FALKES (LUTON) DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 300470

Details

Other names	FALKES(LUTON)DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL, LUTON AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION, SOMERIES (LUTON) DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1961-08-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Falkes District Scouts Applecroft Road Luton LU2 8BD
Phone	01582750367
Email	dc@falkesscouts.org.uk
Website	www.lutonscouts.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE 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

Activities: The provision of activities for Scout Groups within the Falkes (Luton) District, along with the provision of practical and administrative support for those Groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOMERIES (LUTON) SCOUT DISTRICT
- Central Bedfordshire
- Luton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£54,768	£54,137	-	-
2024-12-31	£65,905	£53,602	-	-
2023-12-31	£51,650	£68,173	-	-
2022-12-31	£37,882	£34,572	-	-
2021-12-31	£55,364	£35,227	-	-
2020-12-31	£25,346	£17,061	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gerald Law	Chair	2021-06-22
ADRIAN KEDGE		
DENISE O'HARA		
Lee Brian Stuart Baker		2023-04-22
Llewellyn John Rees		2021-06-22
Mandy HASLAM		2023-05-30
Michael David Waller		2013-10-14
Michael John Missenden		2021-06-22
Zack Joseph Boutwood		2021-06-22

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	The District has a policy of applying for available grants to support young peoples activities and the upkeep of property.
Public benefit statement	The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	These can be found in the District AGM reports

Section E — Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**Reserves Policy** The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	**Investment Policy** The District's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The district has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in a combination of cash using only mainstream banks, a Fixed Term Bond and an Easy Saver account.
• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.
• investment policy and objectives;	The use of the combination of a Fixed Term Bond and Easy Saving account maximises interest payments realised by the District whilst allowing easy transfer of funds if and when required.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	The District will be reviewing the roll over of the Fixed Term Bond.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gerald Law	Lee Baker
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	District Commissioner
Date	2 0 0 5 2 6	

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. 300470)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	**01/01/2025**	**To**	**31/12/2025**

Receipts and payments

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted funds	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total funds**	**Total funds**
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	**Network Hydra DoE Griffin**	**Phoenix**		
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	18,526.50	1,115.05	-	19,641.55	22,974.00
Donations	166.00	-	-	166.00	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-	45.00
Transfer from Someries Hill Closure	9,044.49	-	-	9,044.49	-
Transfer from Beech Hill Closure	1,689.52	-	-	1,689.52	-
Sub total	29,426.51	1,115.05	-	30,541.56	23,019.00
Activities					-
District	1,325.00	-		1,325.00	1,297.48
Beavers/Cubs	-	-	-	-	2,405.05
Scouts	-	-	-	-	246.00
Explorer	-	-	-	-	135.00
DoE	-	-	-	-	167.00
Kandersteg	7,040.68	-	-	7,040.68	12,573.53
Sub total	8,365.68	-	-	8,365.68	16,824.06
Grants & Loan Repayments					
Grants	-	352.00	-	352.00	8,653.00
Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	352.00	-	352.00	8,653.00
Fundraising events (gross)					
Badge Shop Sales	489.78	-	-	489.78	396.45
Scout Shop Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3		-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	489.78	-	-	489.78	396.45
Scout hut income					
Hire of building	11,955.69	-	-	11,955.69	13,801.66
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,955.69	-	-	11,955.69	13,801.66
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Easy Access Account	648.38	-	-	648.38	704.51
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
CCB Bond Account	2,415.32	-	-	2,415.32	2,506.85
Sub total	3,063.70	-	-	3,063.70	3,211.36
Total Gross Income	53,301.36	1,467.05	-	54,768.41	65,905.53
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,301.36	1,467.05	-	54,768.41	65,905.53

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	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Network Hydra DoE Griffin			
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	17,118.00	504.00	-	17,622.00	19,664.00
Youth programme and activities	6,873.76	316.03	-	7,189.79	7,096.51
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	974.76
Rent	-	710.00	-	710.00	990.00
Rates	301.33	-		301.33	139.72
Water and Sewerage	427.60	-	-	427.60	375.26
Electricity and Gas	2,393.98	-	-	2,393.98	3,182.48
Caretakers Wages	-	-		-	-
Other Premises Expenses	1,060.93	-		1,060.93	777.03
Insurance	2,581.67	-	-	2,581.67	2,973.41
Repairs and Renewals	1,758.20	-	-	1,758.20	10,167.50
Materials and equipment	1,717.00	-	-	1,717.00	581.84
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-
Kandersteg	13,492.52	275.00	-	13,767.52	-
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	2,209.35	-	-	2,209.35	5,048.29
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Expenses	-	85.00	-	85.00	-
Accounts & Legal	580.00	-	-	580.00	1,632.00
Sub total	50,514.34	1,890.03	-	52,404.37	53,602.80
Fundraising expenses					
Badge Shop	1,733.22	-	-	1,733.22	-
Scout Shop	-	-	-	-	-
Scout Shop Profit Share	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,733.22	-	-	1,733.22	-
Total Gross Expenditure	52,247.56	1,890.03	-	54,137.59	53,602.80
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,247.56	1,890.03	-	54,137.59	53,602.80
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,053.80	- 422.98	-	630.82	12,302.73
Transfers between funds	9,094.49	-	-	9,094.49	7,501.30
Cash funds last year end	127,150.25	2,311.96	-	129,462.21	117,223.22
Cash funds this year end	137,298.54	1,888.98	-	139,187.52	137,027.25

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Receipts and Payments Account

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For the year from	**01/01/2025**	**To**	**31/12/2025**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds	2025 Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Network Hydra DoE Griffin	Phoenix		
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	11,062.96	1,743.29	-	12,806.25	24,311.58
Bank Easy Access Account	62,168.92	-	-	62,168.92	52,476.05
CCB Bond Account	54,922.17	-	-	54,922.17	52,506.85
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	145.39	-	145.39	167.73
Total cash funds	128,154.05	1,888.68	-	130,042.73	129,462.21
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	4,267.35	-	-	4,267.35	4,097.92
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	414,000.00	-	-	414,000.00	400,454.04
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	22,200.00	-	-	22,200.00	821.27
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	440,467.35	-	-	440,467.35	405,373.23
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	568,621.40	1,888.68	-	570,510.08	534,835.44

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X

Date	Signature	Print Name
20th May 2026		Gerald Law, Chairperson
20/05/26.	MMHaslam.	Mandy Haslam, Treasurer

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council for the year ended 31-12-2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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 Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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

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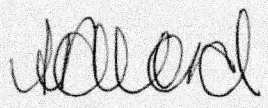
Signed: 

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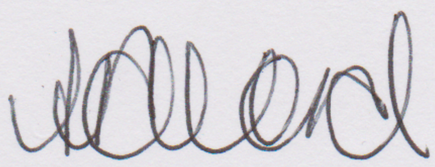
Signed: 

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gerald Law	Lee Baker
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	District Commissioner
Date	14 05 25	

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. 300470)
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	Year start date 01/01/2024	To	Year end date 31/12/2024

Receipts and payments

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	Total funds
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Network Hydra DoE Griffin	Phoenix		
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	20,227.00	2,747.00	-	22,974.00	21,432.50
Donations	-	-	-	-	396.00
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	45.00	-	-	45.00	-
Transfer from Scout Shop Account Closure	-	-	-	-	5,311.71
Transfer from Phoenix Account Closure	-	-	-	-	9.71
Sub total	20,272.00	2,747.00	-	23,019.00	27,149.92
Activities					-
District	1,297.48	-		1,297.48	-
Beavers/Cubs	2,405.05	-	-	2,405.05	-
Scouts	246.00	-	-	246.00	-
Explorer	20.00	115.00	-	135.00	-
DoE	167.00	-	-	167.00	1,277.50
Kandersteg	12,298.53	275.00	-	12,573.53	720.00
Sub total	16,434.06	390.00	-	16,824.06	1,997.50
Grants & Loan Repayments					
Grants	8,128.00	525.00	-	8,653.00	720.00
Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,128.00	525.00	-	8,653.00	720.00
Fundraising events (gross)					
Badge Shop Sales	396.45	-	-	396.45	470.16
Scout Shop Sales	-	-	-	-	2,272.73
Detail 3		-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	396.45	-	-	396.45	2,742.89
Scout hut income					
Hire of building	13,801.66	-	-	13,801.66	15,007.45
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	2,994.99
Sub total	13,801.66	-	-	13,801.66	18,002.44
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Easy Access Account	704.51	-	-	704.51	103.87
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	933.52
CCB Bond Account	2,506.85	-	-	2,506.85	-
Sub total	3,211.36	-	-	3,211.36	1,037.39
Total Gross Income	62,243.53	3,662.00	-	65,905.53	51,650.14
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	62,243.53	3,662.00	-	65,905.53	51,650.14

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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Network Hydra DoE Griffin	Phoenix		
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	19,052.00	612.00	-	19,664.00	18,895.00
Youth programme and activities	5,974.72	1,121.79	-	7,096.51	5,741.71
Adult support and training	974.76	-	-	974.76	1,677.11
Rent	-	990.00	-	990.00	870.00
Rates	139.72	-		139.72	160.63
Water and Sewerage	375.26	-	-	375.26	680.12
Electricity and Gas	3,182.48	-	-	3,182.48	3,043.87
Caretakers Wages	-	-		-	1,897.61
Other Premises Expenses	777.03	-		777.03	565.85
Insurance	2,973.41	-	-	2,973.41	2,615.74
Repairs and Renewals	10,167.50	-	-	10,167.50	23,501.45
Materials and equipment	-	581.84	-	581.84	450.36
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	70.00
AGM and trustee expenses	5,048.29	-	-	5,048.29	2,282.27
Donations	-	-	-	-	100.00
Administrative Expenses	-	-	-	-	300.00
Accounts & Legal	1,632.00	-	-	1,632.00	9.71
Sub total	50,297.17	3,305.63	-	53,602.80	62,861.43
Fundraising expenses					
Badge Shop	-	-	-	-	-
Scout Shop	-	-	-	-	5,311.71
Scout Shop Profit Share	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	5,311.71
Total Gross Expenditure	50,297.17	3,305.63	-	53,602.80	68,173.14
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	50,297.17	3,305.63	-	53,602.80	68,173.14
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,946.36	356.37	-	12,302.73	- 16,523.00
Transfers between funds	7,377.93	123.37	-	7,501.30	-
Cash funds last year end	115,203.89	2,019.33	-	117,223.22	133,746.22
Cash funds this year end	134,528.18	2,499.07	-	137,027.25	117,223.22

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. 300470)
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For the year from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	Total funds
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Network Hydra DoE Griffin	Phoenix		
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	22,167.35	2,144.23	-	24,311.58	22,614.77
Bank Easy Access Account	52,476.05	-	-	52,476.05	44,393.61
CCB Bond Account	52,506.85	-	-	52,506.85	50,000.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	167.73	-	167.73	214.84
Total cash funds	127,150.25	2,311.96	-	129,462.21	117,223.22
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	4,097.92	-	-	4,097.92	4,056.27
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	400,454.04	-	-	400,454.04	394,536.00
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	821.27	-	-	821.27	714.15
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	405,373.23	-	-	405,373.23	399,306.42
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	532,523.48	2,311.96	-	534,835.44	516,529.64

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X

	Signature	Print Name
14/05/2025		Gerald Law, Chairperson
14/05/2025	MMHaslam.	Mandy Haslam, Treasurer

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I report in respect of my examination of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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:

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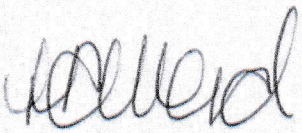
Signed: 

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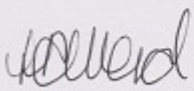
Signed: 

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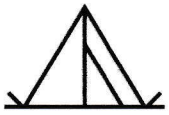

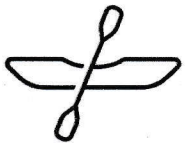

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 3 to end date 3 1 1 2 2 3

Section A **Reference and administration details**

Charity name	Falkes District Scout Council
Other names the charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 0 4 7 0
HQ registration number	1 0 0 0 2 5 4 0
Charity's principal address	Falkes District Scouts Applecroft Road Luton Postcode L U 2 8 B D

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Gerald Law	Chairman	
2	Lee Baker	District Commissioner	
3	Mandy Haslam	Treasurer	
4	AJ Kedge	Explorer Scout Comm.	
5	Denise O'Hara	ADC Beaver Scouts	
6	John Rees	Group Scout Leader	
7	Michael Missenden	Section Leader Scouts	
8	Zack Boutwood	Youth Commissioner	
9	Michael Waller	Group Treasurer	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The District'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.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and District Commissioner together with other District leaders and representatives from around the district. The board meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1) The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the district is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The district does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the district on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. Reduction or loss of leaders. The district is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the district as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the district. Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the district as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the district. Risk and Internal Control The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss and include comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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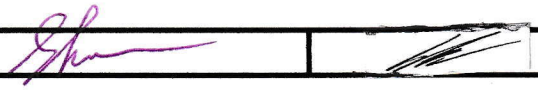
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gerald Law	Lee Baker
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	District Commissioner
Date	D D M M Y Y	

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Membership subscriptions	19,103	2,330	-	21,433	19,458
Donations	-	396	-	396	675
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-	2,368
Transfer from Scout Shop Account Closure	5,312	-	-	5,312	
Transfer from Phoenix Account Closure	10	-	-	10	
Sub total	24,424	2,726	-	27,150	22,501
Activities					-
Squirrels		-		-	10
Beavers	-	-	-	-	-
Cubs	-	-	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Camps	-	1,278	-	1,278	940
Other	585	135	-	720	627
Sub total	585	1,413	-	1,998	1,577
Grants & Loan Repayments					
Grants	-	720	-	720	227
Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	720	-	720	227
Fundraising events (gross)					
Badge Shop Sales	470	-	-	470	1,427
Scout Shop Sales	2,273	-	-	2,273	2,582
Detail 3		-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	23
Sub total	2,743	-	-	2,743	4,032
Scout hut income					
Hire of building	15,007	-	-	15,007	9,370
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	2,995	-	-	2,995	-
Sub total	18,002	-	-	18,002	9,370
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Easy Access Account	104	-	-	104	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	934	-	-	934	175
CCB Bond Account	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,037	-	-	1,037	175
Total Gross Income	46,792	4,859	-	51,650	37,882
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,792	4,859	-	51,650	37,882

