income funds** | (Note 11) | - | - | - | 131 |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | 550,853 | - | 547,733 | 523,032 |
| ***Total funds*** | | 550,853 | - | 547,733 | 523,163 |

Signed by trustee on behalf of all the trustees

| Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|---|
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## Section C Notes to the accounts

### Note 1 Basis of preparation

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

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| | ✓ | the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) |
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and with the Charities Act 2011.

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| The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. | ✓ |

#### 1.2 Going concern

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|---|---|
| An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern; | **No material uncertainties** |
| Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful; | **N/A** |
| Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern. | **N/A** |

#### 1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 2.

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|---|---|---|
| Yes | ✓ | * -Tick as appropriate |
| No | | |

***Please disclose:***

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|---|---|
| ***(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;*** | The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis |
| ***(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and*** | This policy has been adopted based on the levels of charity gross income for the year ended 31 March 2025 |
| ***(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.*** | See note 2.1 |

#### 1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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| Yes | ✓ | |
| No | | |

## Note 2 Accounting policies

## 2.1 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

**Accounts prepared on an accruals basis, previously prepared on a receipts and payments accounts basis**

***Reconcilation of funds per previous GAAP to funds determined under FRS 102***

| | Start of period £ | End of period £ |
|---|---|---|
| **Fund balances as previously stated** | 618,172 | 652,783 |
| ***Adjustments:*** | | |
| *Recognition of subscriptions in advance* | -95,009 | -105,050 |
| **Fund balance as restated** | 523,163 | 547,733 |

***Reconcilation of net income/(net expenditure) per previous GAAP to net income/(net expenditure) under FRS 102***

| | End of £ |
|---|---|
| **Net income/(expenditure) as previously stated (receipts and payments)** | 68,535 |
| ***Adjustments:*** | |
| Debtors and stock | -316 |
| Fixed assets | -6,117 |
| Creditors and accruals | -37,532 |
| | 24,570 |
| **Previous period net income/(expenditure) as restated** | -23,568 |

## Note 2 Accounting policies

## 2.2 INCOME

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

| | | Yes | No | N/a |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Recognition of income** | These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:<br>• the charity becomes entitled to the resources;<br>· it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and<br>• the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. | ✓ | | |
| **Offsetting** | There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102. | ✓ | | |
| **Grants and donations** | Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP). | ✓ | | |
| | In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). | | | ✓ |
| **Legacies** | Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met. | | | ✓ |
| **Government grants** | The charity has received government grants in the reporting period | | ✓ | |
| **Tax reclaims on donations and gifts** | Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise. | ✓ | | |
| **Contractual income and performance related grants** | This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions. | | | ✓ |
| **Donated goods** | Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. | | | ✓ |
| | The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution. | | | ✓ |
| | Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. | | | ✓ |
| | Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. | | | ✓ |
| | Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable. | | | ✓ |
| **Donated services and facilities** | Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. | | | ✓ |
| | Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA. | | | ✓ |
| **Support costs** | The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs. | ✓ | | |
| **Volunteer help** | The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report. | | | ✓ |
| **Income from interest, royalties and dividends** | This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably. | | | ✓ |
| **Income from membership subscriptions** | Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. | | | ✓ |
| | Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities. | | | ✓ |

| | | Yes | No | N/a |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Settlement of insurance claims** | Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA. | ✓ | | |
| **Investment gains and losses** | This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year. | | | ✓ |

## 2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

| | | Yes | No | N/a |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Liability recognition** | Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty. | ✓ | | |
| **Governance and support costs** | Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. | ✓ | | |
| | Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage. | ✓ | | |
| **Grants with performance conditions** | Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output. | | | ✓ |
| **Grants payable without performance conditions** | Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised. | | | ✓ |
| **Redundancy cost** | The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period. | | | ✓ |
| **Deferred income** | No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts. | | ✓ | |
| **Creditors** | The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts | ✓ | | |
| **Provisions for liabilities** | A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date | ✓ | | |
| **Basic financial instruments** | The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP. | | | ✓ |

## 2.4 ASSETS

| | | | Yes | No | N/a |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tangible fixed assets for use by charity** | These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least | | | | |
| | They are valued at cost. | | ✓ | | |
| | The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2. | | | | |
| **Intangible fixed assets** | The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5 | | | | ✓ |
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| | They are valued at cost. | | | | ✓ |
| **Investments** | Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. | | | | ✓ |
| | Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments | | | | ✓ |
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| | | ✓ |

## Note 3 Analysis of income

| | Analysis | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds £ | Prior year £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Donations and legacies:** | Donations and gifts | 5,800 | - | 5,800 | 6,132 |
| | Gift Aid | 2,111 | - | 2,111 | - |
| | General grants provided by government/other charities | 5,800 | - | 5,800 | 1,154 |
| | **Total** | **13,711** | **-** | **13,711** | 7,286 |
| **Charitable activities:** | Membership subscriptions and Gang Show | 114,266 | - | 114,266 | 100,888 |
| | Site fees : The Quarries | 33,815 | - | 33,815 | 25,479 |
| | Sale of clothing and badges | 15,390 | - | 15,390 | 17,559 |
| | Camps and activities | 69,785 | - | 69,785 | 45,229 |
| | Other receipts | 8,543 | - | 8,543 | 10,684 |
| | Jamboree/Damboree/International | - | - | - | 13,352 |
| | Gang Show and tickets | 2,551 | - | 2,551 | 1,252 |
| | Profit on disposal of assets | 5,350 | - | 5,350 | - |
| | **Total** | **249,700** | **-** | **249,700** | 214,443 |
| **Income from investments:** | Interest income | 3,272 | - | 3,272 | 1,167 |
| | **Total** | **3,272** | **-** | **3,272** | 1,167 |

## Note 4 Analysis of expenditure

| Analysis | This year Unrestricted funds | This year Restricted income funds | This year Total funds £ | Last year Unrestricted funds | Last year Restricted income funds | Last year Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Expenditure on charitable activities:** | | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 90,125 | - | 90,125 | 77,862 | - | 77,862 |
| Stock of clothing and badges | 10,823 | - | 10,823 | 14,312 | - | 14,312 |
| Camps, activities and hall hire | 55,011 | - | 55,011 | 31,553 | - | 31,553 |
| Gang show expenses | 2,372 | - | 2,372 | 1,316 | - | 1,316 |
| Purchases and repair of equipment | 2,612 | - | 2,612 | - | - | - |
| Insurance | 6,575 | - | 6,575 | 7,192 | - | 7,192 |
| Utilities | 11,033 | - | 11,033 | 10,601 | - | 10,601 |
| Administration expenses | 1,483 | - | 1,483 | 2,440 | - | 2,440 |
| Site development expenses | 7,036 | - | 7,036 | 560 | - | 560 |
| Printing and stationery | 310 | - | 310 | 300 | - | 300 |
| Sundry expenses | 1,781 | - | 1,781 | 4,801 | - | 4,801 |
| Site maintenance | 22,599 | - | 22,599 | 25,545 | - | 25,545 |
| Trustee and Leader expenses | 12,752 | - | 12,752 | 11,294 | - | 11,294 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/Special projects | - | - | - | 9,044 | 4,569 | 13,613 |
| Depreciation and write downs | 17,601 | - | 17,601 | 45,075 | - | 45,075 |
| **Total expenditure on charitable activities** | **242,113** | **-** | **242,113** | 241,895 | 4,569 | 246,464 |

## Section C Notes to the accounts

### Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

**5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts**

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|---|---|---|
| Independent examiner's fees | - | - |
| Assurance services other than audit or independent examination | - | - |
| Tax advisory fees | - | - |
| Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner | - | - |

## Section C Notes to the accounts

### Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

**5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts**

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|---|---|---|
| Independent examiner's fees | - | - |
| Assurance services other than audit or independent examination | - | - |
| Tax advisory fees | - | - |
| Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner | - | - |

## Note 7 Stocks

| | Stock | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ |
| **Charitable activities:** | | |
| Badges | 9,028 | 6,218 |
| Shop | 8,582 | 8,720 |
| Tuck shop | 50 | 163 |
| | **17,660** | **15,101** |

## Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

### 8.1 Analysis of debtors

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 11,017 | 13,890 |
| **Total** | **11,017** | 13,890 |

## Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

### 8.1 Analysis of debtors

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 11,017 | 13,890 |
| **Total** | **11,017** | 13,890 |

## Note 10 Creditors and accruals

### 10.1 Analysis of creditors

| | Amounts falling due within one year | |
|---|---|---|
| | This year £ | Last year £ |
| Netherlands 2026 trip | 11,330 | - |
| County and HQ Membership fees | 90,125 | 77,862 |
| Annual Group Memberships in advance | 108,950 | 95,009 |
| | **210,405** | 172,871 |

**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Note 11** **Charity funds**

**11.1 Details of material funds held and movements**

| Fund names | Type | Purpose and Restrictions | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance of Damboree funds | Restricted | For event | 131 | - | - | - 131 | - |
| | | **Total Funds** | 131 | - | - | - 131 | - |

| Section C | Notes to the accounts | (cont) |
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**Note 12** Charity funds (cont)

**12 Details of material funds held and movements during the previous reporting period**

| Fund names | Type | Purpose and Restrictions | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Damboree funds | Restricted | For event | 1,510 | 3,190 | - 4,569 | 131 |
| | | **Total Funds** | 1,510 | 3,190 | - 4,569 | 131 |

## Note 13 Transactions with trustees and related parties

### 13.1 Trustees' expenses

*If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".*

| | |
|---|---|
| No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False) | *FALSE* |

| Type of expenses reimbursed | This year | Last year |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Travel | - | - |
| Subsistence | - | - |
| Accommodation | - | - |
| Other (please specify): | - | - |
| | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - |

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|---|---|---|
| Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity | | |

### 13.2 Transaction(s) with related parties

*Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.*

**This year**

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| There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) | *TRUE* |

**MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1150177

# Accounts



# MILTON KEYNES SCOUT DISTRICT

2023 - 2024

# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on the 27th September 2023 at The Cruck Barn, Bradwell Abbey at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT :** There were 68 persons present – list available on request

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| **1.** | **Welcome and Opening remarks**<br>Bernard Hancox welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.<br>Thought read by Bev Delaney |
| **2.** | **Apologies for absence**<br>There were 34 apologies |
| **3.** | **To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 28th September 2022.**<br>These had been circulated to the District and proposed for approval by Rosie Worrall and seconded by Rex Exon.. |
| **4.** | **Governance Topics**<br>**a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules**<br>This has been circulated to the District Scout Council and Bernard Hancox proposed that this be adopted. Seconded by Rosie Worrall<br>b. **Note the District's financial year** – The Chair confirmed that the financial year would be the 1st April to the 31st March.<br>**c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board**<br>Four members to be elected and this was proposed by Ian Walker and seconded by Lesley Pantling<br>**d. Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM) meetings of the District Trustee Board and meetings of any sub-committees.**<br>Bernard Hancox proposed that this to be set at 15 for the AGM and the quorum for District Trustee Board meetings would be one third membership of the board plus the Chair or District Treasurer, Seconded by Alex Garner.<br>There are no sub committees at the present time. |
| **5.** | **Review of the previous year**<br>**a. The District Commissioner's review of Scouting in Milton Keynes District**<br>Jason Raggett, the Deputy District Commissioner presented this. The report had been circulated to the District.<br>**b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts.**<br>It has been circulated and includes the accounts. Should there be any questions the treasurer would be happy to take them. There were none. |

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| **6.** | **Making Appointments**<br>**a. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair**<br>Clare Clarke proposed that she would like to nominate Bernard Hancox to be Chair of the Trustee Board.<br>**b. Election of the District Secretary**<br>Bernard Hancox had received one nomination, Pat Pankhurst seconded by Ian Walker<br><br>**c. Election of the District Treasurer**<br>One nomination received for Ashley Pankhurst, proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Rosie Worrall.<br><br>**d. Elections of members to the District Trustee Board**<br>Proposals for District Trustee Board were Rosie Worral, Elisa McCarthy and Bev Delaney and these were duly proposed by Bernard Hancox. Seconded by Ian Walker.<br><br>Alex Garner - 18 – 25 rep proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Bev Delaney<br><br>**e. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Trustee Board**<br>It was proposed that this is left over until the DC is appointed.<br><br>**f. To appoint the Independent Examiner**<br>The Treasurer confirmed that this be decided nearer the time.<br><br>**g. To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council**<br>No nominations and this will be confirmed in due course. |
| **7.** | **High Sherrif, Dame Anne Limb** thanked all of the Scouters in Milton Keynes. She was Chair of Scouts UK and her only connection to MK is to champion Scouting in Milton Keynes. Vice President of Buckinghamshire.<br>High Sherrif has the opportunity to give out awards as she goes out to the various charities. High Sheriff presented Pat Pankhurst with an award in recognition of great and valuable service to the community. |
| **8.** | **Address from County Representative**<br>James Williamson talked about the resilience of Milton Keynes and for what has been a turbulent year and thanked everyone for what they had done.<br>James Williamson thanked Jason Raggett for what he has done on the ground locally during the last six months. Jason had attended the Jamboree with one of the contingents in what was a very difficult time for everyone. James Williamson presented a County Commissioner's Commendation for his work at the Jamboree.<br>The District has been without a DC for a while and he confirmed that on the 9th October 2023 Jason Raggett would take over as District Commissioner for Milton Keynes |

