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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	-37,098	-40,200
	<u>3,650</u>	<u>6,332</u>
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>