

Bishops Stortford and District Scout Council

Statement of Assets for the year ended 31st December 2023

	31/12/2023		31/12/2022	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank	36,374		34,600	
Bank Deposit Account	28,259		27,980	
Scout Association Short Term Investme	-		17,000	
Explorer Accounts	12,113		12,625	
Debtors - amounts owed for badges	<u>1,056</u>		<u>-</u>	
Total Assets		77,802		92,206
Less: Liabilities		161		-
Net Assets		<u>£77,642</u>		<u>£92,206</u>

*Includes £4,134 in the Camp account being surpluses from previous Locheamhead Expeditions

Bishop's Stortford & District Scout Council

Income & Expenditure account for the Year ended 31st December 2023

	Year ended 31/12/2023	Year ended 31/12/2022
Income		
Annual subscriptions	55,918	48,124
Beavers	2,000	1,506
Cubs	239	455
Scouts	-	-
Explorers	6,598	22,970
Jamboree	22,688	5,732
Training	-	-
Locheamhead Exp	35,679	4,551
Scout Shop & Badges	7,871	7,030
Charity fundraising	24	420
Interest	734	61
Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>117</u>
Total Income	131,751	90,965
Expenditure		
Capitation	44,250	41,376
Beavers	2,773	1,626
Cubs	103	781
Scouts	216	413
Explorers	13,972	22,355
DLT	371	181
Training	17	1,075
Scout Shop & Badges	9,154	5,432
Swimming	480	315
Charities	75	25
AGM/Awards night	535	68
Other District events		116
Website	539	192
Insurance	125	485
Locheamhead Exp	39,028	-
Jamboree	28,836	-
Administration	805	537
Grant for Jamboree	4,000	-
Equipment purchase	<u>1,036</u>	<u>125</u>
Total Expenditure	146,315	75,103
Net income over expenditure	<u>(14,564)</u>	<u>15,862</u>

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Bishops Stortford District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

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

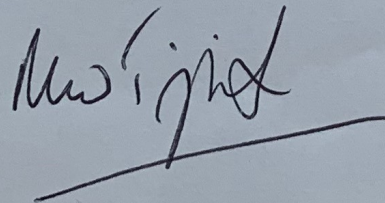
Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts attached.

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name.....MICHAEL TRIPPICK ACMA
Address.....67 THE PADDOCK
BISHOP'S STORTFORD CM23 4JW
Date.....17 MAY 2024





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 1st January 2023 To: 31st December 2023

Charity name: Bishops Stortford and District Scout Council

Charity registration number:1154953

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of The Scout Association is 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 international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Ongoing support to the District team and local Scout Groups. Organisation of several District wide events. Management and oversight of the District Budget.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. All trustees are subject to annual appointment at the District AGM and, once appointed, serve until the following AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants are made from time to time to leaders within the scout district to carry out training towards gaining national body awards so that they can obtain permits to enable members of their groups to take part in permitted activities.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment is carried out through the delivery of scouting activities via the scout programme.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	None.
Other		

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year the District has organised and supported a range of activities for the various sections within Bishops Stortford and District, as well as providing financial support towards training and specific activities. On behalf of the District, the Executive would like to thank all those who helped to organise and run these events.</p> <p>The appointments committee has continued its valuable work in administering leader appointments in the district.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our district, like most charities, holds some funds in reserve. Our level of reserves is set to ensure that there is sufficient resources to continue the core activities of the District should income fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months annual subscriptions, circa £45,000 in reserve. Should the level of reserves fall below the target level the District executive committee will make efforts to restore the level within next financial years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	77642
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funds is the annual levy charged by the District for all Scout paying members within the District.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Ongoing risk of the membership reducing and the need to subsidise individuals and groups due to the current financial situation.
Other		

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	The District is a trust established under rules which are common to all Scouts. The Scout Association and the District are Public Benefit Entities.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. All Trustees are subject to annual appointment at the District AGM and, once appointed, serve until the following AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The District is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" as identified above. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to The Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustees, including officers, receive no remuneration and they and others who support the Scouting activities of the District do so as volunteers, with there being no cost to the District for the time committed. This Executive Committee exists to support District activities which are intended to support the development of Scouting within Bishops Stortford and District and to support the individual Scout groups. This includes a number of activities mandated by the Scout Association, for example leader
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		<p>appointments, as well as provision of support to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Explorers, whilst being attached to groups in the District, are designated a District section and as such the District has broader responsibility for those sections including in respect of funding. In undertaking activities and their management of the District, the Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Executive Committee meets approximately every 3 months and receives reports from the District Commissioner, Treasurer and from representatives of each section. All leaders within the District are entitled to attend these meetings, and dates are published on the District Calendar.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	See above.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Bishops Stortford and District Scout Council
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1154953
Charity's principal address	7 The Pastures, Bishops Stortford, Herts CM23 2FU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Vacant	Chair		
2	William Compton	District Commissioner		
3	Jane Le Grove	Treasurer		
4	Jackie Williamson	Secretary		
5	Simon Carter			
6	Nick Jones			
7	Maureen Hargrave	Deputy District Commissioner		
8	Sophie Brixton			
9	Jay Oram			
10	Rebecca Beaumont			
11	Edd Jones			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	J E Le Grove	
Full name(s)	Jane Le Grove	
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	14/09/2023	