

CROUCH VALLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1980-07-18

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Education/training activities in respect of scouting

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CROUCH VALLEY DISTRICT
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£93,668	£90,423	-	-
2024-03-31	£64,099	£80,298	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,644	£70,660	-	-
2022-03-31	£47,804	£33,618	-	-
2021-03-31	£50,881	£57,873	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SAM BLUNDELL	Chair	2025-06-11
ANDREW AUSTIN		
David Louis Offord		2022-06-01
Helen Jane Kalloo		2019-10-06
Mark Martin		2024-01-01
Mark Stephen Gibson		2016-10-06
Matthew Buckley		2024-01-01
Paul Andrew Stafford		2018-12-18
Zoe Read		2020-10-14

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Legal name: Crouch Valley District Scout Council

Registered number: 280514

Trustees:	A Austin	District Chair
	P Stafford	District Lead Volunteer
	M Buckley	District Youth Representative
	Z Read	District Treasurer
	D Offord	District Secretary
	M Gibson	14-24 Team Leader
	M Martin	Development Team Leader
	S Blundell	District Trustee
	H Kalloo	District Trustee

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Objectives and activities

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

Crouch Valley District Scout Council ('the District') exists to guide and support the 14 individual Scout groups within the lower River Crouch valley. Accordingly its principal activities are to provide District wide access to various support services and to provide District wide events for the benefit of those Scouts. The District is a managerial and support function for the activities of the various Scout groups operating underneath it in the local area.

Structure, governance and management

The District is a charity registered in the United Kingdom and a sub-unit of the Scout Association. It is therefore governed by Royal Charter granted in 1912 and operates as required by the stipulations and instructions of the Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Executive under the leadership of the District Commissioner and the Chairman. The Executive meet regularly throughout the year to discuss and decide upon the operation of the District. The Executive is also assisted by number of sub-committees who are responsible for specific affairs within the District and are appointed on an ad-hoc basis either permanently or temporarily as needs arise.

In accordance with Scouting regulations, Explorer Scout units and Scout Network organisations within the local geographical area are also under the remit of the District itself (unlike individual Scout groups which are separate entities in their own right). Led by the District Explorer and Network Scout Commissioners, Explorers and Network maintain their own management executive independent from (but reportable to) the District itself.

The annexed accounts for the District therefore include the activities of District as a body plus the District Explorer units and the District Network units included therein.

The Trustees are pleased to note Scouting remains strong in the District, with a 5% increase in overall membership against last year.

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Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The District continues to maintain its active and broad profile of Scouting activities within the local community. Intra-District competition remains both popular and competitive.

The District's core Scouting calendar remains generally unchanged with most intra-District events well attended by most groups. Well refined deliveries mean certain events remain hugely popular (such as the Beaver swimming gala or the Cub hike) and meanwhile the leadership teams continually review options for new ideas whether as new activities at Renewal of Promise or as standalone events. On a whole District level, the all section Renewal of Promise weekend runs each April and has been well attended over the last year.

Due to a lack of use, making it unsustainable to continue to meet operating costs, the Executive took the decision to retire its minibus during the year. As the costs of restoring it properly exceeded its likely re-sale value, the Executive elected to gift the minibus to an interested Trustee who had freely donated countless hours of maintenance work during its ownership by the District.

As the annexed notes demonstrate, the amount of young people benefiting directly from local Scouting remains as strong as ever. Unfortunately recruiting and retaining adult volunteers to facilitate this delivery continues to remain a problem across the District (and indeed wider Scouting) with many adults therefore holding multiple roles. As always, further volunteer recruitment remains a key strategic focus for the Executive.

The Executive are also pleased to note a renewed interest in the Network (18 to 24) provision; this has happened since the year end. The executive are working closely with the leadership team to ensure it has access to the necessary support to re-establish this extension to the Scouting programme in the local area.

During this year the District has seen a significant reduction in its cash reserves following a large amount of refurbishment being done to Ark Lane inclusive of installing up to date heating and air conditioning for the site.

Finally, the Executive would like to offer their thanks to all those volunteers who give so much so freely for the benefit of the Scouts within the District's remit. Like all Scouting the District is highly dependent on the fantastic work all its adult volunteers undertake, always far beyond what is expected of them and usually freely given without proper recognition. On behalf of those Scouts who benefit - thank you.

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Financial review

The District strives to keep sufficient reserves to service its current financial requirements and realistic potential liabilities without cumulating large surpluses which would be better used for Scouting purposes.

When setting the District's annual subscriptions, the Executive has due regard for the District's current level of reserves and therefore attempts to balance the next year's funding requirements with the existing funds available. A substantial proportion of those subscriptions are also paid on to Essex Scouts and headquarters – note 3 to the annexed accounts shows the small proportion the District actually retains to fund its operations.

Ordinary operative costs continue to increase on all fronts but this is particularly felt at Ark Lane where maintenance work is regular and sometimes requires external expertise to be bought in. Nevertheless, a tranche of investment during the year has improved the facilities substantially – and the Executive are keen to encourage Scouts near and far to make the most of this site.

At the 31st March 2025 the District had the following reserves:	£
District reserves	364,196
Explorer reserves	33,052
Network reserves	702
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	397,950
Of which restricted	(568)
Unrestricted reserves	<hr/> <hr/>
	397,382

Although the above reserves show a very strong overall financial position, the Executive are mindful that it invested heavily into the development of Priory Chase / the Birches and therefore the majority of its reserves are tied up in property rather than freely available cash.

Furthermore, the combined District figures include not only the District's activities themselves but also the District's Ark Lane site, the active Explorer units (including a young leader unit) and the local Network.

Zoe Read
District Treasurer

Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025			2,024
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	17,142	-	17,142	14,500
Activities for generating funds	2,658	-	2,658	2,519
Investment income	16	-	16	12
Incoming resources from charitable activities	67,052	-	67,052	43,498
Other incoming resources	6,800	-	6,800	3,570
Total incoming resources	93,668	-	93,668	64,099
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating funds	(3,293)	-	(3,293)	(3,165)
Fundraising trading costs	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	(87,130)	-	(87,130)	(69,861)
Other resources expended	-	-	-	(7,272)
Total expenditure	(90,423)	-	(90,423)	(80,298)
Net incoming resources before transfers	3,245	-	3,245	(16,199)
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	3,245	-	3,245	(16,199)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
District	(14,805)	-	(14,805)	(20,977)
Explorers	18,050	-	18,050	4,778
Network	-	-	-	-
Total movement	3,245	-	3,245	(16,199)
FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	394,137	568	394,705	410,904
Restatement from previous periods	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	3,245	-	3,245	(16,199)
Total funds carried forward	397,382	568	397,950	394,705

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BALANCE SHEET

	31ST MARCH 2025			2024
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	282,408	-	282,408	289,597
Total fixed assets	<u>282,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,408</u>	<u>289,597</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Badge stocks	499	-	499	423
Debtors				
Income receivable	11,289	-	11,289	-
Prepayments	1,551	-	1,551	1,722
Other debtors	-	-	-	74
Total debtors	<u>12,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,840</u>	<u>1,796</u>
Cash at bank and in hand				
Scout investment service	-	-	-	-
District main account	115,884	568	116,452	115,133
Ark Lane account	6,891	-	6,891	18,602
District cash	330	-	330	529
Explorer main account	14,370	-	14,370	1,990
Explorer subs account	7,921	-	7,921	4,648
Explorer D of E account	1,551	-	1,551	760
Explorer expense account	318	-	318	185
District events account	785	-	785	-
Network main account	702	-	702	663
Network cash	-	-	-	-
Total cash at bank and in hand	<u>148,752</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>149,320</u>	<u>142,510</u>
Total current assets	<u>162,091</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>162,659</u>	<u>144,729</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-
Deferred income	(6,223)	-	(6,223)	(5,058)
Other creditors	(40,894)	-	(40,894)	(34,563)
Total current liabilities	<u>(47,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,117)</u>	<u>(39,621)</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>397,382</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>397,950</u>	<u>394,705</u>
FUNDS				
District funds				
General	363,628	-	363,628	378,433
Outreach	-	568	568	568
Explorer funds				
General	33,052	-	33,052	15,002
Network funds				
General	702	-	702	702
Total funds	<u>397,382</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>397,950</u>	<u>394,705</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Z Read

District Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

The District is a registered charity in England with charity number 280514. The charity's full title is Crouch Valley District Scout Council and it is operated in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules as set out by the Scout Association.

The District principally operates in the lower valley of the River Crouch, Essex, which encompasses Rochford, Hockley, Rayleigh, Hawkwell, Hullbridge and Canewdon.

2 Accounting policies

a. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Charities Act 2011.

The District meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

b. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This view is supported by the receipt of membership contributions from within the district and its level of reserves.

c. Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with suitable reliability.

Membership subscriptions: Membership subscriptions are reported net of any amounts collected on behalf of and payable to other parts of the Scout Movement. The District's share of membership subscriptions received are recognised as income in the period to which the subscription is attributable. Subscriptions are typically collected immediately before the balance sheet date in respect of the subsequent accounting period - in this case the subscriptions are deferred to the later reporting period.

Grants and donations: Grants and donations are only recognised as income when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities: These are only included within incoming resources (with an equivalent expenditure included in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received. The value of voluntary help received is not recognised.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

d. Allocation of income and expenditure

The District's activities also include those of the District based Explorer and Network sections and the separately identifiable activities of its Ark Lane campsite. All income and expenditure is attributable directly to one of the District's core activities and separate bank accounts and management figures are maintained to ensure the District's activities are kept identifiable. Consequently, no income or expenditure requires general apportionment across the District's activities.

e. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the total amounts outstanding can be accurately identified.

f. Tangible assets

Land and buildings are carried at historical cost, less provision for depreciation over 50 years or the remainder of the lease period (whichever is the shorter). Depreciation is recognised only once assets under construction have been brought into use.

Other equipment additions are recognised as a fixed asset only where the individual cost exceeds £1,000 per item. Depreciation is charged at 15% reducing balance.

g. Stocks

Stocks of badges held for resale are recognised at the lower of cost and net sales value.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2025	2024
Voluntary income		
District capitation	45,846	39,735
Capitation paid on to UK / Essex County Scouts	(40,894)	(34,563)
Net District capitation retained	4,952	5,172
District Explorer subscriptions	12,190	9,328
District Network subscriptions	-	-
Total voluntary income	17,142	14,500
Activities for generating funds		
Badge sales	2,658	2,504
Minibus hire	-	15
	2,658	2,519
Investment income		
Interest received	16	12
	16	12
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Event income	10,368	9,117
Ark Lane camping fees and usage charges	3,809	8,897
District charitable activities	14,177	18,014
Explorer camp and event income	48,254	21,531
Duke of Edinburgh income	4,621	3,953
Explorer charitable activities	52,875	25,484
Total charitable activity income	67,052	43,498
Other incoming resources		
Local council grants	-	-
Donations received	3,000	-
Gift aid reclaims	-	-
Other income receivable	3,800	3,570
Total other income receivable	6,800	3,570
Total incoming resources	93,668	64,099

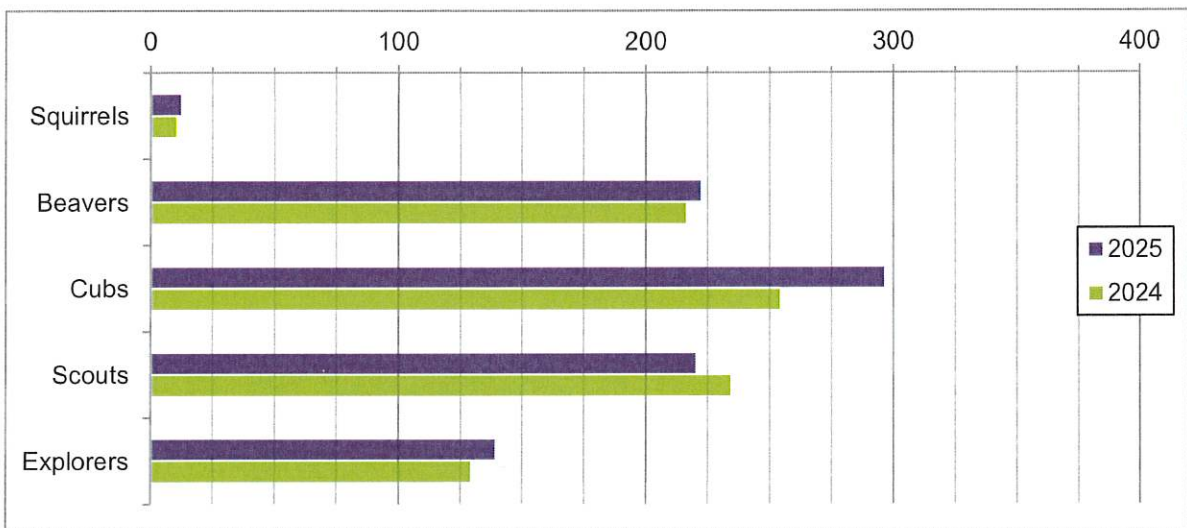
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3 Analysis of incoming resources (cont'd)

In the February immediately preceding the balance sheet date, the District annual census reported the following total members:

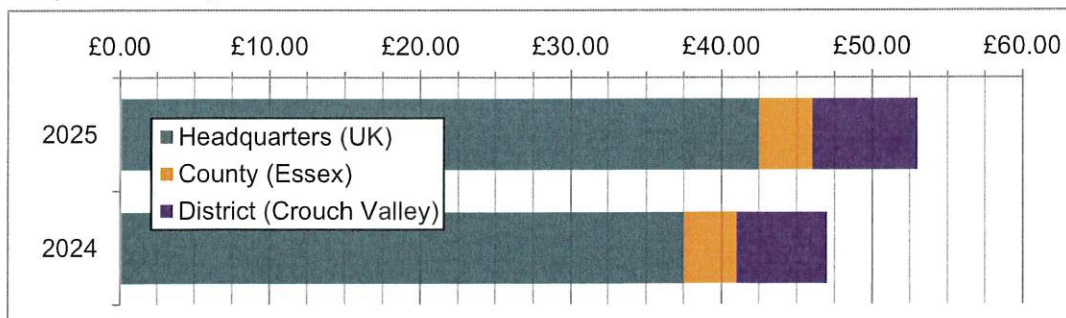
	2025	2024
Squirrels	12	10
Beavers	222	216
Cubs	296	254
Scouts	220	234
Explorers	139	129
Total	889	843



In February immediately preceding the year end, the annual subscriptions collected from each individual Scout were made up as follows:

	2025	2024
Headquarters (UK)	42.50	37.50
County (Essex)	3.50	3.50
District (Crouch Valley)	7.00	6.00
Total	£53.00	£47.00

The above amounts were collected in advance of the year ended 31st March 2025 and therefore have not yet been recognised in the SoFA.

