

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 276613

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1978-10-13

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

**Activities:** Providing Scouting activities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Reading

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£122,824	£63,653	-	-
2024-03-31	£57,162	£49,396	-	-
2023-03-31	£50,007	£39,214	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,936	£36,822	-	-
2021-03-31	£35,790	£27,421	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Donald Cowie MacDonald</b>	Chair	
Geoff Barnes		
Helen Louise Price		
Jennifer Ann Lamprell		2022-08-24
Michael Reginald Stocks		2016-06-15
Robin George Phillips		2022-08-24
Simon Roberts		2020-09-09
Stuart Albert James Johnson		2014-06-18

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY No 276613



**95<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual General Meeting**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

# **WELCOME**

*The President and District Officials cordially  
welcome you to the*

**95<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of**

**Loddon District Scout Council**

**On**

**Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**At**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave Scout HQ**

*The agenda for the meeting, the minutes of the last  
AGM and the various reports are set out in the  
following pages.*

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Annual General Meeting

*June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8.00 pm*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave HQ, Recreation Ground, East View Road. RG10 8EE*

## AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Governance topics
  - a. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
  - c. Note the District's financial year.
  - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
  - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
  - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. Review of the previous year
  - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Loddon District
  - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. Making appointments
  - a. Appoint the District Chair
  - b. Appoint the District Treasurer
  - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
  - d. To re-appoint the District President.
  - e. To appoint the Scrutineer.
  - f. To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
6. Introduce County Commissioner to say a few words.
7. Closing remarks

# Minutes of the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Loddon District Scout Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scout HQ & commencing at 8.15pm

## 1) Introduction and welcome

The District Chair opened the meeting with a few safety announcements and then handed over to the District President to say a few words.

The President, Mick Stocks, welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Nigel Bevan the County Lead Volunteer.

He then said that he was very pleased to be able to do the welcome as he wanted to thank everyone for all their efforts throughout the past year. He said he knew from experience; how much time is involved in running successful scout meetings, and he wanted to express his thanks to everyone. It had been a difficult year as the transition has been delayed a number of times. However, he felt that once everything is in place it will be a welcome move forward and will be good for all.

The Great Orme tragedy has been a sobering time for us all and emphasises the importance of following the rules correctly.

He then thanked all the trustees for their work throughout the past year and mentioned Donald, our chair, especially for his work on the Paddicks Patch project.

Donald replied by saying that we hope to receive a donation from the Earley Charities in the near future but that other donations are unlikely as we are not in a deprived area and therefore not likely to be considered.

## 2) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, Chris & Mary Fido, Trefor Fisher, Ulla Swynford-Lain, Ken & Linda Peters, Karen Thurlow, Noelle Vaz, John Edmunds, Joan Fahey, Malcolm Fillingham, Lynda Evans, Phil Brown and Ian Aitken. Some 22 District members attended.

## 3) Governance Topics

Donald noted to the District Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting is a necessary part to make sure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

## 4) Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 21st June 2023

The District Chair, Donald MacDonald, then continued chairing the meeting by saying that the minutes from last year were reviewed by the District Executive Committee at their first meeting after the AGM and so he proposed that the minutes are taken as read and asked the District Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting. Robin Phillips seconded the proposal and there was a unanimous show of hands to approve.

5) **To adopt the model constitution from policy, Organisation and Rules**

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, Donald proposed that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of the Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was sent to everyone for review and inspection prior to this meeting and copies are also available at the meeting. Jane Moore seconded this proposal, and the show of hands was unanimous.

a) **To note the District's financial year.**

Members of the District Scout Council are asked to note that our charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.

b) **To approve appointed and community members of the scout council**

Donald said that the Chair noted the District Scout Council can admit other people to membership. Chair advises that no other persons are nominated as District Scout Council members. These would have been admitted as members of the District Scout Council as well as the ex officio list in POR Rule 5.5.4 There was therefore no need for a show hands to approve.

c) **To agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board**

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that 8 people can be elected. The Chair proposes that the District Scout Council approves that recommendation. Secunder was Linda Bowes, and the show of hands was unanimous.

d) **To agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the District Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees.**

The District Scout council must agree at its AGM the quorum – the minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the District Scout Council. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at 8 persons. The District Scout Council was asked to approve that recommendation. The seconder was Linda Bowes and the show of hands unanimous.

6) **Review of the previous year**

The chair noted to the District Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting was the opportunity to reflect of the activities of the past year.

a) **The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouting in Loddon District**

In addition to his written report Geoff said that he wanted to highlight the need

for all risk assessments and nights away approvals to be up to date. All leaders need to be trained to ensure the safety of the children in our care. Some of the training will be updated soon. All risk assessments must be specific to the task and generic ones must not be used. We need to make sure that we have contingency plans in place for every activity.

Geoff thanked all who supported him when he was in hospital, he said it was pleasing to know that there is such good support within the District. He also thanked Jenny Lamprell for stepping up to become joint lead volunteer with him and said that he was grateful to be able to pass on some of the many duties the job entails. He also thanked every leader in the District for all their hard work throughout the past year.

The Chair then thanked Geoff for his report and reiterated his thanks for all that he had done throughout the past year. He also thanked Jenny for her support to Geoff.

## b) To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual statement of the Accounts.

The Chairman said that the District Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and the report on the accounts had been received from the Scrutineer. He then asked the District Treasurer to give his explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

The treasurer added to his report by saying that our assets have increased this year by £8,000. The shop added £2,000 with their donation and we also received £3,500 in interest on accounts. Overall Paddicks Patch is a drain on our resources, but the cost of electricity has gone down this year. We have spent £3,500 in starting the work to secure the planning consent.

Jane Moore asked him about whether the Explorers were claiming gift aid and Simon replied that this is still with HMRC but has been applied for. He expects a reasonable sum to be gained from this.

The Chair then thanked Simon for all his hard work on the accounts and for sorting out the Gift Aid reclamation.

Linda Bowes then interjected with a request that we note our grateful thanks to Babara and Ian Loring for all their work at the Scout shop. Donald endorsed this.

## 7) Making Appointments

The Chair noted to the District Scout Council members present that we'll use this part of the meeting to organise the setup of the charity until the next AGM. We'll appoint a Trustee Board to oversee good governance for the charity over the next year.

- a) **To appoint the District Chair**  
The Chair then handed chairmanship of the meeting to the District Lead Volunteer who nominated Donald MacDonald as District Chair and asked for a show of hands as approval which was unanimous. He then handed chairmanship back to the Chair.
- b) **Election of the District Treasurer**  
The District Treasurer is an elected appointment and, as required, Simon Roberts has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands is required to approve Simon's election. This was unanimous. The Chair then thanked Simon for his support throughout the year.
- c) **Elections of members to the District Trustee Board**  
The chair explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Robin Phillips, Helen Price, Mick Stocks, Jenny Lamprell and Geoff Barnes should be appointed as members of the trustee board.  
There was a unanimous show of hands to approve.  
The chair then thanked the trustees for their work during the year.
- d) **To re-appoint the District President**  
The Chair noted that the District Scout Council appoints the District President. He advised that Mick Stocks had been proposed as President and asked for a show of hands to reapprove. This was unanimous.  
He then thanked Mick for his support throughout the year.
- e) **To appoint the Scrutineer.**  
The Treasurer then proposed Mike Waddelove as scrutineer for the next year. The Chair then said that Mike Waddelove had been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role. He asked for a show of hands to approve Mike Waddelove's nomination. This was unanimous.
- f) **To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council**  
We are required to nominate at least 1 person as District Representatives to the County Scout Council. Tom Toy has been proposed and seconded. He asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was unanimous. He then thanked Tom for standing once again.
- 8) **The Chair then introduced Nigel Bevan the County Lead Volunteer who gave his review.**  
Nigel began by saying that we all need to get used to the new terminology. It will take time as we have been using the old terminology for years, but change is necessary.  
Loddon membership is up 3.6% in general, and our scout membership is up 10% which is above the national average. There are new Squirrel sections

popping up everywhere and all are very successful.

We are one of ten counties who are early adopters of the transformation. We are doing well and are now waiting for the technology to be put in place so that we can move forward with it. Adult Appointment Committees have now been disbanded and Group Lead Volunteers will now hold welcome conversations with new volunteers, this will be recorded on the Compass Database until the new technology is in place.

The Great Orme Tragedy has been a difficult time. The jury found that the leaders of the expedition were guilty of unlawful killing which was contributed to by the neglect of the Scout Association. The coroner said that the Scout Association has rules but that we are not following them. He has asked for five reports which cover "Safety, Nights Away, Adventurous Activities, Training, and Visits Abroad." All new leaders must be trained within 5 months.

As a county we have a few international trips coming up, There are 190 people going to Malawi this summer and next year is a trip to the Alps. 2026 will see the next WINGS camp so we have lots of exiting activities happening. We thank everyone for all they do and for keeping their training up to date.

## 9) Awards

Two awards were then presented by Geoff our District Lead Volunteer.

Helen Price received her 25 year long-service award.

Linda Bowes received her 50 year long-service award.

The Chair then thanked Nigel and thanked everyone for attending the AGM. He closed the meeting at 21.00 and thanked Tom for his hospitality and for hosting the AGM.

The next AGM is due to take place on 18th June 2025.

## **District Lead Volunteer Report**

Loddon District and its constituent Groups has enjoyed another the good year of Scouting with all sorts of activities being organised by the various sections including lots of what I call adventurous activities – Water and Land based including Archery, Rifle Shooting, Canoeing, Paddle Boarding, Climbing and Abseiling as well as Hikes of various distances. There have also been a lot of Nights Away events organised for all sections from Beavers to Network including some abroad in Belgium.

The District continues the grow; Our five Squirrel Dreys go from strength to strength with two Dreys at 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley and one at 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley, 99<sup>th</sup> Reading and 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford. I hope in the coming year we will see more Squirrel Dreys opening around d the District.

Explorer Scouts remain strong with three meeting nights through the week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday, two now meet at 1<sup>st</sup> Hurst and one in the community hall at St Dominics Primary School in Woodley.

We have now transitioned to the ways of welcoming new volunteers and new teams based approach to working. The new digital membership management system has been live for about six months; challenges remain with the system and HQ are working to resolve these in the coming months.

Finally thank you to everyone in Loddon in whatever role you hold.

**Geoff Barnes**  
**Joint District Lead Volunteer**  
**Loddon District**

## **District Chairman's Report**

Let me open by thanking everyone involved in Scouting in Loddon for all their support and energy during the last year.

We are very fortunate to have a District that is growing and thriving, and this can only happen with the dedication and commitment that we see so much in evidence across Loddon District.

The Scout Shop is part of our District of which we are very proud, it contributes strongly to our finances. Barbara and Ian are a few people short of what would help things function more efficiently, so please offer your support if you are able for a couple of hours every 4-6 weeks during term time.

The PP Building Project moves forward, albeit quite slowly. The Earley Charity have generously contributed £100,000 towards our plan for a new building at Paddick's Patch. There are a few hurdles to overcome, and we continue to fundraise. Let's hope we see the fruits of our labours soon. Especial thanks to Tony Parker for all the work he is doing to make things a reality with a new building and to Keith Walker for his wise counsel, professional input and endeavour.

So, there is always plenty going on in the District and whether it's the individual Groups or Explorers we have much for which to be grateful as we look ahead with faith and hope for the period ahead.

Berkshire County continue to support us well and we are indeed fortunate to have them behind us.

All best wishes for another top year of Scouting.

Donald MacDonald  
District Chair of Trustees

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT Y/E 31/03/2025**

The district accounts for 2024/25 have been prepared as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Total Assets stood at £187,502 as at 31st March 2025 (£128,331 31/3/24). This significant increase is largely due to donations towards the new building at Paddicks Patch.

The bank balance includes restricted funds totalling £103,784 which are used for specific purposes. Details of individual funds can be found in the Notes to the Accounts statement.

A surplus of Income over Expenditure of £59,171 was generated.

The Scout Shop generated a surplus of £2,153 similar to last year. Explorers generated a surplus of £3,881 (23/24 £5,193) after allowing for the costs of the Netherlands trip after the year end. The District continues to subsidise the use of Paddicks Patch for the benefit of local groups to the extent of £2,200 this year. A similar amount to last year.

The District Executive Committee considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs in reserve and we continue to meet this requirement.

The Paddicks Patch Project continues to incur some minor expenditure (£1,721) but has also received £39,259 in donations.

The Receipts and Payment account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Loddon District Scout Council can be viewed in the attachments to this report.

We thank all the Group Treasurers, Group Scout Leaders and Trustees for their continued support.

**Simon Roberts  
District Treasurer**

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2025

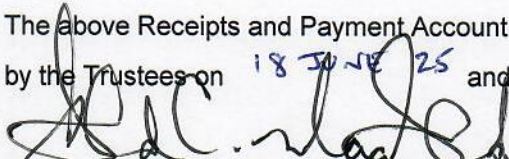
Charity No. 276613

	2024/25 Unrestricted Funds £	2024/25 Restricted Funds £	2024/25 Total Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £
Total receipts for year	82,143	40,681	122,824	57,162
Total payments for year end	<u>61,467</u>	<u>2,186</u>	<u>63,653</u>	<u>49,396</u>
Net of receipts/(payments) for year	20,676	38,495	59,171	7,766
Transfer between funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	20,676	38,495	59,171	7,766
Cash, bank & other net assets b/fwd	<u>63,042</u>	<u>65,289</u>	<u>128,331</u>	<u>120,565</u>
Cash, bank & other net assets c/fwd	<u>83,718</u>	<u>103,784</u>	<u>187,502</u>	<u>128,331</u>

## Summary of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2025


	2024/25 Unrestricted Funds £	2024/25 Restricted Funds £	2024/25 Total Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Bank Balances	102,332	103,784	206,116	134,687
Cash In Hand	<u>55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>98</u>
	102,387	103,784	206,171	134,785
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Debts due from Group	-	-	-	-
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Scout Shop Stock	<u>11,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,732</u>	<u>11,239</u>
	114,119	103,784	217,903	146,024
<b>LIABILITIES -prepaid subs &amp; other adv pymts</b>	<u>30,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,401</u>	<u>17,693</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>83,718</u>	<u>103,784</u>	<u>187,502</u>	<u>128,331</u>

The above Receipts and Payment Account and Summary of Asset and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18 JUNE 25 and signed on their behalf



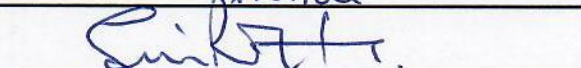
Donald MacDonald

District Chair



Helen Price

District Secretary



Simon Roberts

District Treasurer

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2025

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Restricted funds £	2024/25 Total funds £	2023/24 Total funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	68,167	-	68,167	62,998
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(62,552)	-	(62,552)	(56,589)
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,615	-	5,615	6,409
Donations	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	7,393	-	7,393	-
Other similar income/Legacy	-	39,259	39,259	500
<b>Sub total</b>	13,008	39,259	52,267	6,909
<b>Grants</b>				
Paddicks Patch Project	-	-	-	-
International Fund	-	1,142	1,142	1,105
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	1,142	1,142	1,105
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	280	280	288
Scouts	6,161	-	6,161	2,967
Explorer	55,236	-	55,236	38,446
Scout Active Support Unit	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch	941	-	941	2,162
Other District fundraising events	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	62,338	280	62,618	43,863
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest(COIF)	4,644	-	4,644	3,167
Scout Shop	2,153	-	2,153	2,118
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	6,797	-	6,797	5,285
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	82,143	40,681	122,824	57,162
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	82,143	40,681	122,824	57,162

