

SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1178685

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-06-07

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIAL; AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Scouting

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£129,806	£200,049	-	-
2024-03-31	£155,517	£69,382	-	-
2023-03-31	£68,506	£63,422	-	-
2022-03-31	£48,619	£40,612	-	-
2021-03-31	£17,559	£11,319	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Denise Irene Buttigieg	Chair	2014-07-14
Adam Joseph Daniel		2023-02-28
Daniel Robert Benjamin		2021-09-28
Darran Lee Buttigieg		2018-06-25
KEITH ALAN BREWER		2014-10-20
Stuart Charles Richardson		2024-06-25

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Annual General Meeting
21st September 2025

SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

21st September 2025, 3pm
Hengrove Scout Headquarters, Station Crescent, Ashford, TW15 2HN

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th June 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Spelthorne District
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - d. Re-appoint District President
 - e. Appoint the Independent Examiner
 - f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
- 6. Closing remarks**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD ON
TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM**

1. Introduction and welcome

Graham Ledger welcomed everyone to the meeting together with the Cllr. Med Buck (Spelthorne Mayor), Oliver Davies (District Vice President), Joe Rogerson (DC), Julia Kilestra (DDC) & Malcolm McKee (DDC) and Cllr. Bing Dong.

2. Apologies for absence

These were received from Suzy Webb (District President), Cllrs Beecher, Bhayde, Doran, Dunn, Grant and Rybinski and members of the Scout Council; James Ayling, Roy Clough, Alan Green, Gill Henry, Havery Hieke, Wendy Kislingbury, Catherine Mason, Karen Miller, Jill Tomkins, Mark Smith and Richard Wheeler.

3. Governance topics

- a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th June 2024
The minutes were proposed by Graham Ledger, seconded by Keith Brewer and agreed by those present with one amendment to page 5, Treasurer is Darran Buttigieg.
- b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
This was agreed by those present.
- c. Note the District's financial year
The District's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.
- d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
None appointed
- e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
This number was agreed as 5 plus the District Lead Volunteer and the District Youth Volunteer.
- f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
This was agreed to be 15 people (which is approximately 15% of the membership).

4. Review of the previous year

- a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Spelthorne District
Roger Dix the outgoing District Commissioner, thanked everyone for their support over the last 10 years, he then welcomed Stuart Riachardson who was taking on the role of our new and first District Lead Volunteer. Dorcas Pope was awarded the 30 year award.

Graham thanked all of the members of the Trustee Board, with special thanks to

Neil Gray who was stepping down after many years.

- b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
These were presented by Darran Buttigieg. The banks holding funds were queried, this is currently being updated, however, some of these were the old section accounts which are collated under the District Report and Accounts.

5. Making appointments

- a. *Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board*
Denise Buttigieg was appointed Chair following Graham Ledger's resignation.
- b. *Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board*
Darran Buttigieg was appointed as District Treasurer.
- c. *Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board*
Daniel Benjamin, Keith Brewer and Gill Henry were appointed.
- d. *Re-appoint District President and Vice Presidents*
Suzy Webb was re-appointed as District President.
- e. *Appoint the Independent Examiner*
Peter Connolly was appointed as the Independent Examiner for the District.
- f. *Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council*
James Ayling was nominated as the Districts representative.

6. Closing remarks

Joe Rogerson spoke to thank Roger for his work over many years in the District and for his last 10 as District Commissioner.

Stuart Richardson spoke briefly to say there are a lot of upcoming changes with the new structure and that we need to get our training improved to 100%. YL training has been adopted We will be 'One District, One Team'.

The Mayor of Spelthorne spoke to congratulate the new District team and thank Roger. He unfortunately missed out on Scouting in his home country of Mauritius although his brothers had the opportunity. He is passionate about the community and has been a member of the Red Cross and Rotary.

Malcolm McKee (County Programme Lead) spoke about the new digital system that will be introduced when ready and that is essential that we get the basics of Scouting right including permits, international trips. Growth is needed nationally.

Harry Jaffer from Ashford Rotary thanked the SASU for their help at Christmas on the Santa Rotary Collection, £6,000 was raised over 12 days and they are donating £750 to the District as a thanks for the help.

Stuart declared the meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Spelthorne District Scout Council AGM, Sunday September 2025

Chair's Report

Dear Council Members and Guests,

Welcome to our Annual Report, this has been a year of many changes for those across Spelthorne District.

This has been my first year as Chair, having been in the secretary role for many years and also the first year with the changes to the structure of the team approach to running the District. At our AGM last year we welcomed back Stuart Richardson as our first District Lead Volunteer of Spelthorne. Stuart 'hit the ground running' and has totally overhauled our HQ with paint for a fresh new look, new windows, new kitchen, new lighting and heating, new storage and a tidied outside area. His enthusiasm and hard work is there for us all to see. He is ably assisted by Richard Wheeler and the HQ now incorporates a shooting range with further plans for a traversing wall.

As a District we have worked hard to ensure that people are up to date with the necessary training to ensure that our young people get the best and safest scouting possible. Thank you to all the volunteers for the time they give up to make this possible.

As a District we are growing, we now have our first Squirrel Drey based at 1st Staines and hope that this is the first of many. We have established the Fiennes Young leader unit under Elliott Miller and this year are looking to provide a network offering for the 18-25 members, and this means that we can lay sure foundations for the next generation of leaders.

I would like to thank all of the leaders, helpers and parents across the District and members of the District team, for all they do for the young people across Spelthorne Scouting, giving them amazing opportunities and experiences whilst they learn #SkillsForLife.

I would finally like to thank Darran for his service as District Treasurer especially over the last year when the Chair refused to let him step down and for his support of me during my time on the Trustee Board.

As always, our biggest challenge to providing Scouting to even more young people across Spelthorne is having enough volunteers to run and support the groups. If you know of any adults who might want to support Spelthorne Scouts, please ask them to get in touch with us at volunteering@spelthornescouts.org.uk or visit our website <https://spelthornescouts.org.uk>. We offer many opportunities, with many roles being able to be shared and are happy to work in flexible and creative ways to support volunteering in a way that is mutually convenient.

Yours in Scouting
Denise Buttigieg
Chair, District Board of Trustees

New Names and Teams.... What do they mean?

District Lead Volunteer (DLV) (formally District Commissioner). This is the person who leads the District (in our case Spelthorne) by looking after the overall strategy and vision for the district. They make sure Groups are compliant and that we put in place activities and provision for all groups.

District Youth Commissioner (DYC) (formally District Youth Commissioner). This person supports the DLV in making sure the youth members of the district are listened to and have their chance to influence Scouting.

Trustee Board (formally Executive Committee) These are the group of people who look after the governance side of the charity. They don't do the day to day operational stuff such as running meetings but make sure meeting places are safe and maintained, plan and run the budget and support the leaders to provide good quality, safe Scouting.

District Teams- *These are the teams which are led by the District to support Scouting at Group and Section level.*

Programme Team- Plans and runs the District programme. This is making sure there are large activities, competitions and events for all age groups to help members see how they are part of the bigger Scouting community. Our programme team has two specialist teams within it: Shooting and Skills and Events.

Development Team- Looks after volunteers. These are the people who welcome, support learning and training and acknowledge. We have three smaller teams within this: Welcome team- who lead welcome conversations with new volunteers; Learning team- which includes first aid and Awards team- who look through award nominations and approve these to go to County/ HQ.

14-25 Team- This team looks after our Explorer and Network provision. In Scouting, Explorers and Network are District provisions. This team make sure we have units in place for 14 year olds to move to and there are opportunities for them to engage in. This team also has our Young Leader provision- Fiennes Young Leader Unit.

Support Team- This looks after our digital presence. Social media, website and email all fall under them.

Together these support our 14 Groups, which make up our 46 Sections of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network members.

District Lead Volunteer

What a year! Taking over a new role is always daunting but added to massive changes in how we organise the way we volunteer in Scouting has certainly made it a baptism of fire! I am always proud to say I volunteer in Spelthorne Scouts and it has now reached the point where more of my Scouting has been in Spelthorne than back home in Royal Wootton Bassett. We are a diverse District, and our Groups know their members well and work hard to give the members the best chances possible.

My aim for our district is that we are One District: One Team and that we do unite as one to share ideas, skills and facilities. The first area I have been working on is how we communicate. There is so much information that needs to be passed out it is easy to miss someone or bombard people. For this reason, I have moved to a monthly newsletter which compliments the national and county newsletters. This means everyone is getting the same messages and information. I have also introduced a new WhatsApp community to reach people. More about this in the Support Team report.

To enable a central place to meet, we have worked hard to improve our District HQ. After 30 years, Hengrove has had a lick of paint, new kitchen fitted and the meeting room given a facelift. We have improved our security by fitting new doors. We have also secured a grant to help make us a green HQ with new lighting, heating and windows on the way. Plans to improve our AV provision, toilets and acoustics are in place.

This year we have seen our first Explorer Belt Team presented their awards. The Explorer Belt is a mix of 'Hunted', 'Race Across the World' and 'Destination X'. 10 days to explore a country to really get to know it, not a holiday on some pre-planned tour. Everyday is unplanned and can change as you go. A massive support team accompany the teams from Surrey and Greater London South West and make it a truly memorable experience.

We have also seen our first Squirrel Drey open at 1st Staines. Squirrels is for 4-6 year olds and starts to show them the skills they will need to go on to earn their King's Scout Award in years to come. They are lively (not helped when Bentley, our District Dog arrives), keen to learn and keen to play members of the Scouting family and it was lovely to welcome them to our family at our St. Georges Event. There are now 3 other groups looking to open Squirrels in the coming year.

As a District, we have turned 20 this year. Formed from Staines and District and Sunbury and Shepperton District, the last 20 years have seen us grow to what we are today. We now have just under 1000 young people supported by 200 adults. We have 14 Groups and 42 Sections, and we are growing. Of course, the need for more adults, in all roles is vital to our growth by for now, lets celebrate our success.

We are in the process of opening a new Group in the District. Working with Headquarters, we are opening 9th Ashford (Noah's Ark). This group is opening as part of the work to grow Scouting in the Muslim community. From a small start, we are already seeing the future of a strong group. We are also in the process of opening a new Explorer Unit in South Spelthorne- Williamson (named after a Shepperton lock keeper who was on the Scott expedition to the South Pole) which will help ease the pressure on our 2 other weekly units.

Other highlights include the ongoing building work at 8th Ashford. They are moving to a new HQ and this year saw the first spade in the ground and the building start to rise up. Hopefully, next year we will be able to say they have moved in.

I won't mention the events or learning that has gone on, as these are covered in the other reports, but I would like to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to everyone who helps to make Scouting happen in Spelthorne. From our trustee boards to team members to team leads without all of you none of this would happen. We have come a long way in the last year to proving that Spelthorne is the best District in Surrey and the only way here is up!

Finally, I have to acknowledge my family. They have supported me getting used to the new role and all the new challenges which come with it. Helped with the makeover at Hengrove and reminded me when I need to be leaving for meetings or events. It has been a busy, but fun year and I look forward to the next one.

Stuart Richardson

District Lead Volunteer.

Programme Team Report

Since taking on the role, I have been getting up to speed with a new shape to Scouting and our District, discovering how a Program lead can identify what is needed and deploy.

To try to shape our programme I have been meeting with leaders and aiming to build a connection with groups. While this has helped not all sections or groups attend and many have expectations beyond the current resources so it does impact on what we can do. We have tried a few new things based on surveys carried out with the different sections teams. We are now getting ready to launch our 'rolling programme' aimed at showing what Spelthorne offers its members at all levels, thinking carefully about the programme and leaders and young people's ideas

Since Last September.

Squirrels first appearance at St Georges Day Event.

Beavers have attended Scientist and Health and Fitness badge days and been on the water to do Sailing badge.

Cubs took part in District Quiz and District Cub Camp, which had a theme of space.

Scouts and Explorers have entered a shooting competition, with the addition of leaders' teams. We were also able to join with Shepperton Fayre to have our own class in the Shepperton raft race.

Our largest event of the year was our St. George's Day event. We were able to return to St. James' School as our venue. We turned the school field into a sea of colour and activities ranging from parachute games to circus skills to caving and tomahawk throwing to name a few. We started with our promise renewal and celebration of our 20th birthday before moving onto picnics and an afternoon of fun. As all birthdays have to have cake, we asked each group to decorate a cake to be judged by our county representative. On the way out, everyone took home a slice of cake.

All these events have been arranged and deployed by teams of leaders in our District, the new way of rolling out District events. This is working well as we can use volunteers' strengths to lead events. It also allows team members the chance to build their leadership skills by leading an event. Thanks go to all the volunteers who have taken on these roles and helped to start our exciting programme of events.

Our aim is to identify and support leaders in Spelthorne with achieving more adventurous activities permits. We have started the process of identifying what training people would like and are looking at ways we can support this. Hengrove range has been set up and a cadre of air rifle instructors trained. Hengrove is now available to use as range and guns can be borrowed by instructors.

In terms of permits to lead events. The air pistol training supported the shooting competition 2025 and will help a lot for 2026. Raft permits were attained by some for Shepperton Fayre raft race. We are looking at who else could gain these to allow the event to increase in team entries.

In our WhatsApp community we have groups to cover Shooting, Climbing, Tomahawks, Archery and Water sports. All aimed at support within the District with running of activities, sourcing and sharing equipment and facilitating of training and permits.

Richard Wheeler- King
Programme Team Lead

Development Team Report

Welcoming: The welcoming team have carried out a number of welcome conversations during the year. This is part of our safer recruitment process. The conversations are a time for the new volunteer to ask questions they are unsure of and for us to welcome them into the wider district. The team is currently made up of 3 volunteers who have all completed their learning to carry out this role.

Learning: There has been a massive drive on compliance this year. Spelthorne has been without a Training Manager for a number of years, and this has led to many gaps in learning. After a relentless drive, we are now a compliant District, with our safeguarding and safety training at 99% compliant, the non-compliant being new members who have 30 days to complete it. We

have run 3 first aid courses and this means we have caught up on making sure volunteers have the necessary learning in place. We are also lucky to have Darren Best joining us as a first aid advisor and trainer. He is a paramedic and so brings a wealth of experience with him.

Awards: Our award team have been busy awarding a number of awards to members of our district. The awards are to recognise the additional effort volunteers put into running Scouting. With the new system in place, the process to nominate people is much easier and this means the team can update these every quarter.

We are currently aiming to recruit a team lead for this team to help carry on the work being carried out.

14-25 Team Report

This year I have been to visit our two weekly Explorer Units to meet the leaders and young people who make up the sections. I have also been working with Elliot on developing the Young Leader section. I am in the process of working with two leaders on opening a new Explorer Unit in the south of the district which will help to ease the pressure on the other two weekly units and allow more 14- 18 year olds to be part of the section.

Thanks go to the leaders who run the weekly units. It is testimony to your hard work that we have such large units. Thank you to Elliot who has taken on Fiennes Young Leader Unit, following a chance conversation with Stuart in Tesco's! He has worked hard to understand the young leader programme, make sure we know who all our young leaders are and look at ways to offer them programme opportunities beyond the sections they help in. Finally, I would like to thank Stewart Holmes for his hard work in looking after the Explorer section finances and keeping these up to date. He also looks after the gift aid return for the district, which is much appreciated.

