

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 291136

Details

Other names	EAST SUSSEX SCOUTS, SCOUT ASSOCIATION COUNTY OF EAST SUSSEX - EAST SUSSEX SCOUTS, THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION - COUNTY OF EAST SUSSEX
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1985-02-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS INDIVIDUALS , AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES, BY PRODUCING AN ENJOYABLE AND ATTRACTIVE SCHEME OF PROGRESSIVE TRAINING GUIDED BY THE ADULT LEADERSHIP.

Activities: Provision of Scouting within the County of East Sussex

Classification

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

Geography

- Brighton And Hove
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£66,498	£43,701	-	-
2023-12-31	£60,752	£51,846	-	-
2022-12-31	£61,063	£64,094	-	-
2021-12-31	£41,117	£23,167	-	-
2020-12-31	£127,864	£742,400	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kathryn Frost	Chair	2021-12-30
Elaine Gausden		2020-07-28
Izzy Rance		2025-11-19
Mark Lloyd		2022-01-12
Sharon Susan Bishop		2016-09-06
Steven Dawson		2014-09-14
TONY RICHARDSON		

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SCOUT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Charity Number 00170; 1 April 1974

PRESIDENT

Andrew Blackman, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex

TRUSTEE BOARD

Ex-officio

Kathryn Frost
Elaine Gausden
Sharon Bishop
Tony Richardson
Ray Tennant
Stephen Dawson
Mark Lloyd
Andrew Smith

County Chair
County Lead
County Secretary
County Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

MR M CLARK

Report from the County Lead Volunteer

I continue to lead scouting across East Sussex, it has been a challenging year but rewarding all the same. Scouting is going through some changes, with the end goal to make it easier to attract adults to join the teams, to enable more young people to enjoy scouting.

Transformation has had 2 purposes, one is to change the structure, Commissioners are now lead volunteers, leaders are now team leaders or team members. In East Sussex we were already working well as a team, so I personally feel confident in the changes, as in essence we were already doing them.

The second part of transformation was to bring in the new membership system, which has been more of a challenge. I am confident that eventually this will be a useful tool to enable safe scouting. I would like to thank the transformation lead, Ash Jones and his team for their hard work and dedication in preparing the county for this.

Across the county we have had some successful events, Beaver sleepover at Knockhatch, Overland and Goldbitz to name a few. Thank you to all the volunteers that make these events possible. The safety team have been busy, supporting events both in county and districts, working closely with HQ, ensuring we as a county are delivering safe scouting. Hopefully, once volunteers are more confident with the new structure, we will look at building on county events.

Kim, our Local Growth Officer (LGO) has been working hard in the 1st year, new squirrels are popping up all over the county. She is a trusted member of the county team and is doing a great job in supporting all who need her, enabling scouting to be delivered to the poorest part of the county where children most need the skills scouting can offer.

I'm sure the next year will continue to be a challenge, navigating through factors that are beyond our control, however, East Sussex Scouts will be the stability we all need.

Each District has continued to provide excellent scouting opportunities for the young people and also worked hard to ensure every member carries out their mandatory training, this is supported by Christine and Frances from county, thank to them both for their commitment and dedication to the cause.

Thank you for the hard work the district leads and group lead volunteers have put in over the past year.

Report from the County Chair

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I am pleased to present the Annual report for the East Sussex Scout Council.

We are pleased to report that the Scout Board maintained a stable financial position throughout the year. Our revenue sources remained consistent, and we successfully managed our expenses within the allocated budget. The prudent financial management ensured that we continued to support and invest in our core scouting programs and initiatives.

Growth and Development: The County has continued to part fund the role of our Local Growth officer. Kim Hall has focused on membership growth initiatives and the targets set earlier in the year are well on track to be reached with the potential to exceed. The strong moves made to encourage growth in areas of the county that needed direct and detailed support from our Officers expertise has proved successful for both young people and adult recruitment. There is however work that still needs to be done, and Kim maintains a focused approach on working with District Lead Volunteers.

Our Youth team also continues to grow with a Youth lead either in role or identified as being suitable in all Districts; and plans for youth engagement and shaping the youth focus in our County continues to be a priority.

Leadership Development: The County has focused efforts on supporting Districts with Health and safety after the introduction of our Health and safety Team in 2024, the team have worked to equip our leaders with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively guide and mentor our young people through exciting programs and ensure meeting places, events and activities are consistent across the County with a supportive approach from the team.

Similarly, the training team have worked tirelessly to ensure that adult volunteers have completed all their necessary training and helped navigate our teams through the transition period.

Transformation: With the introduction of new systems and ways to volunteer in scouting, our County Transformation team has supported and guided our adult volunteers through the process. Often facing challenges and changes to the processes that they had to quickly navigate and communicate to the County, it has not been an easy journey. However, despite the uncertainties that were felt, the team continue to support our volunteers through the process.

Diversity and Inclusion: Recognising the importance of inclusivity, we aim to enhance diversity within our organisation. We will continue to implement initiatives that create a welcoming and supportive environment for members of the global community, ensuring everyone feels valued and represented within East Sussex.

Partnerships and Collaborations: We will continue to actively seek partnerships and collaborations with other counties, local businesses, educational institutions, and governmental bodies. These partnerships will provide our scouts with valuable learning experiences, resources, and opportunities to contribute to the community.

Community Outreach: Across the County, our young people actively participated in community service projects and environmental initiatives, fostering a sense of social responsibility among our members, and leaving a positive impact on the community.

Events: The Board has remained committed to ensuring that every young person has access to activities and challenge events that broaden their experience of scouting and the opportunities that come with being a member. We continue to support international events, but this year has seen an increase in the part funding of local initiatives that include challenge hikes, activity days and the start of plans for our own County Jamboree in 2026.

In conclusion, the past year has not been without its challenges, especially as we stepped into transformation, but it has been successful and rewarding. We have navigated through some uncertainty, adapted to changing circumstances, and continued to provide an excellent and meaningful scouting experience for all our members. We extend our gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers, leaders, and supporters who have contributed to our success. We look forward to the year ahead and remain committed to fulfilling our mission of giving every young person skills for life

Kathryn Frost

Chair Board of Trustees

CENSUS OF MEMBERSHIP AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

	Squirell Scouts	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Explorer Scouts	Network Scouts	Adults	Total 2025	Total 2024
Ashdown	42	213	223	208	85	6	206	983	1,059
Brighton & Hove	-	231	312	306	79	20	193	1,141	1,151
Eastbourne	45	218	253	245	107	19	270	1,157	1,218
Hailsham & Heathfield	7	107	164	122	59	-	131	590	593
Hastings & Rye	76	220	258	254	72	-	253	1,133	1,105
Lewes	7	87	103	122	38		119	476	474
Seahaven	15	79	82	81	18	21	97	393	389
Senlac	16	143	165	168	93	5	186	776	774
County							12	12	65
Total 2025	208	1,298	1,560	1,506	551	71	1,467	6,661	
Total 2024	163	1,246	1,699	1,505	530	72	1,613		6,828

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East Sussex County Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting within the County. The Scout County consists of eight autonomous Districts: Ashdown; Brighton & Hove; Eastbourne; Hailsham and Heathfield; Hastings and Rye; Lewes; Seahaven; and Senlac. The constitution of the Scout County is set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The function of the Trustee Board Committee is to:

- support the County Lead in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment.
- provide support for the Scout Districts and Scout Network within the County.

Members of the Trustee Board are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R.) of The Scout Association. The County Chair, County Lead, County Treasurer, County Secretary and the County Youth Lead are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. Other members are elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the County Scout Council. The Trustee Board may co-opt members to fill casual vacancies.

Trustees already have, from the appointments they have held, basic understanding of both Scouting generally and of how the County is organised and run. With effect from 1 January 2016 all new Trustees were required to become members of The Scout Association and undertake the Association's training for Trustees.

It is a duty of the Trustee Board to identify, review, and mitigate the major risks to which it believes the County is exposed. The main areas of concern remain the need to recruit sufficient volunteers to provide the requisite management and support of Scouting within the County; and the requirement to set and maintain high standards of health, safety, and protection of the environment.

Risk Assessments are undertaken for all major County Activities in accordance with the recommendations and requirements of the Scout Association's published document entitled "Policy, Organisation and Rules". Regular risk assessments of the County's activity centre are carried out and reported to its Management Committee.

OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Scout County, as part of the national Scout Association, is to help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national, and international communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, and guided by adult leadership.