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Payments for the year ended 31st March 2025

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Restricted funds £	2024/25 Total funds £	2023/24 Total funds £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Premises - Paddicks Patch	3,141		3,141	4,326
Premises - Scout Shop	-	-	-	385
Section Expenses	-	-	-	-
International Fund	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	1,055	-	1,055	1,191
Insurance	52	-	52	261
Independent Examiners Fees	31	-	31	27
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
General Expenses	-	-	-	355
Grants	-	200	200	-
Fundraising Fees	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch Project	-	1,721	1,721	3,598
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	4,279	1,921	6,200	10,143
<b>Section Activities</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	265	265	383
Scouts	3,157	-	3,157	5,617
Explorer Scouts	51,355	-	51,355	33,253
Scout Active Support Unit	2,284	-	2,284	-
Other fundraising costs- District Events	392	-	392	-
<b>Sub total</b>	57,188	265	57,453	39,253
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	61,467	2,186	63,653	49,396
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	61,467	2,186	63,653	49,396
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	20,676	38,495	59,171	7,766
<b>Transfers between funds</b>				
Net assets last year end	63,042	65,289	128,331	120,565
<b>Net assets this year end</b>	83,718	103,784	187,502	128,331

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2025

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Restricted funds £	2024/25 Total funds £	2023/24 Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank-Loddon District Scout Council	35,730	-	35,730	43,198
Bank- COIF Deposit Fund	29,177	103,784	132,961	68,317
Bank- Scout Shop Account	3,109	-	3,109	3,427
Bank- District Scout Account	3,187	-	3,187	183
Bank- Explorer Scout Account	31,129	-	31,129	17,299
Bank-Loddon Scout Active Support	-	-	-	2,263
Cash/Floats	55	-	55	98
<b>Total cash funds</b>	102,387	103,784	206,171	134,785
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Shop items & Badges stock	11,732	-	11,732	11,239
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	11,732	-	11,732	11,239
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions paid in advance	20,452	-	20,452	17,693
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	9,949	-	9,949	-
<b>Sub total</b>	30,401	-	30,401	17,693
<b>Net assets</b>	83,718	103,784	187,502	128,331

### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

	<u>Explorer Scouts</u>	<u>Loddon District - Paddicks&amp;Shop</u>
(based on insurance values)		
Buildings	26,364	81,714
Contents&Equipment	38,742	31,336
Trailers	12,721	-

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to accompany the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities 2005 (SORP 2005), the Charities Act 1996 and applicable accounting standards.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The gross figure includes subscriptions due to Headquarters and County.

## 3. DONATIONS / GRANT / SIMILAR INCOME

The amount of £39,259 was received as donations towards the PP Project.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL FUND

The fund has received £1,142 from the Active Support Unit and paid out £200 to support a scout attending Rovaway.

## 5. FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of this Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Council are deemed as restricted funds and are summarised below. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which this Council is responsible in law.

The total Restricted Funds for the year are £103,784.

<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>International Fund</b>	<b>Beavers a/c</b>	<b>Paddicks Patch Fund</b>
<b>Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b>	£4,763	£571	£98,450

## 6. PADDICKS PATCH

This wooded area of land in Waingels Road was donated to Loddon District Scouts in 1982 by Sidney Paddick for use as a camp site. In September 1990, a prefabricated building was donated by Barclays Bank and erected on the site. This is now the Loddon District Headquarters. The building will be reconstructed, and detailed planning work is currently being undertaken following receipt of full planning permission.

## 7. SECTIONS

The District Scout Explorers, Scout Active Support Unit and District Scouts maintain separate accounts. The District Cub and Beaver funds are included as restricted funds within the main account. The Scout Active Support Unit was wound up during the year.

## 8. LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

Scout shop items have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Scout Shop maintains a separate account. The shop made a contribution of £2,153 to District funds in the year.

## 9. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

Trustees received expenses totalling £1,055 in the year to 31/3/25.

## 10. PUBLIC INTEREST

The District Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when deciding upon the activities for the year.

## Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (S)(b) of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### 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.

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.

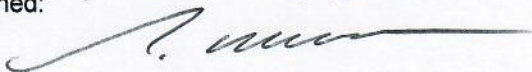
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8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025



## Section Report 2024-25

Loddon now has five Squirrel Dreys open, and all are enjoying a wide range of activities, they are doing lots of Challenges and are gaining Activity Badges. We have seen our first Chief Scouts Acorn Awards being awarded and Squirrels are now moving on to Beaver Colonies.

There was a Christmas Party organised jointly between 3rd and 5th Woodley and I hope we will see more District wide events organised for Squirrels in the coming year. Like Cubs, this section needs a team and team leader to co-ordinate the organising of some events and to support Leaders in running good programmes - anyone who would like to take this role on please get in touch with me for a chat.

**Geoff Barnes**  
**District Lead Volunteer**

## LODDON BEAVER SCOUT SECTION REPORT JUNE 2025

We have 18 colonies across the District all with Leader Teams determined to provide excellent programmes for our young people.

Over the year our Beaver Scouts have taken part in Sleepovers, Camps, Campfires, Cooking Marshmallows, Smores or Dampers over a fire, Litter Picking, Hikes, Nature Walks, Archery, Climbing, Katanuing, Water Rockets, Den building, Remembrance Day Services, Treasure Hunts to name just a few. Add in games, cooking, crafts and lots of badge work and that is some of what is on offer for our Beaver Scouts.

All these activities have ensured that many Beavers have earned their Chief Scout Bronze Awards while having a lot of fun.

Just one District Beaver event was run during the past year – the famous Beaver Scout Christmas Party. Unfortunately, this year only 12 colonies could join in the fun but the 124 children who could attend enjoyed Fred in the Shed's excellent entertainment, a snack tea and a visit from the Santa who distributed present bags to all. A great afternoon of entertainment enjoyed by all.

Some colonies attended the County Adventure day in March where they enjoyed a range of exciting activities and all who attended earned their Adventure Challenge. Although tiring it was a great day with the only drawback being the long queues for the most popular bases!

On behalf of the Beaver Scouts of Loddon I must say a big thank you to all the leaders & their supporters who provide such a wide range of activities and make the fun happen every week.

**Jane Moore**  
**Loddon District Leadership Team**



## **Section Report 2024-25**

All Packs have enjoyed a great range of activities both on their respective meeting nights and on Nights Away and Days Out.

Due to various reasons no District Cub events were held during the last twelve months. I hope that during the coming twelve months we will see District events for Cubs restarting.

This section needs a Team Leader and Team to co-ordinate the organising of some events and to support Leaders in running good programmes - anyone who would like to take this role on please get in touch with me for a chat !

**Geoff Barnes**  
**District Lead Volunteer**

## **Loddon District Network Section Report 2024-25**

Our Network section has been busy this year. Notable achievements are that Chris Faulkner received his Kings Scout Award and attended the Day of Celebration at Windsor. Corner Wallace received his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Well done to both of them.

**Malcolm Fillingham**  
**Loddon Network Coordinator**

## **Loddon District Safety Report**

All groups have been asked to complete the premises safety audit form available on the Scout website. Even if a group is meeting in rented premises this is important and the existing premises risk assessments should be available to see if they cover use of the premises when sectional meetings take place. In particular problems using the building when it is dark. Is the site adequately lit to allow safe evacuation of the building? Should the fire assembly point be different from that assigned for daytime use?

Work parties have been meeting at PP on a monthly basis to get the site ready for summer meetings. The activity trail has been repaired and made safe. Ash dieback is causing a risk of falling timber around the fire circle. This part of the site will remain closed until these trees have been made safe. Also trees overhanging Waingels Road will also be made safe. All required permits for this work have now been obtained. Work will commence in the Autumn. However, to manage risks the fire circle part of the site will be closed if winds in excess of 40 mph are forecast.

As part of my membership of the County safety team two one to one sessions and a one day course for prospective PAT Testers have been organised.

Robin Phillips  
District Safety Coordinator

## **LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP**

Total sales for the year were £30,167 of which £19,328 (64%) was for Loddon District, £9,471 (31%) was Wokingham and £1,367 (4.5%) was other. This was about 11% up on last year, but taking into account that prices have increased approximately 10% so basically it was on a par with 2024.

Badge sales of £14,152 represented 47% of the turnover, of which Loddon groups purchased £8,487 Wokingham £5,370 and others £295.

More groups are paying for badges by direct bank transfer, thus saving us paying any bank charges. General purchases are predominantly paid by card for which we incurred £265 in transaction fees.

The sale of uniform continues to be steady, mostly at the start of term, but it is obvious that some parents are preferring the convenience of purchasing online direct from Scout store.

We were able to return £1,428 to groups in the form of 10% rebates and transferred £2,000 surplus funds to the District. However, in future, group rebates might have to be reviewed as Scout Store has now reduced the discount from 20% to 10% for all purchases by District Scout Shops

As in previous years we would appreciate more help with serving at the shop, particularly on Saturday mornings. We do not allocate more than 3 sessions per term to our already busy helpers, and we are having to cover the rest.

Barbara and Ian Loring

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 276613

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY No 276613



**94<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual General Meeting**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

# **WELCOME**

*The President and District Officials cordially welcome  
you to the*

**94<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
Loddon District Scout Council**

**On**

**Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**At**

**1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scout HQ**

*The agenda for the meeting, the minutes of the last AGM  
and the various reports are set out in the following  
pages.*

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Annual General Meeting

*June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 8.15 pm*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Twyford HQ, Loddon Hall Road, Twyford RG10 9JA*

### AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. **Governance topics**
  - a. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022
  - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
  - c. Note the District's financial year.
  - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
  - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
  - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
  - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Loddon District
  - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
  - a. Appoint the District Chair
  - b. Appoint the District Treasurer
  - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
  - d. To re-appoint the District President.
  - e. To appoint the Scrutineer.
  - f. To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
6. Introduce County Commissioner to say a few words.
7. **Closing remarks**

# **Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Loddon District Scout Council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodley Scout HQ & commencing at 8.00pm**

## **1. Introduction and welcome**

The District President, Mick Stocks, opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone especially Nigel Bevan the County Commissioner and Frank Cselik, County Training Manager.

He then said that he was most interested in the transformation process which is coming to Scouting in the near future. We, in Loddon, are part of the initial cohort for change which should take place in November this year. He said that he had seen a number of changes during his time in Scouting, some small and some more significant. There have been changes in training methods and in the uniform, and programme but the main purpose has always been to promote a way to better Scouting. We have dedicated volunteers who are providing excellent programmes for young people and who give up a huge amount of time for them.

He then thanked the District Team and the Executive committee, which will become the Trustee Board in November. He also thanked Donald for his work as Chair and for his unstinting work with the Paddicks Patch Project which has been at times very frustrating for him. He then passed the meeting over to Donald MacDonald our District Chair.

Donald replied by saying that looking around the room at the attendees he noted that between us all we have a huge number of years volunteering to Scouting. We now have an expansive family which includes the Squirrel section. We must ensure that we embrace the new changes and not cling on to the old ways.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from, Chris & Mary Fido, Tony Parker, Holly Buckell, Neil Jeffery, Ulla Swynford-Lain, Ken & Linda Peters, Joan Fahey, Malcolm Fillingham, Lynda Evans, Stuart Johnson, Pete Rogers and Paul Norris. Some 16 District members attended.

## **3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The District Chair, Donald MacDonald, then continued chairing the meeting by saying that the minutes from last year have been reviewed by the District Executive Committee at their first meeting after the AGM and so he proposed that the minutes are taken as read and asked the District Scout Council to agree that they are a true record of that meeting. Robin Phillips and Jane Moore seconded the proposal and there was a unanimous show of hands to approve.

#### 4. **Governance topics**

Donald noted to the District Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting is a necessary part to make sure that the charity's foundations are in good order.

##### a. To adopt the model constitution from policy, Organisation and Rules

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, I propose that we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of the Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was sent to everyone for review and inspection prior to this meeting and copies are also available at the meeting. Jenny Lamprell seconded this proposal, and the show of hands was unanimous.

##### b. To note the District's financial year.

Members of the District Scout Council are asked to note that our charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.

##### c. To agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that 6 people can be elected. The Chair proposes that the District Scout council approves that recommendation. Secunder was Linda Bowes, and the show of hands was unanimous.

##### d. To agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the District Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees.

The District Scout council must agree at its AGM the quorum – the minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the District Scout Council. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at 4 persons. The District Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation. The seconder was Chas Randle and the show of hands unanimous.

The District Scout Council must agree at its AGM the quorum for Trustee Board meetings, and any sub-committee meetings. The Charity Commission statement of good practice is that the Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one and that the sub-committee quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board is that the quorum should be set at the Charity Commission good practice statement. The District Scout Council is asked to approve that recommendation. The seconder was Linda Bowes and the show of hands unanimous.

## 5. **Review of the previous year**

The chair noted to the District Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting was the opportunity to reflect of the activities of the past year.

### a. **The District Commissioner's review of Scouting in Loddon District**

In addition to his written report Geoff said that he wanted to highlight the new Squirrel section. Loddon now has three Squirrel Dreys, and all are going very well. It helps us to expand and gives younger children the opportunity to start off in Scouting. He said he knew that some leaders are unsure about starting up the Squirrel section and recommended that they visited some of the new Dreys to see what goes on. 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley has some Squirrels who are moving up into Beavers so will have space for new Squirrels to join. One of the Beaver sections at Wargrave, which has been dormant for a while, has recently reopened and 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley has recently reopened their 2<sup>nd</sup> Beaver Colony. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout Troop at 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley and the new Muslim Cub Pack at 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Earley is very successful with a new Muslim Scout Troop opening in September. The Wednesday Explorer Unit at Aldryngton School has had to close due to the ill health of the leader.

Looking towards the transformation changes and we are trialling a welcome package for new leaders.

He then thanked everyone in the District for all their hard work. He said that all had bounced back with enthusiasm. There has been a steady stream of activity and nights away notifications. He also thanked the Trustee Board for all their support and asked if there were any questions.

Linda Bowes asked if we could look at a way of following up on children who leave scouting at an early age to see if they would like to rejoin at a later date?

Geoff noted that we would need to keep their details for future reference in a safe way, he suggested bringing it up at the next GSL meeting.

The Chair then thanked The DC for his report

### b. **To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual statement of the Accounts.**

The Chairman said that the District Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and the Accounts, and the report on the accounts had been received from the Scrutineer. He then asked the District Treasurer to give his explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

The treasurer added to his report by saying that there was a surplus of £10,800, almost all of which comes from the Explorer's fundraising efforts. It is offset by the cost of running Paddick Patch which cost £4000 to run last year. It is becoming a drain on the District. There was obviously no Covid Grant this year but we did gain £1000 interest on the monies invested which goes towards the new building at Paddicks Patch.

He then asked if there were any questions.

Jane Moore asked him why Cubs and Beavers monies are lumped together and asked if they could be produced separately next year, which Simon agreed to.

The Chair then thanked Simon for all his hard work on the accounts and for sorting out the Gift Aid reclamation.

## 6. Making Appointments

The Chair noted to the District Scout Council member present that this part of the meeting sets the charity up to be well-led during the period until the next AGM. Particularly, the District Scout Council appoints a Trustee Board to ensure good governance for the charity over the next year.

### a. To re-appoint the District President

The Chair noted that appointments as District President is made by the District Scout Council. He advised that Mick Stocks had been proposed as President and asked for a show of hands to reapprove. This was unanimous. He then thanked Mick for his support throughout the year.