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Youth programme and activities	1,914	3,828	-	5,742	1,508
Adult support and training	1,658	19	-	1,677	590
Rent	-	870	-	870	420
Rates	161	-		161	480
Water and Sewerage	680	-	-	680	559
Electricity and Gas	3,044	-	-	3,044	1,224
Caretakers Wages	1,898	-		1,898	2,239
Other Premises Expenses	566	-		566	812
Insurance	2,616	-	-	2,616	2,337
Repairs and Renewals	23,501	-	-	23,501	964
Materials and equipment	450	-	-	450	848
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	-	70	-	70	1,538
AGM and trustee expenses	2,282	-	-	2,282	403
Donations	100	-	-	100	-
Administrive Expenses	300	-	-	300	825
Other	-	-	10	10	2,304
Sub total	56,889	5,963	10	62,861	33,205
Fundraising expenses					
Badge Shop	-	-	-	-	1,355
Scout Shop	5,312	-	-	5,312	-
Scout Shop Profit Share	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	12
Sub total	5,312	-	-	5,312	1,367
Total Gross Expenditure	62,201	5,963	10	68,173	34,572
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	62,201	5,963	10	68,173	34,572
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,409	- 1,104	- 10	- 16,523	3,310
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	130,613	3,124	10	133,746	131,599
Cash funds this year end	115,204	2,019	-	117,223	134,909

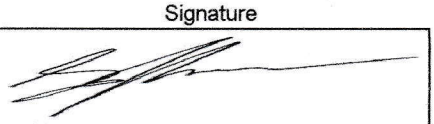
Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. 300470)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	**01/01/2023**	**To**	**31/12/2023**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Dec 2023				
	Unrestricted funds	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total funds**	**Total funds**
	District **Badge Shop** **Scout Shop**	**Network** **Hydra** **DoE** **Griffin**	**Phoenix**		
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Cash funds					
Bank current account	**20,810**	**1,804**	-	22,615	**41,285**
Bank Easy Access Account	**44,394**	-	-	44,394	-
CCB Bond Account	**50,000**	-	-	50,000	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	**93,356**
Cash/Floats	-	**215**	-	215	**268**
Total cash funds	115,204	2,019	-	117,223	134,909
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	**4,056**	-	-	4,056	**2,574**
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	**7,526**
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	**394,536**	-	-	394,536	**388,705**
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	**714**	-	-	714	**621**
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	399,306	-	-	399,306	399,426
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	514,510	2,019	-	516,530	534,335

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X

	Signature	Print Name
04/06/2024		Gerald Law, Chairperson
04/06/2024		Mandy Haslam, Treasurer

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council for the year ended 31-12-2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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 Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

Name: Louise Ward

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Member of the Institute of Certified Book Keepers (MICB)
Registered practice 16607

Address:
41 Keeley Lane
Wootton
Bedford
MK43 9HR

Date: 21/5/24

Annual General Meeting Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council,
Location: Ross Park, Applecroft Rd, Luton, LU2 8BD
Thursday 13th June 2024 Time: 7-45pm

Scouts

Falkes (Luton) Scout District
7th Annual General Meeting
13th June 2024

UK Scout Association
Patron.
Presidents: Princess Catherine HRH The Princess of Wales and HRH The Duke of Kent
Falkes Scout District Ross Park, Applecroft Rd, Luton, LU2 8BD
Charity No: 300470

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AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**

2. **Apologies for absence**

Amy Clews, AJ, Jen Avis, Debbie Hopkins, Deborah Else,
Stuart Else, Andrew Goddon (DCC), Rob Pullinger (County Chair), Linda Clitheroe, Ian Clitheroe, Alison Saunders.

3. **Approve the minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 11/06/23 the Extra Ordinary Annual General Meeting held on 13/07/23

4 **Governance topics**

5 **Making appointments**

6. **Review of the previous year**
Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board and District Team, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

a Treasurer
b Chairman
c The DC's review of Scouts in the Falkes (Luton) of District
d Sections
e Others

6. **Closing remarks**

AGM Meeting End

Next Trustee Board Meeting 17th July

Fundraising Stalls at the AGM
for
Falkes members attending
Kandersteg International Scout Centre,
Switzerland camp August 2025

Falkes District Executive AGM
Thursday 22nd June 2023
Start: 7.45 PM

Item	Description / Comments	Actions
1. Welcome & Apologies	Gerald welcomed the Deputy County Commissioner Andy Godden, and all in attendance at this year's AGM. Apologies: Cathy Edmunds, Deborah Else/Stuart Else, Alison Saunders, Jen Avis/Stephen Avis, Mick Missenden, Trevor/Sharon Sharpe, Deb Hopkins, Colclough family, Martin Wesley, David Faraday.	
2. POR change	In accordance with the Scout Association (POR) Chapter 5, we change from Executive Committees to Trustee Boards and District Executive members will be known as Trustees of Falkes (Luton) District Scout. The Charity Commission has enforced this change.	
3. Approval of last minutes & matters arising.	Minutes for approval – AGM 2022/2023 – no dissentions- agreed.	
4. Annual Report and Accounts.	An extraordinary zoom meeting will be held to deal with the acceptance of the accounts.	
5. DC nomination for District Chairman 2023/2024	Gerald Law was nominated by the DC. No dissentions.	
6. Secretary	Jacky Sturrock has stepped down and a replacement is sought.	
7/8. Election of District Treasurer	To be a signatory on all District Bank Accounts and full access to Falkes District online Banking Mandy Haslam- nominated by Linda Clitheroe/2nd by AJ. Agreed Continue to be a signatory on all District Bank Accounts and full access to Falkes District online Banking until all records, signatures and other requirement are complete. Jennifer Peet- nominated by Lee Baker/2nd by Michael Waller Agreed	
9. Resolutions to be agreed	a). The District Scout Council to resolve a maximum of 6 people to be elected to the District Executive. b). The District Scout Council to resolve that a quorum for the District Executive at normal meetings is 50% of the members to include either the District Chair or District Commissioner.	

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	c). The District Scout Council to resolve that a quorum for the District Executive at emergency meetings where only the emergency business may be discussed is 33% of the members to include either the District Chair or District Commissioner. d.). The District Scout Council to resolve that a quorum for the District Executive emergency business may be conducted via email and requires a 75% agreement of the members to include either the District Chair or District Commissioner. No dissentions to the above a through to d.	
10. Appointment of Executive Committee Members	a) Elected to District Executive a. Mick Missenden – Sharon Wise-Sharpe / Lynn b. Debbie Baker – Lee Baker/Denise O'Hara c. Norma Farrish – Denise O'Hara/Zack d. Denise O'Hara – Zack/Debbie e. John Rees – Michael Waller / Cathy Stapleton b) Approval of DC's Nominations a. Michael Waller b. Amy Clews c) Linda Clitheroe co-opted onto exec as they (Linda/Ian) manage Ross Park. No abstentions, all approved.	
11. Election of Representatives to the County Scout Council	a. Cathy Stapleton - uniformed member b. Michael Waller – non uniformed member c. Zack Boutwood - Youth Member 18-25 No dissentions.	
12. Appointment of District Auditor	Louise Ward – Approved and Agreed, Sterling work this year	
13. District Commissioner's Report	DC is very new to this role but is approachable and happy to help with queries/enquiries. Lee would like to see Ross Park utilised more by groups and taking advantage of the outdoor space for activities. He would also like to see groups and sections working more closely together and sharing activities/plans. Andy Goddard spoke to welcome Lee to the new role and asked all to help him settle in. District numbers are up which is great, but leaders are down nationally not just in this district.	

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	Bouquets were presented to both Jennifer Peet and Jacky Sturrock with thanks for doing a great job.	

Meeting Closed 20.10

Extra ordinary Meeting – zoom - minutes 13th July 2023

Meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Apologies

AJ Kedge, Trevor Sharpe, Martin Wesley, Andy Goddard, Denise O'Hara, Tanya Allen

In attendance were.

Gerald Law (Chairman), Mandy Haslam (Treasurer), Jacky Sturrock (secretary), Sue Law, Cathy Stapleton, Sharon Wise-Sharp

Topics discussed.

Mandy has reviewed the accounts to be able to upload them to the Charities Commission. This meeting ids to present the figures. Mandy shared documents on the screen showing us the treasurers report word document for 2022. The overview will help Mandy understand what has gone before. Louise Ward has conducted a thorough audit on the transactional movement in these accounts. Any queries she had have been explained/adjusted as needed. The figures shown are from 2021/2022 which helps us reconcile all the bank accounts.

Closing balance £41,552.89 – bank accounts

Closing balance £93,356.22 - Investment accounts

Total at close of 2022.

----------Gift Aid- there are new on-line forms. These do not appear easier as they demand information that we just may not have. Mandy will investigate the best way to get the benefit for using online forms. Can go back several years if gift aid has not been claimed. MH will set up notes for groups to follow.

----------Phoenix bank account has been closed but £9.71 petty cash has not been resolved as missing/unaccounted for. This may be in a tin somewhere. 20233 accounts need to show this has been paid in to close them.

A high priority is to look at the £93,356.22 and see how it should be used.

----------Mandy will introduce common naming convention. This is to sharpen up the accounts.

----------Mandy has a larger spreadsheet that she uses to show more detail on cash flow with district funds and will review January 2023 accounts onwards and would like to present the accounts and year end in advance of handing them over to the auditor so that we can pre-empt any queries that may come from the auditor.

Question – Capitation etc is coming through again (grateful for no district levy), will there be any increase especially with the cost of living now. GL stated that he and MH will look at funds with a mindful view to the cost-of-living crisis. We are lucky to have a regular income from the pre-school.

----------Meeting closed 20:10

District Commissioner AGM Report 2023

2023 saw me blindly take up the role of district commissioner, the district had been running reasonably well for several months without anyone in my role capably run by Gerald and the ADC's.

The first district event I was involved in was St Georges day a hike and renewal of promise at Ross Park that had already been organised by the time I took up the role. So, my first thank you goes to all involved in organising the event giving me an easy introduction.

I have spent the rest of the year visiting all the groups, getting to know them and seeing what a wonderful job they all do for the young people. The rest of my time has been spent learning what is required and updating records.

We managed to do a couple more district events. There was a district fun day ay Boyd field Henlow that was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. We also had a Christmas campfire at Ross Park with hot dogs after that again enjoyed a good turn out and was well received.

A very brief report this year as I feel I contributed very little to the district when compared to all the other people in the district. So, I would like to say a big thank you to each and everyone who have given up their time and knowledge for the young people over 2023.

Lee Baker

District Commissioner/District Lead Volunteer

Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council

District Chairman 2024 AGM Report

2023 we know started with difficulties, covid was still a very vivid memory, a gate that was damaged by a car running into it and the months it took to repair. Then Mike Peet standing down as DC.

The role of District Commissioner is vital, giving focus to the district.

One must commend the District Team for carrying on regardless. They continued to help support the groups and units. Doing their best to run activities and events which they will cover in their reports. It is important to thank them for their hard work during some difficult times.
We find the District has steadied with Lee Baker taking on the role of DC. In true scouting style, the members supporting each other, we have overcome.

The District Exec changed to the Falkes (Luton) Board of Trustees. This change was not so great because all our Exec members were Trustees. Later in the year, it was announced that there would be changes to the District Team and the Board of Trustees supported by a few sub-committees. Understanding the changes have proved challenging with a tight time scale. The introduction of time scales for trustees will create some stability. Will the changes be affective, only time and understanding will tell.

We had a change of Treasurer, with Jennifer Peet standing down after making many changes that moved controls our accounts online. Mandy Haslam took up the challenge who has made further changes and a review of how we continue to move forward. This will create challenges along the way but I believe for the better.
To add pressure, earlier in the year, the Scout Association close their deposit account at the end of the previous year, which required us finding new accounts which to transfer the funds, making them continue to work for Falkes District. Mandy in her methodical manner has resolved this, so the monies is fully protected. The finace review will carry on over the next year to ensure our monies work as hard as possible for the district.

Not having a District Secretary and / or District Minute Secretary has made life difficult, but we keep going, in the hope one of these positions will be filled.

Many groups across the district have managed to get away camping, providing the out in scouts plus many other events and programs activities.

In the summer we had Explorers, Kate, Jamie and Malachi with leader Amy attend to the 25th World Jamboree in Korea. We know there were some difficulties, but our young people still had an amazing experience, just different from what they expected. The 26th World Jamboree will be in Poland in 2027.

I was fortunate to attend the County Annual Awards event near the end of the year. I was amazed at the many Chief Scout Awards given to the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers plus Young Leader Buckels. Far too may to name in this report but I should mention Megan Beirne who was the 1st Scout in Luton and Bedfordshire with the “Kings Scout Award”. For more of an update, do look at the Luton and the Falkes Facebook pages.
I may be bias, but I am happy and amazed how good our young people and leaders are, across the district. I would also suggest we have the best young leader program run by Jen and Amy.

Talking about the Luton and the Falkes Facebook pages (not forgetting the Falkes Young Leader Facebook page), still prove to be very successful in keeping everyone informed about what has happened and what is coming up. Do remember that the Facebook pages are yours, to tell your group and unit stories.

Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council

Chairman
Scouts
Falkes (Luton) Scout District

The Luton Scout Website Page changed to The Falkes Scout Website Page. Do use it to help your new parents understand scouting. Do use it to help tell your group / unit activities and stories during 2023, 2024 and on into 2025. The website will also guide you to HQ pages when looking for program planning ideas or thinking about where to camp in the UK and abroad. The events page should be telling you of district / county activities and district meetings are coming up.

Recruitment of young people is slowly rising but recruitment of adults still proves difficult. We have a number of adults who hold more than one role. There was a dip in Beavers and squirrels. We need to do our best to improve this situation. Remind adults that many of our leaders are parents. They are supported by training and other leaders. I often remind parents that they have many more skills than they realise, with budget skills, cooking, looking after young people, finding places of interest for the family to visit, all with in the family home.

At the time of writing, the district is looking for the following personnel.
A District Secretary and / or District Minute Secretary.
Ross Park District Building & Ground Manager.
Ross Park District Building Cleaner.
If you fancy giving one of these positions a go, please let us know.

Linda and Ian Clitheroe stood down as maintain Ross Park during the summer. Our thanks go to them for keeping the building and grounds in good working order. Denise O'Hara has been keeping things going, putting in a lot of work but we could really do with a support team with regular work parties, to keep this aging building going.
I know I often talk about showing respect for Ross Park, the Grounds, and others using the HQ. I make no apology for that. Considering others should be part of our Scouting DNA.

Our finances have come under pressure, so to the annoyance to many, they will hear my comments that, "Budgets are limits, not a Target". Of course, like everyone else we have been hit by increasing fuel costs and the cost of living. This has meant bring in charges or increasing charges for the use of Ross Park HQ. Not a happy task but necessary. Then to add to our problems, the toilets were found to not be working correctly. Investigation found we required an expensive repair, to clear and replace deeply placed pipes.

In the back of our mind, we can look to eco ideas which will help to slow down utility increases, but I suspect this will be a slow process as we need to do our best to get it right. Such changes in the short term will be costly but will have a long-term affect. We continue the good work of them who went before us.