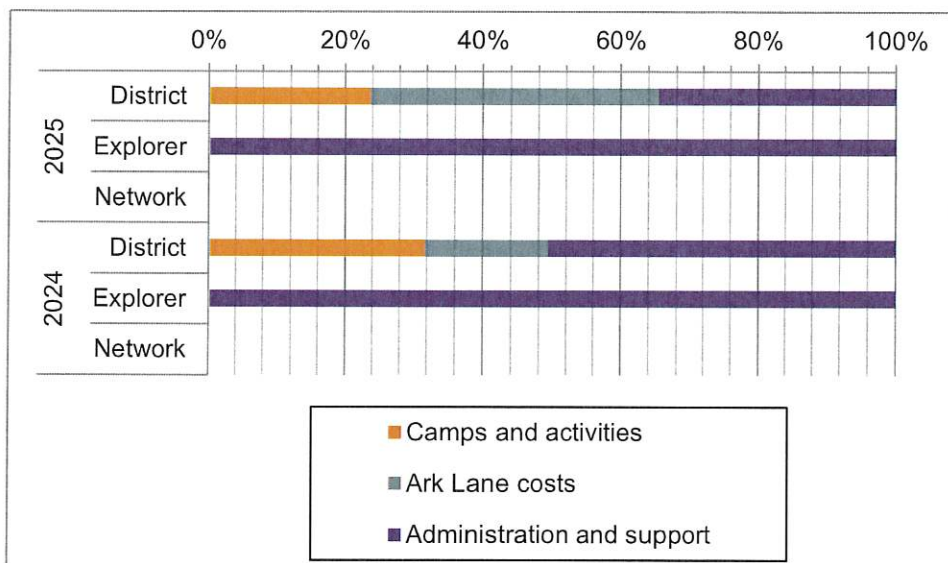


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4 Analysis of resources expended

	2025	2024
Charitable activities		
Event expenditure	(9,414)	(12,913)
Ark Lane depreciation	(1,612)	(1,896)
Ark Lane refurbishment	(11,460)	-
Ark Lane utilities and running costs	(3,600)	(5,334)
The Birches depreciation	(5,577)	(5,691)
Administrative expenses	(573)	(353)
Leader training and development	(1,417)	(505)
Equipment replacement	-	-
Group support costs	(1,545)	(12,557)
Minibus expenses	(4,605)	(1,617)
Sundries	(120)	-
District charitable activities	(39,923)	(40,866)
Event expenditure	(34,608)	(22,536)
Hall rent	(749)	(1,502)
Unit meetings	(5,931)	(1,588)
Administrative expenses	(759)	(784)
Duke of Edinburgh expenses and fees	(5,160)	(1,867)
Leader training and development	-	(200)
Equipment replacement	-	(518)
Explorer charitable activities	(47,207)	(28,995)
Hall rent	-	-
Unit meetings	-	-
Network charitable activities	-	-
Total charitable activity expenditure	(87,130)	(69,861)



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5 Remuneration and expenses

Scouting operates on a volunteer basis and as such the trustees express their gratitude to the many adults who give up their time so willingly for the benefit of the Scouts both within and external to the District. Without their incredible commitment the District simply would not exist.

During the current and preceding period, there were no employees of the District nor remuneration payments, or expenses, payable to trustees.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Ark Lane	The Birches	Total
Land and buildings			
Cost brought forward	26,937	312,941	339,878
Additions	-	-	-
Cost carried forward	26,937	312,941	339,878
Depreciation brought forward	(16,191)	(34,090)	(50,281)
Provision for depreciation	(1,612)	(5,577)	(7,189)
Depreciation carried forward	(17,803)	(39,667)	(57,470)
Net book value carried forward	9,134	273,274	282,408

7 Contingent liabilities

a. Belchamps

The District is responsible for one quarter of any liabilities that may arise from the management of Belchamps Scout Centre.

Belchamps is a 29 acre freehold campsite with ancillary buildings operated for the benefit of Scouts but is also used by other youth and educational organisations. It is owned, freehold, by the four Districts of South East Essex. Belchamps Scout Centre is also a registered charity - copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Charity Commission.

b. Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show

The District is responsible for a percentage of any liabilities that might arise from the production of the Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show.

The show is presented bi-annually and draws its cast from the four Scout Districts and three Guide Divisions of South East Essex. Any liability arising would be based on a per capita membership basis at the date of the latest membership census.

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8 Operating lease commitments

The District holds at lease for the use of the land at Ark Lane from Rochford District Council at a cost of £50 per annum. This lease has expired and the District are currently in the final negotiation stages of signing a new lease. The cost for this is anticipated to be £850 per annum. The District accept this is a large increase but have noted the last lease renewal happened 30 years ago.

The District holds a lease for the property known as The Birches for a rent of £1,500 per annum and it has been agreed that an equivalent sublease to 5th Rayleigh Scout group for principal use and management of the new facility.

Therefore, the District's total value of future minimum lease payments were made up as follows:

	2025	2024
Due within 1 year	1,500	1,550
Due within 2 - 5 years	6,000	6,030
Due in more than 5 years	45,000	47,950
	<u>52,500</u>	<u>55,530</u>

9 Related party disclosures

During the year the District deemed the ongoing provision of a minibus was no longer financially viable. Having ascertained it had no real resale value, and possibly a cost to scrap, it was instead gifted to a Trustee in recognition of the immeasurable effort he had spent maintaining it previously (2024 - £nil).

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10 Funds and reserves

		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Movement
General (District)	Unrestricted	27,719	(42,524)	-	(14,805)
Outreach fund	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>27,719</u>	<u>(42,524)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,805)</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted	65,949	(47,899)	-	18,050
Cerberus grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
Gryphon grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>65,949</u>	<u>(47,899)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,050</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted	-	-	-	-
Total		<u><u>93,668</u></u>	<u><u>(90,423)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,245</u></u>
			1st April 24	Movement	31st March 25
General (District)	Unrestricted		378,433	(14,805)	363,628
Outreach fund	Restricted		568	-	568
			<u>423,121</u>	<u>(14,805)</u>	<u>364,196</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted		15,002	18,050	33,052
			<u>15,002</u>	<u>18,050</u>	<u>33,052</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted		702	-	702
Total			<u><u>433,733</u></u>	<u><u>3,245</u></u>	<u><u>397,950</u></u>

The District's reserves at 31st March 2025 include the following funds:

Outreach fund: This fund exists to provide financial support and assistance to District Scouts where necessary. Scouting is open to all regardless of financial circumstances so the Outreach fund was originally established to ensure funds were always available to assist those who need it.

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 4 to 12.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner:

W. Horey

Date:

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Registered number: 280514

Trustees:	A Austin	District Chair
	P Stafford	District Commissioner (DC)
	D Offord	District Secretary
	Z Ager	District Treasurer
	S Blundell	Elected Officer
	M Gibson	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	M Martin	Development Team Leader
	H Kalloo	Chairman Appointments Committee
	M Buckley	District Youth Representative

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Structure, governance and management (cont'd)

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At the 31st March 2024 the District had the following reserves:	£
District reserves	378,850
Explorer reserves	15,002
Network reserves	<u>853</u>
	394,705
Of which restricted	<u>(568)</u>
Unrestricted reserves	<u><u>394,137</u></u>

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Zoe Ager

District Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	14,500	-	14,500	7,108
Activities for generating funds	2,519	-	2,519	2,219
Investment income	12	-	12	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	43,498	-	43,498	22,317
Other incoming resources	3,570	-	3,570	2,000
Total incoming resources	64,099	-	64,099	33,644
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating funds	(3,165)	-	(3,165)	(5,574)
Fundraising trading costs	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	(69,861)	-	(69,861)	(59,709)
Other resources expended	(7,272)	-	(7,272)	(5,366)
Total expenditure	(80,298)	-	(80,298)	(70,649)
Net incoming resources before transfers	(16,199)	-	(16,199)	(37,005)
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(16,199)	-	(16,199)	(37,005)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
District	(20,977)	-	(20,977)	(33,665)
Explorers	4,778	-	4,778	(3,313)
Network	-	-	-	(38)
Total movement	(16,199)	-	(16,199)	(37,016)
FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	410,336	568	410,904	447,909
Restatement from previous periods	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(16,199)	-	(16,199)	(37,005)
Total funds carried forward	394,137	568	394,705	410,904

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BALANCE SHEET

	31ST MARCH 2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	289,597	-	289,597	297,184
Total fixed assets	289,597	-	289,597	297,184
CURRENT ASSETS				
Badge stocks	423	-	423	586
Debtors				
Income receivable	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	1,722	-	1,722	1,743
Other debtors	74	-	74	280
Total debtors	1,796	-	1,796	2,023
Cash at bank and in hand				
Scout investment service	-	-	-	5,000
District main account	114,565	568	115,133	80,580
Ark Lane account	18,602	-	18,602	27,122
District cash	529	-	529	142
Explorer main account	1,990	-	1,990	286
Explorer subs account	4,648	-	4,648	1,404
Explorer D of E account	760	-	760	915
Explorer expense account	185	-	185	-
Network main account	663	-	663	701
Network cash	-	-	-	145
Total cash at bank and in hand	141,942	568	142,510	116,295
Total current assets	144,161	568	144,729	118,904
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-
Deferred income	(5,058)	-	(5,058)	(5,184)
Other creditors	(34,563)	-	(34,563)	-
Total current liabilities	(39,621)	-	(39,621)	(5,184)
NET ASSETS	394,137	568	394,705	410,904
FUNDS				
District funds				
General	378,282	-	378,282	399,259
Outreach	-	568	568	568
Explorer funds				
General	15,002	-	15,002	10,224
Network funds				
General	853	-	853	853
Total funds	394,137	568	394,705	410,904

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Z Ager
District Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

The District is a registered charity in England with charity number 280514. The charity's full title is Crouch Valley District Scout Council and it is operated in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules as set out by the Scout Association.

The District principally operates in the lower valley of the River Crouch, Essex, which encompasses Rochford, Hockley, Rayleigh, Hawkwell, Hullbridge and Canewdon.

2 Accounting policies

a. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Charities Act 2011.

The District meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

b. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This view is supported by the receipt of membership contributions from within the district and its level of reserves.

c. Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with suitable reliability.

Membership subscriptions: Membership subscriptions are reported net of any amounts collected on behalf of and payable to other parts of the Scout Movement. The District's share of membership subscriptions received are recognised as income in the period to which the subscription is attributable. Subscriptions are typically collected immediately before the balance sheet date in respect of the subsequent accounting period - in this case the subscriptions are deferred to the later reporting period.

Grants and donations: Grants and donations are only recognised as income when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities: These are only included within incoming resources (with an equivalent expenditure included in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received. The value of voluntary help received is not recognised.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

d. Allocation of income and expenditure

The District's activities also include those of the District based Explorer and Network sections and the separately identifiable activities of its Ark Lane campsite. All income and expenditure is attributable directly to one of the District's core activities and separate bank accounts and management figures are maintained to ensure the District's activities are kept identifiable. Consequently, no income or expenditure requires general apportionment across the District's activities.

e. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the total amounts outstanding can be accurately identified.

f. Tangible assets

Land and buildings are carried at historical cost, less provision for depreciation over 50 years or the remainder of the lease period (whichever is the shorter). Depreciation is recognised only once assets under construction have been brought into use.