### b. The Chair then noted that there were no other persons to be admitted to the membership of the Scout Council at present.

### c. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair

The Chair then handed chairmanship of the meeting to the DC who nominated Donald MacDonald as District Chair and asked for a show of hands as approval which was unanimous.

### d. Election of the District Secretary

The District Secretary is an elected appointment and, as required, Helen Price has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands is required to approve Helen's election. This was unanimous. The Chair then thanked Helen for her support throughout the year.

### e. Election of the District Treasurer

The District Treasurer is an elected appointment and, as required, Simon Roberts has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations by the closing date a show of hands is required to approve Simon's election. This was unanimous. The Chair then thanked Simon for his support throughout the year.

### f. Elections of members to the District Trustee Board

The secretary then said that the following had been formally proposed and seconded in writing by the due date: -

Jenny Lamprell as DDC

Robin Phillips as District Safety Adviser

### g. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Trustee Board

No nominations at present.

### h. To appoint the Scrutineer.

The Treasurer then proposed Mike Waddelove as scrutineer for the next year. The Chair then said that Mike Waddelove had been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role. He asked for a show of hands to approve Mike Waddelove's nomination. This was unanimous.

- i. To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council

We are required to nominate at least 1 person as District Representatives to the County Scout Council. Tom Toy has been proposed and seconded. He asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was unanimous. He then thanked Tom for standing once again.

**7. The Chair then introduced Nigel Bevan the County Commissioner who gave his review.**

He began by picking up on Linda Bowes' question earlier and said that we shouldn't expect people to stay throughout every Scouting section and that they should know that they would be welcome to rejoin at a later date if they chose to, but agreeing a method to follow up those that leave scouting is worth considering.

He said that Squirrels were sprouting up all over and opening Dreys seems to be easier than opening other sections. Parents are keen to help so the hope is that many will progress through to help with other sections as their children progress.

Loddon has seen a large increase in leaders and in membership, we still have huge waiting lists.

He said that he had been to a growth and development forum and had been pleased to see that the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Earley Muslim Section was being promoted as a successful development.

There are lots of activities planned, including the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, this year, which Loddon has 15 people attending; there are 70 people ready to go to Project Africa; and the next WINGS Camp will be in 2026.

We are in the early stages of the transformation and part of it will be the new technology, with more information available in September. The new ideas should make it easier to volunteer and the teams should spread the workload more evenly. Training now becomes "learning", and the wood badges will become optional. By March next year there will be a lead volunteer meeting and in April there will be a team leader meeting. We start our early adoption of the process in November.

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions to Scouting especially to Geoff, Jenny, and Donald for all their hard work.

The Chair then thanked Nigel for his strong leadership and for the support of the County team. He closed the meeting at 8.48 and thanked Chas for his hospitality and for hosting the AGM.

8. The next AGM is due to take place on 19th June 2024.

## **District Lead Volunteer Report**

Loddon District and its constituent Groups has enjoyed another the good year of Scouting with all sorts of activities being organised by the various sections including lots of what I call adventurous activities – Water and Land based including Archery, Rifle Shooting, Canoeing, Paddle Boarding, Climbing and Abseiling as well as Hikes of various distances. There have also been a lot of Nights Away events organised for all sections from Beavers to Network including some aboard in Belgium. We have one Explorer Scout going to Roverway in Norway and at least two Leaders taking part in this year's County Expedition to Malawi.

The District continues the grow; Our three Squirrel Dreys are going from strength to Strength with two Dreys at 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley and one at 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley I hope in the coming year we will see more Squirrel Dreys opening around the District. 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley have opened a second Beaver Colony in recent months.

Welcome to Loddon to all the new Squirrels and Beavers and thank you to all those Adults who have joined us as Leaders and Helpers.

Explorer Scouts remain strong with three meeting nights through the week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in both Woodley (all based at Paddicks Patch). Thank you to Stuart Johnson and the Explorer Leaders for all your work with the Section.

Loddon is one of the few Districts in Berkshire to have an active Scout Network thanks Malcolm Fillingham Network Commissioner and his team.

Supporting the groups are Section District teams (ADC's/District Leaders, Activities ADC) the District Board of Trustees, Adult Training Support, Scout Shop and Badges, and the Paddicks Patch team. All of whom have continued to support at both Group and District level.

In the last year I have had the privilege and honour to present various Long Service Awards including Chief Scouts Commendations and Awards for Merit and Wood Badges across the District.

We are now moving ahead with the transition to more teams based working and also replacing the appointments committee (AAC) with Welcome Conversations organised in the Groups and supported by the District the aim is to streamline the process for new adult volunteers and to make it a more welcoming experience. We will also see teams introduced including a Programme Team led by Sarah Barrow (from 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley) Development Team led by Jenny Lamprell and 14-25 Team led by Stuart Johnson. We have a vacancy for a Support Team Lead so have a chat with me if you would like to get involved and find out more about this role.

New digital membership management and adult training tools are being introduced and a new way of Adult Learning including Growing Roots and the New Wood Badge.

Thank you to our District President Mick Stocks and to the County team lead by Nigel Bevan County Lead Volunteer for your support to both Loddon District and Berkshire County.

Finally, I would like to thank Jenny Miller who has recently stepped up to be joint District Lead Volunteer with myself, Donald Macdonald District Chair, Helen Price District Secretary, Ulla Swynford Lain Appointments Secretary, Simon Roberts District Treasurer, Jane More Local Training Administrator and Robin Phillips District Safety Manager for all your work and support for Loddon District during this last year

**Geoff Barnes**  
**District Lead Volunteer Loddon District**

## **District Chairman's Report**

Another year flies by and Scouting continues to flourish around these parts. We are providing excellent opportunities for young people and adults alike to develop skills and enjoy the company and friendship of others.

We are fortunate to have strong leadership at all levels within our number and this means we can deliver fulfilling and exciting programmes.

Whatever your role in Loddon District, on behalf of the District Trustee Board, thank you so much for everything that you do.

**Donald MacDonald**  
**District Chair of Trustees**

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT Y/E 31/03/2024**

The district accounts for 2023/24 have been prepared as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Total Assets stood at £128,331 as at 31st March 2024 (£120,565 31/3/23).

The bank balance includes restricted funds totalling £64,290 which are used for specific purposes. Details of individual funds can be found in the Notes to the Accounts statement.

A surplus of Income over Expenditure of £7,766 was generated.

The Scout Shop generated a surplus of £2,118 compared to £3,770 previously and Explorers generated a surplus of £5,193 (22/23 £7,774). The Scout group has reduced its account balance during the year by subsidising and prepaying events. The District continues to subsidise the use of Paddicks Patch for the benefit of local groups to the extent of £2,164 this year.

The District Executive Committee considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs in reserve and we continue to meet this requirement.

The Paddicks Patch Project continues, and some minor expenditure (£3,598) has been incurred to ensure planning permission is maintained.

The Receipts and Payment account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Loddon District Scout Council can be viewed in the attachments to this report.

We thank all the Group Treasurers, Group Scout Leaders and Trustees for their continued support.

**Simon Roberts  
District Treasurer**

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2024

Charity No. 276613

	2023/24 Unrestricted Funds £	2023/24 Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £	2022/23 Total Funds £
Total receipts for year	55,269	1,893	57,162	50,007
Total payments for year end	44,404	4,992	49,396	39,214
Net of receipts/(payments) for year	10,865	(3,099)	7,766	10,793
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
	10,865	(3,099)	7,766	10,793
Cash, bank & other net assets b/fwd	53,176	67,389	120,565	109,772
Cash, bank & other net assets c/fwd	64,041	64,290	128,331	120,565

## Summary of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2024

	2023/24 Unrestricted Funds £	2023/24 Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £	2022/23 Total Funds £
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Bank Balances	70,397	64,290	134,687	137,365
Cash In Hand	98	-	98	98
	70,495	64,290	134,785	137,463
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Debts due from Group	-	-	-	-
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Scout Shop Stock	11,239	-	11,239	10,352
	81,734	64,290	146,024	147,815
<b>LIABILITIES -prepaid subs &amp; other adv pymts</b>	17,693	-	17,693	27,250
<b>Net Assets</b>	64,041	64,290	128,331	120,565

The above Receipts and Payment Account and Summary of Asset and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on their behalf

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald MacDonald

District Chair

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Helen Price

District Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simon Roberts

District Treasurer

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Restricted funds £	2023/24 Total funds £	2022/23 Total funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	62,998	-	62,998	56,842
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(56,589)	-	(56,589)	(52,685)
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,409	-	6,409	4,157
Donations	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income/Legacy	-	500	500	500
<b>Sub total</b>	6,409	500	6,909	4,657
<b>Grants</b>				
Paddicks Patch Project	-	-	-	-
International Fund	-	1,105	1,105	-
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	1,105	1,105	-
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	288	288	984
Scouts	2,967	-	2,967	4,373
Explorer	38,446	-	38,446	33,489
Scout Active Support Unit	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch	2,162	-	2,162	1,599
Other District fundraising events	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	43,575	288	43,863	40,445
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest(COIF)	3,167	-	3,167	1,135
Scout Shop	2,118	-	2,118	3,770
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	5,285	-	5,285	4,905
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	55,269	1,893	57,162	50,007
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	55,269	1,893	57,162	50,007

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Payments for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Restricted funds £	2023/24 Total funds £	2022/23 Total funds £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Premises - Paddicks Patch	3,315	1,011	4,326	5,696
Premises - Scout Shop	385	-	385	386
Section Expenses	-	-	-	-
International Fund	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	1,191	-	1,191	1,188
Insurance	261	-	261	248
Independent Examiners Fees	27	-	27	35
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
General Expenses	355	-	355	-
WSJ23 Grants	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Fees	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch Project	-	3,598	3,598	-
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	5,534	4,609	10,143	7,553
<b>Section Activities</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	383	383	884
Scouts	5,617	-	5,617	3,968
Explorer Scouts	33,253	-	33,253	25,715
Scout Active Support Unit	-	-	-	770
Other fundraising costs- District Events	-	-	-	324
<b>Sub total</b>	38,870	383	39,253	31,661
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	44,404	4,992	49,396	39,214
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	44,404	4,992	49,396	39,214
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	10,865	- 3,099	7,766	10,793
<b>Transfers between funds</b>				
Net assets last year end	53,176	67,389	120,565	109,772
<b>Net assets this year end</b>	64,041	64,290	128,331	120,565

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2024

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Restricted funds £	2023/24 Total funds £	2022/23 Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank-Loddon District Scout Council	38,497	4,701	43,198	50,318
Bank- COIF Deposit Fund	8,728	59,589	68,317	65,150
Bank- Scout Shop Account	3,427	-	3,427	4,695
Bank- District Scout Account	183	-	183	2,833
Bank- Explorer Scout Account	17,299	-	17,299	12,106
Bank-Loddon Scout Active Support	2,263	-	2,263	2,263
Cash/Floats	98	-	98	98
<b>Total cash funds</b>	70,495	64,290	134,785	137,463
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Shop items & Badges stock	11,239	-	11,239	10,352
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	11,239	-	11,239	10,352
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions paid in advance	17,693	-	17,693	21,774
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	5,476
<b>Sub total</b>	17,693	-	17,693	27,250
<b>Net assets</b>	64,041	64,290	128,331	120,565

### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

	<u>Explorer Scouts</u>	<u>Loddon District - Paddicks&amp;Shop</u>
(based on insurance values)		
Buildings	20,000	77,823
Contents&Equipment	46,520	29,286
Trailers	8,254	-

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to accompany the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities 2005 (SORP 2005), the Charities Act 1996 and applicable accounting standards.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The gross figure includes subscriptions due to Headquarters and County.

## 3. DONATIONS / GRANT / SIMILAR INCOME

The amount of £500 was received as a donation towards the PP Project.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL FUND

The funds remain unchanged, and no requests have been received.

## 5. FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of this Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Council are deemed as restricted funds and are summarised below. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which this Council is responsible in law.

The total Restricted Funds for the year are £64,290.

<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>International Fund</b>	<b>Beavers a/c</b>	<b>Paddicks Patch Fund</b>
<b>Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b>	£3,821	£557	£59,911

## 6. PADDICKS PATCH

This wooded area of land in Waingels Road was donated to Loddon District Scouts in 1982 by Sidney Paddick for use as a camp site. In September 1990, a prefabricated building was donated by Barclays Bank and erected on the site. This is now the Loddon District Headquarters. The building will be reconstructed, and detailed planning work is currently being undertaken following receipt of full planning permission.

## 7. SECTIONS

The District Scout Explorers, Scout Active Support Unit and District Scouts maintain separate accounts. The District Cub and Beaver funds are included as restricted funds within the main account.

## 8. LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

Scout shop items have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Scout Shop maintains a separate account. The shop made a contribution of £2,118 to District funds in the year.

## 9. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

Trustees received expenses totalling £1,191 in the year to 31/3/24.

## 10. PUBLIC INTEREST

The District Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when deciding upon the activities for the year.

## Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (S)(b) of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Independent Examiner's statement

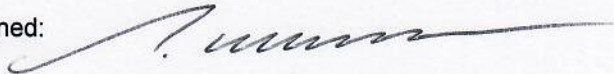
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.

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

Name: MICHAEL WADDELOWE

Signed:



Address

6 SEVENOAKS DRIVE  
SPENCERS LODD

Date:

12th JUNE

10th JUNE 2024

## Section Reports

### Squirrels

We have 3 squirrel dreys in Loddon at present. 2 at 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley and 1 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley. This year 8 Squirrels achieved the acorn award which is the top award for Squirrels. They have been active doing a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Several other groups are looking at opening squirrel dreys in the near future.

### Beavers

Beavers continue to run successfully, also covering a wide variety of activities. The Christmas party is a District event and was very successful. 65 Chief Scout Bronze awards were earned this year.

### Cubs

Cubs are also very busy with both indoor and outdoor activities. A number of summer camps took place, and all were very successful. 56 Silver awards were achieved this year.

### Scouts

We did STUFF!

Around the District, and alongside the usual 'Scouty' things, the SEVENTEEN Scout Troops in 12 Scout Groups did Air Rifle Shooting, Archery, Bell Ringing, Birdbox making, Climbing, Coral Reef visit, Crazy Golf, Cycling, Dragon boating, Expedition training, Fireworks, Geocaching, Orienteering, Paddle boarding, Pinewood Raceway visit, Pontoon building, Rafting, Sailing, Swimming, Ten-Pin Bowling, Thorpe Park visit AND a few Three Towers Hikes!

The Troops also offered 88 nights away on 34 camps to 632 Scouts! (well, that's what you quoted on your Nights Away Notifications you submitted!!!)

So, stick in a couple of District Murray Plate events, which included a 'small?' (I lie, biggest ever!) Great Breakfast Chase, and shoehorn in a District Raft race, by any measure, it definitely felt like it was a busy year!

### MURRAY PLATE

This year the Plate is shared by 5th Woodley and 1st Lower Earley. Congratulations to you both.

Last year's District Raft race didn't happen due to a lack of permit holders. The reliance on external qualified instructors would have made the event too expensive, so it's great that enough Leaders from around the District recently completed a course, and we now have more rafting permit holders. So, this year's event which is on June 15 (after the writing of this report)

### GREAT BREAKFAST CHASE (GBC)



GBC at Rushall Farm – This is what 186 Scouts and Explorers looks like!

If you thought that last year's GBC was big, this year's one was even bigger! 186 Scouts and Explorers descended (more like invaded) Rushall Farm near Bradfield College just off the M4 Jct 12.

