

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 300653

Details

Other names AYLESBURY AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUT LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-03-29

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

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Activities

Objects: PURPOSES OF AYLESBURY AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUT LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Activities: Provision of Scouting activities in the Aylesbury area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** AYLESBURY AND DISTRICT
- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£28,023	£25,466	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,041	£19,845	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,513	£36,760	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,101	£36,782	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,324	£2,169	-	-

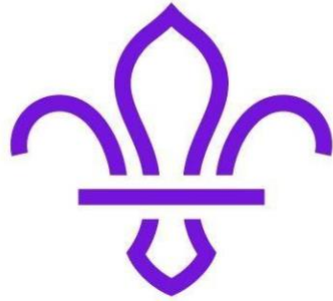
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Monro		2024-10-29
Anders Christensen		2024-10-29
Chris Ross		2018-07-09
Christopher Harper		2023-07-11
Fiona McParland		2024-10-29
Gordon Weston		2025-09-15
Jeanne Wise		1971-07-02
Kyra McParland		2022-06-06
SARAH MARSH		2016-06-01

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2024 - 2025

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting
15 September 2025

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 15 September 2025 – 7.30pm
5th Aylesbury Headquarters

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th October 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) Rule 5.4.
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board (9)
 - e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Aylesbury District.
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts for 2024/2025
- 5. Trustee appointments**
 - a. Appointment of the District Chair and two Trustee Board members.
 - b. Appoint the Scrutineer - Mr. Anthony Richardson
 - c. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council

Closing remarks

Aylesbury District Scout Council

District Trustee Board Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2025

Minutes of the Aylesbury District AGM meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2024

Held @ 5th Aylesbury HQ – 7.30pm

Present

Chris Harper	District Chair
James Williamson	County Lead Volunteer/Acting District Lead Volunteer
Sarah Marsh	District Treasurer

Representatives of the District Trustee Board, District Team, District Scout Active Support, District Scout Network, District Explorer Scouts and the Groups were also in attendance.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all the Leaders, supporters, guests, members of the County.

Apologies: Ron Murray, Jayne Littlejohn, Pat Hiscock, Ed Ryan, Christine Hales, Murray Dobbie, Sarah Ashbourn-Stacey, Fiona McParland, Iain Stanley, Eris Roberson and Paul Sypko.

Governance Topics

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023

There were no amendments to the minutes and the Chair asked that they be accepted as a true record. The minutes approved by all present with no objections.

Adoption of The Model Constitution under Rule 5.4 of PORs

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, the District Trustee Board proposes we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules.

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Note the Financial Year

Sarah confirmed the Aylesbury District Scout Council financial year runs from the 1st April to the 31st March.

Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board.

The outgoing Trustee Boards recommendation to the District Scout Council is to appoint 9 members to the Trustee Board including Ex-officio members (DLV & DYL)

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this meeting)

The outgoing Trustee Board's recommendation to the District Scout Council is the quorum be set at 19 members including Trustee Board members.

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Review of the Previous Year

The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouting in Aylesbury District.

Chris explained that Murray stepped down as DLV recently and highlighted Murray's report. Murray will continue to support the District as a member of the Support Team. Chris and James thanked Murray for his work in Aylesbury District, not just as the DLV but his time supporting in various roles over the years.

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

The Chair invited Sarah Marsh to go through the Accounts who confirmed that there were no anomalies and that they had been approved by the Independent Examiner. An overview of the Accounts was given.

Sarah asked the AGM to approve the annual transfer of monies from the General Fund into the International Fund to support our Young People attending International Experiences such as the World Scout Jamboree. She also explained that an international experience includes events in the UK with an International nature. The figure being requested this year is £3000.00, the same as last year.

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Chris thanked Sarah for her work as District Treasurer and thanked the Scrutineer – Mr Anthony Richardson, for once again reviewing the accounts this year.

Chris commended the report to the meeting, this was approved by all present with no objections.

Trustee Appointments

Appointment of the District Chair

Chair passed the meeting to James Williamson; James explained that Chris will be stepping down to take on the role of District Lead Volunteer from the 1st November. James thanked Chris for his work during his time as District Chair, James advised the meeting that Celia Riordan will take over the role and it was approved by all present.

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Appointment of the District Treasurer and Trustee Board

Chris explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board. The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that:

Role	Name	Appointment Term
District Chair	Celia Riordan	3 years
District Treasurer	Sarah Marsh	3 years
Member	Chris Ross	3 years
Member	Jeanne Wise	2 years
Member	Anders Christensen	2 years
Member	Alex Monro	1 Year
Member	Fiona McParland	1 Year
Ex Officio		
District Lead Volunteer	Chris Harper	
District Youth Lead	Kyra McParland	

should be appointed as members of the District Trustee Board.

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Appointment of Independent Examiner for the District Accounts

Sarah Marsh proposed Mr. Anthony Richardson be appointed, once again, as the Accounts Scrutineer.

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Nominate Representatives of the District Scout Council to the County Scout Council

The Chair proposed Hilary Walker as the District representative to the County Scout Council.

This was approved by all present with no objections.

Closing Remarks

The Chair, in closing the meeting, thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting

Meeting closed at 19:48

Scout Association Registration Number

10615

Charities registration number

300653

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The District Scout Council co-ordinates the activities of all Scout Groups within the Aylesbury District under the conditions and rules laid down by the Scout Association.

The Aylesbury District Scout Council is a Charity established under the rules that are common to all Scouting organisations. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Majority of the Council's income is obtained from a levy on each Member of the Movement. Additional income is obtained from various grants, from investment income and from receipts from various activities organised by the Scout Council.

Full details of all sources of income are given in the attached accounts, which reflect the activities of the Scout Council only, and not those of the underlying Groups. The Accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payment basis, which is consistent with previous years.

Treasurer's report to accompany the 2024/25 accounts

The following notes accompany the 2024/25 accounts:

1. During the year the District was successful in obtaining a £3,500 grant from the Scout Association to set up a Young Leaders unit. The grant income has been assigned to donations/grants in the Receipts and Payments (R&P) account. The Young Leader Training expenditure code has been used mainly for purchases from the Young Leader grant, rather than create in year a new cost centre. These purchases have included a laptop and a projector which have been insured.
2. The Young Leaders grant was deposited into the Lloyds Deposit Account to ensure it was ringfenced and earn a higher level of interest than the Lloyds Current Account. During 2025/26 the Trustees will undertake a fundamental review of its bank accounts to ensure monies held are working in the best interest of the District.
3. Donations/grants under income includes a £130.47 contribution cost from the Matrix Explorers Unit for their share of insurance costs.
4. As in previous years section activities tend to be self-financing, such that income received on the whole covers expenditure incurred. This is the same for 2024/25.
5. A new expenditure cost centre was set up the District Youth Lead for 2024/25. Monies have been spent on the hire of Braid Wood to hold Scout Youth Council weekends and the purchases of scarves.

6. Also new for 2024/25, a transformation expenditure code has been set up as part of the wider UK Scouting transformation programme. Monies were spent on flyers to attract adult volunteers.
7. Insurance costs were reduced by working with our insurers, Unity.
8. A further two laptops were purchased for District use and have also been insured. This cost has been attributed to Purchase of Equipment. As well as the cost of a leaflet holder.
9. Miscellaneous expenses are made up as follows:

Description	Amount
Payment to the 1st Aylesbury Scout Group for storage of District equipment for 2024/25	£250.00
Leaving gift for our previous District lead Volunteer	£25.00
Scouting business cards	£38.95
Certificate envelopes	£6.99
Total	£320.94

Fund allocation

District monies are split across three funds, with the General Fund being unrestricted and the other two being self-explanatory – see table below.

Fund type	Year End 2024/25	Year End 2023/24
General Fund	£34,067.24	£34,155.12
International Fund	£15,074.75	£12,074.75
Development and Emergency Fund	£10,078.10	£10,078.10
Total	£59,220.09	£56,662.97

The International Fund includes a transfer of £3,000 from the General Fund as agreed at the 29 October 2024 AGM.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds should be maintained at a level sufficient for them to be able to continue the current activities of the District Scout Council in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or the level and type of activity changed. The Trustees considered that the level of free reserves required should be equivalent to between 12 and 18 months of the annual budget income, which equates to between £5,830 and £8,745.

At the end of 2024/25, the General Fund stood at £34,067. The Trustees, therefore, consider this to be adequate and have set the District's budget accordingly. Funds are transferable if the necessity arises.

International Fund

Since 1996 an International Fund has been established to assist Young People of Aylesbury District to attend any international Scouting event either at home or abroad. It has primarily been used to send a small number of delegates (as agreed by the District Trustee Board) to each World Jamboree, on the premise that 50% of the cost would be met through delegate fundraising. However, this is not the sole purpose of the International Fund, and any member of the District can apply for funding by making a representation to the District Trustee Board, with each case determined on its own merits. Fundraising for the Jamboree is monitored by the District Trustee Board, who will decide how any shortfall, should it arise, will be met.

During 2017/18 the District Executive Committee was made aware of the decision at the 1996 District AGM that 26% of the District Membership fee would be placed into the International Fund annually. Despite not knowing this the Committee had generally on an annual basis allocated money from the General Fund into the International Fund.

The Committee revisited the 1996 decision and agreed a fixed percentage uplift each year to the International Fund was both restrictive and unsustainable, as it is dependent on the accounts making a surplus each year. To ensure availability of funds for International Scouting activities (home and abroad) the District Trustee Board will therefore recommend for AGM approval a figure to be transferred each year from the General Fund into the International Fund, being mindful of the Reserves Policy.

The cost for the 4 Jamboree participants for last year's World Jamboree was £12,700. The participants were expected, collectively, to fundraise 50% of the costs. They raised over £9,000 in total. A transfer of £3,000 is proposed from the General Fund into the International Fund, being the same as last year's. Poland is to host the 26th World Scout Jamboree in 2027.

Development and Emergency Fund

As its name suggests the Development and Emergency Fund has been set up to assist the growth and development of Scouting with the Aylesbury District, or to support significant unforeseen (emergency) expenditure. This includes setting up new Groups or expanding existing ones. In recent years there has been no emergency spend from the fund, instead being used, for example, to assist the setup a Squirrel Drey at Berryfields towards the end of 2023/24. There has been no use of the Development and Emergency Fund during 2024/25.

Use of the Development and Emergency Fund will be at the discretion of the District Trustee Board and its use reported to each AGM. As with the International Fund, any transfer of funds from the General Fund into this fund will be subject to approval at the AGM, being mindful of the Reserves Policy. No transfer is proposed.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Scout Council as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should:

- Follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Scout Council will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Scout Council and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements meet the requirements of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Scout Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Scrutineer

Mr. Anthony Richardson has again been good enough to take on the role for this year.

Meetings

- The full Trustee Board met four times during the year excluding the AGM
- The Finance Sub Team met three times in the year.
- Members of the Trustee Board have attended Group and County meetings.

The following issues were covered during the year:

- The formulation and approval of the District budget and the annual levy on Groups.
- The approval and monitoring of various expenditures.
- The approval of the investment policy for District funds.
- Approving and acting on the recommendations of the various Sub Committees.
- Administrating and recording the appointment of adults within the District.
- Monitoring the management, development, and the administration of the Groups in the District.
- The ongoing monitoring of buildings management, Health and Safety and Insurance of buildings and property.
- Monitoring the management of the Explorer Scout Section.
- Attendance at activities and meetings as required by the County Scout Council.

Future Plans include:

All of the above and:

- Continued support of administrators within the District and the Groups.
- Assisting as required with the development of the Explorer Scout Section.
- Working towards ensuring a Scouting presence in the new developments in the town.
- Proactive adult recruitment activities.
- Implementation of the new Scouting Transformation Plan
- The above report has been prepared in accordance with the statements of recommended practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

District Chair's Report

I would like to say a huge thankyou to all those who volunteer their time and efforts into everything that we do to deliver the very best scouting experiences to the young people in our District here in Aylesbury.

Without the army of adults / young leaders and helpers working hard to provide high quality programs, keeping buildings safe and clean, writing risk assessments, learning new skills and so much more we would not be able to offer scouting to so many young people.

It is wonderful to think that scouting and all it provides to young people continues to show that young people want to be scouts and our figures show that young people more than ever want to be scouts.

