

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 301230

Details

Other names	VALE OF ALLEN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL, WIMBORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1970-06-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	33 Grebe Close Poole Dorset BH17 7YW
Phone	01202775159
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Website	https://eastdorsetscouts.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: COORDINATES ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEMBERS OF FOURTEEN SCOUT GROUPS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WIMBORNE DISTRICT
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£60,153	£58,511	-	-
2024-03-31	£110,477	£126,322	-	-
2023-03-31	£115,401	£95,848	-	-
2022-03-31	£55,651	£50,607	-	-
2021-03-31	£48,138	£41,854	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Godber	Chair	2024-09-18
Barry Michael John Curtis		2025-10-22
Claire Mitchell		2021-05-02
Nigel Emsen		2025-10-22
Richard Caddy		2024-09-18
Richard Francis Micklefield		2017-07-05
Sheenagh Dunbar Bradford		2017-07-05
Trevor James Middleton		2020-10-27

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Accounts

Agenda item 4a

DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

2024-25 was an interesting period with UK scouting going through a transformation process. This involved executive committees changing to trustee boards and the District and groups taking on a team-based structure.

There have been lots of other changes with how we report, the use of dynamic risk assessments, a new adult system and changes to learning, including a new safety training module. Thank you and well done to all the group leads and their groups in helping make this possible.

We have seen a large variety of events for young people this year with brilliant turn outs. We held our District camp, which was full of activities. Fun was had by all. We held our Sixer and PL weekends and saw the highest number we have had at the PL weekend. The weekend included a formal meal where the County President, District Chair, District Treasurer and Verwood Group Lead Volunteer joined us for the meal.

We held a Beaver water weekend at Buddens Activity Centre where the Beavers enjoyed lots of water activities, a campfire and had the opportunity to camp for the night.

Our annual Scout night hike competition "Order of the Boot" was held in the Moors Valley Forest. Cubs also enjoyed the District Scrapheap Challenge and Scouts took part in the District shooting competition.

We are looking forward to lots of fun for next year and will be adding a variety of additional events such as a Scout skills weekend, Cub swimming gala and many more. We will also be having another District International event in 2026 that will be open to members who will be Scout or Explorer age in August 2026.

A huge thank you to everyone over the last year for your hard work, dedication, and for all the fantastic opportunities you have given the young people.

We look forward to hearing about all the fantastic things the young people are doing within the groups over the next year.

Claire Mitchell
District Lead Volunteer

Andrew Thornton
Leadership Team Lead

Agenda item 4b

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From start date

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

East Dorset District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

3 0 1 2 3 0

HQ registration number

1 0 0 0 1 3 2 0

Charity's principal address

35 Davids Lane

Ringwood

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Godber	Chair	18/09/2024 - 31/03/2025
2	John Curtis	Chair	01/04/2024 - 18/09/2024
3	Lindsay Cass	Treasurer	
4	Claire Mitchell	Lead Volunteer	
5	Richard Caddy		18/09/2024 - 31/03/2025
6	Trevor Middleton		
7	Robert Easton		01/04/2024 - 18/09/2024
8	Richard Micklefield		
9	Sheenagh Bradford		
10	Jonathan Wragg		
11	Judith Finney		
12	Danny Cordell		

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

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Trustee selection methods

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Additional governance issues

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 7 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every 4 months.

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This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

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4. Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District, either temporarily or permanently.
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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)
Public benefit statement	The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.
Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section E	Financial Review
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Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £3,000.

The District held reserves of approximately £78,000 against this at year end. This is significantly above the level required for operating expenses but can be explained by the anticipated need to fund future projects such as a District store, camp site and supporting international events. Included in the reserves are restricted funds (£35,681) relating to a 1986 bequest and international development and earmarked funds (£16,035) for the Large Scale Events Team, 1st Sturminster Marshal Scout Group and Colborne ESU.

Further financial review details

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District Trustee Board has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies with reserves held in an interest paying account.

Section F	Other Information
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Plans for future periods

See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>John Godber</i>	<i>L H Cass</i>
Full name(s)	John Godber	Lindsay Cass
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	3rd September 2025	

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2024/25 Statement of Accounts set out in the following four tables has been approved by the District Executive Committee after being independently examined by Christopher (Bob) Root, the District's Independent examiner.

The first table sets out the income and expenditure in the District's main accounts during the year, with the corresponding figures from the previous year shown in the last column.

The second table contains the notes to the main accounts that give explanations of the less obvious transactions.

The third table shows the District's funds that I do not administer. The names of the people who administer each of these accounts is shown in the last column.

The fourth table shows the District's consolidated income and expenditure that combines the main accounts with those administered by others.

The final page is the Independent examiner's report on the accounts.

I would like to thank John Curtis, John Godber, Claire Mitchell and my other colleagues on the Trustee Board for their support over the past year. Thanks are also due to the other members who administer District funds, to Bob Root and to the Group Treasurers.

After 9 years as District Treasurer, I am standing down at this year's AGM. I wish my successor and the East Dorset Scout District the very best for the future.

Lindsay Cass

District Treasurer

East Dorset District Scout Council
Independently Examined Accounts for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	2024/25		2023/24
	Expenditure, £	Income, £	Notes
Opening Balance on 1 April 2024		70,844.95	92,146
Membership fees from Groups and ESUs			
2021 fees - 1st Heatherlands		222.05	1
2023 fees - Griffins ESU		255.00	2 701
2024 fees - Corfe Mullen, Griffins and Woodcutts ESUs		1,351.77	3 40,545
Funds transferred from closure of Section Lloyds Bank accounts		9,345.63	4
Funds transferred to District from closure of 1st Longham Group		8,165.19	5
Funds transferred to District from closure of 1st Sturminster Marshall Group		7,840.73	7
Bank interest		1,816.95	1,484
Contribution from Activities a/c		950.00	8
Funds transferred to District from closure of 1st Heatherlands Group		437.10	1
2023 Spanish Trip income from participants		200.00	18,976
Donation from Richard Micklefield		12.90	1
Scout Shop profit share		2.21	
Refund of expenditure on District Camp 2023 from Scout Activities a/c			2,320
Refund of expenditure on Patrol Leaders weekend from Activities a/c			462
Refund of expenditure on 2024 Sixers weekend from Cub a/c			651
Refund of expenditure on Beaver Scout weekend from Activities a/c			225
Total Income		30,599.53	9
Funds from 1st Longham transferred to Gorsemoor Group	7,665.19		5
Purchase of trailer for Large Scale Events Team	4,500.00		6
District Team expenses	3,346.34		3,838
Hire of storage container for District equipment	1,920.00		1,760
Purchase of equipment for Large Scale Events Team	1,501.77		10 225
Presentaion evenings	1,006.37		11 5
Equipment Insurance	552.04		1,068
Refund of 1st Longham 2022 membership fees paid by Michelle Ea:	500.00		5
Motion Picture Licensing	434.22		396
Donation to Swanage Railway from Eric Stevenson memorial	450.00		1 381
District website	196.00		259
Wimborne St Giles camp site	123.26		12 119
Bank charges	60.00		60
2023 Spanish Trip			36,813
Membership fees paid to Dorset County Scout Council			36,294
District Camp 2023 expenditure on Equals debit card			2,320
Transfer of funds to new Scout Activities Lloyds a/c			713
Cub Scout 2024 Sixers weekend expenditure on Equals card			651
1st Heatherlands			550
Generator			489
Patrol Leaders weekend expenditure on Equals debit card			453
First Aid kits			241
Grant to participants on 2023 Spanish Trip			30
Total Expenditure	22,255.19		9
Closing Balance on 31 March 2025		79,189.29	70,845
Held in:			
A Shawbrook Bank		70,000.00	13
CAF Gold account		7,927.43	65,931
CafCash account		1,261.86	4,509
Equals FX account and card		0.00	405
		<u>79,189.29</u>	<u>70,845</u>

A Includes **Restricted Funds** totalling £35,681.15 for:
- Violet May Abbot 1987 bequest (£28,535.75)
- International Fund (£7,145.40)
and **Earmarked Funds** totalling £16,035.22 for:
- funds from closure of Section bank account for use by Large Scale Events Team (£7,843.86)
- 1st Sturminster Marshall Scout Group (£7,840.73)
- Colborne ESU (£350.63)