The relationship with the Pre-School remains good and contributes a large amount of funds, which help us limit the cost to our scouting members of Falkes.

The District Trustees continued working hard over the year. I again would like to express my thanks for their continued support, especially Mandy, as she has worked to make processes easier and the constant issue of contacting the bank despite them closing banks and over worked customer care.

I have been in scouting for more years than I care to think about, but I can truly say that Falkes (Luton) District, the units and groups are amazing. We scout in areas across Luton, which are the most difficult in the county, if not in the country but we make a difference to our young peoples lives.

Preparing them with #SkillForLife.

Gerald

FALKES DISTRICT

District Beaver and Squirrel Scouts Report 2023

2023 proved to be a year of success, fun and learning for our youngest section, squirrels.
It was a year of a number of 1st.
1st Squirrel Scout in Luton and the District to achieve the Chief Scouts Acorn Award, their highest section award. Lilly Rose, which was witnessed by Luton North MP Sarah Own her return visited Squirrels to witness Lilly Rose gain her award.
The squirrels visited Ross Park on St George's Day to make their 1st promise renewal. The day included scavenger hunt, a quick game of duck duck goose before songs around the campfire.
Another 1st was a fantastic weekend enjoying their 1st ever sleepover May. The squirrels enjoyed the out in Scouting with an obstacle course or learning how to make bug hotels and hunting for bugs. They also enjoyed soft archery, mini crossbows and the cave bus and campfire songs and marshmallows. The DC awarded Harry and Alice their Acorn badges.
Yet another 1st, the squirrels visited a cub pirate camp making pirate hats, finding treasure and making pizzas plus enjoying skill tests with mini crossbows and soft archery. This hard work was rewarded with activity badges Let's celebrate, Get creative and Feel good.
All about adventure today at1st 1st Falkes Luton Squirrels as they drew pictures of what they would need to pack to go camping . Followed by putting a tent up. Big thank you to Marmite from Leagrave scout group for coming along and helping.
Another scouting activity is hiking and squirrels have earned their stage 1 hikes away whilst fields looking for bugs we found tiny ants to creepy spiders and large snails in the field. On one occasion they got a surprise hello and siren show from the local police
Squirrels are very skilful at craft work and learning other scouting skills. Activities are often themed like Mother's day making fridge magnets and flowers for their mums.

Once they reach 6, the squirrels move on to Beavers but the fun does not stop there.
In Falkes, we had a busy year. All Colonies had exciting programmes.
They include the following Badge programmes: Global Issues, International, Digital Maker, Disability Awareness, Air Activities, Challenge Badges. Leaders have organised Beaver Camps at Bromham and Phasels Wood, on the Bus at Henlow, and other Indoor Sleepovers.
Many Beaver Colonies attended the District Activity Day at Henlow in October and had a fantastic time, with a great water fight at the end. Our thanks also go to the Beaver Leaders who helped run the weekend. I would also like to thank Trev Sharp for providing and cooking the food for the weekend.
The District Junk Modelling Competition took place on Sunday 5th February 2023. This went really well with the the Beavers making different types of dinosaus out of the junk material. The competition judge was Debbie Baker (ADC Cubs) and she chose Strathmore Beavers as the winners. Well done Strathmore!
Several Beaver Colonies attended the St. Georges Day celebration held at Ross Park. A Treasure Hunt was organised in the grounds with the children having to find jigsaw pieces of a St. George and the dragon scenes and then putting the pieces together to form a picture in the District Hut.
Colonies have run Badge programmes on Disability Awareness, International, Creative, Health and Fitness, Emergency Aid and various Challenge Badges.
The District Beaver Colonies had exciting programmes which includes visits to the Fire Station, Pets at Home, Luton food bank, various sleepovers. Pets at Home, Marsh House nature walk, Church visits, a visit to Stopsley Community Garden and a visit by the Police.
There will be programmes on the Green Cross Code, First Aid, National Carers Day, Lego Challenge, Children in Need, Money Badge, Sign Language, Book reading, Poetry evening,
The year finished with a District Campfire at Ross Park in November.

District Cub Report for 2023

The Cub Section had various different events organized for 2023.

We started the year with a District Board Game event in February 2023. The cubs and their leaders played various board games supplied by the cubs and their leaders. We also had some larger outdoor games available for them to play. We had approximately 40 cubs attend the afternoon, with many of them asking if we could do it again as they left.

This was followed by a hike for St George's Day. The hike started at Stopsley High School, they then walked across the fields towards Inspire Sports Centre and ended their hike at the Ross Park. The hike was followed by a campfire and the Renewal of the Promise.

In June we had a District Fun Day at Boyd Field. The cubs took part in the Cube type challenges, threw Tomahawks, soda rockets, pioneering, archery, axe and knife work. As it was such a warm day the cubs wanted to end the day with wet sponge throwing. I think Zack ended up being their target so went home very wet.

The Annual Cub Conker competition was held in October and due to the good weather we were able to hold the event outside. It was a tough competition but the trophy was eventually won by Strathmore Cubs.

The cubs seemed to have enjoyed all the events we planned for this year, look forward to another good year in 2024

Regards

Debbie Baker

ADC Cubs Falkes District

District Scouts AGM Report 2023

2023 was a quiet year for the scouts with the ADC stepping down and no one replacing them, we are on the lookout for someone to take on this role. It is currently being covered by AJ and myself.

The scouts took part in the St Georges day celebration by going on a hike and solving a puzzle on the way. they renewed their promise around a campfire afterwards at Ross Park. They also took part in the district fun day at Boyd field taking part in several activities culminating in a mass water fight at the end.

My personal thanks goes to all the scout leaders, assistants and helpers whom have kept it interesting and managed to retain the young people and in some cases increase their numbers in a difficult time.

Lee Baker

District Commissioner/District Lead Volunteer

Falkes District

Explorers Report

2024 AGM

Whilst we have had another successful year within the Falkes Explorer units, we can sometimes struggle for numbers, as the Explorer units are not attached to a group so it can be a daunting task to leave the comforts of a group to start attending a Explorer unit, and whilst we are quite successful in retaining Young Leaders within the district, the same can not always be said for Scouts to Explorers. It would be good if the leaders could try and encourage the scouts to go up and at least try Explorers, as I feel they would benefit from doing both and at the moment are missing out. And it would be good to see the Explorers that are reaching the end of the Explorer time to carry on and join Network, something as an Explorer section we need to work on.

That all being said I'm glad to say there have been various top awards earned within Explorers the last year and makes me proud of them every time one gets awarded as the amount of work and effort they have to put into gaining these awards is no easy challenge and for them to push themselves to gain these awards is a pleasure to watch.

There has also been a number of camps this year and I've also signed off a number of Passport camps, allowing the Explorers to go off camping for the weekend without any adult supervision, which I don't sign off lightly. It is good watching the Explorers plan the camp and grow in confidence and ability.

There is an international camp being planned for 2025 to Kandersteg in Switzerland which everyone is looking forward to.

As I say Hydra and Griffin are working well independently of each other whilst during the course of the year they come together to do joint activities.

Young Leaders – as I have said before this is one of the best changes the Scout Association has introduced into Scouting as they are undoubtedly are leaders of the future, and once again you watch them gain confidence and skills. And we are lucky to provide our own in-house training which many districts within the county can't or don't do, hence why Jen and Amy (YL Leaders) often provide training for other districts within the county.

I have been involved with Explorers for a number of years now and have been lucky to have a dedicated bunch of leaders, assistants, helpers throughout that time, who have undoubtedly made my job easy. I would like to thank each and everyone of them for all the time and effort they put in and not just on a meeting night, without there dedication and commitment there wouldn't be Explorers within our district – and for this I am truly grateful and honored to work alongside these people – so once again a big THANK YOU.

There are a lot of changes happening within scouting at the minute with role descriptions, but all I'd say is please just carry on what your doing and the standard your doing it to and Falkes Explorers will continue to grow and grow.

A.j Kedge

District Explorer Lead Volunteer

DofE: World Scout Jamboree 2023: Kandersteg 2025 – Falkes Explorers Trip:

DofE:
D of E has been pushed throughout the District and we currently have 4 signed up to complete their Gold Award . A practice expedition is planned for 28-31 August 2024. The participants are currently working on their menus, locations and routes.

World Scout Jamboree 2023:
Whilst the event was somewhat challenging, the 3 young people and 1 leader from the District overall had a great time and made a lot of memories. As a collective the Unit was down on fundraising, however the Falkes members' had all hit their individual target of £3995. Thank you again to the District for the kind donation of £400 per person.

Kandersteg 2025 – Falkes Explorers Trip:
Falkes Explorers are planning a trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in August 2025. So far 4 leaders are confirmed and 16 young people. All young people's deposits have been paid, and the Leaders are waiting for flights to be released in order to book. Insurance has been paid for and KISC has been booked so far.
Amy

Falkes District Year End Accounts Summary 2023 – Treasurers Report

Overview

The Falkes District Accounts comprises of the following accounts and sub accounts.

- Falkes District Business Accounts – unrestricted
- Falkes District Badge Shop – unrestricted
- Falkes District Scout Shop – unrestricted (intended closure)
- Network – designated
- DoE – designated
- Griffin – designated
- Hydra – designated
- Squirrels – handed to Leagrave (not included in 2023 accounting)
- Phoenix – restricted (intended closure)

Auditing

The 2023 accounts have been audited and accepted by Louise Ward Book Keeping Services, ICB Registered Practice Licence 16607

Account Status

High Level Summary

Account	Opening 2023	Closing 2023	In	Out	Balance?	Petty Cash held 2023
Business Current (unrestricted)	£30,344.38	£18,825.12	£139,660.49	£151,179.75	£0.00	
Badge Shop (unrestricted)	£1,600.66	£1,985.16	£384.50	£0.00	£0.00	
Scout Shop (unrestricted)	£5,311.71	£0.00	£0.00	£5,311.71	£0.00	
Network (Designated)	£894.47	£964.47	£70.00	£0.00	£0.00	
DoE (Designated)	£26.00	£81.00	£74.00	£19.00	£0.00	
Griffin (Designated)	£1,009.79	£585.74	£966.00	£1,390.05	£0.00	£123.37
Hydra (Designated)	£1,193.28	£388.12	£3,748.50	£4,553.66	£0.00	£91.47
Phoenix (Restricted)	£9.71	£0.00	£0.00	£9.71	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	**£40,390.00**	**£22,829.61**	**£144,903.49**	**£162,463.88**	**£0.00**	**£214.84**
TSA Investment	£93,356.22	£0.00	£933.52	£94,289.74	£0.00	
NatWest Easy Access	£0.00	£44,393.61	£44,393.61		£0.00	
CCB	£0.00	£50,000.00	£50,000.00		£0.00	
Total	**£133,746.22**	**£117,223.22**	**£240,230.62**	**£256,753.62**	**£0.00**	**£214.84**

Assessment

During the 2023 year a number of actions have been taken

- Hand over of accounts between appointed treasurers
- Closure of the TSA Investment Account

- Opening of a short term and a fixed term investment account. The short term investment account with NatWest has already provided £376.13 interest in the 6 months since opening whilst the fixed rate investment with CCB is guaranteed to bring £2506.85 interest in the year to November 2024.

The status of the accounts is generally good however the 2023 year has seen spending exceeding income. For the main District account this has largely been due to urgent work required on the drain system at Ross Park

The following considerations to be actioned as we move through the 2024 year.

- Increase focus on budgeting and spending.
- Invest time in Gift Aid to ensure that we are maximising all opportunities for reclaim
- Falkes Current Account – consider alternatives to Nat West with a view to move 2025 if deemed beneficial
- Badge Shop Account – continue unless consensus to change
- Scout Shop Account – now at zero and no longer used. Close account (several attempts have been made with NatWest to do this)
- Phoenix Account - Close the account (several attempts have been made with NatWest to do this)
- Continue to support programmes and activities such as the Kandersteg trip
- Provide support to sections (Hydra, Griffin, DofE, Network) to include the review of subscription charges and activity charges.
- Consideration is being given to remaining with our current auditing arrangements via Louise Ward Book Keeping Services or to move to an established accountancy firm such as Streets Accountants who are one of the UK's top 40 firm of Chartered Accountants
- To support effective governance and share good practice, the District Treasurer should create a support network amongst the Group Treasurers of the District.
- Investigate the use of software to automate the production of invoicing and credit control

Mandy Haslam

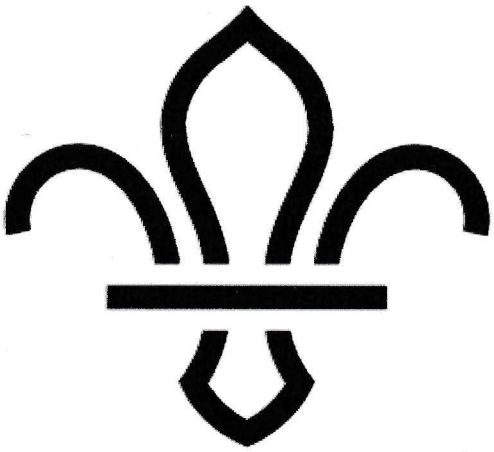
Treasurer – Falkes District Scout Council

Date 4th June 2024

District Appointments Summary

	June 24	June 23	
Total Adults	**154**	164 Reduced by 6.1%	Modest reduction in the number of adults involved in scouting across Falkes District
Roles	**224**	235 Reduced by 4.7%	71 adults have more than one role in scouting according to Compass
Roles Overdue	6	28 Reduced by 78.6%	People in roles over 5 months. Significant improvement on this metric - efforts made by dc, appointments chair and committee
Overdue %	5%	12% **Reduced by 58.3%**	
Roles Needing Appointments Process	130	125 Increase by 4.0%	
Overdue	6 (5%)	22 (18%) **Reduced by 72.7%**	
Roles Needing References	130	125 Increase by 4.0%	Missing data from Compass - blocks the appointment from being registered even if training is completed
Overdue	8 (6%)	17 (14%) **Reduced by 52.9%**	People in roles over 5 months

- **Significant improvement has been realised over the last 12 months**
- **New appointments chair- Mark Webb**



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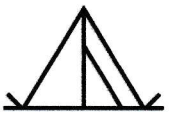
England & Wales - Charity number 300470

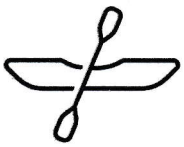
Accounts

Falkes District Scout Council

Annual Report and Accounts

2022





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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 2 to end date 3 1 1 2 2 2

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Falkes District Scout Council
Other names the charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 0 4 7 0
HQ registration number	1 0 0 0 2 5 4 0
Charity's principal address	Falkes District Scouts Applecroft Road Luton Postcode L U 2 8 B D

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Gerald Law	Chairman	
2	Jacqueline Sturrock	Secretary	
3	Jennifer Peet	Treasurer	
4	Mike Peet	District Commissioner	
5	A.j Kedge	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	
6	Trevor Sharpe	District Scout Network Commissioner	
7	Zack Boutwood	District Youth Commissioner	
8	Kyle Beirne		Until June 2022
9	Michael Missenden		
10	John Rees		
11	Joanne Merrick		Until June 2022
12	Derrick Bell		Until May 2022
13	Norma Farish		
14	Michael Waller		
15	Denise O'Hara		
16	Amy Clews		June 2022 Onwards
17	Linda Clitheroe		June 2022 Onwards
18	Gary Sturrock		June 2022 Onwards
19			
20			

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, other District Leaders and representation from around the District and meets every 2 months. Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of District property; The raising of funds and the administration of District finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; District public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected. Complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District. Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the District as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District. Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2) The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	**The Purpose of Scouting** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. **The Values of Scouting** As Scouts we are guided by these values: **Integrity -** We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. **Respect -** We have self-respect and respect for others. **Care -** We support others and take care of the world in which we live. **Belief -** We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. **Co-operation -** We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends. **The Scout Method** Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	This can be found it reports further on.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	None

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

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	These can be found in the reports further on.

