

# KING ALFRED DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1970-06-22

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.

**Activities:** The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, responsible citizens and members of their local, national and international communities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WANTAGE DISTRICT
- Oxfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£65,990	£73,961	-	-
2024-03-31	£73,029	£83,846	-	-
2023-03-31	£83,501	£149,154	-	-
2022-03-31	£72,503	£53,760	-	-
2021-03-31	£115,637	£67,025	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Christopher Harrison</b>	Chair	2018-06-23
Mark Turner		2024-08-01
Paul Brame		2021-09-26
Peter Trafford		2015-07-04
Robert Cotter		2023-06-29

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# Accounts

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King Alfred District Scout Council

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

For year ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charity 300518

**King Alfred District Scout Council**  
**Annual Report of the district Executive Committee**  
**For year ended 31 March 2025**

**Scout Registration Number** **14813**

**Charity Commission Number** **300518**

**Trustees:**

District Chairman	Chris Harrison	
District Treasurer	Mark Turner	w.e.f. 1/8/24
Trustee	Peter Trafford	
Trustee	Paul Brame	
Trustee	Robert Cotter	

**Treasurer contact name & address:**

Mark Turner  
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Featherbed Lane  
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Oxfordshire  
OX12 8JF

**Bankers:**

Barclays Bank Plc  
17 Market Place  
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## Main achievements and activities of the Trustees Board

The Census towards the end of this reporting period showed that the number of Young People (YP) in the District had risen from 715 to 746, a pleasing 4% increase. The census has sharpened the focus on Explorer provision in the District however with some Units facing significant challenges resulting in the Explorer headcount falling by 28% year-on-year. This is already a focus for the DLV Team.

In setting the membership fee to be collected in the 25/26 financial year, we maintained the principle of determining the District element by setting a District budget and then dividing the total funding requirement across all the Young People in the District. As planned and announced, this year we continued to phase in the cost of the District Secretary with a full 100% contribution. The significant change of asset ownership described below has resulted in a significant fall in the District element of the Membership Fee of 14%. This means that the 12% increase in the much larger National element has been significantly offset and the overall Membership Fee rise is only 4%.

After considerable analysis, discussion and negotiation over many years, the Board of Trustees decided to transfer the ownership of the District Headquarters site in Wantage to the Wantage Scout Group. This was enacted in March with an effective date of 1st April 2025. WSG is now fully responsible for the site and all the associated liabilities. As part of the negotiation, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the District and WSG. This MoU sets out the on-going District use of the site so that the Board of Trustees, District events and Groups within the District can continue to make use of DHQ on a very similar basis as before. One result of the asset transfer is that the District no longer needs to collect funds from the Groups to 'pay' for the District use of the site as it has done in previous years. This has resulted in the District element of the Membership Fee falling by 14%. Several practical arrangements are yet to be transferred from District to WSG but already WSG has seen a blossoming of volunteers willing to help with DHQ's maintenance and development.

Another significant change is the retirement of Kathryn Murkett from the DLV Team. Kathryn has been a stalwart in Scouting for many years both with her local Group and the District. We are losing a very significant team member who brought a wealth of experience, huge commitment and humour to the DLV Team role. It is going to be hard to replace her but, supported by County, the search has started.

The Board of Trustees has a new Treasurer; Mark Turner has very kindly offered to replace Sam Riley who stepped down at the last AGM. Mark, whose daughter went through Scouts, has picked up the role with great aplomb and we are very pleased to have him on the Board.

Finally, after seven years in the role, Chris Harrison has announced that he would like to step down from the role of District Chair. The open selection process has started and Chris has indicated that he will continue to serve for a short time as a successor is identified and a hand-over can take place.



Signed.....

**Chris Harrison, District Trustee Board Chair**

## Notes to the Accounts for The King Alfred Scout District Council 2024-25

The annual Charity Commission Return for the 2023/24 year was completed and returned.

Provision has been made for the outstanding liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2025. These have been settled shortly after the end of the reporting period.

There are no endowment funds within the committee's management. The Stuart Rae fund is designated and carried forward from year to year.

The Scout District is made up of seven Groups along with three Explorer Scout units: Goodlake ESU, Ridgeway ESU and White Horse ESU. Membership income for the District, after settling the County and National components, was £7k for the 2024/25 year, almost the same as the previous year.

Rental income from the Wantage Scout groups has remained much the same with the rents unchanged since July 2023. Other rental income from the Scout Lodge ceased effectively at the end of the 2023 calendar year. The modest amount for the 2024/25 year is from the District Council for various Polling days.

District level Scouting activities, including Stuart Rae Challenge covered their costs during the year with any surplus being retained to support future years' expenditure.

There was no grant income received during the financial year.

District HQ expenditure increased by 9% to £18.4k. Slightly lower energy costs balanced higher cleaning and insurance costs. The main cause of the increase was £1.3k on essential work to manage trees and shrubs on the site

After spending over £14k in the 23/24 year on improvements to the District HQ, there was no expenditure in the 24/25 year.

### **Risk & Reserve Policy Statement**

Financial risks are reduced by the preparation and consideration of regular Receipts & Payments Accounts by the Trustees Board. Payments are made electronically and approved by two of the Trustees or by Direct Debit. Comprehensive buildings insurance is in place to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District, including the running and maintenance costs of the District HQ should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that it should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £25k, which will be reviewed annually as circumstances change.

We are grateful to Domenic Grillo at Chapman Worth, for undertaking the independent examination of the accounts and providing helpful advice and comment.

Signed.....