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| **9.** | **Awards and Presentations**<br>The following Awards and Certificates were presented<br>**Chief Scout's Platinum Award -** Alex Thumm and Izzy Bavington<br>**Chief Scout's Diamond Award -** Alexander Shipley<br>**Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award -** Alexander Shipley and Alex Thumm<br>**Wood Beads**<br>**Corin Mark –** District Explorer Scout Leader<br>**William Marks –** District Section Leader (Cub Scouts)<br>**Mike Walters –** Assistant Scout Leader – Newton Longville<br>**The Chief Scout's 15 year award –**<br>**Ian Walker –** ADC (Activities**)**<br>**Kim Monro –** Group Chair – Bradwell Abbey Scout Group<br>**The Chief Scout's 25 year award**<br>Carol Blomfield – Group Secretary – Langland<br>Gordon Pantling – Member District Appointments Advisory Committee<br>**County Commissioner's Commendation –**<br>Andrew Frogbrook – Assistant Warden – The Quarries Campsite<br>**Award of Merit –** Jenny Smith – 1st Wolverton<br>**Award of Merit –** David Mark **–** District Explorer Scout Leader<br>**County Commissioners Award presented to Alexander Garner** |

The main business closed at 8.10 pm



## District Lead Volunteer's Report,

So here I am writing my first report as the District Lead Volunteer, and I can honestly say it has been an awesome journey so far. I have now officially been in the role for a year, and I can honestly say it has been a pleasure and we have had lots of great things happening in the district over the last year.



I would like to start with the successful recruitment process of our District Youth Team. Nathan and Alex have been appointed as District Youth Leads and they will be supported by Victoria and Sophie as District Youth Team Members. I have no doubt that they will make a difference and will be the voice for the youth in the decisions we make. Huge congratulations to them and I am sure you will join me when I say I am excited to see what they are planning for our young people in MK Scouts.

We have also recruited an Events team which is Niki, Heidi, Heather, Angela and Emily who will be taking on the role of organising some of our key district events including St George's Day. We had a taste of what they can do this year with a very fun and exciting St George's Day Parade. They really have hit the ground running and look out for more events coming your way real soon. Thank you to this team of people for what you have done so far St George's Day was a very proud and fun event.



As you will know by now, we have started our journey towards transformation. I know that this has been a bit bumpy and continues to be a key ongoing project for us all. The aim for this change is to make Scouting more team focused not onerous on a few people. I would ask that we embrace these changes and make it work for us.

I am also delighted to report on our growth projects that have been happening across the district. We have taken full advantage and used the support available from the Growth and Communities Team at Scout HQ. Because of this we have seen a new Explorer Unit open in Bletchley, a Scout Troop started in Bradwell Abbey and an ongoing project for Squirrels in Langland Scout Group where we have held a very successful open day with lots of interest from the local community. We also have a few other projects in the pipeline. If you feel you have potential to grow your group and would like to see what support is available please do let me know. I am interested to see this coming years census and MK Leading the way.



**Other success:**

- Cubs went to space at Camp
- Beavers had an amazing camp despite the weather
- Fortress 24 was a blast
- Waiting list is now up and running
- Young Leader Programme is back with successful camps and regular training events
- GSL Meetings relaunched where we get the chance to share ideas and grow together

Plus, lots, lots more.

None of this is possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. From our parent helpers to our trustees and our Squirrel Leaders to our Group Lead Volunteers, no matter what role you hold this would not happen without you so thank you for all that you do.

I would also like to say a Huge Thank You to my team of Leaders, Supporters and Trustees that help and support me (also those that keep me on track) I would not be able to do what I do without your support.

As I put on my necker this evening I do this with a smile as I know that I am in my happy place when I am Scouting. I would like to thank you for attending this year's end of year celebration and hope you have a great evening with us.

Here's to another year of great Scouting, making many more memories along the way.

**Jason Raggett**
**District Lead Volunteer**



## Milton Keynes District Squirrel Scouts, 1st April 2023 to 25th September 2024

Scouting's youngest section, 4-6 years old is in its beginnings in Milton Keynes. 1st Wolverton Scout Group has the only Squirrel Drey and they are celebrating a very successful 2 years running. The Squirrels Team; led by Karis, has grown and developed with the Squirrels doing many fun activities indoors and out and even partaking very successfully in nights away and sleepovers.

Activities undertaken this year – Craft, teamwork activities, disability awareness, sign language, den building, celebrate Diwali, visits to the Police station and Library, working at the allotment and planting things, hikes, caving, making rafting boat to name but a few.



Adult volunteers and Young Leaders have gained experience with this age group and used this to enhance their employability to great success.

Karis and the team are also helping to launch another Drey at Langland Scout Group. The Open session brought families from across MK and we hope to possibly launch another Drey soon as well. The Squirrels team are very happy to share their experience with other Scout Groups and help work forwards to more dreys.

Squirrels is the fastest and most fun hour of the week - Come and join us!

**Bev Delaney**

**County Programme Team Member (Squirrels specialist).**







## Milton Keynes District Beaver Scouts, 1st April 2023 to 25th September 2024

It has been a busy year with challenges as well as adventures on the way. District Beaver Scouts have been on a hike around Tattenhoe Valley Park and walked 3 miles doing it.



They had a memorable summer camp at Bromham with lots of activities and achievements.

Beaver Scouts ventured out on chilly November afternoon to hike to The Quarries campsite with their guys through mud and puddles for a campfire.



The Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts in the District held a joint event at Gullivers Xmas smasher for the day.

MK Safari soft play saw them doing a sleepover which was enjoyed by all.

Over the next year planned events are another sleepover at Safari MK sleepover, summer camp, hikes and a day trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park.




As Lead Volunteer for Beaver Scouts I have visited groups doing various activities from camps, hikes and seeing young people gaining skills for life as well as well earned badges leading to their Bronze Awards.

Looking forward to the year ahead.

**Barbara Smith (Chatters)**

**District Programme Team - (Beavers Lead)**

## Milton Keynes District Cub Scouts, 1st April 2023 to 25th September 2024

Milton Keynes have had two great events held within the time frame above and this is all made possibly by a fantastic team of volunteers, who give up so much time and effort to help make these events possible.

The Quarries site crew work incredibly hard all year round, but particularly prior to our Cub Camp. I cannot count the amount of days the volunteers put in to ensure the site not only looks amazing but complies with all the various Health and Safety regulations which apply to a large event such as the cub camp. The catering team also work equally hard to ensure we are all well fed and looked after all weekend. Working out how much to buy for such large numbers certainly tests our mathematical knowledge!

Finally, a very big thank you to all the cub leaders for supporting these events – couldn't do it all without you.

**Claire Harris**

**District Programme Team - (Cubs Lead)**

## Medieval Cub Camp

The annual Milton Keynes Cub Camp was held in early May and saw the Quarries transformed into a Medieval Village!




This camp was also the first District Camp where I was more than happy to welcome the Explorer Scouts to our District Cub Camp to start to develop their Young Leader skills and help the District team. What a fantastic group of young people we have! All I can say is..... THANK YOU – EXPLORERS WERE AWESOME!

Over 150 cubs transformed themselves into medieval tribes and joined in activities such as archery, creating a "medieval bear", fire lighting, tomahawk throwing, playing in the village fair (including a turn in the stocks and winning a coconut in the coconut shy!) and meeting some Vikings!

Our cubs had the great opportunity of meeting members of Cestrefeld, who are a local group based in Derbyshire and part of the historical reenactment society Regia Anglorum (www.regia.org).

Cubs learnt how to use replica Viking shields, write runes, and even made their own Viking coins!





**Gulliver's Land**

Next we were off to Gulliver's Land for a Christmas trip. MK Cubs and Beavers enjoyed a fun day out at Gulliver's Land and showed the true scouting spirit by not letting a bit of rain dampen their fun!

Cubs went to Santa's Grotto where they got to not only meet Santa but allowed to go into the Elves Workshop and pick a gift!

In addition to the rides, Cubs were treated to a special Christmas Gully Show.....although I am sure the Leaders rendition of "Singing in the Rain" was far better 😊










## Milton Keynes District Scouts, 1st April 2023 to 25th September 2024

The Scout Section has a new team of people helping to steer activities for the Scout Section. Between us we've visited a good number of groups to see how their young people are doing and if the leaders need any support.



We've facilitated and supported a Explorer lead camp; Fortress Camp, which was well received and attended. Patrol Leader nights are being run monthly, and a much appreciated opportunity that I've heard Scouts discussing at any section meetings I've attended.

There seems to be interest in a Role-Playing Game night (such as Dungeons and Dragons) but support was low (thanks very much to those that did offer assistance). I did manage to run a 'mini-event' on request for two groups, albeit a little rushed High Ash Scouts in Stoke Hammond did manage to finish the Adventure! Given the summer term it has been places on hold until Autumn/Winter when there is less inclination to be outside. Timing for it will be interesting as there are other events in the period such as JOTI/JOTA.



I've visited Howe Park and (re-)introduced them to 'Two Rooms and a Boom' which I used to run for the Scout Section when I was with HPSG many moons ago. It is popular at my current group, Newton Longville Scouts, and will likely be renamed and included as an Activity for my Jamboree Module in 2027.

Another group visit of interest was 26th Milton Keynes which had a lovely (indoor) medley evening with Swift Conservation talks including the building of Nesting boxes. I also got to see their St. George's Day Shield being decorated.

We have had two District Section Forums run on Monday and Tuesday, a Monday meeting being the better attended of the two. There will be another meeting in Autumn on a Wednesday. The meetings have been productive with ideas being given and exchanged. We have recently managed to gather a list of evenings most Scout Sections meeting and will use this to steer meetings days going forward.

**Michael Walters Dave Eveling Kevin Sheehan Danni Smith**

**District Programme Team - (Scouts Leads)**

## Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts, 1st April 2023 to 25th September 2024

A period of teeth-gritting, keep-on-going, path-rambling, belly-laughing, international Scouting.



Over the last eighteen months, our Explorer Scouts have truly thought on their feet, whether on the sports hall floor, along the ancient paths of Hadrian's Wall, on a stand up paddle board or balancing on a self-built obstacle course helping a Cub Scout experience their first rope swing adventure, Explorer Scouts in Milton Keynes have been on an incredible adventure. Racking up an amazing one thousand, five hundred and forty eight nights away between them, across twenty three thrilling nights away events, our members have embraced every opportunity to explore, camp, and connect, making unforgettable memories along the way.



Starting the year with a camp in Hexham, visiting the site of the 1908 Lookwide camp, the first recorded official Scout camp. During the weekend we also spent time on the water and walked a length of Hadrian's wall.

We have twice joined the excitement of the annual London Monopoly competition and jumped in to help out at numerous District events, adding a dose of adventure and teamwork to our busy calendar! During the summer months of 2023, twenty of our Explorers had the opportunity to attend the World Scout Jamboree and GT23 expeditions, truly life changing experiences.

In October 2023, we launched an exciting new Explorer Scout Unit. Based in Bletchley, this Unit has experienced phenomenal growth becoming a vibrant hub of Scouting energy and enthusiasm! With the incredible support of the Growth and Communities team at Gilwell we have secured additional funding to help Scouting grow in Milton Keynes.

One of our most memorable camps this year was definitely Skycamp at Paccar. Our first time attending this event was a huge success - one of our teams even secured second place! At Skycamp, the Explorers had a blast building treehouses and tackling various challenges to earn points. We're excited to announce that the event is already on the calendar for this year. We'll be bringing sixty young people and even fielding a team of leaders and Network members to join in the fun and competition!

Over the winter months, we have been actively supporting our amazing Explorer Scout Young Leaders by organising engaging monthly training sessions, exciting camps, and fun socials. Many of them are now completing their training and embarking on missions to put their skills into action. We are incredibly proud of our Young Leaders and the Phantom Unit that stands behind them, empowering them to succeed and make a difference!











This year, we proudly launched Fortress Camp, an Explorer-led challenge camp open to Scouts, where participants built their own forts to sleep in over the weekend. The camp featured a variety of exciting challenges to earn points, and on Sunday, Scouts enjoyed a range of activities, including go-karts, laser tag, archery, and tomahawk throwing. A big congratulations to Furzton Ranchers for clinching first place, and a heartfelt thank you to the entire team who made this event a memorable success! Fortress25 will be taking bookings soon.

