

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1164849

Report of the Trustees and
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Colchester North District Scouts

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Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number 1164849

Principal address

District Scout Headquarters
c/o The Scout Shop
Mill Race Garden Centre
New Road, Aldham
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CO6 3QT

Trustees

A Waring
D Reid
E Welch
I Welch
J Chandler
C Meadway
N Ballard
M Geaves
M Tarman

Chairman
District Commissioner
Deputy District Commissioner
Deputy District Commissioner
Treasurer
Executive member
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Independent examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Scout Districts 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 (POR) of the Scout Association. The Scout District is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the aforementioned POR of the Scout Association

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Organisational structure

The Scouting District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District, which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the group and member registration, keeping proper accounts and making the appropriate returns to the Charity Commissioner.

The committee consists of 2 independent representatives; Chair and Treasurer, and Trustees, District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Lead and meets every 2 months or as may be determined.

The District Trustee Board exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for;

- The maintenance of District property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of District Finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub-committee that may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and advisers other than those who are elected.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the potential risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The District has in place several internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatures for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies with Unity, the Scout Association Insurance facility, to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Cover for injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members is supplied by the Scout Associations national insurance policy from the membership fee contributions. Risk assessments are a continuous ongoing function undertaken before commencement of all activities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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 the 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 guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit

The Trustees have due regard to public benefit during their meetings. 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.

Volunteers

A very major contribution is made by volunteers. The Trustees are very appreciative of the many hours that they have spent listening to and encouraging young members and passing on their experiences to others. Without this valued contribution of time, energy and expertise the District would not have been able to achieve so much.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

The Trustees Report is a brief summary of the past year of Scouting activity in Colchester North District, providing an insight into some of the factors that have influenced day-to-day operation.

The District had a busy year with many events happening for the young people of Colchester, including Christmas parties, scout winter camp, beavers sausage sizzle, Cub Dodgeball competition, Awards Day, Monopoly run and nature days at Abberton Reservoir to name just a few. There was also a lot of fundraising done by the young people who went to Jamborees across the world including the World Jamboree in Korea.

SASU and District Scouters continues to support both District and County events throughout the year.

The District Lead Volunteers Team continued to visit and engage with all groups for their ongoing development, together with organising district activities and events.

The District Lead Volunteers Team, have supported the groups ensuring the leaders teams are compliant with their training and also making sure awards are received in recognition for individuals work and commitment to providing scouting activities.

The Colchester North District Scout Council AGM was held 26th September 2024

Fundraising Activities

The Scout and Guide shop, based at the Stanway HQ, has continued to provide a service during this financial year supporting not only our District but many other groups and sections. Our thanks go to Roz Tarman, Melvin Tarman and the team for managing the shop and keeping all young people and leaders supplied with a wide range of scouting products.

No other fundraising activities took place during this year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The District continues to hold reserves to fund support activities for 2024/25 and to be able to support groups financially if they struggle with the rising energy bills and the cost of living crisis.

All the District Groups are required, per the Charity Commission, to submit a copy of their signed off year end Accounts to the District Treasurer for examination.

The District continues to retain a 50% beneficial interest in the joint assets of Colchester Scouting covering the Thorington Scout Training Camp and the Colchester Gang Show.

The District Trustee Board continues to monitor the levels of bank balances and the interest rates to ensure that the District secures maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Scout District is subject to continuous review, both internally and externally, to ensure that the optimum standards are maintained and implemented as may be dictated by either the Scout Association or District policy. The District now has a Finance and Risk Support Group (FSG) which carries a financial risk assessment on behalf of the District. The FSG is chaired by the District Treasurer.

Approved by order of the trustees on 26th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by



A Waring - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Colchester North District Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

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').

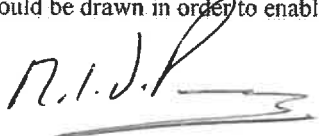
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed by 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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Date: 30/9/2024

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Section A Receipts and Payments

	Total (unrestricted) funds 2024 £	Total (unrestricted) funds 2023 £
A1 Receipts		
Subscriptions	45,695	46,402
Subscriptions paid over	-	(37,353)
Shop income	69,605	72,873
Minibus hire	1,701	2,109
Deposit account interest	548	196
District events	6,313	6,839
Explorer events	13,505	4,232
Jamboree	7,295	28,905
Miscellaneous	4,883	378
<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>149,545</u>	<u>124,581</u>
A2 Asset and investment sales	-	-
Loans from groups	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>149,545</u>	<u>124,581</u>
A3 Payments		
Shop expenses	67,800	62,721
District events	9,999	5,170
Explorer events	15,502	6,514
Scouts Active Service events	-	-
Jamboree	11,135	24,470
Postage, stationery and telephone	-	-
Hall hire	2,105	2,539
Travel	1,301	754
Motor	1,537	2,869
Repairs and renewals	550	-
Professional fees	1,800	1,680
Sundries	2,336	1,435
<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>114,065</u>	<u>108,152</u>
A4 Asset and investment purchases		
Equipment	-	1,347
Loans to groups	1,750	-
<i>Total payments</i>	<u>115,815</u>	<u>109,499</u>
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	<u>33,730</u>	<u>15,082</u>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	86,773	71,691
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	<u>120,503</u>	<u>86,773</u>

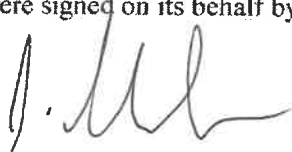
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Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Total (unrestricted) funds 2024 £	Total (unrestricted) funds 2023 £
B1 Cash funds		
Current accounts	108,682	75,501
Deposit account	11,820	11,272
<i>Total cash funds</i>	<u>120,502</u>	<u>86,773</u>
B2 Other monetary assets		
Outstanding subscriptions	-	-
Shop debtor	1,197	1,236
	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,236</u>
B3 Investment assets	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Shop stock at cost	56,518	55,396
Motor vehicle at value	2,968	3,710
Computer and other equipment at value	1,380	1,935
B5 Liabilities		
Professional fee accrual	1,800	1,680
Shop creditor	4,569	6,939
Shop deferred income	490	435

The Receipts and Payments Accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on
and were signed on its behalf by:

26th September 2024



J Chandler - Trustee

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Section C Notes

C1 Accounting policy

The accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

C2 Transactions with trustees

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 or for the year ended 31 March 2023.

During the year four of the trustees were reimbursed for expenses which they had paid on the charity's behalf totalling £3,225 (2023: £1,398).

C3 Designated funds

Included within the bank balances are the following amounts held for the following purposes:

	2024	2023
	£	£
International World Scout Jamboree	-	4,724
George Gee Trust for approved building projects	1,200	1,200
Michael Isherwood memorial	1,378	1,378

C4 Other interests

The charity has a 50% beneficial interest in the joint assets and liabilities of Colchester Scouts Liaison Committee. The Committee oversees the running of the activities below but the figures are not incorporated into these accounts.

Colchester North District Scouts and Colchester Estuary District Scouts are each responsible for half of any liabilities that may arise from the management of these activities.

	Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year £	Reserves at the End of the Year £
Thorrington Scout Camp for the year ended 31 March 2024	(13,014)	104,570
Colchester Scout Band for the year ended 31 March 2024	-	-
Colchester Gang Show for the year ended 31 March 2024	4,724	7,751