

WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1184760

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-08-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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: Providing Scouting to young people in North East Somerset

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£129,571	£115,017	-	-
2024-03-31	£76,285	£87,256	-	-
2023-03-31	£87,888	£73,696	-	-
2022-03-31	£42,497	£41,867	-	-
2021-03-31	£25,502	£29,318	-	-

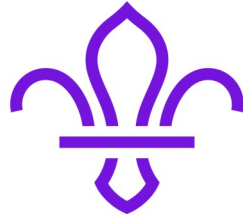
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nigel Harold Wright	Chair	2019-09-24
James Nicholas Swallow		2020-09-27
John Rodney Mander		2023-09-06
Maddie Poppy Difazio-Wright		2020-12-01
Nicholas John Lake		2025-06-12
Richard Waugh		2024-01-28
Stuart Eric Ballard		2023-09-06
WILLIAM GEORGE HOLMES		2018-09-27

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Wansdyke

preparing Young People with Skills for Life

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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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District Registration Number 16714



ADULT SCOUTING AWARDS 2024-25



Congratulations to the following on their Good Service Awards



Silver Wolf

Janet Turner (*Radstock*)



Bar to Silver Acorn

Gary Welsh (*Young Leader Trainer*)



Bar to Award for Merit

Angela Wootten, Janet Walker, Michael Walker,
Philip Sherborne, Rosalind Watts (*all High Littleton*)



Chief Scout's Commendation

Nigel Wright (*District Chair*), William Holmes,
Carol Holmes, Jeremy Weeks, Trudy Beechener,
Richard Ainsworth (*all High Littleton*)



WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1184760

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.30 pm

at Marksbury Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence

GOVERNANCE

3. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Marksbury Village Hall on 3rd September 2024 at 7.30 pm (*see pp 3-4*)
4. Matters Arising
5. To adopt the District Constitution (*see pp 9-14*)
6. To note the dates of the charity's financial year
7. To approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
8. To agree the maximum number of members of the District Trustee Board
9. To agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council

REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

10. To receive from the District Lead Volunteer Team an overview of the past year (*see p 5*)
11. To receive and consider the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025 (*see pp 6-7*) and the District Chair's Report (*p 8*)
12. To receive and consider the Trustees' Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

APPOINTMENTS

13. To receive and consider the Trustee Board's nomination for District Chair
14. To receive and consider the Trustee Board's recommendation for District Treasurer
15. To appoint a District Secretary
16. To receive and consider persons appointed and co-opted members of the District Trustee Board.
17. To note the appointment of a District President
18. To appoint an Independent Financial Examiner for 2025–2026
19. To appoint two leaders to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council
20. Presentations
21. The County Lead Volunteer
22. Any Other Business
23. Chair closes the meeting

MEMBERS of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2024-25

a) Ex Officio Members:

all adult members with a District role - see District roles listed in POR Chapter 16 Teams Table

all Group Lead Volunteer members of each Group Leadership Team from the District

all Group Leadership Team Members of each Group in the District

all Group Section Team Members of each Group in the District

all Group Trustee Board Chairs from the District

all Group Trustee Board Treasurers from the District

all Explorers (including Young Leaders) in the District

all members of the Scout Network in the District

all parents of all Explorers (including Young Leaders) in the District

b) **Appointed Members** of the District Scout Council are other supporters of the District appointed by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Lead Volunteer and the District Trustee Board. The number of appointed members must not exceed the actual number of ex officio members (see also (e) below). A District Scout Council does not need to have any appointed members.

c) **Community Members** of the District Scout Council are representatives of the local community appointed because of their role rather than by name; for example local headteachers, or Parish Council members. They are appointed by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Lead Volunteer and the District Trustee Board. The number of community members must not exceed the number of ex officio District Scout Council members.

THE CHARITY TRUSTEE BOARD of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2024-25

Ex Officio Trustees:

Chair Nigel Wright

District Lead Volunteer Stuart Ballard

District 14-24 Team Leader Will Holmes

District Youth Lead vacant

District Treasurer Richard Waugh

Elected by District Scout Council: Maddie Difazio-Wright (*District Secretary*)
John Mander, James Swallow

Co-opted: Nicholas Lake (*from 10 June 2025*)

The County Chair and the Regional Lead Volunteer or their nominee(s) each have a right of attendance have right of attendance at Trustee Board meetings.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Team members are:

- the District Lead Volunteer(s);
- the District Youth Lead(s);
- the Lead Volunteers of each of the Groups of the District;
- the Team Leaders of each of the District's 14-24 team, Programme team, Volunteering Development team and Support team;

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Wansdyke District Scout Council

Wednesday 3rd September 2024 at 7.30 pm

1. **Welcome.** The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees, especially Andy Hobbs who represented the County Lead Volunteer.

The Chair asked the meeting to stand for a moment to remember those former members who had been called to higher service during the year, and who had given so much to Scouting: Jim Arthur - Midsomer Norton, Nigel Hutchings – Keynsham, and Lisa Stewart - Chew Stoke.

- 2 **Apologies for absence** were received from 29 members of the District Scout Council.

GOVERNANCE

3. **The minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held in Marksbury Village Hall on 6th September 2023 at 7.30 pm had been circulated. Adoption proposed by Stuart Whale, seconded by David Moore and agreed by the meeting.
4. **Matters Arising** – there were none.
5. **The District Constitution** based on Chapter 5 of Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association had been circulated. Adoption proposed by David Moore, seconded by Stuart Whale and agreed by the meeting.
6. **The dates of the charity's financial year:** 1st April to 31st March were noted by the meeting.
7. **Approval of appointed and community members of the District Scout Council** – no nominations had been received.
8. **To agree the maximum number of members of the District Trustee Board.** Ten (four Ex-officio: Chair, Treasurer, District Lead Volunteer, District 14-24 Team Leader) plus up to six others). Proposed by Len Bridges and agreed by the meeting.
9. **To agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council.** Fifteen members suggested by the Trustee Board. Proposed by David Moore and agreed by the meeting.

REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

10. **An overview from the District Lead Volunteer Team**, had been circulated in the Annual Report, and was received by the meeting. The Chair highlighted some key points and achievements:
 - Census - climbed to 1320 from 900 during covid. Shows the benefit of working hard, thank you to those involved.
 - Inclusion and support to leaders in learning about autism. Opened a specialist scouting unit to provide training across the district. The courses will be for up to 30 leaders at a time and they're happy to run as many courses as we need.
 - Over a year ago, Tina Curtis stepped down from her role and Graham Bush was initially apprehensive. However, he has been inspired by the fresh enthusiasm of the team.
 - The Chair will commit to visit every group before Christmas and create an action plan for developing each group and supporting where necessary.
 - He asked all to be ready for the changes coming, and the need to embrace them. He had faith in the new transformation piece in terms of assisting with support for leaders. It will be a mindset change.
 - He expressed thanks to Avon County, especially Stu Ballard, for being supportive and adding communication between the District Lead and the Trustee Board.
11. **Approve the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024 and the District Chair's report.** Both had been previously circulated. Proposed by Nigel Wright, seconded by Ian Carter, agreed by the meeting.
12. **To receive and approve the Trustees' Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.** Proposed by Mike Walker, seconded by Tina Curtis, agreed by the meeting. Mike Walker queried the difference in Resources expended: £1959 and Explorer accounts: £1194. Ian Carter said it's likely to be the delay in paying back out the gift aid at a later date than it's received. The Chair agreed to confirm post AGM.

APPOINTMENTS

13. To receive and consider the Trustee Board's nomination for District Chair. Lead Volunteer Stu Ballard reported on board's nomination of Nigel Wright. This was agreed by the meeting.
14. To receive and consider the Trustee Board's recommendation for District Treasurer. The Chair proposed Richard Waugh. This was agreed by the meeting. The Chair thanked Tim Miles for his past service and for his commitment.
15. **To receive and consider the Trustee Board's nomination for the District Secretary** (not a Trustee). The Chair proposed Maddie Difazio-Wright. This was agreed by the meeting.
- 16 **To receive and consider the following Trustee Board appointees and co-opted members of the District Trustee board:** John Mander, Will Holmes, James Swallow, Maddie Difazio-Wright. Agreed by the meeting.
- 17 **To note the appointment of a District President.** John Mander had been nominated.
- 18 **To appoint an Independent Examiner for 2024-2025.** Tony Dicker proposed by Nigel Wright. This was agreed by the meeting.
- 19 **To appoint two leader to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council.** Currently David Moore and Simon Walker who agreed to continue. Proposed by Tina Curtis, seconded by Graham Bush. Nigel thanked both David and Simon for their commitment to this role.
- 20 **The County Lead Volunteer's Address – Andy Hobbs (DCC)** He thanked the District for inviting him. It had been a pleasure for him to listen and read about what the District has been up to. He spoke about Wanjam, and what a memorable event it had been. He had been delighted to hear about the new Explorer Unit. Other Districts may need to pick Graham Bush's brain. Transformation is happening – please read all the notes from Ian Carter. He thought it would seem strange for us all, but we'll get there.
Thank you for everything you've done on compliance. He reminded the District that members need to take responsibility for keep their training up to date.
He thanked all who deliver Scouting week in and week out. Young people benefit from that you do.
21. **Presentations:** Andy Hobbs presented the Chief Scout's Commendation to Will Summerill, Will Holmes, James Swallow, and Nigel Wright.

22. Closing Remarks

The Chair said: "I feel genuinely blessed to be surrounded by great people, young and experienced, with great ideas. Great experience here doesn't come with those entrenched in the attitude of 'it's the way we've always done it.'

The young people are of exceptional quality and bring a huge amount to the board - they are aware of a huge amount around them outside of Scouting. Could I ask for a better Trustee Board? No - I value their contributions hugely.

Graham, James, Will and Will: you are all role models - you may not realise this. You make it happen by making time. You find a way and embody Scouting. The determination, energy and enthusiasm to overcome some of the obstacles that are put in front of you highlight your calibre.

I go back to the year 2000 - we put on a huge event at Somerdale. BANES came along and they built a climbing wall. So did Scouting. The BANES wall fell down after 10 mins. The Scouting wall would still be there today!

Scouting tries to do things properly. The role of the Trustee Board is to believe and support this. We do.

From me and the Trustee Board - you do an incredible job and I sincerely hope that you look back on what you have done - you have changed lives for the better. Thank you."

AN OVERVIEW OF 2024-25

by the District Lead Volunteer Team

Over the past year, Wansdyke has continued to move forward with The Scouts' transformation journey. It hasn't always been easy — change rarely is — but we're starting to see the benefits of new ways of working. Clearer team structures and improved digital systems are beginning to take shape, and in time, these will help lighten the load for volunteers and free up more time for what really matters.

There's still a learning curve, and we know that, at times, the changes have felt overwhelming. But we're encouraged to see an increasing number of volunteers who are engaging positively and professionally with these adaptations. It's thanks to their commitment that we've continued to move in the right direction.

One of the most encouraging developments this year has been the return of young people to Scouting. Membership is now largely back to where it was before COVID — a major milestone. It's a testament to the hard work of volunteers who deliver inspiring programmes week after week, and it shows that Scouting continues to offer something that young people value. On top of that, we've seen Explorer Scout numbers rise by almost 40% since 2020 — a brilliant sign that more young people are choosing to stay in Scouting for longer. We're also proud of our robust young leader program that is engaging, informative and fun. This is helping to ensure long-term Scouting in Wansdyke by developing the next generation of volunteers— whatever role they want to play! As always, we are actively recruiting more adult volunteers across the district, to help open new sections, reduce waiting lists and offer Scouting to even more young people in the area.

Thank you to everyone who's helped deliver the wide range of district events this year. From district Beaver, Cub and Scout camps, to paintballing, archery competitions and more — these events have brought young people and adult volunteers together from across Wansdyke. They've created opportunities to try something new, grow in confidence, and make memories that will last.

Behind the scenes, we've been focusing on how best to support our volunteers — particularly with the transformation process. We're in a strong position to take the next steps, and we'll keep working hard to ensure volunteering feels achievable, supported, and rewarding.

We also remain committed to offering a strong support network for groups and units — covering everything from compliance and safeguarding to governance and other vital services. This helps ensure groups can focus on delivering safe, exciting, and high-quality programmes for young people.

Looking ahead, our priorities for the coming year include:

- Supporting all volunteers to feel confident through the new learning programme
- Helping groups and units embed the new team-based structures and ways of working
- Championing high-quality, inclusive programmes that engage and inspire young people

Continuing to offer strong central support, so local teams can focus on delivering great Scouting

As ever, none of this would be possible without our fantastic volunteers. Whether you lead a section, run events, support behind the scenes or lend a hand when needed, thank you. Your time, energy and care are truly making a difference to young people's lives in Wansdyke.

On behalf of the District Lead Volunteer Team, thank you again for everything you do. We're proud of all we've achieved together over the past year — and we're looking forward to another exciting 12 months of Scouting across Wansdyke.

Stuart Ballard, Graham Bush, Will Summerill, James Swallow, Stuart Whale—*District Leadership Team*

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1184760

for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

SECTION A—Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Wansdyke District Scout Council

Charity's Principal Address: Woodhouse Park Activity Centre, Fernhill, Almondsbury,
South Gloucestershire BS32 4LX

Charity Trustees: Listed on page 2 of this document

Name and Address of Principal Adviser:

Legal and Charity: Mr Derek Bayliss, 56 Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3HN

Independent Examiners: Tony Dicker & Co, 29 Courtenay Road, Keynsham, BS31 1JU

SECTION B—Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The District Constitution is printed on pp 9-16 of this document.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The District is managed by a Trustee Board, the members of which are the charity trustees of the District. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to all charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Members of the District Trustee Board (charity trustees) are listed on page 2 of this document. Ex officio Board members comprise of the Chair, Treasurer, the District Lead Volunteer, the District 14-24 Team Leader plus up to six individuals appointed the District Scout Council. The Board meets approximately every four months.