Thinking ahead with the ever-growing new homes in Aylesbury it remains an essential goal to think of the future of scouting in our District. Chris and the District team have an ongoing development plan for our future; while maintaining the best we do day today and encouraging more adults into our scout district family to ensure we can grow our sections. To form new groups and support our children in providing skills for life no matter if they are 4 years old or 18 years old locally, and even then, with network until they are 25, all are welcome.

As a district team I believe that we should never underestimate how much our leadership teams do to support their sections, but also the roles of our trustee boards. They are unwavering in supporting their groups, lead volunteers and teams in enabling them to deliver the hands on scouting each week to the children. I thank all our trustee teams for the contributions you make to ensure that scouting is purposeful and run in accordance with the guidelines of Scouting UK. It is important that all trustee boards within the district are cohesive in their approach, enabling them to fully support the opportunities offered to their scout sections by dynamic forward thinking section leaders.

The future of scouting in Aylesbury is bright with exciting projects underway to forge greater community links and deliver more scouting to our communities. I look forward to developing, supporting and engaging with you all in the coming year. I thank you all in your commitments, and that you all continue to make a difference in providing skills for life to all our young people, but also to have amazing scouting adventures of your own.

Celia Riordan
District Chair

District Lead Volunteer Report

Scouting is alive and strong in Aylesbury District!

Over the last year we've been preparing for the new online system. It's finally arrived, and we've all survived the switch over from Compass to 'My Membership'! Well done to all the Groups who have embraced the new membership system. The system does have many advantages, including online award nominations, online NAN forms and Permit applications, and online learning modules for Safety, Safeguarding, Growing Roots and Branching Out.

Over the last year we have agreed the framework for how this will work in Aylesbury District, establishing the District team leads, as well as inviting members to join the four teams of Programme, Volunteer Development, Support and 14 to 24.

Our young people have continued to be involved in many activities, camps, walks and hikes within Groups, District and County. We've awarded impressive numbers of Chief Scout awards in all sections this year, with many awardees attending the County Awards day at PACCAR Scout Camp at Chalfont. As always, we had a fantastic turn out at the town's St George's Day event and at the November Remembrance Service. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the District Cub Team, who organised a fantastic weekend in France for the Cubs with over 60 young people attending from around the District.

The District Youth Team have been working with the young members in both Cubs and Scouts at forums across the District, to capture their ideas and passion for the activities they would like to participate in. Garnering these views helps us to build strong, relevant programmes.

Scouting in Aylesbury District continues to grow and develop. Over the last year, the District has been working to establish a District Growth Plan. Due to the success of our Groups and Leader teams and the great programmes being delivered on a weekly basis we, rightfully, have a larger number of 'Want to Join' enquiries, leading to 'want to join' lists in all Groups. We are working on ways to attract more adult volunteers to support the growing demands on our current teams.

I'm delighted that as part of the growth within the District, we have formally spilt the 12th Aylesbury and established a new Group, the 11th Aylesbury. The 11th Aylesbury supports Scouting in the Meadowcroft, Quarrendon, Buckingham Park and Watermead areas. Some of you will remember many years ago, the original 11th Aylesbury's Scout HQ stood on the site of the Quarrendon & Meadowcroft Community Centre. We are working on re-establishing the Beaver Colony and have plans to open at least a Squirrel Drey at Buckingham Park, at Quarrendon & Meadowcroft and, of course, at the 12th Aylesbury soon. I would like to thank the team who have been involved with the project.

Our District continues to grow, with many housing developments underway or expanding (eg, Berryfields and Kingsbrook). New developments are planned along Tring Road and Hampden Fields. These developments will have a big impact on the requirements for Scouting in both Aylesbury and Vale of Aylesbury.

All Groups in the District have growth opportunities and I continue to work with our GLVs in seeing how we can increase growth in each Group.

Explorer Scouting is strong within the District. The 14-24 Team are, with myself and with support from Sophie from the Growth and Communities team, focussing on splitting the Matrix – even creating a third unit by the end of the year. Our new Young Leader Unit continues to develop and support our Young Leaders in the District. The Unit’s monthly meeting focuses on their modular training programme and encouraging completion of their Missions, which will lead to their Young Leader Award. I’m delighted that several Young Leaders have taken out full Team Member roles in our Groups.

During the year we have presented a number of special awards to Youth and Adult Members in the District.

Commendation Awards presented to:

- Rebecca Beadle (Matrix ESU) for carrying out first aid when her teacher collapsed in class.
- James Allen (Matrix ESU) for carrying out first aid to an injured child at a local bike/scooter park who had a broken collar bone.
- Emmett O'Farrell (4th Aylesbury) in recognition of their fundraising efforts for young cancer patients after having cancer himself.

King Scout Award:

- Edward Goodridge

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service:

Alex Monro	District
Kate Christensen	District
Kyra McParland	District
Stephen George Hunt	3 rd Aylesbury
Stephen Hansen	1 st Berryfields
Teresa Thomas	3 rd Aylesbury
Laura Sinclair	12 th Aylesbury

Award for Merit:

Chris Ross	5 th Aylesbury
Fiona McParland	District
Tracey Pickavance	3 rd Aylesbury

Bar to the Award for Merit:

Celia Riordan	District
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Well done to you all, a credit to Scouting in Aylesbury!

My grateful thanks goes to my District Team Leads, our District Trustee Board, our Group Lead Volunteers and of course all of our Leaders and Group Trustee boards for all their support in running the weekly meeting for our young people, if it wasn't for you all, Scouting wouldn't be alive and well in Aylesbury District.

I would like to say a very big thank to everyone involved with Scouting in Aylesbury District and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Chris Harper
District Lead Volunteer

Accounts Approved by the Trustees of the

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on the previous pages and signed on their
behalf
by:

Sign

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District Chair

District Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Aylesbury District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Aylesbury District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Aylesbury District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Aylesbury 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 Aylesbury 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.

A Richardson

Anthony Richardson
Harlow CM17 9QA

18th June 2025

Aylesbury District Scout Council



Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year (31 March 2025)

	31/03/2025 Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/2024 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash funds		
COIF Investment account	26,113	24,881
Bank deposit account	4,086	572
Bank current account	29,020	31,211
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	59,220	56,663
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	25,000	25,000
Other	-	-
Sub total - -	25,000	25,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17 June 2025 (the date of the District Trustee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature

	Celci Riordan 17/6/25	Chair
	SARAH MARSH 17/6/25	Treasurer

A Riordan
18/06/25

Matrix ESU
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Receipts	
Budget £	
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Receipts	5657.00
Membership Subs to District	-3705.00
	1952.00
Membership Subscriptions Sub Total	
MEETINGS	893.50
CAMPS	4956.00
PROJECTS	0.00
OTHER	
Vale Lottery	52.00
Matrix Clothing	73.00
Bank Charges	75.00
Badges Etc.	0.00
Equipment/Supplies	0.00
Donations / Fundraising	70.00
Admin	0.00
Fundraising	823.50
Moving On Gifts	0.00
	1000.00
Special Bank	1000.00
Other total	2093.50
	7943.00
Non Subscription Income Sub Total	
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED	
Bank interest	640.09
	10535.09
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	

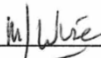
Payments	
Budget £	
MEETINGS	
	2092.24
CAMPS	
	6367.15
PROJECTS	
	0.00
OTHER	
Vale Lottery	0.00
Matrix Clothing	116.95
Bank Charges	30.00
Badges Etc.	48.00
Equipment/Supplies	341.16
Donations / Fundraising	0.00
Admin	511.47
Fundraising	0.00
Moving On Gifts	22.75
	1000.00
Special Bank	1000.00
Other total	2070.33
	10529.72
Other Payments Sub Total	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	

Total receipts for the year	10535.09
Total payments for the year	10529.72
Net receipts /payments for the year	5.37
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	37463.35
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	37468.72

CURRENT ASSETS	
Lloyds Treasurer Account	305.24
Lloyds Commercial Instant Access Account	37163.48
	37468.72
Total Bank/Cash accounts	37468.72

SCRUTINEER STATEMENT

I have scrutinised these accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the records produced to me.

Signed 
Name MR. M. J. WISE

Date 23 May 2025

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

INCOME

	£	£
Train Trip	277.00	
Misc Donations	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>277.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

SAS Nights	30.72	
Train Trip	279.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>309.72</u>
Plus income over expenditure		-32.72

RECONCILIATION

	£
Balance at 1st April 2024	872.39
Less excess Expenditure over income	<u>-32.72</u>
	<u>839.67</u>

Made up as follows

Bank-balance at 31st March 2025	834.79
Unpresented Cheques	0.00
plus cash in hand	<u>4.88</u>
	<u>839.67</u>

I certify that these accounts are a true representation of the books of Aylesbury Scout Scout Active Support as at 31st March 2025

J. Wise
..... Jeanne Wise - Treasurer

I have examined these accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the books of Aylesbury Scout Active Support

C. Carter
.....

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2023 - 2024

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting
29 October 2024

Aylesbury District Scout Council

District Trustee Board Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2024

Minutes of the Aylesbury District AGM meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023

Held @ 9th Aylesbury HQ – 8pm

Present

Mike Pope	District Chair
Murray Dobbie	District Commissioner
Sarah Marsh	District Treasurer
Andrew Elwin	District Secretary
Cllr Steven Lambert	Mayor of Aylesbury
Nigel Taylor	ACC Media representing County Commissioner

Representatives of Team Bucks, District Trustee Board, District Team, District Scout Active Support, District Scout Network, District Explorer Scouts and the Groups were also in attendance.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all the Leaders, supporters, guests, members of the County and the Mayor of Aylesbury, Councillor Steven Lambert.

Mike started the meeting by thanking Matrix Explorers for hosting this year's AGM and to 9th Aylesbury for providing the facilities and then moved onto a thought for the day around the power of the word 'Yes'. He also thanked the parents of the Young People attending the World Scout Jamboree, Dutch Jamborette and Grand Tour for helping with a successful fundraising effort.

This was Mike's last AGM as he is standing down as District Chair and he thanked Mike Wise and Pat Hiscock for their time as members of the Trustee Board over the years as they also stood down recently.

Thanks to Murray for taking on the role of District Commissioner/District Lead Volunteer and thanks to everyone who has supported the District Trustee Board including all the Groups. Mike also thanked Kyra, George and Oliver for taking on the roles of District Youth Leads. Ron Murray then stood up and thanked Mike, on behalf of the District, for his time and efforts as District Chair.

Apologies: Jayne Littlejohn, Emma Orger, Mark Rutland, Heather Murray, Pat Hiscock, Ian & Georgina Pronger, Ed Ryan, Christine Hales and George Leaver

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2022

There were no amendments to the minutes and the Chair asked that they be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Ron Murray and Seconded by Adrian Scott, this was approved by all present with no objections.

Adoption of The Model Constitution under Rule 5.4 of POR's

The District needs to have a constitution and the proposal was to adopt the Model Constitution under Rule 5.4 of POR's at this meeting, with it being reviewed over the coming year and any local requirements and amendments approved at next year's AGM. This was approved by all present with no objections.

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

The Chair invited Sarah Marsh to go through the Accounts who confirmed that there were no anomalies and that they had been approved by the Independent Examiner. An overview of the Accounts was given.

Sarah asked the AGM to approve the annual transfer of monies from the General Fund into the International Fund to support our Young People attending International Experiences such as the World Scout Jamboree, Grand Tour, Dutch Jamborette. She also explained that an international experience includes events in the UK with an International nature. The figure being requested this year is £3000.00, the same as last year. This should be reviewed and agreed each year.

Mike thanked Sarah for her work as District Treasurer and thanked the Scrutineer – Mr Anthony Richardson, for once again reviewing the accounts this year.

Mike commended the report to the meeting. Karl Devitt proposed that the annual report be accepted. This was seconded by Ron Murray and approved by all present.

Approval of the District Trustee Board nomination of Honorary President

There were no nominations for Honorary President.

Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of District Chair

The District Commissioner thanked Mike for his time as District Chair and nominated Chris Harper to take over the role. Chris accepted the nomination, and it was approved by all present.

Election of District Secretary, District Treasurer and Assistant District Secretary

Chris explained that Andrew was standing down as District Secretary and thanked him for his time in the role. The Chair confirmed that, at this time, there were no nominations to take the role of District Secretary and asked if anyone was interested, to speak to him. He then advised that Sarah Marsh was willing to stand again for election as Treasurer. Chris further explained that due to the upcoming changes to the structure of scouting, he will not be

seeking a Secretary for Appointments but will instead carry on in this role himself until the changes are implemented.