Section E — Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**Reserves Policy** The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	None

Further financial review details (optional information)

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You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

This can be found in reports further on.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gerald Law	Lee Baker
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	District Commisioner
Date	2 2 0 6 2 3	

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. 300470)
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	Year start date 1/1/2022	To	Year end date 31/12/2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	2022 Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	2021 Total funds
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Network Hydra DoE Griffin Squirrels	Phoenix		
Receipts	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	16,442	2,996	20	19,458	15,079
Donations	-	675	-	675	3,584
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	846
Other similar income	1,336	1,032	-	2,368	60
Sub total	17,778	4,703	20	22,501	19,568
Activities					-
Squirrels		10		10	
Beavers	-	-	-	-	84
Cubs	-	-	-	-	245
Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Camps	-	940	-	940	-
Other	39	588	-	627	363
Sub total	39	1,538	-	1,577	692
Grants & Loan Repayments					
Grants	-	227	-	227	17,069
Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	1,095
Sub total	-	227	-	227	18,164
Fundraising events (gross)					
Badge Shop Sales	1,427	-	-	1,427	860
Scout Shop Sales	2,582	-	-	2,582	4,489
Detail 3		-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	23	23	335
Sub total	4,009	-	23	4,032	5,684
Scout hut income					
Hire of building	9,370	-	-	9,370	11,108
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,370	-	-	9,370	11,108
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	175	-	-	175	148
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	175	-	-	175	148
Total Gross Income	31,372	6,468	43	37,882	55,364
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,372	6,468	43	37,882	55,364

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. 300470)
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	Year start date 1/1/2022	To	Year end date 31/12/2022

Receipts and payments

	2022				2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Network Hydra DoE Griffin Squirrels	Phoenix		
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	14,535	1,619	-	16,154	15,581
Youth programme and activities	303	1,205	-	1,508	1,222
Adult support and training	590	-	-	590	-
Rent	-	420	-	420	330
Rates	480	-		480	109
Water and Sewerage	559	-	-	559	1,429
Electricity and Gas	1,224	-	-	1,224	2,154
Caretakers Wages	2,239	-		2,239	2,093
Other Premises Expenses	812	-		812	2,815
Insurance	2,337	-	-	2,337	2,517
Repairs and Renewals	964	-	-	964	114
Materials and equipment	848	-	-	848	1,100
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	-	1,538	-	1,538	-
AGM and trustee expenses	403	-	-	403	3,052
Donations	-	-	-	-	100
Administrive Expenses	825	-	-	825	-
Other	485	-	1,819	2,304	652
Sub total	26,604	4,782	1,819	33,205	33,267
Fundraising expenses					
Badge Shop	1,355	-	-	1,355	491
Scout Shop	-	-	-	-	1,469
Scout Shop Profit Share	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	12	-	-	12	-
Sub total	1,367	-	-	1,367	1,959
Total Gross Expenditure	27,971.20	4,782	1,819	34,572	35,227
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,971	4,782	1,819	34,572	35,227
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,400	1,686	- 1,776	3,310	20,137
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	128,042	4,972	1,000	134,014	113,428
Cash funds this year end	131,442	6,658	- 776	137,324	133,565

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. 300470)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1/1/2022	To	31/12/2022

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Dec 2022				
	Unrestricted funds District Badge Shop Scout Shop	Designated Funds Network Hydra DoE Griffin Squirrels	Restricted Funds Phoenix	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	37,257	4,296	-	41,553	40,247
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	93,356	-	-	93,356	93,181
Cash/Floats	148	-	-	148	585
Total cash funds	130,761	4,296	-	135,057	134,013
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	2,574	-	-	2,574	3,616
Shop stock	7,526	-	-	7,526	7,551
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	388,705	-	-	388,705	382,961
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	621	-	-	621	540
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	399,426	-	-	399,426	394,668
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	530,187	4,296	-	534,483	528,681

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X

Signature	Print Name	
	Gerald Law	Chair
M M Haslam	Mandy Haslam	Treasurer

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council for the year ended 31-12-2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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 Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

Name: Louise Ward

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Member of the Institute of Certified Book Keepers (MICB)
Registered practice 16607

Address:
41 Keeley Lane
Wootton
Bedford
MK43 9HR

Date: 11/7/23

Scouts
Falkes (Luton) Scout District

7th Annual General Meeting Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council,
Location: Ross Park, Applecroft Rd, Luton, LU2 8BD
22nd June 2023 Time: 7-45pm

Falkes (Luton) Scout District
6th Annual General Meeting
22nd June 2023

7th Annual General Meeting Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council,
Location: Ross Park, Applecroft Rd, Luton, LU2 8BD
22nd June 2023 Time: 7-45pm

Scouts
Falkes (Luton) Scout District

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies.
2. In accordance with the Scout Association (POR) Chapter 5 change from Executive Committees to Trustee Boards and District Executive members will be known as Trustees of Falkes (Luton) District Scout .
3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
4. Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts
5. Approval of the DC's nomination for District Chairman
6. Election of District Secretary
7. Election of District Treasurer
8. Election of Assistant District Treasurer
9. Resolutions to be agreed

a. The District Scout Council to resolve a maximum of 6 people to be elected to the District Executive

b. The District Scout Council to resolve that a quorum for the District Executive at normal meetings is 50% of the members to include either the District Chair or District Commissioner

c. The District Scout Council to resolve that a quorum for the District Executive at emergency meetings where only the emergency business may be discussed is 33% of the members to include either the District Chair or District Commissioner.

d. The District Scout Council to resolve that a quorum for the District Executive emergency business may conducted via email and requires a 75% agreement of the members to include either the District Chair or District Commissioner.

10. Appointment of Executive Committee Members

a. Election of members who have been nominated

b. Approval of District Commissioners nominations

9. Election of representatives to the County Scout Council
a. Uniformed Member
b. Non Uniformed Member
c. Youth Member

10. Appointment of District Auditor

11. District Commissioner' Report

AGM Meeting End

Fundraising Stalls for Falkes members attending the WSJ Korea 2023

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Scouts
Falkes (Luton) Scout District

District Commissioners AGM Report

Scouting has seen a lot of changes over the last year or so in both Procedures and Regulations as well as personnel and that's without mentioning Covid. I cannot really comment on what the previous DC has done but feel he had got himself a good team around him as it has allowed the district to run to a certain extent by itself when his workload increased.

As has been mentioned scouting has recovered from covid in the number of young people who are in all the sections has increased in the majority of cases. Unfortunately, this has not been the case for adults in any scouting roles. This is one of the big issues I believe is facing scouting at the present as the lack of volunteers is not exclusive to the Falkes district. I will be looking at any way possible to entice adults to at least try a scouting role. To achieve this, I am open to any suggestions or possibilities.

I would also like to see the district arrange more events, the ADC's have done a wonderful job over the last couple of years, and I would like to thank them and everyone who has supported them in running their events. It would be nice to see Ross Park used more for some of the skills work that can not be done at most groups normal meeting place.

Lee Baker
District Commissioner

7th Annual General Meeting Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council,
Location: Ross Park, Applecroft Rd, Luton, LU2 8BD
22nd June 2023 Time: 7-45pm

Scouts
Falkes (Luton) Scout District

District Chairman AGM Report

The start of 2022 proved uncertain following that last couple of years following covid. This created doubt for any major activities which caused frustration for Groups and the District. Activities could prove to be affected, even cancelled at the last minute because of positive test results.

Despite all of this, we started the 1st Falkes (Luton) District Squirrel Drey with our local MP Sarah Own visiting. They have grown and remain successful.

Many sections across the district managed to get away camping, proving the importance of this activity.

We enjoyed the Queens Platinum Jubilee (The longest serving British Monarch) with many program ideas but sadly two months later were lost our patron, following the Queens death on the 8th September. This created a dilemma because Scouting went in mourning, as on the 17th September, we were due to have a fun day. This was changed to a time of remembrance and reaffirming our promise to the King. Not everyone was happy with this decision but I will personally say that I supported this choice. Sometime we all have to remember our promise and this is a good reminder to our young people and our leaders.

Later in the year we enjoyed the Festive Campfire. Hopefully 2023 will proved many more district activities.

Our finances have come under pressure, so to the annoyance to many, they will hear my comments that, "Budgets are limits, not a Target". Of course like everyone else we have been hit by increasing fuel costs and the cost of living. This has meant bring in charges or increasing charges for the use of Ross Park HQ. Not a happy task but necessary.

The relationship with the Pre-School remains good and but like all of us, they are being hit by increased costs imposed by us.

In the back of our mind, we can look to eco ideas which will help to slow down utility increases but I suspect this will be a slow process as we need to do our best to get it right. Such changes will have a long term affect.

It was sad that Mike Peet had to take a step back as DC near the end of the year, which did created difficulties for the District but the District Team and District Exec worked hard to keep things going.

The District Exec continued working hard over the year, all who I thank. I again would like to express my thanks for their continued support, Jacky Sturrock as secretary and Jennifer Peet, especially as she has worked to make processes easier and the constant issue of contacting the bank despite their lack of closing banks and diminishing customer care.

At the time of writing, the district is looking for the following personnel.
A District Secretary and / or District Minute Secretary
Ross Park District Building & Ground Manager
Ross Park District Booking Secretary.
If you fancy giving one of these positions a go, please let us know.

Gerald
District Chairman

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Falkes District Squirrel Report

It has been a fantastic first year for our Squirrels Drey.

We held our first meeting on 7 May 2022 and since then have had an action-packed year where we have had fun and earned a lot of badges whilst learning about the world around us.
Some highlights were becoming Super Chefs, we learned about where food comes from and made some tasty fruit kebabs and yummy doughnuts. As part of Exciting Experiments, we made a volcano out of baking soda and vinegar – this was very smelly!
We recently celebrated King Charles III Coronation - and our first birthday - with a continental breakfast feast.
Throughout the year we attended various events including:

- A visit to Leagrave Cubs camp at Ross Park in July, where the Squirrels joined in with camp activities.
- Remembrance Sunday where we joined the parade and marched over to the memorial for the service.
- Carols around the Campfire at Ross Park
- Griffin Players Panto at Luton Library Theatre
- St Georges Day at Ross Park
- Hike at Bushmead

We have a joint sleepover with Leagrave Beavers planned for tomorrow at Boyd Field.
I am proud of the progress that all the Squirrels have made in their first year. We have awarded six Chief Scout's Acorn Awards, which is the highest award a Squirrel Scout can earn. Well done.
Thank you to all the leaders, helpers, parents and Squirrels who have helped to make this first year so successful.
We have recently become part of the Leagrave Scout Group, and are looking forward to another exciting year.

Yours in Scouting

Michele McBarron

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BEAVERS

District Beaver Scout AGM Report 2022 - 2023

The District Beavers Scouts held a Beaver Fun Day in July 2022. This was held at Haverings Guide Centre, Luton on a very hot day. Luckily, Haverings Guide Centre is full of trees so the numerous bases were set up in the shade.

These consisted of a water trail in the woods, egg and spoon races, welly throwing, miniature car races through tunnels, a mini golf trail, water transfers from one bucket to another, drainpipe challenge and an obstacle course with broomsticks and a ball.

At the end of the day we had a highlighter wide game followed by a water fight with wet sponges which was really appreciated by all the Beavers. Just before they all went home the Beavers were given a piece (or two) of cake and a cold drink. A good day was had by all.

In October, the District organised a campfire and sing song for all the Beavers at Ross Park. Biscuits and drinks were served to the Beavers after the campfire and a large number of action songs were put together by the Beaver Leaders and the youngsters almost raised the roof off! Our thanks go to Trev Sharp for organising the campfire

A Junk Modelling Competition was held at Ross Park District Hut in February 2023. Many Colonies took part and the standard from all the youngsters was very high. A winner had to be chosen and the ADC Cubs, Debbie Baker, chose Strathmore Beavers as winners.

I would like to thank all the Leaders and Helpers from all the Groups and the District team for supporting this section over the year.

Denise O'Hara
ADC Beaver Scouts

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AGM Report for Falkes District Cubs January – December 2022

Scouting in 2022 was very much starting to get back to normal. Although Covid was and still is with us, all groups were back to meeting Face to Face. The number of young people across most of the groups have recovered, some have seen an increase in numbers.

After our district meeting in February 2022, we arranged a few District Cubs activity days for later in the year. The first was due to be an Incident Hike on 16th July 2022 at Dunstable Downs. Due to the extremely hot weather forcast that day, we decided to change it to an Activity Day and hold it within the woods at Dunstable Downs. It turned out to be a wise decision as it was lovely and cool in the woods and the cubs were able to complete all the activities planned.

In October 2022, we held a Conker competition at St Luke church hall. The first held for many years. All the young people who attend had a great time. It was something that many of the young people had not done before. I don't think there were too many bruise knuckles at the end of day. Saxons won the event for 2022, but it was a tough battle as many of the conker refused to crack and break and needed a little help from the leaders attending.
We are now working on events for the 2023.

Debbie Baker
ADC Cubs Falkes District

Falkes District Scout Reports 2023 AGM

Scout Report
Scouts have continued to move back to usual business following the pandemic with many troops getting back to a "normal" programme of activities and nights away. Numbers have remained stable across the District and in some areas have increased.
The main challenge towards the end of the year was the decrease in the number of Adult volunteers in the Scout section leaving some groups struggling to find Adults to help run the week to week meetings. Solutions need to be found to ensure the continued success of all the Troops across the District.
On behalf of all of the Scouts within the District and personally, I'd like to thank all of the Scout leaders and Adults who commit vast amounts of energy, time and enthusiasm to deliver Scouting across the District. Without this the Scout section would not be as successful as it is. Thank you.