**Mark Turner, District Trustee Board Treasurer**

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

King Alfred District Scout Council

As at 31 March 2025

	Account	31 Mar 2025	31 Mar 2024
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>			
	Community Account	18,539.29	50,988.80
	<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>18,539.29</b>	<b>50,988.80</b>
	Accounts Receivable	37,242.13	0.00
	Prepayments and other debtors	48,863.00	793.47
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>104,644.42</b>	<b>51,782.27</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
	Accounts Payable	0.00	263.78
	Accruals	61,096.34	0.00
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>61,096.34</b>	<b>263.78</b>
	<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>43,548.08</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>
	<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>43,548.08</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>
	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>43,548.08</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
	Current Year Earnings	(7,970.41)	(10,816.77)
	Retained Earnings	49,536.21	58,806.64
	Stuart Rae Fund	1,982.28	3,528.62
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>		<b>43,548.08</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>

# Statement of Receipts and Payments

King Alfred District Scout Council

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Account	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership	50,543.85	47,279.68
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Rent - Scout use	8,345.00	8,037.50
Rent - leisure activities	1,555.00	1,864.00
Rent - other	960.00	10,013.01
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>10,860.00</b>	<b>19,914.51</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities: Beavers/Cubs	138.00	0.00
Activities: District Patrol Camp income	0.00	2,100.00
Stuart Rae Challenge	3,644.03	3,304.64
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>3,782.03</b>	<b>5,404.64</b>
Miscellaneous income	219.50	0.00
Activities: Canoeing trips	335.00	430.00
Contribution to DHQ improvement	250.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>65,990.38</b>	<b>73,028.83</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership paid	43,257.50	40,228.00
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Cleaning Contract	4,236.08	3,889.94
Electrical maintenance	120.00	0.00
Electricity	2,746.38	3,048.42
Fire/heating system maintenance	1,317.27	1,480.86
Gas	3,600.46	4,113.74
General repairs	1,564.28	85.30
Insurance and licences	2,713.13	2,038.44
Scout Lodge electricity	402.00	682.53
Telephone and broadband	1,079.25	1,003.56
Water	620.64	549.47
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>18,399.49</b>	<b>16,892.26</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities expenditure	48.98	716.70
Activities: Beaver/Cubs	565.00	0.00
District Patrol Camp expenditure	0.00	1,496.01
Stuart Rae Challenge expenditure	5,190.37	1,201.95
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>5,804.35</b>	<b>3,414.66</b>
<b>Other</b>		
District Executive expenses	5,706.20	7,905.18
Miscellaneous	66.00	147.60
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>5,772.20</b>	<b>8,052.78</b>
Activities: Canoes & trailer	547.25	352.70
DHQ improvements	0.00	14,725.20
Website	180.00	180.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>73,960.79</b>	<b>83,845.60</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(7,970.41)</b>	<b>(10,816.77)</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the King Alfred District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the King Alfred District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out above.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 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 charity 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: Anna Chapman FCA

Relevant professional qualification: Chartered Accountant

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Date: 6 June 2025

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Registered Charity 300518

**King Alfred District Scout Council**  
**Annual Report of the district Executive Committee**  
**For year ended 31 March 2024**

**Scout Registration Number** **14813**

**Charity Commission Number** **300518**

**Trustees:**

District Chairman	Chris Harrison	
District Commissioner	David Walsh	To 30.11.23
District Commissioner	Katharine Murkett	W.e.f 01.01.24
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Francesca Wellham	To 31.03.24
District Treasurer	Samantha Riley	
Trustee	Peter Trafford	
Trustee	Paul Brame	
Trustee	Stephen Radford	
Trustee	Paul Steptoe	
Trustee	Robert Cotter	w.e.f 29.06.23

**Treasurer contact name & address:**

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**Bankers:**

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## **Main achievements and activities of the Trustees Board**

The Census towards the end of this reporting period showed that the number of Young People (YP) stayed about level at 715 (from 712 last year) which is encouraging given the challenge with Beaver numbers this time last year.

In setting the membership fee to be collected in the 24/25 financial year, we maintained the principle of determining the District element by setting a District budget and then dividing the total funding requirement across all the Young People in the District. As planned and announced, this year we continued to phase in the cost of the District Secretary with a 75% contribution, the remainder again taken from reserves. With a focus on keeping costs as low as possible whilst maintaining the existing provision, the year-on-year increase in the District element of the Membership Fee has been kept to 3% whilst the County and National elements have increased by 10% and 7% respectively.

The big change for the District this year has been the retirement of our long standing District Commissioner, David Walsh. David made a huge commitment to the District and is responsible for many of the significant advancements that the District has made over the previous years. In particular, the increased provision of Scouting in our area through the opening of new Sections and new Groups, in several cases, resurrecting Groups that had previously ceased to exist, is a lasting testament to his dedication and perseverance. On behalf of the District Trustee Board, I would like to thank him for his great service to Scouting and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Despite identifying several very capable candidates, the search process undertaken to identify David's replacement did not yield a single individual willing to take on the District Commissioner responsibility. Instead, four existing volunteers have made themselves available to form a District Commissioner Team to take on the District Commissioner role and the District Trustee Board wishes to express its great appreciation to these individuals, Katharine Murkett, Steve Houseman, Fiona Stovold and Nathan Reade. They all have at least one other role in Scouting and so this represents a significant increase in their Scouting commitment for which we are very grateful. The team approach means different ways of working, for both them and their interaction with the Trustee Board. This is all very new and will require time to bed in. However, we have every confidence that the new approach will prove beneficial in the long term, not least of which because they are such high calibre individuals - we almost have 'four for the price of one'!



**Chris Harrison, District Trustee Board Chair**

## **Notes to the Accounts for The King Alfred Scout District Council 2023-24**

The annual Charity Commission Return for the previous year was completed and returned.

Provision has been made for the outstanding liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2024. These have been settled shortly after the end of the reporting period.