Lewis Fitch

14-25 Lead

Support Team Report

The support team have kept our social media running and are working to try to get our Instagram and Facebook accounts links so when we post both are updated. Graham is our IT advisor and has kept our website up to date and is in the process of creating new email addresses for all the sections to help with GDPR compliance. We have also created a new WhatsApp community to help with quicker communication across the district. The community allows for general announcements as well as chats for each section and events. This is proving a successful way of passing information across the district, rather than using email all the time.

Again, we are looking for a team lead for this area to help area.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From

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to

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mr Stuart Richardson	District Lead Volunteer	
Mrs Denise Buttigieg	Trustee Board Chair	
Mr Darran Buttigieg	Trustee Board Treasurer	
Mr Adam Daniel	District Youth Lead	
Mr Daniel Benjamin	Trustee Board Member	
Mr Keith Brewer	Trustee Board Member	
Mrs Gill Henry	Trustee Board Member	

Section A Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Peter Connolly	33 Carlyle Road, Staines, TW18 2PU
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill Av., West Malling, ME19 4JQ
	COIF Charity Deposit Fund	85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
	Virgin Money Plc	Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle, NE3 4PL
	Barclays Bank Plc	Hounslow Branch, Leicestershire LE87 2BB

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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 and the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

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

The Trustee Board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer, together with the District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Commissioner, and a number of elected, nominated, and co-opted members. Meetings take place four times a year.

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

- The maintenance of the District HQ building and equipment;
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- The maintenance of the District HQ building and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing District Volunteers and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and internal control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which it believes the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to property and equipment. The District has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to Leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees, contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund raising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustee Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Leaders. The District Trustee Board is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of Leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District supports activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

The District has in place systems of *internal controls* that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objective of the District is to support 13 Groups, 2 Explorer Scout Units, Young Leaders as well as the activity support teams with activities that are in accord with the aims 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.

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the District and these do not unduly restrict membership. The District follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions.

Two key principles demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit.

1. Through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential.
2. There is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting.

The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits of Scouting activities provided far outweigh the risks.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

All sections take part in regular camping activities, nights away, and outings. There are various programmes of fund raising across the Groups for both the Group itself and local and Scouting charities. The Sectional Leadership teams ensure that balanced programmes are planned to provide a suitable balance of activities.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

The District is not a grant making organisation and therefore has no such policy. The contribution made by volunteers cannot be overemphasised. The District relies entirely on volunteer Leaders and helpers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The total membership of the District as at 31st January 2025 was 1,179, an increase of 29 compared to 2024. Youth numbers are 913 compared to 863 in 2024. The Leaders and helpers involved continue to provide a progressive and challenging programme of events and activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months operating costs, about £25,000.

The District (incl. sections) held 'available' reserves of £52,000 against this at the year end. This is sufficient to cover operating costs for approximately 3.5 years.

Investment policy

The District funds are all held in cash using banks or COIF Charity Funds.

The funds previously held in a FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Income account which was closed in 2023 are in the CAF bank account. They will remain here until the Trustee Board source an alternative suitable fund.

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

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signatures	Stuart Richardson	Darran Buttigieg
Full names	Stuart Richardson	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA
Positions	District Lead Volunteer	District Treasurer
Date	3 1 0 7 2 5	

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st July 2025

Receipts and payments					
2024/25					2023/24
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds	
£	£	£	£	£	
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	51,585	-	-	51,585	44,229
Less: Subscriptions - Surrey County	47,020			47,020	39,914
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,565	-	-	4,565	4,315
Donations	17,581			17,581	-
Gift Aid (Explorers)	1,633			1,633	1,205
Sub total	23,779	-	-	23,779	5,520
Grants					
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)					
General	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Program and activities (as listed on page 10)					
District	12,861			12,861	330
Beaver Scout Section	-			-	-
Cub Scout Section	-			-	5,570
Scout Section	-			-	-
Explorer Scout Section	76,345			76,345	125,895
District Scout Active Support Unit	-			-	-
Sub total	89,207	-	-	89,207	131,795
Investment income					
Bank interest - Virgin Money	491	-	-	491	158
Bank interest - CCLA Investment	125	-	-	125	95
Bank interest - CAF	74	-	-	74	48
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	-	-	-	-	12,721
Sub total	690	-	-	690	13,022
Other income					
Badge sales	3,515	-	-	3,515	2,515
Membership subs rebate from County	888			888	430
Hall Usage Income	600			600	300
Jamboree Levy/ Contributions	1,826			1,826	1,895
TFR from District Sections	8,981			8,981	-
Other Sundry Receipts	320			320	40
Sub total	16,130	-	-	16,130	5,180
Total receipts	129,806	-	-	129,806	155,516

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date	Year end date
For the year from 1st April 2024	To 31st July 2025

Receipts and payments				
2024/25				2023/24
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
£	£	£	£	£

Payments

Premises - Hengrove Scout HQ				
Building insurance	2,105			2,105
Electricity	1,017			1,017
Rent	1,085			1,085
Repairs and maintenance	10,752			10,752
Sub total	14,959	-	-	14,959
Equipment				
Purchase of equipment	535			535
Equipment insurance	637			637
Sub total	1,172	-	-	1,172
Programme and activities (as listed on page 11)				
District	17,599	-	-	17,599
Beaver Scout Section	2,247	-	-	2,247
Cub Scout Section	2,277	-	-	2,277
Scout Section	416	-	-	416
Explorer Scout Section	150,082	-	-	150,082
District Scout Active Support Unit	4,206	-	-	4,206
District Young Leaders	-	-	-	-
Sub total	176,828	-	-	176,828
Other costs				
Badge purchases	4,943			4,943
Legal Fees	-			-
Personal accident insurance	281			281
Subscription rebate to Groups	457			457
Website costs	258			258
Jamboree payments to County	-			-
Spelthorne Gangshow	-			-
Sub total	5,939	-	-	5,939
Sundry payments				
AGM and admin expenses	191			191
Bank Charges	80			80
Conference/ Meeting Expense	-			-
Other sundry payments	879			879
Sub total	1,150	-	-	1,150
Total payments	200,049	-	-	200,049

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st July 2025

Summary					
	2024/25				2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Total receipts</i>	129,806			129,806	155,516
<i>Total payments</i>	200,049			200,049	69,382
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 70,242			- 70,242	86,134
<i>Cash funds last year end</i>	178,446			178,446	92,312
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	108,203			108,203	178,446

Programme and activities - Receipts					
	2024/25				2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Activities	9,977	-	-	9,977	
Rifle Range	535	-	-	535	
Training courses	2,349	-	-	2,349	330
Sub total	12,861	-	-	12,861	330
Beaver Scout Section					
Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section					
Camps - Summer/ District	-	-	-	-	5,570
Swimming Gala	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	5,570
Scout Section					
Camps	-	-	-	-	
Activities	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	3,393	-	-	3,393	5,122
Camping/Expeditions	41,688	-	-	41,688	74,642
Fundraising	16,132	-	-	16,132	35,976
Membership subscriptions	14,931	-	-	14,931	8,702
Sundry receipts	200	-	-	200	1,453
Sub total	76,345	-	-	76,345	125,895
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total activity receipts	89,207	-	-	89,207	131,795

Programme and activities - Payments					
	2024/25				2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Activities	13,018	-	-	13,018	-
Rifle Range Expenses	349	-	-	349	-
Training courses	4,232	-	-	4,232	600
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,599	-	-	17,599	600
Beaver Scout Section					
TFR to District	2,247	-	-	2,247	-
Sub total	2,247	-	-	2,247	-
Cub Scout Section					
Camps - Summer/ District	-	-	-	-	4,279
Swimming Gala	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
TFR to District	2,277	-	-	2,277	-
Sub total	2,277	-	-	2,277	4,279
Scout Section					
Scoutabout	-	-	-	-	-
Bivouac night	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
TFR to District	416	-	-	416	-
Sub total	416	-	-	416	-
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	7,025	-	-	7,025	7,353
Camps/expeditions	130,936	-	-	130,936	38,589
Equipment	2,793	-	-	2,793	541
Fundraising expenses	342	-	-	342	-
Subscriptions paid to District	5,394	-	-	5,394	4,167
Rent & Minibus	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	30
Sundry payments	3,593	-	-	3,593	427
Sub total	150,082	-	-	150,082	51,108
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	165	-	-	165	201
Equipment purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Contribution	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	4,041	-	-	4,041	43
Sub total	4,206	-	-	4,206	244
Total activity payments	176,828	-	-	176,828	56,231

Additional information					
	31st July 2025				31st March 2024
	Current Account	Deposit Account	Cash in Hand	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Beaver Scout Section			10	10	2,258
Cub Scout Section				-	2,277
Scout Section				-	416
Explorer Scout Section	39,774	-	370	40,144	112,248
SASU	-		-	-	4,206
District Executive	38,049	28,000		66,049	55,041
Sub total	77,823	28,000	380	106,204	176,446
COIF Charity funds		2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Total cash funds	77,823	30,000	380	108,204	178,446

	2024/25	2023/24
Jamboree account		
Balance b/f as at 1st April	6,102	6,187
Add - Contributions from Groups	1,826	1,726
Add - Fundraising and donations		169
Less - Grant paid to reps		-
Sub total	7,928	8,082
Less - Payments of fees		1,980
Balance as at 31st July 2025	7,928	6,102

Designated funds as at 31st July 2025		
Group Hardship Fund	2,000	12,000
HQ Maintenance Fund	25,000	15,000
Activity Fund	2,000	2,000
Jamboree account	7,928	6,102
Gangshow	1,460	1,460
SASU former deposit account		5,157
Total	38,388	41,719

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st July 2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year					
	31st July 2025				31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	77,823	-	-	77,823	147,063
Bank deposit account	30,000	-	-	30,000	31,150
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	380	-	-	380	233
Total cash funds	108,204	-	-	108,204	178,446
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	3,283	-	-	3,283	3,283
Land and buildings - Portacabin	3,562	-	-	3,562	3,562
- Container	3,156	-	-	3,156	3,156
Land and buildings - Hengrove Scout HQ	365,728	-	-	365,728	365,728
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	50,875	-	-	50,875	50,875
Sub total	426,604	-	-	426,604	426,604
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	534,808	-	-	534,808	605,050

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the

Signature	Print Name
Stuart Richardson	Stuart Richardson - District Lead Volunteer
Darran Buttigieg	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA - Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Spelthorne District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the sixteen month period ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as attached.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's 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 Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

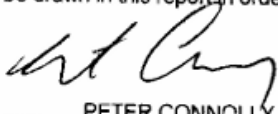
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 view 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I 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.



Name:PETER CONNOLLY.....

Address:33 Carlyle Road.....

.....Staines, TW18 2PU.....

Date:13 September 2025.....

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SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1178685

Accounts



**Annual General Meeting
25th June 2024**

SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

25th June 2024, 7.30pm
Hengrove Scout Headquarters, Station Crescent, Ashford, TW15 2HN

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Spelthorne District
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - d. Re-appoint District President and Vice Presidents
 - e. Appoint the Independent Examiner
 - f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
- 6. Closing remarks**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD ON
TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2023 AT 7.30PM**

1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence

The Chairman, Graham Ledger, opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed all of those present including our District President Suzy Webb, Julia Kielstra Surrey Scouts representative and Denise Saliagopoulos the Mayor of Spelthorne.

The following sent their apologies;

James Ayling, Diana Brown, Darran Buttigieg, Roy Clough, Alan Green, Gill Henry, Ian Kirby, Wendy Kislingbury, Bob Knight, Ruth Pearson, Julie Reed, Stuart Richardson, Gary Rixon, Rodney Rogers, Judy Taylor, Michael Taylor, Andy Turnbull and Rosalyn Young.

Spelthorne Borough Councillors Beatty, Beecher, Clarke, Gale, Geraci, Grant, Gyawali, Howkins, Rybinski, and Sexton

2. Minutes of the AGM of Spelthorne District Scout Council held 8th June 2022

Stuart Young proposed that the minutes be accepted Neil Gray seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated that all were in agreement and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairs Report and Review

Graham gave a brief overview of the upcoming changes and reasons for the following resolutions. Scouts are a movement and this change is so that we can offer a warmer welcome and a simpler and better way of learning and support to all of us who volunteer.

The following resolutions were proposed and agreed by all present;

(i) Adoption of the Scout Council Constitution

Resolution – The Spelthorne District Scout Council will adopt the Constitution as per the Scout Association POR

(ii) Agreement of the number of members forming the Trustee Board quorum

Resolution - The Quorum of the Spelthorne District Scouts Trust Board shall be greater than 50% of membership which must include at least ONE elected member and ONE ex-officio member

(iii) Adoption of the change of name from Executive Committee to Trustee Board

Resolution – Spelthorne District Scout Executive Committee agrees to the adoption of the change of name to the Spelthorne District Scout Trustee Board

5. District Commissioner's Report

In addition to the printed report in the AGM booklet, Roger advised that we currently have 4 GSL vacancies within the District.
He thanked Stuart for his time in the District as he is now stepping back as ADC Cubs and Deputy District Commissioner.
Roger introduced Adam Daniel as the new District Youth Commissioner.

6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts

Denise read the following report on Darran's behalf, there were no question raised after the report;

Darran sends his apologies but he is unable to join us this evening as he is travelling for business. Here is a brief report that accompanies the accounts in the report document.

The accounts in the report booklet have been prepared under the required financial regulations and policies and have been audited by Peter Connolly. My thanks to Peter for this.

The District finances are healthy and we are in a strong financial position. This year we relooked at our reserves policy and it has been amended to reflect more accurately the true operating costs of the District.

We also reviewed the funds that are available versus those that are allocated and have created a new Maintenance Fund for the HQ building as that is in need of some TLC to make it a pleasant and usable asset for the District.

I would like to thank all the Group Treasurer's for their continued support throughout the year.

If you have any questions about the accounts Denise will pass these to me and I will let you have a reply if you give her your contact details.

7. District Commissioner's Nominations for membership of the Trustee Board

(i) District Chair – Graham Ledger

(ii) Members of the District Scout Council – Keith Brewer and Neil Gray

(iii) Member of the District Scout Council to the County Scout Council – James Ayling

8. Election of Members to the District Scout Council

(i) Members – Daniel Benjamin, Gill Henry and Andy Turnbull

Proposed by Rikki Rance, Seconded by Karen Miller and agreed by a show of hands.

(ii) Election of District Secretary – Denise Buttigieg

Proposed by Stuart Young, Seconded by Rikki Rance and agreed by a show of hands.

(iii) Election of District Treasurer – Darran Buttigieg

Proposed by Karen Miller, Seconded by Neil Gray and agreed by a show of hands.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Peter Connolly has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner to the District.

10. County Representative – Julia Kielstra

Julia introduces herself, she is the transformation lead for Surrey Scouts. There are many upcoming changes to the structure of volunteering including changes to the Appointments Committee and also to Compass.

The most important thing is that we are able to give Scouting to the youngsters and give them skills and values for life.

Julia expressed her thanks to all of those who volunteer for Scouting, as they are able to shape youngsters for the future.