The Scout County's overall objective is to encourage the development of Scouting in East Sussex. It does this by supporting the County Lead and their team in ensuring that appropriate administrative and financial arrangements are in place to promote good practice in the Scout Districts and Groups. In particular, it provides all adult leader training free of charge at the point of delivery and organises certain activities which are not provided at a more local level. It publishes internal newsletters to keep adults informed of developments. Promoting good health and safety practices also remains a key activity.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit (Charities and Public Benefit). The trustees believe that the benefits enjoyed by young people participating in Scouting activities, supported by East Sussex County Scout Council, meet the public benefit criteria of the Charities Act 2011, without distinction by reason of age, diversity or disability.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable organisation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

The consolidated accounts for all County activities shows Income of £66,498 (2023 £60,752) with expenditure of £43,694 (2023 £51,846). This has left a surplus of £22,804 as compared with a surplus in 2023 of £8,906.

£10,321 has been transferred from the general reserve to the International Fund to support international Scouting events and £20,615 to the Development Fund. The balance on the ESCC support grant of £8,240 has also been transferred to the development fund

The trustees have a policy of retaining monies in the general fund to meet 9 months expenditure and to allow for any emergency assistance required by Scout Districts or Groups within the County. The reserves policy is reviewed annually. The general fund balance as of 31 December 2023 is £175,191 (2023 £174,075).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of East Sussex County Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East Sussex County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mr M Clark
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12 March 2025

East Sussex County Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024			2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		37,284	2,000	39,284	31,901
Investment income		12,359	-	12,359	9,171
Incoming resources from charitable activities		14,705	150	14,855	19,680
Other incoming resources		-	-	-	0
Total incoming resources		64,348	2,150	66,498	60,752
Resources expended	4- 6				
Charitable activities		32,303	11,398	43,701	51,846
Total resources expended		32,303	11,398	43,701	51,846
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		32,045	(9,248)	22,797	8,906
Gross transfers between funds	12.3	(30,936)	30,936	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		1,109	21,688	22,797	8,906
Net movement in funds		1,109	21,688	22,797	8,906
Total funds brought forward		174,075	109,552	283,627	274,721
Total funds carried forward		175,184	131,240	306,424	283,627

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

		31-Dec-24			31-Dec-23
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £	Total £
Current assets					
Stocks	7	2,704	-	2,704	818
Debtors	8	10,659	-	10,659	11,017
(Short term) investments	9	150,000	108,187	258,187	255,000
Cash at bank and in hand	9	22,249	23,053	45,302	25,849
Total current assets		185,612	131,240	316,852	292,684
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	10,428	-	10,428	9,057
Net current assets/(liabilities)		175,184	131,240	306,424	283,627
Total assets less current liabilities		175,184	131,240	306,424	283,627
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-
Net assets		175,184	131,240	306,424	283,627
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	12	175,184	-	175,184	174,075
Designated Funds	12	-	131,240	131,240	109,552
Total funds		175,184	131,240	306,424	283,627

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

K Frost
Chair

A M Richardson, FCCA
Treasurer

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015);
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

Note 2 Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount 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.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	230,147	211,906
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(192,863)	(182,505)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	37,284	29,401
	Grants & Donations	2,000	2,500
		39,284	31,901
Investment income	Bank & Short term Investment Interest	12,359	9,171
	Total	12,359	9,171
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Youth Programme and activities	14,855	19,680
	Total	14,855	19,680

Note 4

Analysis of

	Analysis	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable Activities	Youth Programme and activities	23,206	31,242
	Governance	648	239
	Adult Training	3,584	5,794
	Development of Scouting	7,160	5,605
	County Office	9,103	8,966
	Total	43,701	51,846

Note 5

Expenses

5.1 Trustee expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

2024	2023
0	0
Travel	Travel
£0	£0

5.2 External Examiner Fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other

2024 £	2023 £
0	0

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 6 Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	7,291	6,671
Total staff costs	7,291	6,671

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

2024 Number	2023 Number
1	1

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7 Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Activity Books & Badges	2,704	818
Total	2,704	818

Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	700	9,894
Prepayments and accrued income	9,959	1,123
Total	10,659	11,017

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank Accounts	45,287	25,824
Investment Accounts	258,187	255,000
Cash in hand	15	25
Total	303,489	280,849

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10

Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors
Receipts in advance
Accruals and deferred income

Amounts falling due within one year	
31/12/2024 £	31/12/2023 £
142	79
10,286	8,502
-	476
Total 10,428	9,057

14.2 Security over assets

Note 11.

Analysis of County Activities

County Office & General Stationery
Beaver Scouts Events
Development Costs
International Events
Overland Hike
Adult Training
Other Costs
Badges & D of E awards
Scout Events
ACC Youth Involvement
Governance
Nwtwork Scouts
LEA Grant
Membership Fees
Investment Interest
Totals

Income	Expenditure
-	9,103
7,110	7,944
150	7,160
-	4,238
3,394	3,881
-	3,584
-	2,846
2,080	1,780
2,121	1,620
	877
-	648
	20
2,000	-
37,284	-
12,359	-
66,498	43,701

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 12

Designated and restricted funds

12.1 Funds held

The charity held the following funds at the year end

General Fund (GE); Designated Funds (D)

Fund Name	Type GE, D	Purpose and Restrictions
International Reserve	D	To support Scouts taking part in international activities.
LEA membership grants	D	Represents the value of grants received to support Scouting within the East Sussex County Council area.
Development Fund	D	To support future Development of Scouting within East Sussex

12.2 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Type GE, D	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	GE	174,075	64,348	(32,303)	(30,936)	175,184
International Reserve	D	56,917	-	(4,238)	10,321	63,000
Development Fund	D	46,395	150	(7,160)	28,855	68,240
LEA membership grants	D	6,240	2,000	-	(8,240)	-
sub total designated funds		109,552	2,150	(11,398)	30,936	131,240
Total Funds		283,627	66,498	(43,701)	-	306,424

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Leadership Development: Recognising the importance of leadership skills, our training teams have continued the drive across our training programs and workshops for scout leaders. Specifically, the introduction of our health & safety team who have been working together with our District leads to review and refocus safety in the County supporting groups and districts with all health and safety matters.

These initiatives aimed to equip our leaders with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively guide and mentor our young people through exciting programs.

International: The unprecedented challenges faced by our young people and adult volunteers at the World Scout Jamboree in the summer of 2023 were a matter of great concern for the Board of Trustees. However, the careful management of the situation by our County team and those at the Jamboree ensured our young people and adults were supported fully and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who navigated a very difficult situation. The Board continues to work closely with the County team on supporting all adults and young people on international trips and we look forward to more opportunities for this into 2024/25.

Challenges and Mitigation: While we celebrated many achievements, as above we also faced challenges during the year. Our County can and will continue to swiftly adapt to any challenges with targeted support ensuring that our scouting experience remains accessible, engaging, and interactive.

Transformation: We have already seen some changes adopted in the past few months and we remain working hard to prepare the county for transformation. These will see exciting new changes to the way we deliver scouting and how we welcome and develop new volunteers into our leadership and governance teams.

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Eastbourne	39	200	277	249	99	27	327	1,218	1,189
Hailsham & Heathfield	-	114	145	134	48	-	152	593	559
Hastings & Rye	57	212	307	208	85	4	232	1,105	996
Lewes	2	83	108	116	36		129	474	435
Seahaven	-	66	84	83	31	23	102	389	372
Senlac	24	133	165	184	62	11	195	774	758
County							65	65	54
Total 2024	163	1,246	1,699	1,505	530	72	1,613	6,828	
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The consolidated accounts for all County activities shows Income of £60,752 (2022 £61,063) with expenditure of £51,846 (2022 £64,094). This has left a surplus of £8,906 as compared with a deficit in 2022 of £3,031.

The County has supported the group attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea by subsidising the cost of the event fees and by financing the expenses due to the issues with the event in South Korea and the enforced delay on the return journey. The County has also agreed to support Scouts attending Roverway 24.