Trevor Sharp
ADC Scouts

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District Youth Commissioners AGM Report – 2022

2022 saw the Falkes Scout District youth membership grow. This is positive and shows that our Groups are travelling in the correct direction in terms of engaging young people across Luton. Throughout the year, I visited a range of sections and groups and saw first-hand the enjoyment and the commitment of young people of all ages to Scouting. During many of these visits, there was one constant: Young Leaders. I must take this opportunity to say Thank You to not just our 14-18 year old members who take part in this great programme, but also to Jen and Amy for their limitless work in best preparing them in their roles as young leaders – giving them the confidence and skills they need to move on in Scouting, and even become adult volunteers.

Arguably, the greatest youth success story of the District this year was the launch of Squirrels. Squirrels is a brand new section, designed to give 4 and 5 year olds a Scouting experience, and start them on their journey of learning Skills For Life from the age of 4 through to 18 and beyond. My special thanks needs to be extended to Michele and her team of Squirrel Leaders and adult volunteers for the sensational work they have done in developing this section into a flourishing group of children, which has already begun to feed members into Beaver Colonies across the District.

As a Youth Commissioner, it is important to me to ensure that young people are given as many opportunities as possible during their time with us, and so in 2022, we looked to host a District Fun Day. Initially, the Fun Day was planned for early July – however many groups were camping, and so the decision was taken to postpone the event to September. Sadly, as all will be aware, in September 2022, Scouts across the country, along with many more around the world were saddened by the passing of our Patron, the late HM Queen Elizabeth II. Due to guidance and sensitivities around the time of the funeral, it was decided that the rescheduled Fun Day should again be rescheduled to 2023, and instead replaced with a memorial service, dedicated to HM The Queen. This was a tough decision, and not one that was taken lightly. There was a strong turn out for the service, including our local MP, Rachel Hopkins. Members were invited to sign a book of condolence, which was sent to Buckingham Palace. The District received a response from the Palace, thanking us for our words of kindness.

As the year approached an end, the District was feeling festive. In that vein, it was decided that a district sing-song and campfire should be held. A working group was set up – with efforts being heavily led by Peter (Strathmore Cubs) and Emily (Someries Hill Cubs). Despite the event clashing with a key England World Cup game – the turnout of both young people and parents was strong – and reignited trust in the District's ability to sponsor events for our young people.

I close this year's report with a message of thanks, and encouragement. Thank you to all our frontline volunteers who give up so much of their time to ensure that Scouting continues to be interesting and engaging to all ages throughout Luton. Thank you to our support members – namely our District Trustees, led by Gerald (District Chairman); without them, Scouting simply would not be able to function safely and effectively in the District. Finally, and most importantly, thank you to our Young People. When I see their achievements – whether that is seeing uniforms covered in activity badges or hearing from their leaders that they have completed a Chief Scout Award – I, like their leaders look on with great pride.

Well Done for 2022 – and I look forward to seeing all the successes that 2023 has to bring.

Yours in Scouting,
Zack Boutwood
Falkes (Luton) District Youth Commissione

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Falkes District Explorer & Young Leader Report 2023 AGM

Explorer

Well it's been another packed and fun year for the Explorer section. There have been camps as well as passport camps organised - the passport camps are where an Explorer or two organise and run the whole event without an adult leader being present overnight, these aren't approved lightly as we need to know the Explorers can be trusted and responsible and I'm pleased to say that they did not let us down, and it's nice to see them grow in confidence and act as young adults as they are at this age.

We are hoping to start the joint activities up again between the 2 units and the YL unit as we are different units within the district, we pride ourselves on all getting on and acting as one provision.
Numbers aren't as good as they could be but we are preparing to do some recruitment drives and rely on the help of the different groups around the district to promote Explorer's and let us know when there's people becoming Explorer age for us to come and talk to about Explorer's.
Within our district we have 3 Explorers going to the World Scout Jamboree this year in South Korea and I encourage them to go and make the most of it and have the best experience they possibly can.

I have been involved with a lot of various roles within scouting the last year and have not always been able to commit my whole attention to Explorers like I would of liked or should do, but with the brilliant leaders and helpers who put in endless hours of work and preparation they have made sure that Explorer's within Falkes district is the best it can be. So I'd like to personally thank each and everyone of them for making my job easy and being understanding about my other scouting commitments.
I'd also like to thank the District Exec for all there help and support over the last year.

Young Leader

I'm a firm believer that this is the best provision that the scout association has set up within recent years. It is a pleasure to see so many Explorers taking on the duties of a young leader and seeing them grow in confidence and there different characters start to shine.

I'd like to thank the various groups for supporting the scheme and the young leaders and encourage the groups to keep liaison with Jen and Amy when they have potential new young leaders who wish to work with their group.

There has been a number of young leaders complete all there training throughout the year and this resulted with them receiving there young leader belt buckle. And there have also been a number of young leaders reach 18 and then continue their scouting journey by taking out an adult appointment - and as I'm sure everyone will agree, with a movement that is really struggling to recruit adult volunteers this scheme is a valuable commodity to Falkes district.

None of this would be possible without the training that Jen and Amy provide for Falkes district, as well as Falkes district we continually get young leaders from further afield and all over the county coming to Falkes district to compete there training and this is as a result of the training that Jen and Amy do on behalf of Falkes district and to this end I'm enormously grateful and thankful.

Once again I'd like to thank the District Exec for all their support throughout the year, it is truly appreciated.

A J Kedge
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

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Falkes District D of E & 25th World Scout Jamboree Report 2023 AGM

D of E report:

4 young people completed Awards this year - 3 bronze and 1 silver. I had planned to run a Silver this year, however due to other commitments I haven't had the time to promote it and run it accordingly. This will be a priority for next summer, and aim to get the training completed over the winter months and encourage all the young people to complete as much as possible of the other aspects in the mean time. We have sufficient amount of equipment, and think with the right support from Explorer Groups and the YL Unit, we may be able to get a good amount of interest in it. Additionally, all participants are being encouraged to complete their Chief Scout Award.

WSJ report:

Of the total £160000, the unit as a whole has raised £129000. The 4 members from Falkes District have raised a total of £14888 of a target of £16000. Fundraising has been difficult due to the nationwide financial crisis, however the Unit as a whole has been resilient, and continued to plough on wherever possible. The fundraising at times has been unique, well thought and methodical and as Leaders we're very proud of what the unit has achieved. In the 18 months the Unit has been together, we've ran 18 events/camps, and have run 22 unit arranged fundraiser sessions - on top of the individual sessions. Finally, I'd like to thank the District Exec for supporting the journey and allowing us to be present at the District AGM, as well as other group AGMs around the district.

Amy Clews

Falkes District Network Report 2023 AGM

Network Report

In 2022 the Scout Network continued to be active and the members took part in a number of activities and events during the year.
They volunteered to help at Leslie Sells Activity centre as part of the service team and helping at the ' Family fun day hosted by SDC, hosted some Irish Rover Scouts on a zoom call to get to know them and exchange ideas and experiences, had a campfire and pizza night at Ross Park and my personal favourite, the Greggs crawl.
For anyone wondering what a Greggs crawl is, it was a walk that started at Lea Scout Hut in Leagrave and wound it's way via the branches of Greggs in Leagrave and Sundon Park before heading off up to the Greggs in Stopsley.
I'd like to thank all of the members of Network for their participation and to Megan McIntosh, the County Network Commissioner, for her continued support throughout the year.

Trevor Sharp
District Scout Network Commissioner

Falkes District Year End Accounts Summary 2022 – Treasurers Report

Overview

The Falkes District Accounts comprises of the following accounts and sub accounts.

- Falkes District Business Accounts – unrestricted
- Falkes District Badge Shop – unrestricted
- Falkes District Scout Shop – unrestricted
- Network – designated
- DoE – designated
- Griffin – designated
- Hydra – designated
- Squirrels – designated
- Phoenix – restricted

Auditing

The 2022 accounts have been audited and accepted by Louise Ward Book Keeping Services, ICB Registered Practice Licence 16607

Account Status

High Level Summary

Account	Opening 2021	Closing 2021	Petty cash held 2021	Opening 2022	Closing 2022	In	Out	Balance?	Petty Cash held 2022
Business Current (unrestricted)	£35,344.22	£28,187.55	£0.00	£28,187.55	£30,344.38	£29,743.53	£27,586.70	£0.00	
Badge Shop (unrestricted)	£782.91	£558.08	£0.00	£558.08	£1,600.66	£1,427.08	£384.50	£0.00	
Scout Shop (unrestricted)	£5,188.92	£5,286.25	£0.00	£5,286.25	£5,311.71	£25.46	£0.00	£0.00	
Network (Designated)	£419.47	£788.47	£0.00	£788.47	£894.47	£116.00	£10.00	£0.00	
DoE (Designated)	£0.00	£14.00	£0.00	£14.00	£26.00	£127.00	£115.00	£0.00	
Griffin (Designated)	£1,067.23	£1,565.51	£197.37	£1,565.51	£807.62	£1,787.08	£2,544.97	£0.00	
Hydra (Designated)	£50.65	£242.45	£378.33	£242.45	£1,136.99	£2,585.00	£1,690.46	£0.00	£56.29
Squirrels (Designated)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,431.06	£1,852.68	£421.62	£0.00	£82.00
Phoenix (Restricted)	£1,789.34	£1,775.69	£9.71	£1,775.69	£0.00	£43.06	£1,818.75	£0.00	£9.71
Sub Total	**£44,642.74**	**£38,418.00**	**£585.41**	**£38,418.00**	**£41,552.89**	**£37,706.89**	**£34,572.00**	**£0.00**	**£148.00**
TSA Investment	£93,033.28	£93,180.73		£93,180.73	£93,356.22	£175.49	£0.00	£0.00	
Total	**£137,676.02**	**£131,598.73**	**£585.41**	**£131,598.73**	**£134,909.11**	**£37,882.38**	**£34,572.00**	**£0.00**	**£148.00**

Actions

There are a number of actions required over the coming weeks and months, prior to 2023 year end.

- Investigate Gift Aid. This has become onerous on charities due to the data required for online completion. We should create a simple approach, within the rules of the scheme, to allow us and the groups within the district to take advantage of this fund.
- Close the outstanding £9.71 petty cash on the Phoenix account allowing to total closure of this account
- Conclude investigations and make decisions on the money held within the TSA Investment account
- Introduce a common naming convention to support the accurate allocation of income and expenditure in the year end accounts

- Introduce a more detailed account spreadsheet for the Falkes District account to support the accurate allocation of income and expenditure in the year end accounts
- Undertake a review of account for the 2023 year so far
- Prepare the 2023 Year End accounts statement and summary in advance of auditing to avoid multiple queries and ensure that the full accounts are audited and not restricted to transactional activity

Mandy Haslam

Treasurer – Falkes District Scout Council

9th July 2023

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District Appointments Summary 2023 AGM

	June 23	June 22		
Total Adults	164	158	Increase by 3.8%	Modest growth in membership across Falkes District
Roles	235	232	Increase by 1.3%	71 adults have more than one role in scouting according to Compass
Roles Overdue	28	58	Reduced by 51.7%	People in roles over 5 months
Overdue %	12%	25%		
Roles Needing Appointments Process	125	126	Reduced by 0.8%	
Overdue	22 (18%)	40 (32%)	Reduced by 45.0%	
Roles Needing References	125	126	Reduced by 0.8%	
Overdue	17 (14%)	40 (32%)	Reduced by 57.5%	People in roles over 5 months. Missing data from Compass - blocks the appointment from being registered even if training is completed

- **Overall improvement has been realised over the last 12 months - still have more to do**
- **No appointments chair in post - excellent collaboration across the district in making these improvements**
- Terms of Reference approved by Exec in July 2022 have enabled significant improvement in our backlog of appointments. Initial approval was for one year.
    - Recommend our Terms of Reference document be re-adopted at the next executive meeting
    - (annual renewal ensures a check is done for continued compliance with POR)
- References are the biggest blocker for completing appointments (and therefore training/ wood badges/ permitting/ awards etc.)
    - Recommend increased focus on references over the summer to improve this further
    - Challenges are with the system rather than local practice - data is missing
    - Retention policy on references should be reviewed - having something to refer to for a period after data is entered into the system
    - Re-inforce process for sharing the forms with Appointments Secretary

Husman Khan
Appointments Secretary

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Falkes District Leader Training Report 2023 AGM

Training is an essential part of Scouting, and are dependent on your role. The foundations are Safety, Safeguarding, Essential Information and GDPR, and for those working with sections

Tools for your role.

The last 12 months have been fantastic with leaders working hard to complete and validate their training.

13 x Leaders have completed their training and earnt their wood badge
58 x Safety Training
67 x Safeguarding Training
63 x First Response
34 x GDPR
28 x Module 3 – Tools for your role section leaders
5 x Module 4 – Tools for the role managers and supporters

These achievements are possible thank to the support of Training Advisers who help guide adults through the learning and validation process. A big well done for all your efforts.

However, we still have essential training outstanding 4 leaders outstanding for their wood badge, 3 needing safety, 5 needing safe guarding and 5 First Response, so there is still work to done.

For more information regarding Training academy, Courses or validations please email ltm@falkesscouts.org.uk

I would like to thank all the leaders for their hard work, and the Training adviser and GSL's for supporting them. Here's to the next 12 months

Cathy Stapleton LTM

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Falkes District AGM Media Report 22-23

Dear all,

Please accept my apologies for not attending todays AGM. I hope you all have a good evening.

Here comes the end of another wonderful (academic) year of Scouting. I would like to thank you all for what you do to support our young people to provide them with skills for life and provide them with educational and joyful programmes to support their development and wellbeing. I will try to keep this report short and sweet, but I can make no promises. I have been guilty of writing reports in excess of two pages, but I will save you from that pain today. September 2022 saw me move away to university leaving Luton (in the term time) for the next 3 years. As I am sure you can appreciate, this has made it more difficult to fulfil the role of Media and Social Media Manager to full potential. Consider the media team to be in a 'transitional period' whilst I figure out how best we can make this work.

Whilst I sincerely thank the existing support that many of you provide, please take this as a call for further engagement from new people. All our channels are fed by news from YOU. Facebook is our central place where our group can be found 'Luton Scouts', this will also be linked at the end of this report. This group is used as the central channel; our other channels, Instagram and Twitter, also linked below, are fed using the content uploaded. Without this initial engagement, we are unable to promote elsewhere.

How can you help? Take a quick few snaps on your phone, and upload them to our group, it is that easy! We appreciate that it is so easy to get wrapped up over the course of the evening, but we appreciate any contribution, no matter how small, you can make. It really does go a long way and you really don't have to be a professional. We are always happy to support where needed so please get in touch if you would rather us post for you. I am more than happy to facilitate a conversation where needed. The power of visual and social media is not to be understated, it can be such a strong promotional tool and, used correctly, could wield great results for Scouting in Luton. Please consider supporting us in helping grow Scouting!