11. The Mayor of Spelthorne, Mrs Denise Saliagopolos

The Mayor thanked all the volunteers for what they do for the young people of Spelthorne, they are much appreciated by all the Councillors.

This year the Mayor has chosen as her Charities of the year;

The Jasmine Suite at St Peter's Hospital, this is the Breast Unit at the hospital and she has chosen it in memory of her mother, Mrs Isobel Napper, who was a previous Mayor of Spelthorne.

Daybreak Centre at St Peter's Church, Staines.

12. The District President – Mrs Suzy Webb

Suzy has been able to attend events within the District including the summer fayre held by the Jamboree contingent to raise funds for their trip.

Suzy thanked Roger, Adam, Graham, Denise, the SASU and all others who volunteer within Scouting in Spelthorne.

Suzy re-iterated that she likes to be invited to events within the District and can support and take part.

13. Any Other Business

None.

14. Presentations

Stuart Richardson - 25 years and Keith Brewer - Bar to the Award of Merit

15. Vote of Thank to Principal Guests

Graham thanked the Mayor, Suzy Webb and Julia Kielstra for attending and Carole Dix for the AGM refreshments.

Graham declared the meeting closed at 8.22 pm

Spelthorne District Scout Council AGM, Tuesday 25th June 2024

Chair's Report

Dear Council Members and Guests,

Welcome to our Annual Report. It has been another remarkable year filled with Growth, achievements and memorable experiences for our members across Spelthorne District. I want to start with a thank you, a thank you to all of the leaders, helpers, parents across the District and members of the District team, for all they do to help deliver Scouting to over 860 young people every week across Spelthorne. Leading and supporting these amazing young people is an adult volunteer team of over 260 people across the 13 groups & District team who cover a range of roles covering running the weekly program, planning events & activities and providing governance support to ensure that we offer a safe & fun environment for the young people, enabling them to learn #SkillsForLife. Our annual census numbers of young people increased slightly over the period Jan 2023 – Jan 2024. I cannot write this report and not to thank the persons who 'talked' me into joining the District team and taking on the role of Chair. Thank you, Roger, your time, patience and counsel over the past 5 years has been invaluable. I would also like to thank you for all you have done during your tenure, you are leaving the District in a good place as a result of your commitment, energy and support to young people and volunteers alike.

One of the main responsibilities of the District Trustee Board is to ensure that we have a consistent approach to the safety and safeguarding of our young people and leaders across the District. I would like to thank and recognize all our volunteers who have completed training courses over the past year to help ensure skills & approaches remain up to date ensuring we offer a safe environment for our members.

As I have mentioned before, change is constant, and this year is no different. I would like to welcome Stuart as our new District Lead Volunteer, but the changes are not over yet as we will see changes in the next 12 months to how we recruit & welcome new volunteers and structure ourselves, which is all part of a national transformation programme that aims to improve the volunteer experience & culture as well as aligning us with Charity Commission requirements.

Our biggest constraint to providing Scouting to even more young people across Spelthorne remains having enough volunteers to run and support the groups. We receive multiple 'want to join enquiries' every week including interest in the Squirrels section, but we lack the volunteers to help us grow further. If you know of any adults who might want to support Spelthorne Scouts, please ask them to get in touch with us at volunteering@spelthornescouts.org.uk or visit our website <https://spelthornescouts.org.uk>. We offer many opportunities, with many roles being able to be shared and are happy to work in flexible and creative ways to support volunteering in a way that is mutually convenient.

Yours in Scouting
Graham Ledger
Chair, District Board of Trustees

District Commissioners Report

My first report as DC started by mentioning the fantastic and dedicated volunteers the district had. Ten years down the line, here at least, nothing has changed. I remain in awe of the work done to ensure nearly 1000 young people receive good quality Scouting week in, week out. The commitment and hard work continues to produce well rounded young people ready to face all the world throws at them and I thank you all for what you do to make this possible.

This has been another busy year for Spelthorne. We have seen our numbers hold firm and one of the biggest issues remains how we can offer Scouting to all those who wish to get involved. The changes that are in the process of being introduced are very much focused on getting more adult volunteers involved and making the process easy and friendlier. It is very encouraging to see that the districts excellent number of Young Leaders are now starting to filter into the sections once they reach 18. These Young Leaders are now under the watchful eye of Kewin Kobyliski a remarkable young man who literally fell into our lap when he moved to Spelthorne from another part of Surrey. Along with Youth Commissioner Adam Daniel we now have key roles in the district filled by two excellent role models.

I always like to mention my highlight of the year and this year it has been an easy choice. The Chief Scouts Gold Awards achieved by Keenan Burley and Tegan Booth lead the way. Both these young people have faced challenges in their lives. Keenan joined Scouting as part of the successful Manor Mead School initiative and progressed to join 6th Staines where he flourished. Tegan lost her sight whilst a Cub but with the support of the leaders and young people at 1st Stanwell has embraced all that has come her way. Two excellent examples of Scouting's inclusivity.

Our two Explorer Units have had an amazing last 12 months with numbers soaring and full and active programmes in operation. Both units are run by leaders who have more than one role which makes their success even more impressive. With a trip to the Azores and Explorer belt expeditions in the pipeline there is obviously a lot more to come.

Another successful Cub camp saw Stuart step back from his role as DDC. This was a huge blow at the time but I for one knew he would be back and I am beyond delighted that he will be taking on my role going forward. Spelthorne is in his blood and I know you will support him as he takes us into a new era. He is without doubt one of the most committed people I have worked with in Scouting so I know the future is in safe hands.

It has been good to see the large number of nights away experiences happening with all the sections embracing this important aspect of Scouting. I have had the opportunity to visit many of these and the value to our young people is immense.

Sadly we lost two stalwart members over the last 12 months. Rodney Rogers had been around so long that I remember him from when I was a cub! 1st Staines through and through he had been Cub Scout Leader, GSL and more recently President of the group and was instrumental in all that they achieved over the last 50 plus years.

Mary Evers had been Cub Scout Leader at 8th Ashford and more recently a member of Scout Fellowship and then Active Support. Always willing to be involved and a constant source of fun and happiness despite her increasing health issues.

The large number of Scouting people at their funerals was testament to the esteem in which they were held.

I make no apologies for a long list of people to thank from the last 10 years, Firstly Joe, Julia, Trica and all the county team. Keith Brewer has been DDC for all of my tenure and his calm, measured approach to things has been a blessing in keeping my feet firmly on the ground especially when I have had some of my more interesting ideas.

My two chairs have been a constant support, firstly Judy Taylor with whom I have been friends for a good number of years and secondly Graham Ledger whom I only met when he joined our Exec. committee but who I now consider a good and trusted friend. Denise and Darran have continued to work tirelessly for the good of the district despite now living a fair distance away. A quick mention here for Oliver Davies who was a wealth of knowledge and help in my first few years. A big thanks also to all those who have served on the Exec. My predecessor Neil Gray has led the AAC in his normal efficient way and has been supported by a stalwart group of members. He has also kept a close eye on Hengrove and carried out a multitude of jobs there.

The district team has been blessed with some amazing people, Stuart, Richard, Karen, James, Seb, Sharon, Lynn have provided some wonderful experiences for our young people.

Our Active Support Unit has always done exactly what it says on the tin.
I apologise if I have missed anyone out, the memory is not what it was!!

My final thanks goes to my wife Carole, it is not easy being married to a workaholic, but her steadfast and unconditional support, sharing the ups and downs, listening, encouraging and telling me when I am wrong has been invaluable. The job would have been impossible without her.

My love of music and particularly the lyrics is no secret so I thought I would end with a bit of Bob Dylan.

“ Come gather round, people, wherever you roam
And admit that the waters around you have grown
And accept that soon you'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth saving
And you better start swimming or your sink like a stone
For the times, they are a changin “

It has been an absolute privilege to be DC.

I wish you all well as you continue to work to bring more Scouting memories and experiences to our young people.

Roger Dix
District Commissioner

An introduction from our new District Lead Volunteer

Hello!

I am really excited to be taking on the role of District Lead in Spelthorne. I have been involved in the district for over 20 years, in a number of roles, and do feel it is almost my Scouting home (Although my heart will always be back home in Royal Wootton Bassett). I am looking forward to going to events around the district and the energy and excitement felt at them as well as organising a few of my own!

The Scouts are busy bringing in a number of new changes to the way we work really focusing on the idea of 'teams'. This is the inspiration of our new district strap line; **One District, One Team**. We are a good-sized district, and we have lots to offer our young people and adult volunteers by working as one team we can make sure we offer these opportunities to everyone. Over the coming years, I hope we can live out this vision so everyone who comes to Spelthorne sees how we work together.

It's not only me taking on a new role. I am bringing a friend! Bentley Richardson, who recently joined the Richardsons, is a 6-month-old miniature poodle, full of mischief, love and cuddles and will be joining me where he can around the district.

We currently have over 900 youth members and over 100 adult team members so are a district who by working together can achieve all sorts of things. I am excited about the journey and where Spelthorne will go over the coming years. If you are not yet a member of Spelthorne why not join us. **We are One District, One Team!**

Stuart Richardson
Lead Volunteer

Youth Commissioner's Report

This has been my first full year as Youth Commissioner for Spelthorne, and I'm glad to say that has largely been a good one. I supported Spelthorne District Cub Camp, my first district event in the role, and over the summer I represented the district at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea as part of the international service team. This usefully put me in contact with other Youth Commissioners across Surrey and West Sussex as well as county administrators involved delivering the centralised elements of the Young Leader training programme.

In September, I started trialling the first Youth Shaped sessions in the District with 8th Ashford Cubs, and received useful feedback from Cubs and leaders. I also came up with a plan to deliver our first Youth Forum in a number of years here at Hengrove HQ, to be held in January 2024. Unfortunately we didn't get much of a response from groups and the event didn't go ahead as planned, but I was able to repurpose the resources I had made to improve the introductory Youth Shaped sessions. Over the spring term, I rolled these sessions out more widely across 3rd Ashford, 8th Ashford, and Drake unit Explorers. Through these sessions, I heard some great ideas from our young people about how we might make their experiences even better – from little day-to-day changes up to the biggest thinking imaginable!

The main objective of these sessions, and one of the main jobs of a Youth Commissioner, is to introduce leaders and young people to the YouShape award. This award was introduced quietly in 2021 amidst the turbulence of COVID-19 and digital Scouting, but it has the potential to change how young people see their role as members of Scouts, and can be really rewarding to work towards. I think it embodies a lot of what modern Scouting should be about, and it's a great way to help members develop Skills for Life through all the sections.

Although I've spent a big chunk of the term-time this year away from the district at university, I've really enjoyed getting the YouShape initiative off the ground in Spelthorne over the year whenever I've been able. I'm pleased to be able to say that we are likely to be awarding our first YouShape awards before long, and that we now have resources available that can support our groups and leaders to implement the principles of Youth Shaped Scouting and encourage young people to take the lead in their weekly meetings. I'm grateful to the leadership teams at 3rd Ashford, 8th Ashford and Drake Unit for being so receptive and cooperating with me while I've been getting to grips with how best to approach the award. It's heartwarming to see so many committed leaders willing to jump into a new award structure and entirely embrace its guiding principles.

Lastly, I want to say a big thank you to the District Commissioner who brought me into the Spelthorne team in the first place. Roger first approached me about the role at the beginning of 2023, and has been a source of unwavering encouragement right from the start. Like many of us, I wouldn't be here today doing this role if it weren't for the initial push from Roger, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

As we move into a period of transformation at the national level and at the District level, I feel very privileged to be in this role, and I'm excited to see what we can accomplish as a team over the coming year and beyond.

Adam Daniel
Youth Commissioner

Spelthorne Section Reports

Beavers

Our Beaver colonies continue to thrive and the biggest challenge is finding room for all those who wish to join. A good number of colonies are running at capacity and those that are not are working towards this. We have been fortunate to enlist some excellent new leaders and there has been good cooperation between colonies to ensure that full active programmes are available to all.

There has been an increase in leaders gaining their Nights away permits which means that the ever popular sleepovers are available to all. Most colonies have participated in the County's organised events with Beavers go wild a particular favourite.

Cubs

Cubs within the district remain extremely popular with most packs full. Programmes remain exciting and challenging. Prior to stepping down as ADC Stuart provided his normal quality district events with the Walton Firs Camp a highlight. The quiz and Hike events also proved popular. Several packs joined forces to provide two weekends at PGL in Swindon.

Scouts

Numbers in Scouts are holding up well with several troops having 35 plus. It is noticeable that there has been more and more younger people taking on leadership roles. This I am sure is partly down to the number of young leaders we now have. The extremely popular Bivi night remains a big hit particularly now it has changed to a slighter warmer time of year. Camping remains high on troops agendas with most getting away to a variety of venues.

District Explorer Scout Reports

Explorers have had a very successful year so far. Our numbers continue to grow across both units. Scott unit currently has 55 Explorers and 12 leaders and Drake Unit has 29 Explorers and 4 leaders. This shows that both units are still going strong and the young people of Spelthorne are being catered for.

Drake Unit attended the 14th Haarlem Jamboree last year. This was a fantastic opportunity for the Explorers to experience the Netherlands in a unique way and make memories that would last a lifetime. Drake Unit took 19 young people on this trip and they all had a fantastic time.

Scott Unit is taking their Explorers to the Azores in July this year. There has been a large amount of planning and fundraising (£50k) to get all 53 Explorers on this trip. They will see sights and make memories that will last a life time.

Drake unit has awarded 3 Platinum awards amongst a plethora of other badges. Scott unit has awarded 14 Platinum and 3 Diamond awards this year.

Explorers in Spelthorne is thriving and continuing to deliver exciting and educational

programmes to its young members. This would not be possible without all the hard work and dedication from all the Explorer Leaders. I thank you all for the effort you put in and achieving so much for you members

Sam Cumber
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Drake Unit (*Tracy Adams GSL 3rd Ashford*)

Drake Unit is still in its' infancy, having only started in recent years 8 members made up of members from both 3rd & 7th Ashford units as a joint venture. Since then it has continued to transform and grow – now having 29 members for 2024.

Last Summer, 19 Explorers travelled to the Haarlem Jamborette in Holland for a week of activities alongside many other international units.

Over this year, we have had the privilege of welcoming Adam Daniel (Youth Commissioner) and Kewin Kobylski (Spelthorne Young Leader Advisor) to come and talk to our Explorers. We have also had a lot of support from Andrew Carvell (ACC Explorers) talking to the older Explorers about the Kings Scout Award.

Our Explorers have volunteered with Surplus for Supper in Sunbury who are an amazing charity helping to divert excess food waste back into the local community and also supported the Rotary Club with their Classic Car event.

Over this Summer, 13 Explorers are off to the New Forest for a week of adventure and then in mid August 4 of our Explorers are undertaking the Explorer Belt challenge in Sweden along with other members from Surrey County. This will be a huge undertaking for them, travelling 15k per day over 10 days while competing various projects along the route.

We joined Surrey County Scout Rifle Club in May and September, which gave the Explorers the chance to fire various types of rifles and pistols and also travelled into London to take part in the annual Monopoly Run along with 8000 other Scouts/Explorers from across the country.

Our young people are an amazing bunch, who are willing to take on any challenge and support our local community where they can. We feel very lucky to have the opportunity to help them in these endeavours.