Members of the District Trustee Board act collectively as charity trustees to ensure that it is well managed, carries out its purposes for the public benefit, complies with its governing document and the law, and manages its resources responsibly.

The Trustees ensure that the charity:

- a) operates in compliance with Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and with any local charity regulator
- b) meaningfully involves young people in decision making at all levels,
- c) has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet its planned work of the District including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme.
- d) collectively develops and maintains a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations,
- e) properly manages the District's finances, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets to support the work of the District.
- f) maintains and manages, a reserves policy for the charity including a plan for use of reserves outside the 'minimum', an investment policy, a public benefit statement for the charity.

- g) appropriately insures people, property and equipment, and that any property and equipment owned or used by the District is properly protected and maintained
- h) appoints and manages the operation of any sub committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub committees. This will normally be one of the District's Trustees.
- i) puts in place effective administration to support the work of the District Trustee Board
- j) appoints any co-opted members of the District Trustee Board
- k) operates transparently including preparation and approval of the Annual Accounts and arrange their examination by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as appropriate and as appointed by the District Scout Council at their AGM
- l) prepares and approves the District Trustees' Annual Report which must include the Annual Accounts and include the report from the auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer
- m) presents the approved Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the District Scout Council for their consideration at the District's AGM, and following the District AGM, that a copy of the District Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts is sent to the County Trustee Board administration, and, as the District is a registered charity, is filed with the appropriate charity regulator.
- n) takes responsibility for the District's adherence to Data Protection Legislation recognising that, dependent on circumstances, it will at different times act as a Data Controller and as a Data Processor

SECTION C—Objectives and Activities

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 District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.**

SECTION D—Achievements and Performance

These are detailed in the review by the District Chair (on page 5) and District Lead Volunteer (on pages 15– 16) of this report.

SECTION E—Finance

The District Scout Council has decided that the accounts shall be kept on a Receipts and Payments basis. The charity's financial year shall be from 1st April to 31st March.

SECTION F—Other Optional Information: None

SECTION G—Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on 04 August 2025 on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Nigel Wright *District Chair*

Maddie Difazio-Wright *District Secretary*

DISTRICT CHAIR'S REPORT

Nationally Scouting is losing more Leaders and Helpers than it is recruiting; this position is mirrored in Wansdyke District where recruitment and sustainability of groups is a constant conversation. The demand for Scouting has never been greater amongst the residents of Wansdyke but this demand is not matched by the numbers of volunteers coming forward to help run and maintain their local Scout Groups.

Despite the simplification of the administrative and governance processes, which have been positive changes to Scouting during the last two years, the day-to-day delivery of Scouting to young people has continued with great invention, patience and enthusiasm from all who undertake the operational responsibilities of developing young people through the Scouting adventure. All of our Leaders and Helpers in Wansdyke District are multi-skilled, highly trained individuals. They are very accomplished team players who work together sharing the common aim of keeping our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts in a safe, secure and enjoyable environment. Wansdyke needs more volunteers who are willing to give up a small proportion of their time to keep their local Scout Group on the map. The process to recruit leaders and helpers is now much simpler, training is easier and in most cases in online. Many administrative burdens that were associated with leader training have been removed.

There is no expectation that a leader or helper will be at the Scout HQ every week, our emphasis is now very much on sharing roles as well as experience. The coming years are critical in determining the future of Wansdyke Scout District as well as the future of the Scout Groups in the District. The continuing net loss of Leaders and helpers will force hard decisions, but not if the annual net loss is reversed.

Nigel Wright



THE CONSTITUTION OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1184760

(The numbers in left column refer to rule numbers in POR)

5c.2.1 Preamble

5c.2.1.1

This constitution describes the role, membership and operation of the District Scout Council, and the District Trustee Board.

In the previous versions of POR, it was section 5.5.

5c.2.2 Charitable objects

5c.2.2.1

[Rule 1.1 of POR]

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

5c.2.3 The District Scout Council

5c.2.3.1

The District Scout Council has a governance role for the charity and makes District Trustee Board appointments other than ex officio and co-opted Trustee appointments.

5c.2.3.2

The District Scout Council has no Trustee responsibilities.

5c.2.3.3

The members of the District Scout Council are:

- a) The ex officio members of the District Scout Council are detailed in Rule 5b.3.2.5;
- b) The District Scout Council may **appoint** some members as detailed in Rule 5b.3.2.8;
- c) The District Scout Council may appoint some **community** members. See Rule 5b.3.2.9.

The maximum number of appointed and community members of a District Scout Council is detailed in Rule 5b.3.2.10.

5c.2.3.4

District Trustee Board administration must ensure that appointed District Scout Council Members are recorded locally in the minutes of the District Scout Council meeting which appoints them (normally the AGM). District Scout Council members (whether ex officio or appointed or community) must not be recorded as such on the membership system.

5c.2.4 The District Trustee Board

5c.2.4.1

The District Trustee Board is responsible for the governance of the charity. Although the District Trustee Board is responsible for the charity, it is accountable to the District Scout Council.

5c.2.4.2

District Trustee Board membership

The members of the District Trustee Board are:

a) Ex officio:

The ex officio roles are defined in Rule 5b.3.3.5(a).

b) Appointed District Trustees (including Chair and Treasurer) are persons appointed by the District Scout Council as described in Rule 5b.3.3.5(b).

c) The selection process for appointed District Trustees must follow Rules 5b.3.3.5(b) and 5b.3.3.6.

d) Co-opted Trustees are persons co-opted by the District Trustee Board, see Rule 5b.3.3.5(c). Their term of appointment is a maximum of 12 months (though reappointment is permitted). The number of co-opted members must not exceed the actual number of appointed Trustees, excluding Chair and Treasurer. If a co-option is required mid-year because of a vacancy arising, then this rule may be broken, provided that the total number of Trustees remains no greater than the total number of Trustees permitted by District Scout Council resolution at the AGM.

The selection process for co-opted Trustees must follow Rules 5b.3.3.5(c) and 5b.3.3.6.

5c.2.5 District Scout Council – Annual General Meeting

5c.2.5.1

To support the planning and delivery of a District AGM there is a downloadable 'script' (including agenda and script templates and a suggested planning timetable).

5c.2.5.2

Each District Scout Council must hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) within six months of the end of the District's financial year. The District should give four weeks' notice of the date of the AGM.

5c.2.5.3

The AGM must:

a) Undertake governance oversight by:

- approving the minutes of the previous District AGM;
- adopting (or re-adopting) the constitution of the charity (see Rule 5b.3);
- noting the dates of charity's financial year;
- approving appointed and community members of the District Scout Council;
- agreeing the maximum total number of members of the District Trustee Board (this is one number representing the total of ex officio, appointed and co-opted members);
- agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council.

b) Review the previous financial year by:

- receiving from the District Lead Volunteer an overview of the past 12 months of activity in the District;
- receiving and considering the District Trustees' Annual Report and the annual statement of accounts which have been approved by the District Trustee Board.

c) Make appointments:

- appoint a Chair of the District Trustee Board, following recommendation from the selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board;
- appoint a Treasurer of the District Trustee Board, following recommendation from the selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board;
- appoint other members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendation from the

- approve the appointment of any District Presidents or District Vice Presidents and note current appointees (if any);
- appoint (or re-appoint) an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer (see 5a.1.7);
- nominate two representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

5c.2.6 District Trustee Board – purpose

5c.2.6.1

The District Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance, working to ensure that the District is meeting The Scout Association's overall aims and strategic goals.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

5c.2.6.2

Members of the District Trustee Board must act collectively as charity trustees of the District, and in the best interests of the District's members.

5c.2.6.3

The District Trustee Board must act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and take steps to be confident that:

- a) the charity is:
 - well managed;
 - carrying out its purposes for the public benefit;
 - complying with the charity's governing document and the law;
 - managing the charity's resources responsibly.
- b) the charity is operating compliant with POR and the local charity regulator, including effective management of each of the Key Policies listed in POR Chapter 2.
- c) Young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels.
- d) The District has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the District including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme (see Rule 4.3.7).

5c.2.6.4

The District Trustee Board members must themselves collectively:

- a) develop and maintain a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations;
- b) ensure that the District's finances are properly managed, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets to support the work of the District;
- c) ensure that where one of the District's Explorer Units is partnered with a Group and the operational financing is undertaken by the Group, this arrangement is documented in the Partnership Agreement, and the finance arrangements must follow this guidance.
- d) maintain and manage:
 - a reserves policy for the charity. This must address the minimum reserves that should be maintained to allow for difficult financial circumstances in the District, and must also include a statement about how reserves outside that 'minimum' will be used for development of Scouts;
 - an investment policy for the charity;
 - a public benefit statement for the charity;
- e) ensure that people, property and equipment are appropriately insured, and that any property and equipment owned or used by the District is properly protected and maintained.

- f) ensure the appointment and management and operation of any sub-teams, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-teams. This should normally be one of the District's Trustees. This sub-team Chair role title is Sub-Team Leader (see the Teams Table in Chapter 16).
- g) ensure that effective administration is in place to support the work of the District Trustee Board.
- h) appoint any co-opted members of the District Trustee Board .
- i) ensure transparency of operation, including:
 - prepare and approve the Annual Accounts and arrange their examination by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as appropriate and as appointed by the District Scout Council at their AGM;
 - prepare and approve the District Trustees' Annual Report which must include the Annual Accounts and include the report from the auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer
 - present the approved Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the District Scout Council for their consideration at the District's AGM;
 - following the District AGM, ensure that a copy of the District Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts is filed as described in 5e.2.1.2.
- j) take responsibility for the District's adherence to Data Protection Legislation recognising that, dependent on circumstances, it may at different times act as a Data Controller and as a Data Processor.
- k) individually and collectively maintain confidentiality regarding appropriate District Trustee Board business.
- l) put in place annually an open and transparent selection process to recommend to the District Scout Council appropriate persons to be appointed members of the District Trustee Board, including Chair and Treasurer. Vacancies for appointed Trustees only occur at the end of their period of appointment (for example, a Trustee may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be re-appointed or reselected after years 1 and 2).
- m) where staff are employed:
 - act as a responsible employer in accordance with Scouts' values and relevant legislation;
 - ensure that effective line management is in place for each employed staff member and that these are clearly established and communicated;
 - ensure that appropriate specific personnel insurance is in place.

5c.2.6.5

A District Trustee Board may create sub-teams it deems necessary to support its governance function. The District Trustee Board must ensure that for any sub-team it appoints:

- b) its purpose is governance focused and not operational;
- c) its members are agreed and approved by the District Trustee Board;
- d) the District Chair has right of attendance;
- e) the District Lead Volunteer has right of attendance.

5c.2.6.6

Sub-team members are not District Trustees unless they are already members of the District Trustee Board.

5c.2.6.7

All sub-team members must be recorded on the membership system.

5c.2.6.8

To support effective governance and share good practice, the District Chair and Treasurer should create a support network amongst the Group Chairs and Group Treasurers of the District.

5c.2.7 District Scout Council - Conduct of meetings

5c.2.7.1

The District Scout Council meets at their AGM (see 5c.2.5).

5c.2.7.2

It would be unusual for there to be additional meetings of the District Scout Council. This is because the primary task of the District Scout Council is to appoint the District Trustee Board. If members resign from the District Trustee Board, Rule 16.9.2.2 must be followed, thus rendering an additional District Scout Council meeting unnecessary.

5c.2.7.3

A District Scout Council meeting should normally be convened with at least four weeks' notice. A meeting may be convened on shorter or no notice with the agreement of at least three quarters of the members of the District Trustee Board.

5c.2.7.4

District Scout Council meetings are chaired by the District Chair. If the Chair is unable to be present, the Chair may appoint a delegate to chair a meeting of the District Scout Council subject to such appointment being approved at the start of the meeting by a majority of the District Scout Council members present.

5c.2.7.5

Only District Scout Council members, as defined in Rule 5c.2.4.2, may vote in District Scout Council meetings.

5c.2.7.6

The quorum for a District Scout Council meeting is agreed by the District Scout Council at their AGM (see 5c.2.5.3(a)).

If there is no quorum present at a meeting of the District Scout Council, the meeting must be closed and reconvened at the earliest opportunity.

5c.2.7.7

Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side, the Chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

5c.2.7.8

To discharge their responsibilities, the District Scout Council may meet by video conference as well as (or instead of) face to face when agreed by the District Chair. The District Scout Council must not 'meet' using any indirect process, such as email.

At any meeting which is not fully in person, there must be an online poll or other electronic method of counting votes.

5c.2.7.9

All meetings of the District Scout Council, whether face-to-face or otherwise, must be properly recorded and minuted. Meetings of the District Trustee Board should be convened on at least two weeks' notice. Meetings may be convened on shorter or no notice with the agreement of at least half of the members of the District Trustee Board.

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5c.2.8.3

Only members of a District Trustee Board as defined in 5b.3.3 may vote in its meetings.

5c.2.8.4

The quorum for a meeting of a District Trustee Board is one third of the Trustees (ex officio plus appointed plus co-opted) plus one [round down if necessary]. So, a Trustee Board with 10 members would have a quorum of four. And a Trustee Board with six members would have a quorum of three.

For any sub-teams of the District Trustee Board, the quorum for each sub-team must be set by the District Trustee Board, based on the size of the sub-team and the complexity of its task(s).

If there is no quorum present at a meeting of the District Trustee Board, or a sub-team, the meeting must be closed and reconvened at the earliest opportunity.

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To fulfil their responsibilities, the District Trustee Board may meet by video conference or in person, as determined by the District Chair. This includes 'hybrid' meetings, where some Trustees are present at an agreed location while others participate remotely via phone or video.

5c.2.8.7

Where urgent matters arise between scheduled meetings of the District Trustee Board and if it is not feasible to convene a meeting of the Trustee Board, electronic voting (such as email) may be used for decision making provided the District Chair deems it appropriate. For such decisions, a minimum of 75% approval from the Trustees is required [the 'rounding' guidance from 5c.2.8.4 also applies in this case]. The results of the vote must be reported to, and recorded in, the minutes of, the next District Trustee Board meeting.