There are no endowment funds within the committee's management. The Stuart Rae fund is designated and carried forward from year to year.

The Scout District is made up of seven groups along with four Explorer Scout units: Goodlake ESU and Ridgeway ESU along with White Horse ESU and Shackleton ESU.

Membership income for the District, after settling the County and National components, was £7k for the year, up from the previous year's income of £4.6k due to both an increase in levy charge and increased membership from 693 to 712. Census figures recorded in January 2024, used to calculate membership levy for 2024/25, reflect numbers have remained relatively unchanged at 715.

Rental income from the Wantage Scout groups, including Ridgeway Explorer Unit has been increased to cover increased running costs of the District HQ, however we have seen a fall in rental income from leisure use. Although down by 50% on the previous year rental of The Scout Lodge has continued to generate an income from long term tenants.

District level Scouting activities, including Patrol Camp and Stuart Rae Challenge covered their costs during the year with any surplus being retained to support future years' expenditure. This year the District also successfully held its first District Leaders' Camp which was well attended.

There was no grant income received during the financial year.

Overhead expenditure was down slightly from the previous year because of a small reduction in energy costs.

Expenditure on improvements to the District Headquarters, amounting to £14k included replacement LED lighting, the final payment for the roof installation and initial plans for an expansion project with Section 106 funding. These improvements, funded from our reserves resulted in an overall in year deficit of £10.8k for the year.

### **Risk & Reserve Policy Statement**

Financial risks are reduced by the preparation and consideration of regular Receipts & Payments Accounts by the Trustees Board. Payments are made electronically and approved by two of the Trustees or by Direct Debit. Comprehensive buildings insurance is in place to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District, including the running and maintenance costs of the District HQ should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that it should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £25k.

We are grateful to Elaine Johnson at Chapman Worth, for undertaking the independent examination of the accounts and providing helpful advice and comment.



**Sam Riley, District Trustee Board Treasurer**

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

King Alfred District Scout Council

As at 31 March 2024

	31MAR2024	31MAR2023
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Community Account	50,988.80	57,835.26
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>50,988.80</b>	<b>57,835.26</b>
Accounts Receivable	-	4,500.00
Prepayments and other debtors	793.47	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>51,782.27</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	263.78	-
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>263.78</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Current Year Earnings	(10,816.77)	(65,653.25)
Retained Earnings	58,806.64	126,562.58
Stuart Rae Fund	3,528.62	1,425.93
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>51,518.49</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>

# Statement of Receipts and Payments

King Alfred District Scout Council

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership	47,279.68	41,346.60
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Rent - Scout use	8,037.50	6,137.50
Rent - leisure activities	1,864.00	2,504.00
Rent - other	10,013.01	20,885.00
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>19,914.51</b>	<b>29,526.50</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities: District Patrol Camp income	2,100.00	1,440.00
Activities: Canoeing trips	430.00	133.00
Badge sales	-	12.50
Stuart Rae Challenge	3,304.64	1,111.72
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>5,834.64</b>	<b>2,697.22</b>
Grant income	-	9,931.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,028.83</b>	<b>83,501.32</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership paid	40,228.00	36,729.00
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Cleaning Contract	3,889.94	3,448.68
Electricity	3,048.42	3,744.68
Fire/heating system maintenance	1,480.86	1,532.12
Gas	4,113.74	5,187.83
General repairs	85.30	108.01
Insurance and licences	2,038.44	1,995.83
Scout Lodge electricity	682.53	1,202.97
Telephone and broadband	1,003.56	872.41
Water	549.47	428.54
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>16,892.26</b>	<b>18,521.07</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities expenditure	716.70	-
Activities: Canoes & trailer	352.70	251.40
District Patrol Camp expenditure	1,496.01	2,136.06
Christmas post expenditure	-	287.89
Stuart Rae Challenge expenditure	1,201.95	925.63
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>3,767.36</b>	<b>3,600.98</b>
<b>Other</b>		
District Executive expenses	7,905.18	6,846.30

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Miscellaneous	147.60	-
New group seed funding	-	400.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>8,052.78</b>	<b>7,246.30</b>
DHQ improvements	14,725.20	82,854.72
Website	180.00	202.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>83,845.60</b>	<b>149,154.57</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(10,816.77)</b>	<b>(65,653.25)</b>

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### Independent examiner's statement

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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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: Elaine Johnson FCCA

Relevant professional qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

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Date: 17 June 2024

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# Accounts

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**King Alfred District Scout Council**  
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**For year ended 31 March 2023**

**Scout Registration Number** **14813**  
**Charity Commission Number** **300518**

**Trustees: (Ex-officio appointments)**

District Chairman	Chris Harrison	
District Commissioner	David Walsh	
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Francesca Wellham	W.e.f 18.07.22
District Treasurer	Samantha Riley	

**Trustees: (Elected)**

Peter Trafford		
Paul Brame		
Stephen Radford		
Paul Steptoe		

**Treasurer contact name & address:**

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**Bankers:** Barclays Bank Plc, 17 Market Place, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8AG

**Main achievements and activities of the Trustees Board**

The pandemic is now fully behind us and all Groups have returned to delivering the programme as normal.

The Census towards the end of this reporting period showed that the number of Young People (YP) increased from 693 to 712 which represents a 3% increase, a little less than the 4.5% anticipated. New sections continue to open across the District including the first Squirrel Drey in Grove so the District continues to expand. The comparative lack of overall YP growth is because Beaver numbers are down which is now a key focus of the Group Scout Leader’s (GSL) team. Great progress has been made on recruiting adult volunteers and most uniformed roles are filled with a constant stream of applications being processed by the cross-County Appointments Committee although several Assistant District Commissioner (ADC) positions remain open.