We also have amazing team of volunteers made up from 3rd & 7th Ashford and we thank them as we could not continue to offer these opportunities without their help.

Chief Scout Platinum Award Recipients

Holly Adams
Harry Lines
Ryan Geragthy
Calum Deegan
Dominic Longley
Nathan Cook
Ella Adams
Alex Saunders

Spelthorne Scout Active Support Unit Report

District Events

Cub Camp, Far Eastern themed games base.

Remembrance Sunday, marshalling at Ashford and Staines.

Santa collections for charity with the Ashford Rotary Club.

St. Georges Day / Promise Renewal event, marshalling, setting up and dismantling P.A.

Other events

Penrose Day.

District Support

Continued support for all sections in all groups and units as and when requested.

Sadly Mary Eyres, a long standing SASU member, passed away.

We continue to look for new unit members.

Keith Brewer

Deputy District Commissioner

Appointments Panel Report

All the appointment meetings this year have again been via Zoom.

This has been working well and seems to be the accepted way to hold this sort of brief meeting. It also helps with making Scouting flexible enough to fit into the applicant's day.

The main problem is the max number we can meet with on any given evening is 2. Most meetings last for around 30 minutes. The problem we had with applicants waiting for a long time has been cured by asking them NOT to log in early.

During the year 2023/24 we met with:

GSL 0

Leaders & Assistant leaders 13

Change of roles 5

Adult Reviews 0

Adult Reviews. The Appointment panel have not been asked to consider any Adult Reviews during this year.

Change of Role. Please remember that each change of role creates a new appointment and a new PLP that needs to be completed. If the PLP is not completed, it will delay the leader's progression in Scouting.

Mandatory Training. Safeguarding and Safety training need to be renewed every 3 years. This is available online and needs to be recorded on Compass. The Scout Association will close roles where this mandatory training has not been completed.

Thank you. A huge thank you to the committee who supported the interviews and reviews we have completed. We have continued to keep a check on DBS renewals and GRDP validation.

With the transition to a different way of making appointments and meeting new leaders, I feel that this is the time for me to stand down from the AAC. I have been involved with the appointment team for at least 15 years, both before and since my term as DC ended in 2014.

Neil Gray
Appointment Panel Chairman

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Spelthorne District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 7 8 6 8 5

Charity's principal address

127 Bridge Road

Sarisbury Green

Hampshire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mr Roger Dix	District Commissioner	
Mr Keith Brewer	Deputy District Commissioner	
Mr Stuart Richardson	Deputy District Commissioner	To June '23
Mr Graham Ledger	District Chairman	
Mrs Denise Buttigieg	District Secretary	
Mr Darran Buttigieg	District Treasurer	
Mr Samuel Cumber	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	
Mr Adam Daniel	District Youth Commissioner	
Mr Neil Gray	Chair of Appointments Advisory Committee	
Mrs Gill Henry		
Mr Daniel Benjamin		
Mr Andrew Turnbull		

Additional governance issues

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

The Trustee Board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, 1 Deputy District Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and a number of elected, nominated, and co-opted members. Meetings take place four times a year.

This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life.

Section A Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Peter Connolly	33 Carlyle Road, Staines, TW18 2PU
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill Av., West Malling, ME19 4JQ
	COIF Charity Deposit Fund	85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
	National Westminster Bank Plc	67, High Street, Staines TW18 4PU
	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	10 Station Approach, Ashford, TW15 2QN
	Barclays Bank Plc	71 High Street, Staines, TW18 4PS
	Barclays Bank Plc	39 Church Road, Ashford, TW15 2QF
	Virgin Money Plc	Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle, NE3 4PL

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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 and the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Risk and internal control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which it believes the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to property and equipment. The District has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to Leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees, contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund raising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The District Trustee Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Leaders. The District Trustee Board is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of Leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District supports activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

The District has in place systems of **internal controls** that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objective of the District is to support 13 Groups, 2 Explorer Scout Units, and 1 Scout Active Support Unit with activities that are in accord with the aims of The Scout Association.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

All sections take part in regular camping activities, nights away, and outings. There are various programmes of fund raising across the Groups for both the Group itself and local and Scouting charities. The Sectional Leadership teams ensure that balanced programmes are planned to provide a suitable balance of activities.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

The District is not a grant making organisation and therefore has no such policy. The contribution made by volunteers cannot be overemphasised. The District relies entirely on volunteer Leaders and helpers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The total membership of the District as at 31st January 2024 was 1,150, an increase of 23 compared to 2023. Youth numbers are 863 compared to 860 in 2023. The Leaders and helpers involved continue to provide a progressive and challenging programme of events and activities.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months operating costs, about £25,000.

The District (incl. sections) held 'available' reserves of £50,000 against this at the year end. This is sufficient to cover operating costs for approximately 46 months.

Investment policy

The District had an investment in a FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Income account which aimed to provide an income for the District and a small increase in capital. This fund was closed by the provider during the year with funds transferred to the District bank account. A full investment review will be undertaken by the new Trustee Board.

All other funds are held in cash using banks or the COIF Charity Funds.

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

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signatures	<i>Roger Dix</i>	<i>Darran Buttigieg</i>
Full names	Roger Dix	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA
Positions	District Commissioner	District Treasurer
Date	3 1 0 3 2 4	

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023		31st March 2024

Receipts and payments					
	2023/24				2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	44,229	-	-	44,229	41,925
Less: Subscriptions - Surrey County	39,914			39,914	37,625
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,315	-	-	4,315	4,300
Donations	-			-	50
Gift Aid (Explorers)	1,205			1,205	2,580
Sub total	5,520	-	-	5,520	6,930
Grants					
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)					
General	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Program and activities (as listed on page 10)					
District	330			330	540
Beaver Scout Section	-			-	-
Cub Scout Section	5,570			5,570	7,663
Scout Section	-			-	535
Explorer Scout Section	125,895			125,895	39,767
District Scout Active Support Unit	-			-	2,550
Sub total	131,795	-	-	131,795	51,055
Investment income					
Bank interest - Virgin Money	158	-	-	158	74
Bank interest - CCLA Investment	95	-	-	95	74
Bank interest - CAF	48	-	-	48	66
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	12,721	-	-	12,721	521
Sub total	13,022	-	-	13,022	733
Other income					
Badge sales	2,515	-	-	2,515	3,065
Membership subs rebate from County	430			430	436
Hall Usage Income	300			300	
Jamboree Levy/ Contributions	1,895			1,895	8,941
Spelthorne Gangshow	-			-	
Other Sundry Receipts	40			40	
Sub total	5,180	-	-	5,180	12,441
Total receipts	155,516	-	-	155,516	71,159

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24				2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Premises - Hengrove Scout HQ					
Building insurance	1,425			1,425	1,791
Electricity	196			196	180
Rent	360			360	360
Repairs and maintenance	537			537	331
Sub total	2,518	-	-	2,518	2,663
Equipment					
Purchase of equipment	990			990	425
Equipment insurance	658			658	874
Sub total	1,648	-	-	1,648	1,299
Programme and activities (as listed on page 11)					
District	600	-	-	600	650
Beaver Scout Section	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section	4,279	-	-	4,279	7,610
Scout Section	-	-	-	-	1,029
Explorer Scout Section	51,108	-	-	51,108	31,986
District Scout Active Support Unit	244	-	-	244	2,284
District Young Leaders	20	-	-	20	142
Sub total	56,251	-	-	56,251	43,701
Other costs					
Badge purchases	2,729			2,729	2,943
Legal Fees	1,290			1,290	-
Personal accident insurance	523			523	-
Subscription rebate to Groups	862			862	436
Website costs	240			240	360
Jamboree payments to County	1,980			1,980	11,800
Spelthorne Gangshow	-			-	-
Sub total	7,623	-	-	7,623	15,539
Sundry payments					
AGM and admin expenses	355			355	80
Bank Charges	60			60	72
Conference/ Meeting Expense	-			-	-
Other sundry payments	928			928	68
Sub total	1,342	-	-	1,342	220
Total payments	69,382	-	-	69,382	63,422

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024
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Summary

	2023/24				2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Total receipts</i>	155,516			155,516	71,159
<i>Total payments</i>	69,382			69,382	63,494
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	86,134			86,134	7,665
<i>Cash funds last year end</i>	92,312			92,312	87,228
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	178,446			178,446	92,312

Programme and activities - Receipts

	2023/24				2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Training courses	330	-	-	330	540
Sub total	330	-	-	330	540
Beaver Scout Section					
Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section					
Camps - Summer/ District	5,570	-	-	5,570	7,096
Swimming Gala	-	-	-	-	300
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	267
Sub total	5,570	-	-	5,570	7,663
Scout Section					
Camps	-	-	-	-	140
Activities	-	-	-	-	395
Sub total	-	-	-	-	535
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	5,122	-	-	5,122	5,503
Camping/Expeditions	74,642	-	-	74,642	23,344
Fundraising	35,976	-	-	35,976	623
Membership subscriptions	8,702	-	-	8,702	6,817
Sundry receipts	1,453	-	-	1,453	900
Sub total	125,895	-	-	125,895	37,188
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	-	-	-	-	2,550
Sub total	-	-	-	-	2,550
Total activity receipts	131,795	-	-	131,795	48,475

Programme and activities - Payments					
	2023/24			2022/23	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Training resources	-	-	-	-	-
Training courses	600	-	-	600	629
Other	-	-	-	-	21
Sub total	600	-	-	600	650
Beaver Scout Section					
Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section					
Camps - Summer/ District	4,279	-	-	4,279	6,735
Swimming Gala	-	-	-	-	307
Other activities	-	-	-	-	58
Sundry payments	-	-	-	-	510
Sub total	4,279	-	-	4,279	7,610
Scout Section					
Scoutabout	-	-	-	-	554
Bivouac night	-	-	-	-	475
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,029
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	7,353	-	-	7,353	7,235
Camps/expeditions	38,589	-	-	38,589	18,721
Equipment	541	-	-	541	688
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	40
Subscriptions paid to District	4,167	-	-	4,167	3,147
Rent & Minibus	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	30	-	-	30	30
Sundry payments	427	-	-	427	2,125
Sub total	51,108	-	-	51,108	31,986
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	201	-	-	201	193
Equipment purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Contribution	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sundry payments	43	-	-	43	91
Sub total	244	-	-	244	2,284
Total activity payments	56,231	-	-	56,231	43,559

Additional information

	31st March 2024			31st March 2023
	Current Account	Deposit Account	Cash in Hand	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Beaver Scout Section	2,247		10	2,258
Cub Scout Section	2,277			986
Scout Section	416			416
Explorer Scout Section	110,945	1,150	153	36,256
SASU	4,137		69	4,450
District Executive	27,041	28,000		45,946
Sub total	147,063	29,150	233	90,312
COIF Charity funds		2,000	-	2,000
Total cash funds	147,063	31,150	233	92,312

	2023/24	2022/23
Jamboree account		
Balance b/f as at 1st April	6,187	9,046
Add - Contributions from Groups	1,726	1,720
Add - Fundraising and donations	169	7,221
Less - Grant paid to reps	-	-
Sub total	8,082	17,987
Less - Payments of fees	1,980	11,800
Balance as at 31st March	6,102	6,187

Designated funds as at 31st March 2024		
Group Hardship Fund	12,000	12,000
HQ Maintenance Fund	15,000	10,000
Activity Fund	2,000	-
Jamboree account	6,102	6,187
Gangshow	1,460	1,460
SASU former deposit account	5,157	5,157
Total	41,719	34,804

Spelthorne District Scout Council (Charity No.1178685) Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024			31st March 2023
Unrestricted	Restricted funds	Endowment	Total funds	Total funds
£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	147,063	-	147,063	60,941
Bank deposit account	31,150	-	31,150	31,135
Building society account	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	233	-	233	236
Total cash funds	178,446	-	178,446	92,312
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment assets				
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	-	-	-	12,893
Sub total	-	-	-	12,893
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	3,283	-	3,283	3,283
Land and buildings - Portacabin	3,562	-	3,562	3,562
- Container	3,156	-	3,156	3,156
Land and buildings - Hengrove Scout HQ	365,728	-	365,728	365,728
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	50,875	-	50,875	50,875
Sub total	426,604	-	426,604	426,604
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	605,050	-	605,050	531,809

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date

Signature	Print Name
Roger Dix	Roger Dix - District Commissioner
Darran Buttigieg	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA - Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Spelthorne District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as attached.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's 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 Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

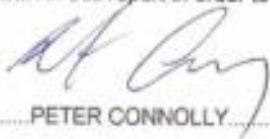
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 view 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I 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.



Name: PETER CONNOLLY

Address: 33 Carlyle Road

..... Staines, TW18 2PU

Date: 31 May 2024

SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1178685

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Spelthorne

**Annual General Meeting
27th June 2023**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2023 AT 7.30PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Prayer
2. Minutes of the AGM of Spelthorne District Scout Council held 8th June 2022
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairs Report and Review

(i) Adoption of the Scout Council Constitution

Resolution – The Spelthorne District Scout Council will adopt the Constitution as per the Scout Association POR

(ii) Agreement of the number of members forming the Trustee Board quorum

Resolution - The Quorum of the Spelthorne District Scouts Trust Board shall be greater than 50% of membership which must include at least ONE elected member and ONE ex-officio member

(iii) Adoption of the change of name from Executive Committee to Trustee Board

Resolution – Spelthorne District Scout Executive Committee agrees to the adoption of the change of name to the Spelthorne District Scout Trustee Board

5. District Commissioner's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts
7. District Commissioner's Nominations for membership of the Trustee Board
 - (i) District Chair
 - (ii) Members of the District Scout Council
 - (iii) Member of the District Scout Council to the County Scout Council
8. Election of Members to the District Scout Council
 - (i) Members
 - (ii) Election of District Secretary
 - (iii) Election of District Treasurer
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner

10. County Representative – Julia Kielstra

11. The President of Spelthorne District Scouts, Mrs Suzy Webb

12. Any other Business

13. Presentations

14. Vote of Thanks to Principal Guests

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD ON
TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2022 AT 7.30PM**

1. Welcome and Prayer

Darran Buttigieg opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman, Graham Ledger, welcomed our President Suzy Webb, Vice-President Oliver Davies, Tricia Griffin County representative, Leaders, Helpers and all present to our first face to face meeting since the pandemic

2. Apologies

The following sent their apologies;

Daniel Benjamin, Diana Brown, Eloise Buttigieg, Roy Clough, Alan Green, Alan Jones, Ian Kirby, Wendy Kislingbury, Bob Knight, Linda Knight, Nick Wood-Dow, Rosalyn Young and Cllr's Colin Barnard, Malcolm Beecher, Sue Doran (Mayor of Spelthorne), Vivienne Leighton, Robin Sider and Richard Smith-Ainsley

3. Minutes of the AGM of Spelthorne District Scout Council held 29th June 2021

Judy Taylor proposed that the minutes be accepted Mike Taylor seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated that all were in agreement.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Annual Report of District Executive Committee

a. District Commissioner's Report

In addition to his printed report, Roger said that it was good to be back in person and that during Covid, Scouting was the only youth organisation not to close and that we should be letting people know that at AGM's. He thanked all the volunteers for their efforts over the last year, we have recently attended Bazazz and soon the Scouts will be off to Scoutabout to enjoy getting back to nights away.