We've worked hard to ensure that all young people in Explorers have access to an exciting array of events. From thrilling shooting competitions and climbing sessions at Big Rock to the challenging Southern50 and Endurance80 hikes, we've got something for everyone. Our Explorers have also enjoyed heart-pounding laser tag, exhilarating high-ropes courses at Willen Lake, and fun-filled bowling nights, ensuring a diverse range of activities that cater to every interest.

We have been able to subsidise many of these activities thanks to our fundraising efforts, which often include car parking at MK Museum, supporting festivals at Newport Pagnell, and helping set up events. These initiatives require significant manpower and dedication from our volunteers. While we plan to continue these efforts, we are also actively exploring financial grants to further support our future programmes.

This year, we are thrilled to present several Chief Scout's Diamond Awards to our outstanding members. We are currently in the early stages of recruiting a dedicated volunteer to lead our top awards programme, which we believe will help more of our young people gain recognition for their hard work and achievements.

This summer, our Explorers had an amazing opportunity to experience global Scouting at the 2024 Essex International Jamboree, where we also hosted a contingent of Nigerian Scouts. They participated in over 100 diverse activities, swapped badges with Scouts from around the world, and enjoyed lively parties each evening. The activity zones offered something for everyone, including Tech Lab, Enterprise, Motion, Balancing Act, Up and Under, On Target, It's a Knockout, Survival, and Wet & Wild. In the evenings, they could unwind and have fun at zones like House of Music, Big Screen Cinema, Circus Extravaganza, 14-17 Retreat, Campfire, The Snug, Craft Barn, Daisy's Gaming Shed, Soft Rock Café, The Beach, All About Me, All About Us, Sports Field & Café, and EIJ Presents. It was an unforgettable experience that broadened their horizons and created lasting memories.

Given the number of Explorers, our leadership team may be small, but we work exceptionally well together. As The Scouts undergo transformation, we will be focusing on enhancing the 14-24 team by advertising roles based on specific tasks that will benefit our young people the most - It's all about jumping in, getting muddy, giving back, and being ready for whatever comes next.

Our Explorer Scouts embrace challenges, question all things, listen to others, and keep an open mind. The Scouts has taught them to take a deep breath and speak up, navigate the moment, and see the bigger picture. Thank you to all that are involved in making Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts so fantastic.

**Mike Gibson**

**District 14 to 24 Team Lead**

**Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts.**



## Milton Keynes District Scout Network, 1st April 2023 to 25th September 2024

As of May 2024, the Milton Keynes District Scout Network includes 14 active members in Milton Keynes, with an additional 5-10 members participating when home from university. Recent Highlights.

**Successful Meeting: On May 29**, we held a successful meeting at Big Rock, where six members enjoyed a climbing session. More recently we indirectly supported both Fortress 24 and the Beaver weekend in Bromham.

**Upcoming Events**: ○ Gilwell Reunion 2024: Six of our members are confirmed to attend, continuing our tradition of active participation.

**Skycamp**: We are submitting a joint team with the Explorer Scout Leaders to take part in this event. ○ London Monopoly Run: We will aim to put forward a team in next year's event after the success that we had this year. Future Plans

**Regular Meetings**: We plan to implement a biweekly meeting schedule starting in September to enhance engagement and provide better structure.




**New Neckers**: We will be ordering new neckers to properly invest our growing number of members and maintain our tradition.

**Conclusion -** Looking ahead, we are enthusiastic about revitalising the Scout Network provision and making a positive impact within the District. Our upcoming events and initiatives are designed to foster greater engagement and enthusiasm among members, as well as improving our links with the District Explorer Scouts. We are committed to enhancing the Network's presence and reputation, ensuring that we are a dynamic and integral part of the Scouting community.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication as we embark on this exciting journey.

**Nathan Robinson, District Youth Lead**

**Mike Gibson, 14 to 24 Team Lead**

## Milton Keynes District Gangshow

What is a Gang Show?- Did you know that Milton Keynes Scouts have a Gang Show since 1990?.

A Gang Show is a theatrical performance by youth members of Scouts and Guides. Some Gang Shows have leaders of Scouts and Guides on stage too. Leaders, youth members and parents help behind the scenes. The aim is, through performance, to empower young people to make a positive contribution to society.

The production teams and cast (all volunteers) plan, write, compose, choreograph, build scenery and props, make costumes and rehearse for several months. A typical show requires 3 to 9 months of rehearsals. Every how does it differently, but every show has the same three priorities.

1. It is for the young people

2. It is a public shop window on Scouting & Guiding, and therefore a great PR opportunity

3. If they are lucky, they will at least break even.

How to join us? - joinus@mkgangshow.co.uk

We are currently looking for Directors, Producer, Costume Team, Musical Director. No experience required just a sense of getting it done and having a fun with a great bunch of young people.

So what are we doing this year? - We have show at the end of November 2024 at the Chrysalis Theatre. You can book tickets online or for group discounts - Information will be coming out soon to every group in MK.

If you read this - then please quote #AGMReport24 when contacting us and a further discount will be applied.



The cast have been working really hard to produce our version of Alice in Wonderland and other songs and sketches picked by the members - plus even written and directed by the members.

Please see our website mkgangshow.co.uk for more info and links to videos etc.

So what are you waiting for - come see us and come join us. Let's continue #makingmemories for another 30 + years.

Yes Guides can also join us - as long as you're in Scouting or Guiding, you're welcome.

**Gary Staff**

**District Support Team - (Gangshow - Producer )**

# The Quarries Scout Campsite

This year has seen the Campsite develop and change in more ways in the management and also with the expansion of activities and resources we can provide.

The District has now appointed Andy Frogbrook as the new Warden to oversee the day-to-day running of the campsite. He is working to improve the site with the help of the volunteer service crew. We have had a few new members join the service crew this year which means we can start to keep up with nature which seems to want to take back the campsite. We are still trying to get the site back to before the COVID lock down, when nature took back the site.

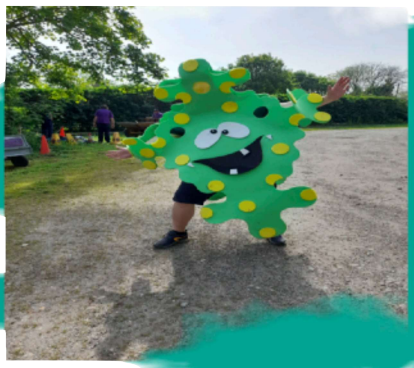
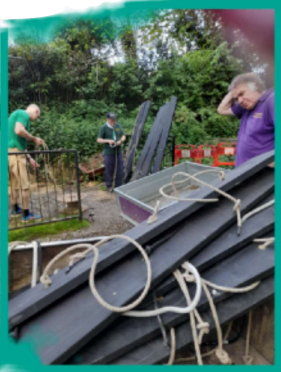
We have hosted more district events through the year with 3 annual events happening at the site.

JOTA /JOTI in October where we connect with scouts across the world on the internet and HAM radio. This is an event that is growing year on year since lockdown. We now put on a number of other activities across the site to make a weekend of it.

District Cub Camp in May with a Space theme. We had just over 200 Cubs taking part in dozens of activities over the weekend. The Service Crew help with getting the site ready then transport all the Cub's kit to their camping areas and then support the activities with the help of the Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders. Another thing that happened was a rare display of the Northern Lights for anyone who was up in the middle of the night.

A new event we hosted this year was the District Scout Challenge Camp Fortress24. The event run by the Explorer Scouts for the Scouts in June. The service crew helped with setting up the site ready and deploy new resources for the activities planned. The Scouts built forts and took part in challenges over the weekend. Everyone enjoyed this event and next year's one is already in the planning.

We have refurbished The Hub after we had a large water leak in the roof. A new roof was installed and the Crew set about re-doing the inside. With the help of a load of donated second-hand wooden flooring boards we were able to update and bring the building back to life. This has now been adopted by the District Lead Volunteer as an office and a meeting space. Volunteers can now use this facility for meetings on site for up to about 5 people.



We have also cleared and re-instated the Crew Hut so when we are working up on site, we have a welfare area to have meals and also a refuge from the weather when things got too much.

We have continued to sort and improve the Crew Compound since we got it hooked up to the campsite electrics and Internet. We still need to do more development here with another container being installed soon to give us more storage and improve the working environment.

Community days from local companies have increased this year which helps the site to quickly do jobs in 1 day which would take several weeks for the service crew to do. We have had Santander, Network Rail, and other small groups making the campsite look better.

We haven't had any international groups this year but we hosted most of the local groups and also groups from all around the adjoining counties. We have also been a base for dozens of Duke of Edinburgh hiking groups from Milton Keynes and Northampton schools. At Christmas we supplied accommodation for the Canal society so they could clear the old Buckingham arm of the canal in preparation for re-instating the canal up to the A5 road. We received loads of logs from all the trees they had to clear along the route.

We continue to welcome our own Groups to the site for evenings and at weekends with more groups using the site for their AGMs

The site has reached the grand age of 100 years. We have designed a centenary badge which we have given to every member of the district from Squirrels all the way up to Explorers and all the volunteers. We are organising an event for the volunteer to come to site to have a look round and take part in activities. We are going to also put on an exhibition of the history of the site as well.

We are continuing to plan for a new lodge to bring the site to the next level. We are currently going through the planning stage and hopefully later this year we can start the seriously fundraise to get it replaced.

We are also planning to get solar panels on to the toilet block to reduce the cost of running the campsite. We will be generating electricity and pushing it back to the grid so we can do our part in the drive for green energy for the planet.

If anyone wants to join the crew, be it every week or when you can please contact either myself or Pat Pankhurst. There are always jobs to done from getting the buildings ready for bookings, doing a deep clean of kitchens, clearing campsites, replacing fencing and of course getting the site ready for big events.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has helped over the last year to keep the campsite going as we keep getting compliments on how we look after the users of the site and how we manage the facility. This is reflected on the internet on our Google comments with a star rating of 4.6.

**Andy Frogbrook – District Support Team (Site Warden)**

**Pat Pankhurst –The Quarries Scout Active Support Manager**

## AWARD OF MERIT

Wayne Constable – Assistant Cub Scout Leader – 1st Bletchley

Rod Lester – Group Chair – 1st Wolverton

David Mark – Milton Keynes Scout District

Stephen Rowe – Assistant Scout Leader – 1st Bletchley

## CHIEF SCOUTS COMMENDATION

Ray Gibbins – Group Chair – Oxley Park

Vincent Jarjadian – 1st Wolverton

Karl Norton - Loughton

Alex Titley – Newton Longville

David Wright – Broughton

## COMMISSIONERS COMMENDATION

Helena Brookes – Beaver Scout Leader – 1st Olney

Alexander Garner – Milton Keynes Scout District

Dawn Markwell – Beaver Scout Leader – 1st Crownhill

Lewis Pobjoy – Group Lead – Great Linford (St Andrews)

Jason Raggett – District Lead Volunteer

Wendy Robinson – Assistant Cub Scout Leader – Great Linford (St Andrews)

Ian Walker – Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)

## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Ruth Staff – Milton Keynes Scout Active Support (Gang Show) – 30 years

Carol Blomfield – Group Secretary – Langland – 25 years

Janette Gibbs – District Training Manager – 20 years

MASTER SIGNED SET



# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## TRUSTEES REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1150177**
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Charity Registration Number:** 1150177

| **Trustees:** | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Bernard Hancox | District Chair |
| | Pat Pankhurst | Secretary |
| | Ashley Pankhurst | Treasurer |
| | Stuart Bailey | District Commissioner (To 20th April 2023) |
| | Jason Raggett | Deputy DC / District Commissioner |
| | Danielle Smith | District Scout Network Commissioner |
| | Michael Gibson | District Explorer Scout Commissioner |
| | Nathan Robinson | District Youth Commissioner (From 24th March 2024) |
| | Rosemary Worrall | |
| | Elisa McCarthy | |
| | Alexander Garner | |
| | Beverley Delaney | |

**Principal Address:**

51 Carey Way
Olney
Bucks
MK46 4DR

**Bankers**

Milton Keynes District Scout Council

Lloyds Bank PLC
NatWest Bank PLC
Barclays PLC

Milton Keynes Gang Show
Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
The Quarries Scout Campsite
Damboree

Lloyds Bank PLC

**Milton Keynes District Scout Council**
**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### *Structure, Governance and Management*

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

The Milton Keynes District Scout Council includes the following subsidiaries:

1. Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
2. The Quarries Scout Camp Site
3. Milton Keynes Gang Show

Additionally, funds are held on behalf of the Damboree Active Support Unit – a national initiative to promote camping, particularly within the younger sections.

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity is exposed. They have established systems to mitigate these, hold regular liaison meetings and are continually monitoring the individual finances of each subsidiary.