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East Sussex County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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

Mr M Clark
5 Kingsdown Avenue
Bexhill on Sea
East Sussex
TN39 4EJ

29 June 2024

East Sussex County Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023			2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		29,401	2,500	31,901	39,845
Investment income		9,171	0	9,171	2,812
Incoming resources from charitable activities		17,166	2,514	19,680	18,406
Total incoming resources		55,738	5,014	60,752	61,063
Resources expended	4- 6				
Costs of Generating Funds					
Charitable activities		34,351	17,495	51,846	64,094
Total resources expended		34,351	17,495	51,846	64,094
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		21,387	(12,481)	8,906	(3,031)
Gross transfers between funds	12.3	(10,500)	10,500	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		10,887	(1,981)	8,906	(3,031)
Total funds brought forward		163,188	111,533	274,721	277,752
Total funds carried forward		174,075	109,552	283,627	274,721

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

		31-Dec-23		31-Dec-22
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £
Current assets				
Stocks	7	818	-	818
Debtors	8	11,017	-	11,017
Cash at bank and in hand	9	171,297	109,552	280,849
Total current assets		183,132	109,552	292,684
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	9,057	-	9,057
Net current assets/(liabilities)		174,075	109,552	283,627
Total assets less current liabilities		174,075	109,552	283,627
Net assets		174,075	109,552	283,627
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds	12	174,075	-	174,075
Designated Funds	12	-	109,552	109,552
Total funds		174,075	109,552	283,627

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by

K Frost

Chair

A M Richardson, FCCA

Treasurer

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015);
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

Note 2 Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount 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.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	2023 £	2022 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	211,906	212,450
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(182,505)	(174,605)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	29,401	37,845
	Grants & Donations	2,500	2,000
		31,901	39,845
Investment income	Bank & Short term Investment Interest	9,171	2,812
	Total	9,171	2,812
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Youth Programme and activities	19,680	18,206
	Adult Training	-	200
	Total	19,680	18,406

Note 4

Analysis of

	Analysis	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable Activities	Youth Programme and activities	31,242	51,196
	Governance	239	162
	Adult Training	5,794	4,047
	Development of Scouting	5,605	1,118
	County Office	8,966	7,571
	Total	51,846	64,094

Note 5

Expenses

5.1 Trustee expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

2023	2022
0	0
Travel	Travel
£0	£0

5.2 External Examiner Fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other

2023 £	2022 £
0	0

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 6

Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	6,671	6,148
Total staff costs	6,671	6,148

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	1	1

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7

Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Activity Books & Badges	818	1,045
Total	818	1,045

Note 8

Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	9,894	13,016
Prepayments and accrued income	1,123	4,279
Total	11,017	17,295

Note 9

Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank Accounts	25,824	40,374
Investment Accounts	255,000	255,186
Cash in hand	25	34
Total	280,849	295,594

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10

Creditors and accruals

	Amounts falling due within one year	
	31/12/2023 £	31/12/2022 £
Trade creditors	79	12
Receipts in advance	8,502	15,792
Accruals and deferred income	476	23,409
Total	9,057	39,213

Note 11.

Analysis of County Activities

	Income	Expenditure
International Events	3,014	9,629
Beaver Scouts Events	9,625	9,005
County Office & General Stationery	-	8,966
Adult Training	-	5,794
Development Costs	-	5,605
Overland Hike	4,124	3,993
LEA Grant	2,000	2,260
Other Costs		2,104
Scout Events	1,345	1,269
Badges & D of E awards	1,472	1,265
Scout Active Support	600	603
Tune up	-	469
ACC Youth Involvement		329
Health & Safety		249
Governance	-	239
Squirrels		67
Membership Fees	29,401	-
Investment Interest	9,171	-
Totals	60,752	51,846

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 12

Designated and restricted funds

12.1 Funds held

The charity held the following funds at the year end

General Fund (GE); Designated Funds (D)

Fund Name	Type GE, D	Purpose and Restrictions
International Reserve	D	To support Scouts taking part in international activities.
LEA membership grants	D	Represents the value of grants received to support Scouting within the East Sussex County Council area.
Development Fund	D	To support future Development of Scouting within East Sussex

12.2 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Type GE, D	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	GE	163,188	55,738	(34,351)	(10,500)	174,075
International Reserve	D	53,033	3,014	(9,630)	10,500	56,917
Development Fund	D	52,000	-	(5,605)	-	46,395
LEA membership grants	D	6,500	2,000	(2,260)	-	6,240
sub total designated funds		111,533	5,014	(17,495)	10,500	109,552
Total Funds		274,721	60,752	(51,846)	-	283,627

12.3 Transfers between funds

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
General Fund	International Reserve	To support future International activities	£10,500

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SCOUT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Charity Number 00170; 1 April 1974

PRESIDENT

Andrew Blackman, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES

Ex-officio

Kathryn Frost
Elaine Gausden
Sharon Bishop
Tony Richardson
Gabriel Jones (from 19 December 2022)

County Chair
County Commissioner
County Secretary
County Treasurer
County Youth Commissioner

Nominated

Ray Tennant
Stephen Dawson
Mark Lloyd
Andrew Smith (from 20 June 2022)

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc
High Street
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

MR M CLARK

Report from the County Commissioner

Another year passes by, and it's now been 3 years I've been County Commissioner. I am still keen and passionate about scouting in East Sussex and the need to grow and be able to offer more and better scouting to the young people in our communities. The census this year still showed growth but demonstrated the need for more leadership, there is no problems in recruiting the young people, we need more volunteers.

Squirrels have now taken hold in a few districts, and they are proving to be a popular and fun section. This in turn will be bringing new adults into scouting that would not normally have been involved, they will hopefully move up with their young people to beavers and continue through. This will be a new way of thinking in regard to volunteering, we need to be flexible and forward thinking. I would like to thanks Antonia, (ACC Squirrels) in supporting all the new Dreys in setting up.

With growth in mind, we have the transformation process happening in the background. Last May 4 of us went to Manchester to see the future of scouting unfolding, it is an exciting future, more streamlined, easier to recruit and volunteer. My thanks go to Ash (DCC) in attending all the meetings, in preparation for East Sussex to start moving onwards and upwards. We are nearly ready to be sharing more with you, keep your eyes peeled!

The WSJ unit are nearing the end of their journey, only a couple of months to go until they head off to South Korea. I hope they have the most amazing experience and look forward to hearing about it on their return. We have also been successful in recruiting for Roverway – an Explorer/Network event off to Norway next year. We have enough young people to form a patrol, it promises to be a life changing adventure.

All other sections are active and hopefully moving forwards have a team to start to move cubs forward in the county. Beavers have their fun day at the end of June, Thank you to Helen (ACC Beavers) and her merry band of helpers in planning the day, I hope it is a success. Overland was again a triumph, the weather wasn't great on the Saturday but all the young people I saw were in good spirits and enthusiastic, amazing. Thank you Albert, (ACC Activities) and the huge team from East and West Sussex in planning the event.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the adult volunteers across the county, without your dedication and commitment we wouldn't be the best County in the Country.

Elaine Gausden
County Commissioner
East Sussex Scouts

Report from the County Chair

I am pleased to present the Annual report for the East Sussex Scout Council.

Despite the challenging economic landscape, we are pleased to report that Scout Board maintained a stable financial position throughout the year. Our revenue sources remained consistent, and we successfully managed our expenses within the allocated budget. The prudent financial management ensured that we continued to support and invest in our core scouting programs and initiatives.

Programs and Initiatives:

Membership Growth:

We focused on membership growth initiatives, and we have seen growth within adult and young people membership. Squirrels are now within almost all districts and with a strong County leadership team, which includes the essential roles of our Youth Commissioners, we head into this year with a clear focus on growth. We engaged with local communities and enhanced our online presence including social media with Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook to attract new members and retain existing ones.

Leadership Development:

Recognising the importance of leadership skills, our training teams launched various training programs and workshops for scout leaders. These initiatives aimed to equip our leaders with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively guide and mentor our young people through exciting programs.

Community Outreach:

Across the County, our young people actively participated in community service projects and environmental initiatives, fostering a sense of social responsibility among our members, and leaving a positive impact on the community.

International:

Our World Scout Jamboree unit are almost ready to represent us at the WSJ in South Korea and we also have a unit representing the County at Roverway in Norway in 2024. These are both excellent opportunities for our members.

Challenges and Mitigation:

While we celebrated many achievements, we also faced challenges during the year. The ongoing cost of living crisis presented obstacles, impacting many of our members. However, we swiftly adapted to the challenges with targeted support ensuring that our scouting experience remained accessible, engaging, and interactive.

Looking ahead, we have identified several strategic initiatives for the upcoming year:

Growth and Development: We plan to continue the work already started on growing our county and developing adult members as well as attracting new leaders and young people into scouting.

Transformation: We have already seen some changes adopted in the past few months and we are working hard to prepare the county for transformation in 2024. These will see exciting new changes to the way we deliver scouting and how we welcome and develop new volunteers into our leadership teams.

Diversity and Inclusion: Recognising the importance of inclusivity, we aim to enhance diversity within our organisation. We will implement initiatives that create a welcoming and supportive environment for members from diverse backgrounds, ensuring everyone feels valued and represented within East Sussex.

Partnerships and Collaborations: We will actively seek partnerships and collaborations with other counties, local businesses, educational institutions, and governmental bodies. These partnerships will provide our scouts with valuable learning experiences, resources, and opportunities to contribute to the community.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the past year has been successful and rewarding. We have navigated through some uncertainty, adapted to changing circumstances, and continued to provide an excellent and meaningful scouting experience for our members. We extend our gratitude to the dedicated volunteers, leaders, and supporters who have contributed to our success.

We look forward to the year ahead and remain committed to fulfilling our mission of giving every young person skills for life.