After much deliberation, the District Patrol Camp went ahead in September following the Queen’s death with a modified programme, permeated with reflections and contributions from the Scouts. The overwhelming consensus was that it was the right thing to do and the Scouts benefitted greatly from the experience.

In setting the membership fee to be collected in the 23/24 financial year, we maintained the principle of deciding the District element by setting a Trustees’ Board budget and then dividing the total funding requirement across all the Young People in the District. As planned and announced, this year we started to phase in the cost of the District Secretary with a 50% contribution, the remainder again taken from reserves. The additional cost was offset to a degree by reducing costs across all other areas by 14%. The net increase of the District element by 34% resulted in an total membership fee increase of 10%, more or less in line with inflation.

The works to replace the roof of DHQ have now been completed satisfactorily and attention is turning to the remaining repairs identified by the Ridge condition report. The budgeting is nearing completion which is prompting rent reviews with both Scouting and non-Scouting tenants to bridge the operational cost gap. Section 106 money from the Wantage Crab Hill development has been allocated to Scouting for the purpose of increasing provision. The District has employed Ridge and Partners to assist in the design of a new building on the DHQ site in order to secure this grant on the assumption that match-funding grants can be found.

Following the dip last year, the focus of the District Commissioner and his team plus the Training team has resulted in a great improvement in mandatory training with compliance now at national standard levels.

The newly appointed District Explorer Scout Commissioner will join the new streamlined Trustees Board which continues to operate effectively.



Signed.....

**Chris Harrison, District Executive Chairperson**

## Notes to the Accounts for The King Alfred Scout District Council 2022-23

The annual Charity Commission Return for the previous year was completed and returned.

There are no outstanding liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2023.

There are no endowment funds within the committee's management. The Stuart Rae fund is designated and carried forward from year to year. This has previously been the case with The Wantage & Grove Christmas Post fund, however the balance held by the District has now been transferred to the Wantage Scout Group.

The Scout District is made up of seven groups along with four Explorer Scout units; Goodlake ESU and Ridgeway ESU along with White Horse ESU and Shackleton ESU.

Membership income for the District, after settling the County and National components, was £4,617 compared to £4,911 for the previous year. Census figures recorded in January 2023, used to calculate membership levy for 2023/24, reflect a small increase on the previous year 693 to 712 young people.

Rental income from the Wantage Scout groups has been maintained at the same level as the previous year with some additional income being received from the new Explorer unit and other ad hoc Scouting use. Rental income from leisure activities has increased and we have seen a significant rise in other rental income from business tenants using the Scout Lodge on long term agreements.

District level scouting activities, including Patrol Camp and Stuart Rae challenge covered their costs during the year with any surplus being retained to support future years' expenditure.

Total grant income for the year was £9,931, comprising of £9,131 towards DHQ roof improvements and £800 for energy support from The Community Buildings Energy Support Scheme.

Overhead expenditure, in particular utilities, has seen significant increases in line with the current national trend as well as increased usage of our buildings.

The in-year deficit of £65.6k was because of the expenditure on the DHQ roof project that amounted to £82.8k paid for from reserves intended for this purpose.

### **Risk & Reserve Policy Statement**

Financial risks are reduced by the preparation and consideration of regular Receipts & Payments Accounts by the Trustees Board. Payments are made electronically and approved by two of the Trustees holding ex-officio appointments, or by Direct Debit.

At present the District is holding a reasonable level of reserves as we continue with the planned maintenance and repair works to improve the District Headquarters.

We are grateful to Elaine Johnson at Chapman Worth, for undertaking the independent examination of the accounts and providing helpful advice and comment.

Signed



**Sam Riley, District Treasurer**

## **Explanatory notes not forming part of the Annual Report**

### **Breakdown of Grant Income received 2022-23**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
VOWHDC	9,130	DHQ Roof Project 2 of 2
Oxfordshire Community Foundation	800	Community Buildings Energy Support Scheme

### **Breakdown of Grant Income received 2021-22**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
VOWHDC – Support Grant	8,000	Support Pandemic
VOWHDC – Support Grant	8,000	Support Pandemic
Tesco Bags of Help	1,000	DHQ improvements
VOWHDC – Omicron Hospitality & Leisure	2,667	Support Pandemic

### **Breakdown of Grant Income received 2020-21**

<b>Donor</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
VOWHDC Support grant - Covid	20,000	Support - pandemic
VOWHDC	9,130	DHQ Roof project 1 of 2
VOWHDC Support grant - Covid	2,668	Support - pandemic
Wantage Town Council Donation	10,000	DHQ Roof project
National Lottery	10,000	DHQ Roof project
VOWHDC - Support grant - Covid	12,954	Support pandemic
VOWHDC - Support grant - Covid	4,192	Support - pandemic

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

King Alfred District Scout Council

As at 31 March 2023

	31MAR2023	31MAR2022
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Community Account	57,835.26	127,876.75
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>57,835.26</b>	<b>127,876.75</b>
Accounts Receivable	4,500.00	280.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>	<b>128,156.75</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	-	168.24
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168.24</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Current Year Earnings	(65,653.25)	18,742.56
Retained Earnings	126,562.58	107,718.22
Stuart Rae Fund	1,425.93	1,239.84
Christmas Post Fund	-	287.89
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>62,335.26</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>