Roger offered his thanks to Suzy for her work in the District as our Preseident.

Oliver Davies asked how many youngsters had applied to attend the next Jamboree, Roger advised that in excess of 20 had applied.

b. Treasurer's Report

Darran presented the report to the meeting.

6. Receive and Consider the Annual Report – see item 7

7. Receive and Consider the Annual Statement of Accounts

The Annual report and Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 2022, was presented to the meeting. The report was approved and this was agreed by a show of hands.

8. Approval of District Commissioner's Nomination for District Chairman

Roger asked the meeting to approve his nomination of Graham Ledger as District Chairman. The nomination was approved.

9. Nomination and Election of District Secretary

Gill Henry proposed that Denise Buttigieg be elected as District Secretary Neil Gray seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated all were in agreement.

10. Nomination and Election of District Treasurer

Stuart Richardson proposed that Darran Buttigieg be elected as Treasurer Mike Taylor seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated all were in agreement.

11. Nomination and Election of Members of the District Executive Committee

Stuart Young proposed that Keith Brewer, Neil Gray, Stuart Richardson and Mike Taylor be elected to the Executive Committee. Darran Buttigieg seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated that all were in agreement.

12. Acceptance of the District Commissioner's Nominations of Members to the District Executive Committee

Daniel Benjamin, Gill Henry and Andrew Turnbull were nominated by the DC to serve on the District Executive Committee and this was approved by a show of hands.

It was confirmed our President was appointed in 2021 (2nd term) and Vice President (1st term) for terms of 5 years.

13. Acceptance of Appointment of Scouter to the County Scout Council

The meeting approved by a show of hands the appointment of James Ayling as Scouter to the County Scout Council.

14. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Darran Buttigieg advised that Peter Connolly has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner to the District.

15. Any Other Business

None

16. County Representative

Tricia Griffin thanked everyone for keeping going through Covid, it was great to read about all the activities that the sections had taken part in and that we will soon be adding Squirrels to the District.

Tricia offered her congratulations to those who have been selected for the Jamboree and hoped that they would have a great experience. Tricia also congratulated Elle Austin who had obtained her Queens Scout Award.

Tricia reminded all of the importance of the ongoing learning and DBS's and advised that a programme roadshow for training was upcoming, this isn't new this is a restructure emphasising **#Better People, Better World** and **#Skills for Life**

Tricia thanked Roger and all that volunteer within the District.

17. The District President – Mrs Suzy Webb

Suzy has been able to attend the cooking competition at 7th Ashford and reminded all to invite her as she loves to get out and about with ‘her’ scouts.

Suzy stressed how vital it is that more volunteers come forward so things can continue, Scouting is very important to Suzy and all her family.

She thanked to District for the privilege of being our President.

Suzy presented long service awards to Denise Buttigieg (10 years), Darran Buttigieg (15 years), Graham Ledger (25 years) and Carol Dix (40 years)

18. Vote of Thanks to Principal Guests

Gill Henry thanked our guests the Suzy Webb, Oliver Davies and Tricia Griffin and also the SASU for providing refreshments for the meeting.

Graham declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Spelthorne District Scout Council AGM, Tuesday 27th June 2023

Chair's Report

Dear Council Members and Guests,

Welcome you to our Annual Report. It has been a remarkable year filled with Growth, achievements and memorable experiences for our members across Spelthorne District.

I want to start with a thank you, a thank you to all of the leaders, helpers, parents across the District and members of the District team, for all they do to help deliver Scouting to over 860 young people every week across Spelthorne. Leading and supporting these amazing young people is an adult volunteer team of over 260 people across the 13 groups & District team who cover a range of roles covering running the weekly program, planning events & activities and providing governance support to ensure that we offer a safe & fun environment for the young people, enabling them to learn #SkillsForLife.

Our annual census numbers dropped slightly over the period Jan 2022 – Jan 2023, however since then we have seen a steady increase in numbers across the groups and to top it all off, we have been able to open 9th Ashford (Noah's Ark) who are starting with Beavers and looking to grow into Cub & Scout sections over time.

One of the main responsibilities of the District Trustee Board is to ensure that we have a consistent approach to the safety and safeguarding of our young people and leaders across the District. I would like to thank all leaders & members who have taken time out and completed these training courses to help ensure skills & approaches remain up to date ensuring we offer a safe environment for our members.

As I have mentioned in the past, change is constant and this year is no different, we are in the process of changing our 'Executive Committees' to be 'Trustee Boards' to better reflects the responsibilities of its members and the board overall.

Our biggest constraint to providing Scouting to even more young people across Spelthorne remains having the volunteers to run and support the groups. We receive multiple 'want to join enquiries' every week including interest in the Squirrels section. If you know of any adults who might want to support Spelthorne Scouts as a helper, leaders or member of a trustee board, please ask them to get in touch with us at volunteering@spelthornescouts.org.uk or visit our website <https://spelthornescouts.org.uk>. We offer many opportunities, with many roles being able to be shared and are happy to work in flexible and creative ways to support volunteering in a way that is mutually convenient.

Yours in Scouting
Graham Ledger
District Chair

District Commissioners Report

I cannot believe that another year has passed and I writing this report once more. This also means that I am moving into my last year as DC and the search for my successor will begin soon.

It has been another bumper year for Scouting in Spelthorne and one in which we have reaped the benefits of the work done during covid which has allowed us to build back to full speed quickly. We have more and more young people wanting to join and it is a major challenge to find ways to accommodate them. We continue to struggle to find the Adult help needed and it is a constant battle to fill roles as they become vacant. We have several vital roles unfilled and this situation is set to get worse with more choosing to step down soon.

Adam Daniel took on the role of Youth Commissioner at the beginning of March and I am sure those of you who know him will realise what a great asset he will be. A massive thank you to Hannah Peterkin who filled this role during some very strange and difficult times.

Another boost for the district is the formation of a new group. Our first for since the amalgamation of the two former districts. 9th Ashford (Noah's Ark) are starting with Beavers and then looking to open the other sections as they progress.

In a few weeks our four representatives at the World Scout Jamboree will be setting off on their trip of a lifetime and I know they have been working hard over the last year to raise funds and to prepare with their units. I am sure we are all looking forward to hearing of their exploits on their return.

It has been rewarding to see the growth of Explorer Scouts in the district. We have in the region of 100 spread over the two units and the quality of programmes that they enjoy is testament to the leadership, many of whom already have other major roles.

Unfortunately our planned starting of squirrels had to be shelved at the last minute but it is hoped that we may be in a position to start in the not too distant future.

Mike Taylor stepped down as our Active Support Manager a role he has held for a number of years. Many of our district activities could not take place without Active Support and Mike has been at the forefront of most of them.

Every year is tinged with sadness and this last one is no difference. We lost several people who's commitment to Scouting knew no bounds. Michael McGlynn helped with two cub packs doing all kinds of chores and his happy persona is something all those who knew him will miss greatly.

David Neaves had been treasurer at 1st Shepperton for many years and his death was big blow to the group so soon after the retirement of David Fern as GSL.

Moira Hendry and I had been friends for nearly 30 years after meeting when she came to be a Scout leader in the troop I worked with. As I moved roles she followed and supported me as only she could. Our families became almost one and Carole and I were devastated by her death at far too young an age.

Our sympathies go out to all their families.

On a happier note it is always good to see our young people receiving badges and awards and it is always a privilege to be asked to present some of them. It was especially pleasing to see a Scout who began with the Manor Mead School project achieve his Chief Scouts

Gold Award. There have been many awards also for our adults, just reward for your dedication.

I would like to make a special mention of Trisha Griffin who recently retired as the Deputy County Commissioner and who had responsibility for our district. Her help, support and listening ear were something I could always rely on. Fortunately we now have Julia Kielstra at the helm and she is a good friend to Spelthorne as well!

Massive thanks as always to Graham, Denise, Darran and all the District Exec. (last time I can call you that!), to Keith, Stuart and all the district team, to Neil and the AAC and to everyone who works tirelessly to make Spelthorne the district it is. Not forgetting of course my wife Carole who endures everything my job entails and still comes up smiling.

There are changes afoot in Scouting but one thing that definitely will not change is the need to supply quality programmes and activities for our young people. I look forward to what the next year throws our way and hope you will continue to join in the challenge.

Roger Dix
District Commissioner

Spelthorne District Beaver Report

Beavers in Spelthorne continues to thrive . The opening of 9th Ashford brings the number of colonies to 16. By far the biggest challenge remains finding places for all those who wish to join.

All the colonies have a full and varied programme with many badges earned . A particular highlight this year was the return of BAZZAZ which provided many of our colonies with a fun packed day . Several colonies also took part in the county's overnight experience at Bentley Copse.

Roger Dix

Spelthorne District Cub Report

This year it has been fantastic to really return to a full programme. We started the year with our first 'real' district camp at Walton Firs. The theme was 'Festivals' and it was a fantastic theme to bring everyone back together. The weekend was full of colour, music and excitement as many of the cubs had never been on camp before so everything was new. It is amazing to realise how much was lost over the last few years due to Covid.

The autumn term saw Hathi's Hike and the swimming gala. The hike took place around Hampton and Hanworth and saw a change where the teams planned the route in advance, using What3Word markers to do so. It is great to being map skills up to date with technology and a lot of the leaders liked being able to do the planning in the dry! The swimming gala saw a bumper 10 teams taking part. The small pool was very busy this year, reflecting the number of children who have missed swimming lessons and so aren't yet water confident to do a length. It is good we are able to use the small pool and keep the gala open to all. Our winning team was 1st Sunbury.

The spring term saw the quiz return. Now a well established event, with three levels of activity. To begin, a pack quiz then the district quiz. 9 teams battled it out to go onto the third level and represent us at the county level. The winning team was from 1st Sunbury who came 5th in the county.

As well as these events, packs have been busy running their own successful programmes allowing the cubs to work towards their top award.

To end my report, I am saying 'goodbye'. After 9 years as ADC (Cubs), and 7 years before as a District Cub Leader, I have decided it is time to have a break. I haven't yet decided what I am going to do next but feel the time is right to have a change. My 16 years on the district team have been amazing from 2-007 to mark the centenary of Scouting to 2016 and the centenary of Cubs, the long days of Covid, hosting cubs from my garden to returning, carefully, back to face-to-face meetings it has been amazing. I have worked with an amazing team: Richard, Karen, Dorcas and Alfie. Made some amazing friends and ran some events I would never have dreamed of. My family have coped with the yearly pile up of boxes as camp approaches and counting out stacks of stuff so thank you to them. I am sure I will be around from time to time but for now- Thank you to everyone who has been part of the journey and goodbye for now.

Hathi - Stuart Richardson
Deputy District Commissioner

Spelthorne District Scout Report

Our Scouting calendar started in July with the brilliant return of Scoutabout where 280 members attended from Spelthorne with all bar two groups. This saw us in our usual packed field which always brings the Scouts, Explorers and leaders close together. The event started with an excellent firework display, a huge array of new activities on the Saturday, continued into Sunday before pulling 5000 members into the arena for the closing ceremony. An event enjoyed by all. This will next happen in 2024, one year earlier to allow us to get back into a county programme rhythm.

There were plenty of summer camps last year which was brilliant to see after a couple of years of reduced events. Tents were finally dusted off and cooking over fires back on the programme. With so many groups on social media it was clear Scouts had a brilliant time from climbing and canoeing to hill walking and hammocking; slip and slide was popular plus several different ways to cook dinner. All bringing Scouting back alive and working towards the all important Chief Scout Gold Award.

Two international trips took place which saw 3rd Staines and 4th Ashford attend Switzerland for 8 days participating in white water rafting, hikes to the Jungfrauoch and a visit to KISC. 3rd Ashford and 5th Sunbury attended the war graves of Ypres for three days with a visit to Brugge and visiting Passchendaeke Museum.

In February six troops and Scott Unit Explorers attended the District Bivouacking evening which was attended by just shy of 90 members. It was a chilly evening however all troops had enough dry wood to get their fires going and cook everything in a traditional backwards way. It ranges from currys, burgers, hot dogs, jack potatoes and even a stew! After a pause and change in programme timing, this event will be brought back at the earlier time in November and February for those groups wishing to participate.

We've been out and about and visited troops with new leaders in post and presented the Chief Scout Awards to those who've been unable to make the presentation evenings. We also held an event for those now in Explorers who missed the awards evenings and have now moved on from Scouts. These are always proud moments as you see the Scouts and parents smiles after all the work, dedication and effort they have put in.

Chief Scout Gold awards are an important milestone in the Scouting Calendar. This is the highest award to achieve in Scouts and is awarded through a county event throughout the year. Spelthorne had 30 participants attend the ceremonies which is one of the highest districts in the county, an excellent outcome! This is a great achievement which we thank all leaders and Parents for supporting their members through.

As always our thanks go to all our leaders, volunteers and young leaders for continuing to deliver an active and engaging programme to all their members. Here's to another year.

James Ayling (Acting ADC)
Seb Potts (DSL)

Chief Scout Gold Award Recipients

March 23

6th Staines

Keenan Burley
Dylan Francis
Aoife Grimwood
Ryan Hutt
Joshua Jones
Luke Jones

Zachary Barnes
Genevieve Hodge
Amelia Stoddart
Megan Williams

4th Ashford

Emily Muckian
Oliver Ward

June 22

3rd Ashford

Ella Adams
Holly Adams
Ryan Geraghty
Rhiannon Jones

3rd Staines

Aimee Barber
Noah Benedict
Greg Cade
Ciara Goddard
Harry Hawthorn
Stephen Hyman
Matthew Steers
Alice Turner

November 22

1st Charlton

Matthew Williams

3rd Staines

Emily Byrne
Lewis Hyman
Harry Sexton
Jake Tobias
Emily Walles

October 22

1st Laleham

Tommy Hiley
Ben Lambe
Flynn Porter
Finlay Stewart

July 22

1st Laleham

Katie McCummiskey

District Explorer Scout Report

Scott Unit

At the start of March 2022 Scott Unit Explorers had 32 members and 6 leaders. We had around 25 regular weekly attendees which indicated that at this point we had recovered from the numbers drop we saw during the COVID years.

We completed lots of activities during the year. This included learning skills like bushcraft, map reading and first aid. We also had a martial arts instructor train us in the basics of the discipline. The explorers also took part in activities such as climbing, archery, water sports, hiking, pioneering, shooting, tennis coaching, massive bingo, litter picking and many more.

In August 2022 we took 7 Explorers and 7 Leaders to Troll Aktiv Campsite in Norway for our Summer Camp. We had originally planned to take about 25 Explorers on this camp back in 2020. However COVID forced us to push the event back by two years. This meant that we had a large number of Explorers pull out due to increased age and new commitments. We did not let the lower numbers stop us and we all had a fantastic week in a beautiful country. We hiked up a local small mountain, went sightseeing around a city, cruised around the coastline at 80mph on a twin engined RIB, went swimming in the freshwater river on site every day, got soaked doing white water rafting and got covered in mud while off road cycling. The Explorers (and Leaders) all had an amazing time with lots of positive feedback from parents after. It was an experience of a lifetime.

