



Peterborough District Scout Council  
Annual Report and Examined Annual Accounts  
For the year ended the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

## Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees (who served in the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

|                   | Appointed                      | Until                         |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| P Parsons         | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020     |                               |
| G Vincent         | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020     |                               |
| T Burgess         | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020     |                               |
| P Lumley          | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020     |                               |
| V Cann            | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020     |                               |
| M Plant           | 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020  |                               |
| T Law             | 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 |                               |
| A Burgess         | 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020  |                               |
| J Metheram        | 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023  |                               |
| J Walker          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022   | 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 |
| S Crane           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022   |                               |
| M Royle           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022   |                               |
| D Smart           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022   |                               |
| F McDonald        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022   | 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 |
| N Doughty Colbert | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022   |                               |
| A Pallister       | 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023  |                               |

### Charity Number

1176050

### Independent Examiner

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## Trustees Report

For the year ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 28th February 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the notes set out to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, applicable in the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice 016 applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2016).

During the financial year covered by these financial statements national and international restrictions on movement and holding face to face meetings continued to largely apply.

## Objectives and activities

The charity supports Network Units, Explorer Scout Units and Scout Groups across Peterborough and its surrounding locations. It aims to ensure that young people learn skills for life through the leadership teams at District and Group levels.

The trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in determining the activities of the charity.

## Overview

Since its formation in September 2017 the charity has been managed by its trustees. Their details are shown below. The trustee board has met at regular intervals throughout the year. A full range of activities have been undertaken in the previous year at a District level including the Peterborough Gang Show, Canoe Club and SWAN sailing expedition.

## Financial Review

Membership subscriptions chargeable at £3.50 per youth member remains as the primary source of receipts. Added to this are amounts generated through badge sales.

The properties owned by the District have mainly been financed by the grants received during the COVID period. For one of the properties rental income has been received from a 3rd party who make regular use of the building. For both buildings costs of maintenance and other items including utilities and insurance cover have also been met. The trustees are reviewing the situation with both properties and are considering options for the future.

The accounts have been prepared on an ongoing basis and the trustees are confident that they have sufficient in reserves to meet predicted costs arising in the next financial year.

## Structure, governance and management

The trustee board adopt the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) published by the Scout Association, including the constitution as laid down in rule 5.16. and modified by agreement at the meeting of the District Scout Council (AGM).

As previously stated, the trustees have met regularly to ensure that all applicable issues have been addressed. The financial accounting records have been duly examined and the report by the independent examiner can be found within this document.

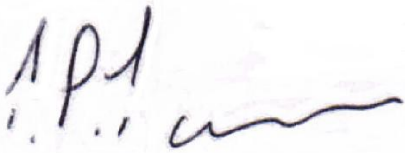
The accounts were adopted by the trustees at a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Some of the trustees have links with other Scout Charities and due account is taken of this in decision making processes.

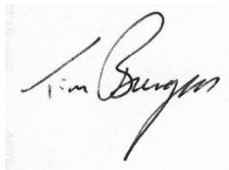
## Funds held as custodian trustee

The Charity pays subscriptions to the Cambridgeshire County Scout Council and to the Scout Association. Both these bodies supply other services to the Charity. The Charity itself makes a charge against the locally based Scout Groups and Units within its area.

The trustees' report was approved by the Peterborough Scout District Executive Committee

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Philip Simon Parsons

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Burgess'.

Tim Burgess

Dated

## Independent Examiners Report

See next pages.



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

28/2/2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1176050

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/2/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of  
report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination which give us 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.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** CHERYL AVES

**Date:** 24/04/2025

**Name:**

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# Statement of Financial Activity

For year ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Peterborough District Scout Council  
Reg. Charity No, 1176050  
Statement of Financial Activity  
For the Year Ended 29 February 2024