### Objectives and Activities

To promote and support successful Scouting throughout the Milton Keynes District. In planning activities for the year, the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. There are six different age groups covering ages 4 to 25 and all young people are welcome to join regardless of personal background, faith or personal circumstances. Members benefit greatly in developing their self-confidence and social skills as well as learning new practical and life skills.

### Achievements and performance

The Assistant District Commissioner team, together with assistance from a great number of volunteers have organised and run many successful events held throughout the year for the young people including a themed Cub Camp at The Quarries, Beaver camp at Bromham, a joint Beaver & Cub day at Gulliver's Land.
A number of Scouts and Explorer Scouts were part of the World Jamboree in South Korea, whilst a number took part in Bucks Scouts "Grand Tour" event.
The Scout Shop and the Badge Secretaries continue to provide a valuable service to the parents and Groups respectively and make a small surplus over the year.
Investment has been made at The Quarries to bring all the site's electrics up-to-date. A new boiler has been fitted in the Oswald Hamilton Centre, together with roofing works to The Hub.
The replacement of The Lodge edges slightly closer with proposed plans having being submitted for planning permission, together with all the required associated documentation.

The Scout Association's "Transformation" projects continue, with changes to Rules and Policies on a seemingly monthly basis. Much work has been undertaken in an effort to support the relevant Group Trustees in these changes including several evening sessions, Zoom calls etc.

### *Financial review*

At the end of the year, total bank and cash funds amounted to £237,079, with a liability (for Annual Membership Subscriptions) of £77,862

**Reserves policy**
The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income fall short.

The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 10 months running costs, circa £80,000.

In addition, the District Executive Committee continues to build a fund for the future replacement of buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite.

Additionally, the Trustee Board will continue to allocate 20% of it's proportion of the Annual Membership Subscription towards funding future World Jamboree participants. At 31st March 2024 this amounted to £7,484.

**Investment policy**
The District has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

**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.

**Plans for future periods**
Milton Keynes Scout District intends to continue developing opportunities for young people to experience scouting. It also intends, to increase the participation of young people in decision-making at all levels.

The Trustees will continue to support the excellent work being carried out by the District Lead Volunteer and his team.

The Trustees are aware of The Scout Association's ongoing Transformation plans and are actively involved in preparing for the proposed changes. It is intended that, in addition to the ongoing support for Trustees of Scout Groups, there will be additional support in the areas of the Transformation plans that affect the Group Trustees.

The buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite will be refurbished / replaced as necessary.
Following a substantial individual donation, solar panels will be fitted to the toilet block.
It is intended to replace the minibus in the medium-term.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Bernard Hancox
**DISTRICT CHAIR**

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### 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').

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.

### 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 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.

**Simon J Gill**

**44 West Side Rise**
**Olney**
**Buckinghamshire**
**MK46 5HP**

20/08/2024

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total receipts for the year (page 5) | 231,613 | 3,190 | 234,803 | 234,914 |
| Total payments for the year (page 6) | 206,014 | 4,569 | 210,583 | 243,749 |
| | 25,599 | (1,379) | 24,220 | (8,835) |
| **Cash, bank and funds** | | | | |
| B/Fwd | 211,349 | 1,510 | 212,859 | 221,694 |
| **C/Fwd** | **236,948** | **131** | **237,079** | **212,859** |

Unrestricted funds are those which the Trustees are free to spend in accordance with the constitution.

Restricted funds are those where the Trustees are bound by conditions which have been imposed by the donor or by the terms of an appeal and therefore can only be spent on specific areas.

Approved by the Trustees on 14.08.24 and signed on their behalf by:

Bernard Hancox

Bernard Hancox

**Trustee and District Chair**

**RECEIPTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions and Gang Show membership | 106,621 | - | 106,621 | 93,096 |
| Site fees : The Quarries | 25,479 | - | 25,479 | 27,902 |
| Sale of clothing and badges | 23,733 | - | 23,733 | 25,150 |
| Camps and activities | 45,229 | - | 45,229 | 42,184 |
| Donations, grants and Gift Aid | 7,286 | - | 7,286 | 3,755 |
| Other receipts | 10,684 | - | 10,684 | 3,720 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/International | 10,162 | 3,190 | 13,352 | 36,050 |
| Gang Show (main) | 1,252 | - | 1,252 | 3,057 |
| Bank interest | 1,167 | - | 1,167 | - |
| **Total receipts for the year** | **231,613** | **3,190** | **234,803** | **234,914** |

**PAYMENTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions paid to HQ | 70,902 | - | 70,902 | 62,452 |
| Stock of clothing and badges purchases | 21,381 | - | 21,381 | 24,037 |
| Camps, activities and hall hire etc (inc refunds) | 31,553 | - | 31,553 | 29,441 |
| Gang show expenses | 1,316 | - | 1,316 | 3,931 |
| Purchase and repair of equipment (solar panels) | 2,500 | - | 2,500 | 7,720 |
| Insurance | 7,881 | - | 7,881 | 8,221 |
| Utilities | 10,601 | - | 10,601 | 13,920 |
| Administration expenses | 2,240 | - | 2,240 | 5,667 |
| Site development expenses | 6,456 | - | 6,456 | - |
| Printing and stationery | 300 | - | 300 | 230 |
| Sundry expenses | 5,001 | - | 5,001 | 1,765 |
| Site maintenance | 25,545 | - | 25,545 | 24,535 |
| Trustee and leader expenses | 11,294 | - | 11,294 | 9,618 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/Special projects | 9,044 | 4,569 | 13,613 | 52,212 |
| **Total payments for the year** | **206,014** | **4,569** | **210,583** | **243,749** |

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | 2023 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash Funds** | | | | |
| Bank current accounts | 225,644 | 131 | 225,775 | 201,522 |
| Bank deposit accounts | 11,244 | - | 11,244 | 11,277 |
| Cash in hand | 60 | - | 60 | 60 |
| | **236,948** | **131** | **237,079** | **212,859** |
| **Other monetary assets** | | | | |
| Quarries Insurance and Development prepayments | 13,890 | - | 13,890 | 4,805 |
| Badge stock | 6,218 | - | 6,218 | 6,289 |
| Scout shop stock and fixtures | 8,720 | - | 8,720 | 7,631 |
| Quarries tuck shop stock | 163 | - | 163 | 286 |
| Quarries activity equipment and machinery | 6,250 | - | 6,250 | 44,187 |
| Quarries land and buildings | 420,000 | - | 420,000 | 420,000 |
| Other equipment | 3,714 | - | 3,714 | 10,852 |
| **Other liabilities** | | | | |
| Annual membership subscription | (77,862) | - | (77,862) | (70,902) |
| | **618,041** | **131** | **618,172** | **636,007** |

| **Analysis of funds** | £ |
|---|---|
| General funds | 518,172 |
| Designated funds – Development fund | 100,000 |
| | **618,172** |

Designated funds - Development fund has been earmarked by the Trustees mainly for future capital expenditure.

Restricted funds are in respect of an account held in connection with Damboree.

Activity equipment and machinery at the Quarries site, still in use, has been written down to a reasonable notional value using principles of depreciation. It is also intended to re-value land and buildings at the site, the value shown represents a reasonable estimation by the Trustees,

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**MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1150177

# Accounts

In 2022 – 2023 we've been...



# CAMPING

# FIRELIGHTING





# CLIMBING

# HIKING



...and there's so much left to do

Scouts

Milton Keynes

Annual General Meeting 2023

# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on the 28th September 2022 at The Cruck Barn, Bradwell Abbey at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT :** There were 44 persons present – list available on request

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|---|---|
| **1.** | **Welcome and Opening remarks**<br>Bernard Hancox welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.<br>Thought read by an Explorer Scout |
| **2.** | **Apologies for absence**<br>There were 10 apologies |
| **3.** | **Presentation of Annual Report**<br>a) Minutes of the AGM held on the 28th September 2021.<br>b) Financial Report –<br>c) District Commissioner's Report<br>Bernard Hancox asked if anyone had any questions on the report submitted. There were none. |
| **4.** | **Approval of District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman**<br>Stuart Bailey nominated Bernard Hancox to stand again and this was agreed by all. |
| **5.** | **Election of District Secretary**<br>There was one nomination Pat Pankhurst. Proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Elisa McCarthy. Agreed. |
| **6.** | **Election of District Treasurer**<br>Nomination received for Ashley Pankhurst who is willing to continue as Treasurer. Proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Elisa Mc Carthy. Agreed. |
| **7.** | **Election of members to the District Executive Committee**<br>Received two nominations by the due date and these were Rosie Worrall proposed by Jason Raggett and seconded Debbie Green (BSL). Elisa McCarthy proposed by Pat Pankhurst and seconded by Rosie Worrall. Agreed. |
| **8.** | **Under 25 representative to the District Executive Committee**<br>Nomination Alex Garner proposed by Andy Frogbrook seconded by Ian Walker<br>Agreed. |
| **9.** | **Approval of District Commissioner's nominations for members to the District Executive Committee**<br>Stuart Bailey's nomination were Russell Horne and Lisa Ferraby. |

| | |
|---|---|
| **10.** | **Appointment of Auditors**<br>Bernard Hancox confirmed with the treasurer, Ashley Pankhurst that the appointment of auditors be left for a later date. |
| **11.** | **Address from County Representative**<br>James Palin the County Commissioner congratulated MK on becoming the City of Milton Keynes. Getting back to Scouting after lockdown and the challenges that Covid had brought.<br>Looking at changes to the volunteers experience is taking place which would make volunteers feel more valued.<br>The DC, Chair and the District team, leaders and volunteers were thanked for all they did in their support of Scouting in Milton Keynes.<br>Full report available on request. |
| **12.** | **Awards and Presentations**<br>The District Commissioner presented the following :<br><br>Lesley Pantling – 25 year service award<br>Martyn Agar – 25 year service award<br>Richard Blackwell – 30 year service award<br>Stuart Ball and Danielle Smith with their wood beads<br>Bill Marks – 5 year service award |
| **13.** | **Milton Keynes Scout District Jamboree Contingent 2023**<br>The young people that had been selected for the next Jamboree were introduced and questions from the audience were taken and answered. It covered their experiences in Scouting, the Jamboree selection weekend, the Jamboree itself and how they were going to tell people about it after they returned.<br><br>The District Commissioner stated that there were also a number of young people from Milton Keynes selected to be part of GT23 (Global Tour) and it was hoped that when they returned they would be at the next AGM to tell everyone about their experiences. |
| **13.** | **Refreshments.**<br>Bernard Hancox thanked the Executive for the last year and to those that had prepared and were serving the refreshments. He asked everyone to join in the refreshments after the presentations. |

The main business closed at 8.09 pm

# BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

Over the past year, we have finally all got back together with challenges ahead and had fun on the way too.

I have visited the Colonies regularly and seen some amazing programme ideas – including pond-dipping, team games - all gaining Skills For Life.

I have been very lucky to have been able to present many badges and a number of Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

As a District, we have hiked around Caldecotte Lake and Tattenhoe, had a sleepover at Safari MK, attended the County Beaveree event at Paccar campsite, and spent days at RAF Hendon and Gulliver's Land.









Our District camp was held at Bromham (whew! It was hot).

This year's District activities will include hikes, a day trip to Gulliver's Land and hopefully another camp.

**Barbara Smith "Chatters"**
**Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)**

# Milton Keynes District Cubs

THANK YOU.....thank you to all the cub leaders and parent helpers who help out at Cub Packs, whether weekly or occasionally – you all make a real difference to the young people in Milton Keynes and the experiences we are able to offer them.
Additionally, a big shout out to all the leaders who have given up their weekends to support our District Cub Events and create some special memories for our cubs across MK.
So, what have we done?

## Wizard Camp: May 2022

Our first MK District Cub Camp since Covid restrictions were lifted was a great success thanks to all the hard work of the Quarries site crew, Activity instructors, catering team, Cub leaders and the District team.
The theme was "Wizards" and Friday night saw approximately **260** cubs and leaders arrive on the "Magical Minibuses" from Stony Stratford. The weekend saw our MK Cubs become

MK Wizards by making their own wands and hats, exploring the mythical caves at the Quarries, creating their own Wizard companion (thank you to Rex for providing all the cuddly toys), learning how to light fire in the depths of Mordor (Quarries campfire circle) and many more activities. The Wizard Kitchen (led by Tracey Griffiths) provided all our Wizard with ample food all weekend and no Wizard was left hungry!

## Whipsnade Zoo : October 2022




On a sunny Autumn day in October, just over 100 cubs and leaders from groups across Milton Keynes boarded a double decker bus and headed for a fun day out at Whipsnade Zoo. The weather held out for us and so we were all able to enjoy not only the animals but the beautiful views from Whipsnade whilst having our picnics.