We are always looking to grow the team, if joining the Luton Scouting Media Team is of interest to you, please do get in touch. This goes for both Young Leaders/Explorers and Adult members, we would love to hear from you. We are happy to provide training and hold conversations where needed.

A similar report and message will be shared with Icknield District ready for their AGM.

All the best,

Stephen Avis- Media and Social Media Manager (Luton Scouting)

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.lutonscouts.org.uk
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/luton_scouts/

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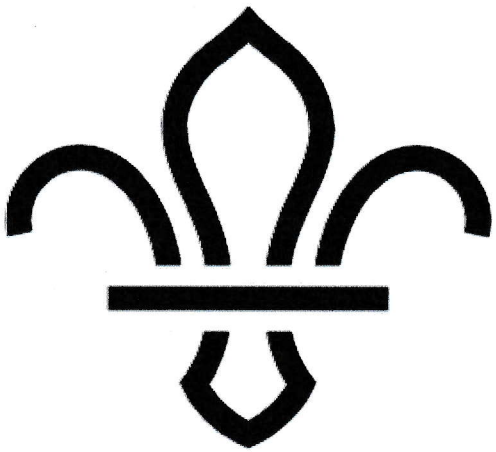
Falkes District Ross Park Maintenance Report 2023 AGM

We met all of the legal requirements regarding PAT testing and fire extinguishers, and all certificates continue to be in date.
We had a tree surgeon visit and he offered some advice regarding the trees in the grounds. There was no emergency work, but we are required to have regular surveys done. He visited this year (2023)and after a full inspection gave us a full report of all the trees. Some of the work was carried out early 2023 and the rest will be done as recommended in the report.
The main gate was damaged and this created many problems for us, not least of which was the time taken for replacement. We had to have a new lock on the side gate and distribute keys as necessary to the many users. The work has now been completed and all seems to work fine.
We had waterless urinals installed.
Recently, there were issues with toilets being blocked. A drain engineer was called and he found that, due to the age of the system, the drainage would have to be updated. They cleared the blockage temporarily.
We had a break in to the grounds through the fence being damaged. We believe only a gas bottle was taken. The fence was replaced and made secure.
The annual maintenance work was carried out. And regular grass mows and hedgerows etc trimmed to keep the grounds looking good.
We purchased new plates, bowls and cutlery and kitted out the kitchen to make the centre more user friendly for overnight stops.
Ian and I are hoping to holiday a little more (now we are retired) and feel that the time has come for someone else to take over the regular cleaning and maintenance of the HQ.

Thank you.
Linda Clitheroe



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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Falkes District Scout Council
Other names the charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 0 4 7 0
HQ registration number	1 0 0 0 2 5 4 0
Charity's principal address	Falkes District Scouts Applecroft Road Luton Postcode L U 2 8 B D

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Gerald Law	Chairman	June 2021 Onwards
2	Jacqueline Sturrock	Secretary	June 2021 Onwards
3	Jennifer Peet	Treasurer	June 2021 Onwards
4	Mike Peet	District Commissioner	June 2021 Onwards
5	A.j Kedge	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	
6	Trevor Sharpe	District Scout Network Commissioner	
7	Zack Boutwood	District Youth Commissioner	
8	Kyle Beirne		June 2021 Onwards
9	Michael Missenden		June 2021 Onwards
10	John Rees		June 2021 Onwards
11	Joanne Merrick		June 2021 Onwards
12	Derrick Bell		June 2021 Onwards
13	Norma Farish		
14	Michael Waller		
15	Denise O'Hara		
16	Paul Horn	Chairman	Until June 2021
17	Liz Burnham		Until June 2021
18	Cynthia Sutherst		Until June 2021
19	David Sutherst	Treasurer	Until June 2021
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, other District Leaders and representation from around the District and meets every 2 months. Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of District property; The raising of funds and the administration of District finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; District public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected. Complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Section B Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control
The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the District as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)
The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	**The Purpose of Scouting** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society

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

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

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

This can be found it reports further on.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

• policy on grantmaking;
• contribution made by volunteers;
• policy on investments.

None

Public benefit statement

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

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

These can be found in the reports further on.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**Reserves Policy** The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	**Investment Policy** The District's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.
• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives;	The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	This can be found in reports further on.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gerald Law	Mike Peet
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	District Commisioner
Date	1 6 0 6 2 2	

District Membership

Name	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	YP 4-18	Network Members	Total Adults *	Total
Falkes District	-	-	-	38	38	9	36	74
Beech Hill Scouts	13	12	16	-	41	-	8	49
Bushmead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lea Scout Group	6	5	12	-	23	-	8	31
Leagrave (Luton)	12	9	17	-	38	-	20	58
Ross Park	19	7	14	-	40	-	13	53
Saxon	5	20	12	-	37	-	13	50
Someries Hill	10	18	7	-	35	-	14	49
St Anne's (Luton)	6	7	3	-	16	-	15	31
Strathmore - Blue Foxes	7	18	11	-	36	-	14	50
Wigmore Valley Air Scouts	10	9	-	-	19	-	11	30
Totals	**88**	**105**	**92**	**38**	**323**	**9**	**152**	**475**
Change from Start of 2020	-51	-35	-14	-10	-110	-10	-43	-153
% change from Start of 2020	-37%	-25%	-13%	-21%	-25%	-53%	-22%	-24%

*** Total Adults is the number of adult volunteers plus the Scout Network members**

Scouts
Treasurer

Income

The total gross income for the 2021 year was £55,364 with the three main sources being £15,079 of membership subscriptions, £16,907 of Covid grants from Luton Borough Council and £11,108 from hiring the District's hall.

Expenses

Total expenditure for the year was £35,227. The one main expenditure was membership subscriptions paid forward to county of £15,581.

Overall

The district ended the year with a surplus of £20,137 which left us with cash reserves of £133,565.

Without the grants from LBC the surplus for the year would have been £3,230 which overall is a fair position to be in.

Looking forwards to 2022

Rising electricity and water bills this year will considerably increase our costs at Ross park.

The amount of income from Scout shop sales during the current year will probably fall as stock is sold off and the Scout shop closed.

Income from the Badge shop may increase this year when we start taking online orders again, however is unlikely to replace the income from the Scout shop.

Explanation of the different funds

Unrestricted funds comprise of general district income and spending including the scout and badge shops.

Designated funds comprise of income and spending from the Explorer units, Network and Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Restricted funds comprise of a single grant made to Phoenix explorer unit.

Jennifer Peet
District Treasurer

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. if applicable)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021

Receipts and payments

	2021				2020
	Unrestricted funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	13,130	1,949	-	15,079	17,802
Donations	3,584	-	-	3,584	2,100
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	846	-	-	846	-
Other similar income	-	60	-	60	344
Sub total	17,560	2,009	-	19,568	20,246
Activities					
Beavers	84	-	-	84	-
Cubs	245	-	-	245	-
Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Camps	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	363	-	363	292
Sub total	329	363	-	692	292
Grants & Loan Repayments					
Grants	16,907	162	-	17,069	13,514
Loan Repayments	1,095	-	-	1,095	
Sub total	18,002	162	-	18,164	13,514
Fundraising events (gross)					
Badge Shop Sales	860	-	-	860	773
Scout Shop Sales	4,489	-	-	4,489	1,748
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	335	-	335	425
Sub total	5,348	335	-	5,684	2,946
Scout hut income					
Hire of building	11,108	-	-	11,108	4,054
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,108	-	-	11,108	4,054
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	148	-	-	148	553
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	148	-	-	148	553
Total Gross Income	52,495	2,869	-	55,364	41,585
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,495	2,869	-	55,364	41,585

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. if applicable)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021

Receipts and payments

	2021				2020
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	14,671	910	-	15,581	16,238
Youth programme and activities	395	828	-	1,222	1,494
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	5
Rent	-	330	-	330	150
Rates	109			109	154
Water and Sewerage	1,429	-	-	1,429	226
Electricity and Gas	2,154	-	-	2,154	1,320
Caretakers Wages	2,093			2,093	1,730
Other Premesis Expenses	2,815			2,815	900
Insurance	2,517	-	-	2,517	2,026
Repairs and Renewals	114	-	-	114	70
Materials and equipment	850	250	-	1,100	163
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	8
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	3,052	-	-	3,052	3,091
Donations	100	-	-	100	125
Administrive Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,308
Other	403	249	-	652	-
Sub total	30,700	2,567	-	33,267	29,008
Fundraising expenses					
Badge Shop	491	-	-	491	1,116
Scout Shop	1,469	-	-	1,469	2,510
Scout Shop Profit Share	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	666
Sub total	1,959	-	-	1,959	4,292
Total Gross Expenditure	32,659	2,567	-	35,227	33,300
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,659	2,567	-	35,227	33,300
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,835	302	-	20,137	8,285

Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	108,662	3,766	1,000	113,428	105,143
Cash funds this year end	128,497	4,068	1,000	133,565	113,428

Falkes District Scout Council (Charity no. if applicable)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	**01/01/2021**	**To**	**31/12/2021**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Dec 2021				31st Dec 2020
	Unrestricted funds £	**Designated Funds** £	**Restricted Funds** £	**Total funds** £	**Total funds** £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	34,861	4,386	1,000	40,247	42,980
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	93,181	-	-	93,181	68,033
Cash/Floats	-	585	-	585	2,415
Total cash funds	128,042	4,972	1,000	134,013	113,428
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	531
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	531
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	3,616	-	-	3,616	3,616
Shop stock	7,551	-	-	7,551	7,551
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	382,961	-	-	382,961	382,961
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	540	-	-	540	540
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	394,668	-	-	394,668	394,668
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	1,744
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,744
Total net assets	522,710	4,972	1,000	528,681	510,371

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth

Signature	Print Name	
	Gerald Law	Chair
J. Peet	Jennifer Peet	Treasurer

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council for the year ended 31-12-2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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 Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Falkes (Luton) District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

Name: Louise Ward

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Member of the Institute of Certified Book Keepers (MICB)
Registered practice 16607

Address:
41 Keeley Lane
Wootton
Bedford
MK43 9HR

Date: 14/6/22

Scouts
Chairman

The start of 2021, scouting across the district proved difficult with Covid limiting activities but many Falkes Scout Groups proved they could carry on with their programs over Zoom. When face to face became possible, all continued with caution outdoors and in meeting rooms.

Although finance is healthy, working with the bank has proved difficult and any changes took weeks to amend, including changing to online banking. The Scout HQ Savings Bank Account also had technical issues but at no time were there any issues relating to district funds.
It was with sadness that it was agreed to close the Falkes Scout Shop after 40 years of service to Scouting across Luton, thanks mainly to Cynthia and David Sutherst. We are now selling off the stock at a discount. The stock Value (at the Falkes selling price) at the end of year is £5388.81 against sales of £2862.18

Ross Park is an amazing resource for the Groups and District which is thanks to our Manager Linda, supported by volunteer Ian. The Mad Hatters provided support with a major clean-up. There was a request to clear up metal work, a number of weekends by Ross Park Scout Group, AJ and Ian met that challenge. We thank them and others for their tireless work in keeping Ross Park tidy.

As Scouting moves back to face to face scouting, we need to look at changes to Ross Park to improve the facilities and look at costs. Utility costs are leaping up, so we need to find ways of challenging these increase. This will mean that some users of Ross Park will find they are being charged for using the building and grounds. We shall also look at means to off-set increases investigating natural resources such as the sun and other sources.

The relationship with the Pre-School remains good and have taken the need to increase charges with understanding and good grace. The fees they pay enable District not to increase charges higher then is needed by members.

The pressures of personal life and scouting life seem to increase. Volunteers do so much more for the benefit of the membership. Our Appointments Committee do their best to ensure new adult members are vetted under Jo's leadership but this has proved difficult with Mala standing down as secretary but hopefully this will be resolved soon with a new secretary.

Leader Training and especially First Response has taken large steps forward under Cathy, ensuring members comply with their training requirements. Training may seem to be a bind but I would ask members to remember that keeping your training up to date keeps you informed of changes and protects you and the young people we are committed to support.

Media activity is supported by the Media team, who we thank for their efforts. Mark Webb, having taken the roll at the beginning of 2021 sadly had to stand down. Stephen Avis has taken up the role of Media Manager giving us hope that media coverage will increase, as face to face activities move into full swing, The difficulties for the team is covering all activities across the town and therefore groups, units and the district team are asked to consider taking pictures and writing up some facts. Then submit to the media team who will rework the article ready for submission.

The District Exec has been working hard over the year, all who I thank. I would include thanks to David Sutherst for helping with the transfer from the previous District Exec. I would express thanks to Jacky Sturrock as secretary and Jennifer Peet who have given so much support, especially Jennifer's constant contact with the bank.
Part of the problem with writing a report is to try not to go on and on, which I suspect I do all too often but when observing good scouting, seeing young people grow into adults, who in turn take up the challenge. Then seeing familiar faces continuing to do their best, it is hard not to express my admiration.

The future looks promising scouting wise but I suspect we will be pressed by increase costs.

Gerald Law
District Chair

Scouts
District Commissioner

Sitting down to write my first AGM report as District Commissioner has been a good opportunity to reflect on my first seven months in the role, the challenges, difficulties, frustrations and of course the successes. There has been lots of Adults to meet, learn how they want to be supported and of course understand how to enable them to provide the very best programme to all our Youth Members.

Most people I know and have met in my Scouting life have a vision for "how it should be", I am no different. The philosophy I hold is simple.

"Our Volunteers running the weekly section meetings are the key to Scouting's success and Young People's development. Everything we do should be aimed at supporting and enabling our Leaders to deliver a top tier programme."

When using the words Volunteer and Leader here I include Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants, Parent Helpers and our Young Leaders. Some will have been in their role for years, some will be helping because of their children and others will still be Young People in Sections themselves.

With my simple philosophy in mind and a wide variety of people to support I have spent 2021 building the foundations.

The foundations in my mind was a strong, well-oiled District machine to be able to bring this to life. This consisted of, a Chair who shared my philosophy for Scouting in Falkes with a refreshed Executive Committee. Adult Training working so all our volunteers have the skills needed in their roles. An Appointments Committee ensuring the right Adults are in the right roles. A District Team who engage with their sections and provide District Events the Leaders want. Ensuring Group Scout Leaders and the District Team had direct support from me to ensure the philosophy permeated into each Group and Unit.

Typing the list from my note book has reminded me how much I wanted to achieve in such a short space of time and reflecting now, it may have been practical to have a shorter list. That said I love a challenge and as you will see the list for 2022 is even bigger. So how has it gone?