The nomination for District Treasurer was proposed by Ed Goodridge, seconded by Mike Pope and approved by all present.

Election of members of the District Scout Council to the District Trustee Board

Jeanne Wise, Chris Ross and Ed Ryan were proposed by Celia Riordan, seconded by Lorna Pope and approved by all present.

Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of three members of the District Trustee Board

There were no nominations.

Approval of co-option of not more than 3 members to the District Trustee Board

The Chair proposed that the District Trustee Board retains the ability to co-opt not more than three further members onto the Trustee Board during the year. In particular to endeavour to co-opt young people so that the Trustee Board has at least two people under the age of 25. There were no objections to the proposal, and it was duly carried. Proposed by Kelvin leaver, Seconded by Hilary Walker

Election of one Leader and one Under 25 Representative to the County Scout Council

The Chair proposed Hilary Walker as the Leader and the Matrix Explorers Chair as the under-25 Rep. The Chair of Matrix will be known at the next Explorer meeting. There were no other nominations and as there were no objections both were duly appointed. Proposed by Gordon Weston and Seconded by Ed Goodridge.

Appointment of Independent Examiner for the District Accounts

Ron Murray proposed and seconded by Celia Riordan that Mr. Anthony Richardson be appointed, once again, as the Accounts Scrutineer. This was approved by all present.

EX-Officio Members

Chris then explained about the Ex-Officio members of the District Trustee Board, who have an automatic seat on the Board and who are:

District Commissioner – Murray Dobbie
District Youth Commissioner – Kyra McParland
District Explorer Commissioner – Ron Murray
District Network Commissioner – Ed Goodridge

District Trustee Board Quorum

The Trustee Board Quorum is the number of members required for decisions made in the meeting to be binding. Chris Proposed that the Quorum should be 50% +1 of the District Trustee Board, as per previous years. All were in favour.

District AGM Quorum

The Trustee Board Quorum is the number of members required for decisions made in the meeting to be binding. Chris Proposed that the Quorum should be 50% +1 of the District Trustee Board in attendance.

The majority were in favour, however, there were two objections. The objections related to an understanding that the quorum should be based on a number, not a percentage and also representative of the District Scout Council as a whole, not just the Trustee Board. The DC explained that the original proposal was not incorrect per se as there is no hard and fast rule, but that it will be reviewed in line with the upcoming Scout Structure changes being implemented over the coming year and clarified by next year's AGM.

Address by the District Commissioner

Murray started by explaining it had been a strange year, with himself the 3rd DC in that time. He thanked Mark Rutland for holding the fort over the last 3½ years as Acting DC before James took over. Of course, James then left to take over as County Commissioner and Murray thanked him for all the hard work he did while DC for Aylesbury.

Murray thanked the District Team, District Trustee Board and all the Groups and Leaders for their hard work and commitment over the last year.

It has been a good year with the numbers growing in the District and Squirrels having started during the year as well. It has also been a good year for Awards and very exciting as we had our first "Kings Scout Award" presented to Ed Goodridge.

Murray then gave an overview of what being a Trustee is and also the changes that are forthcoming as part of the restructuring. He said that we all need to work towards Scouting being a more rewarding experience for people to volunteer to encourage new adults to join. This is urgent as he confirmed that the waiting list is 'horrendous' and the District need to look into this as soon as possible.

Finally, Murray gave a plea if there were anybody interested, we do need help with District IT.

Introduction of Explorers on International Trips

Hilary Walker introduced the meeting to some of the District Explorers who are attending International events this year and next year. There were members going to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, those going on the Grand Tour around Europe, those attending the Dutch Jamborette and also members attending next year's Roverway in Norway.

All the attendees were given a rousing applaud and were congratulated on their fantastic fundraising efforts. Murray also thanked all the Leaders who will be accompanying the young

people on these visits and hoped everyone had a wonderful time.

Mayor

Chris then invited Aylesbury Town Mayor Steven Lambert to say a few words. The Mayor informed everyone that he was also once a Cub Scout and Scout and it was great to see the hard work that Scouting does for young people. He thanked everyone for their hard work in providing scouting to the Young People of Aylesbury District and also wished the District good luck as he spoke about the challenges the District will have with implementing the upcoming changes and also in getting in more volunteers. Finally, he invited all the Explorers going on the trips to the Mayors Parlour to hear more about the trips.

County

Chris then introduced Nigel Taylor who was attending the AGM on behalf of James, the County Commissioner, who was unable to attend on this occasion. Nigel explained he had received notes from James.

It was great to see that Scouting is growing in Aylesbury and that Aylesbury District had the biggest increase in Young People in the County over the last year, with a 25% uptake on numbers. This was down to the dedication of all the adults in the District and was something we should all be hugely proud off.

Change is coming and everyone was thanked for their support and for giving up their time for Scouting to help with implementing these changes. James wished everyone well for the year and hoped that the year would be another great success. Nigel finished by thanking everyone for attending the AGM and also thanked the Mayor for coming along to support Scouting.

Awards

Murray stood up and was very pleased to have the duty of presenting the following awards:

25 Year Service Award – Kelvin Leaver

50 Year Service Award – Jeanne Wise

Kelvin and Jeanne were congratulated on their awards and thanked for so many years of dedicated service to Scouting.

Murray then thanked Mike Pope and Andrew Elwin for their time as Chair and Secretary and presented both with a thank you gift.

Closing Remarks

The Chair, in closing the meeting, thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting

Meeting closed at 20:50

Scout Association Registration Number
10615

Charities registration number
300653

List of Trustees

Murray Dobbie	District Commissioner	Ex Officio
Ron Murray	District Explorer Scouts Commissioner	Ex Officio
Ed Goodridge		Ex Officio
Kyra McParland	District Scout Network Commissioner	Ex Officio
	District Youth Commissioner	
Chris Harper	District Chair	Nominated
Sarah Marsh	District Treasurer	Elected
Ed Ryan	Member	Elected
<i>Vacant</i>	Member (Under 25 Rep)	Elected
Jeanne Wise	Member	Elected
Chris Ross	Member	Nominated

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The District Scout Council co-ordinates the activities of all Scout Groups within the Aylesbury District under the conditions and rules laid down by the Scout Association.

The Aylesbury District Scout Council is a Charity established under the rules that are common to all Scouting organisations. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Majority of the Council's income is obtained from a levy on each Member of the Movement. Additional income is obtained from various grants, from investment income and from receipts from various activities organised by the Scout Council.

Full details of all sources of income are given in the attached accounts, which reflect the activities of the Scout Council only, and not those of the underlying Groups. The Accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payment basis, which is consistent with previous years.

Treasurers Report 2023/24

The following notes accompany the 2023/24 accounts:

1. COIF interest has greatly increased due to the high interest rates nationally.
2. Section activities tend to be self-financing, such that income received on the whole covers expenditure incurred. It should be noted for 2023/24:
 - A significant amount of income has been received under Cub income, the majority being for the District French trip. With the majority of the corresponding Cub expenditure also relating to the French trip.
 - District activity income has increased from the previous year and is solely due to payment for panto tickets. Overall, the panto trip made a surplus of £29, which has been retained by the District.
 - District activity spend is due to the panto and Scout Forum events held at Braid Wood.
3. Jamboree income is due to the last of the fundraising for the World Jamboree event held in August 2023 in South Korea. Jamboree expenditure was the last instalment for the four delegates.
4. District clothing relates to the purchase of District scarves and name badges, including for the District Youth Council.
5. The same as last year, donations/grants relates to the poppy wreathes that are laid on behalf of the District for Remembrance Day.
6. Grants from International / D&E (Development and Emergency) Fund relate to funding to help one of the District leaders attend the World Jamboree (£105) and a start-up grant to Berryfields for their squirrel drey (£250).
7. Insurance costs have significantly increased as the level of cover was increased from £1,500 to £25,000. Work is in hand to locate and log all District equipment so a realistic insurance figure can be used at the next renewal (due November 2024).
8. The District purchased in year the following equipment items: a display board, three street charity collection buckets and a gazebo.
9. Monies relating to resources is the licence fee for the District website.
10. Miscellaneous expenses are expenses relating to the Appointment's Committee and a token gift for our Scrutineer.

Fund allocation

District monies is split across three funds, with the General Fund being unrestricted and the other two being self-explanatory – see table below.

Fund type	Year End 2023/24	Year End 2022/23
General Fund	£34,155.12	£31,958.65
International Fund	£12,074.75	£9,179.75
Development and Emergency Fund	£10,078.10	£10,328.10
Total	£56,662.97	£51,466.50

The International Fund includes a transfer of £3,000 from the General Fund as agreed at the 11 July 2023 AGM. And the £105 grant for a leader to attend the World Jamboree.

The £250 Berryfields start up grant for their Squirrel Drey has been attributed to the Development and Emergency Fund:

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds should be maintained at a level sufficient for them to be able to continue the current activities of the District Scout Council in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or the level and type of activity changed. The Trustees considered that the level of free reserves required should be equivalent to between 12 and 18 months of the annual budget income, which equates to between £6,224 and £9,336.

At the end of 2023/24, the General Fund stood at £34,510. The Trustees, therefore, consider this to be adequate and have set the District's budget accordingly. Funds are transferable if the necessity arises.

International Fund

Since 1996 an International Fund has been established to assist Young People of Aylesbury District to attend any international Scouting event either at home or abroad. It has primarily been used to send a small number of delegates (as agreed by the District Trustee Board) to each World Jamboree, on the premise that 50% of the cost would be met through delegate fundraising. However, this is not the sole purpose of the International Fund, and any member of the District can apply for funding by making a representation to the District Trustee Board, with each case determined on its own merits. Fundraising for the Jamboree is monitored by the District Trustee Board, who will decide how any shortfall, should it arise, will be met.

During 2017/18 the District Executive Committee were made aware of the decision at the 1996 District AGM that 26% of the District Membership fee would be placed into the International Fund annually. Despite not knowing this the Committee had generally on an annual basis allocated money from the General Fund into the International Fund.

The Committee revisited the 1996 decision and agreed a fixed percentage uplift each year to the International Fund was both restrictive and unsustainable, as it is dependent on the accounts making a surplus each year. To ensure availability of funds for International Scouting activities (home and abroad) the District Trustee Board will therefore recommend for AGM approval a figure to be transferred each year from the General Fund into the International Fund, being mindful of the Reserves Policy.

The cost for the 4 Jamboree participants for last year's World Jamboree was £12,700. The participants were expected, collectively, to fundraise 50% of the costs. They raised over £9,000 in total. A transfer of £3,000 is proposed from the General Fund into the International Fund, being the same as last year's. Poland is to host the 26th World Scout Jamboree in 2027.

Development and Emergency Fund

As its name suggests the Development and Emergency Fund has been set up to assist the growth and development of Scouting with the Aylesbury District, or to support significant unforeseen (emergency) expenditure. This includes setting up new Groups or expanding existing ones. In recent years there has been no emergency spend from the fund, instead being used, for example, to assist the setup a Squirrel Dray Berryfields towards the end of 2023/24.

Use of the Development and Emergency Fund will be at the discretion of the District Trustee Board and its use reported to each AGM. As with the International Fund, any transfer of funds from the General Fund into this fund will be subject to approval at the AGM, being mindful of the Reserves Policy. No transfer is proposed.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Scout Council as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should:

- Follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Scout Council will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Scout Council and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements meet the requirements of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Scout Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Scrutineer

Mr. Anthony Richardson has again been good enough to take on the role for this year.

Meetings

- The full Trustee Board met 4 times during the year excluding the AGM (May/October/December 2023, January 2024)
- The Finance Sub Committee four times in the year.
- The Appointments Sub Committee met as required and recommended the appointment of new Leaders and reviews.
- Members of the District Trustee Board attended the GSL /Chairman's Meetings on occasions.
- Members of the Trustee Board have attended Group and County meetings.

The following issues were covered during the year:

- The formulation and approval of the District budget and the annual levy on Groups.
- The approval and monitoring of various expenditures.
- The approval of the investment policy for District funds.
- Approving and acting on the recommendations of the various Sub Committees.
- Administrating and recording the appointment of adults within the District.
- Monitoring the management, development, and the administration of the Groups in the District.
- The ongoing monitoring of buildings management, Health and Safety and Insurance of buildings and property.
- Monitoring the management of the Explorer Scout Section.
- Attendance at activities and meetings as required by the County Scout Council.

