



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;

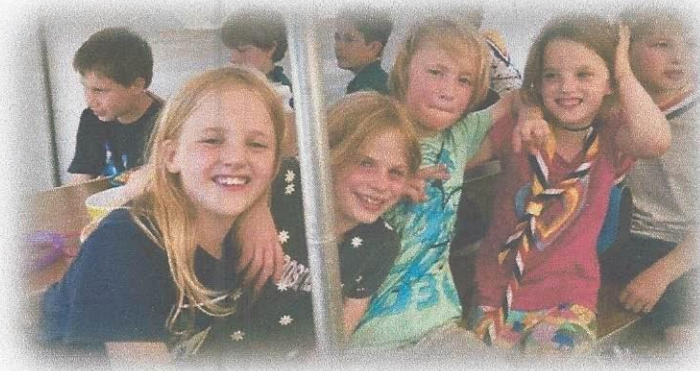
All parents of Explorer Scouts;

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
Keynsham
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

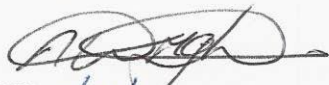
<u>Incoming resources</u>	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
District membership subscriptions	51,347	45,609
Less : Avon County membership subscriptions	<u>-46,032</u>	<u>-41,172</u>
	5,315	4,437
World Scout Jamboree fees refund		0
District Scout Camp	946	0
Badges	7,126	4,751
Explorer Scout Units	74,216	33,308
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><u>124,696</u></u>	<u><u>110,504</u></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 £
incoming resources							
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
Resources expended							
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