# Statement of Receipts and Payments

King Alfred District Scout Council

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership	41,346.60	35,742.64
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Rent - Scout use	6,137.50	5,000.00
Rent - leisure activities	2,504.00	1,856.00
Rent - other	20,885.00	6,955.00
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>29,526.50</b>	<b>13,811.00</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities: District Patrol Camp income	1,440.00	1,725.00
Activities: Canoeing trips	133.00	425.00
Badge sales	12.50	155.00
Stuart Rae Challenge	1,111.72	977.26
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>2,697.22</b>	<b>3,282.26</b>
Grant income	9,931.00	19,667.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>83,501.32</b>	<b>72,502.90</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership paid	36,729.00	30,832.00
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Cleaning Contract	3,448.68	3,409.14
Electrical maintenance	-	376.82
Electricity	3,744.68	1,474.07
Fire/heating system maintenance	1,532.12	3,377.80
Gas	5,187.83	3,663.44
General repairs	108.01	722.38
Insurance and licences	1,995.83	1,975.23
Scout Lodge electricity	1,202.97	578.31
Telephone and broadband	872.41	801.32
Water	428.54	234.40
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>18,521.07</b>	<b>16,612.91</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities: Beaver	-	204.00
Activities: Canoes & trailer	251.40	89.80
District Patrol Camp expenditure	2,136.06	1,105.03
Christmas post expenditure	287.89	-
Stuart Rae Challenge expenditure	925.63	1,054.09
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>3,600.98</b>	<b>2,452.92</b>

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**Other**

District Executive Expenses	6,846.30	1,556.31
Miscellaneous	-	180.60
New Group Seed Funding	400.00	-
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>7,246.30</b>	<b>1,736.91</b>
DHQ Improvements	82,854.72	1,981.60
Website	202.50	144.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>149,154.57</b>	<b>53,760.34</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>(65,653.25)</b>	<b>18,742.56</b>

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## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the King Alfred District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the King Alfred District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out above.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 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 charity 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: Elaine Johnson FCCA

Relevant professional qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

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Date: 23 June 2023

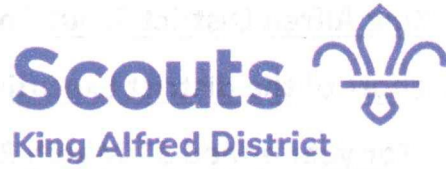
**KING ALFRED DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 300518

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# Accounts

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## King Alfred District Scout Council

### ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

For year ended 31 March 2022

Registered Charity 300518

**King Alfred District Scout Council**  
**Annual Report of the district Executive Committee**  
**For year ended 31 March 2022**

Scout Registration Number 14813  
 Charity Commission Number 300518

**Trustees: (Ex-officio appointments)**

District Chairman	Chris Harrison	
District Minutes Secretary	(Dorothy) Lyn Greaves	Until 20.07.2021
District Commissioner	David Walsh	
District Treasurer	Samantha Riley	

**Trustees: (Elected)**

Peter Trafford		
Andrew Shapland		Until 12.10.2021
Helen Wright		Until 12.10.2021
Elizabeth Hylton		Until 12.10.2021
Katharine Murkett		Until 12.10.2021
Conor Taylor		Until 12.10.2021
Paul Brame		From 26.09.2021
Stephen Radford		From 26.09.2021
Paul Steptoe		From 26.09.2021

**Treasurer contact name & address:**

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**Bankers:** Barclays Bank Plc, 17 Market Place, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8AG

## Main achievements and activities of the District Executive Committee

The post pandemic recovery continues apace across the District with numbers up and progress on a number of fronts.

The Census towards the end of this reporting period showed that the number of Young People increased from 656 to 693 which represents a 6% increase. This has reversed about half the drop incurred during the lockdowns. We expect this growth to continue so that next year we will at least return to pre-pandemic levels of Young People across the District.

Five new sections have been opened in the last twelve months with Beavers and Cubs in the new Challow section of the Wantage Scout Group, Scouts starting in Hanney as planned and Explorer Units (re)opening in Wantage and Faringdon. Waiting lists across the District vary, long in some areas and short in others. The focus for the coming year is on opening further sections and re-balancing waiting lists where geographically possible. New housing across the District means demand is likely to remain high for the foreseeable future.

In setting the membership fee to be collected in the 22/23 financial year, we maintained the principle of deciding the District element by setting a DEC budget and then dividing the total funding requirement across all the Young People in the District. With increasing numbers of Young People, some of the budget restrictions we adopted last year were relaxed a little whilst still reducing the District element of the levy by 6% down to £7.36. This, along with a reduction in the National element, helped to offset some of the significant increase in the County element.

Progress is now being made on the major roof repairs for the District Headquarters in Wantage. The general rise in building costs caused delays whilst alternative contractors were sought to carry out the work to the required standard but at an acceptable cost. A suitable contractor has now been identified and work is expected to commence in May. As anticipated, the Lodge tenant has extended until December 2022 providing welcome rental income.

The huge improvement to compliance levels for mandatory training has suffered a bit of set-back due to a slew of training expiring and requiring to be renewed. The DC and his team are continuing their efforts to keep on top of this and the new national policy of suspension is sharpening minds.

In the last year the decision to restructure the membership of the District Executive Committee has been implemented and initial signs are encouraging. Removing the obligation of Groups to be represented on the DEC has been welcomed, generally freeing up those who already have demanding roles in Scouting. The smaller DEC is showing signs of operating effectively, for example in setting the District element of the membership fee between scheduled meetings. Lucy Kennett, a County employee shared with five other Districts, continues as our District Secretary and Appointments Secretary. This year our share of her costs will be met from reserves but in future years it is anticipated that gradually these costs will be collected through the District element of the membership fee.

Signed.......... Date.....30/6/22.....

**Chris Harrison, District Executive Chairperson**

## **Notes to the Accounts for The King Alfred Scout District Council 2021-22**

The annual Charity Commission Return was completed and returned.

Provision has been made for the outstanding liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2022. These have been settled shortly after the end of the reporting period.

There are no endowment funds within the committee's management. The Stuart Rae fund is designated and carried forward from year to year as is the account for the Wantage & Grove Christmas Post. There has been no activity for the Christmas post fund during the reporting year.