Notes to the 2024/25 accounts

1	The 1st Heatherlands Scout Group closed and its' assets (£659.15) transferred to the District. The assets included funds collected in memory of Eric Stevenson (£437.10) that were donated to Swanage Railway together with a further donation of £12.90 by Richard Micklefield. The remaining balance of £222.05 was used as a contribution towards the 2021 membership fees owed by the group (£414)
2 & 3	The Griffins (Ferndown) Explorer Scout Unit closed and its' assets (£364.27) transferred to the District's CAF Bank account. This sum was used to fund the unpaid 2023 membership fees (£255) and a £109.27 contribution towards the 2024 membership fees owed by the ESU (£159)
3	Explorer Scout Units have the option pay their membership fees termly in arrears, based on the number of young people in the unit each term. This payment is the fess paid by these units and Griffins (see note 2)
4	The District's Explorer, Scout, Cub and Beaver Sections Lloyds Bank accounts were closed and their funds transferred to the District's CAF Bank account. The funds are earmarked for expenditure by the Large Scale Events Team
5	The 1st Longham Scout Group closed and its' assets (£8,165.19) transferred to the District. These funds were passed on to Gorsemoor Scout Group (the successor group) after the deduction of £500 that was paid to Michelle East (the previous Longham Treasurer) who had personally paid the Longham 2022 membership fees (£500)
6	For a number of years the District has relied on borrowing a box trailer for transporting equipment to large events. A second-hand box trailer has been purchased from a nearby Scout Group using some of the funds left as a bequest to the District by Violet May Abbot
7	The 1st Sturminster Marshall Scout Group closed and its' assets (£7,840.73) transferred to the District. These funds are earmarked to be repaid should the group reopen within 3 years
8	This is a contribution towards equipment storage and insurance costs from the Large Scale Events Team (Activities) account
9	The total income and expenditure in 2024/25 is significantly lower than 2023/24. This is because the 2025 membership fees were collected from Groups/ESUs and paid to Dorset County Scouts in April 2025 (rather than in March as in previous years), so will be included in the 2025/26 accounts
10	This expenditure relates to the purchase of cooking equipment and 2-way radios for the Large Scale Events Team using some of the funds from the closed Section Lloyds Bank accounts (see note 4)
11	This expenditure relates to the payment of previously unclaimed expenses incurred at presentation evenings in 2017-2020
12	This relates to rent and water charges for the District camp site at Wimborne St Giles
13	The interest rate paid by the CAF Gold account reduced from 2.15% to 2.00% at the end of February 2025. To avoid a drop in interest receipts, a 60-day notice account operated by Shawbrook Bank has been opened (which pays 3.30% AER interest) and £70,000 transferred from the Gold to the new account

East Dorset District Scout Council
Independently Examined Accounts for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

District funds not administered by the District Treasurer

	31/03/2024			01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025				
	Stock, £	Balance, £		Income, £	Expenditure, £	Balance 31/03/25, £		Stock 31/03/25, £
		Bank	Cash			Bank	Cash	
Scout Shop	Not available	4,633.08	221.06	5,653.53	6,253.77	4,911.30	127.56	6,929.12
Badges	7,162.66	4,098.38	781.65	6,359.90	5,546.98	4,911.30	546.45	7,037.67
Activities		4,373.09		22,300.00	20,922.52	5,750.57		
Scout Network		228.07		0.00	0.00	228.07		
Corfe Mullen ESU		2,521.19		2,561.36	1,815.09	3,267.46		
Verwood ESU		147.30		300.00	0.00	447.30		
Woodcutts ESU		291.06		2,748.20	1,718.27	1,320.99		
Scouts		3,929.24	35.20	Lloyds Bank accounts closed (see notes 1, 2 and 4)				
Cubs		3,918.92						
Beavers		810.97	8.72					
Explorers		642.58						
Ferndown ESU		364.27						
1st Heatherlands		659.15						
Totals		26,617.30	1,046.63	39,922.99	36,256.63	20,836.99	674.01	

Administered by:

*Richard Micklefield
Helen Lynch
Andy Thornton
Claire Mitchell
Trevor Middleton
Charlie Dixon
Anthony Brown*

**Consolidated Income and Expenditure
for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

	Income, £	Expenditure, £
Main accounts	30,599.53	22,255.19
Less value of closed Lloyds Bank accounts	(10,369.05)	
District funds not administered by the DT	39,922.99	36,256.63
Totals	60,153.47	58,511.82



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name: EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended 31ST MARCH 2025 Charity no (if any) 301230

Set out on pages 1+2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Christopher C. Root Date: 28th July 2025

Name: CHRISTOPHER ROOT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 19 GARDNER ROAD

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EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section F Other Information

Plans for future periods

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	John Curtis	L H Cass
Full name(s)	John Curtis	Lindsay Cass
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	16th August 2024	

East Dorset District Scout Council
Accounts for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024
Independently Examined

	2023/24		Notes	2022/23
	Expenditure, £	Income, £		
Opening Balance on 1 April 2023		92,145.64		68,435
Membership fees from Groups and ESUs				
2021 fees				470
2022 fees				3,000
2023 fees		701.00		41,769
2024 fees		40,545.00		
2023 Spanish Trip income from participants		18,976.00		36,920
Refund of expenditure on District Camp 2023 from Scout Activities a/c		2,319.94	1	
Bank interest		1,483.55		448
Refund of expenditure on Patrol Leaders weekend from Activities a/c		462.00	2	
Refund of expenditure on 2024 Sixers weekend from Cub a/c		650.95	3	665
Refund of expenditure on Beaver Scout weekend from Activities a/c		224.78	4	
Refund of 2022 District Camp deposits from Scout Activities a/c				3,254
Scout Activities transactions				1,271
Transfer from Barclays Scout Activities a/c				834
1st Heatherlands				550
Beaver Scout Christmas Party				274
Total Income		65,363.22		89,455
Membership fees paid to HQ/DCSC	36,294.00			36,828
2023 Spanish Trip	36,813.21		5	19,291
District Team expenses	3,837.88			2,217
District Camp 2023 expenditure on Equals debit card	2,319.94		6	1,392
Hire of storage container for District equipment	1,760.00		7	
Equipment Insurance	1,067.73			966
Transfer of funds to new Scout Activities Lloyds a/c	713.39		8	
Cub Scout 2024 Sixers weekend expenditure on Equals ca	650.95		9	284
1st Heatherlands	550.00		10	
Generator	488.97		11	
Patrol Leaders weekend expenditure on Equals debit card	453.01		12	
Motion Picture Licensing	395.82		13	360
Transfer of surplus from 2023 Sixers weekend to Cub a/c	380.72		14	
Administration	259.00		15	235
Beaver Scout weekend expenditure on Equals debit card	224.78		16	
First Aid kits	240.50			
Wimborne St Giles camp site	119.19		17	84
Bank charges	60.00			72
Grant to participants on 2023 Spanish Trip	30.00		18	2,160
Presentaion evening	4.82			240
Marquee hire for 2022 District Camp				1,144
Beaver Scout Christmas Party				274
Grant to Scout Network				200
Total Expenditure	86,663.91			61,572
Closing Balance on 31 March 2024		70,844.95		96,318
Made up from:				
A CAF Gold account		65,930.92		66,857
CafCash account		4,509.16		25,098
Equals FX account and card		404.87	19	190
		70,844.95		92,146
A Includes Restricted funds totalling £40,531.78 for:				
- Violet May Abbot bequest (£33,035.75)				
- International Fund (£7,145.40)				
- Colborne ESU (£350.63)				

Notes to the 2023/24 accounts

During 2023/24 the District completed the process of moving most of its banking onto the Lloyds Bank online banking platform.

The Equals FX card (see note 19) set up in February 2023 has been used for purchases related to the Spanish trip, District Camp, Sixers, Patrol Leaders and Beaver weekends, which were processed through the District's main CAF Bank account. This is referred to in notes 5, 6, 9, 12, and 16 below

1	This relates to the transfer of funds from the Scouts Activities account to the District's main CAF Bank account for expenditure on the Equals debit card for the 2023 District Camp
2	This relates to the transfer of funds from the Scouts Activities account to the District's main CAF Bank account for expenditure on the Equals debit card for the Patrol Leaders weekend
3	This relates to the transfer of funds from the Scouts Activities account to the District's main CAF Bank account for expenditure on the Equals debit card for the 2024 Sixers weekend
4	This relates to the transfer of funds from the Scouts Activities account to the District's main CAF Bank account for expenditure on the Equals debit card for the Beaver Scout weekend
5	This relates to the final payment to School Travel Co (£34,768.32) and supplies/equipment purchased using the Equals debit card for the 73 person trip to Spain in August 2023
6	This relates to the expenditure on the Equals debit card on the 2023 District Camp
7	This relates to cost of hiring a container from May 23 for the storage of the District's equipment
8	This is the transfer of Scout Activities funds to the new Lloyds account that were held in the District's main CAF Bank account since the previous Barclays account was closed
9	This relates to the expenditure on the Equals debit card on the 2024 Sixers weekend
10	This relates to the transfer of funds to the 1st Heatherlands bank account
11	This is expenditure on the purchase of a mobile generator, fuel can and oil for use at District events
12	This relates to the expenditure on the Equals debit card on the Patrol Leaders weekend
13	This is the cost of the licence that permits District and Groups to play motion pictures at their meetings
14	This is the surplus generated by the 2023 Sixer weekend held in the main CAF Bank account being transferred to the Cub Scout Lloyds Bank account
15	This relates to the cost of hosting the District's website and hall hire for a Transformation briefing session for Leaders
16	This relates to the expenditure on the Equals debit card on the Beaver Scout weekend
17	This relates to rent and water charges for the District camp site at Wimborne St Giles
18	This relates to a £30 grant to support an additional person attending the Spanish Trip in August 2023
19	The Equals FX account gives the District Commissioner access to funds using a 'top-up' debit card, rather than using her own money and claiming it back from the District. The total value of transactions was £4,105.11