|   |   | 2024               | 2024             | 2024            | 2024          | 2023          |
|---|---|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|   |   | Unrestricted funds | Designated Funds | Endowment funds | Total funds   | Total funds   |
| <b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>          |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                               |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
| <b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b> |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
|   | Membership Subscriptions                                      | 30,435             | -                | -               | 30,435        | 29,456        |
|   | Donations   | 2,901              | -                | -               | 2,901         | -             |
|   |   | 33,336             | -                | -               | 33,336        | 29,456        |
| <b>Grants</b>                                 |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
|   | Maintenance Grants  | -                  | -                | -               | -             | -             |
|   | Other Grants  | -                  | -                | -               | -             | -             |
|   |   | -                  | -                | -               | -             | -             |
| <b>Fundraising Events</b>                     |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
|   | Activities  | 37,411             | -                | -               | 37,411        | 25,217        |
|   | Clothing and Badge Sales                                      | 5,250              | -                | -               | 5,250         | 5,204         |
|   | Loans Repaid  | 180                | -                | -               | 180           | 7,205         |
|   | Other Fundraising Activities                                  | 2,077              | -                | -               | 2,077         | 3,486         |
|   |   | 44,918             | -                | -               | 44,918        | 41,112        |
| <b>Building Income</b>                        |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
|   | Hire of Building  | -                  | 1,200            | -               | 1,200         | 1,200         |
|   | Hire of Equipment   | 200                | -                | -               | 200           | -             |
|   |   | 200                | 1,200            | -               | 1,400         | 1,200         |
| <b>Investment Income</b>                      |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
|   | Bank Interest   | 2                  | -                | -               | 2             | -             |
|   |   | 2                  | -                | -               | 2             | -             |
| <b>TOTAL GROSS INCOME</b>                     |   | <b>78,456</b>      | <b>1,200</b>     | <b>-</b>        | <b>79,656</b> | <b>71,768</b> |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>                               |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
| <b>Charitable Payments</b>                    |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
|   | Membership Fees paid onto Cambridgeshire County Scout Council | 28,623             | -                | -               | 28,623        | 23,855        |
|   | Youth programme and activities                                | 34,954             | -                | -               | 34,954        | 23,178        |
|   | Adult support and training                                    | 945                | -                | -               | 945           | 402           |
|   | Rent & Rates  | 4,722              | 79               | -               | 4,801         | 2,951         |
|   | Water and Sewerage  | 191                | 117              | -               | 308           | 429           |
|   | Electricity and Gas   | 472                | 675              | -               | 1,148         | 1,148         |
|   | Insurance   | 780                | 2,431            | -               | 3,211         | 4,034         |
|   | Repairs and Renewals  | 129                | -                | -               | 129           | 1,139         |
|   | Materials and equipment                                       | 1,117              | -                | -               | 1,117         | 363           |
|   | Printing and photocopying                                     | 38                 | -                | -               | 38            | 201           |
|   |   | -                  | -                | -               | -             | -             |
|   | Uniforms and Badges   | 6,206              | -                | -               | 6,206         | 4,969         |
|   | AGM and trustee expenses                                      | -                  | -                | -               | -             | -             |
|   | Grants Issues   | 660                | -                | -               | 660           | 4,568         |
|   | Bank Charges  | 193                | -                | -               | 193           | 259           |
|   | Other Expenditure   | 362                | -                | -               | 362           | 24            |
|   |   | 79,392             | 3,302            | -               | 82,695        | 67,518        |
| <b>Fundraising Expenses</b>                   |   |                    |                  |                 |               |               |
|   | Loans to Groups   | 180                | -                | -               | 180           | 3,629         |
|   | Other Fundraising Costs                                       | 5                  | -                | -               | 5             | 21            |
|   |   | 185                | -                | -               | 185           | 3,650         |
| <b>TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE</b>                |   | <b>79,577</b>      | <b>3,302</b>     | <b>-</b>        | <b>82,880</b> | <b>71,168</b> |

Peterborough District Scout Council  
Reg. Charity No, 1176050  
Statement of Financial Activity  
For the Year Ended 29 February 2024

|   |                                  | 2024               | 2024             | 2024            | 2024           | 2023           |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|   |                                  | Unrestricted funds | Designated Funds | Endowment funds | Total funds    | Total funds    |
| <b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT Summary</b>                      |                                  |                    |                  |                 |                |                |
| Cash funds from last year   |                                  | 95,575             | 28,982           | -               | 124,557        | 123,957        |
| Net Receipts(Payments)  | -                                | 1,121              | - 2,102          | -               | - 3,223        | 600            |
| Transfers between funds   |                                  | -                  | -                | -               | -              | -              |
| Cash funds this year end  |                                  | 94,454             | 26,880           | -               | 121,334        | 124,557        |
| <b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b> |                                  |                    |                  |                 |                |                |
| <b>Cash Funds</b>   |                                  |                    |                  |                 |                |                |
| Current Accounts  | District General Current Account | 28,766             | 26,878           | -               | 55,644         | 62,106         |
|   | District Activity Accounts       | 315                | 2                | -               | 317            | 317            |
|   | Dragon ESU                       | 4,484              | -                | -               | 4,484          | 3,526          |
|   | Honor ESU                        | 3,650              | -                | -               | 3,650          | 3,631          |
|   | Valour ESU                       | 2,793              | -                | -               | 2,793          | 2,641          |
|   | Canoe Club Activity Team         | 11,906             | -                | -               | 11,906         | 11,758         |
|   | Gang Show Activity Team          | 16,250             | -                | -               | 16,250         | 18,100         |
|   | SWAN Sailing Activity Team       | 22,590             | -                | -               | 22,590         | 21,807         |
|   |                                  | 90,755             | 26,880           | -               | 117,635        | 123,887        |
| Deposit Accounts  | Honor ESU                        | 219                |                  |                 | 219            | 217            |
|   | Gang Show Activity Team          | 3,136              |                  |                 | 3,136          | -              |
|   |                                  | 3,355              | -                | -               | 3,355          | 217            |
| Cash Floats   | Dragon ESU                       | 9                  | -                | -               | 9              | 109            |
|   | Honor ESU                        | 102                | -                | -               | 102            | 94             |
|   | Valour ESU                       | 48                 | -                | -               | 48             | 200            |
|   | Canoe Club                       | -                  | -                | -               | -              | 51             |
|   | SWAN Sailing Activity Team       | 186                | -                | -               | 186            | -              |
|   |                                  | 344                | -                | -               | 344            | 453            |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>   |                                  | <b>94,454</b>      | <b>26,880</b>    | <b>-</b>        | <b>121,334</b> | <b>124,557</b> |
| <b>Note 3</b>   |                                  |                    |                  |                 |                |                |
| <b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>                                      |                                  |                    |                  |                 |                |                |
| <b>OTHER INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>                                    |                                  |                    |                  |                 |                |                |
| <b>NON MONETARY ASSETS FOT CHARITY USE</b>                        |                                  |                    |                  |                 |                |                |
|   | Badge Stock                      | 2,500              |                  |                 | 2,500          | 2,500          |
|   | Land and Buildings (Note 3.)     |                    | 442,273          |                 | 442,273        | 455,952        |
|   | Other                            | -                  | -                | -               | -              | 1,165          |
|   |                                  | 2,500              | 442,273          | -               | 444,773        | 459,617        |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                                  | -                  | -                | -               | -              | -              |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>   |                                  | <b>96,954</b>      | <b>469,153</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>566,107</b> | <b>584,174</b> |