## Gulliver's Land : February 2023




What better way to spend a night in February than a sleepover with over 100 cubs at Gulliver's Land? Groups met up at Gulliver's Land for a hot meal before visiting the Land of Lights. Cubs and leaders then settled down for a night's "sleep". After breakfast, Groups then headed off to see the Dinosaurs in Gulliver's Land, before spending a day at the park on the rides. It was a fun sleepover, although not sure how many cubs or leaders slept 😊

**Claire Harris – Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts)**

# Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts

**A year of steady growth, incredible adventures and five hundred and five combined nights away.**

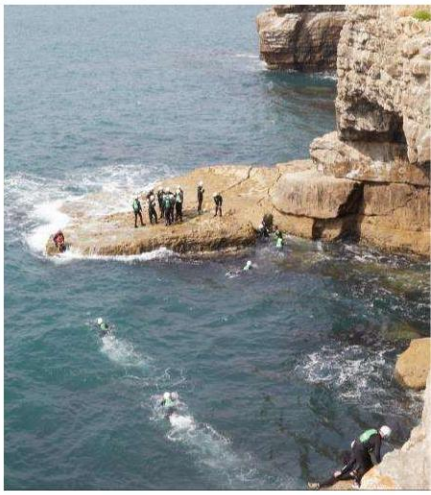


The year started out hill walking in Southern Snowdonia, with the Gwersyll Y Bryniau campsite as a base, the group climbed two peaks over the weekend and finished with a wonderful evening watching the sun set over Cardigan Bay.

The following weekend saw us day trip to London, competing in The London Monopoly Run! Placing fifteenth out of well over one hundred groups, an amazing time was had by all.

A flurry of community projects followed, helping at MK Marathon and Milton Keynes Museum.





Soon after some thirty-five people are heading to the Jurassic Coast for a week of adrenalin filled adventure, from coasteering (climbing and jumping from cliff faces into the sea) to visiting Brownsea Island. Our summer camp was a real highlight of the year.

In October we travelled to the Lake District for what was to be an incredibly wet and windy walking camp. Hoping to climb Gibson Knott but being beaten by the weather. Resilient as they always are, the Young People pushed on and we managed a smaller but still fantastic climb before returning to base.

Unit meetings have been growing stronger than ever, with a huge range of activities within the programme, Young People have the opportunity to share new experiences and develop #skillsforlife every single week. There are currently three units within the city and we are actively recruiting volunteers to be able to start more units in the near future.

With the support of leaders, the Explorers are starting to take part in self led programs, with patrols running games, activities and meetings for their peers.

In November of 2022 Milton Keynes District Explorers purchased their own minibus. A 2009 MK7 Ford Transit, 15 seater bus that has already supported many groups in providing transport to their Young People.




The minibus is a fantastic asset for the Explorers to own and we make use of it at every available opportunity! It is especially useful when taking smaller groups to camp, where rental of vehicles is prohibitively expensive.

In December the team got into the festive spirit, helping at MK Museum again, assisting visitors, managing the carparks and acting as elves in Santa's grotto!

These events act as small fundraisers for Explorers, but also provide opportunities for interacting with members of the public.

An open invite Christmas dinner hosted by Newport Unit rounded out the year, with a well earned and much needed festive break to follow.





In the new year we returned with the likes of Southern-50 and Endurance-80 and small but strong willed team entering both events. (Rex and I thought better of it this year!)

Our own winter camp followed in place of the cancelled Gilwell event that we'd usually attend, a fairly relaxed event with some cooking, games and movies.

In February Explorers hosted a District Scout night hike competition, open to all Scout Groups in the District - it was a very well attended event, that saw many of the older Scouts mix with Explorers, we are hoping to host more linking events in the near future.

Congratulations to Langland who won the hiking competition this time around!

We have had a brilliant year in Explorers, with amazing support from the team, we have seen great development in all areas of Scouting and look forward to what the next year will bring!

**Mike Gibson**
**District Explorer Scout Commissioner.**

How do you report on a year that has been quite a journey and we are not just talking about the crew but those that have camped.

May 2022 saw the District Cub Camp and the crew were out in force to support this, driving tractors, marking out sites, supporting and facilitating throughout the weekend. We manned the Tuck Shop, registration desk and dealt with problems as and when they came in. Do not ask the crew about the portable toilet check and the radio message! Lessons on tractors were needed before trailers were attached!

We welcomed Israeli Scouts based across the country who mostly arrived by coach, some by taxi having arrived in MK by train. There was even a contingent from Israel, needless to say this was the first time that they had been together since before Covid and a chance to catch up and socialise. I think the crew were the only English speakers on site that weekend.

We saw Boy Scouts of America arrive, nobody could have predicted that we as a crew would be in wet weather gear, organising the car park and trying to get kit onto the site in torrential rain. The contingents came from Lakenheath, Mildenhall, York and other areas and bases in the UK. We do have a BSA Scouter in our District who has brought a new activity to the site which we offer on request.









JOTI/JOTA took place in September, the first one since Covid and therefore a scaled down version. We are looking at adding more activities and encouraging groups to camp over the weekend in 2023.

We have welcomed Unit 57 of the World Scout Jamboree to the site as well as GT23 (Grand Tour) a chance for the contingents to get to know each other.

Mid December saw us closing the site for the Christmas and New Year. If the Explorer Scouts had not been holding their Christmas meal in the Oswald Hamilton Building we would not have discovered a leak in the roof in the toilet block. The water came down through the light in the disabled toilet flooding the floor and then going into the electrical cupboard and bl0wing the electrics. At the same time the boiler in the toilet block stopped working and this was repaired in the New Year.

We were finally able to finish the Leaders room in the Lodge following damage to it and its now back up and running.

The electrics have now been connected to the compound, this was during the freezing weather which caused difficulty with the cable due to its size. We now have electricity in the new compound so we can finally see what we are doing. Thanks to Network Rail and Zero staff for spending days with us. Without the support of these companies some of the works would not be possible.

We continue to welcome our own Groups to the site for evenings and at weekends as well as from other Counties and organisations. Bookings from Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions see many young people walking in, but in some cases not!

As the site heads towards 100 years, some areas are needing to be replaced, we are currently looking at replacing The Lodge and have instructed architects to come up with plans. Once we are happy then it will then be getting suitable quotes and then the monies, not an easy task in this day and age.

If anyone wants to join the crew, be it every week or when you can please contact either Andy or myself. There are always jobs to do from getting the buildings ready for bookings, doing a deep clean of kitchens, clearing campsites, replacing fencing and painting them, the list is endless.

**Pat Pankhurst –The Quarries Scout Active Support Manager**
**(pat.pankhurst@mkscouts.org)**
**Andy Frogbrook – Assistant Warden (andrew.frogbrook@mkscouts.org)**

# MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Another year and what a fantastic one it has been for scouting in MK. We have delivered thousands of hours and created lots of great memories for our Young People and volunteers a like.

Media this year has been difficult, and I mean this in a good way. I have struggled to keep up with all the fantastic events that have taken place across the district. It is a true delight when I log onto social media and see what you have been up to and the Skills For Life that we have delivered to our YP across MK. Please keep this up and share this wonderful news with the outside world of MK.

Thank you also to the groups that have invited me along to their events and delighted to have been part of the district events too.

Local media outlets are always up for local news, and I urge you to consider using Parish Newsletters, MKFM and MK Citizen. We need to remain proud of what we do and if you need any support with speaking to these outlets, please let me know or speak with Chris Leroux.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to every single one of you We can only do what we do with you in it. Please carry on delivering wonderful Scouting you do week in week out.

Thank You

**Jason Raggett – District Communications Manager (to February 2023)**

# AWARDS

## County Commissioner's Commendation

## Eric Swain (Retired Member)

in recognition of his support to Buckinghamshire in maintaining the County Archives and ensuring Groups find historical information when needed.

## Carol Blomfield – Group Secretary (Langland)
## County Safeguarding Awareness (end December 2020)

in recognition of her time devoted to raising safeguarding awareness amongst adults within Buckinghamshire Scouts

## Susan Evans – Beaver Scout Section Assistant (Lancelot) – Great Linford

In recognition of using skills learnt through Scouting to assist a member of the general public who had slipped on ice and had several injuries as a result.

# AWARD OF MERIT

| | |
|---|---|
| **Barbara Smith** | **Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts)** |

# 40 YEAR AWARD

| | |
|---|---|
| **Jenny Boden** | **District Badge Secretary** |

# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## TRUSTEES REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1150177**
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Charity Registration Number:** 1150177

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Trustees:** | Bernard Hancox | District Chair |
| | Stuart Bailey | District Commissioner |
| | Pat Pankhurst | Secretary |
| | Ashley Pankhurst | Treasurer |
| | Philip Monk | District Explorer Scout Commissioner (To 1st September 2022) |
| | Danielle Smith | District Scout Network Commissioner |
| | Rosemary Worrall | |
| | Elisa McCarthy | |
| | Alexander Garner | |
| | Lisa Ferraby | (From 28th September 2022 to 22nd February 2023) |
| | Russell Horne | (From 28th September 2022) |

**Principal Address:**

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Bucks
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**Bankers**

Milton Keynes District Scout Council

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### *Structure, Governance and Management*

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

The Milton Keynes District Scout Council includes the following subsidiaries:

1. Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
2. The Quarries Scout Camp Site
3. Milton Keynes Gang Show

Additionally, funds are held on behalf of the Damboree Active Support Unit – a national initiative to promote camping.

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity is exposed. They have established systems to mitigate these, hold regular liaison meetings and are continually monitoring the individual finances of each subsidiary.

### Objectives and Activities

To promote and support successful Scouting throughout the Milton Keynes District. In planning activities for the year, the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. There are five different age groups covering ages 6 to 25 and all young people are welcome to join regardless of personal background, faith or personal circumstances. Members benefit greatly in developing their self-confidence and social skills as well as learning new practical and life skills.

### Achievements and performance

The charity continues to collect and administer subscriptions from the Scout Groups within its District. There have been a number of successful events, camps and activities throughout the year. Support has been provided to both the uniformed and executive teams within the Scout Groups.

### *Financial review*

At the end of the year, total bank and cash funds amounted to £212,859.

### *Reserves policy*

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income fall short.

The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 10 months running costs, circa £80,000.

In addition, the District Executive Committee continues to build a fund for the future replacement of buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite.

### *Investment policy*

The District has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

**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.

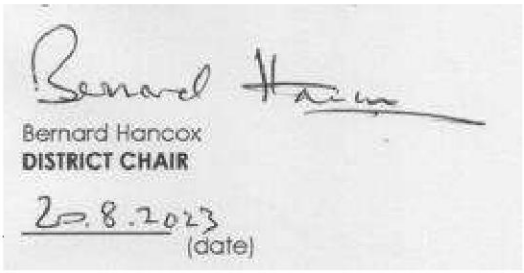
**Plans for future periods**
Milton Keynes Scout District intends to continue developing opportunities for young people to experience scouting. It also intends, to increase the participation of young people in decision-making at all levels.

The Trustees will continue to support the excellent work being carried out by the District Commissioner and his team.

The Trustees are aware of The Scout Association's future Transformation plans and are actively involved in preparing for the proposed changes.
It is intended that, in addition to the ongoing support for Trustees of Scout Groups, there will be additional support in the areas of the Transformation plans that affect the Group Trustees.
The buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite will be refurbished / replaced as necessary.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**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').

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.

**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 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.




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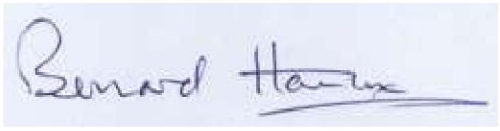
## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2022 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total receipts for the year (page 5) | 224,302 | 5,050 | 229,352 | 157,424 |
| Total payments for the year (page 6) | 234,163 | 4,024 | 238,187 | 145,145 |
| | (9,861) | 1,026 | (8,835) | 12,279 |
| **Cash, bank and funds** | | | | |
| B/Fwd | 221,210 | 484 | 221,694 | 209,415 |
| **C/Fwd** | **211,349** | **1,510** | **212,859** | **221,694** |

Unrestricted funds are those which the Trustees are free to spend in accordance with the constitution.

Restricted funds are those where the Trustees are bound by conditions which have been imposed by the donor or by the terms of an appeal and therefore can only be spent on specific areas.