East Dorset District Scout Council
Accounts for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024
Independently Examined

District funds not administered by the District Treasurer

	31/03/2023			01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024				Stock 31/03/24, £
	Stock, £	Balance, £		Income, £	Expenditure, £	Balance 31/03/24, £		
		Bank	Cash			Bank	Cash	
Scout Shop	Not available	5,678.45	144.56	9,808.42	10,853.79	4,633.08	221.06	Not available
Scouts		3,929.24	35.20	0.00	0.00	3,964.44		
Cubs		2,939.87		1,655.00	675.95	3,918.92		
Badges	8,746.30	2,733.54		6,101.79	4,736.95	4,098.38		8,294.31
Activities		713.39		22,950.00	19,290.30	4,373.09		
Beavers		810.97	8.72	0.00	0.00	810.97	8.72	
Scout Network		219.07	9.00	0.00	0.00	228.07		
Explorers		642.58		0.00	0.00	642.58		
Corfe Mullen		2,430.29		1,838.54	1,747.64	2,521.19		
Ferndown		364.27		0.00	0.00	364.27		
Verwood		138.80		280.00	271.50	147.30		
Woodcutts		442.66		1,930.06	2,081.66	291.06		
1st Heatherlands		109.15		550.00	0.00	659.15		
Totals		21,152.28	197.48	45,113.81	39,657.79	26,652.50	229.78	

Administered by:

*Richard Micklefield
Jon Wragg
Sally Palmer
Helen Lynch
Andy Thornton
Sheenagh Bradford
Claire Mitchell
Claire Mitchell
Trevor Middleton
Claire Mitchell
Charlie Dixon
Anthony Brown
Lindsay Cass*

**Consolidated Income and Expenditure
for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

	Income, £	Expenditure, £
Main accounts	65,363.22	86,663.91
District funds not administered by the DT	45,113.81	39,657.79
Totals	110,477.03	126,321.70
Totals less HQ/DCSC (agency) payment	74,183.03	90,027.70



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

301230

Set out on pages

1+2.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Christopher Root

Date:

4TH AUGUST 2024

Name:

CHRISTOPHER ROOT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

19 GARDNER ROAD

CHRISTCHURCH

DORSET BH03 2DZ

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 301230

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

0 1 0 4 2 2

to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

East Dorset District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

3 0 1 2 3 0

HQ registration number

1 0 0 0 1 3 2 0

Charity's principal address

35 Davids Lane

Ringwood

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Derek Burt	Chair	
2	Lindsay Cass	Treasurer	
3	Melissa Poore	Secretary	
4	Claire Mitchell	District Commissioner	
5	Trevor Middleton		
6	Robert Easton		
7	John Curtis		
8	Richard Micklefield		
9	Sheenagh Bradford		
10	Jonathan Wragg		
11	Judith Finney		
12	Jane Mearns		01/04/2022 - 02/03/2023
13	Danny Cordell		29/09/2022 - 31/03/2023
14	Martin Sanders		29/09/2022 - 31/03/2023
15	Sally Palmer		29/09/2022 - 31/03/2023

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

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

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, persons elected at the District AGM, persons nominated by the District Commissioner and approved at the District AGM and persons co-opted by the Committee. The Committee meets every four months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee, Safeguarding and Safety*' training.

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

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

Risk and Internal Control

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

1. Pandemic Coronavirus. The District would follow the guidance issued by The Scout Association in relation to face-to-face Scouting, encourage appropriate online Scouting activities and seek financial support from national and local government.
2. Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
3. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before and during all activities.
4. Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
5. Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. The District has promoted the 'Grow Your Group' initiative to promote the recruitment of volunteers.
6. Reduction or loss of members. The District promotes and provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)
Public benefit statement	The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.
Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section E**Financial Review**

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £3,000.

The District held reserves of approximately £67,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the anticipated need to fund future projects such as a District store, camp site and supporting international events. Included in the reserves are earmarked funds for international development (£7,319), the District's 2013 event in Spain (£1,400) and for Colborne ESU (£350) if it were to be re-opened.

Further financial review details

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District Executive Committee has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies with reserves held in an interest paying account.

Section F**Other Information**

Plans for future periods

See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Derek Burt

L H Cass

Full name(s)

Derek Burt

Lindsay Cass

Position

Chair

Treasurer

Date

13th July 2023



ANNUAL REVIEW

2022 - 2023

District Commissioners Annual Report 2022-2023

Firstly I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone in the East Dorset District for all their hard work, time and effort throughout the last year.

I am pleased to say that the District has been going from strength to strength and excited to say that we now have opened two Squirrel Dreys with the possibility of more to open in the future.

We held our District Camp in May 2022 and saw many young people attend and take part in a variety of challenges. We also saw the leaders from around the District come together to enjoy the camp, which was brilliant and also to celebrate St George's Day at camp.

We have held a variety of District events over the year including Sixers and PL weekends, which had a full take up and were enjoyed by all. We held a Scout shooting competition in January, which most groups attended and enjoyed.

We have a District international trip booked for summer 2023 and I'm pleased to say that we will have young people from every group attending. There have been meet-ups for everyone to start to get to know each other.

We have also seen many adults earn their Woodbadge in their role and there has been an increase in the completion of mandatory adult training.

We look forward to 2023/2024 with an action-packed programme full of activities and camps for all you people to attend. Over the coming months we will see changes to the structure of Scouting as we transition to Trustee Boards and a Leadership Team approach, but I believe East Dorset District is in a strong position to deal with the changes and will continue to go from strength to strength.

Claire Mitchell
District Commissioner

Squirrels

District Squirrels Annual Report 2022-2023

It has been a positive year for our two East Dorset Squirrel Dreys – 1st West Moors and 1st Woodcutts.

Both Dreys have spent the year providing a varied programme and introducing the children to Scouting. West Moors run out of their Scout Hut and Woodcutts run from the local school, working in partnership with them.

The County are beginning to arrange Squirrel activity days with a family day out to Brownsea Island planned in May. Both Dreys are looking forward to introducing the Squirrel Scouts to their first East Dorset District Camp.

West Moors Drey are due to have their first Squirrels completing their Chief Scout Acorn Award and moving up to Beavers later this year.

I'm hoping that this year we will be welcoming further Dreys in East Dorset.

Lorraine Rees
ADC Squirrels



District Beaver Scouts Annual Report 2022-2023

During the past 12 months, East Dorset Beavers have been very busy.

We ended the year off with a District Beavers Christmas Party with a visit from Santa handing out presents and a Beavers special rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas performed in front of family and friends. This ended with a snowball fight with the parents (much to their surprise as it was unexpected). 64 Beavers from 5 Colonies took part. Great fun was had by all. Thank you to Gorsemoor for the use of their scout headquarters.

Some of the places visited over the past year include, Upton Country Park, Fleet Air Arm Museum, Badbury Rings, Nature Reserve and many more. Activities enjoyed included bowling, bike rides, den building, archery, climbing and a visit to the beach.

Many badges have been earned across the District and I have had the pleasure of presenting 14 Chief Scout Bronze Awards. Many congratulations to all those Beavers for all their hard work and well deserved. We are now awaiting a presentation evening so they can be presented with their certificates.

We are now looking forward to the District Beavers event in September and a sleepover at the beginning of February (to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Dragon).

There are a few Colonies in the District that are struggling due to lack of Leaders, and this is obviously a concern. So if you know anyone who would be interested, please spread the word.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Leaders and Young Leaders/Explorers for all your hard work and dedication in providing the Beavers with fun, challenges and helping to develop each individual's confidence. Keep up the good work (and don't forget to have fun yourself)!

Sheenagh Bradford
ADC Beavers



District Cub Scouts Annual Report 2022-2023

In February we had a very successful Sixers Weekend. 30 Cubs and about a dozen leaders attended. We all had a great time but sadly not all packs took part. Hopefully they will next year.

I have been along to visit many packs to award Chief Scout Silver Awards. Well done to those who have received them.

I would like to thank all the leaders for their hard work and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Sally Palmer
ADC Cubs

SCOUTS

District Scouts Annual Report 2022-2023

This year has been full of some very exciting activities and camps both District led and Group led, it has been wonderful getting out and about seeing what everyone has been up to and seeing the amazing activities young people in our district have been presented with.