By the end of April 2023 Scott Unit Explorers now had 45 members and 11 leaders. We had around 37 regular weekly attendees. This was the largest the unit had been to date and shows how successful the reintroduction of Explorers in Spelthorne has been.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my leadership team. Without all the hard work they do we would not be nearly as successful. Thank you all.

Sam Cumber
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Young Leaders Report

We have over 60 young leaders in Spelthorne, across many of our groups. We are now in a position where all, bar new young leaders, have completed their module A training. This is the basic requirement for young leaders as it covers their role, safety and safeguarding elements.

In the autumn term we ran a successful training day looking at the other modules and now have a number of leaders signed off on these, meaning they can work on their missions.

The missions are designed to allow the young leaders to showcase what they have learnt and develop their skills. Each of the four build up the young leader's skills and confidence in running games, activities and planning a sequence. During the year we have been able to award a number of these, which is great as it shows the training and programme is paying off.

Moving forward, Surrey have some central training so hopefully the unit will be able to access this. We are now in the right position to be able to do this as we have accurate records of who our young leaders are and have caught up on training following Covid.

Stuart Richardson
Deputy District Commissioner

Spelthorne Scout Active Support Unit Report

21.05.2022 ran two activities at BAZZAZ.

08.07.2022 District AGM catering.

02.07.2022 ran one activity at Scoutabout (Saturday only).

09/10.07.2022 ran one activity at Cub Camp.

13.11.2022 assisted with Remembrance Day Parades around the district.

27.11.2022 assisted at the Cubs Swimming Gala.

December 2022 Ashford/Stamwell Santa charity collections with Ashford Rotary Club.

31.12.2022 Mike Taylor steps down as SASU manager - huge thanks to him for many years in the role, we are still looking for his replacement.

Ongoing group support with equipment loans and activities/badgework.

Ongoing YL and leader training support as required.

SASU sadly lost two members, Moira Hendry and Michael Mcglyn.

Many thanks to all SASU members for your continued support

Keith Brewer
Deputy District Commissioner

Appointments Panel Report

This year all of the appointment meetings have been via Zoom.

This has been working well and seems to be the accepted way to hold this sort of brief meeting. It also helps with making Scouting flexible enough to fit in to the applicant's day.

The main problem is the max number we can meet with on any given evening is 2. Most meetings last for around 30 minutes. The problem we had with applicants waiting for a long time has been cured by asking them NOT to log in early.

During the year 2022/23 we met with:

GSL	0
Section Leaders	2
Assistant Section Leader	15
Section Assistant	0
Group skills	0
Change of role	2
Adult reviews	0

Adult Reviews. The Appointment panel have not been asked to consider any Adult Reviews during this year.

Change of Role. Please remember that each change of role creates a new appointment and a new PLP that needs to be completed. If the PLP is not completed, it will delay the leaders progression in Scouting.

Mandatory Training. Safeguarding and Safety training need to be renewed every 3 years. This is available online and needs to be recorded on Compass. The Scout Association have now started to close roles where mandatory training has not been completed.

Thank you. A huge thank you to the committee who supported the interviews and reviews we have completed. We will continue to keep a check on DBS renewals and GRDP validation.

If anybody is interested in joining the AAC then, please contact Roger Dix or Neil Gray. It is not very time consuming, and it gives you the opportunity to meet up with the new leaders.

Neil Gray
Appointment Panel Chairman

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Spelthorne District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 7 8 6 8 5

Charity's principal address

127 Bridge Road
 Sarisbury Green
 Hampshire
 Postcode S O 3 1 7 E N

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mr Roger Dix	District Commissioner	
Mr Keith Brewer	Deputy District Commissioner	
Mr Stuart Richardson	Deputy District Commissioner	From May '22
Mr Graham Ledger	District Chairman	
Mrs Denise Buttigieg	District Secretary	
Mr Darran Buttigieg	District Treasurer	
Mr Samuel Cumber	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	
Miss Hannah Peterkin	District Youth Commissioner	To June '22
Mr Adam Daniel	District Youth Commissioner	From March '23
Mr Michael Taylor	Scout Active Support Manager	
Mr Neil Gray	Chair of Appointments Advisory Committee	
Mrs Gill Henry		
Mr Daniel Benjamin		
Mr Andrew Turnbull		From June '22

Section A Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Peter Connolly	33 Carlyle Road, Staines, TW18 2PU
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill Av., West Malling, ME19 4JQ
	COIF Charity Deposit Fund	85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
	National Westminster Bank Plc	67, High Street, Staines TW18 4PU
	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	10 Station Approach, Ashford, TW15 2QN
	Barclays Bank Plc	71 High Street, Staines, TW18 4PS
	Barclays Bank Plc	39 Church Road, Ashford, TW15 2QF
	Virgin Money Plc	Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle, NE3 4PL

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	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 and the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District Scout Council which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, 2 Deputy District Commissioners, District Youth Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and a number of elected, nominated, and co-opted members. Meetings take place four times a year.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of the District HQ building and equipment;
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- The maintenance of the District HQ building and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and internal control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which it believes the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to property and equipment. The District has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to Leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees, contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund raising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The District Executive Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Leaders. The District Executive Committee is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of Leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District supports activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

The District has in place systems of **internal controls** that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objective of the District is to support 13 Groups, 2 Explorer Scout Units, and 1 Scout Active Support Unit with activities that are in accord with the aims 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.

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the District and these do not unduly restrict membership. The District follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions.

Two key principles demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit.

1. Through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential.
2. There is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting.

The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits of Scouting activities provided far outweigh the risks.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

All sections take part in regular camping activities, nights away, and outings. There are various programmes of fund raising across the Groups for both the Group itself and local and Scouting charities. The Sectional Leadership teams ensure that balanced programmes are planned to provide a suitable balance of activities.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

The District is not a grant making organisation and therefore has no such policy. The contribution made by volunteers cannot be overemphasised. The District relies entirely on volunteer Leaders and helpers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The total membership of the District as at 31st January 2023 was 1,127, an decrease of 43 compared to 2022. Youth numbers are 860 compared to 881 in 2022. The Leaders and helpers involved continue to provide a progressive and challenging programme of events and activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statements of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months operating costs, about £25,000.

The District (incl. sections) held 'available' reserves of £54,000 against this at the year end. This is sufficient to cover operating costs for approximately 53 months.

Investment policy

The District has investments in the FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Income, which aims to provide an income for the District and a small increase in capital. All other funds are held in cash using banks or the COIF Charity Funds.

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

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signatures	<i>Roger Dix</i>	<i>Darran Buttigieg</i>						
Full names	Roger Dix	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA						
Positions	District Commissioner	District Treasurer						
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Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

Receipts

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Subscriptions	41,925	-	-	41,925	42,461
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to Surrey County	37,625	-	-	37,625	38,106
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,300	-	-	4,300	4,355
Donations and Grants	50	-	-	50	12,575
Other similar income - Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,350	-	-	4,350	16,930
Fundraising (gross)					
Santa street collection	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income					
Bank interest - Virgin Money	74	-	-	74	37
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	521	-	-	521	447
COIF account interest	66	-	-	66	1
Sub total	660	-	-	660	485
Program and activities (as listed on pages 10/11)					
District	540	-	-	540	-
Beaver Scout Section	0	0	0	-	0
Cub Scout Section	7,663	0	0	7,663	16,492
Scout Section	535	0	0	535	117
Explorer Scout Section	39,767	0	0	39,767	10,048
District Scout Active Support Unit	2,550	0	0	2,550	20
Sub total	51,055	-	-	51,055	26,678
Other income					
Badge sales	3,065	-	-	3,065	2,393
Membership subs rebate	436	-	-	436	391
Rental Income	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Levy/ Contributions	8,941	-	-	8,941	1,742
Spelthorne Gangshow	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,441	-	-	12,441	4,526
Sundry receipts					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,506	-	-	68,506	48,619

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

Payments

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Premises - Hengrove Scout HQ					
Building insurance	1,791	-	-	1,791	1,608
Electricity	180	-	-	180	29
Rent	360	-	-	360	360
Repairs and maintenance	331	-	-	331	217
Sub total	2,663	-	-	2,663	2,213
Equipment					
Purchase of equipment	425	-	-	425	123
Equipment insurance	874	-	-	874	763
Sub total	1,299	-	-	1,299	885
Programme and activities (as listed on pages 11/12)					
District	650	-	-	650	0
Beaver Scout Section	0	-	-	-	0
Cub Scout Section	7,610	-	-	7,610	15,559
Scout Section	1,029	-	-	1,029	1,198
Explorer Scout Section	31,986	-	-	31,986	15,027
District Scout Active Support Unit	2,284	-	-	2,284	79
Sub total	43,559	-	-	43,559	31,862
Other costs					
Badge purchases	2,943	-	-	2,943	1,996
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	1,250
Personal accident insurance	-	-	-	-	326
Subscription rebate to Groups	436	-	-	436	391
Website costs	360	-	-	360	472
Jamboree payments to County	11,800	-	-	11,800	1,000
Spelthorne Gangshow	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,539	-	-	15,539	5,435
Sundry payments					
AGM and admin expenses	80	-	-	80	-
Bank Charges	72	-	-	72	96
Conference/ Meeting Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Other sundry payments	68	-	-	68	35
Sub total	220	-	-	220	131
Other					
Young Leaders	142	-	-	142	85
Sub total	142	-	-	142	85
Total payments	63,422	-	-	63,422	40,612

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

Summary

	2022/23				2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Total receipts	68,506	-	-	68,506	48,619
Total payments	63,422	-	-	63,422	40,612
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,084	-	-	5,084	8,007
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	87,228	-	-	87,228	79,221
Cash funds this year end	92,312	-	-	92,312	87,228

Programme and activities - Receipts

	2022/23				2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Training courses	540	-	-	540	-
Sub total	540	-	-	540	-
Beaver Scout Section					
Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section					
PGL 2022	-	-	-	-	15,100
Camps - Summer/ District	7,096	-	-	7,096	1,191
Outing	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming Gala	300	-	-	300	201
Scram	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry receipts	267	-	-	267	-
Sub total	7,663	-	-	7,663	16,492
Scout Section					
Scoutabout	140	-	-	140	-
Bivouac night	395	-	-	395	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	117
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	535	-	-	535	117
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	5,503	-	-	5,503	3,692
Camping/Expeditions	23,344	-	-	23,344	1,170
Fundraising	623	-	-	623	-
Membership subscriptions	6,817	-	-	6,817	5,054
Gift Aid	2,580	-	-	2,580	-
Sundry receipts	900	-	-	900	132
Sub total	39,767	-	-	39,767	10,048

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

Programme and activities - Receipts

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	2,550	-	-	2,550	-
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	20
Sub total	2,550	-	-	2,550	20
Total activity receipts	51,055	-	-	51,055	26,678

Programme and activities - Payments

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Training resources	-	-	-	-	-
Training courses	629	-	-	629	-
Hike to the Moon Prizes	-	-	-	-	-
Other	21	-	-	21	-
Sub total	650	-	-	650	-
Beaver Scout Section					
Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section					
PGL 2022	-	-	-	-	14,030
Camps - Summer/ District	6,735	-	-	6,735	1,233
Outing	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming Gala	307	-	-	307	193
Scram	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	58	-	-	58	-
Jamboree Contribution	250	-	-	250	-
Sundry payments	260	-	-	260	103
Sub total	7,610	-	-	7,610	15,559
Scout Section					
Scoutabout	554	-	-	554	-
Bivouac night	475	-	-	475	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	114
Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,084
Sundry payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,029	-	-	1,029	1,198

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

Programme and activities - Payments

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	7,235	-	-	7,235	3,034
Camps/expeditions	18,721	-	-	18,721	8,456
Equipment	688	-	-	688	-
Fundraising expenses	40	-	-	40	-
Subscriptions paid to District	3,147	-	-	3,147	2,944
Rent & Minibus	-	-	-	-	304
Donations	30	-	-	30	-
Sundry payments	2,125	-	-	2,125	289
Sub total	31,986	-	-	31,986	15,027
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	193	-	-	193	-
Equipment purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Contribution	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Sundry payments	91	-	-	91	79
Sub total	2,284	-	-	2,284	79
Total activity payments	43,559	-	-	43,559	31,862

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Additional information

	31st March 2023			31st March 2022	
	Current Account	Deposit Account	Cash in Hand	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Beaver Scout Section	2,247	-	10	2,258	2,258
Cub Scout Section	986	-	-	986	933
Scout Section	416	-		416	910
Explorer Scout Section	34,968	1,135	153	36,256	28,475
SASU	4,378	-	72	4,450	4,184
Water Activities	-	-	-	-	21
District Executive	17,946	28,000		45,946	48,447
Sub total	60,941	29,135	236	90,312	85,228
COIF Charity funds		2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Total cash funds	60,941	31,135	236	92,312	87,228

			2022/23	2021/22
Jamboree account				
Balance b/f as at 1st April			9,046	8,304
Add - Contributions from Groups			1,720	1,742
Add - Fundraising and donations			7,221	
Less - Grant paid to reps			-	-
Sub total			17,987	10,046
Less - Payments of fees			11,800	1,000
Balance as at 31st March			6,187	9,046
Designated funds as at 31st March				
Mayor's Donation - 2021			12,000	12,000
HQ Maintenance Fund			10,000	
Jamboree account			6,187	9,046
Gangshow			1,460	1,460
SASU former deposit account			5,157	5,157
Total			34,804	27,663

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023			31st March 2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	60,941		-	60,941	55,790
Bank deposit account	31,135	-	-	31,135	29,130
COIF Charity funds	-	-	-	-	2,000
Cash funds	236	-	-	236	308
Total cash funds	92,312	-	-	92,312	87,228
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	12,893	-	-	12,893	14,367
Sub total	12,893	-	-	12,893	14,367
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge secretary's stock	3,283	-	-	3,283	3,283
Land and buildings - Portacabin	3,562	-	-	3,562	3,562
- Container	3,156	-	-	3,156	3,156
Land and buildings - Hengrove Scout HQ	365,728	-	-	365,728	365,728
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	50,875	-	-	50,875	50,875
Sub total	426,604	-	-	426,604	426,604
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid by Groups for badges	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st May 2022
(via email) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name
<i>Roger Dix</i>	Roger Dix - District Commissioner
<i>Darran Buttigieg</i>	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA - Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Spelthorne District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as attached.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's 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 Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

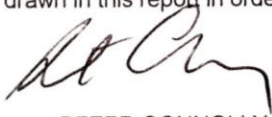
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 view 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I 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.



Name:PETER CONNOLLY.....

Address:33 Carlyle Road.....

.....Staines, TW18 2PU.....

Date:5 June 2023.....

SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1178685

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Spelthorne

**Annual General Meeting
8th June 2022**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2022 AT 7.30PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM of Spelthorne District Scout Council held 29th June 2021
4. Matters Arising
5. Annual Report of District Executive Committee
 - a. District Commissioner's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
6. Receive and Consider the Annual Report
7. Receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts
8. Approval of the District Commissioner's Nomination of District Chairman
9. Nomination and Election of District Secretary
10. Nomination and Election of District Treasurer
11. Nomination and Election of Members to the District Executive Committee
12. Approval of the District Commissioner's Nominations of Members to the District Executive Committee
13. Nomination and Election of Scouter to County Scout Council
14. Appointment of Independent Examiner
15. Any Other Business
16. County Representative
17. The President of Spelthorne District Scouts, Mrs Suzy Webb
18. Vote of Thanks to Principal Guests

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
HELD ON
TUESDAY 29TH JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM
VIA ZOOM**

1. Welcome and Prayer

Darran Buttigieg opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman, Graham Ledger, welcomed our President Suzy Webb, Tricia Griffin County representative, Leaders, Helpers and all present.

2. Apologies

The following sent their apologies;

Roxanna Bostock, Keith Brewer, Diana Brown, Roy Clough, Sam Cumber, John Hillman, Wendy Kislingbury, Jill Tomkins and Cllr's Tony Harman, Denise Saliagopoulos Joanne Sexton, Robin Sider

3. Minutes of the AGM of Spelthorne District Scout Council held on 19th October 2020

Mike Taylor proposed that the minutes be accepted Judy Taylor seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated that all were in agreement.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Annual Report of District Executive Committee

a. District Commissioner's Report

In addition to his printed report, Roger wished to re-iterate his thanks to all for the last year. He has had many awards come through and some long service ones for Neil Gray, Darran and Denise Buttigieg will be presented soon.

b. Treasurer's Report

Darran presented the report to the meeting and in addition highlighted that the District had reduced their census subs for this year due to the pandemic to aid groups. The District had applied for a covid grant but it had not been approved and that we are also in the process of changing banks to make it more accessible for fee free everyday banking.

6. Receive and Consider the Annual Report – see item 7

7. Receive and Consider the Annual Statement of Accounts

The Annual report and Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 2021, was presented to the meeting. The report was approved and this was agreed by a show of hands.

8. Approval of District Commissioner's Nomination for District Chairman

Roger asked the meeting to approve his nomination of Graham Ledger as District Chairman. The nomination was approved.

9. Nomination and Election of District Secretary

Gill Henry proposed that Denise Buttigieg be elected as District Secretary Michael Welham seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated all were in agreement.

10. Nomination and Election of District Treasurer

Alan Green proposed that Darran Buttigieg be elected as Treasurer Neil Gray seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated all were in agreement.

11. Nomination and Election of Members of the District Executive Committee

Geoff Sully proposed that Keith Brewer, Neil Gray and Mike Taylor be elected to the Executive Committee. Oliver Davies seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated that all were in agreement.

12. Acceptance of the District Commissioner's Nominations of Members to the District Executive Committee

Gill Henry was nominated by the DC to serve on the District Executive Committee and this was approved by a show of hands.

13. Acceptance of Appointment of Scouter to the County Scout Council

The meeting approved by a show of hands the appointment of James Ayling, Scout ADC as Scouter to the County Scout Council.

14. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Darran Buttigieg advised that Peter Connolly has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner to the District.

15. Any Other Business

None

16. County Representative

Tricia Griffin spoke of how Spelthorne and Surrey have still continued with their scouting throughout the pandemic and although the census had shown a drop in members we had fared much better than other districts and counties. We have all still been doing lots of activities to keep the young people engaged. She thanked everyone in the district for all their hard work and hoped that next year we would all be able to meet again for the AGM in person.

17. The District President - Suzy P Webb

Suzy re-iterated Tricia's message and thanked all in the district for everything they have done to keep scouting alive in Spelthorne. She also thanked the parents for the support they have given to enable their children to still take part in scouting activities on line such as the regular meetings as well as virtual camps.

Sunday 4th July is National Thank You Day and she would like to thank us for giving her the opportunity to be our President. Suzy has now started her second term of up to 5 years in this role.

18. Vote of Thanks to Principal Guests

Roger Dix thanked our guests the Suzy Webb, Oliver Davies and Tricia Griffin

Graham declared the meeting closed at 8.21pm

Spelthorne District Scout Council AGM, Wednesday 8th June 2022

Chair's Report

Dear Council Members and Guests,

Welcome you to our Annual Report and after the last two AGM's being held over Zoom it is great to be back at a Scout venue.

I want to start with a thank you, a thank you to all of the leaders, helpers, parents across the District and members of the District team, for rising to the challenges we have had to face and overcome in transitioning back to meeting in person at our HQ's and for putting on a number of events throughout the year to keep our young people engaged and having fun. Everyone involved has shown true scouting spirit and many leaders and young people will have learned new skills for life through a mix of in person and digital scouting experiences.

Despite the challenges of the past year, our annual census numbers grew in Jan 2022 by 12% compared to Jan 2021. This means over 880 young people actively taking part in Scouting across Spelthorne each week, supported & led by over 280 adult volunteers developing **#SkillsForLife**

One of the main responsibilities of the District executive team is to ensure that we have a consistent approach to the safety and safeguarding of our young people and leaders across the District. I would like to thank all leaders & members who have taken time out and completed these training courses to help ensure skills & approaches remain up to date.

In the past year we have launched a new district website www.spelthornescouts.org.uk that acts as one of our 'shop windows' for Scouting in Spelthorne and is a source of joining requests from parents. We also maintain a Facebook page **@SpelthorneDistrictScouts** and Twitter account **@SpelthorneScout**, if you don't already follow us, please do.

Change is constant these days and we are in the process of changing some of our key officers on the Executive. Denise & Darran Buttigieg are moving away from the area, which means we will be continuing our search for a District Secretary & District Treasurer. They both initially said they would stand down at this AGM but have agreed to continue until the end of 2022 giving us additional time to recruit replacements and have a handover period. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Denise & Darran for all they have done across Spelthorne over the years in the many & various roles they have taken on. They will be very much missed.

Our biggest constraint to providing Scouting to even more young people across Spelthorne is having the volunteers to run and support the groups. If you know of any adults who might want to support Spelthorne Scouts as helpers or leaders please ask them to get in touch with us at volunteering@spelthornescouts.org.uk

Yours in Scouting

Graham Ledger
District Chair

District Commissioners Report

Looking back over previous reports I can see that I normally state how proud and privileged I feel to be DC. This time around that barely feels adequate enough. The way in which we have dealt with everything that the last couple of years has thrown at us leaves me in awe of not just our adults but also of our fantastic young people. Now that we have (hopefully) turned the corner we should be justifiably proud of all that we have achieved.

This time last year we hoped that we were getting back to normal but the virus still had a few tricks up its sleeve. We did however continue to provide full and varied programmes and activities despite a whole list of rules and regulations. I am delighted that my bedtime reading of choice is now a good book rather than yet another risk assessment!!

It has been particularly pleasing to see a return to camping and nights away events. The return of the Cub Scout PGL trip seemed like a big step back to normality. I know that there are plans to hold many of the camps and expeditions due to be held last summer in the coming months meaning that our young people do not miss out on this important part of our programme.

We have worked hard in the last year to ensure that our leaders and helpers are fully trained and despite currently not having a District Training Manager we are well on the way to meeting the targets set. We now have links to training through our new website so it is easier than ever to keep up to date. My only observation is that the GSL's and the District team spend an awful lot of time that could be better spent on other matters chasing lapsed training. This sometimes results in suspensions which again take up precious time. So please take the time to keep up to date if your role requires it. Whinge over!

There have been several changes to the District team this year. Stuart has taken on the extra responsibility of Deputy DC. He will be looking at Growth and Development as well generally assisting our ever expanding district. James will be stepping down as ADC Scouts this summer. He has held the role for the past 8 years and has moved this section on enormously. We are still without an ADC Beavers but continue to actively search for one. As mentioned earlier Roxanna has stepped down from the role of Training manager and we thank her for all of her efforts with this important role.

The County used a new system to select participants for the next World Scout Jamboree which will be held in South Korea in the summer of 2023.

All those who wished to be considered for a place were placed in a draw and the available places for each district were picked out of the hat. Our four representatives Nathan, Matthew, Andrew and Amy have already begun the training that will culminate in 14 months' time. We also had two people selected for the International service team who will help with the provision of the Jamboree experience of the UK contingent.

It is always pleasing to see dedicated service rewarded and the last year has seen many of our leaders and supporters receive well deserved recognition. It is noticeable how many new and enthusiastic young leaders we now have to work along side those who have been around longer than they care to mention.

I am sure that the section reports will have mentioned the number of awards and badges our young people have achieved, testament to the quality of scouting that we provide. A special mention for Elle Austen who achieved her Queens Scout Award this year, just reward for her hard work and commitment.

As always I will finish by thanking everyone who has contributed to another successful year for Spelthorne. Keith and Stuart have, as always, been a constant source of help and support, Sam and James have overseen the Scout and Explorer sections with their usual skill and vigilance, and Mike has worked hard to ensure that the Active Support Unit has continued to do exactly what its name implies.

Graham has lead the executive committee with great enthusiasm and I know that we have built up a great relationship, which is so important to the workings of the district. Denise and Darran and the rest of the committee continue to provide him with steadfast support. A special mention for Joe and Tricia the CC and DCC who are always on hand when needed and who's support is much appreciated.

As always my final thanks goes to my long suffering wife Carole who continues to provide me with unconditional support and who gets to share the highs and lows of my role. Without this support it would be extremely difficult to fulfil the demands of my job.

I look forward to sharing more adventures and challenges with you in the next year.

Roger Dix
District Commissioner

Spelthorne District Beaver Report (Apr 21 – Sept 21)

As the restrictions began to be lifted, Beaver sections became more active. However, no District led events took place as it was still difficult to mix. I know that many groups have been organising as many outdoor activities as they could during the summer term, and numbers remained healthy.

In September, I took the decision to stand down from my role as I felt I could not do job with the commitment needed as I felt I due to events at my own Scout group required my full attention. I would like to thank the District for all of their assistance over the years.

Lynn Dredge
ADC Beavers (*to Sept 2021*)

Spelthorne District Cub Report

It was exciting to be move towards the 'new normal' and this meant we cold bring something we missed - district camp. Admittedly, there were a number of changes, but our big idea was 'together but apart'. Our theme was 'The Crystal Maze' and the camp worked by having each pack at their HQ, with the same activities and joining a number of Zoom sessions to find out what was next. It was great to be able to show photos during the day and even have a campfire, where each pack performed. Sunday saw a hiking activity in a number of places across the district with packs or families joining in and sharing photos. While we weren't together at Walton Firs, we were together as a district for the first time since lock down.

You never know what can come your way in Scouting. On leaving work one afternoon, I had a phone call from our media team at HQ. The new Money Skills badge had been launched and they wanted a pack to show it off and be interviewed by Radio 4.... Could I help? Luckily, 1st Sunbury, and a few 7th Ashford members, were willing to assist and our report went out on Radio 4. I'm now waiting for a call to star on Blue Peter or County File! As a result of this, Keego and myself have been able to deliver the first night of the badge in a number of packs and they finished it off using plans and resources provided. The Autumn term also saw the return of a number of events. Hathi's Hike took us to Twickenham and Ham and saw five teams using What 3 Words clues to plan a route and clean water at a base. Our winning team was 1st Shepperton. The swimming gala is always popular, and it was great to be in a position to feel confident about running this. We had eight teams taking part in several races and our winners were 1st Sunbury. The Spring term is always fun with the climax of the pack quizzes. The winning teams from each pack are invited to the district final. This was a tough competition and there was a lot of brain power used! Our winning team was from 1st Sunbury who went on to come 5th in the county final. We also held our cooking competition. 7th Ashford hosted us and members of Active Support and Suzy, our District President, were judges. The cubs are challenged to cook a two-course meal with very little adult help. The result was the closest ever and 1st Sunbury just beat 1st Charlton to the winning spot. 1st went on to gain 2nd place at the county final.

Our last camp before lock down was PGL 2020. It was fantastic to relaunch night away with PGL 2022. A new location, Liddington in Swindon, and over 100 cubs who had never been away before. It was an amazing weekend. Not too cold, good food, lovely accommodation and lots of fun. All the cubs soon got the hang of being at camp and I look forward to seeing them at district camp.

Also during the term, Keego and myself were able to run two sessions for 1st Charlton on navigation. The highlight was a night hike, to the local chip shop, using maps to help spot where we were. I have also been able to present a number of Silver Award, our top award, during the year- some over Zoom, some from two metres away and some compete with a handshake!

We have been able to maintain good pack connection with Zoom/ in person Rock Circle meetings each half term and this has meant we have been able to keep our programme running. We are lucky in Spelthorne to have really dedicated leaders who run amazing programmes each week and give extra time to run and support the extra activities. I am also grateful to my team. Richard and Karen both bring years of experience and good ideas and are fantastic at helping make things happen, even when we can't meet (thanks to me having Covid) in person. Our team has also grown, Keego (Alfie) has now turned 18 and has joined the team with an adult appointment. Chil (Dorcas) joined us on Zoom for camp from Somerset and is looking forward to camp 2022. Finally, a thank you to my family who help with everything I plan. I am glad we built a large extension as putting 30 packs together for camp took over most of the ground floor of the house for a few days. It will be exciting to see where the next year takes us!

Hathi - Stuart Richardson
Deputy District Commissioner

Spelthorne District Scout Report

Covid has been very much within reaching distance this reporting year however some welcome gaps in the rules saw us spending more time together in person and doing what we do best, Scouting outdoors! Our focus moved away from large scale events to supporting troops re-open successfully whether that be beginning online or back in person. By September we had every troop meeting which was excellent to see and so nice to say hello to many of our Scouts and Leaders who we hadn't seen for over a year! We had several troops that grew in numbers and we even saw a number of new leaders, showing lockdown didn't stop us!

The most exciting part last year was seeing troops beginning day trips and yes even camps were back on the agenda! The photos posted on several groups' social pages really showed the excitement in the Scouts and Leaders faces. It was fun, laughter and not a computer in sight! Of course most of these were met with rain but who doesn't like a wet and muddy weekend away. Our thanks goes to the leaders who put all the extra precautions in place to operate a covid safe camp for their members to enjoy.

Whilst the district calendar was quiet again due to restrictions, we were able to bring back our **Shooting competition** (we will revert back to Master of arms competition this year). This was attended by 8 troops and all were full teams with excellent shooters. Our winners

for this year were 1st Laleham, followed by 4th Ashford and 3rd Staines - Well done all. Our thanks goes to Barry, Mike and Alan for leading the instruction of the event.

Chief Scout Gold awards are an important milestone in the Scouting Calendar. This is the highest award to achieve in Scouts and is awarded through a county event throughout the year. Spelthorne had lower numbers recognised in 2020 however we would like to congratulate all those that were on the waiting list throughout 2021, as Spelthorne was well represented at the awards! Yes we had the ceremony in person again! This is a great achievement which we thank all leaders and Parents for supporting their members through.

Planning is finally underway for the long awaited **Scoutabout 2020 now 2022!!!** We have all troops signed up. Spelthorne has been supporting the plans for its growth and change with exciting new activities planned in.

As always our thanks go to all our leaders, volunteers and young leaders for continuing to deliver an active and engaging programme to all their members. Here's to another strong year.