Approved by the Trustees on 20.8.2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Bernard Hancox

**Trustee and District Chair**

**RECEIPTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2022 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions and Gang Show membership | 93,096 | - | 93,096 | 83,800 |
| Site fees : The Quarries | 27,902 | - | 27,902 | 20,737 |
| Sale of clothing and badges | 465 | - | 465 | 421 |
| Camps and activities | 42,184 | - | 42,184 | 4,630 |
| Donations, grants and Gift Aid | 3,755 | - | 3,755 | 20,572 |
| Other receipts | 22,843 | - | 22,843 | 18,763 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/International | 31,000 | 5,050 | 36,050 | 8,341 |
| Gang Show (main) | 3,057 | - | 3,057 | 160 |
| **Total receipts for the year** | **224,302** | **5,050** | **229,352** | **157,424** |

**PAYMENTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2022 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions paid to HQ | 62,452 | - | 62,452 | 61,275 |
| Stock purchases | 18,475 | - | 18,475 | 8,602 |
| Camps, activities and hall hire etc (inc refunds) | 29,441 | - | 29,441 | 2,505 |
| Gang show expenses | 3,931 | - | 3,931 | 684 |
| Purchase and repair of equipment (inc bus) | 7,720 | - | 7,720 | 23,000 |
| Insurance | 8,221 | - | 8,221 | 9,788 |
| Utilities | 13,920 | - | 13,920 | 10,453 |
| Administration expenses and development | 5,667 | - | 5,667 | 1,784 |
| Printing and stationery | 230 | - | 230 | 395 |
| Sundry expenses | 1,765 | - | 1,765 | 2,116 |
| Site maintenance | 24,535 | - | 24,535 | 12,279 |
| Trustee and leader expenses | 9,618 | - | 9,618 | 7,078 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/Special projects | 48,188 | 4,024 | 52,212 | 5,186 |
| **Total payments for the year** | **234,163** | **4,024** | **238,187** | **145,145** |

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

| | Unrestricted £ | Restricted £ | Total £ | 2022 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash Funds** | | | | |
| Bank current accounts | 200,012 | 1,510 | 201,522 | 186,403 |
| Bank deposit accounts | 11,277 | - | 11,277 | 35,231 |
| Cash in hand | 60 | - | 60 | 60 |
| | **211,349** | **1,510** | **212,859** | **221,694** |
| **Other monetary assets** | | | | |
| Quarries Insurance prepayment | 4,805 | - | 4,805 | 4,691 |
| Badge stock | 6,289 | - | 6,289 | 4,551 |
| Scout shop stock and fixtures | 7,631 | - | 7,631 | 9,195 |
| Quarries tuck shop stock | 286 | - | 286 | 286 |
| Quarries activity equipment and machinery | 21,187 | - | 21,187 | 21,187 |
| Quarries land and buildings | 420,000 | - | 420,000 | 420,000 |
| Other equipment | 33,852 | - | 33,852 | 26,132 |
| **Other liabilities** | | | | |
| Annual membership subscription | (70,902) | - | (70,902) | (62,452) |
| | **634,497** | **1,510** | **636,007** | **645,284** |

| **Analysis of funds** | **£** |
|---|---|
| General funds | 536,007 |
| Designated funds – Development fund | 100,000 |
| | **636,007** |

Designated funds - Development fund has been earmarked by the Trustees mainly for future capital expenditure.

Restricted funds are in respect of an account held in connection with Damboree.

**MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1150177

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# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## TRUSTEES REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1150177
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Charity Registration Number:** 1150177

| **Trustees:** | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Bernard Hancox | District Chair |
| | Stuart Bailey | District Commissioner |
| | Pat Pankhurst | Secretary |
| | Ashley Pankhurst | Treasurer |
| | Philip Monk | District Explorer Scout Commissioner |
| | Charlotte Spalding | District Youth Commissioner |
| | Danielle Smith | District Scout Network Commissioner |
| | Madeleine Munn | To 2 December 2021 |
| | Rosemary Worrall | |
| | Elisa McCarthy | |
| | Alexander Garner | |
| | Stuart Ball | |

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Additionally, funds are held on behalf of the Damboree Active Support Unit – a national initiative to promote camping.

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity is exposed. They have established systems to mitigate these, hold regular liaison meetings and are continually monitoring the individual finances of each group.

### Objectives and Activities

To promote and support successful scouting throughout the Milton Keynes District. In planning activities for the year, the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. There are five different groups covering ages 6 to 25 and all young people are welcome to join regardless of personal background, faith or personal circumstances. Members benefit greatly in developing their self-confidence and social skills as well as learning new practical and life skills.

### Achievements and performance

The charity continues to collect and administer subscriptions from the Scout Groups within its District. There have been a number of successful events, camps and activities throughout the year. Support has been provided to both the uniformed and executive teams within the Scout Groups.

### *Financial review*

At the end of the year, total bank and cash funds amounted to £221,694.

### *Reserves policy*

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income fall short.

The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 10 months running costs, circa £80,000.

In addition, the District Executive Committee continues to build a fund for the future replacement of buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite.

### *Investment policy*

The District has adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

**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.

**Plans for future periods**

Milton Keynes Scout District intends to continue developing opportunities for young people to experience scouting. It also intends, to increase the participation of young people in decision-making at all levels.

The Trustees will continue to support the excellent work being carried out by the District Commissioner and his team.
It is intended that there will be additional support for Trustees of Scout Groups.
The buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite will be refurbished / replaced as necessary.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Bernard Hancox
**DISTRICT CHAIR**

9 Sept 2022
(date)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 4-7.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

### Basis of examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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:

1. 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 Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

   have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Simon J Gill**

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**Buckinghamshire**
**MK46 5HP**

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2021 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total receipts for the year | 157,424 | - | 157,424 | 110,261 |
| Total payments for the year | 145,145 | - | 145,145 | 121,211 |
| | 12,279 | - | 12,279 | (10,950) |
| **Cash, bank and funds** | | | | |
| B/Fwd | 209,415 | - | 209,415 | 220,365 |
| Transfer | - | - | - | - |
| **C/Fwd** | **221,694** | **-** | **221,694** | **209,415** |

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Approved by the Trustees on 9th Sept. 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Bernard Hancox

**Trustee and District Chair**

**RECEIPTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2021 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions | 83,800 | - | 83,800 | 72,133 |
| Site fees : The Quarries | 20,737 | - | 20,737 | 3,164 |
| Sale of clothing and badges | 421 | - | 421 | 1,990 |
| Camps and activities | 4,630 | - | 4,630 | 1,443 |
| Donations, grants and Gift Aid | 20,572 | - | 20,572 | 28,126 |
| Other receipts | 18,763 | - | 18,763 | 465 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/International | 8,341 | - | 8,341 | 2,902 |
| Gang Show (main) | 160 | - | 160 | 38 |
| **Total receipts for the year** | **157,424** | **-** | **157,424** | **110,261** |

**PAYMENTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2021 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions paid to HQ | 61,275 | - | 61,275 | 69,966 |
| Stock purchases | 8,602 | - | 8,602 | 2,176 |
| Camps, activities and hall hire etc (inc refunds) | 2,505 | - | 2,505 | 1,242 |
| Gang show expenses | 684 | - | 684 | 345 |
| Purchase and repair of equipment | 23,000 | - | 23,000 | 3,318 |
| Insurance | 9,788 | - | 9,788 | 5,840 |
| Utilities | 10,453 | - | 10,453 | 7,106 |
| Administration expenses and development | 1,784 | - | 1,784 | 8,188 |
| Printing and stationery | 395 | - | 395 | 300 |
| Sundry expenses | 2,116 | - | 2,116 | 4,713 |
| Building maintenance | - | - | - | 542 |
| Site maintenance | 12,279 | - | 12,279 | 14,658 |
| Trustee and leader expenses | 7,078 | - | 7,078 | 1,274 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/Special projects | 5,186 | - | 5,186 | 1,543 |
| **Total payments for the year** | **145,145** | **-** | **145,145** | **121,211** |

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | 2021 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Cash Funds** | | | | |
| Bank current accounts | 186,403 | - | 186,403 | 150,048 |
| Bank deposit accounts | 35,231 | - | 35,231 | 59,276 |
| Cash in hand | 60 | - | 60 | 91 |
| | **221,694** | **-** | **221,694** | **209,415** |
| **Other monetary assets** | | | | |
| Insurance prepayment | 4,691 | - | 4,691 | 1 237 |
| Badge stock | 4,551 | - | 4,551 | 9,155 |
| Scout shop stock and fixtures | 9,195 | - | 9,195 | 8,295 |
| Quarries tuck shop stock | 286 | - | 286 | - |
| Quarries activity equipment and machinery | 21,187 | - | 21,187 | 21 187 |
| Quarries land and buildings | 420,000 | - | 420,000 | 420,000 |
| Other equipment | 26,132 | - | 26,132 | 3 132 |
| **Other liabilities** | | | | |
| Annual membership subscription | (62,452) | - | (62,452) | (57,469) |
| | **645,284** | **-** | **645,284** | **614 952** |

| **Analysis of funds** | £ |
|---|---|
| General funds | 545,284 |
| Designated funds – Development fund | 100,000 |
| | **645,284** |

The Designated funds - Development fund has been earmarked by the Trustees mainly for future capital expenditure.

**MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1150177

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# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**held on the 19th September 2019 at The Cruck Barn, Bradwell Abbey at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT :** There were 52 persons present – list available on request

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| **1.** | **Welcome and Opening remarks**<br>Bernard Hancox welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.<br>Explorer Scout member Jessie Griffin was asked to do the reflection. |
| **2.** | **Apologies for absence**<br>Julia Upton, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Mel Dickson -Treasurer, Great Linford, Martyn Agar - Chair, Giffard Park, Sheila Beales - County Commissioner, Girl Guiding, Mick Nimmo – ADC (Scouts), Eric Swain – DESA, Ian House – ACSL, Great Linford, Tessa Ingram – ACC (Beaver Scouts), James Palin – County Commissioner, Ruth Staff – SAS, Gary Staff – SAS, Paul Munro – Executive Member, Great Linford, Adrian French – Chair, Langland, Dave Pollington – GSL, High Ash, Ian Revell – Community Foundation, Ricci Jenner – Chair, Wood End, Raymond Hedley – Treasurer, Olney, Elaine Watkins – AESL Vipers, Paul James – AESL Excalibur, Sara Whitney – DESA, Dawn Markwell – BSL Crownhill |
| **3.** | **Presentation of Annual Report**<br>a) Minutes of the AGM held on the 19th September 2018.<br>b) Financial Report – Slight deficit on the year. Quarries is main income driver after membership subscriptions, with site fees, activities etc on par with previous years. Major refurbishment expense was for the upgrade to the kitchen of the Oswald Hamilton Centre.<br>Thanks to Treasury team, Ian Boden, Iona Plain, Ashleigh Hilton, Glen Dersley and Paul Munro. Special thanks to Simon Gill of Keens Shay Keens who turns the various accounts into the accounts you see today.<br>Continue to keep funds at £80000 or above.<br>c) District Commissioner's Report – nothing further to report. |
| **4.** | **Approval of District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman**<br>Stuart Bailey nominated Bernard Hancox to stand again and this was agreed by all. |
| **5.** | **Election of District Secretary**<br>There was one nomination Pat Pankhurst. Proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Madeleine Munn. Agreed by all present. |
| **6.** | **Election of District Treasurer**<br>Nomination received for Ashley Pankhurst who is willing to continue as Treasurer. Proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Stuart Ball. Agreed by all present. |
| **7.** | **Election of members to the District Executive Committee**<br>Received two nominations by the due date and these were Rosie Worrall proposed by Jason Raggett and seconded by Elisa McCarthy. Elisa McCarthy proposed by Rosie Worrall and seconded Madeleine Munn. |
| **8.** | **Under 25 representative to the District Executive Committee**<br>Nomination Alex Gardner proposed by Kim Monro seconded Josh Norris Agreed by all. |
| **9.** | **Approval of District Commissioner's nominations for members to the District Executive Committee**<br>Stuart Bailey's nomination was Madeleine Munn. |
| **10.** | **Appointment of Auditors** |

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| | Ashley Pankhurst asked that the appointment of auditors be left for a later date. |
| **11.** | **Address from County Representative**<br>Mark Rutland gave the County address on behalf of James Palin. Bucks has seen an increase in people involved in Scouting and membership now stands at 11,500.<br>At County busy over the past year meeting, collaborating and advising other local organisations in Buckinghamshire who are not as successful at recruiting members as we are. Further initiatives with Thames Valley Air Ambulance and some other external organisations will be released later this and early next year.<br>Over the last year Milton Keynes District has continued to grow, strengthen and building which is testimony to the fantastic leadership team in the District.<br>As Scouting is a movement, we should expect change and look at positive and constructive recommendations to make ourselves and our provision better for our young people.<br>Amazing Scouting family in Buckinghamshire and a special thanks go to the entire leadership team for contributing to the counties growth over the past year.<br>Over the year as a Region, we have been asked to review our programme effectiveness, relevance and variety across the board, ensure out leaders Wood Badge training is completed with the specified 3 year time period and ensure we are 100% compliant with GDPR training.<br>Financially, the County continues to be stable andd we are making investment in both training (with a GSL conference in February) and development over the coming months.<br>Continued thanks to Stuart, the District team and all of the Scouting trustees, supporters and volunteers who tirelessly support Scouting in Bucks.<br>We are delighted that Buckinghamshire continues to be a strong Scouting county, providing fantastic adventures and experiences, and building Skills for Life for our young people. |
| **12** | **Presentation by Milton Keynes Scout District Jamboree Contingent.**<br>Presentation of their visit by those that attended the World Scout Jamboree in America.<br>Presentation by the Kandersteg Contingent.<br>Stuart Bailey presented a thank you card on behalf of the District to representatives of the international trips. |
| **13.** | **Awards and Presentations** – there were none |
| **14.** | **Refreshments.**<br>Bernard Hancox thanked the Executive for the last year and to those that had prepared and were serving the refreshments. He asked everyone to join in the refreshments after the presentations. |

The main business closed at 7.43 pm

# District Commissioner's Report

So much has happened in the last year. The District has been faced with numerous challenges due to COVID-19 and the leaders have persevered with continuing Scouting online. My thanks go out to the GSL's who have continued to keep their Groups running online through the pandemic. I have seen some incredible online activities throughout the year from online camping, to animated flag breaks, to escape rooms. There is no doubt in my mind that the young people in all sections have loved their online meetings just as much as face-to-face scouting and that is thanks to our section leader teams, GSL's and executive committees.