This year saw the full return of Order of the Boot, it was great to see teams working hard together to achieve the completion goal. This year was won by Gorsemoor Scout Group, so congratulations to them! Hopefully next time we can get many more teams out on the hike!

It was great to have the return of Patrol Leaders weekend this year, giving the opportunity to our PLs to learn how important their role is and to learn some new skills to take forward for their patrols. We have some exciting opportunities going forward for Patrol Leaders to get involved in, so please keep a look out for those!

Like every year since taking on this role it has been an absolute pleasure getting out and awarding Chief Scout Golds to some very deserving Scouts. It's always great to do this in different settings and ways. This year's favourite location was on a 60ft yacht!

As always, thank you to all the Scout Section volunteers for all you do, our Young People wouldn't be getting these fantastic opportunities without you!

As always, I am here to support everyone whenever needed, just send me an email, or pick up the phone!

Danny Cordell
ADC Scouts

EXPLORERS

District Explorer Scouts Annual Report 2022-2023

Unfortunately, the role of District Explorer Scout Commissioner is vacant at present but that hasn't stopped the hard work of all the Explorers and their leaders. Explorers have been enjoying their meetings and learning new skills, many have been working hard towards their Chief Scout Award and their Young Leader Award.

Some Explorers have been helping other sections as young leaders and showing their full potential in teaching younger members new skills.

I am pleased to say eight Explorers will be taking part in the World Scout Jamboree in 2023 and have been attending meet-ups and camps with their unit, and been working hard fundraising for their trip.

Also, many of the Explorers have signed up for the District's Spanish trip that will be taking place in summer 2023, which means they will gain international experience and a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills.

I hope to see Explorer numbers increase over the next few years and to encourage the Young Leaders in the District that don't go to Explorers to come along and gain new skills and have a lot of fun.

Claire Mitchell
District Commissioner

District Scout Shop Annual Report 2022-2023

The Scout Shop has been able to open this year thanks to the assistance of Barry Alford an Active Support member of the district. The shop has opened from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm every Tuesday evening during term time and has made substantial profits for both the District and Groups (the Profit Share has yet to be distributed to this year).

By review of the District Accounts the Scout Shop is listed and its turnover and profit analysis provided.

Even though we have the assistance of one Active Support member, the more the better so we can then operate a rota system. As I have always said, if we can get more volunteers to run the shop then we can open at other times and cover for absences.

My thanks must go to Barry for his support this year.

Richard Micklefield
Scout Shop Manager.

Agenda item 5b**District Treasurer's Annual Report 2022-2023**

The 2022/23 Statement of Accounts set out in the following four tables has been approved by the District Executive Committee after being independently examined or scrutinised by Bernard Cooke, the District's Independent examiner.

The first table sets out the income and expenditure in the District's main accounts during the year, with the corresponding figures from the previous year shown in the last column.

The second table contains the notes to the main accounts that give explanations of the less obvious transactions. The increase in the closing balance between 2021/22 and 2022/23 of £23,710 is largely due to the funds held in the CAF Gold and Cash accounts on 31 March 2023 for the Spanish Trip that took place in August 2023.

During the year the District Executive approved the use of an Equals FX 'top up' Debit card for use by the District Commissioner to pay for items that she would otherwise need to use her own money and claim it back from the District. Robust processes have been put in place that require receipts for all expenditure to be promptly uploaded to the Equals website using a phone app so the District Treasurer is able to monitor expenditure.

The third table shows the District's funds that I do not administer. The names of the people who administer each of these accounts is shown in the last column.

The fourth table shows the District's consolidated income and expenditure that combines the main accounts with those administered by others. The final row in the table shows the District's 'true' income and expenditure after deducting the membership fees of £36,828 that the District collected on behalf of National Scout Headquarters and Dorset County Scout Council.

The final page is the Independent examiner's report on the accounts.

I would like to thank Derek Burt, Claire Mitchell and my other colleagues on the District Executive Committee for their support over the past year. Thanks are also due to the other members who administer District funds, to Bernard Cooke and to the Group Treasurers for getting their membership fee payments to me in March.

Lindsay Cass
District Treasurer

East Dorset District Scout Council
Independently examined accounts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	2022/23		Notes	2021/22
	Expenditure, £	Income, £		
Opening Balance on 1 April 2022		68,435.35		67,541
Membership fees from Groups and ESUs				
2020 fees				229
2021 fees		470.18		827
2022 fees		3,000.00		36,621
2023 fees		41,769.00		
2023 Spanish Trip		36,920.00		
Refund of 2022 District Camp deposits from Scout Activities a/c		3,254.23	1	
Scout Activities transactions		1,270.78	2	
Transfer from Barclays Scout Activities a/c		834.16	3	
Cub Scout Sixers weekend		665.00	4	
1st Heatherlands		550.00	5	
Bank interest		447.76		10
Beaver Scout Christmas Party		273.74	6	
Scout Network				63
Total Income		89,454.85		37,750
Membership fees paid to HQ/DCSC	36,828.00			32,938
2023 Spanish Trip	19,290.75			
District Team expenses	2,216.80			51
Grant to participants attending 2023 Spanish Trip	2,160.00		7	
Scout Activities transactions	1,391.55		8	
Marquee hire for 2022 District Camp	1,143.60			
Equipment Insurance	965.73			1,030
Motion Picture Licensing	359.51		9	310
Cub Scout Sixers weekend	284.28		10	
Beaver Scout Christmas Party	273.74		11	
Presentaion evening hall hire	240.00			
Administration	235.00		12	156
Grant to Scout Network	200.00		13	
Wimborne St Giles camp site	83.60		14	64
Bank charges	72.00			96
2022 District Camp				2,111
Scout Network				101
Total Expenditure	65,744.56			36,856
Closing Balance on 31 March 2023		92,145.64		68,435
Made up from:				
A CAF Gold account		66,857.46		61,425
B CafCash account		25,098.13		7,010
Equals FX account and card		190.05	15	
		92,145.64		68,435
A Includes earmarked funds for:	B Includes earmarked funds for:			
- International Fund (£7,319.40)	- 2023 Spanish Trip (£16,229.25)			
- 2023 Spanish Trip (£1,400.00)				
- Colborne ESU (£350.63)				

Notes to the accounts

During 2022/23 the District has gone through the process of moving most of its banking onto the Lloyds Bank online banking platform. This has led to the finances for a number of events being processed through the District's main CAF Bank account whilst the bank changes have been taking place. This is referred to in notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11 below

1	This relates to a refund from the Scouts Activities account to the District's main CAF Bank account for the £2110.63 deposit paid in February 2022 for the Buddens site and the marquee hire of £1143.60 paid in April 2022
2	This relates to Scouts Activities income from Order of the Boot and District Camp 2023 processed through the District's main CAF Bank account
3	This is the transfer of the funds held in the Scouts Activities Barclays Bank account when the account was closed
4	This relates to income from the Sixers weekend held in February 2023 that was processed through the District's main CAF Bank account
5	This relates to a payment from the 1st Heatherlands GSL. The funds have since been transferred to the 1st Heatherlands bank account
6	This relates to income from the Beaver's Christmas Party that was processed through the District's main CAF Bank account
7	This relates to the £25/head grant made by the District to support those attending the Spanish Trip in August 2023
8	This relates to Scouts Activities expenditure on Order of the Boot and District Camp 2023 that was processed through the District's main CAF Bank account
9	This is the cost the licence that permits District and Groups to play motion pictures at their meetings
10	This relates to expenditure on the Sixers weekend held in February 2023 that was processed through the District's main CAF Bank account
11	This relates to expenditure on the Beaver's Christmas Party income that was processed through the District's main CAF Bank account
12	This relates to the cost of hosting the District's website, 2022 AGM printing and the Equals FX platform fee
13	This is a 'pump prime' grant to the Scout Network to allow them to develop their programme of activities
14	This relates to rent and water charges for the District camp site
15	This account was set up so the District Commissioner has access to funds using a 'top-up' debit card, rather than using her own money and claiming it back from the District. It has proved to be useful for District Camp purchases and will be 'topped up' before she leads the District's trip to Spain in August 2023 so she has easy access to emergency funds if required.


