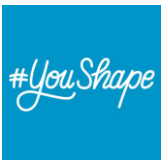


Annual Report 2021



EAST SUSSEX COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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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 (from 30 December 2021)	County Chair
Adrian Brown (to 30 December 2021)	County Chair
Elaine Gausden	County Commissioner
Sharon Bishop	County Secretary
Jodie Bennett (to 30 December 2021)	
Jacob Nicholls-Jackson	County Youth Commissioner
Tony Richardson	County Treasurer

Nominated

Susan Cooke (to 30 December 2021)	Chair, Appointments Committee
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David Simon (to 30 December 2021)	
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Ray Tennant

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.

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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9 March 2022

East Sussex County Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021			2020
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		35,028	2,500	37,528	93,850
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				
Costs of Generating Funds					
Charitable activities		15,979	1,971	17,950	742,400
Total resources expended		15,979	1,971	17,950	742,400
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		22,586	581	23,167	(614,536)
Gross transfers between funds	12.3	4,619	(4,619)	-	-
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)
Total funds brought forward		124,047	130,538	254,585	869,121
Total funds carried forward		151,252	126,500	277,752	254,585

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

		31-Dec-21				31-Dec-20
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £
Current assets						
Stocks	7	1,248	-	-	1,248	1,966
Debtors	8	1,196	-	-	1,196	17,597
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
Designated Funds	12	-	126,500	-	126,500	130,538
Restricted income funds	12	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds		151,252	126,500	-	277,752	254,585

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 May 2022 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	2021 £	2020 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	188,392	211,663
	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