Kathryn Frost

Chair Board of Trustees

CENSUS OF MEMBERSHIP AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

	Squirrel Scouts	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Explorer Scouts	Network Scouts	Adults	Total 2023	Total 2021
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29 March 2023

East Sussex County Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022			2021
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		37,845	2,000	39,845	37,528
Investment income		2,812	0	2,812	262
Incoming resources from charitable activities		17,217	1,189	18,406	3,327
Total incoming resources		57,874	3,189	61,063	41,117
Resources expended	4- 6				
Costs of Generating Funds					
Charitable activities		35,438	28,656	64,094	17,950
Total resources expended		35,438	28,656	64,094	17,950
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		22,436	(25,467)	(3,031)	23,167
Gross transfers between funds	12.3	(10,500)	10,500	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		11,936	(14,967)	(3,031)	23,167
Total funds brought forward		151,252	126,500	277,752	254,585
Total funds carried forward		163,188	111,533	274,721	277,752

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

			31-Dec-22		31-Dec-21
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £	Total £
Current assets					
Stocks	7	1,045	-	1,045	1,248
Debtors	8	17,295	-	17,295	1,196
Cash at bank and in hand	9	155,243	140,351	295,594	283,754
Total current assets		173,583	140,351	313,934	286,198
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	10,395	28,818	39,213	8,446
Net current assets/(liabilities)		163,188	111,533	274,721	277,752
Total assets less current liabilities		163,188	111,533	274,721	277,752
Net assets		163,188	111,533	274,721	277,752
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	12	163,188	-	163,188	151,252
Designated Funds	12	-	111,533	111,533	126,500
Total funds		163,188	111,533	274,721	277,752

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by

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Notes to the accounts

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	2022 £	2021 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	212,450	188,392
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(174,605)	(153,864)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	37,845	34,528
	Grants & Donations	2,000	3,000
		39,845	37,528
Investment income	Bank & Short term Investment Interest	2,812	262
	Total	2,812	262
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Youth Programme and activities	18,206	3,327
	Adult Training	200	-
	Total	18,406	3,327

Note 4

Analysis of

	Analysis	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable Activities	Youth Programme and activities	51,196	8,420
	Governance	162	180
	Adult Training	4,047	2,125
	Development of Scouting	1,118	153
	County Office	7,571	7,072
	Total	64,094	17,950

Note 5

Expenses

5.1 Trustee expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

2022	2021
0	1
Travel	Travel
£0	£49

5.2 External Examiner Fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other

2022 £	2021 £
0	180

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 6 Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	6,148	5,842
Total staff costs	6,148	5,842

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	1	1

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7 Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Activity Books & Badges	1,045	1,248
Total	1,045	1,248

Note 8 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	13,016	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,279	1,196
Total	17,295	1,196

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank Accounts	40,374	283,692
Investment Accounts	255,186	
Cash in hand	34	62
Total	295,594	283,754

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10

Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors
Receipts in advance
Accruals and deferred income

Amounts falling due within one year	
31/12/2022 £	31/12/2021 £
12	-
15,792	7,479
23,409	967
Total 39,213	8,446

Note 11.

Analysis of County Activities

International Events
Tune up
County Office & General Stationery
Beaver Scouts Events
Adult Training
Overland Hike
Badges & D of E awards
Regional Meetings
Development Costs
Scout Events
Other Activities
Grants & Donations
Insurances
Network Scouts
Governance
Bank Interest/ Bank Charges
SAS
Membership Fees
Totals

Income	Expenditure
1,189	27,656
5,562	8,191
-	7,571
4,840	4,448
200	4,047
2,977	3,038
2,087	1,906
-	1,630
-	1,118
876	1,108
675	1,103
2,000	1,000
-	527
-	452
-	161
2,812	123
-	15
37,845	-
61,063	64,094

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 12

Designated and restricted funds

12.1 Funds held

The charity held the following funds at the year end

General Fund (GE); Designated Funds (D)

Fund Name	Type GE, D	Purpose and Restrictions
International Reserve	D	To support Scouts taking part in international activities.
LEA membership grants	D	Represents the value of grants received to support Scouting within the East Sussex County Council area.
Development Fund	D	To support future Development of Scouting within East Sussex

12.2 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Type GE, D	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	GE	151,252	57,874	(35,438)	(10,500)	163,188
International Reserve	D	69,000	1,189	(27,656)	10,500	53,033
Development Fund	D	52,000	-	-	-	52,000
LEA membership grants	D	5,500	2,000	(1,000)	-	6,500
sub total designated funds		126,500	3,189	(28,656)	10,500	111,533
Total Funds		277,752	61,063	(64,094)	-	274,721

12.3 Transfers between funds

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
General Fund	International Reserve	To support future International activities	£10,500

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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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Telephone 01342 826491 www.eastsussexscouts.org.uk

SCOUT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Charity Number 00170; 1 April 1974

PRESIDENT

Andrew Blackman, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES

Ex-officio

Kathryn Frost (from 30 December 2021)

Adrian Brown (to 30 December 2021)

Elaine Gausden

Sharon Bishop

Jodie Bennett (to 30 December 2021)

Jacob Nicholls-Jackson

Tony Richardson

County Chair

County Chair

County Commissioner

County Secretary

County Youth Commissioner

County Treasurer

Nominated

Susan Cooke (to 30 December 2021)

David Simon (to 30 December 2021)

Ray Tennant

Chair, Appointments Committee

Elected

Jacob Bloss

Stephen Dawson

Ken Scott (to 30 December 2021)

James Punchard (to 30 December 2021)

Co-opted

Mark Lloyd

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc

High Street

Lewes

East Sussex

BN7 2DF

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

County

Mr M Clark

Report from the County Commissioner

What a difference a year makes, scouting slowly returning to some kind of normality, thank goodness.

This year we have grown across all sections in the county, welcoming an extra 787 young people, I would like to thank everyone of you in making this possible, keeping scouting going and driving growth. This means that now, within the county we have 5061 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

The challenge for this year is to continue the growth of young people, whilst attracting new adults within the leadership volunteering role. We also want to introduce Squirrels (4-6 years provision) to the county, aiming by the end of the year to have at least 1 Drey in every district.

As face-to-face scouting returns, I have been fortunate enough to go out and visit some groups and district camps. The Overland returned this year, a great effort in all involved, and credit to the leaders for training such amazing scouts and explorers. I was given the opportunity to be on a checkpoint and each young person that came through was happy to be out, not a single complaint, carried out their challenge and left for the next checkpoint, outstanding.

We also have the next unit in place to attend the World Scout Jamboree to South Korea in 2023. 36 scouts and explorers gained a place from over 100 entries. It was a tough decision to pick the 36 out, I'm glad I didn't have to. Also, thank you to the 4-unit leaders and everyone else that is supporting them in this epic journey.

All other sections are starting to get active; beavers are planning a county event for September, scouts have 'Goldbitz' and an emergency scenario weekend and there is something in the pipeline for the cubs in East Sussex.

So again, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers in East Sussex in everything you do, the occasional helpers, exec members, leaders and assistant leaders, the trainers and managers, you are all amazing.

Elaine Gausden - County Commissioner

Report from the County Chair

The last twelve months have seen scouting in East Sussex bounce back to full steam. There is no doubt that some members will have experienced deeply challenging circumstances over the last few years and it has been reassuring to see our County grow across all sections thanks to the enthusiasm and drive from our leaders and adult volunteers.

Growth is on the agenda for the next twelve months with plans to welcome Squirrels to our provision for young people through the support and drive from the County team as well as exciting programs for beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers.

With events and camps back up and running across all sections, I am very much looking forward to an exciting year of scouting in East Sussex and want to thank all our volunteers for their dedication, passion and enthusiasm in delivering skills for life to the young people of our County

Kathryn Frost – County Chair

Census of Membership at 31 January 2022

	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Explorer Scouts	Network Scouts	Adults	Total 2022	Total 2021
Ashdown	242	267	247	74	6	217	1,053	845
Brighton & Hove	232	387	328	108	140	260	1,455	1327
Eastbourne	188	262	282	106	6	374	1,218	1276
Hailsham & Heathfield	120	153	139	43	-	133	588	499
Hastings & Rye	234	257	177	68	12	187	935	708
Lewes	87	111	106	14		100	418	335
Seahaven	62	124	76	30	17	101	410	375
Senlac	113	183	167	74	8	178	723	708
County						42	42	34
Total 2022	1,278	1,744	1,522	517	189	1,592	6,842	
Total 2021	883	1,548	1,390	453	249	1,584		6,107

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East Sussex County Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting within the County. The Scout County consists of eight autonomous Districts: Ashdown; Brighton & Hove; Eastbourne; Hailsham and Heathfield; Hastings and Rye; Lewes; Seahaven; and Senlac. The constitution of the Scout County is set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The function of the County Executive Committee is to:

- support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment.
- provide support for the Scout Districts and Scout Network within the County.

Members of the County Executive Committee are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R.) of The Scout Association. The County Chair, County Commissioner, County Treasurer, County Secretary and the County Youth Commissioner are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. Other members are elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the County Scout Council. The Executive Committee may co-opt members to fill casual vacancies.