Other equipment additions are recognised as a fixed asset only where the individual cost exceeds £1,000 per item. Depreciation is charged at 15% reducing balance.

g. Stocks

Stocks of badges held for resale are recognised at the lower of cost and net sales value.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2024	2023
Voluntary income		
District capitation	39,735	36,914
Capitation paid on to UK / Essex County Scouts	(34,563)	(33,264)
Net District capitation retained	<u>5,172</u>	<u>3,650</u>
District Explorer subscriptions	9,328	3,458
District Network subscriptions	-	-
Total voluntary income	<u>14,500</u>	<u>7,108</u>
Activities for generating funds		
Badge sales	2,504	2,219
Minibus hire	15	-
	<u>2,519</u>	<u>2,219</u>
Investment income		
Interest received	12	-
	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Event income	9,117	5,499
Ark Lane camping fees and usage charges	8,897	8,780
District charitable activities	<u>18,014</u>	<u>14,279</u>
Explorer camp and event income	21,531	6,428
Duke of Edinburgh income	3,953	1,610
Explorer charitable activities	<u>25,484</u>	<u>8,038</u>
Total charitable activity income	<u>43,498</u>	<u>22,317</u>
Other incoming resources		
Local council grants	-	-
Donations received	-	-
Gift aid reclaims	-	-
Other income receivable	3,570	2,000
Total other income receivable	<u>3,570</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>64,099</u>	<u>33,644</u>

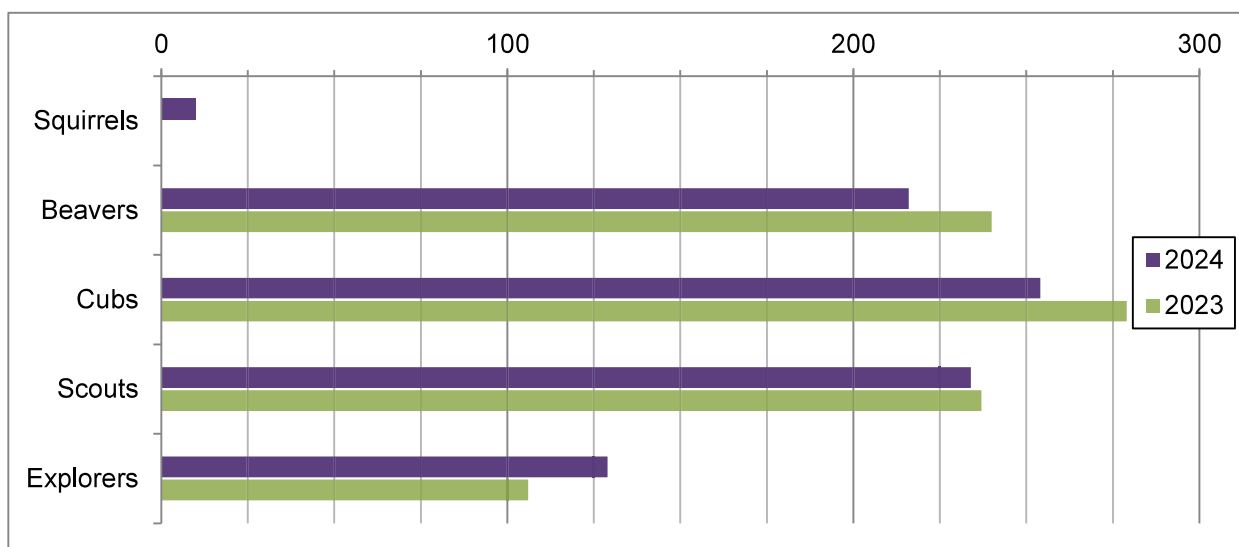
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3 Analysis of incoming resources (cont'd)

In the February immediately preceding the balance sheet date, the District annual census reported the following total members:

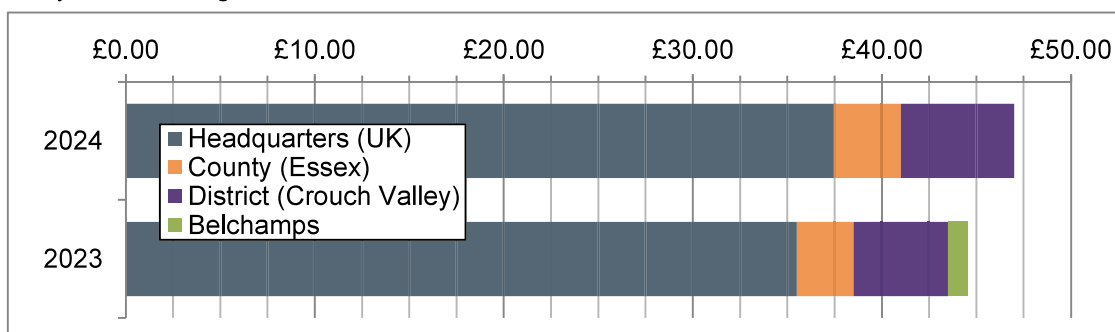
	2024	2023
Squirrels	10	-
Beavers	216	240
Cubs	254	279
Scouts	234	237
Explorers	129	106
Total	843	862



In February immediately preceding the year end, the annual subscriptions collected from each individual Scout were made up as follows:

	2024	2023
Headquarters (UK)	37.50	35.50
County (Essex)	3.50	3.00
District (Crouch Valley)	6.00	5.00
Belchamps	-	1.00
Total	£47.00	£44.50

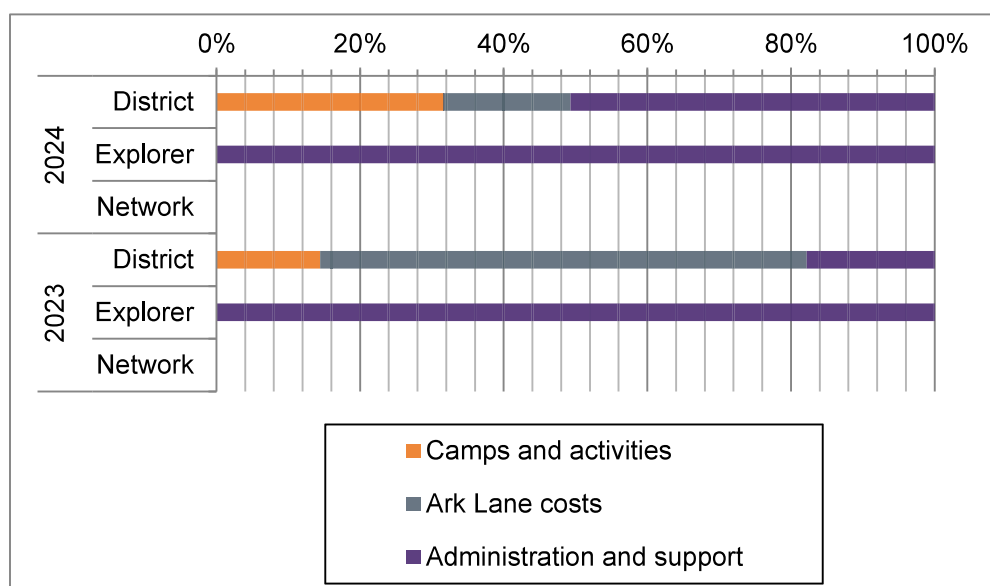
The above amounts were collected in advance of the year ended 31st March 2024 and therefore have not yet been recognised in the SoFA.



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4 Analysis of resources expended

	2024	2023
Charitable activities		
Event expenditure	(12,913)	(6,621)
Ark Lane depreciation	(1,896)	(2,231)
Ark Lane refurbishment	-	(27,011)
Ark Lane utilities and running costs	(5,334)	(1,778)
The Birches depreciation	(5,691)	(5,807)
Administrative expenses	(353)	-
Leader training and development	(505)	(777)
Equipment replacement	-	-
Group support costs	(12,557)	-
Minibus expenses	(1,617)	(1,577)
Sundries	-	-
District charitable activities	<u>(40,866)</u>	<u>(45,802)</u>
Event expenditure	(22,536)	(7,762)
Hall rent	(1,502)	(1,209)
Unit meetings	(1,588)	(1,315)
Administrative expenses	(784)	(1,828)
Duke of Edinburgh expenses and fees	(1,867)	(1,098)
Leader training and development	(200)	-
Equipment replacement	(518)	(695)
Explorer charitable activities	<u>(28,995)</u>	<u>(13,907)</u>
Hall rent	-	-
Unit meetings	-	-
Network charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total charitable activity expenditure	<u>(69,861)</u>	<u>(59,709)</u>



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5 Remuneration and expenses

Scouting operates on a volunteer basis and as such the trustees express their gratitude to the many adults who give up their time so willingly for the benefit of the Scouts both within and external to the District. Without their incredible commitment the District simply would not exist.

During the current and preceding period, there were no employees of the District nor remuneration payments, or expenses, payable to trustees.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Ark Lane	The Birches	Total
Land and buildings			
Cost brought forward	26,937	312,941	339,878
Additions	-	-	-
Cost carried forward	<u>26,937</u>	<u>312,941</u>	<u>339,878</u>
Depreciation brought forward	(14,295)	(28,399)	(42,694)
Provision for depreciation	(1,896)	(5,691)	(7,587)
Depreciation carried forward	<u>(16,191)</u>	<u>(34,090)</u>	<u>(50,281)</u>
Net book value carried forward	<u>10,746</u>	<u>278,851</u>	<u>289,597</u>

7 Contingent liabilities

a. Belchamps

The District is responsible for one quarter of any liabilities that may arise from the management of Belchamps Scout Centre.

Belchamps is a 29 acre freehold campsite with ancillary buildings operated for the benefit of Scouts but is also used by other youth and educational organisations. It is owned, freehold, by the four Districts of South East Essex. Belchamps Scout Centre is also a registered charity - copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Charity Commission.

b. Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show

The District is responsible for a percentage of any liabilities that might arise from the production of the Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show.

The show is presented bi-annually and draws its cast from the four Scout Districts and three Guide Divisions of South East Essex. Any liability arising would be based on a per capita membership basis at the date of the latest membership census.

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8 Operating lease commitments

The District holds an ongoing lease for the use of the land at Ark Lane from Rochford District Council which expired in November 2023 at a cost of £50 per annum. This is in the process of being re-negotiated with the council.

The District holds a lease for the property known as The Birches for a rent of £1,500 per annum and it has been agreed that an equivalent sublease to 5th Rayleigh Scout group for principal use and management of the new facility.

Therefore, the District's total value of future minimum lease payments were made up as follows:

	2024	2023
Due within 1 year	1,500	1,550
Due within 2 - 5 years	6,000	6,030
Due in more than 5 years	46,500	47,950
	<u>54,000</u>	<u>55,530</u>

9 Related party disclosures

There were no reportable related party transactions during the period (2023 - £nil).

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10 Funds and reserves

		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Movement
General (District)	Unrestricted	29,272	(50,249)	-	(20,977)
Outreach fund	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>29,272</u>	<u>(50,249)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,977)</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted	34,827	(30,049)	-	4,778
Cerberus grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
Gryphon grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>34,827</u>	<u>(30,049)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,778</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted	-	-	-	-
Total		<u><u>64,099</u></u>	<u><u>(80,298)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(16,199)</u></u>
			1st April 23	Movement	31st March 24
General (District)	Unrestricted		399,259	(20,977)	378,282
Outreach fund	Restricted		568	-	568
			<u>423,121</u>	<u>(20,977)</u>	<u>378,850</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted		10,224	4,778	15,002
			<u>10,224</u>	<u>4,778</u>	<u>15,002</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted		853	-	853
Total			<u><u>433,733</u></u>	<u><u>(16,199)</u></u>	<u><u>394,705</u></u>

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Legal name: Crouch Valley District Scout Council

Registered number: 280514

Trustees:	A Austin	District Chair
	P Stafford	District Commissioner (DC)
	D Offord	District Secretary
	Z Ager	District Treasurer
	S Blundell	Elected Officer
	M Gibson	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	H Bell	District Network Scout Commissioner
	H Kalloo	Chairman Appointments Committee

Contact address: 48a Woodlands Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4PY

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The appointment of an Explorer Administrator and the consolidation of all records onto OSM has helped improve the collection of subscriptions and the monitoring of this continues.

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Achievements and performance (cont'd)

The financial statements for the year indicate that the District has incurred a profit which is caused by the grants received during the early part of the year when we were not operating as such due to covid. The executive would like to see this money re-invested into activities and improvement to benefit the district in the future. The costs incurred for Ark lane have increased and will be increasing further in the next 12 months due to ongoing capital improvement works.

The District cannot ignore the effect that the Covid-19 pandemic had on scouting, Although our numbers have bounced back we are down on leader support and this is something that we as a district are working to bring back up. The District has provided a large amount of investment into Ark Lane to enhance district facilities and we are aware that we may need to provide financial support to Belchamps to ensure that the site returns to full functionality in the future.

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Financial review

The District strives to keep sufficient reserves to service its current financial requirements and realistic potential liabilities without cumulating large surpluses which would be better used for Scouting purposes. It maintains £5,000 of cash deposits in a Scout Association short-term investment deposit which is considered by the District Executive to be sufficient to safeguard the District against unexpected events and liabilities.

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Zoe Ager

District Treasurer
01 September 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	7,108	-	7,108	8,617
Activities for generating funds	2,219	-	2,219	3,484
Investment income	-	-	-	3
Incoming resources from charitable activities	22,317	-	22,317	5,600
Other incoming resources	2,000	-	2,000	30,100
Total incoming resources	33,644	-	33,644	47,804
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating funds	(5,585)	-	(5,585)	(3,179)
Fundraising trading costs	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	(59,709)	-	(59,709)	(30,439)
Other resources expended	(5,366)	-	(5,366)	-
Total expenditure	(70,660)	-	(70,660)	(33,618)
Net incoming resources before transfers	(37,016)	-	(37,016)	14,186
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(37,016)	-	(37,016)	14,186
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
District	(33,665)	-	(33,665)	10,370
Explorers	(3,313)	-	(3,313)	3,816
Network	(38)	-	(38)	-
Total movement	(37,016)	-	(37,016)	14,186
FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	449,949	4,300	447,909	433,733
Restatement from previous periods	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(37,016)	-	(37,016)	14,176
Total funds carried forward	412,933	4,300	410,893	447,909

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BALANCE SHEET

	31ST MARCH 2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	297,184	-	297,184	305,222
Total fixed assets	<u>297,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,184</u>	<u>305,222</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Badge stocks	586	-	586	337
Debtors				
Income receivable	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	1,743	-	1,743	1,438
Other debtors	280	-	280	14
Total debtors	<u>2,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,023</u>	<u>1,452</u>
Cash at bank and in hand				
Scout investment service	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
District main account	80,012	568	80,580	98,881
Ark Lane account	27,122	-	27,122	37,734
District cash	142	-	142	65
Explorer main account	286	-	286	70
Explorer subs account	1,404	-	1,404	1,648
Explorer D of E account	915	-	915	462
Network main account	701	-	701	778
Network cash	145	-	145	145
Total cash at bank and in hand	<u>115,727</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>116,295</u>	<u>144,783</u>
Total current assets	<u>118,336</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>118,904</u>	<u>146,572</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	(50)
Deferred income	(5,184)	-	(5,184)	(3,825)
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>(5,184)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,184)</u>	<u>(3,875)</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>410,336</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>410,904</u>	<u>447,919</u>
FUNDS				
District funds				
General	399,259	-	399,259	432,923
Outreach	-	568	568	568
Explorer funds				
General	10,224	-	10,224	13,537
Network funds				
General	853	-	853	891
Total funds	<u>410,336</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>410,904</u>	<u>447,919</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Z Ager
District Treasurer

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1 Statutory information

The District is a registered charity in England with charity number 280514. The charity's full title is Crouch Valley District Scout Council and it is operated in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules as set out by the Scout Association.

