



Trustees Annual Report & Accounts

Croydon District Scout Council

to 31st December 2023

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Trustees Annual Report
For The Period From 1st January to 31st December 2023

Reference and administrative details:

<u>Charity Name:</u>	Croydon District Scout Council
<u>Registered Charity Number:</u>	282738
<u>President:</u>	Theresa Jeffrey

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Chair	Dave Rixson (resigned 23.06.23) Louise Cook (appointed 23.06.23)
Deputy Chair	John Seaton (resigned 01.01.23)
District Commissioner	Gregory Cook
Secretary	Pamela Grogan
Treasurer	Saiqa Asghar (resigned 01.01.23) John Seaton (appointed 01.01.23)
Youth Commissioners	Jake Belcher
DESC	Richard Goad
Network Leader	Cari-anne Bailey
Nominated	Simon Whitehead Zahir Khan Jon Slade
Elected Members	Amanda Giles Kate Balzer Robert Hiscocks (appointed 23.06.23) Tony Crackett (resigned 23.06.23) Gabriella Covacci (resigned 23.06.23) Revd Andy Dovey (resigned 23.06.23)
Co-opted Members	Bernard Farrell Steve French

Type of governing document

The Districts governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

How the Charity is constituted

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Risks and internal control

The District has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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.

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

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and enjoy what they are doing and have fun, take part in activities indoors and outdoors, learn by doing, share in spiritual reflection, take responsibility and make choices, undertake new and challenging activities and make and live by their Promise.

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

Main achievements during the year

These are set out by the District Commissioner and Chairman in the District annual report.

Financial accounts

This is shown on pages 6 to 10 of this report.

Reserves policy

The District policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Board of Trustees considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs, circa £20,000.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:



Full name:

Julie Findlay

Position:

Chair



John Seaton

Treasurer

Date:

24th April 2024

26 April 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Croydon District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes set out on pages 6 - 10

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 Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/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:

1. Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
3. 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 Group/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; to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and 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.

Name
Signature

Ian Rowe



Qualification
Address

ACA
13 Wallace Crescent,
Carshalton, Surrey
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Date

26 April 2024

Croydon District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31st December 2023

<u>Income</u>	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds ¹	Funds ⁴		

Donations, Legacies & Similar
Income

Membership Subscriptions	97973	0	0	97973	84175
Less: Membership Subscriptions paid on District	84490	0	0	84490	79623
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	13483	0	0	13483	4552

Grants and Donations

Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	275	0	0	275	350
Gift Aid	43	0	0	43	75
Sub Total	318	0	0	318	425

District Income

Activities ²	15093	0	0	15093	14997
Climbing Wall	0	0	3288	3288	1775
Awards Evening	0	0	0	0	0
Jamboree/Camp	0	0	22864	22864	19175
Group Development	0	462	0	462	1858
Sub Total	15093	462	26152	41707	37805

Others

Campsites ⁶	32252	0	0	32252	26207
Explorer Groups ⁷	49157	0	210	49367	64385
Network ⁸	0	0	0	0	
Sub Total	81409	0	210	81619	90592

Investment Income

Bank Interest	525	0	0	525	0
Other Investment Income	1060	0	0	1060	198
Sub Total	1585	0	0	1585	198

Total Gross Income	111888	462	26362	138712	133572
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<u>Expenditure</u>	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	General Funds	Designated Funds ¹	Restricted Funds ⁴	Total	Total

Payments

Activities ²	12493	0	0	12493	17674
Training	0	2534	0	2534	773
Insurance	642	0	0	642	387
Purchase of Equipment	2609	0	0	2609	506
PR	0	169	0	169	498
AGM	0	833	0	833	894
General Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative costs ³	818	0	0	818	833
Gifts & Donations	50	0	0	50	990
Depreciation	12511	0	0	12511	4171
Climbing Wall	0	0	5256	5256	4168
Awards Evening	0	0	0	0	0
Jamboree/Camp	0	0	26221	26221	23800
Group/District Development	0	3968	0	3968	29595
Sub Total	29123	7504	31477	68104	84289

Others

Campsites ⁶	38609	0	0	38609	76334
Explorer Groups ⁷	42932	0	12863	55795	49374
Network ⁸	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	81541	0	12863	94404	125708

Total Gross Expenditure	110664	7504	44340	162508	209997
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Summary

Total Receipts	111888	462	26362	138712	133572
Less Total Payments	110664	7504	44340	162508	209997
Profit/loss before funds transferred	1224	-7042	-17978	-23796	-76425
Funds transferred	-281	0	281	0	0
Net Profit/Loss	943	-7042	-17697	-23796	-76425
Add:Funds balance last year	108584	31931	33831	174346	250771
Grand Total Carried Forward	109527	24889	16134	150550	174346

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets ⁵	0	15947
Sub Total	0	15947

Current Assets

Debtors	0	0
Investments	0	85000
Loans	0	0
Cash in Bank and in hand	150550	73399
Sub Total	150550	158399

Total Assets	150550	174346
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Less Current Liabilities

Liabilities	0	0
Sub Total	0	0

Net Assets	150550	174346
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Represented by funds

General Funds	109527	108584
Designated Funds ¹	24889	31931
Restricted Funds ⁴	16134	33831
Total	150550	174346

Notes To The Annual Report

1. Designated Fund

	<u>Group Development General</u>	<u>District Development</u>	<u>Total</u>
Previous balance brought forward	16725	15206	31931
Incoming Resources	462	0	462
Outgoing Resources	1250	6254	7504
Transfer In/Out	0	0	0
Total carried forward	15937	8952	24889

2. Activities

The income and expenditure represent activities carried out by the District throughout the year including out of pocket expenses incurred by the ADCs and helpers in running the district activities

3. Administrative costs

This covers out of pocket and reimbursed expenses of the Chairman, DC, ADCs, Secretary, Treasurer and helpers during the year, as well as miscellaneous expenses.

4. Restricted Funds

	Balance bought forward	In	Out	Transfers	Balance carried forward
Jamboree	3170	22864	26221	0	-187
Mobile Climbing Wall	18289	3288	5256	0	16321
Pinewood Scout Centre	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Place Explorers	12372	210	12863	281	0
Total	33831	26362	44340	281	16134

5. Tangible Assets

	Net Book Value 01/01/23	Additions	Depreciation	Net Book Value 31/12/23
Mobile Climbing Wall	5599	0	5599	0
Bears Wood Equipment	3436	0	3436	0
Pinewood Hall Equipment/Contents	6912	0	6912	0
Total	15947	0	15947	0

The depreciation charge of £3426 for Bearswood equipment is included in the campsite expenditure within the statement of financial activities. The Trustees agreed to write off any asset whose face value was £5,000 or lower, which left only the Mobile Climbing Wall, but as it was no longer in use and was in the process of being disposed of, it was agreed to write it off this year.

6. Croydon District Scouts Council Campsites

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
Pinewood Scout Camp Site	6852	11885	15419	0	3318
Bear Wood Scout Camp Site	13559	20367	23190	0	10736
Total	20411	32252	38609	0	14054

7. Croydon District Scouts Explorers Units

Explorers	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Closing Balance
Kenley Explorer Scout Unit	6308	16249	16801	0	5756
Croham Valley Explorer Scout Unit	2259	4526	2716	0	4069
Pinewood Seahorses Explorer Scout Unit	12898	13696	11090	0	15504
Purley Cross Explorer Scout Unit	2259	5651	5575	0	2335
Crystal Palace Explorer Scout Unit	18285	9245	19613	0	7917
Total	42009	49367	55795	0	35581

8. Network

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Croydon District Scout Network	801	0	0	801

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