Wansdyke District Scout Council

Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

Charity number : 1184760

Wansdyke District Scout Council

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As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

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

Independent examiners 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:

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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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Chartered Accountants
29 Courtenay Road
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Date:

Wansdyke District Scout Council
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Year ended 31 March 2025

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Resources expended		
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WAM/JAM	34,100	0
District Scout Camp	0	7,316
Badges	1,966	0
Explorer Scout Units	84,924	61,255
Donations	200	0
Gift aid	2,684	1,959
Bank interest - District	696	793
Bank interest - Explorer Scout Units	311	0
	<u>129,571</u>	<u>76,163</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>		
Training	800	1,000
OSM Costs	705	885
Gift Aid Payments to Explorer Scout Units	2,684	1,959
PIC Rights	150	0
District camp	0	438
Cub camp	0	4,530
Beavers	0	1,167
Accountancy fees	540	540
Insurance	0	94
Motion Picture Licence	287	262
Scrapstore Membership	50	59
Soap Box derby	79	0
IT expenses	78	74
Administration and AGM	47	118
WAM/JAM	34,309	570
District AGM	50	0
Trophies	131	212
Badge costs		251
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Wansdyke District Scout Council
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Stocks	8,046	6,082
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Loan repayable within 12 months	5,500	2,500
Debtors	0	18
Creditors	-50,180	-48,752
Net current assets	<u>89,279</u>	<u>96,225</u>
Loan repayable between 2 and 10 years	39,000	17,500
Net Assets	<u><u>128,279</u></u>	<u><u>113,725</u></u>
Represented by :		
Total funds (all unrestricted)	<u><u>128,279</u></u>	<u><u>113,725</u></u>

The accounts were approved and signed on behalf of Wansdyke District Scout Council
on their behalf by:

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District Chairman
Approved on.....

Richard Waugh
District Treasurer
Approved on

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

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Resources expended

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2. Cash at bank and in hand

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Keynsham ESU expedition account	2,243	1,004
Keynsham ESU fundraising account	3,473	1,231
Argus ESU account	5,735	5,484
Mercury ESU current account	13,472	10,085
Mercury ESU savings account	2,744	1,524
Saxon ESU current account	5,899	5,846
Titan ESU current account	488	398
Fosseway ESU current account	1,247	0
Argus ESU cash in hand	0	0
Titan ESU cash in hand	0	12
Saxon ESU cash in hand	167	152
	<u>125,913</u>	<u>136,378</u>

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During the year KESU repaid a sum of £3,000 plus interest of £311 and the balance outstanding at the end of the year was £27,000.

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Explorer Scout Units

	Keynsham ESU £	Argus ESU £	Mercury ESU £	Saxon ESU £	Titans Clutton ESU £	Fosserway ESU £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>incoming resources</u>								
Subscriptions	3,308	2,515	2,650	2,910	2,494	180	14,057	11,542
Activities and Camps	12,117	12,842	3,758	980	5		29,702	16,704
Gift aid							0	1,194
Expo							0	15,054
Minibus Hire	6,607						6,607	7,293
Camp							0	2,518
WAM/JAM	8,488			195	480		9,163	0
Donations/grants		300				3,500	3,800	0
Uniforms			280			50	330	0
Foreign/home excursion			14,301	2,728			17,029	5,759
Sundry	2,024	69	2,142			1	4,236	1,192
Bank interest							0	0
	32,544	15,726	23,131	6,813	2,979	3,731	84,924	61,256
<u>Resources expended</u>	£	£	£	£	£		£	£
Capitation Fees	4,288		1,932	1,942	1,517		9,679	7,112
Gift Aid							0	
Membership costs		1,150					1,150	0
Rent		247					247	1,695
Camp		1,305			460		1,765	1,879
Expo							0	26,465
Badge purchases		87				77	164	10
Activities and Camps	2,212	12,249	4,750	1,154	530	1,020	21,915	18,803
WAM/JAM	8,147			455			8,602	0
Foreign/home excursion			10,367	3,166			13,533	7,293
Transport(incl. repairs)	6,172						6,172	8,384
Fundraising	7,759						7,759	0
Training						45	45	0
Soap Box derby						517	517	0
Meeting costs		122				375	497	0
Uniforms			619		382	223	1,224	0
Admin & misc		315	858	438		227	1,838	3,335
	28,578	15,475	18,526	7,155	2,889	2,484	75,107	74,976
Net incoming/outgoing resour	3,966	251	4,605	-342	90	1,247	9,817	-13,720
Funds brought forward	3,482	5,484	11,609	5,998	410	0	26,983	40,703
Funds carried forward	7,448	5,735	16,214	5,656	500	1,247	36,800	26,983

Wansdyke District Scout Council

Report and Accounts

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Wansdyke District Scout Council

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TO BE DRAFTED BY TRUSTEES TO INCLUDE SECTIONS A to G
AS FILED WITH THE CHARITY COMMISSION

Signed on..... on behalf of the charity's Trustees

John Mander
District Chairman

Tina Curtis
District Commissioner

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Year ended 31 March 2024
Charity number: 1184760

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Wansdyke District Scout Council

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wansdyke District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

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

Independent examiners 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 in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

A R Dicker FCA
Tony Dicker & Co
Chartered Accountants
29 Courtenay Road
Keynsham
Bristol
BS31 1JU

Date:

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Total Funds (all unrestricted) 2024 £	Total Funds (all unrestricted) 2023 £
Incoming resources		
Charitable activities	73,533	86,345
Investment income (interest)	793	22
Gift Aid and other donations	1,959	1,521
Total	<u>76,285</u>	<u>87,888</u>
Resources expended		
Charitable activities	87,256	73,696
Total	<u>87,256</u>	<u>73,696</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	-10,971	14,192
Total funds brought forward	124,696	110,504
Total funds carried forward	<u>113,725</u>	<u>124,696</u>

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2024

<u>Incoming resources</u>	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
District membership subscriptions	53,240	51,347
Less : Avon County membership subscriptions	<u>-48,400</u>	<u>-46,032</u>
	4,840	5,315
World Scout Jamboree fees refund		0
District Scout Camp	7,316	946
Badges	123	7,126
Explorer Scout Units	61,255	74,216
Donations		75
Gift aid	1,959	188
Bank interest - District	793	18
Bank interest - Explorer Scout Units		4
	<u>76,285</u>	<u>87,888</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>		
Training	1,000	3,200
OSM Costs	885	1,231
Gift Aid Payments to Explorer Scout Units	1,959	188
District Challenge Night	0	16
District camp	438	409
Cub camp	4,530	0
Beaveres	1,167	0
Accountancy fees	540	540
Insurance	94	0
Motion Picture Licence	262	238
Scrapstore Membership	59	50
Sections	0	49
IT expenses	74	0
Administration and AGM	492	256
Jubilee badges	0	1,200
Badge costs		7,060
Trophies	213	
Explorer Scout Units	74,975	58,329
World Scout Jamboree Payment	570	930
	<u>87,256</u>	<u>73,696</u>
Net incoming (-outgoing) resources	-10,971	14,192
Balance b/fwd 1 April 2023	124,696	110,504
Balance c/fwd 31 March 2024	<u>113,725</u>	<u>124,696</u>

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

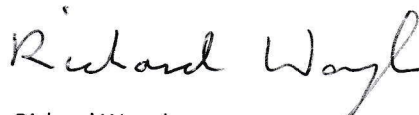
	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets/-liabilities		
Stocks	6,082	5,568
Cash at bank and in hand	136,377	142,104
Loan repayable within 12 months	2,500	2,500
Debtors	18	556
Creditors	-48,752	-46,032
Net current assets	<u>96,225</u>	<u>104,696</u>
Loan repayable between 2 and 10 years	17,500	20,000
Net Assets	<u><u>113,725</u></u>	<u><u>124,696</u></u>
Represented by :		
Total funds (all unrestricted)	<u><u>113,725</u></u>	<u><u>124,696</u></u>

The accounts were approved and signed on behalf of Wansdyke District Scout Council
on their behalf by:



Nigel Wright
District Chairman

Approved on 3/9/24



Richard Waugh
District Treasurer

Approved on 5/9/24

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Scout Council has received the income. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received
- investment income is included when received
- incoming resources from activities are accounted for when received

Resources expended

Expenditure is charged on a payments basis

2. Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Bath Building Society	25,881	25,261
District current account	67,070	59,869
District deposit account	14,400	14,227
Badge account	2,044	2,044
Keynsham ESU current account	1,247	1,601
Keynsham ESU reserve account	0	0
Keynsham ESU expedition account	1,004	10,862
Keynsham ESU fundraising account	1,231	1,936
Argus ESU account	5,484	6,149
Mercury ESU current account	10,085	11,594
Mercury ESU savings account	1,524	1,524
Saxon ESU current account	5,846	4,804
Titan ESU current account	398	2,167
Argus ESU cash in hand	0	0
Titan ESU cash in hand	12	12
Saxon ESU cash in hand	152	54
	<u>136,377</u>	<u>142,104</u>

3 Loan to High Littleton Scout Group

On 16th September 2021 the charity advanced the sum of £25,000 to High Littleton Scout Group in order to support the acquisition of their new Scout Hall. The loan is interest free and is repayable in ten equal instalments of £2,500 commencing on 1 September 2022.

The remaining balance outstanding at the year end is £20,000 (2023 -£22,500)

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Explorer Scout Units

	Keynsham ESU £	Argus ESU £	Mercury ESU £	Saxon ESU £	Titans Clutton ESU £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>incoming resources</u>							
Subscriptions	3,460	1,344	1,870	3,318	1,550	11,542	9,075
Activities and Camps	11,854	4,850				16,704	22,596
Gift aid			909		285	1,194	750
Expo	13,859		935	260		15,054	16,625
Minibus Hire	7,293					7,293	5,747
Camp			1,600		918	2,518	1,380
Ice Skate						0	117
Fundraising						0	12,411
Golf						0	197
Sidmouth						0	3,750
Gift Aid						0	696
Uniforms						0	334
Christmas meal						0	111
Foreign/home excursion			2,914	2,845		5,759	400
Sundry			502	690		1,192	27
Bank interest						0	4
	<u>36,466</u>	<u>6,194</u>	<u>8,729</u>	<u>7,113</u>	<u>2,753</u>	<u>61,255</u>	<u>74,220</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Capitation Fees	3,083	825	935	1,279	990	7,112	6,762
Gift Aid							
Membership costs						0	1,368
Rent		885			810	1,695	603
Camp		490	844		545	1,879	2,106
Expo	26,465					26,465	8,833
Badge purchases		10				10	125
Activities and Camps	9,450	4,447	2,897	2,007		18,803	14,528
Fundraising						0	11,136
Foreign/home excursion			4,607	2,686		7,293	172
Transport(incl. repairs)	8,384					8,384	5,400
Sidmouth						0	3,849
Christmas meal						0	242
Equipment						0	749
Harrys Island						0	125
Uniforms						0	296
Admin & misc		202	956		2,178	3,335	2,035
	<u>47,383</u>	<u>6,859</u>	<u>10,239</u>	<u>5,972</u>	<u>4,522</u>	<u>74,975</u>	<u>58,329</u>
Net incoming/outgoing resources	-10,917	-665	-1,509	1,140	-1,770	-13,720	15,891
Funds brought forward	14,399	6,149	13,118	4,858	2,180	40,704	25,829
Funds carried forward	<u>3,482</u>	<u>5,484</u>	<u>11,609</u>	<u>5,998</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>26,984</u>	<u>41,720</u>

4. Statement of Funds

	Balance at 01 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Gains/ losses £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
Beavers	191					191
Cubs	1,060					1,060
Scouts	1,205					1,205
Explorers	40,608	61,255	74,975			26,888
Young Leaders	157					157
Network	0					0
Jamboree Fund	3,674					3,674
Wansdyke Fund	0					0
General Fund	77,801	14,907	12,158			80,550
	<u>124,696</u>	<u>76,162</u>	<u>87,133</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>113,725</u>

Accounts



Scouts

Wansdyke

preparing Young People with Skills for Life

WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Registered Charity Number 1184760

District Registration Number 16714



ADULT SCOUTING AWARDS 2022-23



Congratulations to the following on their awards



SILVER WOLF

Ian Carter, 1st Keynsham



SILVER ACORN

George Batchelar, 2nd Paulton
Deborah Carter, 1st Keynsham



**BAR TO THE
AWARD FOR MERIT**

Simon Wedgwood, 1st Midsomer Norton
Martin Hutchings, 1st Saltford
Michael Banfield, 1st Saltford



AWARD FOR MERIT

Tina Curtis, District Commissioner
Stuart Whale, District Training Manager
Helen Lear, 1st Midsomer Norton
Mark Erickson, 2nd Paulton
Jon Brown, 1st Keynsham
Michael Smith, 1st Keynsham
Jane George, 1st Saltford
Kevin Rogers, 1st Saltford



**CHIEF SCOUT'S
COMMENDATION**

Alex Harrington, 1st Midsomer Norton
Gavin Lear, 1st Midsomer Norton
Jason Phillips, 1st Midsomer Norton
Martin Rayner, 1st Midsomer Norton
Rachael Rayner, 1st Midsomer Norton
Shirley Stopford, 1st Midsomer Norton
Alice Summerill, 1st Keynsham
Elizabeth Cummins, 1st Keynsham
Jon Deft, 1st Keynsham
Jessica Pennack-Thomas, 1st Keynsham
Tristan Stuart, 1st Saltford



WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1184760

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7.30 pm

at Marksbury Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Marksbury Village Hall on 7th September 2022 at 7.30 pm *(pages 5-6)*
4. Matters Arising
5. To approve the new District Constitution *(pages 9 to 12)*
6. To approve the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023 *(page 7)*
7. To approve the Trustees' Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023
8. To receive the Chair's Report *(page 8)*
9. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chair
10. To elect a District Secretary
11. To elect a District Treasurer
12. To elect up to six persons to the District Trustee Board
13. To receive and confirm the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Trustee Board (no greater than the number elected under item 12)
14. To elect two leaders to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council
15. To appoint an Independent Financial Examiner for 2023 –2024
16. The District Commissioner's Address
17. Presentations
18. The County Commissioner's Address
19. Any Other Business
20. Chair closes the meeting

MEMBERS of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2022-23

Ex Officio Members:

All adult members and associate members of the Scout District;

All adults holding the following appointments from the Scout Groups in the District: Group Scout Leader, Deputy Group Scout Leader, Group Chair, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Section Leader, Assistant Section leader, Group Active Support Manager;

All Explorer Scouts;

All members of the District Scout Network;

A representative of the Troop Leadership Forum, selected from amongst the membership of the Forum 72;

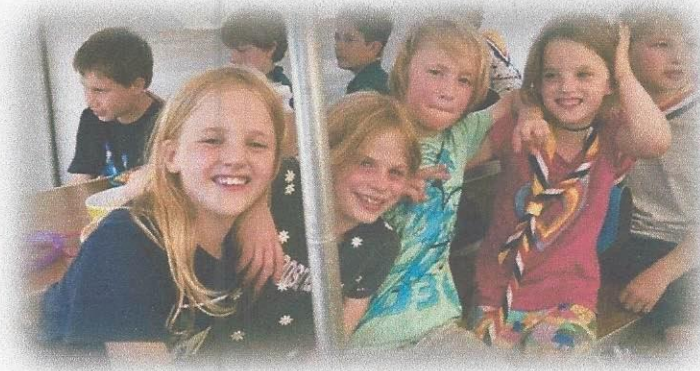
All parents of Explorer Scouts;

The County Commissioner;

The County Chair

Nominated Members:

Other supporters of the District Appointed by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee. The number of Nominated Members must not exceed the number of Ex Officio members. Nominated members must be appointed for a fixed period not exceeding 3 years. Subsequent reappointments are permitted.