The District principally operates in the lower valley of the River Crouch, Essex, which encompasses Rochford, Hockley, Rayleigh, Hawkwell, Hullbridge and Canewdon.

2 Accounting policies

a. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Charities Act 2011.

The District meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

b. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This view is supported by the receipt of membership contributions from within the district and its level of reserves.

c. Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with suitable reliability.

Membership subscriptions: Membership subscriptions are reported net of any amounts collected on behalf of and payable to other parts of the Scout Movement. The District's share of membership subscriptions received are recognised as income in the period to which the subscription is attributable. Subscriptions are typically collected immediately before the balance sheet date in respect of the subsequent accounting period - in this case the subscriptions are deferred to the later reporting period.

Grants and donations: Grants and donations are only recognised as income when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities: These are only included within incoming resources (with an equivalent expenditure included in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received. The value of voluntary help received is not recognised.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

d. Allocation of income and expenditure

The District's activities also include those of the District based Explorer and Network sections and the separately identifiable activities of its Ark Lane campsite. All income and expenditure is attributable directly to one of the District's core activities and separate bank accounts and management figures are maintained to ensure the District's activities are kept identifiable. Consequently, no income or expenditure requires general apportionment across the District's activities.

e. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the total amounts outstanding can be accurately identified.

f. Tangible assets

Land and buildings are carried at historical cost, less provision for depreciation over 50 years or the remainder of the lease period (whichever is the shorter). Depreciation is recognised only once assets under construction have been brought into use.

Other equipment additions are recognised as a fixed asset only where the individual cost exceeds £1,000 per item. Depreciation is charged at 15% reducing balance.

g. Stocks

Stocks of badges held for resale are recognised at the lower of cost and net sales value.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2023	2022
Voluntary income		
District capitation	36,914	36,253
Capitation paid on to UK / Essex County Scouts	(33,264)	(32,424)
Net District capitation retained	3,650	3,829
District Explorer subscriptions	3,458	4,788
District Network subscriptions	-	-
Total voluntary income	7,108	8,617
Activities for generating funds		
Badge sales	2,219	3,484
Minibus Hire	-	-
	2,219	3,484
Investment income		
Interest received	-	3
	-	3
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Event income	5,499	-
Ark Lane camping fees and usage charges	8,780	3,332
District charitable activities	14,279	3,332
Explorer camp and event income	6,428	-
Duke of Edinburgh income	1,610	2,268
Explorer charitable activities	8,038	2,268
Total charitable activity income	22,317	5,600
Other incoming resources		
Local council grants	-	26,000
Donations received	-	-
Gift aid reclaims	-	-
Other income receivable	2,000	4,100
Total other income receivable	2,000	30,100
Total incoming resources	33,644	47,804

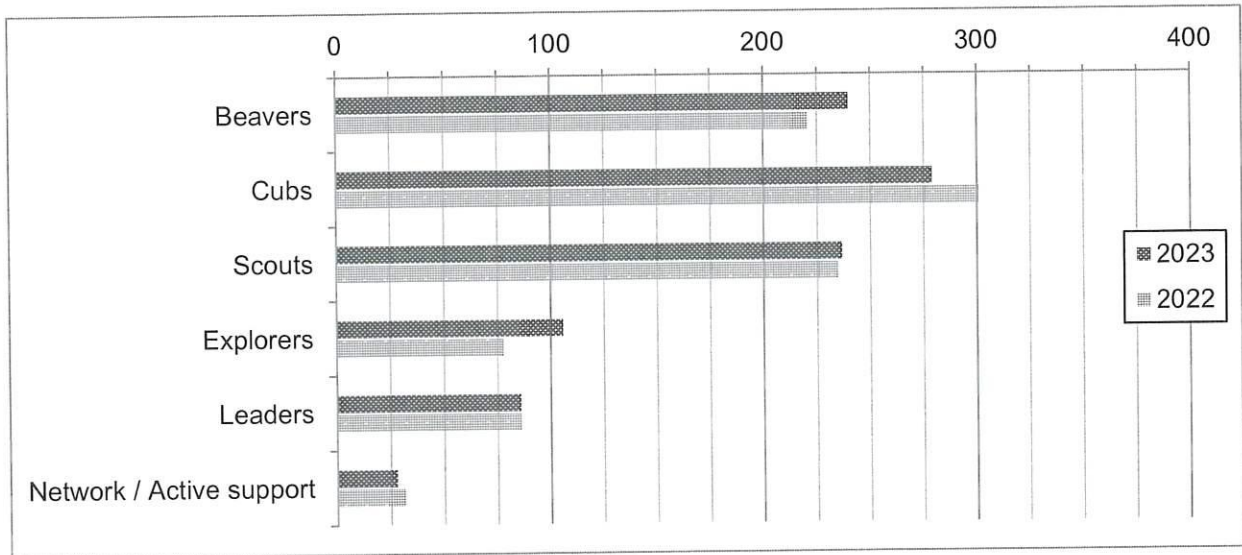
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3 Analysis of incoming resources (cont'd)

In the February immediately preceding the balance sheet date, the District annual census reported the following total members:

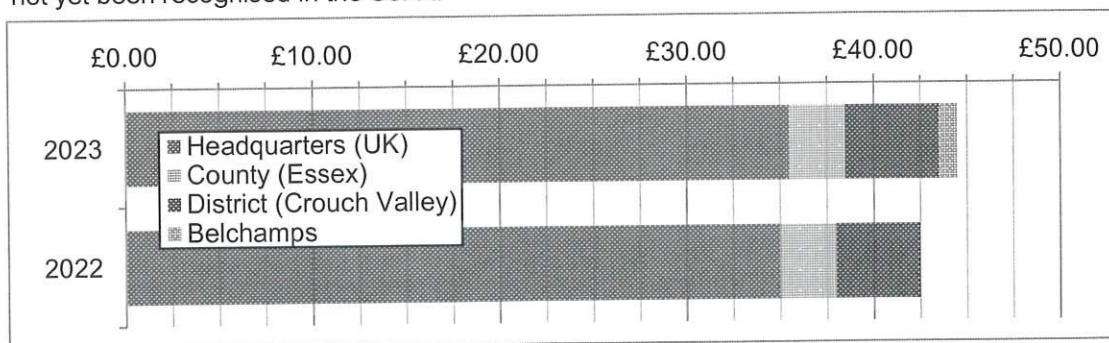
	2023	2022
Beavers	240	221
Cubs	279	301
Scouts	237	235
Explorers	106	78
Leaders	86	86
Network / Active support	28	32
Total	976	953



In February immediately preceding the year end, the annual subscriptions collected from each individual Scout were made up as follows:

	2023	2022
Headquarters (UK)	35.50	35.00
County (Essex)	3.00	3.00
District (Crouch Valley)	5.00	4.50
Belchamps	1.00	-
Total	£44.50	£42.50

The above amounts were collected in advance of the year ended 31st March 2024 and therefore have not yet been recognised in the SoFA.

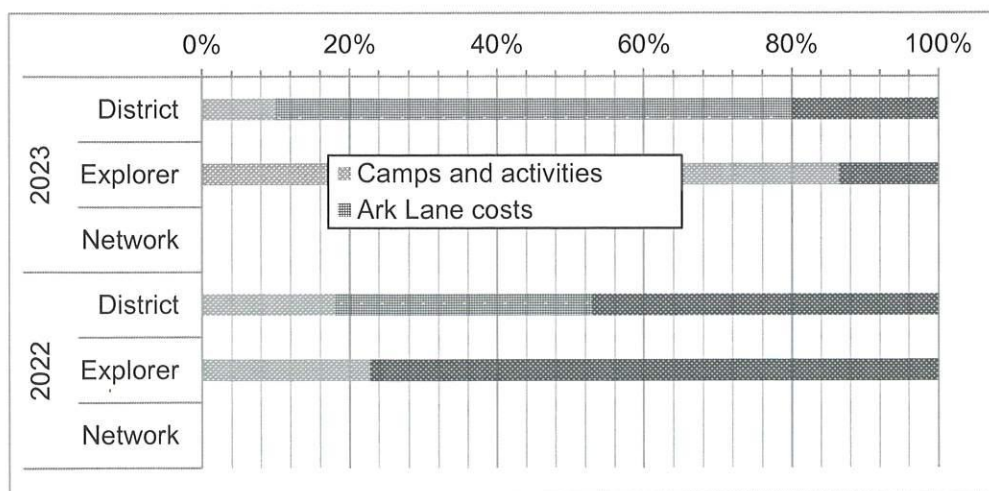


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4 Analysis of resources expended

	2023	2022
Charitable activities		
Event expenditure	(4,420)	(4,860)
Camps	(2,201)	-
Ark Lane depreciation	(2,231)	(2,625)
Ark Lane refurbishment	(27,011)	-
Ark Lane utilities and running costs	(1,778)	(6,900)
The Birches depreciation	(5,807)	(5,926)
Administrative expenses	(707)	(3,357)
Hall rent	-	-
Leader training and development	(777)	(30)
Equipment replacement	-	-
Minibus expenses	(1,577)	(3,207)
Sundries	-	(293)
District charitable activities	<u>(46,509)</u>	<u>(27,198)</u>
Event expenditure	(7,762)	(135)
Camps	-	-
Hall rent	(1,209)	-
Unit meetings	(1,315)	-
Administrative expenses	(1,083)	(383)
Duke of Edinburgh expenses and fees	(1,098)	(578)
Equipment replacement	(695)	(2,025)
Explorer charitable activities	<u>(13,162)</u>	<u>(3,121)</u>
Hall rent	-	-
Unit meetings	-	-
Network charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total charitable activity expenditure	<u><u>(59,671)</u></u>	<u><u>(30,319)</u></u>



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5 Remuneration and expenses

Scouting operates on a volunteer basis and as such the trustees express their gratitude to the many adults who give up their time so willingly for the benefit of the Scouts both within and external to the District. Without their incredible commitment the District simply would not exist.

During the current and preceding period, there were no employees of the District nor remuneration payments, or expenses, payable to trustees.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Ark Lane	The Birches	Total
Land and buildings			
Cost brought forward	26,937	312,941	339,878
Additions	-	-	-
Cost carried forward	<u>26,937</u>	<u>312,941</u>	<u>339,878</u>
Depreciation brought forward	(12,064)	(22,592)	(34,656)
Provision for depreciation	(2,231)	(5,807)	(8,038)
Depreciation carried forward	<u>(14,295)</u>	<u>(28,399)</u>	<u>(42,694)</u>
Net book value carried forward	<u>12,642</u>	<u>284,542</u>	<u>297,184</u>

7 Contingent liabilities

a. Belchamps

The District is responsible for one quarter of any liabilities that may arise from the management of Belchamps Scout Centre.

Belchamps is a 29 acre freehold campsite with ancillary buildings operated for the benefit of Scouts but is also used by other youth and educational organisations. It is owned, freehold, by the four Districts of South East Essex. Belchamps Scout Centre is also a registered charity - copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Charity Commission.

b. Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show

The District is responsible for a percentage of any liabilities that might arise from the production of the Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show.

The show is presented bi-annually and draws its cast from the four Scout Districts and three Guide Divisions of South East Essex. Any liability arising would be based on a per capita membership basis at the date of the latest membership census.

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8 Operating lease commitments

The District holds an ongoing lease for the use of the land at Ark Lane from Rochford District Council which expires in November 2023 at a cost of £50 per annum.

The District holds a lease for the property known as The Birches for a rent of £1,500 per annum and it has been agreed that an equivalent sublease to 5th Rayleigh Scout group for principal use and management of the new facility.

Therefore, the District's total value of future minimum lease payments were made up as follows:

	2023	2022
Due within 1 year	1,550	1,550
Due within 2 - 5 years	6,030	6,030
Due in more than 5 years	47,950	49,500
	<u>55,530</u>	<u>57,080</u>

9 Related party disclosures

There were no reportable related party transactions during the period (2022 - £nil).