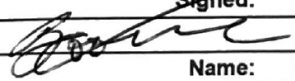
East Dorset District Scout Council
Independently or scrutinised accounts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

District funds not administered by the District Treasurer

	31/03/2022		01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023					<i>Administered by:</i>
	Stock, £	Balance, £	Income, £	Expenditure, £	Balance 31/03/23, £	Stock 31/03/23, £		
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Cubs		2,138.73	420.42	0.00	2,559.15		2	<i>Sally Palmer</i>
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Activities		1,301.54	11,837.00	13,138.54	0.00		1	<i>Andy Thornton</i>
Beavers		827.43	0.00	7.74	819.69		2	<i>Sheenagh Bradford</i>
Scout Network		0.00	219.07	0.00	219.07		2	<i>Martin Sanders</i>
Explorers		708.56	0.00	65.98	642.58		2	<i>Claire Mitchell</i>
Corfe Mullen		1,858.05	1,781.42	1,262.35	2,377.12		1	<i>Trevor Middleton</i>
Ferndown		259.27	305.00	200.00	364.27		2	<i>Claire Mitchell</i>
Verwood		588.29	154.51	604.00	138.80		2	<i>Charlie Dixon</i>
Woodcutts		750.56	985.80	1,293.70	442.66		2	<i>Anthony Brown</i>
Totals		24,140.36	25,946.15	30,103.68	19,982.83			
								Ind examined 1
								Scrutinised 2

**Consolidated Income and Expenditure
for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

	Income, £	Expenditure, £
Main accounts	89,454.85	65,744.56
District funds not administered by the DT	25,946.15	30,103.68
Totals	115,401.00	95,848.24
Totals less HQ/DCSC (agency) payments	78,573.00	59,020.24

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Independent examiner's report on the accounts
Report to the trustees/ members of	EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
On accounts for the year ended	Charity no (if any) 301230
31/03/2023 Set out on pages	<small>Remember to include the date number of additional sheets</small>
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023</p> <p>As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>
Independent examiner's statement	<p>[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or • the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or • the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. <p>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.</p> <p><small>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</small></p>
Signed:	Date: 09/06/2023
 Name:	BERNARD COOKE
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACIB



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Report to the trustees/
members of

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

Charity no
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Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name: **CORFE MILLEN EXPLORER SCOUTS**

On accounts for the year
ended

Charity no
(if any)

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Signed:

Date: **11/6/2023**

Name:

BERNARD COOKE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of EAST DORSET SCOUT ACTIVITIES

On accounts for the year ended 31/03/2023 Charity no (if any)

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Signed: [Signature] Date: 20/4/2023

Name: BERNARD COOKE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACIB



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity name: EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2023 Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 20/6/2023

Name: BERNARD COOKE ACIB

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ACIB

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 301230

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

0 1 0 4 2 1

to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

East Dorset District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

3 0 1 2 3 0

HQ registration number

1 0 0 0 1 3 2 0

Charity's principal address

35 Davids Lane

Ringwood

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Derek Burt	Chair	
2	Lindsay Cass	Treasurer	
3	Melissa Poore	Secretary	22/02/2022 - 31/03/2022
4	Trevor Middleton		
5	Robert Easton		
6	John Curtis		
7	Richard Micklefield		
8	Sheenagh Bradford		
9	Jonathan Wragg		
10	Judith Finney		
11	David McGregor	District Commissioner	01/04/2021 - 30/04/2021
12	Claire Mitchell	District Commissioner	01/05/2021 - 31/03/2022

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

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

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, persons elected at the District AGM, persons nominated by the District Commissioner and approved at the District AGM and persons co-opted by the Committee. The Committee meets every four months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training.

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

The maintenance of District property;

The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

District public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

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

1. Pandemic Coronavirus. The District would follow the guidance issued by The Scout Association in relation to face-to-face Scouting, encourage appropriate online Scouting activities and seek financial support from national and local government.
2. Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
3. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.
4. Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
5. Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. The District has promoted the 'Grow Your Group' initiative to promote the recruitment of volunteers.
6. Reduction or loss of members. The District promotes and provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)
Public benefit statement	The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.
Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section E**Financial Review**

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £2,000.

The District held reserves of approximately £60,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the anticipated need to fund future projects such as a District camp site and international events. Included in the reserves are earmarked funds for international development (£9,335) and for Colborne ESU (£350).

Further financial review details

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District Executive Committee has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F**Other Information**

Plans for future periods

See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Derek Burt	Lindsay Cass
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Position

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

6th July 2022



Scouts

East Dorset District

ANNUAL REVIEW

2021 - 2022

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29th SEPTEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm at Woodcutts Scout HQ

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
4. District Chairman's Report – Derek Burt
5. District Commissioner's Report – Claire Mitchell
6. District Treasurer's Report – Lindsay Cass
7. District Commissioner's Nomination of Chairman
Mr. Derek Burt
8. Election of District Secretary
Mrs Melissa Poore
9. Election of District Treasurer
District Chairman to nominate Mr. Lindsay Cass
10. Election of Representatives to Executive Committee
Mr. John Curtis, Mr. Rob Easton, Mrs. Judith Finney,
Mr. Richard Micklefield, Mr. Trevor Middleton and Mr. Jon Wragg
11. District Commissioner's Nominations to Executive Committee
Mrs. Sheenagh Bradford, Mrs. Sally Palmer, Mr. Danny Cordell
Ex Officio: Mrs. Jane Mearns and Mr. Martin Sanders
12. Election of Honorary Accounts Examiner
District Chairman to nominate Mr. Bernard Cooke

District Commissioners Annual Report 2021-2022

I want to start with a huge thank you to everyone in East Dorset District for all their hard work, time and effort throughout the last couple of years with the pandemic.

2021 started with all meetings still on zoom and no face to face. During this time, we have had to adapt to delivering a programme for the young people, we have had groups cooking, doing quizzes and even virtual camps all on zoom. Finally, by September we could restart and get some normality. A lot of groups have struggled with numbers and leadership shortages but have carried on and by January started to see a lot of changes and numbers increasing.

In March we finally managed to get the young people back out camping and young people took part in District Expedition Challenge. This was along the lines of “order of the boot” but with changes made to help all scouts that attended to earn their expedition challenge award. The expedition challenge during the pandemic was impossible for them to complete so many young people faced not being able to complete their chief scout gold award. We are pleased to say 11 teams took part which was fantastic with West Moors scouts bringing home the trophy.

We look forward to 2022/2023 with an action-packed program full of activities/camps for all you people to attend. Over the coming years we will see many changes but believe East Dorset District is as strong as ever and look forward to keep going from strength to strength.

Claire Mitchell
District Commissioner



District Beaver Scouts Annual Report 2021-2022

During the past 12 months, things have been getting back to normal for most Colonies. As well as working hard on badges, the Beavers have had lots of fun going out on hikes, den building, canoeing, bug hunts, skiing and visits to fire stations, to name just a few.

Sleepovers are back on the increase. Many Beavers took part in the District Camp at the end of April with Alderholt and Verwood Beavers sleeping the 2 nights away in tents, despite the rain on the Saturday, whilst many more Beavers attended for the day on the Sunday. All had a great time enjoying many activities such as climbing, abseiling, archery, making and firing off rockets tie dying t-shirts etc and facing challenges they have never had before e.g., fencing and paddle boarding and taking the 'leap of faith' off the high ropes. Thank you to the District Team for organising this event.

2 Colonies, Alderholt and Corfe Mullen Peregrines, took part in the County BeaJam 2022 event in June and had a great day making kites, aerial runway, climbing, tunnelling, learning the Green Cross Code, water games and many more activities. Thank you to the County Team for organising this event.

I am in the process of finding out if the District Beavers can have a sleepover at Ferndown Middle School on the 28th of November this year. Christmas themed of course.!

There have been Chief Scout Bronze Awards gained at Woodcutts, West Moors and Alderholt. Although I have presented them with their badge, we are waiting for presentation evenings getting back on track so they can receive their certificates.

There are a few Colonies in the District that are struggling due to lack of Leaders, and this is obviously a concern, so if you know anyone who would be interested, please spread the word.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Leaders for all your hard work and dedication in providing the Beavers with fun, challenges and helping to develop each individual's confidence. Keep up the good work. (and don't forget to have fun yourself)!

Sheenagh Bradford
ADC Beavers



District Cub Scouts Annual Report 2021-2022

Hi

Due to personal reasons I had to resign as ADC cubs in August and Claire took over but as you can see I am back as from May with Richard Caddy as my right hand man

All packs are now up and running really good programs some were at the district camp in May and some have run their own camps

Most have done activities away from their huts

District wise we have not run any activities this year but Richard and I are working on that and there will be some next year

I have been out and about handing out chief scout silver awards and certificates and hopefully there are more to come just ;et me know and I will come over to you

I would like to thank all the cub leaders for all their hard work this year

Sally Palmer
ADC Cubs



District Scouts Annual Report 2021-2022

No report received

EXPLORERS

District Explorer Scouts Annual Report 2021-2022

The Explorer section appears to be growing again following a downfall in numbers during the pandemic, according to last year's census numbers.

The four Units of the District are all continuing with a varied programme enjoying activities such as Kayaking, pioneering, lime rendering, weaving, marmalade making amongst many others. Also, some have taken part in weekend camps and a couple participated in the County International trip 'KanderJam 2022'.