The route was best described as 'challenging' with the greatest number of retirees or lost teams. Fortunately, they all had trackers, which did provide some much-needed light relief for the organisers at 2am watching some of the teams go round in circles, before being put back on the right track.

Congratulations to RED Mike (5th Woodley) for winning the Scout event, and BLUE November (1st Twyford) for winning the Time Trial in 2:49 hours, which was nearly 2 hours quicker than the average!

Our friendly Explorers only entered 4 Teams this year, with BLUE Papa winning their event and BLUE Oscar the Time trial with an impressive time of 2:17 hours! I look forward to seeing what you've done to 'customise' your new 2 trophies this year!!!



Our greatest challenge is finding venues big enough to house nearly 250 Scouts, Explorers and Leaders, it was clear that Rushall Farm was struggling a bit, and I would like to thank the neighbours for their patience and the small amount of locally collected wood!!!

It's probably just as well that County had also organised a Jamboree get together for their units that weekend, or we could have had over 200 young people! (eek!)

Surely this year's one can't be bigger? And as always, my grateful thanks to ALL of you that helped to make it an amazing event.

Cooking Competition

With a theme of Coronation (couldn't be anything else, could it?), 7 teams from 4 Troops took up the challenge at Paddicks Patch (just before the condemning of the building, but that wasn't our fault, even if I did try to burn the building down!)



As always, the standard and quality of all the food produced was exceptional! – The (professional) chef / judges were all impressed how it was produced on a simple 2-burner gas-hob.

Congratulations to the winning Patrol from 1st Lower Earley.



### Other News

We held another District master at arms course at Twyford with 4 Troops (and 2 Cubs) taking part. And yet again went to the National Scout Archery Competition (NSAC) this time our secret weapon (the Cubs), as well as the Scouts and Explorers, winning yet more trophies and medals (I even won one, finally, and so did one of the Cubs!).



Loddon Cubs, Scouts & Explorers at NSAC

### Final Comments

The Chief Scout Award prizes (now called 'Head Socks!') are continuing to spread around the District, for the Scouts who gain the award. 25 gold awards were presented this year which is no mean achievement. CONGRATULATIONS to all who have worked so hard to achieve this.

Finally, without you Leaders, Helpers, Team Members (or whatever you are called) none of this could be possible, so a MASSIVE THANK YOU to EVERYONE who has helped this past year. Always too many to mention, but you are VERY MUCH appreciated. 😊

Pete Rogers Scouts

## **Explorers**

There were 0 top awards at Explorer level although we have 3 successful units who are all busy with various different projects.

## **Network**

At the start of the year some Network members joined the Explorers on the summer expedition to Scotland walking on Skye and dancing in Edinburgh.

Throughout the year a few small events have occurred including socials and walking in the Brecon Beacons. In May this year Network Leaders and members again joined the Explorers in their first International trip to Belgium to take part in the Ypres 100km festival of walking.

During the year, Josh McBain, Stephen Adams, Amiee Wallace and Lizzie Davies attending the garden party at Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Patrick Fillingham attended the annual St Georges Day at Windsor Castle to receive his Queens Scouts Award.

**Malcolm Fillingham**  
**Network**

## **Active Support**

Our District Active Support Unit will be discontinued after the transition so we have decided that we will continue to meet up for lunch on the third Thursday of alternate months so that we don't lose touch with each other.

We have been meeting in the Wee Waif, but a few people couldn't make a Thursday, so we are meeting at the Good Companions pub in Woodley on the third Tuesday of the intervening alternate month.

Anyone who would like to join us would be very welcome. The next lunch is booked for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Wee Waif.

**Helen Price**

## **Safety Report**

Premises safety audits have been carried out at the Scout Shop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodley and 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley during the past year.

Only minor physical issues were found at each of the premises. In the Scout Shop these related to ease of egress through the fire exit and the placement of some fire extinguishers. Following on from the inspection concerns have been raised about the external lighting of the access ramp during dark winter evenings. Externally there is a bulkhead fitting light. This should be replaced with a modern LED spotlight provided sufficient height can be found to prevent undue glare.

2<sup>nd</sup> Woodley has had considerable work done to the internal wall cladding, the flat roof and the electrical installation. Issues found related to the use and installation of extension socket wiring through the kitchen wall into the "leaders' room" and in the "computer area". The 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley building is in good condition benefiting from the installation of a new kitchen (some sink drainage pipes still to be connected at time of inspection). Some wiring needs tidying by the main hall fire exit door and PAT testing has not been carried out as required. Records were not available at the time of the visit to confirm gas safety, fire alarm tests, evacuation drills and accident recording. Relocation of cleaning chemicals to a secure area that does not require ladder access would be a sensible improvement. A return visit will be arranged to check paper records.

Currently within the District there is no member of the County PAT Testing team. If there is a volunteer with some basic electrical knowledge who feels able to undertake this role, I will be happy to provide the necessary training.

There is a County Safety Team meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the future of the organisation of safety responsibilities within the County. Currently safety has a very high priority at National level in the aftermath of the "Great Orme" tragedy. We can expect changes in safety requirements continue to be introduced this year.

**Robin Phillips**  
**Safety Co-ordinator**

### **LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP**

Total sales for the year were £26,978 of which £17,990 (67%) was for Loddon District, £8,196 (30%) was Wokingham and £792 (3%) was other. This was about 4% down on last year. As the Bracknell Scout Shop has now closed, and we have noticed that a few more customers are coming to us from their area.

Badge sales of £12,753 represented 46% of the turnover, of which Loddon groups purchased £7,858 Wokingham £4,652 and others £243.

Several groups pay for badges by direct bank transfer, which saves us paying any bank charges. General purchases are predominantly paid by card for which we incurred £262 in transaction fees.

The sale of uniform continues to be steady, mostly at the start of term, but it is obvious that some parents are preferring the convenience of purchasing online direct from Scout store. We were able to return £1,366 to groups in the form of rebates and transferred £2,500 surplus funds to the District.

As in previous years we would appreciate more help with serving at the shop, particularly on Saturday mornings. We do not allocate more than 3 sessions per term to our already busy helpers, so we are having to cover the rest.

**Barbara and Ian Loring**

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 276613

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY No 276613



**93<sup>rd</sup>**

**Annual General Meeting**

**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

# **WELCOME**

*The President and District Officials cordially  
welcome you to the*

**93<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
Loddon District Scout Council**

**On**

**Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**At**

**2nd Woodley Scout HQ**

*The agenda for the meeting, the minutes of the last  
AGM and the various reports are set out in the  
following pages.*

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Annual General Meeting

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 8.00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Woodley HQ, Vauxhall Drive, Woodley RG5 4EA

### AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022
4. **Governance topics**
  - a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
  - b. Note the District's financial year.
  - c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board
  - d. Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the District Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees.
5. **Review of the previous year**
  - a. The District Commissioner's review of Scouting in Loddon District
  - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. **Making appointments**
  - a. To re-appoint the District President.
  - b. To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the District Scout Council, by the District Commissioner, the District Trustee Board or the District Scout Council.
  - c. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair
  - d. Election of the District Secretary
  - e. Election of the District Treasurer
  - f. Elections of members to the District Trustee Board
  - g. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Trustee Board
  - h. To appoint the Scrutineer.
  - i. To nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
7. Introduce County Commissioner to say a few words.
8. Close

# **Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Loddon District Scout Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Community Hall at St Dominic's School & commencing at 8.00pm**

## **1. Introduction and welcome**

The District Chair, Donald MacDonald, opened the meeting by saying that the President, Mick Stocks, was unable to be with us but had sent this report.

"My apologies for not being with you this evening. I always look forward to being with you at the AGM because it's a time to reflect on great achievements as well as looking forward to even more successful Scouting in the District in the future.

Most importantly, it's a time to thank all our volunteer adults for delivering Scouting so well in our local communities. I know we always say this, and genuinely mean it, but it's quite remarkable to see the amount of time and dedication given by our leaders and supporters to maintain good quality Scouting throughout the sections, Groups, and District. In particular, I give very special thanks for the past year when so many of our volunteers have been striving to get Scouting back to a 'new normal' after such a challenging couple of years.

Squirrels is a breath of fresh air for Scouting and it's good to see we have our first Drey, with plans in place for more Dreys. I'll leave Geoff to report on the detail!

My thanks to Geoff, Jenny, and the District Team, for their steady and sure leadership in driving the District forward in such challenging times. My thanks also to Donald and Helen and the trustees of the District Executive for their support, often hidden, which is so important to maintain a well-managed and supporting charity.

I'm sure Donald will explain where we are with the Paddicks Patch project which has become quite a challenge because of Covid and other factors. We are so fortunate to have Donald leading our project team and working so hard to overcome the challenges."

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from, Chris & Mary Fido, Joan Fahey, Ian Loring, Barbara Loring, Nigel Bevan, Chas Randle, Mick Stocks, Karen Thurlow & Tony Parker.

## **3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 9 June 2021.**

The District Chair, Donald MacDonald, then continued chairing the meeting by welcoming all those present to our 92<sup>nd</sup> AGM, in particular Simon Pickett, representing Nigel Bevan the CC, Ian Aitken and James Mulligan also from County. Some 19 District members also attended.

Donald said that the Paddicks Patch Project was ongoing. He said that getting contractors to give a firm quote was difficult but that we now have 3 quotes. We are only 18 months since planning was approved so we still have some time but there are a few timelines from benefactors so we keep pushing forward so that we can get as much as possible into the pot.

He then said that the minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 have been previously reviewed by the District Executive and were agreed as a true record of the meeting by Jenny Lamprell with a show of hands to approve.

4. **District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in Loddon District**

In addition to his written report Geoff said that his written report reflected the difficulties during the Covid pandemic and was a testament to how well we stood up to it. Our Beavers numbers were reduced but are now recovering. Other sections have continued very well. We have lost some leaders but have gained some too. Squirrels is an ideal opportunity for the District to expand and we have our first Drey at 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley. There are plans to open some more in the future.

We were surprised but gratified to have such a large number of Scouts selected to go to the World Scout Jamboree next year. We also have a couple of Scouts who have been selected to go on the Alps trip, also next year.

Congratulations to both Patrick Fillingham and Stephen Adams who have achieved their Queens Scout award and their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We are grateful to Malcolm Fillingham for his efforts in keeping the Network Section going.

Many thanks to all our leaders for their hard work in keeping Scouting going throughout the Covid pandemic and throughout the year.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Geoff for his part in keeping Scouting running in the District.

5. **To receive and consider the annual report of the District Executive Committee including the annual statement of accounts.**

The treasurer added to his report by saying that it had been a quiet year and some groups were semi dormant. We had as a District made a small profit mainly due to the grant received from the council.

He said that there is a risk, going forward, to Paddick Patch, as the cost of electricity for the building has almost tripled this year and will need to be considered to ensure we cover these costs.

He offered to answer any questions but there were none.

The chair then thanked Simon for his work throughout the year.

6. **To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair.**

Donald then handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to Geoff the DC, who nominated Donald MacDonald as District Chair and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.

7. **To elect the District Secretary** – Helen Price has been formally proposed and seconded, so we now need a show of hands to approve the election. This was agreed unanimously.

8. **To elect the District Treasurer** – Simon Roberts has been formally proposed and seconded, so we now need a show of hands to approve the election. This was agreed unanimously.

9. **Nominations to the District Scout Council**

There are two nominations: -

The District Explorer Commissioner – Stuart Johnson

The District Network Commissioner – Malcolm Fillingham

10. **To elect persons to the District Executive Committee**

The Secretary then listed the following people as having been formally proposed and seconded.

Beaver Scout Section – vacant

Cub Section – vacant

Scout Section – Pete Rogers

District Scout Active Support –

Safety co-ordinator – Robin Phillips

The Chair then asked for a show of hands to approve the elections which was given unanimously.

11. **District Commissioner's nominations**

The DC then noted that Ulla Swynford-Lain our District Appointment Secretary is standing down so a new appointment secretary will need to be appointed at some point and he then nominated Jenny Lamprell as Deputy DC.

These nominations were noted by the meeting.

The Chair then thanked the District Executive Committee for their work throughout the year.

12. **Election of representative to the County Scout Council**

The Secretary then said that Tom Toy, GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scout Group had been proposed and seconded and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.

13. **Appointment of Hon Independent Examiner**

The Chair then said that Geoff Cox had stood down as independent examiner and a new examiner will need to be appointed before next year's AGM.

14. **County Commissioner's Comments**

Simon Pickett the representative for County, commented that he had looked at our attendance book and was pleased to see that three of the present members were at the 1986 AGM, which is the first one recorded in this book.

He then thanked everyone for their resilience and commented that meetings over Zoom had been difficult and had not helped us all with our motivation to keep going. He said that we are now coming to the end of the difficult time and our numbers are growing at last. We are looking to expand even more next year, with the help of Squirrels which are a great addition to our Groups.

He thanked everyone for all they do especially the DC whose job is a difficult and lonely one. He thanked the chair and the executive team as well as all the leaders in the District. He said we can look forward to lots of changes in the new year.

15. **Closing Remarks**

There were no other comments to be made so the Chair thanked everyone for attending and thanked 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley for hosting the AGM.

He closed the meeting at 8.30pm. The next AGM is due to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

## **District Commissioner Report 2022 – 2023**

Loddon District and its constituent Groups has enjoyed another good year of Scouting with all sorts of activities being organised by the various sections including lots of, what I call, adventurous activities – Water and Land based, including Archery, Rifle Shooting, Canoeing, Paddle Boarding, Climbing and Abseiling as well as Hikes of various distances. There have also been a lot of Nights Away events organised for all sections, from Beavers to Network, including some aboard in France and Belgium. We have fifteen Young People going to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and we look forward to hearing about all their adventures when they return.

The District continues to grow; we now have three Squirrel Dreys open, two at 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley and one at 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley and I hope we will see more Dreys open in the coming twelve months thus extending our offering of Scouting to 4 to 6 year olds. Both 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley and 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave have reopened dormant Beaver Colonies and 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley have opened a second Scout Troop. We have welcomed our first Muslim Cub Pack at 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Earley

Welcome to Loddon to all the new Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and thank you to all those Adults who have joined us as Leaders and Helpers.

Explorer Scouts remain strong with three meeting nights through the week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in Woodley (all based at Paddicks Patch). Thank you to Stuart Johnson and the Explorer Leaders for all your work with the Section.

Loddon is one of the few Districts in Berkshire to have an active Scout Network thanks to Malcolm Fillingham, Network Commissioner, and his team.

Supporting the groups are Section District teams (ADC's/District Leaders, Activities ADC) the District Executive, Adult Training Support, Scout Shop and Badges, and the Paddicks Patch team. All of whom have continued to support at both Group and District level.

In the last year I have had the privilege and honour to present various Long Service Awards including Chief Scouts Commendations and Awards for Merit and Wood Badges across the District.

We are now moving into a period of transition as we introduce new ways of welcome Adults into Scouting, changes to Ault Training and Support and changes to Roles and Role titles. We will become a more “teams” based organisation with tasks shared between more people. I look forward to reporting more on these changes in next year's report.

Thank you to our District President Mick Stocks and to the County team lead by Nigel Bevan County Commissioner for your support to both Loddon District and Berkshire County.

Finally, I would like to thank Jenny Miller DDC, Donald Macdonald District Chair, Helen Price District Secretary, Ulla Swynford-Lain Appointments Secretary, Simon Roberts District Treasurer, Jane Moore Local Training Administrator and Robin Phillips District Safety Manager for all your work and support for Loddon District during this last year.