Future Plans include:

All of the above and:

- Continued support of administrators within the District and the Groups.
- Assisting as required with the development of the Explorer Scout Section.
- Working towards ensuring a Scouting presence in the new developments in the town.
- Proactive adult recruitment activities.
- Implementation of the new Scouting Transformation Plan
- The above report has been prepared in accordance with the statements of recommended practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

District Chair's Report

Scouting in Aylesbury has continued to grow again during the year by 4%, this being down to the dedication and programme quality being delivered every week by our leadership teams in our Groups.

The Scouting year has seen time spent on moving toward Transformation. The District Trustee Board has transformed from an Executive to a fully working Trustee Board. This change focuses on our role in terms of governance, development and the management of Scouting and our District Team has embraced team working with roles now being "Team Leads" with District Lead Volunteer and Youth Lead focussing on the operational programme.

Scouting in Aylesbury is growing and will continue to grow. We're delighted to have three Squirrel Dreys in the District with 1st Berryfields opening their Drey in January 2024. We will hopefully welcome more Dreys soon.

We're delighted to have opened a District Young Leaders Unit; the unit is meeting monthly supporting our future leadership. The Young Leaders' Scheme allows young people aged between 14 and 18 to step up and help our younger Scouts as part of a leadership team. If you have young leaders in your group, make sure you get them involved in the unit. Hilary will be very happy to hear from you.

Matrix continues to go from strength to strength, we currently have near 60 members in the unit. Plans are in place to open a second unit to help numbers. A big thanks goes to the Matrix leadership team.

Our support team is looking at plans to aid recruitment in the District. We have nearly 500 young people on the joining list as well as the daily "want to join" email we receive from Gilwell. The District website is currently being updated and will hopefully go live soon.

Our Appointments Team has met over 50 new leaders in the District. Thanks to Gordon and his team. We're always pleased to meet new leaders starting their Scouting journey with us.

A big thank you goes to Sarah Marsh our District Treasurer, who oversees the District finances, and the members of the finance sub-committee and the appointments team who all deal with the business side of the District.

My grateful thanks go to Murray for all the help and support and direction over the last year. His vast experience has proven invaluable. Murray decided to step down as District Lead Volunteer but continues to support the District.

I would like to say a very big thank to everyone involved with Scouting in Aylesbury District and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Chris Harper
District Chair

District Lead Volunteer Report

This past year has very much been a year of preparation and a waiting game for the transformation within Scouting which was originally scheduled for the latter part of 2023, delayed until February 2024 and now due November 2024. Within that period of time, we have set out the framework of how this will work in Aylesbury and we have established the District team leaders and an outline of who will be within the 4 teams of Programme, Volunteer Development, Support and 14 to 24.

Changes will be made to the overall Organisational Structure and Roles, our Learning Experience and Welcoming New Volunteers.

The transformation has been delayed for a number of reasons including:

- The difficulty in mapping over the multitude of roles within the current Compass system.
- A huge exercise in maintaining the wellbeing of our members by concentrating on ensuring in-date compliance with our Safety, Safeguarding and First Aid training.
- Bringing rules and procedures into line with the concerns of the Coroner and Scouting's recommendations made during the inquest related to the Great Orme tragedy.

Meanwhile, the District youth numbers have increased yet again to 841 members between the ages of 4 and 24 supported by some 237 adult Leaders, Supporters and Trustees. Sadly, our 'Want to Join' lists continue to grow but where we lack the number of volunteer adults needed to grow our Groups and Sections even further. Our District effort for growth continues to concentrate not on young people but for adult volunteers for the many roles needed to enhance the Scouting experience for more young people.

The District is still growing with many housing developments still progressing (Berryfields and Kingsbrook), being started (along Tring Road) or just coming out of planning (Hampden Fields & towards Stoke Mandeville). These developments will have a massive effect on the requirements for Scouting in both Aylesbury and Vale of Aylesbury. Adequate and suitable provision for accommodating new Groups is sadly not always going to be easy to find and this will put more stress on our existing Groups.

We have seen a strengthening of the new Squirrel section with the introduction of a third Squirrel Drey (4-6 year olds) at Berryfields and more recently the start-up of our dedicated Young Leaders Unit for 14 to 16 year olds. This is currently concentrating on their modular training programme and encouraging completion of their Missions leading to their Young Leader Award.

Our young members continue to be involved in many activities, camps, walks / hikes within Groups, District and County. There has been an impressive number of Chief Scouts awards in all sections gained during the year with many attending the County Awards day at PACCAR Scout Camp at Chalfont. As always we have had a fantastic turn out at the Town St George's Day event and at the November Remembrance Service.

The Youth Team have again been working with the young members in both Cubs and Scouts at forums to capture their enthusiasm for the activities they would like to participate in after garnering the views of their Packs and Troops.

Our 'Group Executives' have taken the next steps to transitioning to forming 'Trustee Boards' bringing us into line with Charity standards and concentrating more fully on the formal Governance of Groups rather than the everyday running of their charity. More reliance is now being placed on the use of sub-committees undertaking the tasks of headquarters maintenance, fund raising, etc., with Trustees having an overview rather than the detail discussion at their meetings.

I have taken a decision to stand down from the District Lead Volunteer Role so I would take this opportunity to thank all the members of my Teams, the District Trustees and the Group and Unit Volunteers who work so hard and diligently to provide a great Scouting experience to the young people in Aylesbury.



Murray Dobbie
District Lead Volunteer

Accounts Approved by the Trustees of the

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on the previous pages and
signed on their behalf

by:

	Sign	Print	
District Chairman		CHRIS HARRIS	29 Oct 24
District Treasurer		SARAH MARSH	29/10/24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Aylesbury District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Aylesbury District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Aylesbury District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Aylesbury 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 Aylesbury 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.



Anthony Richardson
Harlow CM17 9QA

24 June 2024

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Account for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
Membership subscriptions	48,236	37,780
Less: Payable to county	(42,012)	(32,448)
Rebates to groups	6,324	5331,5
Bank Interest	6	1
COIF Interest	1,353	413
Donations / Grants	0	0
Explorer Scout Income	0	0
Competitions & Activities		
Squirrels	0	
Beavers	2,217	2,166
Cubs	10,697	10,541
Scouts	0	4,875
Network	25	0
District	3,901	2,268
Jamboree	823	7,917
St Georges Day Parade	0	0
Profit on Badge Sales	0	0
Total Gross Income	25,041	33,513
Asset and Investment Sales, etc	-	0
Total receipts	25,041	33,513
Competitions & Activities		
Squirrels	-	(1,526)
Beavers	(2,376)	(10,546)
Cubs	(7,969)	(5,280)
Scouts	(80)	(18)
Network	(4,748)	(2,779)
District Explorer Scout Unit	-	-
Jamboree	(1,980)	(12,703)
District Clothing	(408)	-
Donations / grants	(55)	(55)
Grant from International / D&E Fund	(355)	(1,700)
Training	-	-
First Aid Courses	-	-
Young Leader Training	-	(135)
District events	-	-
Meetings & Conferences	(701)	-
Insurance	(704)	(117)
Resources	(140)	(1,454)
TRUSTEES' EXPENSES		
Postage	-	-
Telephones	-	-
Printing & Stationery	-	(56)
Travel Expenses	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS		
Purchase of Equipment	(1,002)	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	(107)	(92)
Total Gross Expenditure	(19,845)	(56,780)
Asset and Investment Purchases etc	-	-
Total payments	(19,845)	(56,780)
Net of receipts/payments	5,196	(2,267)
Cash funds last year end	51,467	54,713
Cash funds current	56,663	51,446

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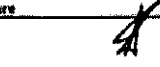
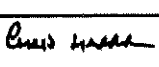
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year (31 March 2024)

	31/03/2024 Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/2023 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	31,231	27,174
Bank deposit account	571	566
CDIF (Investment) account	24,881	23,727
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	56,683	51,467
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	25,000	1,500
Other	-	-
Sub total	25,000	1,500
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18 June 2024 (the date of the District Trustee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature			Chair
	Sarah Marsh	SARAH MARSH	Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

Budget £	Receipts	
	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	
	Receipts	5822.00
	Membership Subs to District	-3534.00
	Membership Subscriptions Sub Total	2288.00
	MEETINGS	308.50
	CAMPS	9139.95
	PROJECTS	0.00
	OTHER	
	Vale Lottery	89.00
	Matrix Clothing	536.50
	Bank Charges	0.00
	Badges Etc.	0.00
	Equipment/Supplies	0.00
	Donations / Fundraising	130.00
	Admin	0.00
	Fundraising	692.34
	Gift Aid	1176.49
	Other total	2624.33
	Non Subscription Income Sub Total	12072.78
	INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED	
	Bank Interest	586.80
	TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	14949.58

Budget £	Payments	
	MEETINGS	1468.91
	CAMPS	11519.30
	PROJECTS	0.00
	OTHER	
	Vale Lottery	0.00
	Badges Etc.	1882.58
	Equipment/Supplies	62.26
	Bank Charges	151.45
	Donations / Fundraising	487.37
	Matrix Clothing	0.00
	Admin	127.00
	Fundraising	0.00
	Gift Aid	0.00
	Other total	2710.66
	Other Payments Sub Total	15698.87
	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	15698.87

Total receipts for the year	14949.58
Total payments for the year	15698.87
Net receipts /payments for the year	-749.29
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	38212.64
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>37463.35</u>

CURRENT ASSETS	
Treasurer Account	292.46
BMM Bank Account	37170.89
Total Bank/Cash accounts	<u>37463.35</u>

SCRUTINEER STATEMENT

I have scrutinised these accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the records produced to me.

Signed M. Wiser
Name Mr M. J. Wiser

Date 27 April 2024

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2024

INCOME

	£	£
Train Trip	225.00	
Misc Donations	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>225.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

SAS Nights	175.00	
Train Trip	227.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>402.00</u>
Plus income over expenditure		-177.00

RECONCILIATION

	£
Balance at 1st April 2023	1049.39
Less excess Expenditure over income	-177.00
	<u>872.39</u>

Made up as follows

Bank-balance at 31st March 2024	965.51
Unpresented Cheques	-100.00
plus cash in hand	6.88
	<u>872.39</u>

I certify that these accounts are a true representation of the books of Aylesbury Scout Scout Active Support as at 31st March 2024

J. Wise
..... Jeanne Wise - Treasurer

I have examined these accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the books of Aylesbury Scout Active Support

C. Costa
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AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2022 - 2023

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting
11th July 2023

Aylesbury District Scout Council

District Trustee Board Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2023

Minutes of the Aylesbury District AGM meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2022

Held Via Zoom

Present

Mike Pope	District Chair
Mark Rutland	Acting District Commissioner / Deputy County Commissioner
Cllr Tim Dixon	Mayor of Aylesbury

Representatives of Team Bucks, District Executive Committee, District Team, District Scout Active Support, District Scout Network, District Explorer Scouts and the Groups were also in attendance.

Welcome

Mike Pope welcomed all the Leaders, supporters, guests, members of the County and the Mayor of Aylesbury, Councillor Tim Dixon.

Mike started the meeting with a thought for the day around Service, being the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II who is also Patron of the Scout Association. He asked everyone to take a moment to reflect on what Service meant to them when thinking about Scouting and all the great work that our Volunteers perform to ensure the Young People of Aylesbury enjoy their Scouting and develop new skills. Finally, to thank all the Adult Volunteers in Aylesbury for their Service to Scouting.

Apologies : Tessa Ingram, Claire Heasman, Ed Ryan, Pat & Rob Hiscock, Jayne Littlejohn, James Palin, Lucy Parker, Hilary Walker and all the District Explorer Leaders (It was their usual meeting night), Iain Stanley, Ron & Heather Murray, Simon Buckland

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 25th September 2021

There were no amendments to the minutes and the Chair asked that they be accepted as a true record. This was Proposed by James Williamson seconded by Mark Rutland and approved by all present.

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

The Chair invited Sarah Marsh to go through the Accounts who confirmed that there were no anomalies and that they had been approved by the Examiner. A brief explanation of certain elements of the Accounts was then given.

Sarah asked the AGM to approve the annual transfer of monies from the General Fund into the International Fund to support our Young People attending International Experiences such as the World Scout Jamboree. The figure this year is £3000.00, the same as last year. This should be reviewed and agreed each year.

Mike thanked Sarah for her work as District Treasurer and thanked the Scrutineer – Mr Anthony Richardson, for once again reviewing the accounts this year.