The Scout District is made up of seven groups and has expanded from two to four Explorer Scout units to include Faringdon ESU and Ridgeway ESU along with White Horse ESU and Shackleton ESU.

Membership numbers for 2021/22, taken from the January 2021 census, dropped because of the pandemic to 656 (757 in January 2020). Following an increase to the National membership levy, the District Committee agreed they would reduce their element of the membership levy from the previous year to keep the overall cost per young person at a reasonable level. Membership income for the District, after settling the County and National components, was £4,911 compared to £6,214 for the previous year. Fortunately, as we come out of the pandemic, census figures recorded in January 2022, used to calculate membership levy for 2022/23, reflect a 6% increase on the previous year (693).

Rental income from the Wantage Scout groups has been maintained at the same level as the previous year. An additional £400 has been received towards storage of equipment at DHQ. Rental income from leisure activities has increased from the previous year and we have been fortunate to receive a rental income from a tenant in the Scout Lodge.

Some Scouting activities resumed during this financial year, and we have therefore seen increased income for District Patrol Camp, Stuart Rae and Canoeing. This is matched with increased expenditure.

Total grant income for the year was £19,667, comprising of contributions towards DHQ improvements £1,000 and local authority support grants of £18,667.

Overhead expenditure is back to pre-pandemic levels. Utilities have seen significant increases, in particular gas and repairs to the boiler/heating system has been expensive but savings have been made by switching insurer. DHQ improvements include the final instalment of the outdoor shelter and early planning costs for the roof project set to commence in spring 2022.

The overall surplus for the year ended 31 March 2022 is £18.7k

### **Risk & Reserve Policy Statement**

Financial risks are reduced by the preparation and consideration of regular Receipts & Payments Accounts by the District Executive Committee. Payments are made electronically and approved by two of the Trustees holding ex-officio appointments, or by Direct Debit.

At present the District is holding a high level of reserves as we are in the process of an extensive maintenance and repair works to improve District Headquarters.

We are grateful to Elaine Johnson at Chapman Worth, for undertaking the independent examination of the accounts and providing helpful advice and comment.

Signed *Sam Riley* Date *30<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

Sam Riley, District Treasurer

**Explanatory notes not forming part of the Annual Report**

**Breakdown of Grant Income received 2021-22**

Donor	£	Purpose
VOWHDC – Support Grant	8,000	Support Pandemic
VOWHDC – Support Grant	8,000	Support Pandemic
Tesco Bags of Help	1,000	DHQ improvements
VOWHDC – Omicron Hospitality & Leisure	2,667	Support Pandemic

**Breakdown of Grant Income received 2020-21**

Donor	£	Purpose
VOWHDC Support grant - Covid	20,000	Support - pandemic
VOWHDC	9,130	DHQ Roof project
VOWHDC Support grant - Covid	2,668	Support - pandemic
Wantage Town Council Donation	10,000	DHQ Roof project
National Lottery	10,000	DHQ Roof project
VOWHDC - Support grant - Covid	12,954	Support pandemic
VOWHDC - Support grant - Covid	4,192	Support - pandemic

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Balance Sheet)

King Alfred District Scout Council

As at 31 March 2022

	31MAR2022	31MAR2021
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Community Account	127,876.75	109,245.95
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>127,876.75</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>
Accounts Receivable	280.00	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>128,156.75</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	168.24	-
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>168.24</b>	-
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Current Year Earnings	18,742.56	67,024.85
Retained Earnings	107,718.22	40,616.54
Stuart Rae Fund	1,239.84	1,316.67
Christmas Post Fund	287.89	287.89
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>127,988.51</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>

## Statement of Receipts and Payments (Profit & Loss)

King Alfred District Scout Council  
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Membership</b>			
Annual membership	35,742.64	38,008.70	36,607.36
<b>District Headquarters</b>			
Rent - Scout use	5,000.00	4,600.00	4,600.00
Rent - leisure activities	1,856.00	980.00	3,413.00
Rent - other	6,955.00	120.00	1,200.00
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>13,811.00</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>	<b>9,213.00</b>
<b>Activities</b>			
Activities: Beavers	-	-	4,564.80
Activities: Swiss trip	-	-	8,707.23
Activities: Hendon	-	-	3,195.00
Activities: District Patrol Camp income	1,725.00	-	930.00
Activities: Canoeing trips	425.00	70.00	-
Badge sales	155.00	26.05	103.50
Christmas post	-	-	3,308.05
Stuart Rae Challenge	977.26	235.00	465.00
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>3,282.26</b>	<b>331.05</b>	<b>21,273.58</b>
Interest Income	-	-	71.76
Miscellaneous income	-	-	(65.32)
Grant income	19,667.00	68,944.00	26,982.00
Contribution to DHQ improvement	-	2,653.00	-
<b>Total Income Expenditure</b>	<b>72,502.90</b>	<b>115,636.75</b>	<b>94,082.38</b>
<b>Membership</b>			
Annual membership paid	30,832.00	31,794.00	29,704.00
<b>District Headquarters</b>			
Cleaning Contract	3,409.14	1,708.20	3,821.76
Electrical maintenance	376.82	-	338.20
Electricity	1,474.07	1,868.87	1,476.59
Fire/heating system maintenance	3,377.80	851.95	986.81
Gas	3,663.44	485.53	798.86
General repairs	722.38	459.23	1,356.93
Insurance and licences	1,975.23	5,506.99	6,162.51
Scout Lodge electricity	578.31	-	90.69
Telephone and broadband	801.32	750.36	735.86
Water	234.40	142.92	347.06
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>16,612.91</b>	<b>11,774.05</b>	<b>16,115.27</b>
<b>Activities</b>			
Activities: Beaver	204.00	-	4,572.55