CHARITY TRUSTEES of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (District Executive Committee) 2022-23

Ex Officio:

Chair

District Commissioner

Deputy District Commissioner

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

District Youth Commissioner

District Secretary

District Treasurer

Elected by District Scout Council:

Nominated by District Commissioner:

Nigel Wright

Tina Curtis

Graham Bush

Will Holmes

vacant

Maddie Difazio-Wright

Tim Miles

Stu Ballard, John Mander, John Sharp, Tony Stringer,
Tristan Stuart.

Ian Carter, Mark Smee, James Swallow, Stuart Whale.

The Deputy District Commissioners and the Deputy Youth Commissioner have right of attendance at District Executive meetings. The County Chair and the County Commissioner or their nominee(s) have right of attendance at District Executive meetings.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 7th September 2022 at Marksbury Village Hall

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those present to stand for a moment to remember members of the District Scout Council who had been called to higher service during the past year.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Graham Brant (County Commissioner) Tony Clutton, Derek Bayliss, Kevin Rogers, and a number of other Scouters and lay officials. There were 27 attendees.
3. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 28th October 2021 at 7.30 pm were taken as read. Proposed by David Walker, seconded by Graham Bush, agreed by the meeting.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. The Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2022. Proposed by Shaun Ellis, seconded by Tina Curtis, agreed by the meeting.
6. The Trustees' Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022. Proposed by John Mander, seconded by Ian Carter, agreed by the meeting
7. The Chair's Address. Nigel Wright drew the meeting's attention to his full report which is included in the Annual Report and Accounts. He very much enjoyed visiting a number of camps throughout the year. He found it incredible how one can forget how small the tents are and how many people and kit has to fit in! He had also forgotten how remarkable it is that the clothing the young people leave wearing, bears no resemblance to the clothes that they arrived in!
Visiting these camps highlights those leaders and volunteers who had given up so much of their time and energy. Whether that's lighting fires, teaching backwards cooking – how you can get lunch from dough and a baked apple is extraordinary! To see that happening with enthusiasm combined with the care and the attention to detail is awesome. Even down to making sure someone's hair was tied back when they were close to the fire.
What is clear is how much care goes into these camps; the standards of these camps was top drawer, the discipline the leaders have created within the groups is impressive and you can see why Scouting in Wansdyke is successful.
Thank you for all of your help and for your care and for your safety to make these camps work.
8. The District Commissioner's nomination of Nigel Wright for District Chair was warmly approved.
9. One nomination for District Secretary had been received, and the Chair therefore declared that Maddie Difazio-Wright was duly elected.
10. One nomination for District Treasurer had been received, and the Chair therefore declared that Tim Miles was duly elected.
11. Five nominations had been received for (up to 6) persons to serve on the District Executive Committee (Charity Trustees). The Chair therefore declared that Stu Ballard, John Mander, John Sharp, Tony Stringer and Tristan Stuart were duly elected. Proposed by David Moore, seconded by Will Summerhill, agreed by the meeting.
12. Four persons (up to 6) had been nominated by the District Commissioner persons to serve on the District Executive Committee (Charity Trustees): Ian Carter, Mark Smee, James Swallow, and Stuart Whale. They were warmly approved by the meeting.

13. Two nominations of leaders to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council were received, and the Chair therefore declared that Simon Walker and David Moore were duly elected.
14. One nomination for Independent Financial Examiner for 2022-23 had been received and the Chair therefore declared that Tony Dicker and Co were duly appointed. Proposed by Tim Miles, seconded by John Mander, agreed by the meeting.

15. The District Commissioner's address. Tina Curtis's main report is included in the Annual Report and Accounts document but added the following:

Thank you for attending the AGM tonight as I know you're all busy and I appreciate it very much. Thank you to Nigel, Carts and Graham who have been my 'rocks' for the last year or so; supporting development, infrastructure and bringing us in line with the new Scout structure. We will brief GSLs on this progress at the next meeting. There will be many changes in the groups and the District which will hopefully make scouting easier. We look forward to this!

I will be standing down at the next AGM s District Commissioner and that will have given me seven years of experience. As part of my last year in this role, I hope to find the next person to take over from me and manage a handover. If anyone is interested in taking on this role or would like more information please do speak to me or any of the District Exec.

The Jack Robins Archery Challenge – Please encourage your Cubs to take part in the final on 3rd October. There are also sessions on a Sunday if anyone would like to practice."

16. Presentations: A number of presentations for Long Service were made.

17. The County Commissioner's Address. Stuart Ballard (deputising for the County Commissioner).

"We offer congratulations to George Batchelor for the Silver Acorn which is very well deserved and long overdue. Regarding the census, in positive news Scouting is almost back up to pre-covid time; close to 12,000 which is testament to the GSLs and people here in attendance who keep this going and give up their time. At the end of year 1, we're already looking at year 3 projects, so it's clear we're ahead of schedule.

Nationally, things are happening and Transformation 22 is occurring. Squirrels is still in its infancy and we, in the county, are trying to take a step back to avoid any teething issues and instead, learn from them; small steps at present. Buzz word for training is now a focus and it's rebranded as 'learning' from County level.

Compass (database) was initially a plan to have them all data joined up in one central database. However, this will now not be done, but instead streamlined to work with Online Scout Manager. The county supports OSM.

New job titles are coming out but we're yet to find out what the new titles mean. Uniform change was a consideration but seems to be on the backburner now. Likely in 2025.

Thank you to Tina, Nigel and their teams but importantly to everyone involved in Scouting in Wansdyke."

18. There was no other business

19. The Chair closed the meeting by wishing everyone good Scouting for the year ahead, and highlighted that collectively, our gratitude cannot be expressed enough to all adults involved in Scouting,

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1184760

for the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

SECTION A—Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Wansdyke District Scout Council

Charity's Principal Address: Woodhouse Park Activity Centre, Fernhill, Almondsbury,
South Gloucestershire BS32 4LX

Charity Trustees: Listed on page 3 of this document

Name and Address of Principal Adviser:

Legal and Charity: Mr Derek Bayliss, 56 Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3HN

Independent Examiners: Tony Dicker & Co, 29 Courtenay Road, Keynsham, BS31 1JU

SECTION B—Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

Members of the District Executive Committee (charity trustees) are listed on page 4 of this document. The Committee consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, the District Commissioner, the District Explorer Scout Commissioner, the District Network Commissioner, the District Youth Commissioner plus up to six individuals nominated by the District Commissioner and up to six individuals elected from the District Scout Council. It meets approximately every two months.

The Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment and in so doing provides indirect support for all those involved in Scouting within the Wansdyke District. The Committee reviews finance and property, ensures compliance with Charity legislation, promotes the development of Scouting in the district, raises funds and manages adult appointments and DBS checks.

SECTION C—Objectives and Activities

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 District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

SECTION D—Achievements and Performance

These are detailed in the review by the District Chair and District Commissioner on pages 8 and 9 of this report.

SECTION E—Finance

The District Scout Council has decided that the accounts shall be kept on a Receipts and Payments basis.

SECTION F—Other Optional Information: None

SECTION G—Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on 19th July 2023 on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Nigel Wright *District Chair*

Maddie Difazio-Wright *District Secretary*

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2022-2023

Scouting is a voluntary enterprise. Everyone involved in Scouting manages the demands of everyday life, then they find time to develop their skills and abilities within Scouting to become a Leader responsible for planning, preparing and delivering Scouting activities or as an assistant Leader or as an occasional helper or as a member of a Trustee Board. Without these volunteers stepping forward no Scout group would exist. This was brought into sharp focus in the last eighteen months when two of our Groups faced closing due to a shortage of volunteers yet, when it was clear the Groups were going to close, volunteers stepped forward to keep the groups alive. Some of those volunteers had no Scouting experience but still they volunteered.

What does this show us? It shows us that Scouting is valued, it shows us it is worth fighting for, it shows us that communities recognise Scouting adds value to young peoples lives as well as those who step forward to help. Scouting is integral to our society, the practical and life skills it develops in young people is a counterbalance to the technological developments they face on a daily basis.

So to everyone involved with Scouting in Wansdyke I express my sincere thanks for your commitment, dedication, loyalty and all the other great human qualities you bring every time you involve yourself with Scouting.

The coming year will bring the implementation of a national programme to make it easier for people to volunteer, during the next 18 months you will begin to see changes around the way groups are organised. These changes will not impact the delivery of Scouting, "Skills for Life" remain at the heart of everything we do. But it will remove some of the obstacles that prevent people from volunteering and helping.

If you are reading this report in our Annual Report then thank you, now take the next step, contact your local Scout Group to get involved as much or as little as you would like, but do join us. The next generations need role models like you; you can and you will make a difference.

Nigel Wright, *Chair*

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REVIEW

As you all know I will be standing down as District Commissioner after the AGM this year and I would like to thank every one of you for supporting me in this role for the last 7 years (although according to some two of them didn't count!).

While I write this report three of our amazing young people are in South Korea at the 25th World Scout Jamboree representing Wansdyke, Avon and the UK. I am so proud of them for achieving this ambition and hope that they will make lots of memories and experiences to take them through their lives. I look forward to hearing all about their adventure when they are back, they have had a challenging start, but I am sure they will be much stronger as a result.

I am very excited to see that there is now a new bigger team in place to take Wansdyke forward which will provide a much more supportive structure for everyone. The new team-based approach may seem alien to some but in Wansdyke we have been operating like this in many areas already so the transition with hopefully be seamless.

Most groups have now set up their Trustee Boards, have adopted a new constitution and are looking at their overall structure to bring them in line with Transition in the very near future. Please reach out to the team if you need support with this they will be there to support and advise you.

Our numbers of young people and volunteers is slowly increasing so keep up the good work. Volunteering should get easier once we all embrace Transition and recruitment will also follow suit.

Thank you to Graham and Stu for their support I don't think I would have survived this long without it. They have always been there to advise and help out whenever I needed it and I am really pleased they will be there for the new team too.

I will still be involved in some way going forward. Currently I am supporting 1st Saltford as acting GSL and supporting the cub section as acting ADC so have a few options there.

Tina Curtis, *District Commissioner*

DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1184760

Preamble

This constitution describes the role, membership and operation of Wansdyke District Scout Council, and its Trustee Board.

In the interest of openness, especially for new members of the Scout Council, the Scout Council will re-adopt their constitution at each Annual General Meeting.

DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Wansdyke District Scout Council is the body which has charity governance responsibility for Scouting in the District. The Trustee Board is accountable to the District Scout Council.

Membership of the Scout Council does not provide membership of The Scout Association.

There are four categories of membership of the District Scout Council:

Ex officio - Nominated - Right of attendance - Co-opted

The District Secretary will ensure that nominated and co-opted Scout Council Members are recorded in the minutes of the Scout Council meeting which is normally the Annual General Meeting.

Nominated and co-opted Scout Council members will not be recorded on The Scout Association's membership system.

Ex officio Scout Council members will not be recorded as Scout Council Members on The Scout Association's membership system.

Ex Officio Members

The ex officio members of the District Scout Council are:

- a) All adult members of the Scout District;
- b) All Explorers. (including Young Leaders);
- c) Members of the District Scout Network;
- d) Parents and carers of Explorers;
- e) A representative of the District Troop Leadership Forum, selected from the membership of the Forum;
- f) The County Commissioner;
- g) The County Trustee Board Chair.

Nominated Members

The nominated members of the District Scout Council are other supporters of the Group appointed by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Trustee Board. The number of nominated members will not exceed the actual number of elected members.

A nominated member of the District Scout Council will be appointed for a fixed period not exceeding three years. Subsequent reappointments are permitted.

Terminating Scout Council Membership

Membership of the District Scout Council ends upon:

- a) The resignation of the Scout Council member;
- b) The member no longer qualifying as a member of the Scout Council;
- c) Dissolution of the Scout Council;
- d) The termination of membership by UK Headquarters following a recommendation by the relevant Trustee Board.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wansdyke District Scout Council will hold an Annual General Meeting within six months of the end of its financial year.