**Geoff Barnes**  
**District Commissioner**  
**(District Lead Volunteer)**

## **District Chairman's Report**

We've got back to normal Scouting during this year and Covid-19, whilst still with us, is something with which we are learning to live alongside.

It's refreshing to see so many activities taking place across the Groups and us providing great opportunities for young people to learn life skills in abundance.

Squirrels have taken off and this means we can welcome youngsters into Scouting earlier than ever before. This has to be good news for the Movement as well as us locally.

Looking forward, we are embracing more modern structures, and this is transforming the way we organise ourselves. My ask is that we embrace the changes and make them work for everybody within Loddon District as well as more broadly where we have the opportunity to exert our influence individually and collectively.

A big thank you to Ulla Swynford-Lain who stands down as Appointments Secretary after many years. She has been a powerhouse behind the scenes helping to keep us right and proper through the appointments process.

Barbara, Ian and their cohort of people who keep the Scout Shop running have done a wonderful job once again, for which huge thanks are due. More helpers are always needed to make sure the load for everyone is as light as possible.

Thank you to everybody who has made Loddon District a place where Scouting is both rewarding and fun. We can look forward to the forthcoming year with renewed anticipation and optimism as we refresh and renew.

Have a wonderful Summer.

Donald MacDonald  
Loddon District Chairman

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT Y/E 31/03/2023**

The district accounts for 2022/23 have been prepared as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Total Assets stood at £120,565 as at 31st March 2023 (£109,772 31/3/22).

The bank balance includes restricted funds totalling £67,389 which are used for specific purposes. Details of individual funds can be found in the Notes to the Accounts statement.

A surplus of Income over Expenditure of £10,793 was generated.

The District was affected by the Covid pandemic but activities increased during the course of the year. The Scout Shop generated a surplus of £3,770 compared to £3,666 previously and Explorers generated their first surplus in 5 years of £7,774.

There were no applications for the International Fund during the year but 15 World Scout Jamboree participants have been saving hard for their trip to South Korea later this year.

The District Executive Committee considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs in reserve and we continue to meet this requirement.

The Paddicks Patch Project continues and planning permission has now been granted.

The section Groups are reported separately as part of the main District report.

The Receipts and Payment account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Loddon District Scout Council can be viewed in the attachments to this report.

We thank all the Group Treasurers, Group Scout Leaders and Trustees for their continued support.

**Simon Roberts  
District Treasurer**

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2023

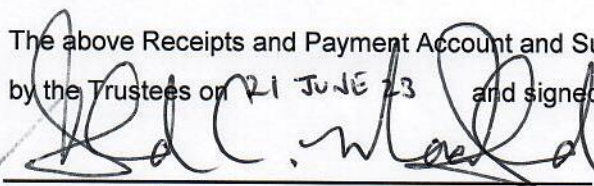
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	2022/23 Unrestricted Funds	2022/23 Restricted Funds	2022/23 Total Funds	2021/22 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for year	48,523	1,484	50,007	39,936
Total payments for year end	<u>38,330</u>	<u>884</u>	<u>39,214</u>	<u>36,822</u>
Net of receipts/(payments) for year	10,193	600	10,793	3,114
Transfer between funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	10,193	600	10,793	3,114
Cash, bank & other net assets b/fwd	<u>42,983</u>	<u>66,789</u>	<u>109,772</u>	<u>106,658</u>
Cash, bank & other net assets c/fwd	<u>53,176</u>	<u>67,389</u>	<u>120,565</u>	<u>109,772</u>

### Summary of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2023

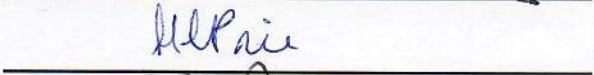
	2022/23 Unrestricted Funds	2022/23 Restricted Funds	2022/23 Total Funds	2021/22 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Bank Balances	69,975	67,389	137,364	110,650
Cash In Hand	<u>98</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>157</u>
	70,073	67,389	137,462	110,807
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Debts due from Group	-	-	-	-
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Scout Shop Stock	<u>10,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,352</u>	<u>9,636</u>
	80,425	67,389	147,814	120,443
<b>LIABILITIES -prepaid subs &amp; other adv pymts</b>	<u>27,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,250</u>	<u>10,671</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>53,176</u>	<u>67,389</u>	<u>120,565</u>	<u>109,772</u>

The above Receipts and Payment Account and Summary of Asset and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21 JUNE 23 and signed on their behalf



Donald MacDonald

District Chair



Helen Price

District Secretary



Simon Roberts

District Treasurer

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2023

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Restricted funds £	2022/23 Total funds £	2021/22 Total funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	56,842	-	56,842	50,037
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(52,685)	-	(52,685)	(46,289)
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,157	-	4,157	3,748
Donations	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income/Legacy	-	500	500	8,200
<b>Sub total</b>	4,157	500	4,657	11,948
<b>Grants</b>				
Paddicks Patch Project	-	-	-	-
International Fund	-	-	-	-
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	984	984	-
Scouts	4,373	-	4,373	-
Explorer	33,489	-	33,489	22,997
Scout Active Support Unit	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch	1,599	-	1,599	1,047
Other District fundraising events	-	-	-	250
<b>Sub total</b>	39,461	984	40,445	24,294
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest(COIF)	1,135	-	1,135	28
Scout Shop	3,770	-	3,770	3,666
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	4,905	-	4,905	3,694
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	48,523	1,484	50,007	39,936
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	48,523	1,484	50,007	39,936

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Payments for the year ended 31st March 2023

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Restricted funds £	2022/23 Total funds £	2021/22 Total funds £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Premises - Paddicks Patch	5,696	-	5,696	4,006
Premises - Scout Shop	386	-	386	572
Section Expenses	-	-	-	-
International Fund	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	1,188	-	1,188	1,130
Insurance	248	-	248	238
Independent Examiners Fees	35	-	35	43
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
General Expenses	-	-	-	-
WSJ23 Grants	-	-	-	4,500
Fundraising Fees	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch Project	-	-	-	1,000
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	7,553	-	7,553	11,489
<b>Section Activities</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	884	884	-
Scouts	3,968	-	3,968	-
Explorer Scouts	25,715	-	25,715	25,054
Scout Active Support Unit	770	-	770	-
Other fundraising costs- District Events	324	-	324	279
<b>Sub total</b>	30,777	884	31,661	25,333
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	38,330	884	39,214	36,822
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	38,330	884	39,214	36,822
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	10,193	600	10,793	3,114
<b>Transfers between funds</b>				
Net assets last year end	42,983	66,789	109,772	106,658
<b>Net assets this year end</b>	53,176	67,389	120,565	109,772

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2023

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Restricted funds £	2022/23 Total funds £	2021/22 Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank-Loddon District Scout Council	42,518	7,800	50,318	32,260
Bank- COIF Deposit Fund	5,561	59,589	65,150	64,015
Bank- Scout Shop Account	4,695	-	4,695	4,582
Bank- District Scout Account	2,833	-	2,833	2,428
Bank- Explorer Scout Account	12,106	-	12,106	4,332
Bank-Loddon Scout Active Support	2,263	-	2,263	3,033
Cash/Floats	98	-	98	157
<b>Total cash funds</b>	70,073	67,389	137,462	110,807
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Shop items & Badges stock	10,352	-	10,352	9,636
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	10,352	-	10,352	9,636
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions paid in advance	21,774	-	21,774	10,021
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	5,476	-	5,476	650
<b>Sub total</b>	27,250	-	27,250	10,671
<b>Net assets</b>	53,176	67,389	120,565	109,772

### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

	Explorer Scouts	Loddon District - Paddicks&Shop
(based on insurance values)		
Buildings	20,000	57,250
Contents&Equipment	46,520	22,550
Trailers	8,254	

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to accompany the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities 2005 (SORP 2005), the Charities Act 1996 and applicable accounting standards.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The gross figure includes subscriptions due to Headquarters and County.

## 3. DONATIONS / GRANT / SIMILAR INCOME

The amount of £500 was received as a donation towards the PP Project.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL FUND

The funds remain unchanged, and no requests have been received.

## 5. FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of this Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Council are deemed as restricted funds and are summarised below. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which this Council is responsible in law.

The total Restricted Funds for the year are £66,789.

<b><u>Restricted Fund</u></b>	<b>International Fund</b>	<b>Beavers a/c</b>	<b>Paddicks Patch Fund</b>
<b>Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	£2,716	£652	£64,021

## 6. PADDICKS PATCH

This wooded area of land in Waingels Road was donated to Loddon District Scouts in 1982 by Sidney Paddick for use as a camp site. In September 1990, a prefabricated building was donated by Barclays Bank and erected on the site. This is now the Loddon District Headquarters. The building will be reconstructed, and detailed planning work is currently being undertaken following receipt of full planning permission.

## 7. SECTIONS

The District Scout Explorers, Scout Active Support Unit and District Scouts maintain separate accounts. The District Cub and Beaver funds are included as restricted funds within the main account.

## 8. LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

Scout shop items have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Scout Shop maintains a separate account. The shop made a contribution of £3,770 to District funds in the year.

## 9. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

Trustees received expenses totalling £1,188 in the year to 31/3/23.

## 10. PUBLIC INTEREST

The District Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when deciding upon the activities for the year.

## Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (S)(b) of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### 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.

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

Name: MICHAEL WADDLOWE

Signed:



Address

6 SEVENOAKS DRIVE  
SPENCER WOOD  
RG7 1A3

Date:

17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

## **SQUIRREL REPORT 2023**

Squirrels are developing in the District!

The first Drey in 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley is now just over a year old and has developed well, it has now over 10 members with several gaining the top award of Chief Scout's Acorn Award. Demand for membership is high and 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley started a second Drey early in the year. 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley have recently started their first Drey. Both Groups have been successful in recruiting new Leaders for the Section and are optimistic that this will strengthen the Groups going forwards as Squirrels move up through the Sections.

How well is it going? Here is a quote from one Squirrel (aged 5 ½) who has just achieved the Chief Scouts Acorn Award, need we say more?

*"I like the games every week, they are different each week. I like seeing my friends and getting badges for my uniform. I like playing anything outside and I love everything we do outside."*

Andrew Price  
AGSL 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley

## **BEAVER REPORT 2023**

We now have 17 colonies across the District with both Wargrave & 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley re-opening their second colonies during the past year.

This means even more youngsters can enjoy Beaver Scouting. What's not to enjoy – Sleepovers, Camps, Hikes, Nature Walks, Archery, Katanuig, Water Rockets, Cooking Marshmallows over a fire, Den building as well as games, crafts and lots of badge work.

All these activities have ensured many Beavers have earned their Chief Scout Bronze Awards while having a lot of fun.

After postponing our annual District Christmas Party for 2 years it was great to hold it again last December when 126 Beaver Scouts had a super afternoon.

All these activities don't just happen – so on behalf of the Beaver Scouts of Loddon I would like to say a big thank you to all the leaders & supporters who make it all happen every week.

Jane Moore  
DBSL Loddon District

## CUB REPORT 2023

Cubs are the largest section in Loddon District with 20 Packs running on every night during the week.

All Packs have enjoyed a great range of activities both on their respective meeting nights and on Nights Away and Days Out.

Due to various reasons no District Cub events were held during the last twelve months. I hope that during the coming twelve months we will see District events for Cubs restarting.

This section needs a Team Leader and Team to co-ordinate the organising of some events; and support Leaders in running good programmes - anyone who would like to take this role on please get in touch with me for a chat!

**Geoff Barnes**  
**District Commissioner**  
**(District Lead Volunteer)**

## SCOUT REPORT 2023

**A new Troop and a return of some much-missed events, it's almost like normal!**

For those who follow the Murray Plate competition (and why would you NOT?), we used the lockdown and eventual(!) restart to rearrange the season, so that it is now presented at the Great Breakfast Chase in October, which also forms the start of each new MP season. This makes it much more pronounced around the District Scout section as I doubt, we get 100 plus Scouts at the District AGM?

Last year (2022) was awarded to 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley Scouts, although we only held a (relatively small?) Great Breakfast Chase for over 160 Scouts and Explorers that year!



Bowling Competition (Feb 2023) - This is what 178 Scouts looks like!

This year's season (2023) includes last year's GBC (Oct 22), a VERY recent Cooking competition at Paddicks (June 23) and the Raft Race (September 23). There was also a Bowling competition (Feb 23), but due to technical difficulties at the centre, had to be cancelled, so we simply bowled instead.

**Is the Scout section growing, you bet we are!**

One thing that is abundantly apparent is that the Scout section appears to be thriving around the District!

With RECORD NUMBERS of over 125 Scouts at the Great Breakfast Chase and over 170 at the Bowling competition, a new troop opening at 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley, and hearing rumours that Troops are hoping to break last year's record attendance at this year's GBC (eek!) what else can it be?

This may cause some head scratching by our fantastic Explorer team as to how to accommodate them all, but I am confident they will be able to rise to the challenge.

### Other News

After a 3 Month, District wide, master at arms course held at Twyford Scout Group, we represented BOTH Loddon and the Royal Berkshire County as the only team from either at the National Scout Archery Competition on the Coronation long weekend, with a cross section of Twyford and Lower Earley Scouts with some notable Explorers thrown into the mix and had our best results.

Taking along a multiple world record holder as one of our team, probably did make their competition a forgone conclusion, however, it was the breadth and depth of the other results that most gave me cause for pride knowing that the fantastic work of my fellow permit holders has helped to further cement Loddon as a place of archery excellence!



Loddon Scouts & Explorers at the NSAC – See, there was SOME sun around that weekend!

### Final Comments

The Chief Scout Award prizes (multifunction scarves) given to those in the Section who achieve the highest award, have so far been awarded to over 25 Scouts, so CONGRATULATIONS to all who have worked so hard to achieve this.

Finally, a HUGE THANK YOU to EVERYONE who has helped make this a much-needed return to normal. Always too many to mention, but I would like to single out the fantastic work by my fellow Scout leaders in helping to promote District events so enthusiastically, as well as the ever-present sanity checking and sound board assistance from Robert Kimber 😊

The sheer number of Scouts taking part in District events has surpassed my expectations, and to see so many Scouts enjoying 'Scouting' means we ALL appear to be doing something right.

Night All!

**Peter Rogers "Zed"**  
ADC Scouts

## EXPLORER REPORT 2023

The Explorers in the last year have had a great year whilst having some struggles.

Explorers ran their own monopoly camp in London, using public transport to complete the challenges set to them and getting pictures of the whole day and challenges. At the end of the day, we invested 2 new leaders on the Paddington station concourse.



We also took part in the Great Breakfast Chase with 30+ explorers attending with 2 of the Explorers at the event, also going to the Jamboree, stepping forward to walk with a scout team to support them.

We look forward to even more fun in 2023-2024

**Stuart Johnson**  
DESC

## **SCOUT NETWORK REPORT 2022-23**

At the start of the year some Network members joined the Explorers on the summer expedition to Scotland walking on Skye and dancing in Edinburgh. Throughout the year a few small events have occurred including socials and walking in the Brecon Beacons. In May this year Network Leaders and members again joined the Explorers in their first International trip to Belgium to take part in the Ypres 100km festival of walking.

During the year, Josh McBain, Stephen Adams, Amiee Wallace and Lizzie Davies attending the garden party at Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Patrick Fillingham attended the annual St Georges Day at Windsor Castle to receive his Queens Scouts Award.

Malcolm Fillingham  
Network Commissioner

## **ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT REPORT 2023**

Our District Active Support Unit has not been very active since the pandemic, our members are all getting older, and some have serious health issues. We have lost our meeting place due to 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley expansion of sections and although we have kept in touch with each other over Zoom and by email we hadn't met up until January this year.