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10 Funds and reserves

		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Movement
General (District)	Unrestricted	22,148	(55,813)	-	(33,665)
Outreach fund	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>22,148</u>	<u>(55,813)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,665)</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted	11,496	(14,809)	-	(3,313)
Cerberus grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
Gryphon grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>11,496</u>	<u>(14,809)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,313)</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted	-	(38)	-	(38)
Total		<u><u>33,644</u></u>	<u><u>(70,660)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(37,016)</u></u>

		1st April 22	Movement	31st March 23
General (District)	Unrestricted	432,924	(33,665)	399,259
Outreach fund	Restricted	568	-	568
		<u>423,121</u>	<u>(33,665)</u>	<u>399,827</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted	13,537	(3,313)	10,224
		<u>13,537</u>	<u>(3,313)</u>	<u>10,224</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted	891	(38)	853
Total		<u><u>433,733</u></u>	<u><u>(37,016)</u></u>	<u><u>410,904</u></u>

The District's reserves at 31st March 2023 include the following funds:

Outreach fund: This fund exists to provide financial support and assistance to District Scouts where necessary. Scouting is open to all regardless of financial circumstances so the Outreach fund was originally established to ensure funds were always available to assist those who need it.

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 4 to 12.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Wendy Shorey ACA



05 March 2024

CROUCH VALLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Legal name: Crouch Valley District Scout Council

Registered number: 280514

Trustees:	A Austin	District Chair
	P Stafford	District Commissioner (DC)
	D Offord	District Secretary (Appointed 29th March 2022)
	Z Ager	District Treasurer
	S Blundell	Elected officer
	M Gibson	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	H Bell	District Network Scout Commissioner
	H Kalloo	Chairman Appointments Committee

Contact address: 48a Woodlands Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4PY

Objectives and activities

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

Crouch Valley District Scout Council ('the District') exists to guide and support the 14 individual Scout groups within the lower River Crouch valley. Accordingly its principal activities are to provide District wide access to various support services and to provide District wide events for the benefit of those Scouts. The District is a managerial and support function for the activities of the various Scout groups operating underneath it in the local area.

Structure, governance and management

The District is a charity registered in the United Kingdom and a sub-unit of the Scout Association. It is therefore governed by Royal Charter granted in 1912 and operates as required by the stipulations and instructions of the Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Executive under the leadership of the District Commissioner and the Chairman. The Executive meet regularly throughout the year to discuss and decide upon the operation of the District. The Executive is also assisted by number of sub-committees who are responsible for specific affairs within the District and are appointed on an ad-hoc basis either permanently or temporarily as needs arise.

The recruitment and appointment of any leadership role within the District (including its officials) is the responsibility of the Appointments Committee. Whilst the final decision rests with the District Commissioner, they are guided by the advice and opinions of the Appointments Committee who also consider and suggest the training requirements of the new appointment.

In accordance with Scouting regulations, Explorer Scout units and Scout Network organisations within the local geographical area are also under the remit of the District itself (unlike individual Scout groups which are separate entities in their own right). Led by the District Explorer and Network Scout Commissioners, Explorers and Network maintain their own management executive independent from (but reportable to) the District itself.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Structure, governance and management (cont'd)

The annexed accounts for the District therefore include the activities of District as a body plus the District Explorer units and the District Network units included therein.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The District continues to maintain its active and broad profile of Scouting activities within the local community. Intra-District competition remains both popular and competitive.

As explained elsewhere, the new District and 5th Rayleigh Headquarters was formally opened and named 'The Birches'. This represents a fantastic achievement by the 5th Rayleigh Scout Group and an impressive new facility in Crouch Valley for use by the district and the wider community.

The District's core Scouting calendar remains generally unchanged with most intra-District events well attended by most groups. Well refined deliveries mean certain events remain hugely popular (such as the Beaver swimming gala or the Cub hike) and meanwhile the District's ADCs continue to test new waters to bring fresh ideas to the table, whether as new activities at Renewal of Promise or as stand alone events. On a whole District level, the all section Renewal of Promise weekend runs each April unfortunately 2021 could not run due to covid however this weekend has now come back in and was enjoyed by many in April 2022.

The District Executive have continued to make its minibus available to all groups in the District on a fuel only basis. The Executive are encouraged by its continuing, and increasing use. This remains a valuable District asset which helps groups control the cost of transportation.

As the annexed notes demonstrate, the amount of young people benefiting directly from local Scouting remains as strong as ever. Unfortunately recruiting and retaining adult volunteers to facilitate this delivery continues to remain a problem across the District (and indeed wider Scouting) with many adults therefore holding multiple roles. As always, further volunteer recruitment remains a key strategic focus for the Executive.

During this year the District has seen a significant reduction in its cash reserves following the completion of the build at Priory Chase, in line with the objectives of the District for the past few years. Following the use of these cash reserves and the deficit incurred in the year, the District as a whole continues to carefully monitor expenditure incurred. Consequently, a decision was made during 2019/20 to keep capitation levels consistent with the previous year. This has enabled the District to offer the services of its minibus at no charge to scout groups which has already proved useful to a number of groups.

The appointment of an Explorer Administrator and the consolidation of all records onto OSM has helped improve the collection of subscriptions and the monitoring of this continues.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Achievements and performance (cont'd)

The financial statements for the year indicate that the District has incurred a profit which is caused by the grants received during the early part of the year when we were not operating as such due to covid. The executive would like to see this money re-invested into activities and improvement to benefit the district in the future. The costs incurred for Ark lane have increased and will be increasing further in the next 12 months due to ongoing capital improvement works.

The District cannot ignore the effect that the Covid-19 pandemic is having on Scouting. We need to be pragmatic and expected there would be a reduction in membership however this year the district is starting to bounce back and numbers are increasing. Furthermore, the District will need to provide financial support to Belchamps to ensure that the site returns to full functionality in the future. There are already indications that headquarters are expecting a significant uplift in the annual capitation which will provide challenges to all the groups in the District. The Leaders in this District can be proud of their response to the challenges caused by the pandemic by delivering online Scouting and towards the latter part of the year have been rewarded by seeing the young people back in a face to face environment and the growth and development of these people.

Finally, the Executive would like to offer their thanks to all those volunteers who give so much so freely for the benefit of the Scouts within the District's remit. Like all Scouting the District is highly dependent on the fantastic work all its adult volunteers undertake, always far beyond what is expected of them and usually freely given without proper recognition. On behalf of those Scouts who benefit - thank you.

Financial review

The District strives to keep sufficient reserves to service its current financial requirements and realistic potential liabilities without cumulating large surpluses which would be better used for Scouting purposes. It maintains £5,000 of cash deposits in a Scout Association short-term investment deposit which is considered by the District Executive to be sufficient to safeguard the District against unexpected events and liabilities.

When setting the District's annual subscriptions, the Executive has due regard for the District's current level of reserves and therefore attempts to balance the next year's funding requirements with the existing funds available.

At the 31st March 2022 the District had the following reserves:	£
District reserves	433,492
Explorer reserves	13,537
Network reserves	<u>891</u>
	447,919
Of which restricted	<u>(4,300)</u>
Unrestricted reserves	<u><u>443,619</u></u>

Although the above reserves show a very strong overall financial position, the Executive are mindful that this is principally due to the £410,000 of exceptional proceeds received from the sale of Love Lane, which are already earmarked for re-investment into a replacement District asset and other associated capital works. Furthermore, the consolidated District figures include not only the District's activities themselves but also the District's Ark Lane site, four active Explorer units (including a young leader unit) and the local Network.

Zoe Ager

District Treasurer
07/06/2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022			2021
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	8,617	-	8,617	6,004
Activities for generating funds	3,484	-	3,484	1,402
Investment income	3	-	3	29
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5,600	-	5,600	475
Other incoming resources	30,100	-	30,100	42,972
Total incoming resources	47,804	-	47,804	50,881
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating funds	(3,179)	-	(3,179)	(1,365)
Fundraising trading costs	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	(30,439)	-	(30,439)	(15,554)
Other resources expended	-	-	-	(40,954)
Total expenditure	(33,618)	-	(33,618)	(57,873)
Net incoming resources before transfers	14,186	-	14,186	(6,992)
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	14,186	-	14,186	(6,992)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
District	10,370	-	10,370	(7,439)
Explorers	3,816	-	3,816	447
Network	-	-	-	-
Total movement	14,186	-	14,186	(6,992)
FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	435,763	4,300	433,733	440,725
Restatement from previous periods	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	14,186	-	14,186	(6,992)
Total funds carried forward	449,949	4,300	447,919	433,733

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BALANCE SHEET

	31ST MARCH 2022			2021
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	305,222	-	305,222	313,772
Total fixed assets	305,222	-	305,222	313,772
CURRENT ASSETS				
Badge stocks	337	-	337	733
Debtors				
Income receivable	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	1,438	-	1,438	1,948
Other debtors	14	-	14	379
Total debtors	1,452	-	1,452	2,327
Cash at bank and in hand				
Scout investment service	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
District main account	98,313	568	98,881	70,149
Ark Lane account	37,734	-	37,734	37,844
District cash	65	-	65	65
Explorer main account	(3,662)	3,732	70	7,170
Explorer subs account	1,648	-	1,648	50
Explorer D of E account	463	-	463	-
Network main account	778	-	778	776
Network cash	145	-	145	145
Total cash at bank and in hand	140,483	4,300	144,783	121,199
Total current assets	142,272	4,300	146,572	124,259
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses	(50)	-	(50)	(50)
Deferred income	(3,825)	-	(3,825)	(4,248)
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	(3,875)	-	(3,875)	(4,298)
NET ASSETS	443,619	4,300	447,919	433,733
FUNDS				
District funds				
General	432,924	-	432,924	422,553
Outreach	-	568	568	568
Explorer funds				
General	9,805	-	9,805	5,989
Cerberus grant	-	3,232	3,232	3,232
Gryphon grant	-	500	500	500
Network funds				
General	891	-	891	891
Total funds	443,619	4,300	447,919	433,733

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on DATE and signed on their behalf by:

Z Ager
District Treasurer
28 May 2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

The District is a registered charity in England with charity number 280514. The charity's full title is Crouch Valley District Scout Council and it is operated in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules as set out by the Scout Association.

The District principally operates in the lower valley of the River Crouch, Essex, which encompasses Rochford, Hockley, Rayleigh, Hawkwell, Hullbridge and Canewdon.

2 Accounting policies

a. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Charities Act 2011.

The District meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

b. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This view is supported by the receipt of membership contributions from within the district and its level of reserves.

c. Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with suitable reliability.

Membership subscriptions: Membership subscriptions are reported net of any amounts collected on behalf of and payable to other parts of the Scout Movement. The District's share of membership subscriptions received are recognised as income in the period to which the subscription is attributable. Subscriptions are typically collected immediately before the balance sheet date in respect of the subsequent accounting period - in this case the subscriptions are deferred to the later reporting period.

Grants and donations: Grants and donations are only recognised as income when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities: These are only included within incoming resources (with an equivalent expenditure included in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received. The value of voluntary help received is not recognised.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

d. Allocation of income and expenditure

The District's activities also include those of the District based Explorer and Network sections and the separately identifiable activities of its Ark Lane campsite. All income and expenditure is attributable directly to one of the District's core activities and separate bank accounts and management figures are maintained to ensure the District's activities are kept identifiable. Consequently, no income or expenditure requires general apportionment across the District's activities.

e. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the total amounts outstanding can be accurately identified.

f. Tangible assets

Land and buildings are carried at historical cost, less provision for depreciation over 50 years or the remainder of the lease period (whichever is the shorter). Depreciation is recognised only once assets under construction have been brought into use.

Other equipment additions are recognised as a fixed asset only where the individual cost exceeds £1,000 per item. Depreciation is charged at 15% reducing balance.

g. Stocks

Stocks of badges held for resale are recognised at the lower of cost and net sales value.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2022	2021
Voluntary income		
District capitation	36,253	32,896
Capitation paid on to UK / Essex County Scouts	(32,424)	(27,612)
Net District capitation retained	3,829	5,284
District Explorer subscriptions	4,788	720
District Network subscriptions	-	-
Total voluntary income	8,617	6,004
Activities for generating funds		
Badge sales	3,484	1,402
Minibus Hire	-	-
	3,484	1,402
Investment income		
Interest received	3	29
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Event income	-	-
Ark Lane camping fees and usage charges	3,332	-
District charitable activities	3,332	-
Explorer camp and event income	-	-
Duke of Edinburgh income	2,268	475
Explorer charitable activities	2,268	475
Total charitable activity income	5,600	475
Other incoming resources		
Local council grants	26,000	42,972
Donations received	-	-
Gift aid reclaims	-	-
Other income receivable	4,100	-
Total other income receivable	30,100	42,972
Total incoming resources	47,804	50,881

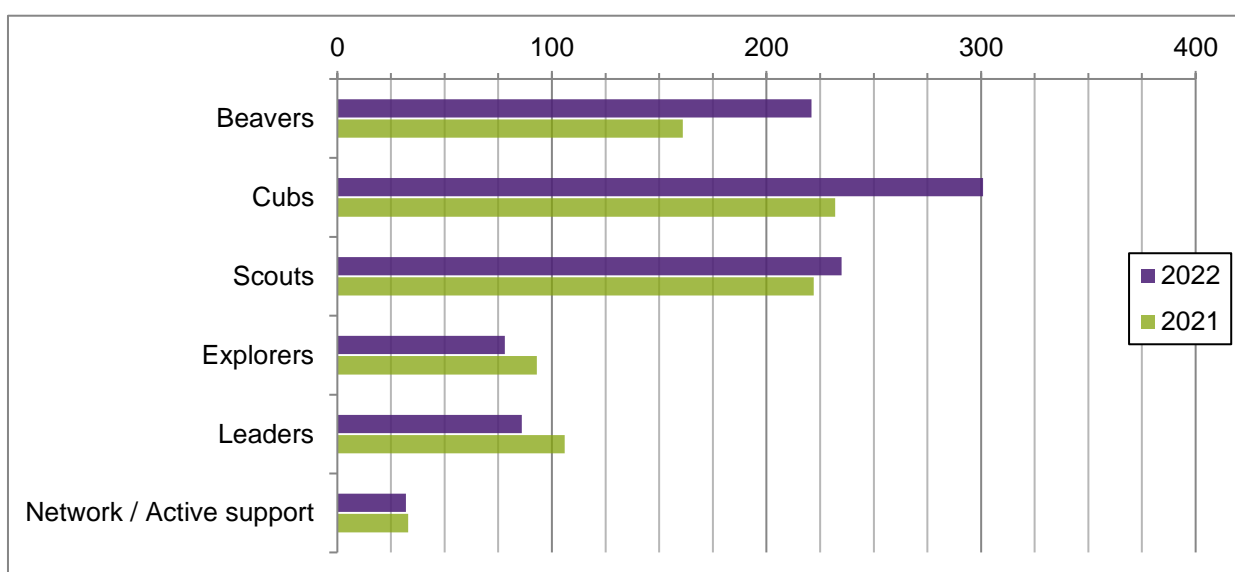
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3 Analysis of incoming resources (cont'd)