Despite the pandemic, the District has continued to grow, and we have welcomed our 26th Scout group – 26th Milton Keynes – who are excitingly approaching Scouting in a new way with flexible online and face-to-face scouting that will continue post-pandemic. They will be exploring all the green spaces in Milton Keynes in partnership with the Parks Trust and I look forward to seeing them welcome Beavers and Scouts in the upcoming year.



We also had to say goodbye to the Hanslope Leaders and Team who have also worked incredibly hard for the past few years. We look forward to supporting a new leadership and new executive team in their re-start and development over the coming year.

I have been delighted to see the progression of face-to-face scouting as the pandemic restrictions are easing, will be coming to visit your sections and Groups to present awards and chat to the young people. Thank you for inviting me to those who have, and I very much look forward to coming along – it keeps me going! Hopefully the next year will see the District recover any losses and grow again, so we can all enjoy the adventure, the camping, the awards and the fun that goes with Scouting.

**Stuart Bailey – District Commissioner**

# Beaver Scout Report




After a busy couple of years in my role as ADC (Beaver Scouts) this last year has been a totally different one in more ways than one. The first lockdown began on the 23rd March 2019 and Beaver Scouts were due to visit RAF London on the 29th March 2019.

For the first few months of lockdown I found it strange using Zoom and with Beaver Scout leaders adjusting to a new way of Scouting for their evening sessions.

During the past year I have held Beaver Scout Leader meeting, visited groups, invested Beaver Scouts and presented Bronze Awards via Zoom. I have also seen Beaver Scout leaders being invested by Zoom as well.

The first ever door-step challenge of the St George's Day promise was in April 2019 and then Remembrance Day.

Bucks County held a virtual Pirate camp and a Superheroes camp which went down really well with those groups taking part.

Beaver colonies have taken part in the Thames Valley Air Ambulance challenge.

I am looking forward to the challenges ahead for the next year.

**Barbara Smith – Assistant District Commissioner Beaver Scouts**

# Cub Scout Report

The Cub Scout Section have adjusted to online Scouting in such an inspiring way! The Cub Leaders have done so well in providing Scouting in an online format and adapting to the new COVID restrictions to get them back face-to-face.




We have seen the Cubs participate in various online events over the year including: St George's Day, Remembrance Day, County Cub Online Camp and District Online Camp. The Young People have done exceptionally well to take part in such a new way of scouting. I want to congratulate all the Cub Scouts that have also gone above and beyond to help their communties either through supporting neighbours, fundraising or litter picking! You have done the District Team proud over the last year!

The Team and I have also had the pleasure of awarding multiple Chief Scout Silver Awards across the year in lots of groups. We've seen leaders adapt the original requirements to fit with online scouting and that resilience and determination to help their young people achieve a Top Award has been inspirational to all across the District. I want to say thank you for inviting me to present these awards and I look forward to presenting many more in the future!

**Charlotte Spalding - District Youth Commissioner**

# Scout Report

The Scout Section have adapted to online scouting with resilience and determination! Lot's of our young people have found the past year difficult with transitioning to Secondary School and coping with Home Education however Scouting has seen them thrive and push themselves to go above and beyond.

We have seen leaders adapt the challenge badges to ensure their young people are achieving their Chief Scout Gold Awards before they head of too Explorers. I, and others in the District team, have had the pleasure of awarding Gold Awards both online and face-to-face as we have moved back to some face-to-face scouting. These awards have been particularly challenging to achieve in the pandemic due to the Expedition challenge however our Scouts have adapted and some even managed to persuade family members to take part in an expedition with them so that they could get the award!

Our scouts have taken part in online camps, online quizzes, online escape rooms and so much more! The Scout Leaders have truly gone above and beyond of what is expected by delivering badges and equipment to doorsteps to ensure scouting can continue.



As we move back into face-to-face Scouting, the Scouts have remained respectful of COVID restrictions while still having fun in the outdoors! I look forward to seeing what the next year brings for the Scout Section and hopefully we will all be camping again very soon!

**Charlotte Spalding – District Youth Commissioner**

# District Explorer Scout Report

It has been a year like no other. We went to online scouting on the 19/3/20 and remained online until

Explorers ran twice a week through this time. With an online programme and being as creative as possible and welcoming external guests like Dogs for good, RNLI and visiting Leaders from other areas.

As a County, we ran B24 a fabulous 24 hours online event - with star gazing, origami, mock tails, drumming, Trashion etc fantastic for the explorers to continue meeting other explorers across the county.

Help and support continued with the young leader scheme but with module run online by a mixed team of county leaders.

Dofe continued to run with young people using the variations for The pandemic on volunteering and carrying on learning skills etc. Some used this time to upload evidence and to be assessed online. The most of the Gold expedition team 2019 completed their submissions and we congratulate Emily and Chloe on being awarded their Gold.

We had two super Queens Scout presentations from Chloe and Dougie and Chloe has confirmed her QSA has been awarded this month. It is lovely to have supported these Network members through to their awards.

We took part in several challenge badges - notably the Frogo challenge from a new Explorer Scout Unit (ESU), The Quantom Potatoes, we had supported at the last Scarefest 2019. The challenge was support the Papyrus Trust for young suicide, they had been devastated by the loss of a leader and wanted to help. Our leaders and explorers wanted to help with this.

The programme planning was done by the explorers for online and included social events like Bingo, among us (online guess who game, and the price is right. We used these fun evening to celebrate and say goodbye to explorers who turned 18.

It has been a challenging year and we have also had many leaders re-evaluate where and what they want to do. Thank you to Darren and Elaine Watkins, Paul James, Michael Hilton, Elliot Paterson, Nick Marshall, Steffi Place, Andy Winnock - Your time was appreciated and all the fun.

The team have pulled together to do what they could at different times. Those who haven't lead sessions so much have stepped up and we have all used our skills. Thanks to Eric , Louise, Dave, Rex, Corin, Michael, Keshena, Chris, Ryan and Tracy.

**Bev Delaney – District Explorer Scout Commissioner**

## Scout Network Report

Over the past year network mk has been working on rebranding themselves. Over the past year the past year the unit have achieved some milestones which for the unit is great.

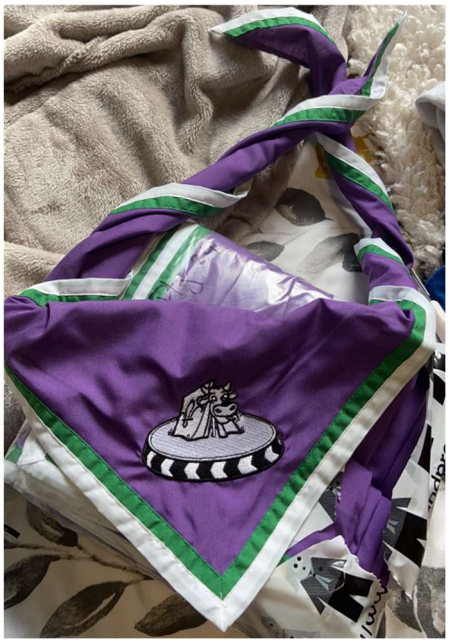



Over lockdown we have managed to keep the regular meetings via zoom, doing various activities such as quizzes, joint nights with other network units, joint meeting with the explorer units, cooking activities and much more. Since lockdown has eased and the unit has been allowed to do face to face meetings, they have been successful.

On the first face-to-face meeting we had such a successful turn out, we did site crew at the quarries, and then a campfire to complete the session, we had also managed to invest and reinvest network members into the unit. The current face to face meetings consists of, map reading, knots, pioneering, backwoods cooking, car skills, American BBQ and a hike. We will be planning the programme term by term, with the option of university members to attend when they are not at university and options for other members to attend as and when they can. We have started doing termly subs which are £6 pound a month, which cover the costs of hiring of buildings etc.

Over the year we have changed our logo, neckers, t-shirts, polos and hoodies. The new neckers are the same colours (Purple, Green and White) as before but they now have our new logo which is embroiled on the back. The logo has been rethought out, so it has been upgraded to be more up to date.

As a unit we used to have a committee which it did not work as well, due to a lot of networkers feeling like their voice was not heard, so to make the unit to be more inclusive and to be more youth shaped. Instead of having a committee, we now have a forum so voices can be heard within the unit and members do not feel pressured into a role nor feeling they cannot talk to other members without being intimated.



We are working on creating a better bond with the explorer units. We have had a couple of joint evening on zoom with the explorers where we did a quiz night and cooking evenings. We are hoping to do some more joint nights with the explorers in the future. The section is creating a bond with the

explorers so when the explorers turn 18 they will know some networkers when they move up to the section.

We are hoping for the rebranding of the section gives off a better name for network. The rebranding shows that the section is better than just a group of friends, it is a group of people within scouting who are wanting to complete their top awards, gain new skills and to have lots of new experiences.



# District Youth Commissioner Report

Wow what a year!! My first year in the role as DYC has seen Scouting adapt and change to fit the difficulties and the challenges of the pandemic. We have seen young people persevere with Scouting and thrive in a period that has been uncertain and at times worrying.

The young people in the District have approached online Scouting with enthusiasm and determination, we have seen countless numbers of Top Awards given and have had the pleasure of even awarding some District Youth Commissioner awards to those that have truly gone above and beyond!



Over the summer, I ran and led weekly Facebook live activities for the whole District and they were a huge success with various sections and groups getting involved every week. I also hosted a weekend online District camp for all sections in the District which saw over 150 young people participate over the course of the weekend, including Young People from groups all over the District.

Jason and I also designed and launched the Milton Keynes Scouting at Home badge which groups took on as an extra challenge to their programmes, presenting many Young People with a memorable badge to demonstrate their hard work and dedication towards Scouting at home.



I had the pleasure of interviewing several candidates for the Deputy District Youth Commissioner role and all demonstrated enthusiasm towards helping Young People ensure their voices are heard. Euan Purvis was offered the role and has lots of wonderful ideas which I am excited to support over the coming year.

As face-to-face scouting has resumed, and restrictions have started to ease, I have had the pleasure in visiting several groups to present awards, support sessions and chat to the Young People about how much they are enjoying scouting. I want to thank all the leaders for inviting me to your sessions, it's been really great to be able to get out around Milton Keynes and I am looking forward to seeing more groups over the next year.

Finally, I have had the pleasure in supporting Network MK rebrand themselves and form a well-working forum so that they can run effectively with the support of the Network Commissioner. Network have done exceptionally well in the last year, running online sessions and getting back face-to-face as quickly as possible. I am looking forward to continuing my support to them in the next year.

**Charlotte Spalding - District Youth Commissioner.**

# GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

It's very difficult writing this when Scouting is still locked down in many areas of the country, including Milton Keynes. However as I sit and write this we have a new Group, 26th Milton Keynes, that will run a blended programme of online and face-to-face, when allowed, scouting.

This innovative approach is as a result of technical advances made by technology companies in response to the pandemic, as Schools and offices moved to remote learning and working, so has Scouting. Many of our Groups across Milton Keynes have responded by running sessions online or using BadgesAtHome to sustain Scouting activity during the Pandemic.

The 26th Milton Keynes will use a blend of Office365, outdoor and indoor venues across Milton Keynes, with no fixed abode it can choose a venue that most suits the programme the Group wants to run. We hope to start taking young people off the waiting list as soon as there is a Group Executive and section leadership team in place.

Our District waiting list remains the largest in the UK, so we remain in a strong position to recover from any significant drop in numbers, or group closures, as and when we return to something close to normal Scouting activities.

The shortage of suitable, cost-effective venues across Milton Keynes, where there is demand for Scouting, remains a challenge. As a result, we will continue explore innovative and inclusive ways to recruit new volunteers to reduce the time a young person is on the waiting list.