11 new Young Leaders were invested in the Spring term. Training for YL's has been split across the District in an attempt to improve the organisation.

With pride, one Unit was amongst Scouting members invited to attend the inauguration of the new Bishop of Salisbury who was once a Scout in the County.

A special achievement in the section is the successful completion of a Platinum award by one of our younger Explorers with complex learning difficulties. An achievement worthy of extra celebration.

Jane Mearns

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

network

District Scout Network Annual Report 2021-2022

On paper there are potentially 34 members, however only 7 – 8 are active core members attending some meetings. I would like the number of active members to grow in order for the meetings to become more dynamic and diverse.

Over the past year we have continued to hold zoom meetings most months as the majority of members are away at university during term time. Some members are happy to host/plan a meeting and we have covered subjects such as Origami, 3D printing, Toby's travels, quizzes etc. We have managed to hold some in person meetings during their overlapping holidays including home-made Wood Fired Pizza, Beach Games, Orienteering which is fun. In order to successfully run more active evenings the number of members needs to grow. In the Christmas holidays one member is anticipating running a climbing session in Bournemouth. We are hoping to be able to help tidy the district campsite next spring and maybe have a weekend camp next summer.

I am intending to visit the local Explorer Units in the autumn term to reintroduce Scout Network to both the leaders and the young people so they are aware of what is available to them as soon as they are 18 when they should be leaving Explorers.

With the help of Lindsay the section will shortly have a bank account and this will enable the section to book events. Michele Mooring has come on board as an occasional adult support leader.

I strongly believe that Network is an important Scout section as these are our potential Leaders of The Future. Thank you for your continued support in this vision.

Martin Sanders

District Scout Network Commissioner

District Scout Shop Annual Report 2021-2022

The Scout Shop has continued to operate as an Online Shop for this year and has made substantial profits for both the District and Groups (the Profit Share has yet to be distributed to this year). By review of the District Accounts the Scout Shop is listed and its turnover and profit analysis provided

The Groups and Parents who have used the Online Shop have received a free delivery service which has benefited the local users but this has now been withdrawn with the increase in fuel prices.

We had received a offer of help to run the Shop on an evening during the week but unfortunately this has not proved to be the panacea it was first thought to be and therefore we are unable to open the shop on a regular basis and can only continue as an Online shop but with delivery charged for.

I am sure that by charging for delivery the parental use my diminish and of course this would reduce the profit share but we can only try and see, but as I have always said if we can get volunteers to run the shop then we can reopen.

Richard Micklefield
Scout Shop Manager.

District Treasurer's Annual Report 2021-2022

The 2021/22 accounts set out in the following three tables have been approved by the District Executive Committee after being independently examined or scrutinised by Bernard Cooke, the District's Honorary Accounts Examiner.

The main accounts are shown in the first table and include payments totalling £2,110.63 for equipment hire and purchases for the 2022 District Camp. This expenditure will be refunded in 2022/23 using the income from camp fees.

The second table of my report shows the District's funds that I do not administer. The names of the people who administer each of these accounts is shown in the last column. The District Executive Committee decided in 2019 that these funds must be independently examined or scrutinised and be incorporated into the District's annual report to the Charity Commission. This was done in 2020/21 and again in 2021/22.

The third table shows the District's consolidated accounts that combine the main accounts with those administered by others. The final row in the table shows the District's 'true' income and expenditure after deducting the membership fees of £32,938 that the District collects on behalf of the National Scout Headquarters and Dorset County Scout Council.

I would like to thank Derek Burt, Claire Mitchell and my other colleagues on the District Executive Committee for their support over the past year. Thanks are also due to the other members who administer District funds, to Bernard Cooke and to the Group Treasurers for (most of them) getting their membership fee payments to me on time.

Lindsay Cass
District Treasurer

East Dorset District Scout Council

Independently examined or scrutinised accounts for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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Ferndown		239.27	120.00	100.00	259.27		2	<i>Claire Mitchell</i>
Verwood		822.94	886.25	1,120.90	588.29		2	<i>Charlie Dixon</i>
Woodcutts		898.06	2,191.00	2,338.50	750.56		2	<i>Anthony Brown</i>
Totals		19,991.03	17,900.80	13,751.47	24,140.36			
								Ind examined 1
								Scrutinised 2

**Consolidated Income and Expenditure
for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

	Income, £	Expenditure, £
Main accounts	37,749.95	36,855.70
District funds not administered by the DT	17,900.80	13,751.47
Totals	55,650.75	50,607.17
Totals less HQ/DCSC (agency) payment	22,712.75	17,669.17



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Report to the trustees/
members of

^{Name}
EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

Charity no
(if any)

301230

31/03/2022

Set out on pages

APPENDIX 1 PAGES 11+12

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022

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

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

**Independent examiner's
statement**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 14/6/2022

name:

BERNARD COOKE

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):**

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EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 301230

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

East Dorset District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

3 0 1 2 3 0

HQ registration number

1 0 0 0 1 3 2 0

Charity's principal address

35 Davids Lane

Ringwood

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Derek Burt	Chair	
2	Lindsay Cass	Treasurer	
3	Trevor Middleton		27/10/2020 - 31/03/2021
4	Robert Easton		
5	John Curtis		
6	Richard Micklefield		
7	Sheenagh Bradford		
8	Jonathan Wragg		
9	Judith Finney		
10	David McGregor	District Commissioner	

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

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

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, persons elected at the District AGM, persons nominated by the District Commissioner and approved at the District AGM and persons co-opted by the Committee. The Committee meets every four months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training.

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

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

Risk and Internal Control

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

Identified are:

Pandemic Coronavirus. The District would follow the guidance issued by The Scout Association in relation to face-to-face Scouting, encourage appropriate online Scouting activities and seek financial support from national and local government.

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

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

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

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. The District has promoted the 'Grow Your Group' initiative to promote the recruitment of volunteers.

Reduction or loss of members. The District promotes and provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p>

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Public benefit statement

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

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section E Financial Review

Statement of the charity's policy on -----

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £2,000.

The District held reserves of approximately £50,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the anticipated need to fund future projects such as a District camp site and international events.

Further financial review details

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District Executive Committee has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F Other Information

Plans for future periods

See Annual Review (attached as Appendix 1)

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Derek Burt	L H Cass
Full name(s)	Derek Burt	Lindsay Cass
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	21st June 2021	



Scouts

East Dorset District

ANNUAL REVIEW

2020 - 2021

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21st JULY 2021 at 7.30pm (using ZOOM)

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
4. District Chairman's Report – Derek Burt
5. District Commissioner's Report – David McGregor and Claire Mitchell
6. District Treasurer's Report – Lindsay Cass
7. District Commissioner's Nomination of Chairman
Mr. Derek Burt
8. Election of District Secretary
Situation vacant
9. Election of District Treasurer
District Chairman to nominate Mr. Lindsay Cass
10. Election of Representatives to Executive Committee
Mr. John Curtis, Mr. Rob Easton, Mrs. Judith Finney,
Mr. Richard Micklefield, Mr. Trevor Middleton and Mr. Jon Wragg
11. District Commissioner's Nominations to Executive Committee
Mrs. Sheenagh Bradford, Mrs. Sally Palmer, Mr. Danny Cordell
Ex Officio: Mrs. Jane Mearns and Mr. Martin Sanders
12. Election of Honorary Accounts Examiner
District Chairman to nominate Mr. Bernard Cooke

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on the 22 September 2020.

1. Opening Remarks

Derek Burt welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting, unfortunately due to technical issues Sir Ronald Stuart-Paul was not able to join the meeting.

2. Apologies

The Secretary had received apologies from Sir Ronald Stuart-Paul (President), Brendan Booth (County Commissioner), Claire Mitchell (ADC Inclusion), Andy Thornton (ADC Activities), Nigel Emsen and Kerry Roux (Beaver Section Leaders, Alderholt), Neil Harris (AGSL 1st Wimborne) Paul Tuttiett (Exec Chairman, West Moors), Richard Dean (Exec Chairman, Ferndown) and Bernie Cooke (Honorary Accounts Examiner)

3. Minutes and Matters Arising Meeting 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2019 were approved, this was proposed by John Curtis and seconded by David McGregor and will be signed.

4. District Chairman (Derek Burt)

Derek Burt thanked Sir Ronald for continuing to take the Chair and for the support he has given to the District as our President in the past year. The chairman noted the District has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of David McGregor, the District Commissioner, who has worked extremely hard and, with help from leaders and helpers the District has grown. Derek reported we had sadly lost two stalwarts of East Dorset Scouting in the past year, Mike Downton and Brian Williams. He hopes to hold a service of remembrance for each of these gentlemen at a time when this is possible. Derek also thanked the District Executive for their help and support, in particular Lindsay Cass as Treasurer and Genevieve Bond as Secretary. Thanks also to all leaders for their time and effort in looking after and developing the young people.