In the February immediately preceding the balance sheet date, the District annual census reported the following total members:

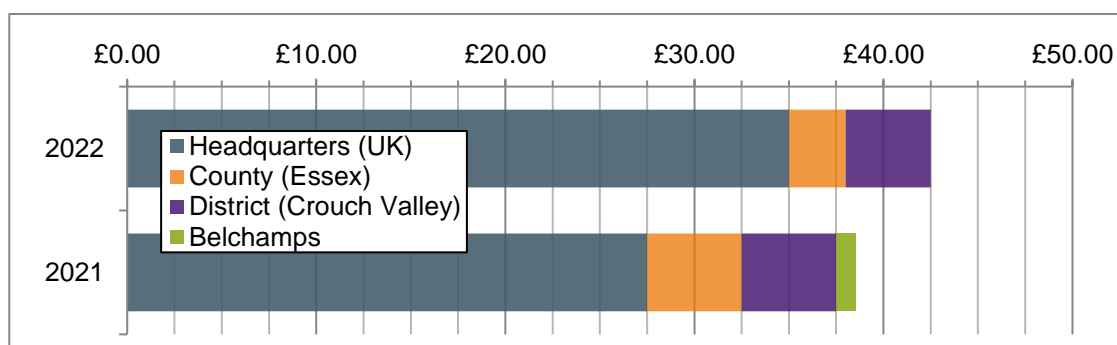
	2022	2021
Beavers	221	161
Cubs	301	232
Scouts	235	222
Explorers	78	93
Leaders	86	106
Network / Active support	32	33
Total	953	847



In February immediately preceding the year end, the annual subscriptions collected from each individual Scout were made up as follows:

	2022	2021
Headquarters (UK)	35.00	27.50
County (Essex)	3.00	5.00
District (Crouch Valley)	4.50	5.00
Belchamps	-	1.00
Total	£42.50	£38.50

The above amounts were collected in advance of the year ended 31st March 2021 and therefore have not yet been recognised in the SoFA.

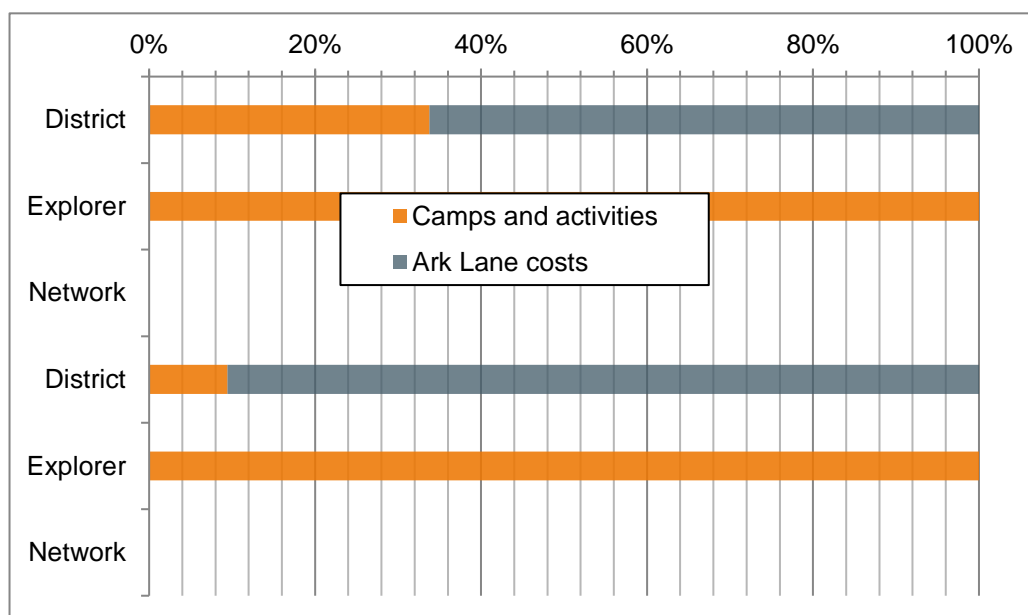


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4 Analysis of resources expended

	2022	2021
Charitable activities		
Event expenditure	(4,860)	(713)
Ark Lane depreciation	(2,625)	(3,088)
Ark Lane utilities and running costs	(6,900)	(3,757)
Priory Chase depreciation	(5,926)	(6,046)
Administrative expenses	(3,358)	(327)
Hall rent	-	-
Leader training and development	(30)	(130)
Minibus expenses	(3,207)	(745)
Sundries	(293)	-
District charitable activities	(27,198)	(14,806)
Event expenditure	(135)	(135)
Camps	-	-
Hall rent	-	-
Unit meetings	-	(164)
Administrative expenses	(383)	(135)
Duke of Edinburgh expenses and fees	(578)	(314)
Equipment replacement	(2,025)	-
Uniforms and badges	-	-
Explorer charitable activities	(3,121)	(748)
Hall rent	-	-
Unit meetings	-	-
Uniforms and badges	-	-
Network charitable activities	-	-
Total charitable activity expenditure	(30,319)	(15,554)



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5 Remuneration and expenses

Scouting operates on a volunteer basis and as such the trustees express their gratitude to the many adults who give up their time so willingly for the benefit of the Scouts both within and external to the District. Without their incredible commitment the District simply would not exist.

During the current and preceding period, there were no employees of the District nor remuneration payments, or expenses, payable to trustees.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Ark Lane	Priory Chase	Total
Land and buildings			
Cost brought forward	17,498	296,275	313,773
Additions	-	-	-
Cost carried forward	17,498	296,275	313,773
Provision for depreciation	(2,625)	(5,926)	(8,551)
Net book value carried forward	14,873	290,349	305,222

7 Contingent liabilities

a. Belchamps

The District is responsible for one quarter of any liabilities that may arise from the management of Belchamps Scout Centre.

Belchamps is a 29 acre freehold campsite with ancillary buildings operated for the benefit of Scouts but is also used by other youth and educational organisations. It is owned, freehold, by the four Districts of South East Essex. Belchamps Scout Centre is also a registered charity - copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Charity Commission.

b. Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show

The District is responsible for a percentage of any liabilities that might arise from the production of the Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show.

The show is presented bi-annually and draws its cast from the four Scout Districts and three Guide Divisions of South East Essex. Any liability arising would be based on a per capita membership basis at the date of the latest membership census.

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8 Operating lease commitments

The District holds an ongoing lease for the use of the land at Ark Lane from Rochford District Council which expires in November 2023 at a cost of £50 per annum.

Following the sale of Love Lane, it has negotiated a 42 year lease at £1,500 per annum for the use of Priory Chase, Rayleigh. As at the balance sheet date this lease had been entered into but construction of the new Scout hut for the premises remained in their preliminary stages. The District has already agreed in principle an equivalent sublease to 5th Rayleigh Scout group for principal use and management of the new facility.

Therefore, the District's total value of future minimum lease payments were made up as follows:

	2022	2021
Due within 1 year	1,550	1,550
Due within 2 - 5 years	6,030	6,080
Due in more than 5 years	49,500	51,000
	<u>57,080</u>	<u>58,630</u>

9 Related party disclosures

There were no reportable related party transactions during the period (2021 - £nil).

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10 Funds and reserves

		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Movement
General (District)	Unrestricted	40,748	(30,377)	-	10,370
Outreach fund	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>40,748</u>	<u>(30,377)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,370</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted	7,056	(3,241)	-	3,816
Cerberus grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
Gryphon grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>7,056</u>	<u>(3,241)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,816</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted	-	-	-	-
Total		<u><u>47,804</u></u>	<u><u>(33,618)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>14,186</u></u>
			1st April 21	Movement	31st March 22
General (District)	Unrestricted		422,553	10,370	432,924
Outreach fund	Restricted		568	-	568
			<u>423,121</u>	<u>10,370</u>	<u>433,492</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted		5,989	3,816	9,805
Cerberus grant	Restricted		3,232	-	3,232
Gryphon grant	Restricted		500	-	500
			<u>9,721</u>	<u>3,816</u>	<u>13,537</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted		891	-	891
Total			<u><u>433,733</u></u>	<u><u>14,186</u></u>	<u><u>447,919</u></u>

The District's reserves at 31st March 2021 include the following funds:

Outreach fund: This fund exists to provide financial support and assistance to District Scouts where necessary. Scouting is open to all regardless of financial circumstances so the Outreach fund was originally established to ensure funds were always available to assist those who need it. A potential Outreach request was received and provisionally awarded during the year although in the end no further funding was required from the District.

Cerberus grant and Gryphon grant: These restricted fund streams represent monies gifted or granted to the District specifically for the furtherment of Explorer Scouting. Consequently, these funds have been kept separate from the District's general reserves and may only be used by their relevant units (or their successors).

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 4 to 12.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Wendy Shorey ACA

30 June 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022				2021
	District £	Explorer £	Network £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income					
District capitation	36,253	-	-	36,253	32,896
Capitation paid to Essex County Scouts	(32,424)	-	-	(32,424)	(27,612)
Net District capitation retained	3,829	-	-	3,829	5,284
Subscriptions	-	4,788	-	4,788	720
Total voluntary income	3,829	4,788	-	8,617	6,004
Activities for generating funds					
Badge sales	3,484	-	-	3,484	1,402
Minibus hire	-	-	-	-	-
	3,484	-	-	3,484	1,402
Investment income					
Interest received	3	-	-	3	29
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Event income					
District	-	-	-	-	-
Beavers	-	-	-	-	-
Cubs	-	-	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Explorers	-	-	-	-	-
Young leaders	-	-	-	-	-
Camp income					
District	-	-	-	-	-
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	-
Lynx / Hydra	-	-	-	-	-
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	-
Ark Lane camping fees / usage	3,332	-	-	3,332	-
Duke of Edinburgh income		2,268	-	2,268	475
Total resources from charitable activities	3,332	2,268	-	5,600	475
Other incoming resources					
Covid council grants	26,000	-	-	26,000	42,972
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid reclaim	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	4,100	-	-	4,100	-
Total other incoming resources	30,100	-	-	30,100	42,972
Total incoming resources	40,748	7,056	-	47,804	50,881

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022				2021
	District £	Explorer £	Network £	Total £	£
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds					
Badge purchases	(3,179)	-	-	(3,179)	(1,365)
Charitable activities					
Event expenditure					
District	(4,860)	-	-	(4,860)	(713)
Beavers	-	-	-	-	-
Cubs	-	-	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Explorers	-	(135)	-	(135)	(135)
Young leaders	-	-	-	-	-
Network	-	-	-	-	-
Camps					
District	-	-	-	-	-
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	-
Lynx / Hydra	-	-	-	-	-
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	-
Hall rent					
District	-	-	-	-	-
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	-
Lynx / Hydra	-	-	-	-	-
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	-
Network	-	-	-	-	-
Unit meetings					
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	-
Lynx / Hydra	-	-	-	-	(164)
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	-
Ark Lane refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-
Ark Lane utilities and running costs	(6,900)	-	-	(6,900)	(3,757)
Ark Lane depreciation	(2,625)	-	-	(2,625)	(3,088)
Priory Chase depreciation	(5,926)	-	-	(5,926)	(6,046)
Administrative expenses	(3,358)	(334)	-	(3,691)	(462)
Duke of Edinburgh expenses and fees	-	(578)	-	(578)	(314)
Equipment replacement	-	(2,025)	-	(2,025)	-
Leader training and development	(30)	-	-	(30)	(130)
Minibus expenses	(3,207)	(120)	-	(3,327)	(745)
Sundries	(293)	(49)	-	(342)	-
Uniforms and badges	-	-	-	-	-
Total charitable activity costs	(27,198)	(3,241)	-	(30,439)	(15,554)
Other resources expended	-	-	-	-	(40,954)
Total expenditure	(30,377)	(3,241)	-	(33,618)	(57,873)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	10,370	3,816	-	14,186	(6,992)

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Legal name: Crouch Valley District Scout Council

Registered number: 280514

Trustees:	A Austin	District Chair
	P Stafford	District Commissioner (DC)
	S Matthews	District Secretary
	Z Ager	District Treasurer
	S Blundell	Elected officer
	M Gibson	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	H Bell	District Network Scout Commissioner
	H Kalloo	Chairman Appointments Committee
	D Gilbert	Youth Commissioner

Contact address: 48a Woodlands Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4PY

Objectives and activities

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

Crouch Valley District Scout Council ('the District') exists to guide and support the 14 individual Scout groups within the lower River Crouch valley. Accordingly its principal activities are to provide District wide access to various support services and to provide District wide events for the benefit of those Scouts. The District is a managerial and support function for the activities of the various Scout groups operating underneath it in the local area.