James Ayling (ADC)
Seb Potts (DSL)

District Explorer Scout Report

In the last year, Explorers in Spelthorne has flourished. Scott Unit has seen an increase in regular attenders with the number now around 28. Drake Unit has grown in size as well with their numbers at around 22. This shows that the hard work put in by all Explorer leaders is paying off. When we restarted Explorers back in 2018 we set out with an aim to increase the number of young people staying within the movement after they finished Scouts. I would say we have thoroughly achieved this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Explorer leaders in both units that give up their spare time and have made Spelthorne Explorers such a success. I am sure we will continue to grow Explorers in Spelthorne for many years to come.

A wide variety of activities have been completed over the last year which has lead to the Explorers learning new skills and developing their existing ones. Drake unit has taken part in climbing at the Excel in Walton, a politics evening, backwoods cooking, Dungeons and Dragons evenings and even a Nerf war! Scott unit has had Martial Arts training, a debate evening, cardboard golf, community litter picking and water sports.

Looking to the future, we are all excited about returning to camping once again as this has been sorely missed for the last two years. There are plenty of exciting camps scheduled including an international camp to Norway in August. Above all we are looking forward to returning to normality and putting the last two years behind us. Here is to an exciting future for Explorers in Spelthorne.

Sam Cumber
DESC

Young Leaders Report

Now that lock down rules have reduced we have been able to really look at how we support our Young Leaders (YL), 14- 18 year olds who support in a section. Scouts have a training scheme for them to help them be the best they can and support their transition to being adult leaders. During the year we have shared records, so we now have a real YL unit, which is currently at 70 members. We have run 5 Module A training sessions, which cover the basics of being a YL and now only have a few new members left to attend this training.

One highlight of the year was running a weekend training event for 30 members. This allowed them to work on the other modules in the scheme and was delivered by Graham (District Chair), Roger and Keith (DC/ DDC) and myself as well as supported by Nigel and Mark. Seeing the keenness to develop skills and discussions around programmes and badges made all of us come away feeling that the future of Scouting was bright and in very safe hands.

Once YLs have completed their training modules they are able to go onto to complete their missions. A chance to show off all they have learnt. There are four of these which are validated by the YLs leader and then the evidence is shared with me to allow their badges to be issued. During the year, Ellie, at 1st Charlton, has completed all her missions and number of other YLs have earnt some of them.

Thank you to everyone who has supported bringing together all the information on the YLs and helping to make sure this valuable unit is able to thrive. Thank you to all the YLs who give up their time to support in the sections. It can be a tough role but one that can also be very rewarding.

Stuart Richardson
Deputy District Commissioner

Spelthorne Scout Active Support Unit Report

The Active Support Unit have been involved in the following events.

2021

April 23rd – On line promise renewal

June 29th – Zoom District AGM

Sept 19th – Indoor boules at 6th Staines HQ.

Oct 18th – Active Support Annual Meeting at Hengrove.

This evening was very well attended, with awards given out by DC Roger Dix and Caroline Ledger, UK Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Medal of Merit Award – John Eyers, Graham Ledger.

Long Service Award – Roy Clough, John Eyers, Mary Eyers, Neil Gray, Ian Kirby, Mike Taylor.

Nov 14th - Remembrance Sunday. Members attended their local parades in the Borough as we were not required to assist at the Staines Parade.

Nov 28th – Cub Scout Swimming Gala. 7 groups attended and it was encouraging to see new Active Support Members helping.

Dec – Throughout the month we helped Ashford Rotary Club with their annual Santa street collecting.

2022

March - Rikki and Keith were Judges for the Cub Cooking Competition.

Sadly Stella Cassidy, a valuable member died suddenly in July 2021.

We would like to be able to offer a pre - pandemic programme but currently don't have enough of us to do so. If you think Active Support could be the place for you then look at the Spelthorne Scout District website for more details.

Mike Taylor
Active Support Unit Manager

Appointments Panel Report

This year most of the appointment meetings have been via Zoom. This generally work well and helps with making Scouting flexible enough to fit in to the applicant's day. When we have met face to face, there would be up to 4 interviews during the session. This happened 3 times last September. While using Zoom we normally just meet 1 person per session, trying to book more caused interviewees having to wait in the 'waiting room' and not knowing what was happening.

During the year 2021/22 we met with:

GSL	0
Section Leaders	2
Assistant Section Leaders	5
Section Assistant	5
Group Skills	0
Change of Role	2
Adult Reviews	Only 2

Adult Reviews. As you will realise there are still many outstanding. Please consider this a priority to bring them up to date.

Change of Role. Please remember that each change of role creates a new appointment and a new PLP that needs to be completed. The training team are now informed of each new and change of role.

Mandatory Training. Safeguarding and Safety training need to be renewed every 3 years. This is available online and needs to be recorded on Compass. The Scout Association have now started to close roles where mandatory training has not been completed.

Thank you. A huge thank you to the committee who supported the interviews and reviews we have completed. We will continue to keep a check on DBS renewals and GDPR validation.

If anybody is interested in joining the AAC then please contact Roger Dix or Neil Gray. It is not very time consuming, and it gives you the opportunity to meet up with the new leaders.

Neil Gray
Appointment Panel Chairman

Trustees' Annual Report



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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Spelthorne District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 7 8 6 8 5

Charity's principal address

61 Queens Walk

Ashford

Middlesex

Postcode T W 1 5 3 J F

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mr Roger Dix	District Commissioner	
Mr Keith Brewer	Deputy District Commissioner	
Mr Graham Ledger	District Chairman	
Mrs Denise Buttigieg	District Secretary	
Mr Darran Buttigieg	District Treasurer	
Mr Samuel Cumber	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	
Miss Hannah Peterkin	District Youth Commissioner	
Mr Michael Taylor	Scout Active Support Manager	
Mr Neil Gray	Chair of Appointments Advisory Committee	
Mrs Gill Henry		
Mr Daniel Benjamin		From September '21
Vacant		
Vacant		

Section A**Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Peter Connolly	33 Carlyle Road, Staines, TW18 2PU
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill Av., West Malling, ME19 4JQ
	COIF Charity Deposit Fund	85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
	National Westminster Bank Plc	67, High Street, Staines TW18 4PU
	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	10 Station Approach, Ashford, TW15 2QN
	Barclays Bank Plc	71 High Street, Staines, TW18 4PS
	Barclays Bank Plc	39 Church Road, Ashford, TW15 2QF
	Virgin Money Plc	Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle, NE3 4PL

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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 and the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District Scout Council which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and a number of elected, nominated, and co-opted members. Meetings take place four times a year.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of the District HQ building and equipment;
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- The maintenance of the District HQ building and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and internal control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which it believes the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to property and equipment. The District has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to Leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees, contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund raising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The District Executive Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Leaders. The District Executive Committee is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of Leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District supports activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

The District has in place systems of *internal controls* that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objective of the District is to support 13 Groups, 2 Explorer Scout Units, and 1 Scout Active Support Unit with activities that are in accord with the aims 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.

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the District and these do not unduly restrict membership. The District follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions.

Two key principles demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit.

1. Through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential.
2. There is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting.

The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits of Scouting activities provided far outweigh the risks.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

All sections take part in regular camping activities, nights away, and outings. There are various programmes of fund raising across the Groups for both the Group itself and local and Scouting charities. The Sectional Leadership teams ensure that balanced programmes are planned to provide a suitable balance of activities.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

The District is not a grant making organisation and therefore has no such policy. The contribution made by volunteers cannot be overemphasised. The District relies entirely on volunteer Leaders and helpers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The total membership of the District as at 31st January 2022 was 1,170, an increase of 71 compared to 2020. Youth numbers are 881 compared to 782 in 2020. The Leaders and helpers involved continue to provide a progressive and challenging programme of events and activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months operating costs, about £45,000.

The District held reserves of £87,000 against this at the year end. This is sufficient to cover operating costs for approximately 23 months.

Investment policy

The District has investments in the FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Income, which aims to provide an income for the District and a small increase in capital. All other funds are held in cash using banks or the COIF Charity Funds.

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

Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signatures	<i>Roger Dix</i>	<i>Darran Buttigieg</i>				
Full names	Roger Dix	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA				
Positions	District Commissioner	District Treasurer				
Date	3	1	0	3	2	2

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022
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Receipts

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Subscriptions	42,461	-	-	42,461	36,793
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to Surrey County	38,106	-	-	38,106	34,213
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,355	-	-	4,355	2,581
Donations and Grants	12,575	-	-	12,575	-
Other similar income - Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,930	-	-	16,930	2,581
Fundraising (gross)					
Santa street collection	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income					
Bank interest - Virgin Money	37	-	-	37	138
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	447	-	-	447	513
COIF account interest	1	-	-	1	2
Sub total	485	-	-	485	653
Program and activities (as listed on pages 10/11)					
District	-	-	-	-	-
Beaver Scout Section	0	0	0	-	0
Cub Scout Section	16,492	0	0	16,492	0
Scout Section	117	0	0	117	0
Explorer Scout Section	10,048	0	0	10,048	9,841
District Scout Active Support Unit	20	0	0	20	2,000
Sub total	26,678	-	-	26,678	11,841
Other income					
Badge sales	2,393	-	-	2,393	999
Membership subs rebate	391	-	-	391	-
Rent of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Levy/ Contributions	1,742	-	-	1,742	1,486
Spelthorne Gangshow	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,526	-	-	4,526	2,485
Sundry receipts					
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,619	-	-	48,619	17,559

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022

Payments

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Premises - Hengrove Scout HQ					
Building insurance	1,608	-	-	1,608	1,390
Electricity	29	-	-	29	515
Rent	360	-	-	360	360
Repairs and maintenance	217	-	-	217	315
Sub total	2,213	-	-	2,213	2,581
Equipment					
Purchase of equipment	123	-	-	123	74
Equipment insurance	763	-	-	763	752
Sub total	885	-	-	885	826
Programme and activities (as listed on pages 11/12)					
District	0	-	-	-	66
Beaver Scout Section	0	-	-	-	0
Cub Scout Section	15,559	-	-	15,559	53
Scout Section	1,198	-	-	1,198	0
Explorer Scout Section	15,027	-	-	15,027	5,322
District Scout Active Support Unit	79	-	-	79	50
Sub total	31,862	-	-	31,862	5,491
Other costs					
Badge purchases	1,996	-	-	1,996	1,388
Legal Fees	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
Personal accident insurance	326	-	-	326	450
Subscription rebate to Groups	391	-	-	391	-
Website costs	472	-	-	472	480
Jamboree payments to County	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Spelthorne Gangshow	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,435	-	-	5,435	2,318
Sundry payments					
AGM and admin expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	96	-	-	96	74
Conference/ Meeting Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Other sundry payments	35	-	-	35	30
Sub total	131	-	-	131	104
Other					
Young Leaders	85	-	-	85	-
Sub total	85	-	-	85	-
Total payments	40,612	-	-	40,612	11,319

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022
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Summary

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Total receipts</i>	48,619	-	-	48,619	17,559
<i>Total payments</i>	40,612	-	-	40,612	11,319
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	8,007	-	-	8,007	6,240
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	79,219	-	-	79,219	72,979
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	87,226	-	-	87,226	79,219

Programme and activities - Receipts

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Training courses	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Beaver Scout Section					
Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section					
PGL 2022	15,100	-	-	15,100	-
Camps - Summer/ District	1,191	-	-	1,191	-
Outing	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming Gala	201	-	-	201	-
Scram	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,492	-	-	16,492	-
Scout Section					
District camp	-	-	-	-	-
Bivouac night	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	117	-	-	117	-
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	117	-	-	117	-
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	3,692	-	-	3,692	-
Camping/Expeditions	1,170	-	-	1,170	5,281
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	50
Membership subscriptions	5,054	-	-	5,054	3,403
Sundry receipts	132	-	-	132	1,106
Sub total	10,048	-	-	10,048	9,841

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022
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Programme and activities - Receipts

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sundry receipts	20	-	-	20	-
Sub total	20	-	-	20	2,000
Total activity receipts	26,678	-	-	26,678	11,841

Programme and activities - Payments

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
District					
Training resources	-	-	-	-	-
Training courses	-	-	-	-	-
Hike to the Moon Prizes	-	-	-	-	66
CSGA	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	66
Beaver Scout Section					
Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Section					
PGL 2022	14,030	-	-	14,030	-
Camps - Summer/ District	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
Outing	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming Gala	193	-	-	193	-
Scram	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	103	-	-	103	53
Sub total	15,559	-	-	15,559	53
Scout Section					
District camp	-	-	-	-	-
Bivouac night	-	-	-	-	-
Other activities	114	-	-	114	-
Equipment	1,084	-	-	1,084	-
Sundry payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,198	-	-	1,198	-

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

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Programme and activities - Payments

	2021/22			2020/21
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Explorer Scout Section				
Activities	3,034	-	-	9
Camps/expeditions	8,456	-	-	1,712
Equipment	-	-	-	85
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions paid to District	2,944	-	-	2,252
Rent & Minibus	304	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	30
Sundry payments	289	-	-	1,235
Sub total	15,027	-	-	5,322
Scout Active Support Unit				
Activities	-	-	-	-
Equipment purchase	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Contribution	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	79	-	-	50
Sub total	79	-	-	50
Total activity payments	31,862	-	-	5,491

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Additional information

	31st March 2022			31st March 2021	
	Current Account	Deposit Account	Cash in Hand	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Beaver Scout Section	2,247	-	10	2,258	2,258
Cub Scout Section	933	-	-	933	-
Scout Section	910	-		910	1,990
Explorer Scout Section	27,140	1,130	204	28,475	33,453
SASU	4,112	-	72	4,184	4,243
Water Activities	-	-	21	21	21
District Executive	20,447	28,000		48,447	35,256
Sub total	55,790	29,130	308	85,228	77,221
COIF Charity funds	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Total cash funds	57,790	29,130	308	87,228	79,221

				2021/22	2020/21
Jamboree account					
Balance b/f as at 1st April				8,304	6,819
Add - Contributions from Groups				1,742	1,486
Add - Grant and donations					
Less - Grant paid to reps				-	-
Sub total				10,046	8,304
Less - Payments of fees				1,000	
Balance as at 31st March				9,046	8,304
Designated funds as at 31st March					
Jamboree account				9,046	8,304
Gangshow				1,460	1,460
Scout Active Support deposit A/c				5,157	5,157
Total				15,663	14,921

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2022			31st March 2020	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	55,790		-	55,790	47,888
Bank deposit account	29,130	-	-	29,130	29,130
COIF Charity funds	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Cash funds	308	-	-	308	204
Total cash funds	87,228	-	-	87,228	79,221
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	14,367	-	-	14,367	15,451
Sub total	14,367	-	-	14,367	15,451
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge secretary's stock	3,283	-	-	3,283	3,283
Land and buildings - Portacabin	3,562	-	-	3,562	3,562
- Container	3,156	-	-	3,156	3,156
Land and buildings - Hengrove Scout HQ	365,728	-	-	365,728	365,728
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	50,875	-	-	50,875	50,875
Sub total	426,604	-	-	426,604	426,604
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid by Groups for badges	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st May 2022 (via email) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name
<i>Roger Dix</i>	Roger Dix - District Commissioner
<i>Darran Buttigieg</i>	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA - Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Spelthorne District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as attached.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's 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 Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act); and
- + to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent 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 District 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 view 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I 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.



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Date: 2 June 2022