Mike commended the report to the meeting. Linda Urquhart proposed that the annual report be accepted. This was seconded by Ed Ryan and approved by all present.

Approval of the District Executives nomination of Honorary President

There were no nominations for Honorary President.

Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of District Chairman

The Acting District Commissioner nominated Mike Pope as District Chairman. Mike accepted the nomination and it was approved by all present.

Election of District Secretary, District Treasurer and Assistant District Secretary

The Chairman explained that Mr. Andrew Elwin was willing to stand for election for the role of District Secretary. The Chairman advised that Sarah Marsh was willing to stand again for election as Treasurer and that Mike Wise was willing to stand again as Appointments Secretary.

The three nominations were proposed by James Williamson and seconded by Kelvin Leaver and approved by all present.

Election of members of the District Scout Council to the District Executive Committee

Jeanne Wise, Pat Hiscock and Ed Ryan were proposed by Mark Rutland, seconded by Chris Beadle and approved by all present.

Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of three members of the District Executive Committee

The Acting District Commissioners nominations this year are, Chris Ross and Murray Dobbie. There were no objections, and the nominations were duly appointed.

Approval of co-option of not more than 3 members to the District Executive Committee

The Chairman proposed that the District Executive retains the ability to co-opt not more than three further members onto the District Executive during the year. In particular to endeavour to co-opt young people so that the Executive has at least two people under the age of 25. There were no objections to the proposal, and it was duly carried.

Election of one Leader and one Under 25 Representative to the County Scout Council

The Chair proposed Hilary Walker as the Leader and Kyra McParland as the under-25 Rep. There were no other nominations and as there were no objections both were duly appointed.

Appointment of Independent Examiner for the District Accounts

The Chair proposed and seconded by Ed Ryan that Mr. Anthony Richardson be appointed, once again, as the Accounts Scrutineer. This was approved by all present.

EX-Officio Members

Mike then explained about the Ex-Officio members of the District Executive, who have an automatic seat within the Exec and who are:

Acting District Commissioner – Mark Rutland
District Youth Commissioner – Kyra McParland
District Explorer Commissioner – Ron Murray

District Network Commissioner – James Williamson

District Exec Quorum

The Executive Committee Quorum is the number of members required for decisions made in the meeting to be binding. Mike Proposed that the Quorum should be 50% +1 of the District Executive, as per previous years.

All were in favour.

Address by the Acting District Commissioner

Mark introduced James Williamson and Murray Dobbie in their roles as Deputy District Commissioners. Murray will be looking at specific areas such as training, safety and safeguarding and James working directly with the Groups themselves as well as taking on some of Mark's Acting DC work.

Mark said that it had been a good year for Aylesbury, with numbers up across all Groups, and we have appointed our first two District Youth Commissioners, with Kyra McParland taking on the DYC role and George Leaver becoming her Deputy. We are delighted to welcome them to the team.

The Team continues to support Leaders and Groups and organising various activities across all the sections, and it is very positive to see the new Cub and Scout sections starting up at the new development of Kingsbrook. Thanks to the team at Buckingham Park for getting this off the ground.

Several Groups are looking to expand as waiting lists grow, but as always, the challenge of recruiting volunteers is, as ever, a stumbling block. The district is constantly looking at this along with provision for a proposed new Muslim Group in the Town. But there is still lots of hard work to be done.

Mark highlighted that several Volunteers had gained awards this year and congratulated them on their achievement. It is important that we recognise our volunteers for their dedication to Scouting.

Mark also thanked all the GSL's for their hard work to make sure Scouting happens. He highlighted how difficult the role is and without them, scouting just wouldn't happen. The same is true of Group Executive Committees as well as Group Occasional Helpers and Administrators. Thanks to all you do for the young people in our District.

Mark finished by also thanking the District Team and District Executive and highlighted that Scouting is about to go into a significant time of change and knows that we're in a great place to take Aylesbury District forward during this period

Mayor

Mike invited Aylesbury Town Mayor Tim Dixon to say a few words. The Mayor thanked everyone for their hard work in providing scouting to the Young People of Aylesbury and Bierton and also thanked those who attended the St George's Day Parade in the Town Centre, which he had thoroughly enjoyed.

Closing Remarks

The Chairman, in closing the meeting, thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting, thanked the Mayor for his support and reiterated that the District is there to support the Groups in delivering Scouting and that they just need to ask for help if needed.

Scout Association Registration Number
10615

Charities registration number
300653

List of Trustees

James Williamson	District Commissioner	Ex Officio (Appt Sept 2022/Res March 2023)
Murray Dobbie	District Commissioner	Ex Officio (Appt Jun 2023)
Ron Murray	District Explorer Scouts Commissioner	Ex Officio
Ed Goodridge	District Scout Network Commissioner	Ex Officio (Appt January 2023)
Kyra McParland	District Youth Commissioner	Ex Officio
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>District President</i>	<i>Nominated</i>
Michael Pope	District Chairman	Nominated
Andrew Elwin	District Secretary	Elected
Sarah Marsh	District Treasurer	Elected
Mike Wise	Appointments	Elected (Resigned February 2023)
Ed Ryan	Member	Elected
<i>Vacant</i>	Member (Under 25 Rep)	Elected
Jeanne Wise	Member	Elected
Chris Ross	Member	Nominated
Pat Hiscock	Member	Elected (Resigned January 2023)
Murray Dobbie	Deputy District Commissioner	Nominated (Resigned June 2023)
Mark Rutland	Member	Co-Opted (Appt October 2022)
Chris Harper	Appointments	Co-Opted (Appt March 2023)

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The District Scout Council co-ordinates the activities of all Scout Groups within the Aylesbury District under the conditions and rules laid down by the Scout Association.

The Scout Council is a Charity established under the rules that are common to all Scouting organisations. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Majority of the Council's income is obtained from a levy on each Member of the Movement. Additional income is obtained from various grants, from investment income and from receipts from various activities organised by the Scout Council. Full details of all sources of income are given in the attached accounts, which reflect the activities of the Scout Council only, and not those of the underlying Groups. The Accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payment basis, which is consistent with previous years.

Treasurers Report 2022/23

The following notes accompany the 2022/23 accounts.

1. 2022/23 is the first year that the Group's subscriptions fee were paid into the District account the same financial year as the invoice to Headquarters and County was paid out. Previously these straggled the year end period.
2. COIF interest has greatly increased due to the rise in interest rates nationally.
3. Section activities tend to be self-financing, such that income received on the whole covers expenditure incurred. However, for 2022/23:

- Beaver income is greater than expenditure. This is mainly due to the coach for Beaveree trip to Gilwell in the summer was paid at the end of 2021/22 and therefore that expenditure does not feature in these accounts.
 - A significant amount of income has been received under Cub income, the majority being for the District French trip. With the majority of the corresponding Cub expenditure also relating to the French trip.
4. Jamboree expenditure and income (fundraising) has increased from 2021/22 as the four participants were chosen in April 2022 and the World Jamboree is taking place August 2023 in Korea.
 5. Donations/grants relates to the poppy wreathes that are laid on behalf of the District for Remembrance Day.
 6. Grants from International / D&E (Development and Emergency) Fund relate to:
 - £1,450 for a Young Person to attend the Grand Tour. This involves travelling through 5 countries in 3 weeks staying in Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Czech Republic and Norway and travelling by plane, train and local transport. Fundraising for the Jamboree includes fundraising for the Grand Tour.
 - £250 donation (grant) to the 3rd Aylesbury Scout Group to help them set up a new Squirrel Drey as they were unsuccessful in obtaining HQ funding.
 7. Monies relating to resources are:
 - £720 one off licence fee for the new District website
 - £734.28 for Scout logo clothing and name badges for members of the District team
 8. Miscellaneous expenses are expenses relating to the Appointment's Committee

Fund allocation

District monies is split across three funds, with the General Fund being unrestricted and the other two being self-explanatory – see table below.

Fund type	Year End 2022/23	Year End 2021/22
General Fund	£31,958.65	£32,314
International Fund	£9,179.75	£10,964
Development and Emergency Fund	£10,328.10	£11,435
Total	£51,466.50	£54,713

The International Fund includes a transfer of £3,000 from the General Fund as agreed at the July 2022 AGM. It also reflects the difference between the Jamboree income for 2022/23 (£7,916.95) and Jamboree expenditure for 2022/23 (£12,700) –being a net loss of £4,784.05. Participants are expected to fundraise 50% of the Jamboree costs, with any shortfall being made up from the District account. The accounts demonstrate this expectation has been exceeded.

The following 2022/23 costs have been attributed to the Development and Emergency Fund:

- £340 under 'Kingsbrook Start Up' is school hall hire for the Spring Term 2022.
- £516.56 District publicity materials
- £250 to the 3rd Aylesbury for their Squirrel Drey start up.
- Totals £1,106.56

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds should be maintained at a level sufficient for them to be able to continue the current activities of the District Scout Council in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or the level and type of activity changed. The Trustees considered that the level of free reserves required should be equivalent to between 12 and 18 months of the annual budget income, which equates to between £5,332 and £7,998.

At the end of 2022/23, the General Fund stood at £31,956. The Trustees, therefore, consider this to be adequate and have set the District's budget accordingly. Funds are transferable if the necessity arises.

International Fund

Since 1996 an International Fund has been established to assist Young People of Aylesbury District to attend any international Scouting event either at home or abroad. It has primarily been used to send a small number of delegates (as agreed by the District Executive) to each World Jamboree, on the premise that 50% of the cost would be met through delegate fundraising. However, this is not the sole purpose of the International Fund and any member of the District can apply for funding by making a representation to the District Executive, with each case determined on its own merits. Fundraising for the Jamboree is monitored by the District Executive, who will decide how any shortfall will be met.

During 2017/18 the District Executive Committee were made aware of the decision at the 1996 District AGM that 26% of the District Membership fee would be placed into the International Fund annually. Despite not knowing this the Committee had generally on an annual basis allocated money from the General Fund into the International Fund.

The Committee revisited the 1996 decision and agreed a fixed percentage uplift each year to the International Fund was both restrictive and unsustainable, as it is dependent on the accounts making a surplus each year. To ensure availability of funds for International Scouting activities (home and abroad) the District Executive will therefore recommend for AGM approval a figure to be transferred each year from the General Fund into the International Fund, being mindful of the Reserves Policy.

The cost per Jamboree participant for 2023 is £3,175 (£12,700 in total) with the majority of these costs being paid during 2022/23 and the remainder in 2023/24. Therefore, a transfer of £3,000 is proposed from the General Fund into the International Fund being the same as last year's. It is anticipated that participants, as a collective, fundraise 50% of the costs. As at the end of March 2023 over £8K had been fundraised, with more expected in 2023/24.

Development and Emergency Fund

As its name suggests the Development and Emergency Fund has been set up to assist the growth and development of Scouting with the Aylesbury District, or to support significant unforeseen (emergency) expenditure. This includes setting up new Groups or expanding existing ones. In recent years there has been no emergency spend from the fund, instead being used, for example, to assist the setup of the Kingsbrook Scout Group and a Squirrel Dray at the 3rd Aylesbury during 2022/23.

Use of the Development and Emergency Fund will be at the discretion of the District Executive and its use reported to each AGM. As with the International Fund, any transfer of funds from the General Fund into this fund will be subject to approval at the AGM, being mindful of the Reserves Policy.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Scout Council as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should:

- Follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Scout Council will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Scout Council and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Scout Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Scrutineer

Mr. Anthony Richardson has again been good enough to take on the role for this year.

Meetings

The full Trustee Board met 5 times during the year excluding the AGM (Jun/Oct 2022, Jan/Mar/May 2023)
The Finance subcommittee met twice.

The Appointments Sub Committee met as required and recommended the appointment of several new Leaders.

Members of the District Trustee Board attended the GSL /Chairman's Meetings on all occasions.

Members of the Trustee Board have attended Group and County meetings.

The following issues were covered during the year:

The formulation and approval of the District budget and the annual levy on Groups.

The approval and monitoring of various expenditures.

The approval of the investment policy for District funds.

Approving and acting on the recommendations of the various Sub Committees.

Administrating and recording the appointment of adults within the District.

Monitoring the management, development, and the administration of the Groups in the District.

The ongoing monitoring of buildings management, Health and Safety and Insurance of buildings and property.

Monitoring the management of the Explorer Scout Section.

Attendance at activities and meetings as required by the County Scout Council.