Structure, governance and management

The District is a charity registered in the United Kingdom and a sub-unit of the Scout Association. It is therefore governed by Royal Charter granted in 1912 and operates as required by the stipulations and instructions of the Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Executive under the leadership of the District Commissioner and the Chairman. The Executive meet regularly throughout the year to discuss and decide upon the operation of the District. The Executive is also assisted by number of sub-committees who are responsible for specific affairs within the District and are appointed on an ad-hoc basis either permanently or temporarily as needs arise.

The recruitment and appointment of any leadership role within the District (including its officials) is the responsibility of the Appointments Committee. Whilst the final decision rests with the District Commissioner, they are guided by the advice and opinions of the Appointments Committee who also consider and suggest the training requirements of the new appointment.

In accordance with Scouting regulations, Explorer Scout units and Scout Network organisations within the local geographical area are also under the remit of the District itself (unlike individual Scout groups which are separate entities in their own right). Led by the District Explorer and Network Scout Commissioners, Explorers and Network maintain their own management executive independent from (but reportable to) the District itself.

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Structure, governance and management (cont'd)

The annexed accounts for the District therefore include the activities of District as a body plus the District Explorer units and the District Network units included therein.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The District continues to maintain its active and broad profile of Scouting activities within the local community. Intra-District competition remains both popular and competitive.

As explained elsewhere, the new District and 5th Rayleigh Headquarters was formally opened and named 'The Birches'. This represents a fantastic achievement by the 5th Rayleigh Scout Group and an impressive new facility in Crouch Valley for use by the district and the wider community.

The District's core Scouting calendar remains generally unchanged with most intra-District events well attended by most groups. Well refined deliveries mean certain events remain hugely popular (such as the Beaver swimming gala or the Cub hike) and meanwhile the District's ADCs continue to test new waters to bring fresh ideas to the table, whether as new activities at Renewal of Promise or as stand alone events. On a whole District level, the all section Renewal of Promise weekend run each April continues to gain in popularity and atmosphere, albeit, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, one of the last actions for this year was to cancel the April 2020 event. Unfortunately we continue to function without an ADC (Scouts), a role which we desperately need to fill.

The District Executive have continued to make its minibus available to all groups in the District on a fuel only basis. The Executive are encouraged by its continuing, and increasing use. This remains a valuable District asset which helps groups control the cost of transportation.

As the annexed notes demonstrate, the amount of young people benefiting directly from local Scouting remains as strong as ever. Unfortunately recruiting and retaining adult volunteers to facilitate this delivery continues to remain a problem across the District (and indeed wider Scouting) with many adults therefore holding multiple roles. As always, further volunteer recruitment remains a key strategic focus for the Executive.

During this year the District has seen a significant reduction in its cash reserves following the completion of the build at Priory Chase, in line with the objectives of the District for the past few years. Following the use of these cash reserves and the deficit incurred in the year, the District as a whole continues to carefully monitor expenditure incurred. Consequently, a decision was made during 2019/20 to keep capitation levels consistent with the previous year. This has enabled the District to offer the services of its minibus at no charge to scout groups which has already proved useful to a number of groups.

The appointment of an Explorer Administrator and the consolidation of all records onto OSM has helped improve the collection of subscriptions and the monitoring of this continues.

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Achievements and performance (cont'd)

The financial statements for the year indicate that the District has incurred a deficit but still significant funds due to the value of its assets. This year has seen a shift from the value of assets being in cash to assets following the completion of Priory Chase. In addition, the District is owed funds by 5th Rayleigh as it funded the completion of the build while fundraising was taking place. This decision was approved by the District Executive as the best use of funds in order to provide improved scouting provisions for the District.

The District cannot ignore the effect that the Covid-19 pandemic is having on Scouting. We need to be pragmatic and expect that there will be a reduction in membership in the 20/21 year. Furthermore, the District will need to provide financial support to Belchamps to ensure that the site returns to full functionality in the future. There are already indications that headquarters are expecting a significant uplift in the annual capitation which will provide challenges to all the groups in the District. The Leaders in this District can be proud of their response to the challenges caused by the pandemic by delivering online Scouting and even a virtual renewal of Promise weekend in April 2020.

Finally, the Executive would like to offer their thanks to all those volunteers who give so much so freely for the benefit of the Scouts within the District's remit. Like all Scouting the District is highly dependent on the fantastic work all its adult volunteers undertake, always far beyond what is expected of them and usually freely given without proper recognition. On behalf of those Scouts who benefit - thank you. This AGM sees Lisa Keith, our District Treasurer depart from her role. We thank her for her time and contribution which has not been insubstantial.

Financial review

The District strives to keep sufficient reserves to service its current financial requirements and realistic potential liabilities without cumulating large surpluses which would be better used for Scouting purposes. It maintains £5,000 of cash deposits in a Scout Association short-term investment deposit which is considered by the District Executive to be sufficient to safeguard the District against unexpected events and liabilities.

When setting the District's annual subscriptions, the Executive has due regard for the District's current level of reserves and therefore attempts to balance the next year's funding requirements with the existing funds available.

At the 31st March 2021 the District had the following reserves:	£
District reserves	423,121
Explorer reserves	9,721
Network reserves	891
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	433,733
Of which restricted	(4,300)
Unrestricted reserves	<hr/>
	<u>429,433</u>

Although the above reserves show a very strong overall financial position, the Executive are mindful that this is principally due to the £410,000 of exceptional proceeds received from the sale of Love Lane, which are already earmarked for re-investment into a replacement District asset and other associated capital works. Furthermore, the consolidated District figures include not only the District's activities themselves but also the District's Ark Lane site, four active Explorer units (including a young leader unit) and the local Network.

Zoe Ager

District Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021			2020
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	6,004	-	6,004	10,554
Activities for generating funds	1,402	-	1,402	5,357
Investment income	29	-	29	32
Incoming resources from charitable activities	475	-	475	26,848
Other incoming resources	42,972	-	42,972	-
Total incoming resources	50,881	-	50,881	42,791
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of generating funds	(1,365)	-	(1,365)	(4,950)
Fundraising trading costs	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	(15,554)	-	(15,554)	(43,095)
Other resources expended	(40,954)	-	(40,954)	-
Total expenditure	(57,873)	-	(57,873)	(48,045)
Net incoming resources before transfers	(6,992)	-	(6,992)	(5,254)
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(6,992)	-	(6,992)	(5,254)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
District	(7,439)	-	(7,439)	(4,045)
Explorers	447	-	447	(959)
Network	-	-	-	(250)
Total movement	(6,992)	-	(6,992)	(5,254)
FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	442,755	4,300	440,725	445,979
Restatement from previous periods	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(6,992)	-	(6,992)	(5,254)
Total funds carried forward	435,763	4,300	433,733	440,725

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BALANCE SHEET

	31ST MARCH 2021			2020
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	313,772	-	313,772	322,907
Total fixed assets	313,772	-	313,772	322,907
CURRENT ASSETS				
Badge stocks	733	-	733	621
Debtors				
Income receivable	-	-	-	42,612
Prepayments	1,948	-	1,948	7,385
Other debtors	379	-	379	2,998
Total debtors	2,327	-	2,327	52,995
Cash at bank and in hand				
Scout investment service	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
District main account	69,581	568	70,149	52,457
Ark Lane account	37,844	-	37,844	8,316
District cash	65	-	65	65
Explorer main account	3,438	3,732	7,170	10,261
Explorer subs account	50	-	50	8,450
Network main account	776	-	776	776
Network cash	145	-	145	145
Total cash at bank and in hand	116,899	4,300	121,199	85,470
Total current assets	119,959	4,300	124,259	139,086
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses	(50)	-	(50)	(2,383)
Deferred income	(4,248)	-	(4,248)	(18,885)
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	(4,298)	-	(4,298)	(21,268)
NET ASSETS	429,433	4,300	433,733	440,725
FUNDS				
District funds				
General	422,553	-	422,553	429,992
Outreach	-	568	568	568
Explorer funds				
General	5,989	-	5,989	5,542
Cerberus grant	-	3,232	3,232	3,232
Gryphon grant	-	500	500	500
Network funds				
General	891	-	891	891
Total funds	429,433	4,300	433,733	440,725

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 7 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Z Ager
District Treasurer
7 Septemeber 2021

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

The District is a registered charity in England with charity number 280514. The charity's full title is Crouch Valley District Scout Council and it is operated in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules as set out by the Scout Association.

The District principally operates in the lower valley of the River Crouch, Essex, which encompasses Rochford, Hockley, Rayleigh, Hawkwell, Hullbridge and Canewdon.

2 Accounting policies

a. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Charities Act 2011.

The District meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

b. Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. This view is supported by the receipt of membership contributions from within the district and its level of reserves.

c. Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with suitable reliability.

Membership subscriptions: Membership subscriptions are reported net of any amounts collected on behalf of and payable to other parts of the Scout Movement. The District's share of membership subscriptions received are recognised as income in the period to which the subscription is attributable. Subscriptions are typically collected immediately before the balance sheet date in respect of the subsequent accounting period - in this case the subscriptions are deferred to the later reporting period.

Grants and donations: Grants and donations are only recognised as income when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities: These are only included within incoming resources (with an equivalent expenditure included in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received. The value of voluntary help received is not recognised.

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d. Allocation of income and expenditure

The District's activities also include those of the District based Explorer and Network sections and the separately identifiable activities of its Ark Lane campsite. All income and expenditure is attributable directly to one of the District's core activities and separate bank accounts and management figures are maintained to ensure the District's activities are kept identifiable. Consequently, no income or expenditure requires general apportionment across the District's activities.

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2 Accounting policies (cont'd)

e. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the total amounts outstanding can be accurately identified.

f. Tangible assets

Land and buildings are carried at historical cost, less provision for depreciation over 50 years or the remainder of the lease period (whichever is the shorter). Assets already previously written down to £nil value before the transition to full accruals accounts in 2015 have not been re-recognised in the subsequent financial statements. Depreciation is recognised only once assets under construction have been brought into use.

Other equipment additions are recognised as a fixed asset only where the individual cost exceeds £1,000 per item. Depreciation is charged at 15% reducing balance.

g. Stocks

Stocks of badges held for resale are recognised at the lower of cost and net sales value.

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	2021	2020
Voluntary income		
District capitation	32,896	39,027
Capitation paid on to UK / Essex County Scouts	<u>(27,612)</u>	<u>(33,832)</u>
Net District capitation retained	5,284	5,195
District Explorer subscriptions	720	5,316
District Network subscriptions	-	43
Total voluntary income	<u>6,004</u>	<u>10,554</u>
Activities for generating funds		
Badge sales	1,402	5,357
Minibus Hire	-	-
	<u>1,402</u>	<u>5,357</u>
Investment income		
Interest received	<u>29</u>	<u>32</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Event income	-	12,758
Ark Lane camping fees and usage charges	<u>-</u>	<u>3,310</u>
District charitable activities	-	16,068
Explorer camp and event income	-	10,240
Duke of Edinburgh income	475	540
Explorer charitable activities	<u>475</u>	<u>10,780</u>
Total charitable activity income	<u>475</u>	<u>26,848</u>
Other incoming resources		
Local council grants	42,972	-
Donations received	-	-
Gift aid reclaims	-	-
Other income receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other income receivable	<u>42,972</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>50,881</u>	<u>42,791</u>

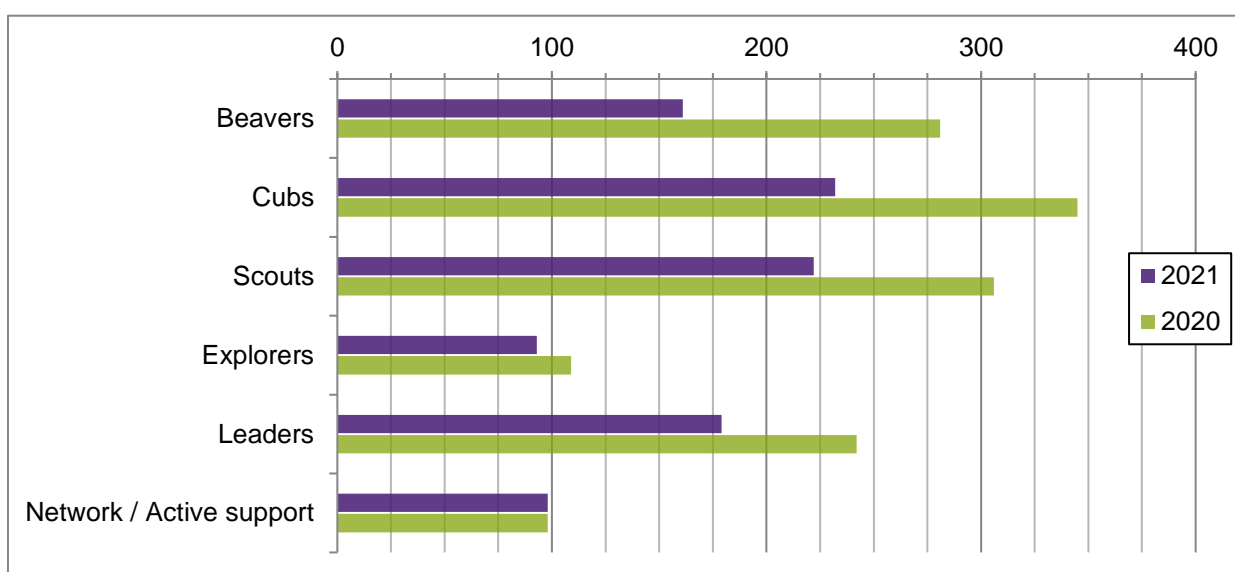
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3 Analysis of incoming resources (cont'd)