We decided to meet for lunch in a pub on the third Thursday of alternate months. We investigated a number of options and eventually decided on the Wee Waif in Charvil who have been most helpful in giving us a separate area to use. Everyone orders and pays for their own food so can have as much or as little as they want. The service is very quick, so no one waits long, and we have a good opportunity to catch up with each other and discuss anything which needs to be discussed scouting wise.

We hope to get back to meeting more formally if a suitable meeting room becomes available.

We do need some new blood so if anyone would like to join us the next lunch is booked for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, you would be very welcome.

Helen Price  
Co-ordinator

## LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP 2023

Total sales for the year were £28,285, of which £17,848 (63%) was for Loddon District, £9,743 (34%) was Wokingham and £694 (3%) was other. This was about 6% down on last year.

Badge sales of £12,451 represented 44% of the turnover, of which Loddon groups purchased £7,061, Wokingham £5,318 and others £72.

We are encouraging groups to pay for badges by direct bank transfer, which saves us paying any bank charges. General purchases are predominantly paid by card for which we incurred £266 in transaction fees.

The sale of uniform continues to be steady, mostly at the start of term, but it is obvious that some parents are preferring the convenience of purchasing online direct from Scout store.

We were able to return £1,446 to groups in the form of rebates and transferred £3,000 surplus funds to the District.

We are now struggling for helpers, we are down to 3 teams for Saturdays and 2 teams for Thursdays, from only 5 of the groups in the District. We do not allocate more than 3 sessions per term to our already busy helpers, so we are having to cover the rest.

Barbara and Ian Loring  
Scout Shop Managers

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 276613

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY No 276613



**92<sup>nd</sup>**

**Annual General Meeting**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

# **WELCOME**

*The President and District Officials cordially welcome  
you to the*

**92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of**

**Loddon District Scout Council**

**On**

**Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**At**

**The Community Hall at St Dominic's School, Woodley.**

*The agenda for the meeting, the minutes of the last AGM  
and the various reports are set out in the following  
pages.*

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

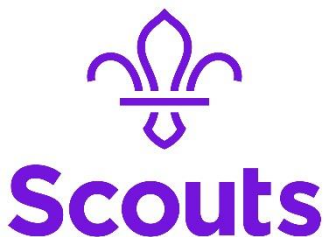
Annual General Meeting

*Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm*

The Community Hall at St Dominic's School, Woodley

## AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021
4. The District Commissioner's review of Scouting in Loddon District
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Executive Committee including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair
7. Election of the District Secretary
8. Election of the District Treasurer
9. Elections of members to the District Executive Committee
10. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee
11. Election of Group Scouters to represent the District on Berkshire County Scout Council
12. To appoint the Independent Examiner
13. Presentations
14. Comments by County Commissioner
15. Close



## **Minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Loddon District Scout Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 over Zoom & commencing at 8.00pm**

### **1. Introduction and welcome**

The President, Mick Stocks, opened the meeting and welcomed those present and introduced the meeting with the following comments.

Last September we held our AGM via a Zoom Meeting which had followed a really challenging time for Scouting. At that time, I guess we were not expecting another 9 months of restricted Scouting due to a second wave of Covid, with resulting lockdowns and a period which proved to be more severe than the first wave.

However, the future does look more promising, mainly thanks to the successful vaccination programme, but the threat of continuing restrictions still remains with us.

The fact we have kept Scouting going during the past 15 months, or so, is quite remarkable, especially when you consider we've had changes from red to amber; back to red; and returned to amber; and often with changing guidelines.

We owe so many thanks to our adult volunteers for delivering a very different kind of Scouting. These are volunteers that have faced lots of personal challenges, e.g.: lockdowns; working from home; home schooling; many being furloughed with reduced family budgets; some still not sure if there's a job after furlough; and regretfully, some may have lost jobs.

**Yet they still found motivation and time to keep Scouting going. As I said, quite remarkable!**

It's also been a very challenging and disruptive time for our youth members. Not only have they lost out on normal Scouting, but other sports and activities as well, e.g.: football clubs; swimming clubs; and so on. Their schooling, colleges, and universities, with associated exams, etc, has also been badly disrupted.

**It's a generation that's lost so much at such a critical time in their lives.**

More than anything, I believe young people and adults alike, have missed socialising with their extended families, friends and peers. That time for company and friendship. That time spent with your pals has been lost.

When Scouting goes green, it can, and should, play a key part in restoring some of the things we have lost – especially the friendships as well as the activities.

**I'm sure Scouting will play its crucial part in getting life back to what I guess will be a new normal.**

Before handing over to Donald to Chair the AGM I want to thank him and the District Executive; and to thank Geoff, Jenny, and the District Team, for all their hard work during these difficult times.

Finally, a special thanks to Donald and his Paddicks Patch Project Team for keeping the new building project moving forward. Such a lot of work behind the scenes.

So, with lots of thanks and appreciation . . . I pass you to Donald.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from, Chris Fido, Hannah Lee, Joan Fahey, Ian Loring, Barbara Loring & Linda Bowes.

3. **Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 9 September 2020.**

The District Chair, Donald MacDonald, then took over chairing the meeting by welcoming all those present to our 91<sup>st</sup> AGM, in particular Nigel Bevan our County Commissioner Some 22 District members also attended.

He said the Paddicks Patch Project had been a trial and tribulation. The wildlife, trees and site have all been surveyed and now finally planning has been approved.

We have £80,000 in the fund so are well on the way to funding the project. The design group will meet to finalise specific features of the building. Keith Walker will continue to manage the project so that it is completed in a professional manner.

The minutes of the 90th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 have been previously reviewed by the District Executive and were agreed as a true record of the meeting by Jenny Lamprell with a show of hands to approve.

4. **District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in Loddon District**

In addition to his written report Geoff said that 95% of our sections are back meeting face to face. Risk assessments are being submitted and approved by our leaders. Lots of activities are bouncing back and things are returning to some sort of normal.

A special thank you to Jane Moore for all her hard work in managing the training, she has kept on top of all the training for all leaders which has been a huge task and is much appreciated by the district.

A special vote of thanks to Donald for his work with the Paddicks Patch project which has also proved to be a mammoth task. The new build will be a huge asset to the district and will make the site much more usable.

Many thanks to all our leaders for their hard work throughout the year.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Geoff for his part in keeping Scouting running in the district.

5. **To receive and consider the annual report of the District Executive Committee including the annual statement of accounts.**

The treasurer added to his report by saying that with the lack of activity, due to Covid, there had been a corresponding lack of spending. We have in the region of £8,500 surplus and we keep a year of funds spare in case of need. We have received income from various grants, some for Covid and some towards the Paddicks Patch project. We are conscious that the shop had been badly affected by covid but were impressed that it had managed to break even, due to Barbara and Ian's good management.

He offered to answer any questions but there were none.

The chair then thanked Simon for his work throughout the year.

6. **To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair.**  
Donald then handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to Geoff the DC, who nominated Donald as District Chair and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.
7. **To elect the District Secretary** – Helen Price has been formally proposed and seconded, so we now need a show of hands to approve the election. This was agreed unanimously.
8. **To elect the District Treasurer** – Simon Roberts has been formally proposed and seconded, so we now need a show of hands to approve the election. This was agreed unanimously.
9. **Nominations to the District Scout Council**  
There are three nominations: -  
The Youth Commissioner – Hannah Lee  
The District Explorer Commissioner – Stuart Johnson  
The District Network Commissioner – Malcolm Fillingham
10. **To elect persons to the District Executive Committee**  
The Secretary then listed the following people as having been formally proposed and seconded.  
Beaver Scout Section – vacant  
Cub Section – vacant  
Scout Section – Pete Rogers  
District Scout Active Support – Chris Fido  
Safety co-ordinator – Robin Phillips
- The Chair then asked for a show of hands to approve the elections which was given unanimously.
11. **District Commissioner's nominations**  
The DC then nominated Ulla Swynford-Lain as District Appointment Secretary and Jenny Lamprell as Deputy DC.  
These nominations were noted by the meeting.  
The Chair then thanked the District Executive Committee for their work throughout the year.
12. **Election of representative to the County Scout Council**  
The Secretary then said that Tom Toy, GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scout Group had been proposed and seconded and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.
13. **Appointment of Hon Independent Examiner**  
The Chair then said that Geoff Cox had been proposed and seconded and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.

#### 14. **County Commissioner's Comments**

Nigel Bevan said that it had been a strange year and that we had all had to adapt to Zoom meetings. Adult leaders have managed to keep things going with mixed success.

HQ are pushing us to get our noncompliance training down to 1.5%. Loddon has managed to stay well within this target which is brilliant.

He said he was pleased that the Paddicks Patch project was doing well and that it would be a good district asset. He was also pleased to learn that it was being managed by a professional.

He commented that members are enjoying some outdoor activities now. There will be an Explorer activity to the Alps in 2022. The plans for the next Jamboree to South Korea in 2023 is underway and adults are being selected to lead this. There will also be a project Africa trip in 2023 so things are beginning to take shape for the future of Scouting.

He expressed his thanks to all leaders in Loddon for keeping scouting going and special thanks to Geoff and Jenny for all their efforts.

The chair then thanked Nigel and his team for all that they had done in keeping County scouting going this year. He hoped that the next AGM in 2022 would be face-to-face.

#### 15. **Closing Remarks**

There were no other comments to be made so the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm. The next AGM is due to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## **District Commissioner Report 2021 – 2022**

**Coming out of the pandemic Loddon District is in a strong position to start growing again.**

With all the Groups now back to face-to-face meetings we are starting to see numbers grow in all sections around the District in particular Beaver Scouts are picking up nicely after being the section that saw the largest reduction in numbers. Cubs and Scouts both held onto most of their membership thanks to Leaders running some excellent programmes on Zoom and making the most of the short period when face to face activities were allowed between the lockdowns. I would like to thank Group Scout Leaders and section Leadership teams for all that you did within your Groups over the last two years.

Explorer Scouts remain strong with four meeting nights through the week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in both Woodley (based at Paddicks Patch) and on Wednesdays in Earley at Aldryngton Primary School. Thank you to Stuart Johnson and the Explorer Leaders for all your work with the Section and keeping things going during the Pandemic. Loddon is one of the few Districts in Berkshire to have an active Scout Network thanks Malcolm Fillingham Network Commissioner and his team.

We have recently seen the opening of our first Squirrel Drey for 4 to 6-year-olds at 5<sup>th</sup> Woodley. In the coming months I look forward to seeing that first Drey grow and may be see more Dreys opening across the District.

Supporting the groups are Section District teams, the District Executive, Adult Training Support, Scout Shop and Badges, Paddicks Patch team and Scout Active Support. All of whom have continued to support at both Group and District level.

In the last year I have had the privilege and honour to present various Long Service Awards, Wood Badges and in particular the following Leaders all of whom have been recognised by the Association for their outstanding service with the Award for Merit.

Karen Lockwood ACSL 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley  
Keith Boseley ASL 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodley and Warden Paddicks Patch  
Richard Best CSL 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave Wildcats & Pumas  
Pete Fry GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave  
Jane Prichard CSL 84<sup>th</sup> Reading Red Kites & Meerkats  
Alison Swaddle BSL 84<sup>th</sup> Reading

Thank you to our District President Mick Stocks and to the County team lead by Nigel Bevan County Commissioner for your support to both Loddon and Berkshire County.

Finally, I would like to thank Jenny Miller DDC, Donald Macdonald District Chair, Helen Price District Secretary, Ulla Swynford Lain Appointments Secretary, Simon Roberts District Treasurer, Jane Moore Local Training Administrator and Robin Phillips District Safety Manager for all your work and support for Loddon District during this last year.

**Geoff Barnes  
District Commissioner**

## **District Chairman's Report**

As life gets back to what we are now beginning to recognise as the new "normal", on behalf of the District Executive I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and commitment to continue to deliver Scouting to our young people and adults in Loddon District.

We have all had to make significant sacrifices over the last couple of years and keeping Scouting in good health locally has not come without much dedication and flexibility of approach to keep things moving.

Now that we are back to face-to-face meetings and events, we can begin to look forward to all the things we enjoy about Scouting once more.

Many of you will be interested as to where we are with the PP Rebuilding Project. Well, things have moved forward albeit at a slow pace these last 12 months. Getting building quotes has been far more challenging than ever imagined and the well of funds available for projects of the type we are pursuing is not what it was pre-COVID. The cost of the project has moved from c.£125K to over £200K. That said, we will continue to push on to deliver on the new building to the best of our ability. All ideas in relation to funding and funding sources will be gratefully received.

Looking ahead, we have plenty of work to do individually and collectively to ensure that Scouting continues to be a great thing to do for people of all ages in Loddon and I seek your continued support to keep Scouting in a strong place on the community agenda.

Donald MacDonald  
Chair, Loddon District Scouts

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL  
DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT Y/E 31/03/2022**

The district accounts for 2021/22 have been prepared as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Total Assets stood at £109,772 as at 31st March 2021 (£106,658 31/3/21).

The bank balance includes restricted funds totalling £66,789 which are used for specific purposes. Details of individual funds can be found in the Notes to the Accounts statement.

A surplus of Income over Expenditure of £3,114 was generated.

The District continued to be significantly affected by the Covid pandemic. This curtailed activities for Cubs / Beavers, District Scouts and Active Support Units. Consequently, there is no change in these groups' financial position. The Scout Shop, however, managed to trade and made a surplus of £3,666 compared to the previous year of £66.

There were no applications for the International Fund during the year, but the District made grants of £300 to each of the 15 World Scout Jamboree participants for 2023 in South Korea.

The District Executive Committee considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs in reserve and we continue to meet this requirement.

The Paddicks Patch Project continues, and planning permission has now been granted.

The section Groups are reported separately as part of the main District report.

The Receipts and Payment account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Loddon District Scout Council can be viewed in the attachments to this report.

We thank all the Group Treasurers, Group Scout Leaders, and Trustees for their continued support.