5. District Commissioner's Report (David McGregor)

The DC reported that ROAR was a huge success but with challenges due to timing. Thanks to County for agreeing to get everything ready on time.

Census numbers were down in Jan 2020 as experienced leaders were lost. We need younger leaders to build for the future.

BAD camp was excellent with a presentation to Sheenagh Bradford and Jane Mearns. 10 young people from East Dorset went on the USA World Jamboree, DC had seen the Verwood Scout's presentation. Many thanks to the District Exec for the support of £500 to each of those attending towards their jamboree fundraising.

David said it was wonderful that we all got to celebrate Mike Downton's 60th year in Scouting in November 2019, everyone realises how much leaders do. Mike's commitment and leadership are a great loss to the District. Sadly we were unable to attend Brian Williams funeral due to COVID restrictions however a guard of honour was present on the route.

2020 - if only we could have been prepared for the unknown. Groups doing Zoom, all the eligible groups received grants. David thanked Derek, Lindsay, Genevieve, GSL's, leaders and his District Team. Remember it is our hobby and to have fun.

District Beavers: Sheenagh reported that not all colonies in the District have been doing Zoom and some are struggling to get face-to-face sessions going again.

District Cubs: John Flippance also commented that most leaders are trying to do Zoom activities, some are already back face to face, more plan to return after half term.

District Scouts: Most Scout troops are back.

Network: Martin Saunders advised that it is only a small group (2 currently), have only met via Zoom.

Richard Micklefield reported that the Scout Shop is providing an online service, please email to get items needed.

6. District Treasurer's Report (Lindsay Cass)

The District Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts for 2019/20 which were included in the Annual Review. They had been examined by Bernard Cooke and approved by the District Executive.

The figures show District had £56,420 at the start of the year and £56,963.76 at the end of the year (about £500 more than last year).

The Exec had decided that all funds held by others (not administered by the District Treasurer) should be examined and despite repeated requests, full information for 3 accounts was not received. Meetings with the account holders (District Explorers, Ferndown Explorers and ADC Activities) will be held to get this information as they hold District money that needs to be accounted for.

The last page includes Independent Examiner's Certificate where Bernard Cooke has Independently Examined the accounts shown with a 1, the accounts with a 2 have been Scrutinised by Bernard Cooke.

Lindsay thanked Bernard Cooke for examining the accounts.

David McGregor apologised to the Exec for the sections that had not submitted accounts and advised there will be a meeting with the account holders to resolve this situation.

There were no questions and the District Chairman thanked Lindsay Cass for his report and management of the accounts.

7. District Commissioner's Nomination of District Chairman

The District Commissioner was pleased to nominate Derek Burt who had agreed to continue as Chairman. The DC thanked Derek Burt for his 44 years of hard work. All were in favour.

8. Election of District Secretary

Genevieve Bond stepping down as District Secretary. Nominations required. Derek Burt expressed thanks for Genevieve's work.

9. Election of District Treasurer

Mr. Lindsay Cass had agreed to continue as District Treasurer. Proposed by Derek Burt, seconded by David McGregor. All were in favour.

10. Election of Representatives to the Executive Committee

Mrs. Judith Finney, Mr. Richard Micklefield and Mr. Trevor Middleton were proposed by [Derek Burt](#), seconded by [Lindsay Cass](#). All were in favour.

11. District Commissioner's Nominations to the Executive Committee

Mrs. Sheenagh Bradford (ADC Beavers), Mr. John Curtis, (GSL representative), Mr. Jon Wragg (ADC Scouts) and Mr. Rob Easton had agreed to continue and are joined by Claire Mitchell as Deputy District Commissioner.

12. Election of Honorary Accounts Examiner

Richard Micklefield proposed Bernard Cooke and John Millward seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Other Business

Elizabeth Poppitt (County Secretary) said the County Scout Council is very proud of East Dorset, it's a great district, which feels like a happy family, keeping the fun even when TSA is sending requests for Risk Assessments.

Derek Burt gave his thanks to the leaders and Exec members saying 2020 had been a challenging year, and it could be some time before Scouting could get back to normal. He added that we need to keep helping young people by providing fun activities in the programme.

We had been very fortunate to receive a legacy of £9k from Mike Downton and, in accordance with Mike's wishes, these funds will be used support international events.

The meeting was closed after Derek Burt and David McGregor thanked everyone for attending.

Agenda item 5

District Commissioner's Report

Covid 19 Pandemic hits the UK and World

Wow! Who said that the World can't change? 2020 has been like no other in our lifetime. Our liberties and what we take for granted as "Normal" have all gone.... for the moment, that includes Scouting in the Face to Face (F2F) setting that we are so used to.

As we witnessed around the World, Covid 19 virus took hold and Scouting was stopped with "The Scouts" taking advice from the NYA ensuring that our members were kept safe. A new word "Zoom" was introduced into our vocabulary, with online meetings being the normal. Some Groups were quick to pick up the mantle and adapt the programme to be fun and exciting. Unfortunately some leaders and GSL's were stuck in "Tradition" and the membership numbers started to deplete. Those that did use Zoom as a tool for Scouting, were able to keep their membership numbers.

Finally, the 1st lockdown ended and Scouting was able to meet again, unfortunately due to the threat of the virus returning, Risk Assessments had to be submitted in writing. This proved more of a challenge than needed, with many needing to be submitted several times before approval to return to F2F meetings outside. Some sections/Groups continued Zoom meeting instead of returning F2F. Masks for over 11 age range and leaders proved difficult with some "older" leaders having to isolate leaving sections and Groups short of adult help. Numbers per meeting was limited to 15 young people and this restricted waiting list potential members joining.

As expected, in the Autumn, Covid 19 numbers rose again and Scouting was back to Zoom and the programmes started to get more adventurous. Again some sections/Groups had decided not to meet despite help and advice from District ADCs and other Groups who were flourishing.

Again in the winter session of 2020 we were allowed to resume F2F however meeting outside was becoming a problem, fortunately the rules changed to allow inside meetings but with social distancing being imposed. This again presented problems for some Groups having leaders that needed to isolate for their own health, leaving insufficient adult supervision.

The winter session finished with a 3rd lockdown during the Christmas holidays and a return to Zoom meetings

So what has Covid taught us?

East Dorset District needs to recruit more adult volunteers

We need more "younger" leaders. The pandemic showed that we have a high ratio of mature leaders so that Scouting can survive any further crisis

Adult leaders need to take help when offered and adapt the Scouting programme

The use of online facilities was vital for the continuation of programme and meetings

The Census showed that East Dorset had a 23% decrease in overall memberships – this is largely due to the sections/Groups who would not, or did not, meet during lockdown periods.

Sadly, we lost another great friend and stalwart of the District in Brian Williams from Colehill Scout Group. He was another of the “3 Musketeers” that held respect with everyone he met and was always at hand to offer advice and wisdom when most needed. Due to Covid we were not able to attend his funeral, but a “Guard of Honour” was given by leaders of the Scout Group and District on the funeral cortege route.

Can I please thank all the volunteers, Exec, leaders, parents who played their part in continuing Scouting despite Covid 19. I would like to make a special “Thank You” to Andy Thornton and Claire Mitchell. Andy took responsibility for Risk Assessments and was District Representative at County Covid meetings. He was ably assisted by Claire - both worked many long hours to ensure as many sections as possible could return when allowed. They showed that we can work as a team to be part of something that our young people need as much today as ever.

Stay safe

David McGregor
District Commissioner

Beaver Scout Section Report

2020 was an incredibly difficult and challenging time for everyone. Being in lockdown due to Covid-19, meant Scouting activities had to be delivered in a new format. Zoom was born!!

Most of the Beaver Colonies had weekly meetings via Zoom and others delivered activity materials through email, Facebook and online classroom. Many badges were still earned including 17 Chief Scout Bronze Awards. Parents were happy to present the badge to their young people through Zoom celebrations. Scouting also offered The Great Indoors Camp through challenges with lots of photographs being posted on Facebook for all to see. Beavers could make a den in their own house, whether in their bedroom or in the lounge, pitch a tent in the garden, help make a fire and cook marshmallows, sausages etc and basically have a great time.

April 2021 saw Scouting back face to face. What an exciting time for Beavers and Leaders alike as many hikes, outdoor activities such as den building, flying kites, visits to park to do cycling (or scootering) badges or navigation.

Though there are still some restrictions like social distancing, sanitising hands, and staying outdoors as much as possible, this has not stopped the Beavers from having loads of fun and continuing to develop their skills, knowledge and independence #SkillsForLife.

Sheenagh Bradford
ADC Beavers

Cub Scout Section Report

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, there have been no district events in the time however there have been county events online that a lot of packs have taken part in and also the St George's Day service in April 2020.