The Annual General Meeting will undertake governance oversight by:-

Adopting (or re-adopting) the constitution of the charity;

Noting the dates of charity's financial year;

Agreeing the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board;

Agreeing the quorum for each of the following:

- a) Meetings of the District Scout Council;
 - b) Meetings of the District Trustee Board;
 - c) Meetings of any sub-Committees.
5. Reviewing the previous year by receiving and considering:-
- a) the Trustees' Annual Report and the annual statement of accounts prepared by the Trustee Board which will have completed their examination by an appropriate auditor, independent examiner, or scrutineer;
 - b) the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts presented to the Scout Council which will include the formal report prepared by the independent examiner.
6. Making appointments by:-
- a) Approving the District Commissioner's or nomination of the Chair of the Trustee Board;
 - b) Approving the District Commissioner's or nomination of members of the Trustee Board;
 - c) Electing a Secretary to the Trustee Board;
 - d) Electing a Treasurer to the Trustee Board;
 - e) Electing Trustees to the Trustee Board;
 - f) Approving the appointment (or re-appointment) of any Presidents or Vice Presidents;
 - g) Appointing (or re-appointing) an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as required;
 - h) Nominating two representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

Following each Annual General Meeting, the Secretary will ensure that:-

- All nominated or elected Trustees are recorded on the membership system, as required by Rule 16.1.3 in POR;
- The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts are filed as described in Rule 5.5 in POR. (in Wansdyke these documents will normally be filed by the District Treasurer).

The Trustee Board will verify the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, even though the minutes cannot be formally approved until the next Annual General Meeting.

Governance roles will be distinct to help manage conflict of interest. This means that the roles of Chair and Treasurer cannot be combined in any way.

TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scout District is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

Members of the Trustee Board will act collectively as charity trustees of their charity, and in the best interests of the charity's members.

The Trustee Board will act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and take steps to be confident that the charity:

- is well managed;
- is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit;
- complies with the charity's governing document and the law managing the charity's resources responsibly;
- is operating compliant with POR, including effective management of the Key Policies listed in chapter 2 - The Equal Opportunities Policy, Privacy and Data Protection Policy, Religious Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Safety Policy, Vetting Policy, Youth Member Anti-bullying Policy;
- ensures that young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels;
- has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the District, including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme;
- has a positive image in the local community.

The Trustee Board members will collectively:

- a) develop and maintain a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations;
- b) ensure that the charity's finances are properly managed, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets to support the work of the charity;
- c) maintain and manage:
 - A reserves policy for the charity (including a plan for use of reserves outside the 'minimum')
 - An investment policy for the charity;
 - A public benefit statement for the charity.
- d) appoint any Administrators, Advisers and co-opted members of the Trustee Board;
- e) ensure transparency of operation, including:
 - preparing and approving the Annual Accounts and arranging their examination by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer as appropriate and as appointed by the Scout Council at their Annual General Meeting;
 - preparing and approving the Trustees' Annual Report (which will include the Annual Accounts);
 - presenting the approved Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting (AGM);
 - following the AGM, ensure that a copy of the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts is sent to the District or County Trustee Board administration and, if a registered charity, is filed with the appropriate charity regulator (if the regulator's rules require it);
 - taking responsibility for adherence to Data Protection Legislation recognising that, dependent on circumstances, it will at different times act as a Data Controller and as a Data Processor;
 - individually and collectively maintain confidentiality regarding appropriate Trustee Board business.

Employment of Staff

Where staff are employed, the Trustee Board will:

- act as a responsible employer in accordance with Scouting's values and relevant legislation;
- ensure that effective line management is in place for each employed staff member and that these are clearly established and communicated;
- ensure that appropriate specific personnel insurance is in place.

Support for District Commissioner

The District Trustee Board will also provide any necessary support to the District Commissioner, when required, to assist the opening, change, merging or closing of Groups, Explorer Units, Scout Networks and Scout Active Support Units in the District.

Wansdyke Trustee Board Membership

Subject to the conflict of interest rules a Trustee may be a member of more than one Trustee Board.

Ex officio, nominated, elected and co-opted members of the Trustee Board are charity Trustees of the District.

People invited to attend, or with right of attendance, may be present at the meeting but are not charity Trustees and have no voting rights.

Certain people are disqualified from being charity trustees by virtue of the Charities Acts. (See rule 16.1.1.5 POR).

All Trustees will complete training as specified in Rule 16.2.1 and the Roles Table.

Wansdyke District Trustee Board and sub-committees will, wherever possible, have as full voting members at least two people aged between their 18th and 25th birthdays.

Composition of Wansdyke District Trustee Board

a) The **EX-OFFICIO** members of a District Trustee Board are:

The District Chair, The District Commissioner, The District Youth Commissioner,
The District Secretary (if appointed as a Trustee), The District Treasurer,
The District Explorer Scout Commissioner, The District Scout Network Commissioner

Where there are joint role holders (eg for District Youth Commissioner), only one of the joint role holders should be an ex officio member of the District Trustee Board. This will be decided jointly by the role holders in consultation with the District Commissioner and the District Chair.

b) The **ELECTED** members of a District Trustee Board are persons elected at the District Annual General Meeting. The actual number of persons elected will be the subject of a resolution by the District Scout Council at their AGM. There will be a maximum of **six** elected members.

c) The **NOMINATED** members of the District Trustee Board are persons nominated by the District Commissioner, in consultation with the District Chair. The nominations will be approved at the District Annual General Meeting. The number of nominated members will not exceed the actual number of elected members.

d) The **CO-OPTED** members of The District Trustee Board are persons co-opted annually by the District Trustee Board. The number of co-opted members will not exceed the actual number of elected members.

e) The County Commissioner and the County Chair have the right of attendance at meetings of each of the District Trustee Boards in the County.

Wansdyke Trustee Board - Conduct of Meetings

Only members of a Trustee Board as defined in above may vote in meetings of the Trustee Board.

The quorum for meetings of the District Scout Council is 15 members

The quorum for meetings of the Trustee Board is 50% plus one of the voting members.

Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side the Chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

In order to discharge their responsibilities, the Trustee Board may meet by telephone and/or video conference as well as face to face when agreed by the appropriate Chair. This includes 'hybrid' meetings, where some members join by telephone or video.

Electronic voting (such as email) is allowed for decision making of the Trustee Board when deemed appropriate by the Chair (for example, where a pressing matter arises between meetings). In such instances at least 75% of its members need to approve the decision, and the outcome of the voting will be reported and recorded in the minutes at the next Trustee Board meeting.

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Year ended 31 March 2023
Charity number: 1184760

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Wansdyke District Scout Council

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wansdyke District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

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

Independent examiners 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 in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



A R Dicker FCA
Tony Dicker & Co
Chartered Accountants
29 Courtenay Road
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Bristol
BS31 1JU

Date: 6/9/2023

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2023

	Total Funds (all unrestricted) 2023 £	Total Funds (all unrestricted) 2022 £
Incoming resources		
Charitable activities	86,345	42,496
Investment income (interest)	22	1
Gift Aid and other donations	1,521	0
Total	87,888	42,497
Resources expended		
Charitable activities	73,696	41,867
Total	73,696	41,867
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	14,192	630
Total funds brought forward	110,504	109,874
Total funds carried forward	124,696	110,504

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2023

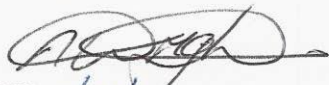
<u>Incoming resources</u>	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
District membership subscriptions	51,347	45,609
Less : Avon County membership subscriptions	<u>-46,032</u>	<u>-41,172</u>
	5,315	4,437
World Scout Jamboree fees refund		0
District Scout Camp	946	0
Badges	7,126	4,751
Explorer Scout Units	74,216	33,308
Donations	75	0
Gift aid	188	
Bank interest - District	18	0
Bank interest - Explorer Scout Units	4	1
	<u>87,888</u>	<u>42,497</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>		
Training	3,200	600
OSM Costs	1,231	705
Gift Aid Payments to Explorer Scout Units	188	0
District Challenge Night	16	86
District camp	409	
Accountancy fees	540	540
Insurance		0
Motion Picture Licence	238	205
Scrapstore Membership	50	25
Sections	49	279
IT expenses		42
Administration and AGM	256	198
Jubilee badges	1,200	0
Badge costs	7,060	4,147
Explorer Scout Units	58,329	34,420
World Scout Jamboree Payment	930	620
	<u>73,696</u>	<u>41,867</u>
Net incoming (-outgoing) resources	14,192	630
Balance b/fwd 1 April 2022	110,504	109,874
Balance c/fwd 31 March 2023	<u>124,696</u>	<u>110,504</u>

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets/-liabilities		
Stocks	5,568	5,298
Cash at bank and in hand	142,104	79,628
Loan repayable within 12 months	2,500	2,500
Debtors	556	714
Creditors	-46,032	-136
Net current assets	<u>104,696</u>	<u>88,004</u>
Loan repayable between 2 and 10 years	20,000	22,500
Net Assets	<u><u>124,696</u></u>	<u><u>110,504</u></u>
Represented by :		
Total funds (all unrestricted)	<u><u>124,696</u></u>	<u><u>110,504</u></u>

The accounts were approved and signed on behalf of Wansdyke District Scout Council on their behalf by:

Nigel Wright
District Chairman
Approved on.....


6/9/2023

Tina Curtis
District Commissioner
Approved on


6/9/2023

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Scout Council has received the income. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received
- investment income is included when received
- incoming resources from activities are accounted for when received

Resources expended

Expenditure is charged on a payments basis

2. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Bath Building Society	25,261	25,261
District current account	59,869	23,120
District deposit account	14,227	4,210
Badge account	2,044	2,226
Keynsham ESU current account	1,601	2,045
Keynsham ESU reserve account	0	2,122
Keynsham ESU expedition account	10,862	30
Keynsham ESU fundraising account	1,936	0
Argus ESU account	6,149	6,160
Mercury ESU current account	11,594	6,999
Mercury ESU savings account	1,524	394
Saxon ESU current account	4,804	5,157
Titan ESU current account	2,167	1,760
Argus ESU cash in hand	0	0
Titan ESU cash in hand	12	12
Saxon ESU cash in hand	54	132
	142,104	79,628

3 Loan to High Littleton Scout Group

On 16th September 2021 the charity advanced the sum of £25,000 to High Littleton Scout Group in order to support the acquisition of their new Scout Hall. The loan is interest free and is repayable in ten equal instalments of £2,500 commencing on 1 September 2022. The remaining balance outstanding at the year end is £22,500 (2022 -£25,000)

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Explorer Scout Units

	Keynsham ESU £	Argus ESU £	Mercury ESU £	Saxon ESU £	Clutton ESU £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Incoming resources</u>							
Subscriptions	470	2,324	2,706	2,340	1,235	9,075	8,893
Activities and Camps	4,305	1,265	12,925	4,101		22,596	5,125
Donation			750			750	
Expo	16,625					16,625	
Minibus Hire	5,747					5,747	4,027
Camp			1,380			1,380	
Ice Skate				117		117	
Fundraising	12,411					12,411	8,933
Golf				197		197	1,875
Sidmouth				3,750		3,750	2,440
Gift Aid			188		508	696	983
Uniforms			334			334	653
Christmas meal				111		111	229
Harrys Island				400		400	150
Sundry			27			27	
Bank interest			4			4	
	39,558	3,589	18,314	11,016	1,743	74,220	33,308
<u>Resources expended</u>							
Capitation Fees	1,802	848	901	2,416	795	6,762	5,574
Membership costs		1,368				1,368	
Rent		333			270	603	
Camp			1,864		242	2,106	
Expo	8,833					8,833	
Ice Skate				125		125	
Activities and Camps	2,186		7,824	4,518		14,528	10,074
Fundraising	11,136					11,136	6,823
Golf				172		172	2,272
Transport(incl. repairs)	5,400					5,400	5,184
Sidmouth				3,849		3,849	2,389
Christmas meal				242		242	0
Equipment		749				749	241
Leader training						0	85
Harrys Island				125		125	200
Uniforms			296			296	814
Other		302	1,705		28	2,035	764
	29,357	3,600	12,590	11,447	1,335	58,329	34,420
Net incoming/outgoing resources	10,201	-11	5,724	-431	408	15,891	-1,112
Funds brought forward	4,198	6,160	7,394	5,289	1,772	24,717	25,829
Funds carried forward	14,399	6,149	13,118	4,858	2,180	40,608	24,717

4. Statement of Funds

	Balance at Friday, 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Gains/ losses £	Balance at Friday, 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
Beavers	191					191
Cubs	1,060					1,060
Scouts	1,205					1,205
Explorers	24,717	74,220	58,329			40,608
Young Leaders	157					157
Network	0					0
Jamboree Fund	3,674					3,674
Wansdyke Fund	0					0
General Fund	79,500	59,699	61,398			77,801
	110,504	133,919	119,727	0	0	124,696

Accounts



Scouts

Wansdyke

preparing Young People with Skills for Life

WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS 2022

Registered Charity Number 1184760

District Registration Number 16714





Scouts

Wandsworth

preparing young people with skills for life

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS 2022

Registered Charity Number 1184780
District Registration Number 16714





WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on 7th September 2022 at 7.30 pm

at Marksbury Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 28th October 2021 at 7.30 pm *(pages 5-7)*
4. Matters Arising
5. To approve the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2022 *(page 8)*
6. To approve the Trustees' Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 *(pages 11-17)*
7. Chairman's Address
8. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman
9. To elect a District Secretary
10. To elect a District Treasurer
11. To elect up to six persons to the District Executive Committee
12. To receive and confirm the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee (up to six persons)
13. To elect two leaders to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council
14. To appoint an Independent Financial Examiner for 2022 –2023
15. The District Commissioner's Address
16. Presentations
17. The County Commissioner's Address
18. Any Other Business
19. Chair closes the meeting

MEMBERS of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2021-22

Ex Officio Members:

All adult members and associate members of the Scout District;

All adults holding the following appointments from the Scout Groups in the District: Group Scout Leader, Deputy Group Scout Leader, Group Chair, Group Secretary, Group Treasurer, Section Leader, Assistant Section leader, Group Active Support Manager;

All Explorer Scouts;

All members of the District Scout Network;

A representative of the Troop Leadership Forum, selected from amongst the membership of the Forum 72;

All parents of Explorer Scouts;

The County Commissioner;

The County Chair

Nominated Members:

Other supporters of the District Appointed by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee. The number of Nominated Members must not exceed the number of Ex Officio members. Nominated members must be appointed for a fixed period not exceeding 3 years. Subsequent reappointments are permitted.