	2022	2021	2020
Activities: Swiss trip cost	-	-	8,396.87
Activities: Hendon trip	-	-	3,195.00
Activities: Canoes & trailer	89.80	245.09	12,942.70
District Patrol Camp expenditure	1,105.03	-	927.68
Christmas post expenditure	-	-	3,100.00
Stuart Rae Challenge expenditure	1,054.09	22.79	659.16
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>2,452.92</b>	<b>267.88</b>	<b>33,793.96</b>
<b>Other</b>			
District Executive expenses	1,556.31	366.00	1,621.27
Miscellaneous	180.60	212.00	352.36
Website	144.00	36.00	768.00
Professional fees	-	-	2,754.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>1,880.91</b>	<b>614.00</b>	<b>5,495.63</b>
DHQ improvements	1,981.60	4,161.97	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>53,760.34</b>	<b>48,611.90</b>	<b>85,108.86</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>18,742.56</b>	<b>67,024.85</b>	<b>8,973.52</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the King Alfred District Scout Council

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### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 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 charity 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: Elaine Johnson FCCA

Relevant professional qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 3 The Old Bakery, Bakery Lane, Letcombe Regis, OX12 9JN

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

**KING ALFRED DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

England & Wales - Charity number 300518

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# Accounts

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King Alfred District Scout Council

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

For year ended 31 March 2021

Registered Charity 300518

**King Alfred District Scout Council**  
**Annual Report of the district Executive Committee**  
**For year ended 31 March 2021**

**Scout Registration Number** **14813**  
**Charity Commission Number** **300518**  
**President:** **Mr Patrick O'Leary**

**Trustees: (Ex-officio appointments)**

District Chairman	Chris Harrison	
District Minutes Secretary	Peter Trafford	Until 18.06.20
District Minutes Secretary	(Dorothy) Lyn Greaves	From 18.06.20
District Commissioner	David Walsh	
District Treasurer	Matthew Chapman	Until 18.06.20
District Treasurer	Samantha Riley	From 18.06.20

**Trustees: (Elected)**

Marie Sucksmith		Until 20.04.21
Andrew Shapland		
Helen Wright		
Elizabeth Hylton		
Peter Trafford		
Katharine Murkett		
Conor Taylor		

**Trustees: (Co-opted)**

Paul Steptoe		
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**Bankers:** Barclays Bank Plc, 17 Market Place, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8AG

## Main achievements and activities of the District Executive Committee

On the whole, the District has weathered the pandemic and is well set for the year ahead.

The Census towards the end of this reporting period showed that the number of Young People fell from 757 to 656 which represents a 13% decrease but this was a smaller drop than had been feared and compares favourably with the rest of the County. We are also seeing high levels of enquiries for Young People to join which will translate to good growth over the next few years.

Most Groups in the District have been able to offer some form of Scouting, mostly of course on Zoom, whilst the restrictions have prevented face-to-face meetings. Some Sections have used the enforced move to on-line Scouting very productively to cover programme areas more suited to that method of delivery.

In setting the Membership Fee (levy) to be collected in the 21/22 financial year, we maintained the principle of setting the District element by setting a DEC budget and then dividing the total funding requirement across all the Young People in the District. To play our part in reducing the financial burden whilst restrictions were in place we chose not to top up the funds set aside for assisting with establishing new groups and hardship. With other cost savings this resulted in the District element being 6% less than the previous year at £7.82.

The feedback from the Groups in the District has been that almost all parents have been willing to keep paying for Scouting despite the 'reduced' service over the last year. Some Groups have reduced their fees to reflect their reduced costs such as not having to pay rent to village halls. As a result, whilst income is reduced because numbers of Young People are down, Groups have not suffered too badly from a financial perspective and none are requiring external financial support.

The District is very grateful to the local authority for the grants that have been made available in relation to the buildings that the District owns on the DHQ site. This has been a very valuable contribution to the District's finances when income from commercial (ie non-Scouting) tenants ceased because of the pandemic restrictions. As a result, the District's financial reserves, much of which is ring-fenced for the DHQ repair and maintenance programme, remain buoyant.

Good progress has been made on this programme with the significant planned expenditure on the roof and associated works, a professional project management firm was required to specify the works, run a tendering process and then let and manage the contract. We are very grateful indeed to Ridge and Partners, Oxford which has offered to carry out this role pro bono. However, costs in this sector have risen sharply which has impacted timescales.

Due to the concerted efforts of the DC and his team, the level of compliance on mandatory training for Leaders has improved dramatically. The focus still needs to be maintained to reduce non-compliance to insignificant levels but this is a great step forward.

Signed.......... Date.....26/9/21.....

**Chris Harrison, District Executive Chairperson**

## Notes to the Accounts for The King Alfred Scout District Council 2020-21

The annual Charity Commission Return was completed and returned.

There are no outstanding liabilities for the year ending 31 March 2021.

There are no endowment funds within the committee's management. The Wantage & Grove Christmas Post fund is designated and carried forward from year to year as is the account for the Stuart Rae challenge. As a result of the pandemic there has been minimal income and expenditure for these funds during this financial year.

The Scout District is made up of seven groups and two Explorer Scout units; White Horse ESU and Shackleton ESU who operate alongside 1<sup>st</sup> Stanford in the Vale and Grove Scout groups respectively although they each attract Scouts from across the District.

Membership income for the District, after settling the County and National components, was £6,214 compared to £6,903 for the previous year. Membership numbers for 2020/21, taken from the January 2020 census, remained stable at 757 (2019/20 752). Following an increase in both National and County membership levy, the District Committee agreed they would reduce their element of the membership levy from the previous year to keep the overall cost per young person at a reasonable level. Census figure recorded in January 2021, used to calculate membership levy for 2021/22, reflect a 13% decrease due to the pandemic.