Future Plans include:

All of the above and:

Continued support of administrators within the District and the Groups.

Assisting as required with the development of the Explorer Scout Section.

Working towards ensuring a Scouting presence in the new developments in the town.

Proactive adult recruitment activities.

Implementation of the new Scouting Transformation Plan

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the statements of recommended practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Chair's Report – 2022/23

Scouting in Aylesbury has had a transitional year. We have moved forward and seen sections develop as well as the leadership. As Scouting moves into its next phase of developments I would like to highlight how we have grown as a district and also managed this change.

We started the year without a District Commissioner with Mark Rutland holding the fort with the support of Murray Dobbie. The appointment of James Williamson gave us the drive and focus we needed including the establishment of our Youth Commissioners who have engaged with the sections and leaders promoting and building Section teams through the delivery of great fun events and forums to really understand what scouting needs to be for them. We are truly being youth lead.

James was, of course, meant for higher office and in the early part of this year succeeded James Palin as our County Commissioner.

As we move forward in our scouting transition these roles are now to be "Leads". Lead Volunteer and Youth Leads.

My thanks to Mark, James and Murray for all the help and support to the Executive and the Groups within the District and especially to Murray who will now lead the District forward. We all wish him and James all the very best for their new roles.

Scouting's transition has recently explained the new role for the District Executive. We are to be known going forward as a District Trustee Board and we will adopt the Scouting formal constitution at our annual meeting. We have always been Trustees to the UK Registered Charity that is Aylesbury Scout District, but this change focuses on our role in terms of governance, development and the management of scouting. As an Executive we have met formally 5 times and have always been quorum to allow for decision making.

We have experienced change within the team with both Mike Wise and Pat Hiscock standing down from their roles and the co-option of Mark Rutland and Chris Harper. I would like to personally thank Mike and Pat for their support over the years and their contribution to scouting in Aylesbury.

Our District Secretary Andrew Elwin has kept us organized and my thanks to him for all his help as he stands down this year. Thank you as well to Sarah Marsh our District Treasurer, who has kept our accounts up to date. You have both contributed to the success of the district's development.

Scouting in Aylesbury is growing. As we come out from our hibernation through the pandemic new sections of younger scouts called Squirrels for those aged 4 to 6 years have started in 1st and 3rd Aylesbury, supported by the County and District. Our thanks to Sarah Ashbourne Stacey at 1st and Tracey Pickavance at 3rd for leading this new section initiative. As Tracey stands down as Group Scout Leader at 3rd she leaves a wonderful legacy and our thanks for all she has given to the group. We wish them well and look forward to seeing what these new sections develop into. 12th Aylesbury has again grown with its sections now fully established within the Kingsbrook community and our thanks to Iain Stanley Group Scout leader and Chair Ellis for driving this to benefit their village.

Key activity in the past year has been the buildup to sending our young people on adventures abroad. Our Cubs have spent time in France through the support of the cub teams and district leadership and our Jamboree and Grand Tour participants have been training. They all have undertaken fundraising to support their adventures which has been a great testament to all their hard work and the support of their parents which will enable them to have a great adventure, build new skills and make new scouting friends. We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing about this.

This will be my last report as Chair of the District. After 25 years of scouting in Aylesbury I will pass on the mantle to others to drive through the transition to the new scouting landscape. I would like to say a very big thanks to all in Aylesbury scouting family for their friendship, great times and support.

District Commissioners Report 2022 – 2023

What a strange year this has been with 3 District Commissioners during the period. Mark as Acting DC for 3yrs 5months, James as full DC for just 6 months then me as Acting DC for 5 days at the end of March.

It took nearly 3½ years to find a permanent DC and just 6 months to lose him again but my sincere thanks to Mark for keeping things moving along and both thanks and congratulations to James for his innovative work before moving on to become Buckinghamshire's new County Commissioner. I will find it difficult to keep up with both as we move into a period of change and transformation within Scouts.

I also offer thanks to all our dedicated leader teams looking after the sections in their Groups, and I would take the opportunity to especially mention the District Group Executive members – or our District Trustee Board members as they are now more correctly known, the District Team of ADC's and leaders for providing support to the Group Leaders and our young members. Especial thanks to Mike Pope, Andy Elwin and Mark Rutland as they step down from the Board.

James provided some innovative work within the District in establishing our District Youth Commissioner team with Kyra McParland as lead together with her deputies – George Leaver & Ollie Ross. They will be instrumental in getting the views and wishes of our young members in the sections brought to the fore for planning and then into life with activities they want to participate in. They have visited all our Cub Packs and Scout Troops to talk with the young members and have held a couple of District Forums with them.

Our District Scout Network is also being reformed with initial work having been started by James and that work being carried on by our new District Scout Network Commissioner – and our first Kings Scout – Edward Goodridge – congratulations Ed.

Kate Christensen has taken on the mantle of Local Training Manager and will be working with Tracey, Jayne and Celia to ensure training and validation continue.

Our young members have been very busy over the period 1st February 2022 to 31st January 2023. Post COVID we have increased numbers in all of our sections such that as of 31st January 2023 our membership is 778 young members which is an increase of +154 over our 2022 numbers. Camps, outings and section meetings have all been getting back to normality after the COVID hiatus and it is good to see that our young people have achieved:

Beavers	44 Chief Scouts Bronze Awards
Cubs	24 Chief Scouts Silver Awards
Scouts	22 Chief Scouts Gold Awards

The year has seen the setting up of our first Squirrel Drey for 4 to 6 year olds at the 1st Aylesbury and at the end of the year our second Drey at the 3rd Aylesbury. The enthusiasm of the Leaders, Young Leaders and young people within this new section within Scouting has to be seen to be believed.

As we move forward into 2023 – 2024 we will be entering a period of considerable change within Scouts nationally as we deliver our Volunteer Experience Journey. I have already mentioned that Executives at Group, District and County are already renamed as Trustee Boards, there will be role name changes for Leaders and a greater emphasis on working together as teams. I will stress that Leaders can still call themselves Akela, Skip or Scout Leader, etc but Scouting is replacing some 400 complicated role titles with a simpler system. District Commissioner will become District Lead Volunteer to reflect our volunteering aspect rather than the public thinking we are employed and paid. Our training scheme will be transformed to a learning experience and in a more tangible form to encourage more people to volunteer with our movement and we will be working together as Teams rather than our current hierarchy.

Murray Dobbie
District Commissioner

BEAVERS

This year the Beavers had the opportunity to take part in a number of events led either by District or County; these events were well supported by the colonies here in Aylesbury district.

The District ran a sleepover at Phasels Wood in October with eight colonies attending, the theme was "adventure" and the beavers were able to take part in four different activities that were supplied by the site, as well campfire and toasting marshmallows. Half of the colonies arrived on Friday evening and left Saturday evening, the second half of the colonies arrived Saturday morning and left Sunday lunchtime, with all attending being together on the Saturday. Once again we held the district Christmas party at Booker Park School; this is a popular event and was attended by a large number of Beavers and leaders who were entertained by Colonel Custard.

There were two events run by County, the Beavee at PACCAR in June which was very well supported the colonies with a total of 113 Beavers and Leaders attending. There was also a sleepover held at the National Space Museum in Leicester attended by a total of 99 Beavers and Leaders, the Beavers were able to take part in a number of activities including the Planetarium.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard work and dedication of all of the members of the colony leader teams and also to Heather Murray for her continued help and support as the District Beaver Leader.

Adrian Scott
ADC Beavers

CUBS

It's been a fairly quiet year so far for Aylesbury cubs and a mixed one. A trip to RAF Hendon had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the death of Queen Elizabeth. We enjoyed our yearly trip to the waterside theatre to see the pantomime. We had a very successful day early in the year doing different crafts and skills across the packs showing and taking part in different handicrafts.

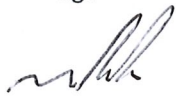


We've recently enjoyed a sleepover with the rest of the cubs from Bucks at Conkers in Leicestershire. For the rest of this year we are planning a District cub camp at Braidwood in September and of course there will be orienteering to look forward to in October at wendover woods. Aylesbury district cubs are currently also planning a short stay trip to France in October 2024.

Catherine Mannion
ADC Cub Scouts

Accounts Approved by the Trustees of the

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on the previous pages and signed on their behalf by:

	Sign	Print
District Chairman		M. POPE
District Treasurer		SARAH MARSH
District Secretary		ANDREW ELWIN

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Aylesbury District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Aylesbury District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 2 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Aylesbury District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Aylesbury 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(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 Aylesbury 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.



Anthony Richardson
Harlow CM17 9QA

10 June 2023

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ending 31 March 2023

	2022/23	2021/22
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	
Membership subscriptions	37,780	2,596
Less: Payable to county	(37,400)	(30,199)
Rebates to groups	-	-
	<u>5,332</u>	<u>(27,603)</u>
Bank Interest	1	-
COIF Interest	413	10
Donations / Grants	-	-
Explorer Scout Income	-	-
Competitions & Activities		
Beavers	2,166	197
Cubs	10,541	-
Scouts	4,875	7,763
Network	-	-
District	2,268	-
Jamboree	7,917	535
St Georges Day Parade	-	-
Profit on Badge Sales	-	-
Total Gross Income	<u>33,513</u>	<u>(19,100)</u>
Asset and Investment Sales, etc	-	-
Total receipts	<u>33,513</u>	<u>(19,100)</u>
Competitions & Activities		
Beavers	(1,520)	(1,867)
Cubs	(30,540)	(0)
Scouts	(5,280)	(3,356)
Network	(18)	-
District	(2,779)	-
District Explorer Scout Unit	-	-
Jamboree	(12,700)	(6,009)
Badges & Scarves	-	-
Donations / grants	(55)	-
Grant from International / DBE Fund	(1,700)	-
Training	-	-
First Aid Courses	-	-
Young Leader Training	(185)	-
St Georges Day Parade	-	-
Carol service	-	-
Meetings & Conferences	-	(300)
Insurance	(137)	(100)
Resources	(1,854)	-
Kingsbrook start up	(300)	-
TRUSTEES' EXPENSES	-	-
Postage	-	-
Telephones	-	-
Printing & Stationery	(86)	-
Travel Expenses	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-
Purchase of Equipment	-	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	(92)	(198)
Total Gross Expenditure	<u>(36,760)</u>	<u>(6,503)</u>
Asset and Investment Purchases etc	-	-
Total payments	<u>(36,760)</u>	<u>(6,503)</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	<u>(3,246)</u>	<u>(25,603)</u>
Cash funds last year end	54,713	80,396
Cash funds current	<u>51,467</u>	<u>54,713</u>

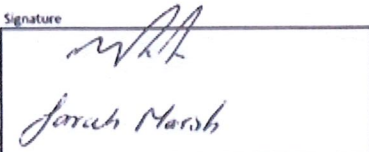
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Aylesbury District Scout Council

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year (31 March 2023)

	31/03/2022 Unrestricted Funds €	31/03/2022 Unrestricted Funds €
Cash funds		
Bank current account	27,174	30,835
Bank deposit account	566	565
COF Investment account	23,727	23,314
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	51,467	54,718
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	1,500	1,500
Other	-	-
Sub total - -	1,500	1,500
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not Invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Contingent liabilities and future obligations		

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

 Sarah Marsh

Michael Pope 6/6/23, Chair
 Sarah Marsh 6/6/23 Treasurer

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

INCOME

	£	£
Orienteering	0.00	
Misc Donations	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>0.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

SAS Nights	120.70	
Misc	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>120.70</u>
Minus expenditure over income		-120.70

RECONCILIATION

	£
Balance at 1st April 2022	1170.09
Minus expenditure over income	<u>-120.70</u>
Balance	<u>1049.39</u>

Made up as follows

Bank-balance at 31st March 2023	1040.51
Unpresented Cheques	0.00
plus cash in hand	<u>8.88</u>
	<u>1049.39</u>

I certify that these accounts are a true representation of the books of Aylesbury Scout Scout Active Support as at 31st March 2023

..... Jeanne Wise - Treasurer

I have examined these accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the books of Aylesbury Scout Active Support

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AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 300653

Accounts



Scouts

Aylesbury District

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2020-2021

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting Saturday
25th September 2021

Aylesbury District Scout Council Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020

SPECIAL NOTE – AGM MINUTES

As we know, it was a huge loss to the District when the District Chairperson - Ian Westgate - died shortly after the above AGM. Ian, unfortunately, had also taken all the notes from the AGM which we have been unable to locate. As such, the minutes below of the AGM from September 21st, 2020 have been drawn up from people's memory and whatever notes other attendees had taken and are as true and accurate as possible of the meeting that took place.