John Flippance and I have helped packs set up Zoom meetings, joined in Zoom meetings to present Chief Scout Silver Awards, kept in touch with leaders by phone and Zoom to make sure they were coping ok and to see if help was needed.

Sally Palmer
ADC Cubs

Scout Section Report

This has been quite the year in Scouting, with restrictions and rules forever changing it has proved quite the challenge for us all to keep up! With all events and activities off the cards we have all needed to adapt as much as we can. A huge thank you to all of our leaders for managing to do this for all of our members, it shows the amazing dedication we have towards scouting in our district.

Most groups and sections have spent a lot of time online and have overcome the challenges around this, although I'm sure everyone will join me in saying the 'Mute All' button is a wonderful feature, if only this could be carried over whilst Face to Face! All troops have now been back Face to Face, mostly just meeting outside for the last term. It is great to see us getting back to some form of 'normality'.

We still stand at 13 Scout Troops in the district and member numbers across the board seem to be growing, so this is a very good sign coming out of the restrictions. Next year I hope we can look forward to getting district events and activities up and running again.

I took on the Assistant District Commissioner - Scouts role in May 2021 so I am still familiarising myself with the troops and leaders. I would like to say a thank you to Matt Deacon for his dedication to this role for many years and wish him all the best for the future.

As always, I am here to support everyone whenever needed, just send me an email or pick up the phone!

Danny Cordell
ADC Scouts

Explorer Scout Section Report

As everyone is very aware, it's been a difficult year for us all and Scouting has seen new ways of delivering its programme. The Explorer section has been no different and most Units have enjoyed a full and varied programme online. Numbers have remained fairly stable despite the closure of the Colborne Unit. This was due to Leadership shortage, not the pandemic, and the members have been placed in other Units.

A highlight for me was an invitation to invest 10 Explorer Scouts from Woodcutts last November. This was carried out one evening on Swanage beach, socially distanced with the cruise ships lit up in the background.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of the Explorer Scout Leaders who have risen to the challenge of providing a creative and exciting programme during this challenging time.

Jane Mearns
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Scout Network Section Report

Over the past year, the unit has steadily grown and currently has 30 members. Most of these are young people who have taken on a leadership role within the district and therefore automatically become Network members, but I have also had 5 join direct from Explorers.

Within those 30 we now have a core of about 10 active members who have regularly taken part in the Zoom meetings which we have been having once a month. These meetings included 3D printing, art, travel talks and origami.

I am pleased to say we are now back to meeting face to face, with our first meeting taking place last Sunday (18th July) making bug hotels at the district camp site.

The section now has its own scarf and unit flash.

Martin Sanders
District Network Commissioner

District Scout Shop Report

The District Scout Shop has now been in operation under its present management for several years but due to Covid restrictions has been closed most of this year but is now operating as an online shop at eddsoutshop.org.uk.

The object of the Scout Shop is to provide a source of uniform, scouting clothing and scouting publications for Scout Groups, parents and members in and around East Dorset and Christchurch as a fund raiser for the Groups in terms of payback to the Groups after the year end.

2nd Wimborne, Woodcutts, Corfe Mullen and Longham hold stock for their own use, resupplying from the main shop.

The shop accounts are now contained within the District Accounts, apart from the distribution of payback to the Groups, rent is paid to 1st Ferndown HQ for the location of the Scout Shop cabin and a small amount to East Dorset District to cover administration expenses.

It is a disappointment that not all Groups support the District Scout Shop, but I can understand that we have plenty of competition with school shops, garden centres, the

internet and other Scout Shops which supply other scouting needs, but remember that approximately 20% of what is spent is returned to the Groups (ie £1 in every £5).

My thanks go to Oliver Micklefield for setting up the Online Shop.

The problem facing us, when the shop is open again on a regular basis, will be staffing as we have very few volunteers and I am not available to attend on Saturday mornings. I am able to continue with the management of the shop and providing a FOC delivery service to parents and Leaders in East Dorset and Christchurch.

We would also like to open the shop one evening during the week, but we need more volunteers. If you know of a helper or parent who could help out we could set up a rota so that it's not a burden on one person.

Richard Micklefield
Scout Shop Manager

Agenda item 6

District Treasurer's Report

The 2020/21 accounts set out in the following two tables have been approved by the District Executive Committee after being independently examined or scrutinised by Bernard Cooke, the District's Honorary Accounts Examiner.

The main accounts include:

- A donation of £9,531.85 from the estate of Mike Downton that will be ring fenced to support international activities, in accordance with Mike's wishes
- Funds in the sum of £476.12 previously held by the Colborne Explorer Scout Unit that closed during the year. £125.49 of these funds will be used to pay the unit's 2020 membership fees
- A grant of £955.15 to the 1st Heatherlands Scout Group to assist with membership fee, insurance and storage costs.

The second table of my report shows the District's funds that I do not administer. The District Executive Committee decided in 2019 that these funds must be independently examined or scrutinised and be incorporated into the District's annual report to the Charity Commission. This has been done for 2020/21.

I would like to thank Derek Burt, David McGregor and my other colleagues on the District Executive Committee for their support over the past year. Thanks are also due to the other members who administer District funds, to Bernard Cooke and to the Group Treasurers for getting their membership fee payments to me on time.

Lindsay Cass
District Treasurer

East Dorset District Scout Council

Independently examined accounts for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

	2020/21		2019/20
	Expenditure, £	Income, £	
Opening Balance on 1 April 2020		56,963.76	56,420
Membership fees from Groups and ESUs			
2020 fees		1,765.59	38,423
2021 fees		32,447.26	
Donation to International Fund from Mike Downton's estate		9,531.85	
Transfer of funds from closure of Colborne ESU bank account		476.12	
Bank interest		22.76	73
ED Scout Shop profit share		21.19	16
Membership fees - 2019			1,649
Refund of Thorpe Park deposits			1,312
Refund of deposits for District Camp 2019			1,247
John Thornton Young Achievers grant			1,000
Refund of Order of the Boot portaloos hire			228
Refund of Dubrovnic deposit			100
Petty cash previously held by ADC (General Duties)			35
Refund of double payment to ED Scout Shop			30
Total Income		44,264.77	44,113
Membership fees paid to HQ/DCSC	30,295.75		34,196
Insurance	1,016.03		811
Grant to 1st Heatherlands Group	955.15		
District Team expenses	817.70		548
Motion Picture Licensing	300.90		292
Administration	126.00		191
Wimborne St Giles camp site	83.90		80
Bank charges	69.00		60
Presentation evenings	23.00		914
Shelter Box donation			2,519
Thorpe Park deposits			1,292
Explorer Section Spanish Expedition 2019			1,000
District Camp expenditure			732
Order of the Boot			531
Training			220
AGM			119
District Banner			64
Total Expenditure	33,687.43		43,569
Closing Balance on 31 March 2021		67,541.10	56,964
Made up from:			
CAF Gold account	59,939.40		49,260
CafCash account	7,601.70		7,704
	67,541.10		56,964

East Dorset District Scout Council

Independently examined or scrutinised accounts for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

District funds not administered by the District Treasurer

	31/03/2020		01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021						
	Stock, £	Balance, £	Income, £	Expenditure, £	Balance 31/03/21, £	Stock 31/03/21, £			
Scout Shop	6,232.53	8,216.05	1,434.20	3,659.72	5,990.53	No stock check	1	<i>Richard Micklefield</i>	
Scouts		4,062.54	0.00	158.10	3,904.44		2	<i>Jon Wragg</i>	
Cubs		2,236.29	22.00	119.56	2,138.73		2	<i>Sally Palmer</i>	
Badges	7,838.75	2,309.61	1,780.09	1,683.93	2,405.77	7,620.98	1	<i>Helen Lynch</i>	
Activities		1,198.04	0.00	166.50	1,031.54		2	<i>Andy Thornton</i>	
Beavers		827.43	0.00	0.00	827.43		2	<i>Sheenagh Bradford</i>	
Explorers		1,353.16	0.00	644.60	708.56		2	<i>Jane Mearns</i>	
Colborne		531.12	<i>Account closed and balance transferred to main District Account (11/2020)</i>						<i>Tony Payne</i>
Corfe Mullen		1,877.76	0.00	854.00	1,023.76		1	<i>Trevor Middleton</i>	
Ferndown		246.36	50.00	57.09	239.27		2	<i>Claire Mitchell</i>	
Verwood		632.94	190.00	0.00	822.94		2	<i>Charlie Dixon</i>	
Woodcutts		1,324.10	397.00	823.04	898.06		2	<i>Anthony Brown</i>	
Totals		24,815.40	3,873.29	8,166.54	19,991.03				
						Ind examined	1		
						Scrutinised	2		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2021

Charity no (if any)

301230

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 19/6/2021

Name: BERNARD COOKE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ACIB