Taking them backwards, Ensuring the Group Scout Leaders and District Team have support from me – Frustrating, having a job unfortunately can get in the way of your Scouting plans. One that requires some focus in 2022

A District Team who engage with their sections and provide District Events the Leaders want – Success, however I get no credit here as all but one were in post when I took over as District Commissioner. You will read in their reports what has gone well in 2021 and they have done a blinding job.

An Appointments Committee ensuring the right Adults are in the right roles. – Challenging, in part because of a backlog where the AAC wasn't functioning and unfortunately our Appointments Secretary got a new job that meant she couldn't do the role.

Adult Training working so all our volunteers have the skills needed in their roles. – Success and difficult together. The success is finding Cathy our Local Training Manager who has taken the bull by the horns and got us flying here. Difficult because of the lack of training available through Covid has caused another backlog.

A chair who shared my philosophy for Scouting in Falkes with a refreshed Executive Committee – Success. Gerald Law as Chair has worked tirelessly in 2021 to get my philosophy ready for take-off. The Exec got seven new members and we have two members under the age of Twenty Five.

In short a mixed bag, however I can confidently say we are on the right track and the foundations are stable enough to build on. So where does the Journey go from here....

By the end of 2022 I am hoping to report there is a written development plan to take us through to the later part of this decade. At least two Squirrel Dreys open. The Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme available to all those eligible. Youth membership well on the way to 400. A Group Scout Leader at every Group. The Appointments backlog cleared. An Awards Advisory Group in Place. As the District Commissioner being able to better support the Group Scout Leaders and District Team with their work.

This leaves me with just one thing left to write, Thank You. A massive thank you to every Adult in Falkes that works so hard to bring Scouting to the Young People of Luton whichever role you have.

Mike Peet
District Commissioner

Scouts
District Youth Commissioner

2021 has seen change, growth and fun throughout the district. I have visited a variety of our groups, and spoken to a large selection of young people throughout the district, from Beavers up to our Scout Network. Below, I will outline some key points which I have picked up on from my conversations with our young people.

Throughout 2021, the District has hosted several activity days for our young people – including a Beaver fun day in the Summer, and a Cub fun day in the Autumn. Both events were a resounding success, and having spoken to leaders and young people alike after each event, I can confidently say that they were well received by our youth membership and gave them a key opportunity to socialise and have fun.

This leads me on to another key development of 2021. After the significant challenges of 2020, 2021 saw a careful, and well managed return to face to face scouting – providing an important service to young people throughout the district. I thank all of our adult volunteers and Young Leaders for their sterling efforts in ensuring face to face Scouting returned safely, yet rapidly across the District. Young people of all ages were delighted to return – and many groups reported a strong bounce back of membership across sections, after some members not participating in Virtual Scouting for various reasons.

I mentioned Young Leaders – these young people range from 14-18years and are key members of our Groups. Young Leaders develop their leadership skills by completing modules, and this learning is put into practise at a group level, with Young Leaders involved in planning and implementing programmes. A true example of Youth Shaped Scouting in the District. I must extend my thanks to Jen and Amy, who do so much to support our Young Leaders in their ongoing development and training.

Our young people are undoubtedly the most important people in the district, and everything we do as adult volunteers should be with them in mind. In fact, we should be going a step further – young people should be guiding and openly discussing their programmes and activities. We all have a part to play in the Scout Associations 2025 Vision: By 2025* we'll have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We'll be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

A key part of this vision is the Youth Shaped Award, which was launched at National, and County level toward the end of 2021, with the implementation in Falkes District planned for 2022.
As you will see from the various reports submitted by my colleagues across the District Team, 2021 has been upbeat and exciting. And there is yet more excitement on the horizon for 2022 – Most notably the creation of a whole new Scout Section – Squirrels!

On that note, I close my annual report looking back on 2021 with great pride in our young people and their achievements, and look onto 2022 with enthusiasm.

Zack Boutwood
District Youth Commissioner

The District Beavers Scouts held a Fun Day at Boyd Field on Saturday 26th June 2021 at Boyd Field, Henlow. The was the first time the District Beaver Scouts had met together since the Covid restrictions were lifted and it felt really strange with everyone meeting up together again.

The day started with all the Groups running a base each and the Beavers went round to visit the various bases in their Group every 30 minutes. The bases consisted of making paper helicopters, nerf guns, making puppets, leaf printing, a science experiment, mini catapults with lolly sticks and toasting marshmallows over tea lights.

We followed this up in the afternoon with two assault courses, one homemade involving a cargo net and hockey stick obstacle course and the other one being the Boyd field assault cause.

To finish off the day Alan Wood from sells7thscouts ran the Beaver campfire singing and all the Beavers joined in and had a fantastic time. We all had cake to finish off day and a special 35 years Beaver Badge was handed out to all who attended.

Flowers were given to Leagrave Beaver Leaders for Jacky Sturrock for her many, many years' service running the Beaver Scout section at Leagrave.

I would like to thank all the Leaders and Helpers from all the Groups and the District team for supporting this section over the year.

Denise O'Hara
Assistant District Commissioner- Beavers

Scouting at the start of 2021 was anything but what we had hoped it to be. Leaders back to running their meetings online, this time they knew what to expect and were able to run very good programmes during this time. As expected, the numbers did for most groups go down, as online meetings didn't suit all the young people.

Despite being unable to meet face to face we did as a district put together a short video for Captain Tom's 100 birthday. Cubs from most of the groups sent a short video to Trevor Sharp and he put them together a video which was put onto the Luton Facebook page.

After our district meeting in February, it was agreed to have a District leaders WhatsApp group. This was set up and seems to work well. Leaders will pass on information or ask for questions, usually one of the leaders will respond very quickly.

In May we had an online performance from the Skittle man entertainer. We had approx. 30 young people and their leaders. They were entertained for 2hrs and were also taught a card trick.

The next event was due to be an Activity Day at Bromham on 2nd October 2021 but due to the fuel crisis leading up the event, it was felt that we needed to change to venue. The leaders were making suggestions on new venues via the WhatsApp group, I was able to notice the suggestions and ask if Ross Park was available. The district cub leaders all met online late on the Tuesday evening and produced a new programme for the day. We had the use of both huts at Ross Park which was lucky as the day turned out to be a very wet. Everyone turned up early and helped each other put up the shelters and organize their activities. Everyone worked together to get everything put away at the end of the day. Despite the rain for most the day, the young people had a wonderful day and went home very tired, and I think most of the leaders did too.

I just need to say thank you to all the leaders and district team that turned up on the day to help setup/run activities or look after the young people in their care. Without you, we couldn't have run such a fun day for them.

We are now working on events for the 2022.

Debbie Baker
Assistant District Commissioner - Cubs

Following a challenging time during the pandemic where many groups fully embraced online meetings, numbers of members attending face to face meetings across the district have slowly exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Many troops raced to provide night's away experiences for their members as soon as they could after the lifting of restrictions.

On behalf of all the members of the Scout section, I'd like to thank all of the adults in Falkes for all of the time and effort they put in every week delivering great experiences to Scouts across the District.

Trevor Sharp
Assistant District Commissioner - Scouts

EXPLORERS

Whilst it has unarguably been a very difficult couple of years for everyone I am happy to report that as a District we have continued to provide Scouting throughout and numbers have remained relatively high. Unfortunately due to low numbers we have had to close one unit at the end of the year, which was a shame as numbers in that unit prior to Covid where starting to take off and was one of the popular units. I am pleased to say though that the other two units and the young leader unit are thriving and we managed to relocate the remaining explorer's from the closed down unit into the other units within the district.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few Thankyous – firstly to all the groups that support the young leader scheme and continue to have explorer's within their group, they are leaders of the future and why it is always good to have experience within the district, you have to have youth coming through at the same time – so thank you. I'd also like to thank the district executive committee who have continued to support the explorer provision throughout the district during the course of the year. My biggest thank you must go to all the explorer leaders, assistant and helpers within the district who work tirelessly week in and week out to provide Scouting throughout the year, they honestly make my job so easy. So on behalf of the district and on a personal level a big thank you to one and all and I look forward to working with you all during 2022.

A.j Kedge
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

network

The pandemic was hard on the Network because due to the section age range, they were under greater restrictions than the younger sections. Despite that we managed to meet on Zoom numerous times taking part in various activities ranging from cooking to quizzes to meeting with Scouts from Switzerland.

Unfortunately, since Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted, there hasn't been much engagement as far as members organising and attending events. This will be the focus for the coming year, putting together a programme of activities that will encourage members to get more actively involved in planning and attending Network meetings and events.

Trevor Sharp
District Scout Network Commissioner

Every volunteer within Scouting has to complete training, each module is determined by the role you hold. Training allows us to develop our existing skills and also gives us an understanding of the expectations set by the Scout Association.

In the last 12 months
9 Leaders have earnt their wood beads in recognition of completing their training.
147 have completed Safety and Safeguarding Training
71 have completed First Response
22 have completed module 1 – essential information
A fantastic achievement, thank you to everyone who has been involved in the scouting learning process. Your time and efforts are appreciated. This enables everyone to enjoy safe scouting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Training Advisers for their hard work guiding adults through their training journey.

The next Training Academy is on Sat 25th and Sunday 26th June 2022, sessions available are: -
LGBTQ+
Module 10 – First Response
Module 16 – Introduction to Residential Experiences
Module 17 – Running Safe Activities
Modules 14 & 15 – Supporting Young People / Promoting Positive Behaviour
Modules 8 & 9 - Skills of Leadership / Working with adults
Module 11 – Administration
Module 7 & 13 – Scouting for All / Growing the Section
Module 12A, 12B & 19 – Delivering Quality Programme
Module 38 – Skills for Residential Experiences

Book a place on the Bedfordshire Scouts website, via members- adult training diary.
Don't delay book today.

Module 10 - First response at Ross Park can be booked via Eventbrite.

If you would like me to email you these links, please let me know.

We have vacancies for Training Advisers within Falkes District, it requires an interest in supporting adults to progress their Scouting skills, It DOES NOT depend on I.T. skills or piles of paperwork. If you are interested in helping other leaders through their training, please let me know.

If you need further help with training feel free to contact me ltm@falkesscouts.org.uk

Cathy Stapleton
Local Training Manager

Scouts
Media

2021 was a very hit and miss year for Luton Media after losses of members due to personal reasons. Things do however seem to be on the up in early 2022, but we will save that all for next year's report.

On the turn of the new year, Gerald Law stood down as media manager after many successful years to allow our team to move in a new direction. The responsibilities of Gerald's role were split into two, with Stephen Avis becoming the Social Media Manager and Mark Webb becoming Media Manager. Part way through the year, we lost Mark, leaving us without a Media Manager, with Stephen becoming the manager of the team. The (active) team includes Paul Oakley, Stuart Else, Helen Halsey, David Colclough, Mark Chamberlain, Ray Aldous, Jean Mitchell. Libby Bassam, Rex Horton, Mike Peet and Gerald Law also sit on the teams as Icknield and Falkes DC's and Chairpersons respectively. I thank the team for their ongoing work and support.

This change/re-shuffle of team prompted a 'new look' on how our pages are run moving from a 'advertisement through adverts' to an 'advertisement through a wide variety of fun'. This prompted groups to be sharing their perspective of their activities to really show off some of the wonderful things that happen in this town. We also wanted to start taking a youth centred approach as apposed to the 'make the group as busy as possible' approach that was taken before.

In comparison to 2020, 2021 was actually slow on the news front, despite so many wonderful activities as groups returned to face to face Scouting 'post-covid'. Some of our top stories came through in the selection of the new Bedfordshire Contingent for the next World Scout Jamboree in Korea, including 4 young people and 1 leader from Luton, HRH Prince Phillip and Captain Tom Moore tributes, Virtual St Georges (Facebook/YouTube Live Stream), Charlotte Pound's Swim for Charity, Falkes Beavers and Cubs Fun Day(s), EESSU at Stewartby Lake, various remembrance posts and a wide variety of groups returning to face to face activity.

In terms of printed press, we had two published pieces, Charlotte Pound's Charity Swim and the Falkes Cubs fun day. This is slower than a 'regular' year but by no means bad. It can only mean we can improve this year!

As the world was slowly moving out of lockdown, some of the adaptations made remained. Over this time both districts made a combined effort on Young Leader training, over zoom. These sessions were advertised online with the intentions that only really the locals would get involved, however there was involvement from up and down the country, showing just how effective the spread of media can be.

Stephen now heads up the social media, and is every looking into new approaches to Social Media activities to best benefit us as a town. The content shared to our Facebook directly feed numerous sources, Instagram, Twitter, the Luton Scouts Website and printed material activities. I admit that the efforts on Instagram and Twitter have been below par this par year and shaky period but plans have been put in place at the beginning of 2022 for this to improve.

The Luton Scout Website development continues to enable non-Scouting people to find local Scouting, despite the turbulent past few years join enquiries have continued each month. We continue to look at how the website can support the membership by making it the starting point to find answers to questions, looking at Scouting activities, campsites, training, international activities and finding historical information.

