

Trustees Annual Report

For the financial year ending 31st March 2023

Charity Name:	Maidstone East District Scout Council
Charity Number	1022013

The District Trustee Board

District Chair	Pam Mead
District Commissioner	Linda Waring
District Treasurer	Patrick Mayo
District Secretary	Ian Wickenden
DECS	Mark Price
District Youth Commissioner	Vacant
District Network Commissioner	Ben Homewood
Trustee	Julie McGowan
Trustee	Jane Griffiths
Trustee	Matthew Paramor
Trustee	Victoria Bagley

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 Trustee Board. The members of which are the charity trustees of the District which is an educational 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.

The board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the individual section leader Explorer Units and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Essential Information, Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within the first 5 months of joining the Board.

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

- The maintenance of property, if applicable
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment, where appropriate
- The administration of District finance
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required

- Appointing Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected

Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and where comprehensive insurance cover is provided by the Scout Association.

The Purpose of Scouting

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

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity – we act with integrity: we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes
- Co-operation – make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

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

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their promise

Maidstone East District encourages both young people and adults to challenge themselves to explore new and exciting activities within their sections and overseas. Where appropriate the district will make a financial contribution.

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

Recent changes in management of the District is a continuing process as appropriate

Financial Review

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District to support its member Groups should anything happen to require such support.

Income and Expenditure is monitored regularly, reconciled monthly and reported to every meeting of the Trustee Board.

The Trustee Board ensured that the Districts HQ was fit for purpose which incurred extra expense in this financial year. This enable the building to be used for more activities plus more units using the facilities on a weekly basis.

Future plans are to increase usage of the HQ. Growth in the district will increase in 2023/24 having opened 3 new sections called Drey's for 4-6 years old in February 2023 and a further 2 will be opened in September 2023. As well as reducing waiting lists by recruiting new leaders

The Trust continues to keep up to date with the governance in the district for the young people and leaders.

Pamela Mead

Chair
Trustee Board

24 August 2023

WWL Radio

Registered Charity No. 1197778

ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/9/2023

INCOME

Opening Balance	1741.80
Cash in Hand	17.60
Transferred to bank account	
LankyKats	500.00
G.S Sykes – donation	20.00
Cash donations for OBs	60.00
Refund for LED Display from Amazon	99.99
Just Giving M. Morris	530.00

EXPENDITURE

H3G Mobile	144.40
Plusnet Broadband	453.36
Access Insurance Brokers	378.94
PPL - Music Licences	454.80
HBA Membership Subscription	50.00
Ofcom Annual Licence	350.00
Mixer desk	211.34
Closing Bank Balance	1176.55
Cash in Hand	0.00

2969.39

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Income over Expenditure

Income	1227.59
Expenditure	1792.84
Loss for the Year	565.25

I have examined the books and other records maintained by the treasurer and confirm that the accounts presented agree therewith.

Signature

Date