The members of the Executive Committee, who are the trustees, meet 4 times a year. There are Four sub-committees that undertake specific responsibilities within the County and the Executive Committee receives their reports. The sub-committees are: - County Finance Sub-Committee, and County Appointments Advisory Committee.

Trustees already have, from the appointments they have held, basic understanding of both Scouting generally and of how the County is organised and run. With effect from 1 January 2016 all new Trustees were required to become members of The Scout Association and undertake the Association's training for Trustees.

It is a duty of the County Executive Committee to identify, review, and mitigate the major risks to which it believes the County is exposed. The main areas of concern remain the need to recruit sufficient volunteers to provide the requisite management and support of Scouting within the County; and the requirement to set and maintain high standards of health, safety, and protection of the environment.

Risk Assessments are undertaken for all major County Activities in accordance with the recommendations and requirements of the Scout Association's published document entitled "Policy, Organisation and Rules". Regular risk assessments of the County's activity centre are carried out and reported to its Management Committee.

OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Scout County, as part of the national Scout Association, is to help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national, and international communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, and guided by adult leadership.

The Scout County's overall objective is to encourage the development of Scouting in East Sussex. It does this by supporting the County Commissioner and their team in ensuring that appropriate administrative and financial arrangements are in place to promote good practice in the Scout Districts and Groups. In particular, it provides all adult leader training free of charge at the point of delivery and organises certain activities which are not provided at a more local level. It publishes internal newsletters to keep adults informed of developments. Promoting good health and safety practices also remains a key activity.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit (Charities and Public Benefit). The trustees believe that the benefits enjoyed by young people participating in Scouting activities, supported by East Sussex County Scout Council, meet the public benefit criteria of the Charities Act 2011, without distinction by reason of age, diversity or disability. Our Activity Centre provides facilities and courses for a wide variety of youth groups, schools, educational and ethnic establishments as well as supporting Scouting in East Sussex.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable organisation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

The consolidated accounts for all County activities shows Income of £41,117 (2020 £127,864) with expenditure of £17,950 (2020 £742,400). This has left a surplus of £23,167 as compared with a deficit in 2020 of £614,536.

The large difference between the years is due to the County ceasing to operate the Broadstone Warren Camp site with effect from 1 January 2021. The site was unable to operate from March 2020 due to Covid 19 which resulted in large losses in 2020.

The trustees have a policy of retaining approx.. £100,000 in the general fund to meet 6 months expenditure and to allow for any emergency assistance required by Scout Districts or Groups within the County.. The reserves policy will be reviewed. Due to most activities not being able to take place, the general fund balance as of 31 December 2021 is £151,252 (2020 £124,047).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of East Sussex County Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East Sussex County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Investment income		262	-	262	1,271
Incoming resources from charitable activities		3,275	52	3,327	28,470
Other incoming resources		-	-	-	4,273
Total incoming resources		38,565	2,552	41,117	127,864
Resources expended	4- 6				
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		22,586	581	23,167	(614,536)
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		27,205	(4,038)	23,167	(614,536)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		27,205	(4,038)	23,167	(614,536)
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Cash at bank and in hand	9	157,254	126,500	-	283,754	254,185
Total current assets		159,698	126,500	-	286,198	273,748
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	8,446	-	-	8,446	19,163
Net current assets/(liabilities)		151,252	126,500	-	277,752	254,585
Total assets less current liabilities		151,252	126,500	-	277,752	254,585
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		151,252	126,500	-	277,752	254,585
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	12	151,252	-	-	151,252	124,047
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Restricted income funds	12	-	-	-	-	-
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Notes to the accounts (continued)

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Analysis of incoming resources

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	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(153,864)	(163,105)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	34,528	48,558
	Grants	-	43,004
	Donations	3,000	2,288
	Total	37,528	93,850
Investment income	Bank & Short term Investment Interest	262	1,271
	Total	262	1,271
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Youth programme and activities - Broadstone Warren	-	26,371
	Youth programme and activities - Other Activities	3,327	2,099
	Total	3,327	28,470

Note 4

Analysis of resources expended

		2021 £	2020 £
Charitable Activities	Broadstone Warren	-	723,309
	Other Activities	17,950	19,091
	Total	17,950	742,400
Analysis to Charitable Activities			
	Youth Programme and activities	8,420	728,333
	Governance	180	3,850
	Adult Training	2,125	1,642
	Development of Scouting	153	135
	County Office	7,072	8,440
	Total	17,950	742,400

Note 5

Expenses and fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2021	2020
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	1	1
Nature of the expenses	Travel	Travel
Total amount paid	£49	£41

5.2 External Examiner Fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the external examiner:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examiners' fees for reporting on the accounts	180	3,850

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 6

Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	5,842	93,579
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	2,491
Pension costs	-	6,376
Total staff costs	5,842	102,446

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	1	4
	1	4

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7

Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Activity Books & Badges	1,248	1,966
Total	1,248	1,966

Note 8

Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	1,196	17,597
Total	1,196	17,597

Note 9

Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank Accounts	283,692	254,111
Cash in hand	62	74
Total	283,754	254,185

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10

Creditors and accruals

Trade creditors
Receipts in advance
Accruals and deferred income

Amounts falling due within one year	
31/12/2021 £	31/12/2020 £
-	294
7,479	12,089
967	6,780
Total 8,446	19,163

Note 11.

Analysis of County Activities

County Office & General Stationery
Badges & D of E awards
Adult Training
Professional Fees
International Events
Insurances
Broadstone Warren
Grants & Donations
SAS
Cub Scouts Events
Other Activities
Uniforms & Other Clothing
Annual General Meeting
External Examiner Fees
Development Costs
Scout Events
Bank Interest/ Bank Charges
Beaver Scouts Events
Membership Fees

Totals

Income	Expenditure
-	7,072
3,275	3,170
-	1,295
-	1,241
510	1,197
-	652
42	634
2,500	500
-	412
-	400
-	383
-	190
	186
-	180
-	153
-	140
262	113
-	32
34,528	-
41,117	17,950

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 12

Designated and restricted funds

12.1 Funds held

The charity held the following funds at the year end

General Fund (GE); Designated Funds (D)

Fund Name	Type GE, D	Purpose and Restrictions
International Reserve	D	To support Scouts taking part in international activities.
LEA membership grants	D	Represents the value of grants received to support Scouting within the East Sussex County Council area.
Development Fund	D	To support future Development of Scouting within East Sussex

12.2 Movements of major funds

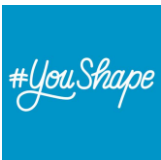
Fund names	Type GE, D	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	GE	124,047	38,565	(15,979)	4,619	151,252
Broadstone Warren	D	14,538	42	(274)	(14,306)	-
International Reserve	D	60,000	510	(1,197)	9,687	69,000
Development Fund	D	52,000	-	-	-	52,000
LEA membership grants	D	4,000	2,000	(500)	-	5,500
sub total designated funds		130,538	2,552	(1,971)	(4,619)	126,500
Total Funds		254,585	41,117	(17,950)	-	277,752

12.3 Transfers between funds

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
General Fund	International Reserve	To support future International activities	£9,687
Broadstone Warren	General Fund	Closure of Broadstone Warren	£14,306

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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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Telephone 01342 826491 www.eastsussexscouts.org.uk

SCOUT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Charity Number 00170; 1 April 1974

PRESIDENT

Peter Field, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Robert Cheesman; Ian Kirby OBE; Ray Tennant

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES

Ex-officio

Adrian Brown

Elaine Gausden (from 28 July 2020)

John Easton (to 27 July 2020)

Sharon Bishop

Jodie Bennett

Jacob Nicholls-Jackson (from 5 December 2020)

Tony Richardson

County Chair

County Commissioner

County Commissioner

County Secretary

County Youth Commissioner

County Treasurer

Nominated

Susan Cooke

David Simon

Ray Tennant

Chair, Appointments Committee

Chair, BW Management Committee

Elected

Jacob Bloss

Stephen Dawson

Steve Piper (to 1 September 2020)

Ken Scott

James Punchard

Broadstone Management Committee

District Secretary, Hastings Rye & District

Eastbourne District

Co-opted

Mark Lloyd (from 4 May 2020)

Deputy County Commissioner

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East Sussex

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Report from the County Commissioner

I would like to start by saying thank you, we have had the most difficult year but still East Sussex continues to scout.

I took over as County Commissioner back in the summer. It has been a frustrating time, not actually meeting anyone in real person but, on the positive, because of this situation I think I have been able to virtually meet more people and saved on petrol in doing so.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Easton for all he did for East Sussex Scouts, I have taken on a County in good shape, leaving me the fun task of building a team.

Sadly, all face-to-face activity was postponed but the ingenuity of many meant we continued to meet online. The Beavers had a virtual Christmas party, with a weekend of activities including a visit from Father Christmas. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been carrying out a challenge across the year to complete 100 tasks, with a badge to show for their efforts, and who doesn't love a badge?