Present

Mark Rutland Deputy County Commissioner and stand-in for James Palin's DC role
Ian Westgate District Chairperson
Sarah Marsh District Treasurer
And various other District members, guests, and Executive Members

Welcome

Ian Westgate welcomed everyone to the AGM

Apologies : James Palin, Claire and Steve Heasman, Lucy Parker, Fiona McParland

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2019

Ian Westgate proposed that they be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Iain Stanley and approved by all present.

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts

Ian Westgate presented the Annual Report and proposed that the annual report be accepted. This was seconded by Ed Ryan and approved by all present.

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019 were presented and confirmed that the accounts were scrutinized by Mr. Anthony Richardson.

The meeting approved the movement of £1,500.00 from the General Fund into the International Fund.

The accounts for the Matrix Explorer Unit, Cerberus Scout Network and the Scout Active Support were also presented.

It was noted that Lucy Parker is stepping down as the District Exec representative for under 25's. This role is yet to be fulfilled. Iain Stanley is also stepping down as District Scout Network Commissioner but will be continuing as part of the Development Sub-Group.

Approval of the District Executives nomination of Honorary President

There were no nominations this year

Approval of the District Commissioners nomination of District Chairman

Mark Rutland, as Acting District Commissioner, nominated Ian Westgate as District Chairman. Ian accepted the nomination and it was approved by all present.

Election of District Secretary, District Treasurer and Assistant District Secretary

The role of District Secretary is open, and it was proposed to approve Mark Rutland to act as District Secretary in the interim.

The Chairperson advised that Sarah Marsh was willing to stand again for election as Treasurer and that Mike Wise was willing to stand again as Appointments Secretary.

The three nominations were proposed by Ian Westgate and seconded by Linda Urquhart, Hilary Walker, Chris Ross and Ron Murray. This was approved by all present.

Election of members of the District Scout Council to the District Executive Committee

Jeanne Wise, Ed Ryan and Pat Hiscock were proposed by Ian Westgate, seconded by Mark Rutland and approved by all present.

Approval of the DC nomination of three members of the District Executive Committee There being one nomination, Chris Ross with no objections, so was duly appointed.

Approval of co-option of not more than 3 members to the District Executive Committee

The Chairperson proposed that the District Executive retains the ability to co-opt not more than three further members onto the District Executive during the year. In particular to endeavor to co-opt young people so that the Executive has at least two people under the age of 25. There were no objections to the proposal, and it was duly carried.

Election of one Leader and one Explorer Scout to the County Scout Council

The District Commissioner proposed Hilary Walker as the Leader. The Explorer Scout will be appointed after Explorer Elections. There were no other nominations or objections, so both were duly appointed.

Appointment of Independent Examiner for the District Accounts

The Chairman proposed and seconded by Ed Ryan that Mr. Anthony Richardson be appointed as the Accounts Scrutineer. This was approved by all present.

District Exec Quorum

It was proposed by Ian Westgate that quorum should be achieved with 50%+1 of ALL members of the Executive. This was approved by all present. It was also noted that this should be re-proposed every year.

Address by the District Commissioner

In his role as Acting District Commissioner and acting as the County Commissioners Representative on behalf of James Palin, Mark Rutland thanked everyone for their hard work during a challenging year which included restrictions around COVID-19 and for an amazing job in general.

Address by the County Commissioner

See address by District Commissioner above.

The following awards were handed out:

Sarah Marsh (Award for Merit) Iain Stanley (Award for Merit)

Chris Ross (Chief Scouts Commendation)

Aylesbury District Scout Council

District Executive Committee Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

Scout Association Registration Number

10615

Charities registration number

300653

List of Trustees

<i>Vacant</i> Mr. Ron Murray <i>Vacant</i>	District Commissioner District Explorer Scouts Commissioner District Scout Network Commissioner	Ex Officio Ex Officio Ex Officio
<i>Vacant</i>	District President	Nominated
Mr. Michael Pope	District Chairman	Nominated
Mr. Andrew Elwin	District Secretary	Elected
Mrs. Sarah Marsh	District Treasurer	Elected
Mr. Mike Wise	Appointments	Elected
Mr. Ed Ryan	Member	Elected
<i>Vacant</i>	Member (Under 25 Rep)	Elected
Mrs. Jeanne Wise	Member	Elected
Mr. Chris Ross	Member	Nominated
Mrs. Pat Hiscock	Member	Co-Opted

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The District Scout Council co-ordinates the activities of all Scout Groups within the Aylesbury District under the conditions and rules laid down by the Scout Association.

The Scout Council is a Charity established under the rules that are common to all Scouting organisations. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Majority of the Council's income is obtained from a levy on each Member of the Movement. Additional income is obtained from various grants, from investment income and from receipts from various activities organised by the Scout Council. Full details of all sources of income are given in the attached accounts, which reflect the activities of the Scout Council only, and not those of the underlying Groups. The Accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payment basis, which is consistent with previous years.

Treasurers Report 2020/21

The following notes accompany the 2020/21 accounts:

1. The difference in the current account compared to last year is due to timing differences with the membership fees. The invoice to County was paid in the current year (2021/22) and therefore does not appear in the 2020/21 accounts
2. Due to Covid-19 there has been little activity undertaken by both the sections and the District. Therefore, there has been little expenditure and income compared to last year.
3. The donations and grants is made up of £50 donation to Royal Legion in lieu of poppy wreaths, £100 donation to Air Ambulance in memory of our Chairman who died unexpectedly during the year and £1,000 donation to support the purchase of a Guide and Scout building within the District. Each of these donations were approved by the District Executive

Fund allocation

District monies is split across three funds, with the General Fund being unrestricted and the other two being self-explanatory – see table below

Fund type	May 2021	Year End 2020/21	Year End 2019/20
General Fund	£33,269	£60,872	£27,217
International Fund	£8,089	£8,089	£6,589
Development and Emergency Fund	£11,435	£11,435	£11,435
Total	£52,793	£80,396	£45,241

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds should be maintained at a level sufficient for them to be able to continue the current activities of the District Scout Council in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or the level and type of activity changed. The Trustees considered that the level of free reserves required should be equivalent to between 12 and 18 months of the annual budget income, which equates to between £7,802 and £11,703. At the end of 2020/21, the General Fund stood at £60,872 and at May 2021 £33,269 (the decrease mainly due to payment of the County invoice in April 2021). The Trustees, therefore, consider this to be adequate and have set the District's budget accordingly. Funds are transferable if the necessity arises.

The impact of Covid-19 during 2020/21 caused severe disruption to most Scouting activities and therefore the number of financial transactions during the year was very low. It is expected this will rise during 2021/22 with the return to face to face Scouting.

On this basis a move of £3,000 from the General Fund into the International Fund is recommended by the District Executive for approval at the AGM. Last year, a modest amount of £1,500 was transferred into the International Fund in case funds were required to support Groups because of Covid-19 (but this was not required). That amount being half the amount of the previous year's transfer. It should be noted that the next Jamboree takes place in 2023 in South Korea but no decision has been taken yet on how many youth members the District will support.

International Fund

Since 1996 an International Fund has been established to assist Young People of Aylesbury District to attend any international Scouting event either at home or abroad. It has primarily been used to send a small number of delegates (as agreed by the District Executive) to each World Jamboree, on the premise that 50% of the cost would be met through delegate fundraising. However, this is not the sole purpose of the International Fund and any member of the District can apply for funding by making a representation to the District Executive, with each case

determined on its own merits. Fundraising for the Jamboree will be monitored by the District Executive, who will decide how any shortfall will be met.

During 2017/18 the District Executive Committee were made aware of the decision at the 1996 District AGM that 26% of the District Membership fee would be placed into the International Fund annually. Despite not knowing this the Committee had generally on an annual basis allocated money from the General Fund into the International Fund.

The Committee revisited the 1996 decision and agreed a fixed percentage uplift each year to the International Fund was both restrictive and unsustainable, as it is dependent on the accounts making a surplus each year. To ensure availability of funds for International Scouting activities (home and abroad) the District Executive will therefore recommend for AGM approval a figure to be transferred each year from the General Fund into the International Fund, being mindful of the Reserves Policy. A transfer of £1,500 from the General Fund into the International Fund was approved at the September 2020 AGM.

Development and Emergency Fund

As its name suggests the Development and Emergency Fund has been set up to assist the growth and development of Scouting with the Aylesbury District, or to support significant unforeseen (emergency) expenditure. This includes setting up new Groups or expanding existing ones. In recent years there has been no emergency spend from the fund, instead being used, for example, to assist the setup of the 12th Aylesbury and Berryfield Scout Groups.

Use of the Development and Emergency Fund will be at the discretion of the District Executive and its use reported to each AGM. As with the International Fund, any transfer of funds from the General Fund into this fund will be subject to approval at the AGM, being mindful of the Reserves Policy

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Scout Council as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should:

- Follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Scout Council will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Scout Council and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Scout Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Scrutineer

Mr. Anthony Richardson has again been good enough to take on the role for this year.

Meetings

The full Executive met 6 times during the year excluding the AGM.

The Finance subcommittee met twice.

The Appointments Sub Committee met as required and recommended the appointment of several new Leaders.

Members of the District Executive attended the GSL /Chairman's Meetings on all occasions.

Members of the Executive have attended Group and County meetings.

The following issues were covered during the year:

The formulation and approval of the District budget and the annual levy on Groups.
The approval and monitoring of various expenditures.
The approval of the investment policy for District funds.
Approving and acting on the recommendations of the various Sub Committees.
Adminstrating and recording the appointment of adults within the District.
Monitoring the management, development, and the administration of the Groups in the District.
The ongoing monitoring of buildings management, Health and Safety and Insurance of buildings and property.
Monitoring the management of the Explorer Scout Section.
Attendance at activities and meetings as required by the County Scout Council.

Future Plans include:

All of the above and:

Continued support of administrators within the District and the Groups.
Assisting as required with the development of the Explorer Scout Section.
Working towards ensuring a Scouting presence in the new developments in the North and South of the town.
Proactive adult recruitment activities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the statements of recommended practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Chairman's Report – 2020 / 2021

Aylesbury District Scout Council
AGM – Chairman's Report 2021

To start this year's report, I would like to open with a few personal words which I hope will allow me to frame our recent past and the direction we will take going forward.

When Mark Rutland our Acting DC asked if I would consider the role of Chairman of the District Scout Council, I must say it was with some trepidation that I accepted. Following my great friend Ian Westgate in such sad circumstances was daunting. Ian was a great Chair and person. He and I met when he was a helpful parent at the 5th Aylesbury and I was just appointed as the new Group Scout Leader. I asked Ian to be my first Chairman and together we steered the group forward and onwards. We both had a love of the outdoors and sailing and enjoyed both together with other scouting friends. His children were a part of our group for many years and the help and support of Carole his wife was always there. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him and came into his presence and the strength of this district and the work he put in to ensure that all who wanted to be part of scouting is testament to his great ability to lead and get the best from us all. I will miss my friend and do my best as a scout to continue his great work.

We also remember with great fondness Myra Dobbie who sadly passed away earlier this year. Myra was at the heart of scouting in Aylesbury. Her association with both the 5th and 3rd Aylesbury where she dedicated so much of her time is testament to her commitment to the young people she has shared her skills and passion for both scouting and for life. She will be sorely missed by all her knew and her scouting spirit will remain in the heart of 3rd Aylesbury.

2020 to 2021 has been I feel has been the most challenging year in scouting's history. We have all had our lives changed by the way the COVID circumstances have been part of our lives, both personally, our work, our families and the things we enjoy such as scouting. What has both impressed and also heartened me is the way in which the scouting family of Aylesbury have kept the flame of the togetherness of scouting alive. Our leaders have been at their best in delivering scouting through remote means, keeping in touch with the young people, giving them skills to help them carry on through what was a dark time for them all. I am proud of all they have achieved and now as we turn the corner and get back to scouting in person we must all work together to ensure they have the means, funding, facilities and encouragement to deliver a scouting programme and experiences to ensure our young people get the best from life going forward.

So, on behalf of the district heartfelt thanks to all the Leaders, helpers and supporters of scouting locally for all your hard work and dedication over the last year and we pledge our support to you to help you achieve more.