Financial Notes

1. Trustees meetings

The trustees have held a number of meetings to enable them to discharge their responsibilities

2. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted for the preparation of the Statement of Financial Activity are as follows:

**Basis of Preparation**  
 The Charity is registered in England and Wales and is not a company. Under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011 the charity is permitted to prepare receipt and payments statements providing the Gross income of the charity does not exceed £ 250,000.

**Fund Accounting**  
 General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in accordance with the general obligations of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Defined or Restricted funds can only be used for a particular purpose as defined in the objectives of the charity.

| 3. Analysis of Designated Funds   |             |                  |            |            |
|---|-------------|------------------|------------|------------|
|   |             |                  | 2024       | 2023       |
| Fund  | St Micheals | 1st Medehamstede | Total Fund | Total Fund |
| Fund Balance from Last Year   | 11,884      | 17,098           | 28,982     | 33,595     |
| Add Receipts from:  |             |                  |            |            |
| Rents Received  |             | 1,200            | 1,200      | 1,200      |
| Electricity Refund  |             |                  |            | 7          |
| Insurance Refund  |             |                  |            | 32         |
| Less Payments for:  |             |                  |            |            |
| Rent and Rates  |             | 79               | 79         | 257        |
| Water and Sewerage  |             | 117              | 117        | 229        |
| Electricity   | 493         | 182              | 675        | 807        |
| Repairs   |             |                  | -          | 1,139      |
| Insurance   | 1,449       | 982              | 2,431      | 3,420      |
| Fund Balance for this year  | 9,941.58    | 16,938           | 26,880     | 28,982     |
| Tangible Assets : Land and Buildings  |             |                  |            |            |
| Fund Balance from Last Year   | 184,392     | 271,560          | 455,952    | 470,054    |
| Less Depreciation   | 5,532       | 8,147            | 13,679     | 14,102     |
| Fund Balance for this year  | 178,860     | 263,413          | 442,274    | 455,952    |
| Notes : Depreciation has been calculated at 3% on a reducing balances and is reported for the purposes of valuation only. |             |                  |            |            |

## District Commissioners' Report -1st March 2023 – 28th February 2024

As we come to the close of another exciting and successful Scouting year, I am proud to reflect on all that we have accomplished together across Peterborough. From growth in membership to new community partnerships and unforgettable adventures, 2023–2024 has been a year defined by progress, resilience, and the unwavering dedication of our volunteers.

### Membership Growth

I'm delighted to report a **6.8% increase in overall membership** across our District this year. This growth is a testament to the welcoming and engaging environment we've fostered in our Groups, as well as the reputation Peterborough Scouts continues to build in our local communities.

This positive trend includes:

- More young people joining our Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout, and Explorer sections.
- An increase in adult volunteers stepping forward to help make Scouting happen.
- Higher retention rates, particularly among older age groups and those transitioning between sections.
- We know this growth doesn't happen by accident—it reflects the collective efforts of our leaders, volunteers, parents, and young people who advocate for and embody the values of Scouting every day.

### Highlights from the Year

#### Adventure & Programme Delivery

From nights away under canvas to first hikes and pioneering projects, young people have continued to thrive through safe, fun, and adventurous activities. Many Groups have worked hard to refresh and enrich their programme, ensuring variety, challenge, and the development of key skills for life.

### Looking Ahead

With momentum behind us, we are entering 2024–2025 with clear goals:

- Continuing to grow our volunteer base and support flexible volunteering.
- Strengthening Group governance and Trustee Boards.
- Supporting youth-led Scouting and giving young people more of a voice.
- Ensuring every section can deliver safe, high-quality programmes.
- Launch of new programme resources and working toward improved inclusivity and accessibility across the District.

### A Personal Thank You

To every volunteer—whether you run a section weekly, support behind the scenes, or help occasionally—thank you. Scouting in Peterborough is thriving because of you. Your time, energy, and belief in what we do changes lives.

Let's continue to inspire the next generation of Scouts to be curious, compassionate, and courageous.

**Tom Law**

**Lead Volunteer**

**Peterborough**