No doubt we will have lost youth members and adult members over this past 12 months, but I am confident that with our dedicated leaders we can bounce back. Scouting will be more important than ever before as we move forward, offering the young people something to cherish, providing once more the laughter and friendships that we took for granted before. The adventure will start again, confidence will grow and our young people will develop into well-rounded individuals.

So, over the next few years we will grow again, we will camp and hike, we will laugh and have the best times. Yes, we are a youth movement but as adults we need to have fun too. If we are well trained and enthusiastic then more adults will join us, wanting a bit of the fun we are having. Sure enough, the children will follow, I am confident of that.

Over the next few years, I hope that I get to travel to all parts of the County; I always have a cup in my car, in anticipation of finding a tea urn at camp. So, if you want to invite me to any event you are holding, send me an email and I'll do my best to attend.

Elaine Gausden - County Commissioner

Report from the County Chair

As I sit writing the review of 2020, I have looked at my comments from last year's report. I never realised just how much my comment "If we thought 2019 was a challenge, that is nothing to what 2020 will prove!" would prove to be true. 2020 has been the worst year in my 48 years of being involved in Scouting, but also one of the best years! Sadly, two members of the County Executive died in 2020, Brian Sadd and David Powell, both dedicated supporters of Scouting who will be missed by their many friends and our thoughts are with their families. I am also conscious that a number of other members of our Scouting family have left us this year and again our thoughts to all their families as well.

Because of the impact of Covid we also had to say goodbye to our members of staff that were running Broadstone Warren for us. Despite the best efforts of the BWMC and others we got to the stage where we could not accept the financial risk of running the site and we have returned it to HQ. We have not lost the site though; early indications from HQ are that they are keen for the site to be back up and running later in the year and are looking forward to working with us around how we can continue to use it, which is positive news.

And that is what brings me round to the best of 2020, it is absolutely amazing to see how all the leaders and executives have quickly changed working practices and thought of innovative ways to deliver Scouting. When you look back on what you have achieved in delivering online Scouting, socially distanced Scouting, and new fundraising ideas for camp sites and groups, all in less than a year, it is outstanding.

It just shows what we can achieve when we have to. And Scouting and executives will undoubtedly look different going forward. After all, why drive round the county for a meeting when you can sit in your dining room and achieve the same thing via Zoom?

We just need to make sure we have made the most of lockdown to finish our mandatory training that all executive members have to complete (hint hint) and we will be ready to move forward when lockdown lifts later this year.

We have also said hello to our new County Commissioner this year; what a year to take over! Welcome Elaine and we all look forward to working with you.

Scouting has survived flu pandemics before and World Wars, so we will survive this.

Finally, it is time to express my thanks once again to all of you that have delivered Scouting and Executives who have had to ensure good governance during these turbulent times. Also, a special thanks to Ray Tennant who chaired the Broadstone Warren Management Committee and all members of that committee. You have put in many hours of hard work, managing the site on behalf of all members of the County. Whilst we may not be running the site any longer, you should take pride in the fact that Broadstone Warren will continue to provide many young people the opportunity to discover just what a wood ant bite is like!

Thank you and stay safe.

Adrian Brown – County Chair

Census of Membership at 31 January 2021

	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Explorer Scouts	Network Scouts	Adults	Total 2021	Total 2020
Ashdown	134	215	204	66	9	217	845	1,125
Brighton & Hove	175	357	284	103	148	260	1,327	1,763
Eastbourne	175	290	290	85	62	374	1,276	1,442
Hailsham & Heathfield	69	127	122	48	-	133	499	601
Hastings & Rye	126	167	174	47	7	187	708	965
Lewes	40	99	92	4		100	335	542
Seahaven	51	104	76	29	14	101	375	487
Senlac	113	189	148	71	9	178	708	948
County						34	34	36
Total 2021	883	1,548	1,390	453	249	1,584	6,107	
Total 2020	1,521	1,938	1,749	515	328	1,858		7,909

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The East Sussex County Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting within the County. The Scout County consists of eight autonomous Districts: Ashdown; Brighton & Hove; Eastbourne; Hailsham and Heathfield; Hastings and Rye; Lewes; Seahaven; and Senlac. The constitution of the Scout County is set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The County's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The function of the County Executive Committee is to:

- support the County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment.
- provide support for the Scout Districts and Scout Network within the County.

Members of the County Executive Committee are appointed in accordance with Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R.) of The Scout Association. The County Chair, County Commissioner, County Treasurer, County Secretary and the County Youth Commissioner are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. Other members are elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the County Scout Council. The Executive Committee may co-opt members to fill casual vacancies.

The members of the Executive Committee, who are the trustees, meet 4 times a year. There are Four sub-committees that undertake specific responsibilities within the County and the Executive Committee receives their reports. The sub-committees are: - County Finance Sub-Committee, Broadstone Warren Management Board, and County Appointments Advisory Committee.

Trustees already have, from the appointments they have held, basic understanding of both Scouting generally and of how the County is organised and run. With effect from 1 January 2016 all new Trustees were required to become members of The Scout Association and undertake the Association's training for Trustees.

It is a duty of the County Executive Committee to identify, review, and mitigate the major risks to which it believes the County is exposed. The main areas of concern remain the need to recruit sufficient volunteers to provide the requisite management and support of Scouting within the County; loss and damage to assets at Broadstone Warren; and the requirement to set and maintain high standards of health, safety, and protection of the environment.

Risk Assessments are undertaken for all major County Activities in accordance with the recommendations and requirements of the Scout Association's published document entitled "Policy, Organisation and Rules". Regular risk assessments of the County's activity centre are carried out and reported to its Management Committee.

IMPACT OF COVID 19 AND OTHER GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Once the impact of COVID and the relevant restrictions in place became clear in 2020, the Scout Association changed its rules regarding online executive meetings, allowing these to take place; therefore from March 2020 all Executive meetings have been held online.

Because of the number of issues arising out COVID, such as the immediate closure of the Broadstone Warren site, an Officers Group consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of Broadstone Warren Management Committee and ACC International was formed to deal with immediate issues. Full decisions, such as returning the site, were taken to the full Executive Committee.

With the prohibition of assembly of large groups of people, the TUNE UP event due to be held in the summer of 2020 was cancelled. This was also going to be the venue for the AGM. Guidance from the Charities Commission regarding AGM's was that these could be postponed, provided the Executive Committee agreed. The Decision was therefore taken that it was not practicable to hold a face-to-face meeting of the County Scout Council and the ability to hold an online meeting, including the ability to vote, was not appropriate. Therefore, the decision was made not to hold an AGM and the members of the Executive Committee would continue in post until the opportunity arose for an Annual General Meeting.

The requirements of the Charities Commission regarding approval of an annual report and the submission of the relevant returns was still undertaken.

During the course of the year, 2 members of the County Executive passed away suddenly - David Powell and Brian Sadd. Their positions on the Executive Committee were filled by co-opting Mark Lloyd who was also ACC international and was dealing with the issues around the halting of international trips. When Jodie Bennett reached the age she could no longer stay on the Executive in her ex-officio role as CYC, she was also co-opted on to the Executive.

Online executive meetings are expected to continue into 2021. The ability to hold a face-to-face AGM in 2021 will depend on the lockdown rules, if a face-to-face meeting is not possible then an on-line AGM will be held.

Impact of COVID 19 on Broadstone Warren Campsite

When the Prime Minister announced that businesses must close and persons must stay at home on the 23rd March 2020 due to the spread of the COVID 19, the County Executive Committee had to take a number of actions in order to safeguard the future of the site.

The main camping season for Broadstone starts during the Easter period and continues through until the end of September. In order to facilitate this a number of temporary staff are employed.

The first action taken was to terminate the contracts for the temporary staff. Any other additional contracts, such as cleaning and waste removal, were also paused or not taken out. Once the furlough scheme became known, all staff involved with the management of Broadstone Warren were furloughed.

Anybody with a booking following the lockdown was offered the option of a credit note for a future visit or return of any deposit paid. As a charity, the trustees felt that the reputational damage of not returning any deposits far outweighed the option of not offering bookings. No future bookings were permitted.

It is a condition of the lease that the site is used for camping and as the site was being closed, notice was sent to Scout Association informing them of the action and they were supportive. This is an important point, as it is a condition of the lease that the Scout Association can take the site back after 6 months.

The financial situation was closely monitored throughout the coming year to keep under review the financial impact on the County of the site remaining closed. Despite the measures taken, there were still considerable monthly outgoings.

A number of grants were made available by the Government via local Councils. The ones that applied to Broadstone Warren were based on the premise's rateable value, but the site's rateable value was above the upper limit for the relevant grants! The Chair of the Broadstone Warren Management Committee undertook a number of meetings, trying to secure additional grants, including meeting with the local MP, highlighting the discrepancies of the grant process. This resulted in an additional grant of £10,000 being made available by Wealden District Council.