CHARITY TRUSTEES of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (District Executive Committee) 2021-22

Ex Officio:

Chair

Nigel Wright

District Commissioner

Tina Curtis

Deputy District Commissioner

Graham Bush

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Will Holmes (from 27 December 2021)

District Youth Commissioner

vacant

District Secretary

Maddie Difazio-Wright

District Treasurer

Tim Miles

Elected by District Scout Council:

Will Holmes (until 27 December 2021), John Mander, John Sharp, Tony Stringer, Tristan Stuart.

Nominated by District Commissioner:

Ian Carter, Mark Smee, James Swallow, Stuart Whale.

The Deputy District Commissioners and the Deputy Youth Commissioner have right of attendance at District Executive meetings. The County Chair and the County Commissioner or their nominee(s) have right of attendance at District Executive meetings.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Wednesday 28th October 2021 at 7.30 pm

Via ZOOM

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Graham Brant, County Commissioner, and Stuart Ballard Deputy County Commissioner.

The Chair drew the meeting's attention to the sad deaths of Graham Dix who had served for over 50 years in uniform and lay capacity, Maureen Garish ACSL 1st Keynsham, and Scout Michael Dolphin from 1st Keynsham.

2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from 25 Scouter and Lay Officials
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting** held on 23rd September 2020 via Zoom. Ian Carter proposed, seconded Stuart Whale seconded. Approved via poll: 92% in favour, 8% abstain.
4. **Matters Arising.** There were none
5. **Approval of the Trustees' Annual Report** for year ended 31 March 2021. Proposed: Ian Carter, Seconded: Stuart Whale. 79% in favour; 21% abstentions.
6. **Approval of the Trustees' Accounts** for year ended 31 March 2020. The Chair asked for any questions to John Sharp to be raised via Chat. There were no questions. Proposed: Michael Walker; Seconded: Tina Curtis. Approved via poll: 87% in favour, 13% abstain.
7. **Chairman's Address.** This is my first year as District Chair and I have learned a lot. Importantly, I could not have undertaken this role without the help of all of the members of the District Executive who have shared their knowledge with me whilst tactfully and patiently tolerated my Scouting naivety.

I would like to thank John Sharp who, after contributing 50 years to Scouting is stepping down as District Treasurer. He has dedicated 10 of those years to managing the finances at Wansdyke Scouts and is handing the baton to Tim Miles. Tim is an experienced accountant who has offered to continue John's excellent work for the next year. Thank you, John, and good luck Tim! I am pleased to say John has agreed to remain with the District Executive for the foreseeable future, we do not like to lose our valued members.

A personal mention and heartfelt 'thank you' must also go to John Mander. Not only has John devoted over 40 years to Scouting but with his help I have been able to keep my head above water. His assistance in setting a course particularly for this AGM made me all the more reluctant to let his knowledge and experience go completely. Happily, John has agreed to stay serving as a Trustee with Wansdyke District Scout Council role where we can all benefit from his wise words and calm demeanour. Thank you also to John's wife, Hilary who has tirelessly helped with Scouting generally, in particular the Badge Account, not an easy job!

Thank you to Tina Curtis and her Deputy, Graham Bush. They have been very patient with me whilst working tirelessly for the District. James Swallow, thank you for your help in setting this meeting up on Zoom and for administering the voting system this evening. Thank you to Ian Carter who quite frankly, is gold dust. I would like to send best wishes on behalf of us all to Gavin Lear who has had a very difficult time. We wish him a speedy recovery.

2021 – 2025 STRATEGIC VISION

There are 4 main areas that I believe we have opportunities to excel, namely:

Finance and Resources

District Structure and Development

Growing our Activities

Community Impact

Finance & Resources: We welcome Tim Miles to the team as Treasurer who will begin the implementation of our 5 year financial plan for Wansdyke Scouts starting with moving our financial management to an IT based system. We have also appointed a new external auditor, Tony Dicker & Co. and we are making progress.

District Structure and Development: It is our aim to make the District Executive more visible amongst Explorer and Scout Groups. We have commenced meetings with the Group Chairs to share common issues and solutions. It is our aim to increase the use of OSM by all Sections within the whole District, we realise some training will need to be undertaken but that investment will pay dividends very quickly. The Covid pandemic, which had forced the closure of Scouting activities for so many months created an immediate demand for Leaders to renew their First Aid qualifications when Scouting recommenced in September of this 2021. To assist with the large task of getting Leaders current First Aid training we have organised and funded all First Aid training throughout the District. Stuart Whale, one of the District Executive has undertaken the not insignificant task of organising First Aid training venues and trainers alongside filling each of the training courses, he has done a remarkable job, thank you Stuart. In addition a District wide Training day has been organised by members of the Executive and a Group GSL to address important topics of LGBT, mental health and best practice.

Growing our Activities: Recruitment is essential but Covid has made this more complicated. Please bear in mind that with any contact you have with a parent, use it as an opportunity to recruit! It is vitally important to build legacies into our Scouting Group and organisation. To assist with this, we will be introducing a new, District wide event for 2022. This inclusive event will involve all parents and our hope is that not only will this improve collaboration, but also inspire others to become leaders and volunteers.

Community Impact: Recent events have highlighted the importance for Scouting to recognise, acknowledge and be familiar with LGBT and mental health. Tristan Stuart will be leading awareness training across Wansdyke as part of our drive to make Scouting increasingly inclusive.

The Executive Committee must exist for a reason and it is our hope that by encouraging meetings between all group Chairs across the district, face-face contact will create an environment to share ideas and inspire more dialogue between the groups.

A topical subject which is also very close to my heart is climate change. This is an area I am keen to tackle within Scouting in the coming year.

Finally, I cannot emphasise this enough when I address these remarks to everyone. You make Scouting possible. Your tireless work that goes into creating events for young people is humbling. You all dedicate time to give your very best to the young people that come to Scouting. My wish is that other parents recognise that impact and the lessons you give them. It is my hope that they use it as a benchmark within their life.

8. **Nomination of District Chair.** The meeting approved the District Commissioner's nomination of Nigel Wright as District Chair. 100% in favour.
9. **Election of District Secretary.** Only one nomination had been received: Maddie Difazio-Wright, proposed by Tina Curtis, seconded by Graham Bush.
10. **Election of District Treasurer.** Only one nomination had been received: Tim Miles. Proposed by John Sharp, seconded by Will Summerill.
11. **Election of up to Five Members to the District Executive Committee (Charity Trustees).** John Mander and John Sharp had been nominated, and were elected with the following who were re-

elected for a further year: Will Holmes; Tony Stringer; Tristan Stuart. Proposed by Tina Curtis, seconded by Karl Kilburn. Approved via poll: 92% in favour, 8% abstain.

11. **Receive and Confirm the District Commissioner's Nominations to the District Executive Committee (Charity Trustees)** Ian Carter, Mark Smee, James Swallow, Stuart Whale were approved by the meeting.
12. **Elect Two Leaders to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council.** Only one nomination received—David Moore. David was thanked for his continuing service, and the District Executive given authority to nominate a second leader.
13. **Appoint an Independent Financial Examiner for the year 2021-2022.** Tony Dicker and Harriett Dicker of Tony Dicker & Co were nominated by John Sharp, seconded by Tim Miles, and agreed by the meeting.
14. **District Commissioner's Address.** Echoing everything Nigel has said. Huge thank you to everyone in the Exec team, leaders, assistants, GSLs – you've all been phenomenal over these past 2 years. Lovely to see that all of the groups are almost all back to pre-covid levels. Having lost some Leaders during the pandemic Chew Stoke is in the process of recruiting new Leaders and a GSL, we wish them well with their efforts.

I would also like to add my thanks and gratitude to John Sharp, Hilary Mander and Mark Smee who have all stepped down from their roles. Thank you to John Mander for stepping into Hilary's shoes to manage the badge account.

My thanks also to Nigel, Graham Bush and Ian Carter who have been rocks during this past year. Thank you for your support – you're always there for me and if ever I need help, you're there and will help. Graham, thank you for attending and being here.

I have now finished my 5 year tenure and need a review to see if I will be permitted to carry on. If permitted, I would like to carry on for another 2 years to recruit an ADC Cubs as well as District Explorer representative to join our Executive.

16. **Presentation.** Hilary Mander was presented with an Award of Merit. Due to online restrictions, Hilary's award was hidden in a drawer in her office at her home, we had the pleasure of directing her to the drawer for her award.
17. **County Commissioner's Address.** Graham Brant thanked the meeting for inviting him to attend. It is a time to think of people less fortunate than ourselves. Scouting numbers in Avon are almost to pre-pandemic levels and this is down to the people running the sections day in day out on zoom, in parks and everywhere else you've done events!
Well done to Tina and Graham, it's easy to be demoralised but you haven't been!
Scouting is green allowing us to get back to normal. There are some alterations and examples of modernising Scouting by the creation of a new programme for 4-5 year olds, it will be known as Squirrels. There will also be a review of uniforms.
Woodhouse Park has been opened having been taken back from 15th September. This is an area we are starting to invest in as we move forward.
You all deliver a great programme to young people. We can only do this if we're safe. Induction is a mandatory part of becoming part of Scouting. Parents put a lot of trust in us and we need to make sure we are trained.
Thank you to Nigel and the whole exec.
18. **Any Other Business.** There was none.
19. **Close of meeting.** The Chairman closed the meeting saying that Scouting is something to be proud of. "Whenever I tell people what my role is, they all say 'what a brilliant thing to be doing.' I say it's not me, it's about the people on the ground – thank you."

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1184760

for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

SECTION A—Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Wansdyke District Scout Council

Charity's Principal Address: 56 Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3HN

Charity Trustees: Listed on page 3 of this document

Name and Address of Principal Adviser:

Legal and Charity: Mr Derek Bayliss, 56 Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3HN

Independent Examiners: Tony Dicker & Co, 29 Courtenay Road, Keynsham, BS31 1JU

SECTION B—Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

Members of the District Executive Committee are listed on page 3 of this document. The Committee consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, the District Commissioner, the District Explorer Scout Commissioner, the District Network Commissioner, the District Youth Commissioner plus up to four individuals nominated by the District Commissioner and up to four individuals elected from the District Scout Council. It meets approximately every two months.

The Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment and in so doing provides indirect support for all those involved in Scouting within the Wansdyke District. The Committee reviews finance and property, ensures compliance with Charity legislation, promotes the development of Scouting in the district, raises funds and manages adult appointments and DBS checks.

SECTION C—Objectives and Activities

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 District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

SECTION D—Achievements and Performance

These are detailed in the review by the District Chair and District Commissioner on pages 8 and 9 of this report.

SECTION E—Finance

The District Scout Council has decided that the accounts shall be kept on a Receipts and Payments basis.

SECTION F—Other Optional Information: None

SECTION G—Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on 20th July 2022 on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Nigel Wright

District Chair

Maddie Difazio-Wright

District Secretary

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Last year I began my report by thanking members of the District Executive for tolerating my naivety in Scouting, there is no reason to change that in this report, without their continued support and patience my shortcomings would not be so well hidden.

In 2021 the District Executive created a 5 year Strategic Vision encapsulated on a one page document. The nature of a strategic plan is constant review of progress, or not, I am pleased to say that in the last 12 months we have progressed against the identified aims of 2021 consequently an updated version of the strategy is attached. Thought the past year your District Executive has endeavoured to follow the Wansdyke District Strategic Vision therefore my report will follow the four areas of the vision.

Finance and Resources

The annual accounts show a comfortable financial position, even after making a loan of £25K to High Littleton to assist with the purchase of their premises. We have agreed that First Aid training will be funded by the District therefore removing a considerable financial burden from groups. I would not have thought that changing banking mandates from retiring Treasurers and Chairs would have been difficult but Barclays have proven me wrong. Complaining to Barclays resulted in a "good will" payment from them to us of £75, pleasingly our mandates are now in place and our move to Internet banking is complete. We continue to fund the use of OSM across all groups. Our progress against our 2021 strategy has been good, we have a treasurer, we have Internet Banking, our funding to groups is extending whilst we maintain comfortable financial reserves.

Growing Activities

Our numbers have grown since the Pandemic forced a halt to scouting activities, I am pleased to say all our groups survived with new Leaders and assistants stepping forward to ensure groups were not forced to close. Recruitment remains a problem but I believe the volunteers are available, we need to find new ways of encouraging them to join our movement. All groups and Explorers are meeting, camping and engaging in activities, a fantastic turnout was achieved in May at Chelwood for the renewal of promise.

District Structure and Development

We continue to improve Executive training across the District with some groups now monitoring their own training requirements for Executive members. Our training requirements for Leaders has been dramatically improved, data provided at each District Executive meeting by the District Training Advisor has shown his approach across groups has led to training being completed in a timely fashion. Inevitably there will be some backlog with training as Leaders qualifications ebb and flow throughout the year but we are now in a much healthier position. A DESC has been appointed who will provide a valuable link between the Explorer Groups and the District Executive. Our "WEB Support" has been put to good use at Chew Stoke and Midsummer Norton.

Community Impact

This is an area that as a District we can improve in the coming year. Discussion are underway to hold a WANJAM in 2023 that will focus on adult recruitment as well as young people. Our approach to becoming inclusive has moved forward with a training day for leaders dealing not only with scouting activities but also LGBT awareness briefings across scouting.