**Simon Roberts  
District Treasurer**

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2022**

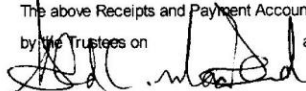
Charity No. 276613

	2021/22 Unrestricted Funds	2021/22 Restricted Funds	2021/22 Total Funds	2020/21 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for year	31,736	8,200	39,936	35,790
Total payments for year end	<u>35,822</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>36,822</u>	<u>27,421</u>
Net of receipts/(payments) for year	(4,086)	7,200	3,114	8,369
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
	(4,086)	7,200	3,114	8,369
Cash, bank & other net assets b/fwd	<u>47,069</u>	<u>59,589</u>	<u>106,658</u>	<u>98,289</u>
Cash, bank & other net assets c/fwd	<u>42,983</u>	<u>66,789</u>	<u>109,772</u>	<u>106,658</u>

**Summary of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2022**

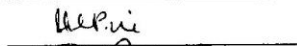
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	£	£	£	£
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Bank Balances	43,861	66,789	110,650	102,664
Cash In Hand	<u>157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>127</u>
	44,018	66,789	110,807	102,791
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Debts due from Group	-	-	-	-
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Scout Shop Stock	<u>9,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,636</u>	<u>11,326</u>
	53,654	66,789	120,443	114,117
<b>LIABILITIES -prepaid subs &amp; other adv pymts</b>	<u>10,671</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,671</u>	<u>7,459</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>42,983</u>	<u>66,789</u>	<u>109,772</u>	<u>106,658</u>

The above Receipts and Payment Account and Summary of Asset and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on their behalf



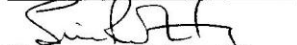
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Helen Price

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Simon Roberts

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## LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Donald MacDonald District Chair

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Helen Price District Secretary

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Simon Roberts District Treasurer

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2022

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Restricted funds £	2021/22 Total funds £	2020/21 Total funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	50,037	-	50,037	57,241
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(46,289)	-	(46,289)	(51,551)
Net membership subscriptions retained	3,748	-	3,748	5,690
Donations	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income/Legacy	-	8,200	8,200	13,430
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>11,948</b>	<b>19,120</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
Paddicks Patch Project	-	-	-	200
International Fund	-	-	-	-
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-	-
Explorer	22,997	-	22,997	16,151
Scout Active Support Unit	-	-	-	12
Paddicks Patch	1,047	-	1,047	165
Other fundraising activities -District Events	250	-	250	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,294</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,294</b>	<b>16,328</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest(COIF)	27	-	27	76
Scout Shop	3,666	-	3,666	66
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,693</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>31,736</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>39,936</b>	<b>35,790</b>
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>31,736</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>39,936</b>	<b>35,790</b>

## LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL Receipts and Payments Account

### Payments for the year ended 31st March 2022

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Restricted funds £	2021/22 Total funds £	2020/21 Total funds £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Premises - Paddicks Patch	4,006	-	4,006	2,368
Premises - Scout Shop	572	-	572	715
Section Expenses	-	-	-	-
International Fund	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	1,130	-	1,130	995
Insurance	238	-	238	238
Independent Examiners Fees	43	-	43	138
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
General Expenses	-	-	-	183
WSJ23 Grants	4,500	-	4,500	-
Fundraising Fees	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch Project	-	1,000	1,000	3,680
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	10,488	1,000	11,488	8,317
<b>Section Activities</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-	32
Explorer Scouts	25,054	-	25,054	18,751
Scout Active Support Unit	-	-	-	50
Other fundraising costs- District Events	279	-	279	271
<b>Sub total</b>	25,333	-	25,333	19,104
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	35,822	1,000	36,822	27,421
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	35,822	1,000	36,822	27,421
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	(4,086)	7,200	3,114	8,369
<b>Transfers between funds</b>				
Net assets last year end	47,069	59,589	106,658	98,289
<b>Net assets this year end</b>	42,983	66,789	109,772	106,658

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2022

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Restricted funds £	2021/22 Total funds £	2020/21 Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank-Loddon District Scout Council	25,060	7,200	32,260	23,570
Bank- COIF Deposit Fund	4,426	59,589	64,015	63,988
Bank- Scout Shop Account	4,582	-	4,582	3,256
Bank- District Scout Account	2,428	-	2,428	2,428
Bank- Explorer Scout Account	4,332	-	4,332	6,389
Bank-Loddon Scout Active Support	3,033	-	3,033	3,033
Cash/Floats	157	-	157	127
<b>Total cash funds</b>	44,018	66,789	110,807	102,791
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Shop items & Badges stock	9,636	-	9,636	11,326
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	9,636	-	9,636	11,326
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions paid in advance	10,021	-	10,021	7,459
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	650	-	650	-
<b>Sub total</b>	10,671	-	10,671	7,459
<b>Net assets</b>	42,983	66,789	109,772	106,658

### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

	<u>Explorer Scouts</u>	<u>Loddon District - Paddicks&amp;Shop</u>
(based on insurance values)		
Buildings	£20,000	£57,250
Contents&Equipment	£46,520	£22,550
Trailers	£8,254	

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to accompany the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities 2005 (SORP 2005), the Charities Act 1996 and applicable accounting standards.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The gross figure includes subscriptions due to Headquarters and County.

## 3. DONATIONS / GRANT / SIMILAR INCOME

The amount of £8,200 was received from various sources towards the PP Project, principally a Covid grant.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL FUND

The funds remain unchanged, and no requests have been received.

## 5. FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of this Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Council are deemed as restricted funds and are summarised below. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which this Council is responsible in law.

The total Restricted Funds for the year are £66,789.

<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>International Fund</b>	<b>Beavers a/c</b>	<b>Paddicks Patch Fund</b>
<b>Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	£2,716	£552	£63,521

## 6. PADDICKS PATCH

This wooded area of land in Waingels Road was donated to Loddon District Scouts in 1982 by Sidney Paddock for use as a camp site. In September 1990, a prefabricated building was donated by Barclays Bank and erected on the site. This is now the Loddon District Headquarters. The building will be reconstructed, and detailed planning work is currently being undertaken following receipt of full planning permission.

## 7. SECTIONS

The District Scout Explorers, Scout Active Support Unit and District Scouts maintain separate accounts. The District Cub and Beaver funds are included as restricted funds within the main account.

## 8. LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

Scout shop items have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Scout Shop maintains a separate account. The shop made a contribution of £3,666 to District funds in the year.

## 9. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

Trustees received expenses totalling £1,130 in the year to 31/3/22.

## 10. PUBLIC INTEREST

The District Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when deciding upon the activities for the year.

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (S)(b) of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

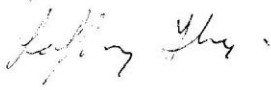
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**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.

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

Name: GEORGETY COX  
Signed:   
Address: 6 FOXES WALK  
CHARVIL  
READING. RG10 9TX  
Date: 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

## **Safety Co-ordinator Report 2021/2022**

Following on from last year's inspection at 1<sup>st</sup> Sonning, I had a very brief follow up discussion. The extent of the boundaries has been confirmed and work on housing their pioneering poles has commenced. The issues surrounding storage of the group's gas cylinders have not yet been solved.

The County safety ASU have been progressing asbestos safety audits with the Groups in the county that have their own premises. So far, no issues have been reported in Loddon District. Groups however need to remain vigilant because of the range of products that had an asbestos content in the past.

Owing to a period of poor health over the last six months I was not able to make any firm commitments to carry out site surveys. These I plan to resume after the summer break.

Robin Phillips  
District Safety Co-ordinator

### **LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP**

Total sales for the year were £30,223, of which £19,634 (65%) was for Loddon District, £10,214 was for Wokingham (34%) and £375 was others.

Badge sales of £10,344 represented 34% of the turnover, of which Loddon groups purchases were £6,204 and Wokingham £4,139.

Payment by card is now by far the most popular method, and for which we have incurred a handling fee of £280. Where possible we have encouraged payment by bank transfer, particularly in that this enables Group Treasurers to make payment for their groups rather than leaders having to pay then claim back.

We were able to return £1,983 to groups in the form of rebates and transfer £4,000 of surplus funds to the District.

We have encountered a problem during the latter part of the year with obtaining supplies of uniform, neckers and badges from the Scout Association. Had we been able to re-stock our shelves, we could have sold a lot more. It looks like this could be an ongoing problem for some time to come.

We are now very short of helpers as quite a few of our team of volunteers either cannot or did not wish to continue once we re-opened after the Covid closure. Our current group of 6 teams come from only 5 of the 13 groups in the District. Please contact us if you know of anyone who would like to join us.

Barbara Loring  
Shop Manager

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 276613

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY No 276613



**91<sup>st</sup>**

**Annual General Meeting**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

# **WELCOME**

*The President and District Officials cordially  
welcome you to the*

## **91<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Loddon District Scout Council**

**On**

**Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**via**

**Zoom**

*The agenda for the meeting, the minutes of the last  
AGM and the various reports are set out in the  
following pages.*

# **LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

## **Annual General Meeting**

*Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm*

*Zoom*

### **AGENDA**

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
4. The District Commissioner's review of Scouting in Loddon District
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Executive Committee including the annual Statement of the Accounts.
6. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair
7. Election of the District Secretary
8. Election of the District Treasurer
9. Elections of members to the District Executive Committee
10. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee
11. Election of Group Scouters to represent the District on Berkshire County Scout Council
12. To appoint the Independent Examiner
13. Presentations
14. Comments by County Commissioner
15. Close

## **Minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Loddon District Scout Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 over Zoom & commencing at 8.00pm**

### **1. Introduction and welcome**

The President, Mick Stocks, opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

He then commented on what a strange way it was to hold an AGM! He said that we have been in strange times for 6 months, and of course it's been a challenging time for the young and not so young; worries about Covid itself; the impact it's had on family & friends; socialising; schooling, lifestyle, travel, work, the economy, the list is endless, and we know from guidelines, in fact legislation, given today that we are not yet out of the woods.

Yet, against this challenging background, adult volunteers seem to be keen to make sure Scouting returns as soon as it can. We have even had online programmes, contact with our members, and some limited outdoor activities. This speaks volumes of the dedication of our adult volunteers, and he wanted to thank everyone for staying on the Scouting journey particularly at this difficult time.

Personally, he believes that young people will need the fun and friendship of Scouting even more when we come out of this situation. So, we need our adult volunteers even more. Please hang in there!

But we have to be patient and follow guidance from the government and The Scout Association. The TSA guidance, with tips, is available on the County website. We also need to respect that some of our adult volunteers will need longer to feel at ease in returning to Scouting and that must be ok! Again, thanks for all you have done pre-Covid, during Covid, and will do to get Scouting back to where it should be.

Before handing back to Donald to Chair the AGM he wanted to thank him and the Executive; and to thank Geoff, Jenny, and the District Team for all their hard work, often unseen and at times not an easy task!

He said Donald would bring us up to speed on the Paddicks Patch project, but he just wanted to thank Donald and his project team for all their work, again mostly in the background. This work has continued during lockdown, and he had seen the professional and detailed work, there have been reports, surveys, applications, and of course some fundraising. A new building at PP is something that we can all look forward to and be proud of.

So, with lots of thanks and appreciation, he passed the meeting to Donald.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from, Simon Pickett, Pete Jeffreys, Chris Fido, Ross Burton, Phil Redrup, Malcolm Fillingham, Hannah Lee, Paul Fahey, Joan Fahey, Ian Loring, Barbara Loring & Ian Aitken.

3. **Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 19 June 2019.**

The District Chair, Donald MacDonald, then took over chairing the meeting by welcoming all those present to our 90<sup>th</sup> AGM, in particular Nigel Bevan our County Commissioner and James Mulligan, Deputy County Commissioner. Some 19 District members also attended.

He said the Paddicks Patch Project had been a long road and that Thames Water have been very cooperative in that we will have mains water in the new building. Keith Walker from Haslams has been our project manager for two years and has worked very hard for us for no remuneration. 60% of the funding is now in place and we hope to get the rest once the application has been approved by Wokingham District Council, which hopefully should be in November.

The minutes of the 90th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 have been previously reviewed by the District Executive and were agreed as a true record of the meeting by Tom Toy with a show of hands to approve.

4. **District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in Loddon District**

In addition to his written report Geoff said that this had been a strange year but that plenty of Scouting had happened before the lockdown. He highlighted the fact that a long-awaited new Explorer base had been opened in Lower Earley. He said that the Network Unit had been started up and that Malcolm Fillingham was doing a great job in kick starting it.

99th Reading had closed their Beaver Colony last year and County had helped them to reopen it with the support of Sam Lamb, in January. He hoped it would flourish when Scouting returns to normal.

We have a new ADC (Scouts) in Pete Rogers who is an experienced Scouter. Darren Early has taken over the role of GSL at 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Earley and Mark Royle is our new AGSL at 1<sup>st</sup> Charvil.

Our Treasurer Lucy Collaco sadly died at the beginning of lockdown, which was a shock to us all, we will miss her.

We are working hard to get our provisional and pre-provisional leaders to do their training in line with guidance from headquarters.

Lots of our Scouts have been achieving badges during lockdown, we have taken part in the camp at home event, in fact 306 scouts took part.

Many thanks to all our leaders for their hard work throughout the year and we hope for another successful year ahead.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Geoff for his part in keeping Scouting running in the District.

5. **To receive and consider the annual report of the District Executive Committee including the annual statement of accounts.**

The Chair said that as trustees, the District Executive Committee has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. We are extremely grateful to Geoff Cox for getting the end of year accounts finalised. We have plenty of reserves in place thanks to Lucy's good management. As our Treasurer was unable to attend, he would undertake to answer any questions. There were none.

6. **To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair.**

Donald then handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to Geoff the DC, who nominated Donald as District Chair and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.

7. **To elect the District Secretary** – Helen Price has been formally proposed and seconded, so we now need a show of hands to approve the election. This was agreed unanimously.

8. **To elect the District Treasurer** – Simon Roberts has been formally proposed and seconded, so we now need a show of hands to approve the election. This was agreed unanimously.

9. **Nominations to the District Scout Council**

There are three nominations: -

The Youth Commissioner – Hannah Lee

The District Explorer Commissioner – Stuart Johnson

The District Network Commissioner – Malcolm Fillingham

10. **To elect persons to the District Executive Committee**

The Secretary then listed the following people as having been formally proposed and seconded.

Beaver Scout Section – vacant

Cub Section – vacant

Scout Section – Pete Rogers

District Scout Active Support – Chris Fido

Safety co-ordinator – Robin Phillips

The Chair then asked for a show of hands to approve the elections which was given unanimously.

11. **District Commissioner's nominations**

The DC then nominated Ulla Swynford-Lain as District Appointment Secretary and Jenny Lamprell as Deputy DC.

These nominations were noted by the meeting.

The Chair then thanked the District Executive Committee for their work throughout the year.

12. **Election of representative to the County Scout Council**

The Secretary then said that Tom Toy, GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scout Group had been proposed and seconded and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.

13. **Appointment of Hon Independent Examiner**

The Chair then said that Geoff Cox had been proposed and seconded and asked for a show of hands to approve the nomination. This was agreed unanimously.

14. **County Commissioner's Comments**

Nigel Bevan said that he had read our reports with great interest as they listed the activities, we used to be able to do before the lockdown. This has been a very difficult time for us all and many of our leaders have put on fantastic programmes via Zoom. We thought that we were getting back to face-to-face meetings but as there was another announcement today, we will wait to see how it will affect us. We know that HQ is in consultation with the relevant departments, and we should know within 72 hours what will happen. WINGS was postponed this year and also the European Jamboree and we now need to know how best we can support our Groups. There may well be a number of young people who won't come back to Scouting and also some leaders, but our County LDO and VDO will help those who need support when returning. We are trying to help people with programme support online.

Mick Stocks is looking at meeting places and risk assessments for the buildings. We have benefitted from the finance and leisure & hospitality grant and £600,000 has gone into various Groups in the County. It may be necessary to set up a hardship fund as some Groups will be struggling over the next few months. We are trying to get all our leaders to complete their mandatory training. He had been bombarded with league tables and pleased to say that we are now 6<sup>th</sup> in the country, we have 7% noncompliance, but we need to get this down to 2%. The Great Orme tragedy last year has deeply affected Scouting. My thanks to Geoff and Jenny for their hard work, we have a way to go but thank you to all for all you do for Scouting.

15. **Closing Remarks**

There were no other comments to be made so the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.32pm. The next AGM is due to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## DISTRICT COMMISSIONER REVIEW 2020 – 2021

Scouting in Loddon District continues to be good; This however is set against the Covid 19 Pandemic which has seen Face to Face Scouting suspended for much of the year, Sections have adapted to running weekly or fortnightly meetings on Zoom with some really outstanding programmes that shows how adaptable Scouting can be.

Our membership has taken a hit due to the lockdowns with reductions in all sections, Beaver Scouts have taken the brunt of the losses, but this is also reflected across the Country and Loddon has actually fared better than a lot of Districts even in our own County. Over the coming twelve months we should see sections starting to grow again and there are plans in place to support this growth. In fact, we are already starting to see that growth with a new Scout Troop at 1st Lower Earley and Beaver recruitment at 3rd Woodley.