Over the summer of 2020, although Scout camping was not allowed, family camping was permitted if the premises could be made COVID-19 safe. This option was considered but was discounted as it would mean the staff would have to be taken off the furlough scheme to manage the camping, and the likely income would not have covered the staff costs.

As the likelihood of no camping or residential trips being allowed for the rest of 2020 and into 2021 became known, the impact of no income over the winter period was calculated and this presented a large financial risk to the County. Further discussions were held with the Scout Association regarding the termination of the lease and returning the site to them was undertaken. At a meeting of the County Executive Committee in late 2020 the decision was taken by the trustees to return the site to the Scout Association. The option to TUPE staff was raised but was not allowed and the remaining staff employed by East Sussex County Scout Council for managing the site were made redundant. Where staff accommodation was provided, they were also asked to leave their provided accommodation.

Any remaining deposits held for future visits were returned.

The site was handed back to The Scout Association on the 31st December 2020.

OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Scout County, as part of the national Scout Association, is to help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national, and international communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, and guided by adult leadership.

The Scout County's overall objective is to encourage the development of Scouting in East Sussex. It does this by supporting the County Commissioner and their team in ensuring that appropriate administrative and financial arrangements are in place to promote good practice in the Scout Districts and Groups. In particular, it provides all adult leader training free of charge at the point of delivery and organises certain activities which are not provided at a more local level. It publishes internal newsletters to keep adults informed of developments. Promoting good health and safety practices also remains a key activity.

The County objective through the Broadstone Warren Management Board is to manage the Camp Site and Activity Centre on a commercial basis for the benefit of Scouting in East Sussex.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit (Charities and Public Benefit). The trustees believe that the benefits enjoyed by young people participating in Scouting activities, supported by East Sussex County Scout Council, meet the public benefit criteria of the Charities Act 2011, without distinction by reason of age, diversity or disability. Our Activity Centre provides facilities and courses for a wide variety of youth groups, schools, educational and ethnic establishments as well as supporting Scouting in East Sussex.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable organisation will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable laws and regulations.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

Covid 19 has a serious impact for the Broadstone Warren Camp Site and Activity Centre. Due to the restrictions, the site had no customers from March 2020. Although the staff were furloughed and government grants obtained, there are many standing costs associated with the site. As the losses mounted, and with no certainty of when normal operations could resume, the trustees took the decision to hand the site back to the Scout Association, from whom the site was leased. The official handover took place on 31 December 2020 and regrettably the staff were made redundant.

The financial results for Broadstone show a loss of some £651,577 – however of this £498,784 related to the loss on the disposal of plant and equipment and the accelerated amortisation of the original cost of the buildings. The bank balance for Broadstone stood at £139,069 as of 1 January 2020 but had reduced to £6,150 by 31 December 2020.

Other planned events for 2020 had to be cancelled and all monies paid have been refunded, The International camp Eurojam was due to take place in Poland in 2020 but was initially postponed to 2021 – before finally being cancelled. All monies paid by the participants has been refunded and an insurance claim has been submitted for the monies that the County was unable to recover.

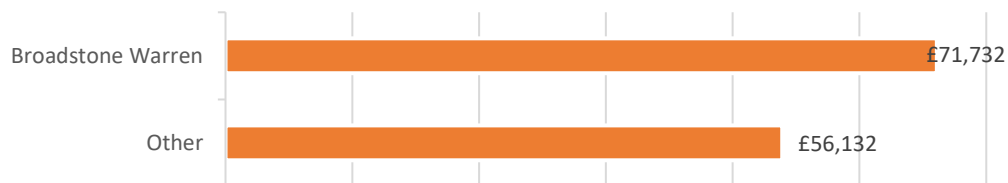
The consolidated accounts for all County activities shows Income of £127,864 (2019 £566,119) with expenditure of £742,400 (2019 £529,239). This has left a deficit of £614,536 as compared with a surplus in 2019 of £36,880. Notes 15 and 16 give a detailed analysis of such income and expenditure.

The trustees have a policy of retaining between £75,000 and £100,000 in the general fund to meet 6 months expenditure and to allow for any emergency assistance required by Scout Districts or Groups within the County. The policy also covered any deficit at Broadstone Warren between the year end and the start of the main camping season. The reserves policy will be reviewed in 2021.

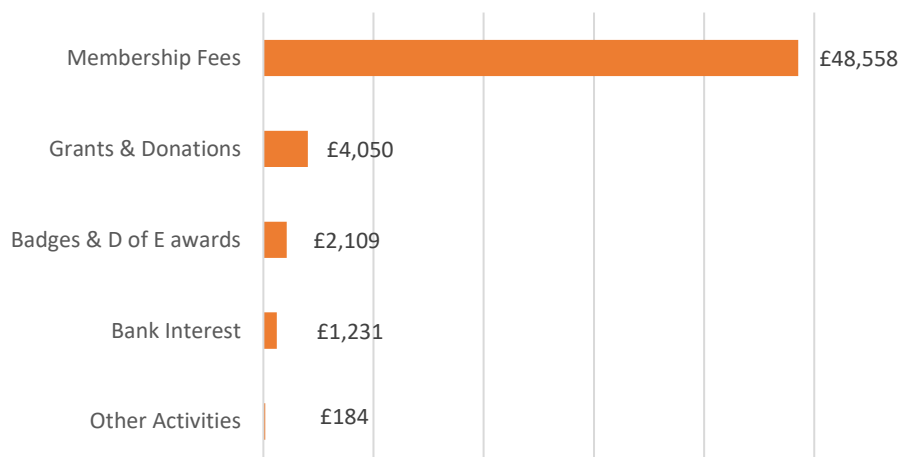
Due to activities not being able to take place, the general fund balance as of 31 December 2020 is £124,047 (2019 £99,006). However, the County has agreed a one-off reduction of its annual membership fee by 17% for 2021 and once normal operations resume there are likely to be significant costs. Due to the pandemic our numbers have fallen which will also affect the level of membership fee retained by the County, but numbers are expected to increase in the short term once Scouting resumes.

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

Source of £127,864 Income



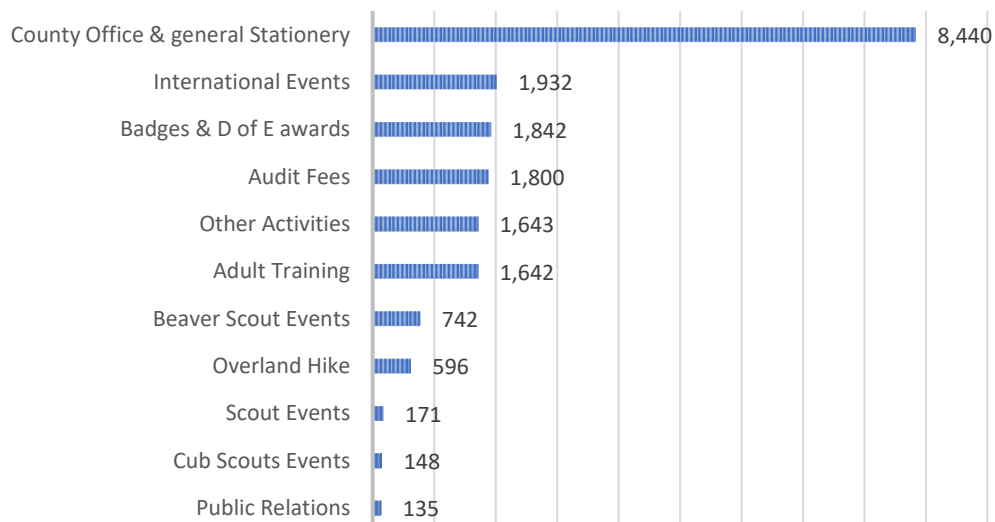
Source of £56,132 Other Income



Analysis of £742,400 Expenditure



Analysis of £19,091 Other Expenditure



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of East Sussex County Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East Sussex County Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Peter Dominic Hill (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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East Sussex County Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020				2019
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources	3					
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income		50,608	43,242	-	93,850	58,147
Investment income		1,231	40	-	1,271	1,302
Incoming resources from charitable activities		2,155	26,315	-	28,470	493,484
Other incoming resources		-	4,273	-	4,273	13,186
Total incoming resources		53,994	73,870	-	127,864	566,119
Resources expended	4- 6					
Costs of Generating Funds						
Charitable activities		17,177	489,020	236,203	742,400	529,239
Total resources expended		17,177	489,020	236,203	742,400	529,239
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		36,817	(415,150)	(236,203)	(614,536)	36,880
Gross transfers between funds	13.2	(11,776)	11,776	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		25,041	(403,374)	(236,203)	(614,536)	36,880
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		25,041	(403,374)	(236,203)	(614,536)	36,880
Total funds brought forward		99,006	533,912	236,203	869,121	832,241
Total funds carried forward		124,047	130,538	-	254,585	869,121