Rental income from the Wantage Scout groups has been maintained at the same level as the previous year. We are grateful for their continued contribution through this difficult year, particularly as there has been a notable drop in rental income from commercial tenants for leisure activities.

Contribution towards the costs of an outdoor shelter at DHQ was received from the Wantage Scout Group which has undoubtedly improved the outdoor area.

Understandably, any opportunities for scouting activities were significantly reduced due to pandemic restrictions, therefore, both income and expenditure for this area is down on the previous year.

Total grant income for the year was £68,944, comprising of contributions towards the roof project of £29,130 and local authority support grants of £39,814. Much of this is ring fenced for the DHQ repair programme.


Overheads were down against the previous year overall. Electricity being the exception due payment for winter 2019/20 usage being collected in this financial year. The expenditure of just over £4k was for the outdoor shelter at DHQ.

## Risk & Reserve Policy Statement

Financial risks are reduced by the preparation and consideration of regular Receipts & Payments Accounts by the District Executive Committee. Payments are made electronically and approved by two of the Trustees holding ex-officio appointments, or by Direct Debit.

At present the District is holding a high level of reserves as we are in the process of an extensive maintenance and repair works to improve District Headquarters.

We are grateful to Elaine Johnson at Chapman Worth, for undertaking the independent examination of the accounts and providing helpful advice and comment.

Signed  ..... Date 26/9/21 .....

**Sam Riley, District Treasurer**

## Explanatory notes not forming part of the Annual Report

### Breakdown of Grant Income received 2020-21

Donor	£	Purpose
VOWHDC Support grant - Covid	20,000	Support - pandemic
VOWHDC	9,130	DHQ Roof project
VOWHDC Support grant - Covid	2,668	Support - pandemic
Wantage Town Council Donation	10,000	DHQ Roof project
National Lottery	10,000	DHQ Roof project
VOWHDC – Support grant - Covid	12,954	Support pandemic
VOWHDC - Support grant - Covid	4,192	Support - pandemic

### Breakdown of Grant Income received 2019-20

Donor	£	Purpose
Bovis Homes	1000	Car Park Resurfacing
National Lottery	9992	Lodge conversion
Scout Association	5000	Canoe Grant
English Sports Council Lottery Fund	9990	
Doris Field Trust	1000	DHQ Roof project

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

King Alfred District Scout Council

As at 31 March 2021

	31MAR2021	31MAR2020
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Community Account	109,245.95	44,529.64
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>	<b>44,529.64</b>
Accounts Receivable	-	36,999.90
Prepayments and other debtors	-	5,107.39
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>	<b>86,636.93</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Accounts Payable	-	6,308.45
Deferred income	-	38,107.38
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,415.83</b>
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>	<b>42,221.10</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>	<b>42,221.10</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>	<b>42,221.10</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Current Year Earnings	67,024.85	8,973.52
Retained Earnings	40,616.54	31,838.91
Stuart Rae Fund	1,316.67	1,120.78
Christmas Post Fund	287.89	287.89
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>109,245.95</b>	<b>42,221.10</b>

# Statement of Receipts and Payments

King Alfred District Scout Council  
For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership	38,008.70	36,607.36
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Rent - Scout use	4,600.00	4,600.00
Rent - leisure activities	980.00	3,413.00
Rent - other	120.00	1,200.00
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>	<b>9,213.00</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities: Beavers	-	4,564.80
Activities: Swiss trip	-	8,707.23
Activities: Hendon	-	3,195.00
Activities: District Patrol Camp income	-	930.00
Badge sales	26.05	103.50
Christmas post	-	3,308.05
Stuart Rae Challenge	235.00	465.00
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>261.05</b>	<b>21,273.58</b>
Interest Income	-	71.76
Miscellaneous income	-	(65.32)
Grant income	68,944.00	26,982.00
Activities: Canoeing trips	70.00	-
Contribution to DHQ improvement	2,653.00	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>115,636.75</b>	<b>94,082.38</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
Annual membership paid	31,794.00	29,704.00
<b>District Headquarters</b>		
Cleaning Contract	1,708.20	3,821.76
Electrical maintenance	-	338.20
Electricity	1,868.87	1,476.59
Fire/heating system maintenance	851.95	986.81
Gas	485.53	798.86
General repairs	459.23	1,356.93
Insurance and licences	5,506.99	6,162.51
Scout Lodge electricity	-	90.69
Telephone and broadband	750.36	735.86
Water	142.92	347.06
<b>Total District Headquarters</b>	<b>11,774.05</b>	<b>16,115.27</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activities: Beaver camp	-	4,572.55
Activities: Swiss trip cost	-	8,396.87
Activities: Hendon trip	-	3,195.00
District Patrol Camp expenditure	-	927.68
Christmas post expenditure	-	3,100.00
Stuart Rae Challenge expenditure	22.79	659.16
<b>Total Activities</b>	<b>22.79</b>	<b>20,851.26</b>

<b>Other</b>		
District Executive expenses	366.00	1,621.27
Miscellaneous	212.00	352.36
Professional fees	-	2,754.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>578.00</b>	<b>4,727.63</b>
Canoes & trailer	245.09	12,942.70
DHQ improvements	4,161.97	-
Website	36.00	768.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>48,611.90</b>	<b>85,108.86</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>67,024.85</b>	<b>8,973.52</b>

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the King Alfred District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the King Alfred District Scout Council (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out above.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 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 charity 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: Elaine Johnson FCCA

Relevant professional qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 3 The Old Bakery, Bakery Lane, Letcombe Regis, OX12 9JN

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021