Over the last year the District Executive have maintained a remote presence for meetings and have met 6 times. We have ensured through prudent financial management to keep to our budget and will be making plans to use our resources for the development of scouting in the district going forward. My thanks to our Treasurer Sarah Marsh for her work with our finances.

You will read in the Mark's report later how scouting nationally has declined in membership over the pandemic year. Scouting locally here has seen some falls in numbers, but none that gives any cause for concern and scouting here in Aylesbury feels like it is growing again.

During our AGM this year we want to give something back and thank our leaders, families and supporters for all their work over the last year and also to recognise through our scouting awards those who have given so much of their time and energy supporting scouting over the years. Please join with me and congratulate them on service It will remain a priority of the district to continue its development in the growth of new leaders, adult supporters

on group executives and help with funding activities, events and groups to further build scouting and deliver to its young people new skills, experiences and fun.

We have worked closely with our scouting development colleagues locally and in the county to further this objective and hope to see the fruits of this great work in the year ahead.

It finally remains for me to say thank you to all my executive for your help, support and council over the last year and for welcoming me to your fold. Thank you

Mike Pope

Chair - Aylesbury District Scout Council

District Commissioners Reports 2020/2021

As with last years report I guess I have to again start with, "due to the effects of COVID-19..." although at least now things are slowly getting back to some kind of normal. Despite the second lockdown at the start of the year and the inevitable decline in numbers both locally and nationally, everyone managed to carry on with some kind of Scouting via the tried and tested 'Zoom method' and now Groups and sections have at least had the opportunity to go back to face-to-face.

We've even had some sections manage to get away camping, although not always without incident! Numbers are certainly growing as more young people find their way back to Scouting or want to get involved for the first time. Either way I sure the next year is going to be a successful one for all of us.

At the last AGM, Courtney Stanley stood down as District Secretary after 10 years in the role. Thanks to Courtney for all your hard work and support during that time.

Over the last year a large number of adults gained various awards, including long service and meritorious conduct medals, many of which have been presented today. Congratulations to every one of you, Scouting couldn't happen without you and it's important we recognise that dedication.

Very sadly we've lost two amazing individuals since the last AGM; Ian Westgate, our District Chair passed away suddenly towards the end of last year; and Myra Dobbie, former GSL at the 3rd, as well as being part of the training team and Active Support Unit, passed away from illness earlier this year.

Ian had been the District Chair for a number of years and did a massive amount of work for the District. He was a pleasure to work with and personally I couldn't have supported District without his help and advice. Myra on the other hand was an extremely experienced Leader and quite simply 'a force of nature'. Both will be sadly missed by all who knew them and/or had the pleasure of working with them. Our sympathy goes out to all their family and friends.

At the beginning of the year, Mike Pope agreed to take on the vacant District Chair role for us. Mike was GSL at the 5th Aylesbury for about 25 years so definitely has the experience we need. Thank you to Mike for agreeing to take on the role and for certainly knocking me into shape. I'm certainly a lot more organised!

Our leaders continue to work hard to ensure their training is up to date and that we are as compliant as we can be. We have a particular push on First Aid now that we can get back to face to face although the first part (10A) is available online. As I write this the County First Aid Team are beginning to roll out the second part of the training (10B) which will be run as a drop in session locally. They're trialling it in High Wycombe first but keep a look out for information from County Office soon regarding sessions near to us.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for the time and effort you have all put in to making sure that Scouting has continued and that our young people have been able to engage with something they all enjoy. With luck we can continue to deliver Scouting in the traditional way as, whilst Zoom and Online has it's place, nothing compares to working directly with the young people as well as other adults in Scouting.

A special thanks also to the GSLs for all that you've all done in ensuring that Scouting continues to happen in your Groups and that your Leaders are all up to date with their training. The GSL role is one which does go a little unnoticed but without them Groups just wouldn't function. The same is true of Group Executive Committees as well as Group Occasional Helpers and Administrators. Thanks to all you do for the young people in our District.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to personally thank the District Team and the District Executive Committee for everything you've done over the last year as well as to personally thank Murray Dobbie, Ed Ryan and Fiona

McParland for all the work they did on behalf of the District Exec in getting all the Covid Risk Assessments signed off allowing Groups and Sections to get back to Scouting safely.

As Acting DC, I'm fortunate to work with an amazing team of people who have all given up their time to make things happen, whilst also trying to deal with what is happening within their own families, work, etc. so thank you for everything you are doing and continue to do. As we start to getting back to face-to-face Scouting and the challenges that brings I'm sure that soon it will be business as usual for most of us.

Stay safe.

Mark Rutland
Acting District Commissioner and Deputy County Commissioner

Matrix ESU Report for 2021

Thank you to all the Matrix ES Leader Team for supporting the Unit throughout this very challenging year. Managing meetings, mainly by zoom, more recently outside with all the appropriate social distancing requirements in place. Well done to all the Explorer Scouts for sticking with us during what has been so very difficult for everyone, especially as all the young people have been online for their school lessons too.

Thankfully we are now meeting face to face, outside mainly, managing to achieve a more usual programme. Welcome to the new members who joined us recently.

Looking forward to the opportunity for enjoying some nights away & an exciting programme over the next few months. Thanks very much to everyone, Leaders, Explorer Scouts & Parents for all the support.

Ron Murray
DESC

Buckinghamshire Scouts
Recipients of Good Service Awards from The Scouts

Silver Acorn (2019)

Hilary Walker Aylesbury

Bar to the Award for Merit (2020)

Skye Elwin Aylesbury Andrew Elwin
Aylesbury

Award for Merit (2020)

Sue Biswell Aylesbury
Rhod Broad Aylesbury
Tarun Patel Aylesbury
Ian Stanley Aylesbury

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service (2020-2021)

Christopher Vaughan Aylesbury
Donald MacDonald Aylesbury

County Commissioner's Commendation (2020-2021)

Iain Stanley Aylesbury
Isaac Eddy Aylesbury
Denise James Aylesbury
Wendy Redding Aylesbury
Harry Scutchings Aylesbury
Teresa Thomas Aylesbury

Long Service Awards

5 Years

Abigail Kempson **15 Years** Claire Snowdon Adrian Scott
David Saunders
Emily Hydland
Emily Weimar
Gail Frazer
Helen Bhrara
Karl Devitt
Lorna Elwin
Michelle Pointer

Fiona Scott
Mike Wise
Terry Scutchings

20 Years

Alex Winwright
Celia Riordan
David Yates

Philip Drye Neil Murray Katherine Christensen

Rob Stark

Stuart Dobbie

Andrew Gray

Alison Hall

Bethany Leaver

Denise James

Vicky Horlock

30 Years 10 Years

Heather Murray

Chris Ross

David Hodges

Julia Parker-Summers

Julian Cochran

Keith Carter

Courtney Stanley

Josh Sampson

25 Years

Cathy Foster

Jayne Littlejohn

Lorna Pope

Michael Pope

Andrew Elwin

Ian Pronger

40 Years

Murray Dobbie

Pat Hiscock

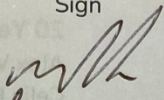
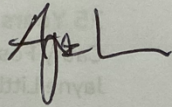
Rob Hiscock

Gordon Weston

Accounts Approved by the Trustees of the

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on the previous pages and signed on their behalf
by:

	Sign	Print
District Chairman		m P P E
District Treasurer	Jarrah Marsh	SARAH MARSH
District Secretary		A. ELWIN

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Aylesbury District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Aylesbury District for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Aylesbury District you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Aylesbury District 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(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 Aylesbury District 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.

A Richardson

Anthony Richardson
Harlow CM17 9QA

31st May 2021

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ending 31 March 2021

	2020/21 Unrestricted Funds £	2019/20 Unrestricted Funds £
Membership subscriptions	36,472	51,608
Less: Payable to county	-	(65,766)
Rebates to groups	-	-
	<u>36,472</u>	<u>(14,159)</u>
Bank Interest	0	0
COIF Interest	28	142
Donations / Grants	140	-
Explorer Scout Income	-	-
Competitions & Activities		
Beavers	90	3,848
Cubs	595	2,535
Scouts	-	50
Network	-	-
District	-	2,183
Jamboree	-	1,974
St Georges Day Parade	-	-
Profit on Badge Sales	-	-
Total Gross Income	<u>37,324</u>	<u>(3,427)</u>
Asset and Investment Sales, etc	-	-
Total receipts	<u>37,324</u>	<u>(3,427)</u>
Competitions & Activities		
Beavers	(50)	(3,915)
Cubs	(730)	(2,289)
Scouts	-	-
Network	-	-
District	-	(2,332)
District Explorer Scout Unit	-	-
Jamboree	-	(2,869)
Badges & Scarves	-	-
Donations / grants	(1,150)	(44)
Grant from International / D&E Fund	-	-
Training	-	-
First Aid Courses	-	-
Young Leader Training	-	(25)
St Georges Day Parade	-	-
Carol service	-	-
Meetings & Conferences	-	(190)
Insurance	(108)	(88)
Resources	-	(49)
TRUSTEES' EXPENSES	-	-
Postage	-	-
Telephones	-	-
Printing & Stationery	-	-
Travel Expenses	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-
Purchase of Equipment	-	(214)
Miscellaneous Expenses	(131)	(200)
Total Gross Expenditure	<u>(2,169)</u>	<u>(12,214)</u>
Asset and Investment Purchases etc	-	-
Total payments	<u>(2,169)</u>	<u>(12,214)</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	<u>35,155</u>	<u>(15,641)</u>
Cash funds last year end	45,241	60,882
Cash funds current	<u>80,396</u>	<u>45,241</u>

Aylesbury District Scout Council

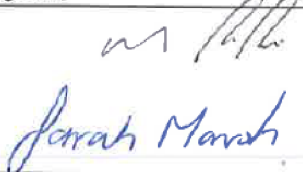
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year (31 March 2021)

	31/03/2021 Unrestricted Funds £	31/03/2020 Unrestricted Funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	56,527	21,400
Bank deposit account	565	564
COIF Investment account	23,304	23,276
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	80,396	45,240
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	1,500	1,500
Other	-	-
Sub total - -	1,500	1,500
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17 May 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Michael Pope

Chair

Sarah Marsh

Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

Receipts	
Budget £	
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Receipts	3867.00
Membership Subs to District	-2065.00
	<u>1802.00</u>
<i>Membership Subscriptions Sub Total</i>	
Meetings	48.00
Camps	0.00
Projects	0.00
Other	
Vale Lottery	156.00
Badges Etc.	0.00
Admin	0.00
Donations	620.00
Container (To comply with Planning Permission).	0.00
Gift Aid Claims	1753.71
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
Other total	<u>2529.71</u>
	<u>2577.71</u>
<i>Non Subscription Income Sub Total</i>	
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED	
Bank interest	16.03
	<u>4395.74</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	

Payments	
Budget £	
Meetings	137.06
Camps	708.25
Projects	0.00
Other	
Vale Lottery	0.00
Badges Etc.	40.00
Admin	45.21
Donations	0.00
Container (To comply with Planning Permission).	618.00
Gift Aid Claims	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
Other total	<u>703.21</u>
	<u>1548.52</u>
<i>Other Payments Sub Total</i>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	

Total receipts for the year	4395.74
Total payments for the year	1548.52
Net receipts /payments for the year	<u>2847.22</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	28003.40
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>30850.62</u>

CURRENT ASSETS	
Treasurer Account	340.35
BMM Bank Account	30460.27
Cash	50.00
Total Bank/Cash accounts	<u>30850.62</u>

SCRUTINEER STATEMENT

I have scrutinised these accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the records produced to me.

Signed M/Walc

Date 28 April 2021

AYLESBURY DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

INCOME

	£	£
Orienteering	0.00	
Misc Donations	0.00	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>0.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

SAS Nights	0.00	
Misc	30.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>30.00</u>
Plus income over expenditure		-30.00

RECONCILIATION

	£
Balance at 1st April 2020	1241.01
Plus excess income over expenditure	<u>-30.00</u>
	<u>1211.01</u>

Made up as follows

Bank-balance at 31st March 2021	1182.13
Unpresented Cheques	0.00
plus cash in hand	<u>28.88</u>
	<u>1211.01</u>

I certify that these accounts are a true representation of the books of Aylesbury Scout Scout Active Support as at 31st March 2021

..... Jeanne Wise - Treasurer

I have examined these accounts and confirm they are in accordance with the books of Aylesbury Scout Active Support

..... C Castle