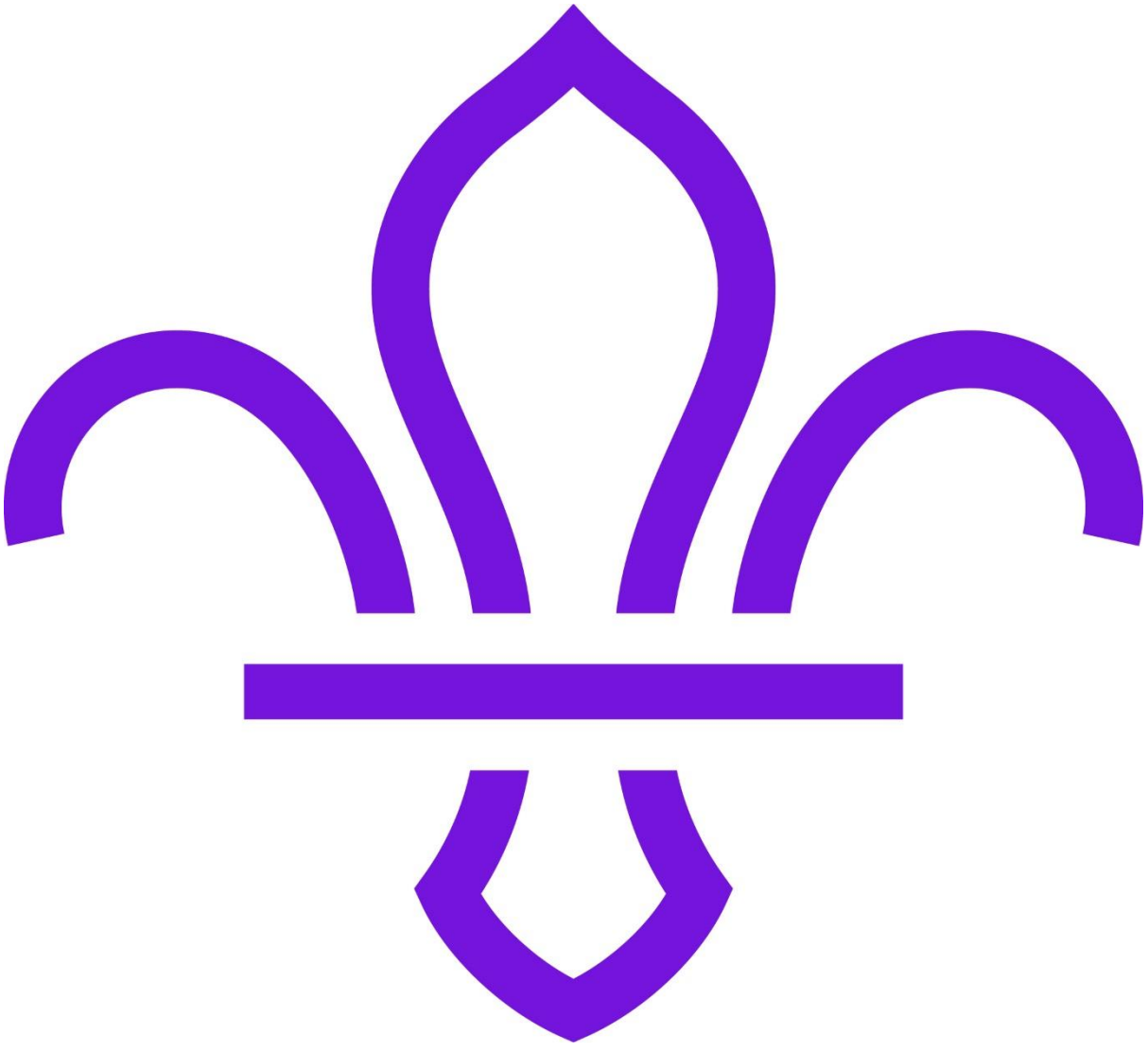
Communication of activities, dates, waiting lists and other changes remains a challenge and is now being worked upon. Positive information creates a positive portrayal of Scouting in the eyes of both the public and the membership. We continue to get noticed by the local community and have several international-based group members whom often engage and interact.

I would like to thank members of the Media Team, YSP's and Groups for their hard work in projecting Scouting in a positive way throughout 2020.

When Mark stood down as Media Manager, responsibilities landed on myself. I look forward to working with the Media Team in a different capacity in the coming year and cannot wait to develop the very impressive work that has already taken place. I will be moving to University in September, and doing the role virtually, which hopefully will lead to new dynamic ways the team can move forward.

Thank you for your ever-ongoing support,

Stephen Avis
Media Manager – Luton Scouts



FALKES (LUTON) DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 300470

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 0 to end date 3 1 1 2 2 0

Charity name: Falkes District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 3 0 0 4 7 0

Contact name & address:

Mr Paul Horn
27 Letchworth Road
Luton
Beds Postcode L U 3 2 N U

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mr Mark Webb	District Commissioner	up to 31/7/20
Mr Adrian Kedge	Deputy District Commissioner	up to 31/7/20
Mr Adrian Kedge	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	from to 31/7/20
Mr Trevor Sharp	District Scout Network Commissioner	
Mr Paul Horn	District Chairman	
	District Secretary	
Mr David Sutherst	District Treasurer	
Mrs Liz Burnham		
Mrs Norma Farish		
Mrs Denise O'Hara		
Mrs Cynthia Sutherst	Scout Shop Manager	up to October 20
Mr Michael Waller		

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The District's governing documents are those of the 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.

Constitution

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

Trustee Appointment

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

Organisation

The District is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Executive Committee consists of nominated, elected and co-opted members, the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary together with the Executive Members and meets every two months.

This Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of District property;
The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
District public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Additional personal accident insurance policies are also in place. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.
Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the District as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. The internals controls were reviewed and updated, during the year, ensuring greater transparency is made available.

Section C Objectives and activities

Objects of the Charity

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

Aims

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Main Activities

The District runs various activities for the Groups within the District and provides the function of an umbrella organisation in order to oversee the activities of the Groups as necessary in a practical and administrative capacity. The District is responsible for the provision of the Explorer and Network sections.

Section D Achievements and performance

Scouting in the District continues to flourish thanks to the dedication and commitment of its Section Leaders and Assistants. On behalf of the young members we would like to thank each and every one of you for making it possible for them to enjoy Scouting to its fullest. We have again welcomed new Leaders into the District and wished others well as they have moved away.

Census figures continued to show a growth in the District's membership with Falkes having the largest growth rate in the County at 14.6% and Saxon Scout Group deserve a special mention as they had the third largest growth in County.

This has been an extraordinary year. Scouts from the District attended the annual Fire and Ice Camp at Tolmers in January and, although we didn't know it at the time, this would turn out to be the only outdoor camp in the year. The only other District event that took place during the year was a Founders Day hike on 23rd February at Rushmere Country Park and was well attended, despite the weather being a little damp. This was a new location for the hike and the final part where the youngest ones normally start to slowdown was enhanced for them by the tiny doors and 'where the wild things are' sculptures.

Then Covid-19 struck. From 24th March, face to face Scouting was suspended and our Scouting went virtual. Some Groups faced technical challenges but their members were invited to join with others. The Luton Media Team and members of the District took part in Camp At Home during April. As we couldn't gather for our St George's Day celebration, we held an online version jointly with Icknield District, which included young members from around the town. Youth members took part in the Hike to the Moon in support of BBC Children in Need and Comic Relief. Thursdays became Clap for Carers day to celebrate the work of the National Health Service and youth members took to their doorsteps in uniform to show their appreciation. As Covid restrictions started to ease in July, we were all introduced to the delights of Covid-19 Risk Assessments, which would help to assure that we would be returning to face to face Scouting when we were allowed to do so. Whilst mass gatherings were still banned, we were able to login together virtually for an end of term District Camp Fire.

At the end of July, Mark Webb stood down after five years as District Commissioner. Zack Boutwood was appointed as our Youth Commissioner in September to help promote youth-shaped Scouting across the District. For a while in the autumn, face to face Scouting was possible again. Not all Groups in the District could do this as too many Leaders were frontline staff. In October, James Hinkins became our Deputy District Commissioner. Saxon Scout Group took part in "Race Around the World" and, in doing so, helped to raise money for a headquarters fund set up to support Groups impacted by Covid-19. In December, Jo Merrick became Chair of our Appointments Advisory Committee. In December, at the end of such a remarkable year, we held a virtual awards evening and quiz night to celebrate all the activities that had been achieved over the time, both pre and during Covid-19. We have had one Group - Saxon - meeting face to face in September and October with numerous other Groups (Leagrave, Saxon, Strathmore and Scout Network) were meeting virtually via Scout Media Apps and Zoom

We would like to thank Linda & Ian Clitheroe who continued in their role of caretaker and special thanks were given to them for overseeing the maintenance at Ross Park, the Falkes District HQ. We are most grateful to them and all adults that have given their time to help the District in a variety of ways that they have supported Falkes District.

The District is continuing to maintain its building and proceeding with regular repairs and renewals.

The pre-school were unable to meet during the lockdown and there was no income from casual lettings from March. However, the pre-school worked very hard to ensure that they complied with all the regulations and so they were able to restart in June and assisted with our income. There were also grants from Luton Borough Council totalling £12744.

During the year, several awards were presented to members of our District. Tony Clitheroe achieved the silver wolf, Scouting's top award with Ian Rouse and Trevor Sharp both achieving the silver acorn. Tanya Allen, Helen Halsey, Catherine Stapleton, Gary Sturrock, Jacqueline Sturrock and Adrian Sutcliffe all gained the award for merit with Emma Denyer, Deborah Else, Stuart Else, James Hart, Deborah Hopkins, Tracey Johnson, Michelle McBarron, Mark Neale, Caroline Timms and Nigel Timms and achieved the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. There was a new award, the Commissioner's Commendation and Jen Avis, Stephen Avis, Kyle Beirne and Megan McIntosh received the award as adults and Jayden, a Scout from Saxon Scout Group, also received the award. All of these awards were really well deserved and hopefully, many more members will achieve some in the future. On top of these, the following adults received long service awards; Norma Watson received a 50 year award, Catherine Stapleton and Sharon Wise-Sharp both completed 20 years, Catherine Edmunds and Adrian Sutcliffe have completed 15 years. Tony Cakebread and Caroline Timms have received 10 year awards and Alison Dewdney, Stuart Else, Sharon Impey, Helen Mann have managed 5 years in Scouting. Finally, but by no means least, Lee Baker, Jane Colclough, Monica Davis, Lynne Driscoll, Deborah Else, Stuart Else, Adrian Kedge, Gerald Law, Adrian Samm and Colin Wood have all completed their training and achieved their wood badges.

Section E Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District for two years, should income and fundraising activities fall short, along with a capital reserve of £40,000 for the headquarters.

The District held reserves of £108,662 against this at its year end.

Investment Policy

The District's Receipts and Payments are very small and as a consequence it does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

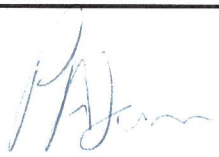
The Executive Committee regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this

may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mr Paul Horn	Mr David Sutherst
	District Chairman	District Treasurer
	Date 2 7 0 5 2 1	

Falkes District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (a) £	2020 Designated funds (c) £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and similar income						
Membership subscriptions	16,277	1,525	0	0	17,802	17,317
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(16,238)	0	0	0	(16,238)	(13,555)
Net membership subscriptions retained	40	1,525	0	0	1,565	3,761
Collections	0				0	118
Legacy	0	0	0		0	0
Donations	1,100			1,000	2,100	8
Income Tax recovered on Gift Aid	0				0	0
Other similar income	344	0			344	5,000
Sub total	1,483	1,525	0	1,000	4,008	8,888
Activities						
Beavers	0				0	524
Cubs	0				0	0
Scouts	0				0	0
Camps	0	0			0	670
Other		292			292	605
	0	292	0	0	292	1,799
Grants						
Maintenenace grant					0	0
LBC grant	12,744				12,744	
LLAL fund		270			270	1,605
Group support returned	500				500	0
Sub total	13,244	270	0	0	13,514	1,605
Fundraising (gross)						
Badge Shop receipts	773				773	1,522
Scout Shop sales	1,748	0			1,748	8,095
Easy Fundraising		338			338	0
Founders Day Hike	53				53	100
Clothing					0	508
Other fundraising activities	0	33			33	0
Sub total	2,574	371	0	0	2,946	10,225
Investment income						
Bank interest	0	0		0	0	0
Building Society interest					0	0
The Scout Association Charities Deposit Account	533				533	537
Property Rent income	4,054				4,054	8,581
Other investment income					0	0
Sub total	4,587	0	0	0	4,587	9,118
Total Gross Income	21,888	2,458	0	1,000	25,346	31,635
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	21,888	2,458	0	1,000	25,346	31,635

Falkes District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (a) £	2020 Designated funds (c)	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Payments						
Charitable Payments						
Youth programme and activities	321	1,172			1,494	2,604
Camp expenses	0	0			0	6,371
Adult support and training	0	5			5	297
Rent	0	150			150	650
Rates	154				154	503
Water and Sewerage	226				226	695
Electricity and Gas	1,320				1,320	1,401
Caretakers wages	1,730				1,730	2,398
Other premises expenses	900				900	741
Insurance	2,026	0			2,026	2,127
Repairs and Renewals	70				70	0
Materials and equipment	0	163			163	191
Printing postage & stationery	8	0			8	4
Extraordinary items	0				0	1,002
AGM and trustee expenses	3,091				3,091	1,272
Donations	125				125	500
Administrative expenses	1,308	0			1,308	1,624
Group support	0	0	0	0	0	4,750
Sub total	11,279	1,490	0	0	12,769	27,131
Fundraising expenses						
Badge shop purchases	900	216			1,116	2,370
Scout shop purchases	2,406	104			2,510	4,772
Scout shop profit share	0				0	271
Hoodies		666			666	57
Other fundraising costs	0				0	0
Sub total	3,306	986	0	0	4,292	7,471
Total Gross Expenditure	14,585	2,476	0	0	17,061	34,601
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0	0			0	150
Total payments	14,585	2,476	0	0	17,061	34,751
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,303	(17)	0	1,000	8,285	(3,116)
Transfers between funds	2,763	(1,510)	(1,253)		0	0
Cash funds last year end	98,596	5,294	1,253	0	105,143	108,260
Cash funds this year end	108,662	3,766	0	1,000	113,428	105,143

Falkes District Scout Council

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st December 2020					31st Dec 2019
	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds (a) £	Designated funds (c) £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds						
Bank current account	39,816	2,164	0	1,000	42,980	15,413
Bank deposit account	0	0	0		0	2
Building society account					0	0
The Scout Association Charities Deposit Account	68,033				68,033	87,500
Cash/Floats	813	1,603			2,415	2,228
Total cash funds	108,662	3,766	0	1,000	113,428	105,143
Other monetary assets						
Tax claim	460	71			531	0
Debts due to the District					0	644
Insurance claim					0	0
Sub total	460	71	0	0	531	644
Investment assets						
Investment property - detail					0	0
Quoted investments					0	0
Other investments - detail					0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use						
Badge stock	3,616				3,616	3,535
Shop stock	7,551				7,551	8,353
Other stock					0	0
Land and buildings - District HQ	132,961				132,961	132,961
Land and buildings - Ross Park - Land	250,000				250,000	250,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	540				540	540
Other					0	0
Sub total	394,669	0	0	0	394,669	395,389
Liabilities						
Accounts not yet paid					0	0
Expenses incurred but not invoiced					0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid					0	0
Loan - detail					0	0
Other liabilities	1,744				1,744	2,740
Sub total	1,744	0	0	0	1,744	2,740

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 27 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	Mr Paul Horn	Chairman
	Mr David Sutherst	Treasurer

Notes to the Falkes District Scout Council Accounts

1- Comparisons shown where applicable
2- The designated fund (a) relates to the Explorer & Network Sections. There are now 3 active units along with a Young Leader Unit and a Network Unit.
3- The designated fund (c) relates to the Scout Active Support Unit
4- The restricted fund is restricted to capital equipment following a grant from Groundworks UK for Phoenix ESU
5- The money due to the District at the end of the year was owed to the Scout Shop.
6- The debts outstanding was the profit share from the Scout Shop, the independent examiners fee and an amount due to Castle Water
7- The SASU account was closed and the balance of £1252.95 has been transferred to the District account
The SASU bank account was put into suspense by the bank and took around 7 months to locate and clear

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

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st December 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act ;and
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   have not been met; or
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Falkes District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st December 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 144 and 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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

Independent Examiner's statement

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