In the February immediately preceding the balance sheet date, the District annual census reported the following total members:

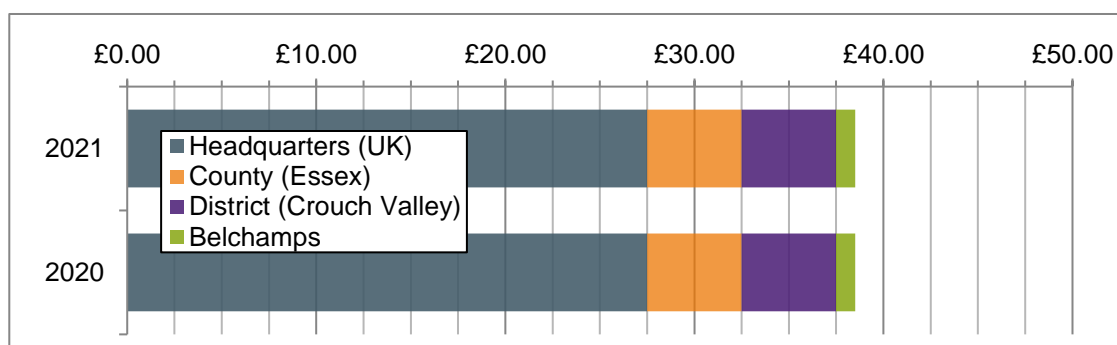
	2021	2020
Beavers	161	281
Cubs	232	345
Scouts	222	306
Explorers	93	109
Leaders	179	242
Network / Active support	98	98
Total	985	1,381



In February immediately preceding the year end, the annual subscriptions collected from each individual Scout were made up as follows:

	2021	2020
Headquarters (UK)	27.50	27.50
County (Essex)	5.00	5.00
District (Crouch Valley)	5.00	5.00
Belchamps	1.00	1.00
Total	£38.50	£38.50

The above amounts were collected in advance of the year ended 31st March 2021 and therefore have not yet been recognised in the SoFA.

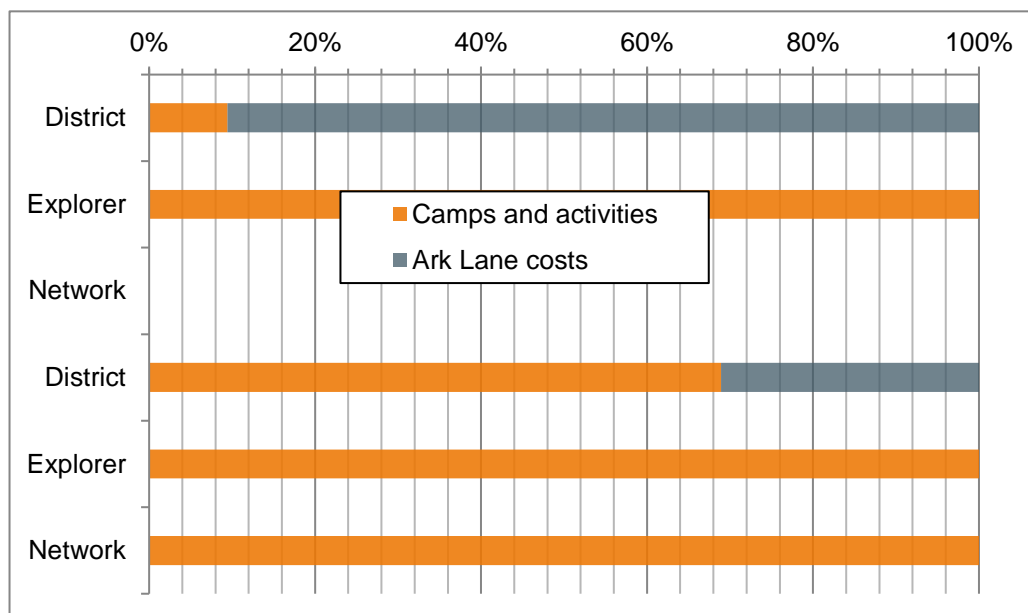


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4 Analysis of resources expended

	2021	2020
Charitable activities		
Event expenditure	(713)	(14,128)
Ark Lane depreciation	(3,088)	(3,633)
Ark Lane utilities and running costs	(3,757)	(2,742)
Priory Chase depreciation	(6,046)	(1,519)
Administrative expenses	(327)	(1,034)
Hall rent	-	(180)
Leader training and development	(130)	-
Minibus expenses	(745)	(2,437)
Sundries	-	-
District charitable activities	(14,806)	(25,673)
Event expenditure	(135)	(5,218)
Camps	-	(9,227)
Hall rent	-	(600)
Unit meetings	(164)	(733)
Administrative expenses	(135)	(170)
Duke of Edinburgh expenses and fees	(314)	(484)
Equipment replacement	-	-
Uniforms and badges	-	(623)
Explorer charitable activities	(748)	(17,055)
Hall rent	-	(190)
Unit meetings	-	(177)
Uniforms and badges	-	-
Network charitable activities	-	(367)
Total charitable activity expenditure	(15,554)	(43,095)



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

5 Remuneration and expenses

Scouting operates on a volunteer basis and as such the trustees express their gratitude to the many adults who give up their time so willingly for the benefit of the Scouts both within and external to the District. Without their incredible commitment the District simply would not exist.

During the current and preceding period, there were no employees of the District nor remuneration payments, or expenses, payable to trustees.

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Ark Lane	Priory Chase	Total
Land and buildings			
Cost brought forward	26,937	303,840	330,777
Additions	-	-	-
Cost carried forward	<u>26,937</u>	<u>303,840</u>	<u>330,777</u>
Provision for depreciation	<u>(9,439)</u>	<u>(7,566)</u>	<u>(17,005)</u>
Net book value carried forward	<u>17,498</u>	<u>296,274</u>	<u>313,772</u>

Previous capital expenditure on fixed assets was written off in the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006.

In the financial year ended 31st March 2017, the District disposed of its interest at Love Lane, Rayleigh. The disposal of Love Lane yielded a greater return than had been anticipated. Consequently, the District Executive has provisionally agreed no more than £303,840 of these proceeds will be available for the replacement site at Priory Chase, Rayleigh, being mindful that the total build cost must still reflect value for money to ongoing Scouting but particularly so on a site with a limited lease length. The remainder of the proceeds have been provisionally aligned with various other items of capital expenditure across the District, not least of which is a series of much needed long-term improvements at Ark Lane.

The District had been involved in ongoing discussions with Rochford District Council and 5th Rayleigh Scout Group to move forward the new facilities at Priory Chase. A formal lease was finally entered into in March 2018 and preliminary building work started. Unfortunately, issues with the main contractor meant that the project has stalled and costs incurred to March 20219 were included as assets under construction. The District is pleased to report that the build was completed in December 2019. In order to complete the build, the District loaned funds to 5th Rayleigh Scout Group of £37,956 and £5,000 has been repaid with the District agreeing to write off the rest of this loan.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

7 Contingent liabilities

a. Belchamps

The District is responsible for one quarter of any liabilities that may arise from the management of Belchamps Scout Centre.

Belchamps is a 29 acre freehold campsite with ancillary buildings operated for the benefit of Scouts but is also used by other youth and educational organisations. It is owned, freehold, by the four Districts of South East Essex. Belchamps Scout Centre is also a registered charity - copies of its accounts may be obtained from the Charity Commission.

b. Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show

The District is responsible for a percentage of any liabilities that might arise from the production of the Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show.

The show is presented bi-annually and draws its cast from the four Scout Districts and three Guide Divisions of South East Essex. Any liability arising would be based on a per capita membership basis at the date of the latest membership census.

8 Operating lease commitments

The District holds an ongoing lease for the use of the land at Ark Lane from Rochford District Council which expires in November 2023 at a cost of £50 per annum.

Following the sale of Love Lane, it has negotiated a 42 year lease at £1,500 per annum for the use of Priory Chase, Rayleigh. As at the balance sheet date this lease had been entered into but construction of the new Scout hut for the premises remained in their preliminary stages. The District has already agreed in principle an equivalent sublease to 5th Rayleigh Scout group for principal use and management of the new facility.

Therefore, the District's total value of future minimum lease payments were made up as follows:

	2021	2020
Due within 1 year	1,550	1,550
Due within 2 - 5 years	6,080	6,130
Due in more than 5 years	51,000	52,500
	<u>58,630</u>	<u>60,180</u>

9 Related party disclosures

There were no reportable related party transactions during the period (2020 - £nil).

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10 Funds and reserves

		Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Movement
General (District)	Unrestricted	49,686	(57,125)	-	(7,439)
Outreach fund	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>49,686</u>	<u>(57,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,439)</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted	1,195	(748)	-	447
Cerberus grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
Gryphon grant	Restricted	-	-	-	-
		<u>1,195</u>	<u>(748)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>447</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted	-	-	-	-
Total		<u><u>50,881</u></u>	<u><u>(57,873)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(6,992)</u></u>

		1st April 20	Movement	31st March 21
General (District)	Unrestricted	429,992	(7,439)	422,553
Outreach fund	Restricted	568	-	568
		<u>430,560</u>	<u>(7,439)</u>	<u>423,121</u>
General (Explorers)	Unrestricted	5,542	447	5,989
Cerberus grant	Restricted	3,232	-	3,232
Gryphon grant	Restricted	500	-	500
		<u>9,274</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>9,721</u>
General (Network)	Unrestricted	891	-	891
Total		<u><u>440,725</u></u>	<u><u>(6,992)</u></u>	<u><u>433,733</u></u>

The District's reserves at 31st March 2021 include the following funds:

Outreach fund: This fund exists to provide financial support and assistance to District Scouts where necessary. Scouting is open to all regardless of financial circumstances so the Outreach fund was originally established to ensure funds were always available to assist those who need it. A potential Outreach request was received and provisionally awarded during the year although in the end no further funding was required from the District.

Cerberus grant and Gryphon grant: These restricted fund streams represent monies gifted or granted to the District specifically for the furtherment of Explorer Scouting. Consequently, these funds have been kept separate from the District's general reserves and may only be used by their relevant units (or their successors).

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 4 to 12.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Wendy Shorey ACA

28 January 2022

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	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021				2020
	District £	Explorer £	Network £	Total £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income					
District capitation	32,896	-	-	32,896	39,027
Capitation paid to Essex County Scouts	(27,612)	-	-	(27,612)	(33,832)
Net District capitation retained	5,284	-	-	5,284	5,195
Subscriptions	-	720	-	720	5,359
Total voluntary income	5,284	720	-	6,004	10,554
Activities for generating funds					
Badge sales	1,402	-	-	1,402	5,357
Minibus hire	-	-	-	-	-
	1,402	-	-	1,402	5,357
Investment income					
Interest received	29	-	-	29	32
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Event income					
District	-	-	-	-	9,878
Beavers	-	-	-	-	1,520
Cubs	-	-	-	-	1,360
Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Explorers	-	-	-	-	-
Young leaders	-	-	-	-	-
Camp income					
District	-	-	-	-	9,357
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	405
Lynx / Hydra	-	-	-	-	170
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	308
Ark Lane camping fees / usage	-	-	-	-	3,310
Duke of Edinburgh income	-	475	-	475	540
Total resources from charitable activities	-	475	-	475	26,848
Other incoming resources					
Covid council grants	42,972	-	-	42,972	-
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid reclaim	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total other incoming resources	42,972	-	-	42,972	-
Total incoming resources	49,686	1,195	-	50,881	42,791

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021				2020
	District £	Explorer £	Network £	Total £	£
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds					
Badge purchases	(1,365)	-	-	(1,365)	(4,950)
Charitable activities					
Event expenditure					
District	(713)	-	-	(713)	(8,758)
Beavers	-	-	-	-	(3,225)
Cubs	-	-	-	-	(1,945)
Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Explorers	-	(135)	-	(135)	(5,218)
Young leaders	-	-	-	-	(200)
Network	-	-	-	-	(177)
Camps					
District	-	-	-	-	(6,780)
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	(1,374)
Lynx / Hydra	-	-	-	-	(423)
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	(650)
Hall rent					
District	-	-	-	-	(180)
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	(284)
Lynx / Hydra	-	-	-	-	(30)
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	(286)
Network	-	-	-	-	(190)
Unit meetings					
Cerberus	-	-	-	-	(311)
Lynx / Hydra	-	(164)	-	(164)	(249)
Phoenix	-	-	-	-	(173)
Ark Lane refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-
Ark Lane utilities and running costs	(3,757)	-	-	(3,757)	(2,742)
Ark Lane depreciation	(3,088)	-	-	(3,088)	(3,633)
Priory Chase depreciation	(6,046)	-	-	(6,046)	(1,519)
Administrative expenses	(327)	(135)	-	(462)	(1,204)
Duke of Edinburgh expenses and fees	-	(314)	-	(314)	(484)
Equipment replacement	-	-	-	-	-
Leader training and development	(130)	-	-	(130)	-
Minibus expenses	(745)	-	-	(745)	(2,437)
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms and badges	-	-	-	-	(623)
Total charitable activity costs	(14,806)	(748)	-	(15,554)	(43,095)
Other resources expended	(40,954)	-	-	(40,954)	-
Total expenditure	(57,125)	(748)	-	(57,873)	(48,045)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(7,439)	447	-	(6,992)	(5,254)