Lots of our sections have now started meeting face to face again and with restrictions easing and changes made to the Scout Association guidelines it is now easier for sections to run their programmes outdoors. Indoor meetings are also now possible but are still restricted by social distancing, let us hope June 21st will see a final relaxation in the government's rules covering Covid-19.

We will have to wait a little longer before we can restart Nights Away events. I know that there are Packs and Troops who are just waiting for the greenlight, plans are in place so as soon as we get the go ahead these activities can start again. Sections can however organise day length activities so trips to local attractions, water-based activities and hikes are all now possible.

We continue to do well with our Getting Started Training although we do currently have a few folk who are outside the 5 month deadline so GSL's need to ensure these folk are picked up and the training is completed. We are also doing well with our Safety and Safeguarding Training and DBS checks with few outside the HQ targets for both of these. There are however a lot of folk who now need to book onto a First Aid Course and complete the online Modules. Some more work is also required on Wood Badges that are due for completion in September. Jane Moore continues to inform GSLs about all matters of training – thank you Jane.

The Scout Shop has recently reopened to face to face Customers but it continued trading through the lockdowns with Badge Orders being taken by email and then delivered to Customers and sales of Uniform made from the Garden of Barbara and Ian, thank you both for keeping this service going through the last twelve months.

We are moving ahead with our plans for the new District HQ building and associated works at our camp site Paddicks Patch. We have received a number of grants through the pandemic and I hope in the coming twelve months we will be able to start some of the work.

Congratulations to Richard Best CSL 1st Wargrave Wildcats on the award of the Award for Merit. I will be presenting Richard with his Award face to face in July. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in Loddon for what you have done in keeping Scouting going over the last twelve months it has been the most challenging time I have known but we have come through it and hopefully we are in a strong position to move forward.

Geoff Barnes  
District Commissioner

## **DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

As I write this, it doesn't feel that long since our last AGM. Of course as we all know, it isn't that long either, because we had to delay our 2020 AGM until the Autumn because of the Covid pandemic.

Life as we know it for the past year has been far from normal and indeed whatever "normal" looks like going forward is still anyone's guess.

In the meantime we have all done our best to continue to deliver Scouting when we have been permitted/able and this has called on all our resourcefulness. We have needed to learn new and different skills and the way in which Scouting has been delivered is quite different from anything that has gone before. Who would have thought of Scouting by Zoom even 18 months ago?!

We hope that the second half of 2021 allows us to rebuild and get ourselves back in shape so that we can deliver Scouting for our young people and adults once again.

There are probably learnings and practices that we have embraced during the pandemic that can help us in the months and years ahead and we can benefit by reflecting on our ways of working.

It has been a challenging time for us all and continues to be so, and the freedoms we have perhaps taken for granted are maybe a bit more appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of Scouting in Loddon and for doing your bit to keep things going in challenging times.

Our patience, fortitude and diligence will be rewarded in the times ahead.

Donald MacDonald  
Loddon District Chairman

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT Y/E 31/03/2021**

The district accounts for 2020/21 have been prepared as required by the Charities Act 2011.

Total Assets stood at £106,658 as at 31st March 2021 (£98,289 31/3/20).

The bank balance includes restricted funds totalling £59,589 which are used for specific purposes. Details of individual funds can be found in the Notes to the Accounts statement.

A surplus of Income over Expenditure of £8,369 was generated.

The District has been significantly affected by the Covid pandemic. This has curtailed most activities and the Scout Shop has been similarly affected. The contribution for the year is £66.

There were no applications for the International Fund during the year.

The District Executive Committee considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs in reserve and we continue to meet this requirement.

The Paddicks Patch Project continues, and planning permission has now been granted.

The section Groups are reported separately as part of the main District report.

The Receipts and Payment account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Loddon District Scout Council can be viewed in the attachments to this report.

We thank all the Group Treasurers, Group Scout Leaders and Trustees for their continued support.

**Simon Roberts**  
**District Treasurer**

**LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2021**

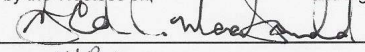
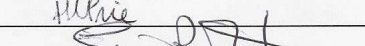
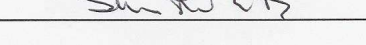
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	2020/21 Unrestricted Funds £	2020/21 Restricted Funds £	2020/21 Total Funds £	2019/20 Total Funds £
Total receipts for year	22,160	13,630	35,790	64,320
Total payments for year end	23,741	3,680	27,421	59,591
Net of receipts/(payments) for year	(1,581)	9,950	8,369	4,729
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
	(1,581)	9,950	8,369	4,729
Cash, bank & other net assets b/fwd	48,650	49,639	98,289	93,560
Cash, bank & other net assets c/fwd	47,069	59,589	106,658	98,289

**Summary of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2021**

	2020/21 Unrestricted Funds £	2020/21 Restricted Funds £	2020/21 Total Funds £	2019/20 Total Funds £
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Bank Balances	43,075	59,589	102,664	92,202
Cash In Hand	127	-	127	109
	43,202	59,589	102,791	92,311
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Debts due from Group	-	-	-	-
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Scout Shop Stock	11,326	-	11,326	12,014
	54,528	59,589	114,117	104,325
<b>LIABILITIES -prepaid subscription</b>	7,459	-	7,459	6,036
<b>Net Assets</b>	47,069	59,589	106,658	98,289

The above Receipts and Payment Account and Summary of Asset and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on their behalf

	Donald MacDonal	District Chair
	Helen Price	District Secretary
	Simon Roberts	District Treasurer

## LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL Receipts and Payments Account

### Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Restricted funds £	2020/21 Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	57,241	-	57,241	55,067
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(51,551)	-	(51,551)	(49,483)
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,690	-	5,690	5,584
Donations	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income/Legacy	-	13,430	13,430	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,690</b>	<b>13,430</b>	<b>19,120</b>	<b>5,584</b>
<b>Grants</b>				
Paddicks Patch Project	-	200	200	4,690
International Fund	-	-	-	-
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	2,780
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>7,470</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	-	-	4,218
Scouts	-	-	-	1,487
Explorer	16,151	-	16,151	38,726
Scout Active Support Unit	12	-	12	342
Paddicks Patch	165	-	165	2,378
Other fundraising activities - District Events	-	-	-	50
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,328</b>	<b>47,201</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest(COIF)	76	-	76	389
Scout Shop	66	-	66	2,476
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2,865</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>22,160</b>	<b>13,630</b>	<b>35,790</b>	<b>63,120</b>
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	1,200
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>22,160</b>	<b>13,630</b>	<b>35,790</b>	<b>64,320</b>

## LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL Receipts and Payments Account

### Payments for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Restricted funds £	2020/21 Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Premises - Paddicks Patch	2,368	-	2,368	3,205
Premises - Scout Shop	715	-	715	680
Section Expenses	-	-	-	512
International Fund	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	995	-	995	1,220
Insurance	238	-	238	218
Independent Examiners Fees	138	-	138	100
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
General Expenses	183	-	183	-
Paddicks Patch-Pre Plan fees	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Fees	-	-	-	-
Paddicks Patch Project	-	3,680	3,680	2,000
Berkshire Scouts Jamboree	-	-	-	4,523
<b>Sub total</b>	4,637	3,680	8,317	12,458
<b>Section Activities</b>				
Cubs/Beavers	-	-	-	4,253
Scouts	32	-	32	1,834
Explorer Scouts	18,751	-	18,751	40,636
Scout Active Support Unit	50	-	50	95
Other fundraising costs- District Events	271	-	271	315
<b>Sub total</b>	19,104	-	19,104	47,133
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	23,741	3,680	27,421	59,591
To COIF a/c	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	23,741	3,680	27,421	59,591
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	1,581	9,950	8,369	4,729
<b>Transfers between funds</b>				
Net assets last year end	48,650	49,639	98,289	93,560
<b>Net assets this year end</b>	47,069	59,589	106,658	98,289

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

## Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2021

	31/03/21	31/03/21	31/03/21	31/03/20
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank-Loddon District Scout Council	23,570	-	23,570	11,250
Bank- COIF Deposit Fund	4,399	59,589	63,988	63,912
Bank- Scout Shop Account	3,256	-	3,256	2,508
Bank- District Scout Account	2,428	-	2,428	2,460
Bank- Explorer Scout Account	6,389	-	6,389	8,989
Bank-Loddon Scout Active Support	3,033	-	3,033	3,083
Cash/Floats	127	-	127	109
<b>Total cash funds</b>	43,202	59,589	102,791	92,311
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>				
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Shop items & Badges stock	11,326	-	11,326	12,014
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	11,326	-	11,326	12,014
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions paid in advance	7,459	-	7,459	6,036
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	7,459	-	7,459	6,036
<b>Net assets</b>	47,069	59,589	106,658	98,289

### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

(based on insurance values)	<u>Explorer Scouts</u>	<u>Loddon District - Paddicks&amp;Shop</u>
Buildings	£20,000	£57,250
Contents&Equipment	£46,520	£22,550
Trailers	£8,254	

# LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Notes to accompany the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities 2005 (SORP 2005), the Charities Act 1996 and applicable accounting standards.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The gross figure includes subscriptions due to Headquarters and County.

## 3. DONATIONS/GRANT

The amount of £200 was received from various sources towards the PP Project.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL FUND

The funds remain unchanged and no requests have been received.

## 5. FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of this Council that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Council are deemed as restricted funds and are summarised below. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which this Council is responsible in law.

The total Restricted Funds for the year are £59,589.

<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>International Fund</b>	<b>Beavers a/c</b>	<b>Paddicks Patch Fund</b>
<b>Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	£2,716	£552	£56,321

## 6. PADDICKS PATCH

This wooded area of land in Waingels Road was donated to Loddon District Scouts in 1982 by Sidney Paddick for use as a camp site. In September 1990, a prefabricated building was donated by Barclays Bank and erected on the site. This is now the Loddon District Headquarters. The building will be reconstructed, and detailed planning work is currently being undertaken following receipt of full planning permission.

## 7. SECTIONS

The District Scout Explorers, Scout Active Support Unit and District Scouts maintain separate accounts. The District Cub and Beaver funds are included as restricted funds within the main account.

## 8. LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

Scout shop items have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Scout Shop maintains a separate account. The shop made a contribution of £66 to District funds in the year.

## 9. TRUSTEE EXPENSES

Trustees received expenses totalling £995 in the year to 31/3/21.

## 10. PUBLIC INTEREST

The District Council meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when deciding upon the activities for the year.

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of LODDON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (S)(b) of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**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.

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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Signed: 

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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021

## **Loddon District** **Scout Section Report - 2021**

Tentative restarts and inversely rapid returns to Zoom meetings has been the theme of the year so far, with the usual District Scout events all falling victim to the restrictions we have all had to endure throughout the year.

However, with the “light at the end of the tunnel” approaching, there is hope that maybe things can return to something like normal this year, whether this is in time to save Summer Camps, remains to be seen.

I have a suspicion that local or low resource camps are likely to be the most realistic scenarios for the foreseeable future, but I am sure we will rise to the challenge like normal.

Numbers of Scouts and Leaders across the Troops has also declined, in line with County and national levels. Unfortunately, the Beaver section appears to have taken the brunt of the declining numbers, but I believe there is time to minimise any effect this may have on Troop sizes over the coming years.

Around the District, Scout Troops have continued in the spirit of Scouting, with the Leaders continuing to “do their best” to organise activities that engage the Scouts however they can.

The return of Troops restarting from lockdown is lower in Loddon compared to the rest of the County but is being investigated on a Troop-by-Troop basis to see if District can assist in any way to allow for Troops to restart as soon as possible.

Whilst the recent extension of the Zoom licenses until May 2022 announced by TSA are welcome, hopefully these will be used in the future as an infrequent tool to supplement the Scouting programme and not become the norm like last year.

There is no news to report on the Murray Plate this year as the Scout Leaders decided to postpone the competition, however we are all looking forward to the Great Breakfast Chase (restrictions permitting) being back on the menu for this October.

Finally, I would like to say an especially large thank you to every Scout in Loddon for the past year. Their enthusiasm during these exceptional times has helped make being a volunteer just that little bit easier, and more worthwhile and cannot wait to see you all again at future District Events.

**Thank You!**

**Peter Rogers “Zed”**  
**ADC Scouts**

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## LOODON DISTRICT SCOUT NETWORK



### AGM 2021 UPDATE

It has been a difficult year for Network with lock down and the members not really getting to spend any time together. In October over half the membership went off to various parts of the country to university.

Over the year we have held zoom meetings on a monthly bases with mixed attendance and we did manage a local hike earlier in the year when restrictions were lifted.

We are hope that as the members return and restrictions are lifted, we can start to meet again face to face.

Links with the Explorers need to be enhanced so that we can encourage those Explorer scouts that reach 18 move on to Network.

At the close of the year, we have 15 members and 2 Leaders.

Malcolm  
District Network Commissioner

### LODDON DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT ANNUAL REPORT 2021

This year has continued in much the same way as last year. We have all been carefully isolating and have not held any face-to-face meetings either indoors or out. We did however start to hold our bimonthly meeting over Zoom in January. Most of our members can access Zoom so our first meeting was just a chat to catch up with everyone's doings throughout the pandemic.

Our second meeting in March took the form of a show and tell which gave people a chance to talk about something related to Scouting or not as they chose, this was very successful.

For our May meeting we arranged for a speaker to join us to tell us about the statues and sculptures in and around Reading, which was extremely interesting. We hope to be able to go and see some of them when we are able.

If restrictions continue to relax then we hope to resume our face-to-face meetings on September 20th, at a venue to be confirmed.

We will be very happy to welcome any new members, we meet on the third Monday of the month on alternate months so September, November, March & May. We hold a meal in January and July and usually go on a visit in June. Anyone wishing to join us for any meeting will be very welcome. We plan to publish our programme on the District website.

Chris Fido  
Manager, Loddon District Active Support Unit

## **Safety Co-ordinator Report**

As there has been little face-to-face Scouting over the past year, only one safety inspection has taken place at 1<sup>st</sup> Sonning.

I have been working as part of a small team within the district to progress authorisations for return to face-to-face meetings. As lockdown restrictions ease, I am hopeful that this work will increase.

The code of practice for the testing of portable electrical appliances (PAT Testing) has been updated to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Some of the changes in measurement limits mean not all testers currently in use are capable of measuring to the new test limits. In practice this probably has little effect on deciding if equipment is safe to use. From experience most faults become apparent during a visual examination.

Fixed wiring installations now come under the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the wiring regulations. All cabling now needs to be supported along its route to prevent the cable dropping in the event of a fire. This used to apply only to entrance and exit routes. The days of draping data and video leads over suspended ceilings are gone!

Hopefully as Scouting begins to reopen, I will be able to carry out further safety audits within the District.

Robin Phillips

District Safety Co-ordinator.

## **Shop Report 2021**

Although the shop was not actually open during the year, we did set up a mail order delivery/collection system, which enabled us to sell £4646 worth of stock, of which £2895 was for badges.

We were hoping to open the shop in September, but then another lock down came, so it remained shut until after Easter.

Our expenses getting set up for Covid safety and the purchase of a card machine amounted to £231. The majority of our takings are now through the card machine.

Our sales would not have covered our costs for the year, but fortunately 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley kindly returned our £900 rent as they had received a grant from the Council.

Some of our volunteer assistants have decided not to come back at present, so we have altered our Thursday trading hours to 4 to 7pm, which is working well. Saturday's hours remain the same.

Barbara and Ian Loring