**Stuart Ball – Growth & Development Lead**

# MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Wow what a year it has been for Scouting and unfortunately, we have spent most of the time doing our Scouting online in a virtual platform.

It has been great to see MK Scouting adapt to using media software to keep Scouting flowing across all sections. We know as a District that this has been a massive challenge due to own personal commitments and the fact that home schooling has been online also. Battling the virtual fatigue has been an ongoing challenge.

I was lucky enough to be part of the action on some of your online sessions and had great pleasure in presenting some bronze awards virtually. Lots of us used our media platforms to invite guest speakers in and I again joined the Explorer Scouts for their virtual chat with the RNLI. This is just one of the many sessions I joined.

Many of us across the district also took part in County Virtual Events, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all had their very own events and it was an honour to see so many of MK District taking part. Explorers also managed a 24hr event in place of Gilwell 24.

I have been really impressed with the use of social media around the district and as a member of most the group pages it is a delight to keep up to date with all the wonderful things you are doing. Please do0 feel free to share this with the district on our closed Facebook page. Ideas sharing is valuable and gives more Young People the chance to take part.

I am looking to have a media rep in each group and will be contacting GSLs shortly regarding this. This person will be a point of contact for me to go to and provide updates on media and to get update on how the group is doing from a media perspective.

Please can I ask you to encourage the positive use of social media internally and externally. Our social media is like a shop window lets show all the wonderful things we do to the outside world. Let us shout about how wonderful MK Scouting is and be proud of what we do daily.

I am always keen to know about positive media and will support in any way I can to raise the awareness. Please do continue to send me positive news articles and let us grow our media presence together.  Do let me know if you have any upcoming events that you would like me to attend and I can do the photography and media articles for you.

Thank You

**Jason Raggett  - Assistant District Commissioner Media and Communications**

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# THE QUARRIES SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT



At the start of the first lockdown, the doors were closed, water turned off and the crew walked out of the gate and locked up. When they felt they were able to return, it was to a different site, nature had taken over. It also gave the opportunity to think of how we as a crew could as a unit be part of the District, only one person has an appointment at the Quarries, others in Groups, District or was a member of the District Scout Active Support Unit.

So, in late December 2020 the crew were asked whether they wanted to be a Scout Active Support Unit and each member received a document outlining what was proposed.

At the District Executive Meeting on the 24th January 2021, I presented a proposal to the Executive on the formation of The Quarries Scout Active Support Unit and a draft Service Agreement and this was accepted and signed off.



On the 15th March 2021 the site crew became The Quarries Scout Active Support Unit, it comprises of 11 site crew members, the Bookings Administrator for the site, ADC (Activities), and the Treasurer for the campsite. We will wear a half white and green necker (the District colours) and have the Quarries campsite badge on the back.

To say that through lockdown the team have worked extremely hard is an understatement, the District should be proud of what they have done for their campsite, we hope shortly to be able to open the doors to campers and for our activities to start up again (permits permitting).

Thank you team, its been hard work sometimes but we have lunch together (socially distancing) and tea at 4 pm!! Anyone else want to join us?

**Pat Pankhurst – Manager – The Quarries Active Support Unit**



# MILTON KEYNES GANG SHOW

This has been an incredibly challenging year for Gang Show as rehearsing online really is not practical. Persevering with the delay in singing and not being able to rehears sketches whilst battling connection issues is just a few of the challenges we faced weekly.

As you will be aware we had to take the extremely difficult decision to cancel our 2020 and 2021 show due to the pandemic and this hit the cast hard.

The resilience of our cast and crew has been exceptional and they have really taken this in their stride to remain positive and know that better times are on the horizon.

We are working very closely with the Chrysalis Theatre to make this our home for both rehearsals and show. This will be a great move for us as a show and to be able to rehearse in our show venue will be worth its weight in gold.

Our cast are working towards a show in 2022 which more information will be published closer to the time.

We are always welcoming new cast members to come along and see what we do and would encourage you to share this with your young people. This is something that is a new skill and goes towards their badge work plus it is great fun.

We are really looking forward to trading the boards again and sharing the talent of MK with you. Our plan is too possible hold a review show at the end of October 2021. We feel that this will give us the opportunity to show case what Gang Show is and allow Young People to see what we do.

Lastly in 2020 we would have celebrated our 30th show and we have distributed badges to all members. This badge can be worn as an occasional badge on uniform.

Thank You

**Jason Raggett - Business Manager**

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## DAMBOREE ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

2020 into 2021 was a tough year for Damboree, with lockdown coming just as we were ramping up for the 2020 camping year. The bulk order of badges to keep prices low burned us a little as we now had a large stock of badge that we were not sure would ever be used.

We have managed to raise £600 for the Scout Association Hardship fund through sales of 2020 badge sets, which was gratefully received by HQ. This money will be used to support Groups across the UK that will struggle with funding during the extended lockdown.

Our hope is that we're able to return to camping sometime in 2021, however we have considered that 2021 will also be a washout as far as #EveryoneInTents.

Our reserves remain healthy for this year ahead.

**Stuart Ball – Damboree Team Manager**

## Spearhead Technical Active Support Unit

Spearhead exists to manage and support the technology that supports Milton Keynes Scouts. This year we've upgraded our helpdesk, revamped our webhosting, and changed our Office365 to enable us to offer young people accounts so they can access online scouting through Teams without having to share their email address with anyone.

We continue to innovate our IT and web services to support our Groups and District teams, and have been busy behind the scenes whilst the pandemic has affected other aspects of Scouting, such as camping.

Future projects include learning management system, improved waiting list management, re-vamped shop offering with click and collect service, and other projects that the District Commissioner decides as we go along.

# ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

## Queens Scout Award



Chloe Merrit

## Young Leader Buckles



Rhys Betley
George Thomas
Lilli Delaney
Sasha Coggins
Connor Spaughton
Rhiannon Towe

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards



### Gold

Chloe Merrit,
Emily Banks

### Silver

Kyle Wilson
Lewis Tyler -
Keeley Moorcroft
Jamie Rosell-Dersley

### Bronze

Ethan Towe
Arianna Davidson-Upmalis
Hannah Clarkson

## Bar to the Award for Merit



Andy Frogrook
Geoff Rayment

## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service



Glen Dersley
Lucy Forbes
Vicki Gillespie
Katie Kitchen
Caroline Ley

## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service cont'd

Dawn Markwell
Jean Prudames
Cynthia Preudhomme
Heather Rowe
Colin Stickland
Natasha Stoneman
Geoff Sydenham
David Tooth

**Milton Keynes District Scout Council**
**Year ended 31 March 2021**

# MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
# TRUSTEES REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
# REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1150177
# YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Charity Registration Number:** 1150177

| **Trustees:** | | |
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| | Bernard Hancox | District Chair |
| | Stuart Bailey | District Commissioner |
| | Pat Pankhurst | Secretary |
| | Ashley Pankhurst | Treasurer |
| | Beverley Delaney | District Explorer Scout Commissioner |
| | Danielle Smith | District Scout Network Commissioner |
| | Charlotte Spalding | District Youth Commissioner (from 1st June 2020) |
| | Madeleine Munn | |
| | Rosemary Worrall | |
| | Elisa McCarthy | |
| | Alexander Garner | |

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Milton Keynes District Scout Council

Lloyds Bank PLC
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Milton Keynes Gang Show
Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
The Quarries Scout Campsite
Damboree

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### *Structure, Governance and Management*

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

The Milton Keynes District Scout Council includes the following groups :

1. Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
2. The Quarries Scout Camp Site
3. Milton Keynes Gang Show

Additionally, funds are held on behalf of the Damboree Active Support Unit – a national initiative to promote camping.

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity is exposed. They have established systems to mitigate these, hold regular liaison meetings and are continually monitoring the individual finances of each group.

### Objectives and Activities

To promote and support successful scouting throughout the Milton Keynes District. In planning activities for the year, the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. There are five different groups covering ages 6 to 25 and all young people are welcome to join regardless of personal background, faith or personal circumstances. Members benefit greatly in developing their self-confidence and social skills as well as learning new practical and life skills.

### Achievements and performance

The charity continues to collect and administer subscriptions from the Scout Groups within its District. Support has been provided to both the uniformed and executive teams within the Scout Groups. The closure of the Quarries has enabled much needed works to take place.

### *Financial review*

At the end of the year total bank and cash funds amounted to £209,415.

### *Reserves policy*

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income fall short.

The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 10 months running costs, circa £80,000.

In addition, the District Executive Committee continues to build a fund for the future replacement of buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite.

### *Investment policy*

The District has 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.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 4-7.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of examiner's report.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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:

1. 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 Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

   have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**S J Gill FCCA**

**44 West Side Rise**
**Olney**
**Buckinghamshire**
**MK46 5HP**

21/09/2021

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2020 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total receipts for the year | 110,261 | - | 110,261 | 244,201 |
| Total payments for the year | 121,211 | - | 121,211 | 139,423 |
| | (10,950) | - | (10,950) | 104,778 |
| **Cash, bank and funds** | | | | |
| B/Fwd | 220,365 | - | 220,365 | 115,587 |
| Transfer | - | - | - | - |
| **C/Fwd** | **209,415** | **-** | **209,415** | **220,365** |

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Approved by the Trustees on 20th Sept. '21 and signed on their behalf by:

Bernard Hancox

**Trustee and District Chair**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2020 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total receipts for the year | 110,261 | - | 110,261 | 244,201 |
| Total payments for the year | 121,211 | - | 121,211 | 139,423 |
| | (10,950) | - | (10,950) | 104,778 |
| **Cash, bank and funds** | | | | |
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**RECEIPTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2020 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions | 72,133 | - | 72,133 | 107,696 |
| Site fees : The Quarries | 3,164 | - | 3,164 | 35,998 |
| Sale of clothing and badges | 1,990 | - | 1,990 | 22,535 |
| Camps and activities | 1,443 | - | 1,443 | 42,917 |
| Donations, grants and Gift Aid | 28,126 | - | 28,126 | 2,420 |
| Other receipts | 465 | - | 465 | 4,330 |
| Fundraising | - | - | - | 8,967 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/International | 2,902 | - | 2,902 | 13,524 |
| Gang Show (main) | 38 | - | 38 | 5,814 |
| **Total receipts for the year** | **110,261** | **-** | **110,261** | **244,201** |

**PAYMENTS**

| | General Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds £ | 2020 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Membership subscriptions paid to HQ | 69,966 | - | 69,966 | 4,292 |
| Stock purchases | 2,176 | - | 2,176 | 17,825 |
| Camps, activities and hall hire etc (inc refunds) | 1,242 | - | 1,242 | 29,197 |
| Gang show expenses | 345 | - | 200 | 8,065 |
| Purchase and repair of equipment | 3,318 | - | 3,318 | 4,360 |
| Insurance | 5,840 | - | 5,840 | 7,617 |
| Utilities | 7,106 | - | 7,106 | 8,871 |
| Administration expenses and development | 8,188 | - | 8,188 | 12,607 |
| Use of premises | - | - | - | 679 |
| Printing and stationery | 300 | - | 300 | 300 |
| Sundry expenses | 4,713 | - | 4,713 | 8,067 |
| Building maintenance | 542 | - | 542 | 3,541 |
| Site maintenance | 14,658 | - | 14,658 | 7,341 |
| Trustee and leader expenses | 1,274 | - | 1,274 | 2,206 |
| Jamboree/Damboree/Special projects | 1,543 | - | 1,543 | 24,455 |
| **Total payments for the year** | **121,211** | **-** | **121,211** | **139,423** |

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT**
**31 MARCH 2021**

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Cash Funds** | | | | |
| Bank current accounts | 150,048 | - | 150,048 | 165,797 |
| Bank deposit accounts | 59,276 | - | 59,276 | 54,374 |
| Cash in hand | 91 | - | 91 | 194 |
| | **209,415** | **-** | **209,415** | **220,365** |
| **Other monetary assets** | | | | |
| Insurance prepayment | 1,237 | - | 1,237 | 995 |
| Badge stock | 9,155 | - | 9,155 | 9,271 |
| Scout shop stock and fixtures | 8,295 | - | 8,295 | 8,295 |
| Quarries tuck shop stock | - | - | - | 123 |
| Quarries activity equipment and machinery | 21,187 | - | 21,187 | 17,212 |
| Quarries land and buildings | 420,000 | - | 420,000 | 420,000 |
| Other equipment | 3,132 | - | 3,132 | 2,932 |
| **Other liabilities** | | | | |
| Annual membership subscription | (57,469) | - | (57,469) | (69,966) |
| Refunds | (-) | - | (-) | (5,718) |
| | **614,952** | **-** | **614,952** | **603,509** |

| **Analysis of funds** | **£** |
|---|---|
| General funds | 514,952 |
| Designated funds – Development fund | 100,000 |
| | **614.952** |

The Designated funds - Development fund has been earmarked by the Trustees mainly for future capital expenditure.