Throughout the coming year the District Executive will endeavour to position itself to meet the changing environment and society where we live, work and volunteer. Volunteering is an important word because without the volunteers the District Executive would have no relevance consequently we thank as warmly and generously as we can all those people who give their time, experience, enthusiasm, patience, wisdom and understanding to improve the lives of everyone through scouting.

Nigel Wright
District Chair

THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Greetings fellow Scouters!

This year has been such an improvement over the previous 2 years where many of our lives were almost on hold. Thank goodness for Zoom which seemed to keep most people connected and active.

Most of the 9 groups in our district are back up to pre Covid numbers but many are struggling for adult volunteers, this is something district have gradually been supporting groups with.

Starting with 1st Chew Stoke who were inactive for 2 years and almost at the point of closure. A meeting with interested parents and existing volunteers brought forward enough support to re-open one of the Beaver colonies and one of the cub packs earlier this year and the scout section are preparing to re-open in September. We now have Ian Dellbridge as their Group Scout Leader and Lee Hiscox as AGSL so the group is now in good shape.

1st Saltford have been without a GSL for nearly 3 years and struggling with leaders in all sections. We now have Paul Goddard who has just agreed to step in to the Group Scout Leader role and together we are working to set up a new group structure in line with the Transition 22 guidance. Other groups will be getting support with their recruiting in the near future.

I would like to offer congratulations to the following adults in Wansdyke for some well deserved awards this year.

SCOUTING ADULT AWARDS 2021-22



MBE: **Stuart Ballard**



Bar to the Silver Acorn: **Graham Bush, Karl Kilburn, Dave Turner**



The Silver Acorn: **Simon Walker**

Other Awards for Good Service:



5 Chief Scout's Commendations, 4 Awards for Merit, 5 Bars to the Award for Merit

Transition 22 will be bringing in a lot of restructuring and changes over the next year including:

A warmer welcome for everyone;

Simplifying how we volunteer together with new roles and structures;

More support to help get everyday things done: digital transformation;

A more engaging learning experience ;

For more information visit the testing hub here - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/testing-hub/>

I would like to express my thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do for our young people.

Huge amounts of your personal time is committed to ensuring that they all gain so much experience from scouting and pick up those valuable skills for life. Without you none of this would happen so be very proud of yourselves.

Lastly onto me! At the 2023 AGM I will be stepping down after 7 years as District Commissioner. I have loved every minute of working with all of you but the time has come to lighten my load and take life a little easier. Over the next 6 months we will be actively looking for my replacement with a view to the lucky candidate shadowing me for a while to settle in. If you or anyone you know would like to be considered for the position please do not hesitate to contact me or Graham to discuss what the role entails.

Yours in Scouting

Tina Curtis

District Commissioner

WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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31 March 2022

Charity number: 1184760

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Year ended 31 March 2022
Charity number: 1184760

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Wansdyke District Scout Council

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wansdyke District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

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

Independent examiners 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 in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



A R Dicker FCA
Tony Dicker & Co
Chartered Accountants
29 Courtenay Road
Keynsham
Bristol
BS31 1JU

Date: 17/9/2022

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2022

	Total Funds (all unre- stricted) 2022 £	Total Funds (all unre- stricted) 2021 £
Incoming resources		
Charitable activities	42,496	25,365
Investment income (interest)	1	37
Gift Aid and other donations	0	100
Total	<u>42,497</u>	<u>25,502</u>
Resources expended		
Charitable activities	41,867	29,318
Total	<u>41,867</u>	<u>29,318</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	630	-3,816
Total funds brought forward	109,874	113,690
Total funds carried forward	<u>110,504</u>	<u>109,874</u>

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2022

<u>Incoming resources</u>	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
District membership subscriptions	45,609	40,747
Less : Avon County membership subscriptions	<u>-41,172</u>	<u>-37,097</u>
	4,437	3,650
World Scout Jamboree fees refund	0	655
District Scout Camp	0	135
Badges	4,751	716
Explorer Scout Units	33,308	20,208
Donations	0	100
Bank interest - District	0	38
Bank interest - Explorer Scout Units	1	0
	<u>42,497</u>	<u>25,502</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>		
Training	600	0
OSM Costs	705	871
Gift Aid Payments to Explorer Scout Units	0	135
District Challenge Night	86	0
Accountancy fees	540	660
Insurance	0	42
Motion Picture Licence	205	199
Scrapstore Membership	25	50
Sections	279	0
IT expenses	42	0
Administration and AGM	198	0
Flowers to retiring secretary	0	32
Badge costs	4,147	0
Explorer Scout Units	34,420	27,329
World Scout Jamboree Payment	620	0
	<u>41,867</u>	<u>29,318</u>
Net incoming (-outgoing) resources	630	-3,816
Loan to High Littleton Scout Group	-25,000	0
Overall Resources in/-out flows	<u>-24,370</u>	<u>-3,816</u>

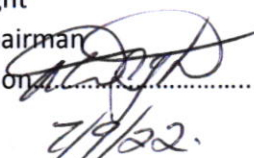
Wansdyke District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets/-liabilities		
Stocks	5,298	5,459
Cash at bank and in hand	79,628	104,415
Loan repayable within 12 months	2,500	0
Debtors	714	0
Creditors	-136	0
Net current assets	<u>88,004</u>	<u>109,874</u>
Loan repayable between 2 and 10 years	22,500	0
Net Assets	<u>110,504</u>	<u>109,874</u>
Represented by :		
Total funds (all unrestricted)	<u>110,504</u>	<u>109,874</u>

The accounts were approved and signed on behalf of Wansdyke District Scout Council
on their behalf by:

Nigel Wright

District Chairman

Approved on 

7/9/22

Tina Curtis

District Commissioner

Approved on 

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Scout Council has received the income. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received
- investment income is included when received
- incoming resources from activities are accounted for when received

Resources expended

Expenditure is charged on a payments basis

2. Cash at bank and in hand

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bath Building Society	25,261	25,261
District current account	23,120	46,984
District deposit account	4,210	4,209
Badge account	2,226	2,039
Keynsham ESU current account	2,045	2,804
Keynsham ESU reserve account	2,122	0
Keynsham ESU expedition account	30	931
Keynsham ESU fundraising account	0	460
Argus ESU account	6,160	7,248
Mercury ESU current account	6,999	6,052
Mercury ESU savings account	394	791
Saxon ESU current account	5,157	5,035
Titan ESU current account	1,760	1,873
Argus ESU cash in hand	0	410
Titan ESU cash in hand	12	
Saxon ESU cash in hand	132	318
	<u>79,628</u>	<u>104,415</u>

3 Loan to High Littleton Scout Group

On 16th September 2021 the charity advanced the sum of £25,000 to High Littleton Scout Group in order to support the acquisition of their new Scout Hall. The loan is interest free and is repayable in ten equal instalments of £2,500 commencing on 1 September 2022.

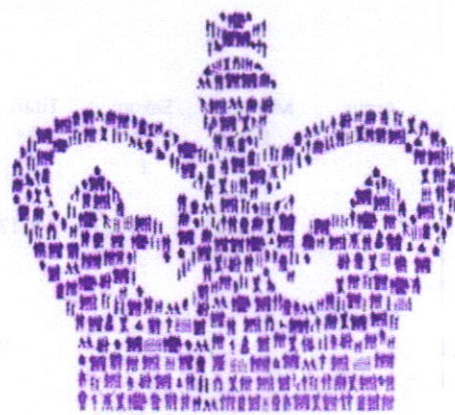
Wansdyke District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
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3. Explorer Scout Units

	Keynsham ESU £	Argus ESU £	Mercury ESU £	Saxon ESU £	Titan ESU £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>incoming resources</u>							
Subscriptions	2,425		2,415	2,925	1,128	8,893	3,194
Activities and Camps	1,385		3,625	115		5,125	2,873
Minibus Hire	4,027					4,027	1,966
Donations/Grants						0	550
Fundraising	8,903				30	8,933	8,960
Expo	1,875					1,875	1,422
London				2,440		2,440	
Gift Aid			944		39	983	1,123
Uniforms			653			653	119
Christmas meal				229		229	
Bouldering				150		150	
Bank interest						0	4
	<u>18,615</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,637</u>	<u>5,859</u>	<u>1,197</u>	<u>33,308</u>	<u>20,211</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>							
Capitation Fees	2,068	578	676	1,316	936	5,574	3,735
Subscriptions						0	55
Activities and Camps	2,266	511	5,558	1,697	42	10,074	2,330
Fundraising	6,823					6,823	7,011
Expo	2,272					2,272	5,950
Transport(incl. repairs)	5,184					5,184	5,777
London				2,389		2,389	0
Skiing						0	100
Equipment			9		232	241	2,246
Leader training					85	85	
Sidmouth/Bouldering				200		200	0
Uniforms			814			814	0
Other		410	30	321	3	764	124
	<u>18,613</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>7,087</u>	<u>5,923</u>	<u>1,298</u>	<u>34,420</u>	<u>27,328</u>
Net incoming/outgoing resources	2	-1,499	550	-64	-101	-1,112	-7,117
Funds brought forward	4,100	7,659	6,844	5,353	1,873	25,829	32,946
Funds carried forward	<u>4,102</u>	<u>6,160</u>	<u>7,394</u>	<u>5,289</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>24,717</u>	<u>25,829</u>

4. Statement of Funds

	Balance at 01 April 2021 £	income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Gains/ losses £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
Beavers	191					191
Cubs	1,060					1,060
Scouts	1,205					1,205
Explorers	25,829	33,308	34,420			24,717
Young Leaders	157					157
Network	0					0
Jamboree Fund	4,294		620			3,674
Wansdyke Fund	0					0
General Fund	77,138	9,189	6,827			79,500
	<u>109,874</u>	<u>42,497</u>	<u>41,867</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110,504</u>



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

• THE MBE FOR VOLUNTEER GROUPS •

Avon County Scouts volunteers have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The Scout Association in the Avon area supports young people from all walks of life to reach their full potential and become the best possible citizens of the future while having fun and learning skills for life. They are fully inclusive and totally embedded within the community taking part in a plethora of activities and having a profound impact on hundreds of children.

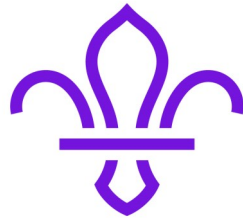
Avon County Scouts is one of 244 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups from across the United Kingdom and Channel Islands to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of nominations and awards has increased year on year since the awards were introduced in 2002, showing that the voluntary sector is thriving and full of innovative ideas to make life better for those around them.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their local communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Winners are announced each year on 2 June – the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. Award winners this year are wonderfully diverse.

Representatives of the local Scout Association will receive the award crystal and certificate from the Lord-Lieutenant of the City and County of Bristol Mrs Peaches Golding OBE later this summer. In addition, two volunteers from Avon County Scouts will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in 2023 (depending on restrictions at the time), along with other recipients of this year's Award.

Graham Brant, County Commissioner for Avon Scouts was delighted that our County's work has been recognised, and this Award pays tribute to the hard work and commitment of our volunteers. He said, "It is a real honour for our volunteers to receive such fantastic recognition for all their hard work and commitment."

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Scouts Wansdyke

preparing Young People with Skills for Life

WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS 2021

Registered Charity Number 1184760

District Registration Number 16714





WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

via Zoom

on 28th October 2021 at 8.00 pm

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 23rd September 2020 at 7.30 pm *(pages 4 –6)*
4. Matters Arising
5. To approve the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2021 *(page 7)*
6. To approve the Trustees' Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 *(pages 9-16)*
7. Chairman's Address
8. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman
9. To elect a District Secretary
10. To elect a District Treasurer
11. To elect four persons to the District Executive Committee
12. To receive and confirm the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee (up to four persons)
13. To elect two leaders to represent the District on the Avon County Scout Council
14. To appoint an Independent Financial Examiner for 2021 –2022
15. The District Commissioner's Address
16. Presentations
17. The County Commissioner's Address
18. Any Other Business
19. Chair closes the meeting

MEMBERS of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2019-20

Ex Officio Members

Commissioners;
District and Group Active Support Managers;
Scouters;
Administrators;
Section Assistants;
Skills Instructors;
Advisers;
All Explorer Scouts;
All members of the District Scout Network;
A representative of the Troop Leadership Forum, selected from amongst the membership of the Forum;
Representatives of each District Explorer Scout Unit, selected from amongst the membership of each Explorer Scout Unit;
A representative of the District Scout Network, selected from amongst the membership of District Scout Network;
Members and Associate Members of the Movement registered in the Scout District and including Members of District Scout Active Support Units;
All parents of Explorer Scouts;
Persons elected or reselected annually by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee;



CHARITY TRUSTEES of WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (District Executive Committee) 2020-21

Ex Officio:

<i>Chair</i>	Nigel Wright
<i>District Commissioner</i>	Tina Curtis
<i>Deputy District Commissioner</i>	Graham Bush
<i>District Explorer Scout Commissioner</i>	vacant
<i>District Youth Commissioner</i>	vacant
<i>District Secretary</i>	Maddie Difazio-Wright (from 1st December 2020)
<i>District Treasurer</i>	John Sharp

Elected by District Scout Council

Will Holmes, Tony Stringer, Tristan Stuart

Nominated by District Commissioner

Ian Carter, James Swallow, Stuart Whale, John Mander (from 23rd September 2020)

Co-opted

Mark Smee (from 1st January 2021)

The Deputy District Commissioners and the Deputy Youth Commissioner have right of attendance at District Executive meetings. The County Chair and the County Commissioner or their nominee(s) have right of attendance at District Executive meetings.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 7.30 pm

Via ZOOM

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Stu Ballard representing County Commissioner.
2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from non-attending members: Roger Dowse, Tony Clutten and a number of other Scouters and lay officials.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting** held on 24th September 2019 at The Riverside Inn, The Shallows, Saltford BS31 3EZ at 7.30 pm. 92% in favour; 8% abstentions.
4. **Matters Arising.** There were none.
5. **Approval of the Trustees' Annual Report** for year ended 31 March 2020. Proposed: Ian Carter, Seconded: Clive Richards. 79% in favour; 21% abstentions.
6. **Approval of the Trustees' Accounts** for year ended 31 March 2020. The Chair asked for any questions to John Sharp to be raised via Chat. There were no questions. Proposed: David Moore; Seconded: Hilary Mander. 86% in favour; 14% abstentions.
7. **Chairman's Address.** This is the last report I will give as Wansdyke Chairman. It has been a great pleasure for me to work with so many dedicated Scouters and lay people on the District Executive for the past 6 years. This last year, for obvious reasons, has been like no other, but it is a mark of how resilient and resourceful our leaders are that so many of them, at District and Group level, have risen meet to the challenges set by coronavirus.