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

		31-Dec-20				31-Dec-19
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	7		-	-	-	539,436
Other fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	-	539,436
Current assets						
Stocks	9	1,966	-	-	1,966	10,579
Debtors	10	5,441	12,156	-	17,597	27,385
Cash at bank and in hand	11	132,034	122,151	-	254,185	359,321
Total current assets		139,441	134,307	-	273,748	397,285
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	15,394	3,769	-	19,163	67,600
Net current assets/(liabilities)		124,047	130,538	-	254,585	329,685
Total assets less current liabilities		124,047	130,538	-	254,585	869,121
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		124,047	130,538	-	254,585	869,121
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	13	124,047	-	-	124,047	99,006
Designated Funds	13	-	130,538	-	130,538	533,912
Restricted income funds	13	-	-	-	-	236,203
Total funds		124,047	130,538	-	254,585	869,121

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by

A Brown MBA, FIFireE, ACIEA
Chairman

A M Richardson, FCCA
Treasurer

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015);
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

Note 2 Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount 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.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

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Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	2020 £	2019 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	211,663	208,552
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(163,105)	(159,968)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	48,558	48,584
	Grants	43,004	2,000
	Donations	2,288	7,563
	Total	93,850	58,147
Investment income	Bank & Short term Investment Interest	1,271	1,302
	Total	1,271	1,302
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Youth programme and activities - Broadstone Warren	26,371	389,109
	Youth programme and activities - Other Activities	2,099	104,375
	Total	28,470	493,484

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2020 £	2019 £
Charitable Activities	Broadstone Warren	723,309	383,192
	Other Activities	19,091	146,047
	Total	742,400	529,239
Analysis to Charitable Activities			
	Youth Programme and activities	728,333	503,687
	Governance	3,850	3,800
	Adult Training	1,642	8,032
	Development of Scouting	135	630
	County Office	8,440	13,090
	Total	742,400	529,239

Note 5 Expenses and fees

5.1 Trustee expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

Number of trustees who were paid expenses
Nature of the expenses
Total amount paid

2020	2019
1	1
Travel	Travel
£41	£5

5.2 External Examiner Fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the external examiner:

Independent Examiners' fees for reporting on the accounts

2020 £	2019 £
3,850	3,800

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Note 6

Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	93,579	126,746
Employer's National Insurance costs	2,491	3,654
Pension costs	6,376	7,121
Total staff costs	102,446	137,521

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Charitable Activities	4	9
Total	4	9

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7

Tangible fixed assets

7.1 Cost or valuation

	Motor Vehicles £	Plant & Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Improvements to Broadstone Warren £	Total £
Balance brought forward	5,467	68,658	36,709	956,398	1,067,232
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	(5,467)	(68,658)	(36,709)	(956,398)	(1,067,232)
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0

7.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Depreciation is provided on the above assets at the following rates:

Basis	Reducing Balance	Reducing Balance	Reducing Balance	Remaining Life of Lease
	25%	25%	Note 1	

	Motor Vehicles £	Plant & Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Improvements to Broadstone Warren £	Total £
Balance brought forward	2,307	61,096	21,719	442,674	527,796
Depreciation charge for year	790	1,890	3,077	31,395	37,152
Disposals	(3,097)	(62,986)	(24,796)	(474,069)	(564,948)
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0

7.3 Net book value

31 December 2019	3,160	7,562	14,990	513,724	539,436
31 December 2020	-	-	-	-	-

Note. The lease for the Broadstone Warren Camp & Activity Centre was handed back to the Scout Association on 31 December 2020

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8 Broadstone Warren

Broadstone Warren Scout Camp is held on a 50 year lease from the Scout Association.

This lease commenced on 1 April 1987. The custodian trustees are the Scout Association Trust Corporation.

The lease for the Broadstone Warren Scout Camp & Activity Centre was handed back to the Scout Association on 31 December 2020.

There is a net outgoing cost of £723,309, of which £502,284 (£1,067,232-£564,918) is attributable to the disposal of the assets

Note 9 Stocks

Goods for Resale
Activity Books & Badges
Other

	31/12/2020 £	31/12/2019 £
	-	6,941
	1,966	1,964
	-	1,674
Total	1,966	10,579

Note 10 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors
Prepayments and accrued income

Amounts falling due within one year	
31/12/2020 £	31/12/2019 £
-	11,082
17,597	16,303
Total	17,597

Note 11 Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

Bank Accounts
Cash in hand

	31/12/2020 £	31/12/2019 £
	254,111	358,909
	74	412
Total	254,185	359,321

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

12.1 Analysis of creditors

Trade creditors
Taxation and social security
Receipts in advance
Accruals and deferred income

Amounts falling due within one year	
31/12/2020 £	31/12/2019 £
294	4,944
-	3,445
-	52,700
18,869	6,511
Total	19,163

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Note 13

Designated and restricted funds

13.1 Funds held

The charity held the following funds at the year end

General Fund (GE); Designated Funds (D); Restricted Funds (R)

Fund Name	Type GE, D or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Broadstone Warren	D	A separate fund covering the day to day operations of the Broadstone Warren Scout Camp and Activity Centre. The site is managed on behalf of the trustees by a separate Management Board.
International Reserve	D	To support Scouts taking part in international activities.
LEA membership grants	D	Represents the value of grants received to support Scouting within the East Sussex County Council area.
Development Fund	D	To support future Development of Scouting within East Sussex
Broadstone Warren building development & Resource Centre	R	Represents the element of the Warren Lodge and Broadstone Lodge buildings funded by the National Lotteries Charities Board. The year end balance equates to the net book value of this proportion of these buildings.

13.2 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Type GE, D or R	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	GE	99,006	53,994	(17,177)	(11,776)	124,047
Broadstone Warren	D	429,912	71,732	(487,106)		14,538
International Reserve	D	50,000	138	(1,914)	11,776	60,000
Development Fund	D	52,000	-	-	-	52,000
LEA membership grants	D	2,000	2,000	-	-	4,000
sub total designated funds		533,912	73,870	(489,020)	11,776	130,538
Broadstone Warren Building Development	R	236,203	-	(236,203)	-	-
sub total restricted funds		236,203	-	(236,203)	-	-
Total Funds		869,121	127,864	(742,400)	-	254,585

13.3 Transfers between funds

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
General Fund	International Reserve	To support future International activities	£11,776

Note 14.

Grants from National Lottery Charities Board

	Grant 1 1997	Grant 2 2001	Total
Income			
Value of grants awarded	141,000	386,832	527,832
Depreciation Charge			
Current year	59,358	176,845	236,203
Previous years	81,642	209,987	291,629
Total	141,000	386,832	527,832
Remaining fund value shown under restricted funds, as Broadstone Warren building development	-	-	-

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Note 15. Broadstone Warren Scout Camp & Activity Centre. Summary Accounts

Incoming Resources	2020	2019
Camping Fees	20,743	228,623
Activities	4,764	133,176
Equipment Hire	0	8,395
Shop Sales	583	17,060
Other Income	4,638	15,140
Grants & Donations	41,004	659
Total Incoming Resources	71,732	403,053
<u>shown in accounts as</u>		
Donations & Legacies	100	659
Investment Income	40	100
Covid 19 related grants	41,004	
Other Income	4,273	13,185
Charitable Activities	26,315	389,109
	71,732	403,053
Resources expended		
Staff Costs	99,410	135,038
Premises	57,475	131,906
Depreciation & Amortisation	535,937	46,102
Office Costs	10,920	21,532
Activities	2,860	12,748
Cost of Sales	7,767	10,511
Irrecoverable VAT	0	9,508
Equipment	4,685	8,027
Advertising	0	1,295
Travel	1,633	2,525
External Examiner Fees	2,050	2,000
Bank Charges & Interest	572	2,000
Bad Debts	0	0
Total resources expended - Charitable Activities	723,309	383,192
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(651,577)	19,861
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets	0	539,436
Current Assets	18,306	171,208
Current Liabilities	(3,768)	(44,529)
Long Term Liabilities	0	0
Net Assets	14,538	666,115
<u>Split between</u>		
Designated fund	14,538	429,912
Restricted fund	0	236,203
Totals	14,538	666,115

The above figures have been consolidated into the accounts

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Note 16.

Analysis of County Activities (excluding Broadstone Warren)

	Income	Expenditure
Membership Fees	48,558	-
County Office & General Stationery	-	8,440
Grants & Donations	4,050	-
Badges & D of E awards	2,109	1,842
International Events	138	1,932
External Examiner Fees	-	1,800
Adult Training	-	1,642
Insurances	-	828
Other Activities	46	732
Beaver activities	-	742
Overland Hike	-	596
Bank Interest/ Bank Charges	1,231	218
Scout Events	-	171
Cub Scouts Events	-	148
Totals	56,132	19,091

Summary

Broadstone Warren	71,732	723,309
Other County Activities	56,132	19,091
Total as per financial statements	127,864	742,400



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