The purpose of the Executive Committee, who are all charity trustees, is to support the District Commissioner:

- by keeping the rules of the Scout Association;
- by administering the District through keeping of accounts and records;
- by managing and implementing the Safety Policy;
- by ensuring that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community;
- by ensuring that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the District;
- by dealing with any opening, closure and amalgamation of Groups, Explorer Scout Units, Scout Network and Scout Active Support Units in the District as necessary;
- by appointing and managing the operation of an Appointments Advisory Committee;
- by supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property.

In order to do this the trustees have met four times during the year, twice face-to-face, and twice on Zoom. There is only District sub-committee; it deals with appointments. In Wansdyke the Appointments Advisory Committee is jointly chaired by Roger Dowse and Janet Turner, and Tony Stringer is the secretary. On behalf of the whole District I thank them and the other committee members for their continued work which plays such a vital role in our adult recruitment process.

On the financial side, our balance sheet looks healthy, and for a small District we have good reserves, which will help us through these uncertain times. Our accounts are very well managed by our District Treasurer John Sharp, and we thank him for his diligence.

Another person who deserves our thanks is Derek Bayliss, our charity and legal adviser. This AGM represents the end of our first full year as a registered charity, and without Derek's perseverance and hard work this would not have been possible.

Back to the main Committee, and we say thank you to two special people who are standing down this year. Jane Bale has been our secretary for the past six years. She has been a tower of strength, nudging me when I needed to be nudged, and preparing and maintaining immaculate records of meetings. On behalf of us all, I say a big thank you to Jane. Another person standing down from the Executive Committee is Sara Kilburn, and I would like to thank her for her wise counsel. Both Jane and Sara plan to continue to serve Scouting in Wansdyke through their local Scout Groups.

So, what lies ahead for Scouting in the current pandemic? I think we all wish we knew the answer to that. What I do know is that, with the high quality of leadership in Wansdyke from the District Team led by Tina Curtis, and within the Groups and Units, we will continue to do our best to provide excellent Scouting for the 1200 young people under our care.

8. **Nomination of District Chair.** The meeting approved the District Commissioner's nomination of Nigel Wright as District Chair. 100% in favour.
9. **Election of District Secretary.** This position is now vacant. Approval for the District Executive Committee (Trustees) to appoint a District Secretary. 100% in favour.
10. **Election of District Treasurer.** There having been only one nomination, John Sharp was duly elected and thanked for his work over the past year. 100% in favour. John Sharp informed the meeting that this would be his last year as Treasurer.
11. **Election of Trustees.** The meeting elected the following to serve on the District Executive: Will Holmes; Tony Stringer; Tristan Stuart. Proposed: Clive Richards; Seconded: Ian Carter. 93% in favour; 7% abstentions.
12. **District Commissioner's Nomination of Trustees.** The meeting accepted the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee (up to 4 persons): Ian Carter, James Swallow and Stuart Whale. The meeting accepted that the District Commissioner could nominate into the vacant positions during the year if she finds a further willing candidate. 96% in favour; 4% abstentions.
13. **To elect two Leaders to the Avon County Scout Council.** David Moore was nominated, and the meeting was asked for approval for the District Executive Committee to make one further appointment. 100% in favour.
14. **To appoint Independent Examiners for next year's accounts.** Waldron Partnership were thanked for their work this year, and whilst they may be used again, alternatives are being researched. It was agreed to allow the Trustees to make the final decision. Proposed: John Sharp, Seconded: Janet Turner. 100% in favour.
15. **The District Commissioner's Address.** Tina thanked everyone for taking the time to join us. 2020 has been a difficult year, but Leaders have shown their dedication throughout and provided programmes for the different sections via Zoom.

Tina thanked John Mander, Chair, and Jane Bale, District Secretary, who are both stepping down at this meeting. John has been involved in Scouting for almost 50 years and Jane has been involved in High Littleton for 15 years.

Tina asked John Mander to take on the role of District President. He responded that he was honoured to be asked and would be delighted to take on this role.

Tina also thanked both John Stell and Becky Mears for their hard work at Midsomer Norton and Ian Tucker for his hard work and involvement in Chew Stoke. Personal thanks to Graham Bush as DDC as it has been a difficult year for Tina.

16. **Awards.** Tina congratulated the Angela Sheppard and David Lloyd on having been awarded a Silver Acorn in the St George's Day Awards, and congratulated the large number of recipients of Awards for Merit.
17. **County Commissioner's Address.** CC Graham Brant is currently away on holiday and Stu Ballard attended as County Representative. He thanked everyone for their continued hard work over the last 12 months, which have been tough; Scouting has become more digital.

The County Plan 2023 is still in place, but due to the current crisis six task forces have been set up to provide a short-term plan. Stu is involved in the Finance Task Force so if any Groups need to discuss any financial issues then please let him know.

This year's County Jamboree had to be cancelled and a decision will be made at Christmas 2020 about a Jamboree for 2021.

Stu emphasised that there is no pressure from County for Leaders to return to face to face Scouting; everyone needs to feel safe in order to do so. About half the Groups within Wansdyke have returned to face to face Scouting.

There will be changes coming through in training.

Stu thanked John (Chair) and Jane (District Secretary) for their hard work on the District Executive Committee over the last few years.

Stu also thanked Graham Bush for his work in managing and dealing with risk assessments for the District which has enabled Scouting to re-start. Graham was presented with a County Commissioner's Commendation Award for this work. Stu has been amazed by the take up of risk assessments provided by Groups in order to get Scouting active again, showing the commitment of Leaders throughout the District.

18. Any Other Business – none advised. The Chair asked for any questions to be raised via Chat.
19. The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05pm.



THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 1184760

for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

SECTION A—Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Wansdyke District Scout Council

Charity's Principal Address: 56 Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3HN

Charity Trustees: Listed on page 3 of this document

Name and Address of Principal Adviser:

Legal and Charity: Mr Derek Bayliss, 56 Uplands Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3HN

Independent Examiners: Tony Dicker & Co, 29 Courtenay Road, Keynsham, BS31 1JU

SECTION B—Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

Members of the District Executive Committee are listed on page 3 of this document. The Committee consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, the District Commissioner, the District Explorer Scout Commissioner, the District Network Commissioner, the District Youth Commissioner plus up to four individuals nominated by the District Commissioner and up to four individuals elected from the District Scout Council. It meets approximately every two months.

The Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment and in so doing provides indirect support for all those involved in Scouting within the Wansdyke District. The Committee reviews finance and property, ensures compliance with Charity legislation, promotes the development of Scouting in the district, raises funds and manages adult appointments and DBS checks.

SECTION C—Objectives and Activities

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 District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

SECTION D—Achievements and Performance

These are detailed in reviews by the District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioners, and the District Explorer Scout Commissioner on pages 7 to 10 of this report.

SECTION E—Finance

The District Scout Council has decided that the accounts shall be kept on a Receipts and Payments basis.

SECTION F—Other Optional Information: None

SECTION G—Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on 20th July 2021 on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Nigel Wright

District Chair

Maddie Difazio-Wright

District Secretary



WANSDYKE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report and Accounts

31 March 2021

Charity number: 1184760

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Year ended 31 March 2021
Charity number: 1184760

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

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wansdyke District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance "with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")".

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act ; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

A R Dicker FCA
Tony Dicker & Co
Chartered Accountants
29 Courtenay Road
Keynsham
Bristol
BS31 1JU

Date:

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Total Funds (all unrestricted) 2021 £	Total Funds (all unrestricted) 2020 £
Incoming resources		
Charitable activities	25,365	84,358
Investment income (interest)	37	205
Gift Aid and other donations	100	7,625
Total	<u>25,502</u>	<u>92,188</u>
Resources expended		
Charitable activities	29,318	86,567
Total	<u>29,318</u>	<u>86,567</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	-3,816	5,621
Total funds brought forward	113,690	108,069
Total funds carried forward	<u>109,874</u>	<u>113,690</u>

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources		
District membership subscriptions	40,747	46,532
Less : Avon County membership subscriptions	<u>-37,098</u>	<u>-40,200</u>
	3,650	6,332
World Scout Jamboree fees refund	655	3,275
District Scout Camp	135	537
District Cub Camp	0	6,480
District Beaverree	0	1,495
Badges	717	7,080
Explorer Scout Units	20,209	59,159
Gift Aid receipts	0	7,625
Donations	100	0
Bank interest - District	36	197
Bank interest - Explorer Scout Units	0	8
	<u>25,502</u>	<u>92,188</u>
Resources expended		
District Scout Camp Costs	0	934
District Cub Camp Costs	0	6,040
District Beaverree Costs	0	1,601
Cub Scout Legoland	0	2,658
District Beaver Outing Puxton Park	0	150
Scouts Sites Refund	0	20
OSM Costs	871	534
Gift Aid Payments to Explorer Scout Units	135	7,625
District St Georges Day	0	1,566
Accountancy fees	660	540
Insurance	42	42
Motion Picture Licence	199	193
Training Saxons ESU	0	170
Scrapstore Membership	50	56
Young Leaders Badge	0	44
IT expenses	0	100
Administration and AGM	0	259
Avon Jamboree Subsidy	0	655
Flowers to retiring secretary	32	0
Badge costs	0	5,523
Explorer Scout Units	27,329	53,307
World Scout Jamboree Payment	0	4,550
	<u>29,318</u>	<u>86,567</u>
Net incoming (-outgoing) resources	<u>-3,816</u>	<u>5,621</u>

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets		
Stocks	5,459	5,434
Cash at bank and in hand	104,415	108,256
Net current assets	<u>109,874</u>	<u>113,690</u>
Represented by :		
Total funds (all unrestricted)	<u>109,874</u>	<u>113,690</u>

The accounts were approved and signed on behalf of Wansdyke District Scout Council on their behalf by:

Nigel Wright
District Chair
Approved on 28th October 2021

Tina Curtis
District Commissioner
Approved on 28th October 2021

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Scout Council has received the income. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received
- investment income is included when received
- incoming resources from activities are accounted for when received

Resources expended

Expenditure is charged on a payments basis

2. Cash at bank and in hand	2021	2020
	£	£
Bath Building Society	25,261	25,226
District current account	46,984	43,934
District deposit account	4,209	4,207
Badge account	2,039	1,848
Keynsham ESU current account	2,804	1,201
Keynsham ESU reserve account	0	4,497
Keynsham ESU expedition account	931	5,043
Keynsham ESU fundraising account	460	924
Argus ESU account	7,248	7,570
Mercury ESU current account	6,052	5,677
Mercury ESU savings account	791	835
Saxon ESU current account	5,035	4,324
Titan ESU current account	1,873	1,842
Argus ESU cash in hand	410	410
Saxon ESU cash in hand	318	718
	104,415	108,256

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
Year Ended 31 March 2021

3. Explorer Scout Units

	Keynsham ESU £	Argus ESU £	Mercury ESU £	Saxon ESU £	Titan ESU £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources							
Subscriptions	865	0	410	1,725	194	3,194	8,159
Activities and Camps	21	0	2,636	144	72	2,873	23,335
Minibus Hire	1,966	0	0	0	0	1,966	0
Donations/Grants	500	0	0	0	50	550	0
Fundraising	8,960	0	0	0	0	8,960	19,688
Norway 2020 Tamblin Quiz	1422	0	0	0	0	1,422	0
Gift Aid	988	0	0	0	135	1,123	1,065
Other	0	0	28	91	0	119	6,905
Bank interest	2	0	2	0	0	4	16
	<u>14,724</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>20,211</u>	<u>59,168</u>
Resources expended	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
			2				
Capitation Fees	1,103	322	525	1,365	420	3,735	3,347
Subscriptions	55	0	0	0	0	55	13,608
Activities and Camps	0	0	2,146	184	0	2,330	19,533
Fundraising	7,011	0	0	0	0	7,011	0
Norway 2020	5,950	0	0	0	0	5,950	6,320
Transport (incl. repairs)	5,777	0	0	0	0	5,777	0
Rent	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,442
Skiing	0	0	0	100	0	100	0
Equipment	2,200	0	46	0	0	2,246	1,202
Badges	0	0	0	0	0	0	254
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	96	0	28	0	0	124	6,600
	<u>22,192</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>2,745</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>27,328</u>	<u>53,306</u>
Net incoming/outgoing resources	-7,468	-322	331	311	31	-7,117	5,862
Funds brought forward	11,568	7,981	1,842	6,513	5,042	32,946	27,086
Funds carried forward	<u>4,100</u>	<u>7,659</u>	<u>2,173</u>	<u>6,824</u>	<u>5,073</u>	<u>25,829</u>	<u>32,948</u>

Wansdyke District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
Year Ended 31 March 2021

4. Statement of Funds

	Balance at 01-Apr-20	Income Expenses Transfers			Gains/ losses	Balance at 31-Mar-21
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
Beavers	191					191
Cubs	1,060					1,060
Scouts	1,205					1,205
Explorers	509	20,209	27,329	6,611		0
Young Leaders	157					157
Network	0					0
Jamboree Fund	3,639	655				4,294
Wansdyke Fund	0					0
General Fund	106,929	4,638	1,989	-6,611		102,967
	<u>113,690</u>	<u>25,502</u>	<u>29,318</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>109,874</u>