

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 302111

Details

Other names	GLOUCESTER BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-10-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: GLOUCESTER BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

Activities: Scouting

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GLOUCESTER
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£149,924	£124,398	-	-
2024-03-31	£169,894	£142,707	-	-
2023-03-31	£106,487	£102,348	-	-
2022-03-31	£81,856	£76,659	-	-
2021-03-31	£34,890	£12,322	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael John Seamarks	Chair	2023-07-12
ALAN FAULKNER		
Felicity Mary Sang		2025-07-16
Fraiser James Thomas		2021-09-08
HEATHER TAYLOR		
Kathryn Turner		2017-06-14
Nicholas Harris		2017-06-14
Nicola Hughes		2019-06-12
Paul Duncan Trott		2022-06-15

Accounts



**Gloucester District Scout Council
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025
Charity Number: 302111**



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GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUTS LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:

The Membership of the Trustee Board who served between the 2024 and 2025 AGMs were

M Seamarks	District Chair
D Hawkins	District Lead Volunteer (resigned 13 Jul 2025)
K Hawkins	District Treasurer (resigned 13 Jul 2025)
F Sang	District Treasurer (appointed 16 Jul 2025)
N Hughes	
H Taylor	
F Thomas	
N Harris	
K Turner	
A Faulkner	
P Trott	
J Brook	(co-opted member)

Charity number 302111

Principal address

Murray Hall Scout HQ, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester GL4 0NU

Independent examiner

S Lawrence

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc, 19 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1NU

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUTS TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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 District Trustee Board exists to support the DLV 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

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District and the Trustees wish to express their thanks and gratitude to all volunteers and supporters who have

OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The objectives of the Charity are to support the Scout Groups registered in Gloucester District in pursuit of the Scout Association's Purpose, informed by the Values of Scouting and adopting the Scout Method.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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

The Scout Method

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

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

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the public benefit provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and of the guidance on them published by the Charity Commission. They are satisfied that the objectives of the Charity and the activities of the Charity are within the definitions of the Charitable Purposes as set down in the Act. The Trustees are not aware of any public detriment caused by the Charity's object or activities, and nor are they aware of anyone receiving any private benefit from the Charity's activities.

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under:

- Advancement of education.
- Advancement of citizenship or community development.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and achievements

District Chairman's Report

As a Greek philosopher once said, change is the only constant, and it is fair to say this year has most certainly been no exception. We have become teams, not sections, volunteers not leaders and traded our Compass for a database with no name. Regardless of all this our underlying focus on supporting the Young People of Gloucester has not changed at all, and that is what is most important.

Whilst their resignation has come outside of the reporting year, I would like to personally thank Dave and Karen Hawkins for all their support and dedication to the District. They have done a fantastic job and I wish them well in the next stage of their scouting journey.

We are currently in the early stages of negotiations with Gloucester City Council to look at the possibility of purchasing the land that Murray Hall occupies. We hope that this discussion will be concluded before the next AGM.

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Once again, the District has pulled together through organising some amazing events.

The Cotswold Marathon continue to be high with the Broze section being oversubscribed largely from Gloucestershire but also from afar, so good is its reputation as an event.

Gang Show continued to evolve with the introduction of the Mini Gang aged from just 6 to 9 years old with the show being seen by over 1,100. A special thank you to Gemma Rowles who stepped down from her role as Chair to the Gang Show.

Thank you also to the Trustees and all the backroom teams that work to keep the District running and continue to support the delivery of Scouting within the District.

District Treasurer's Report

Having recently taken on the role of Treasurer, I am pleased to be contributing to the work of the District and look forward to supporting its continued development in the years ahead.

The reported surplus for the year includes a generous donation from the Rotary Club, which was provided to help cover roof repair and maintenance costs incurred in the previous financial year. Excluding this donation, the District achieved an underlying surplus of £7,558.

In common with many other Districts, and indeed charitable organisations in general, we continue to face rising cost pressures, making it especially encouraging to report a positive financial outcome. As referenced elsewhere in this report, discussions are ongoing regarding Murray Hall. Funds have been designated to support this initiative, ensuring the District remains in a strong financial position to sustain its activities and continue supporting its Groups.

PROGRAMME DELIVERY TEAM REPORTS



Cotswold Marathon

52nd Annual Cotswold Marathon

The Virtual Cotswold Marathon was held during January. 194 people signed up for the virtual event with entries from squirrels to adults. A total of 6052 miles (roughly to New York and back) was walked with 88 people completing the 50mile Platinum challenge.

The main Cotswold Marathon took place on Saturday/Sunday 8th/9th February.

Nearly 465 walkers signed up for the event with 447 starting the walk. Overall numbers were slightly down on the 2024 event although maximum numbers were reached for the Bronze Marathon. For safety and logistical reasons Bronze entry numbers were restricted to around 250 which meant that we unfortunately had to turn away a few entries.

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Local groups performed very well with a leader's team from Gloucester winning the Lowery Trophy, in the Gold section, with the fastest overall time of 7hrs 26min.

In the Silver section Javelin ESU won the Keith Aston Cup in a time of 5hrs 43mins and the Falcon ESU won the Tony Day Trophy in a time of 6hrs 35min.

Scouts from 1st Upton St Leonards entered the Bronze route with one team winning the Male Trophy in a time of 3hrs. 6mins and another team winning the Di Large Trophy at the same time.

Many thanks to the 150 staff and helpers that supported the event and thanks to the Marathon Team for their hard work and dedication.

For full results please see the Marathon website www.cotswoldmarathon.org.uk

Next year's Marathon will be held on 6th/7th February 2026.

Alan Faulkner
Cotswold Marathon Co-ordinator.

Gloucester Gang Show 2024-25

Show Week 2024

The 2024 show run was a great success which saw our very first Mini Gang cast (of 21 youngsters aged 6-9) take to the stage with our Main Gang cast. They absolutely stole the hearts of our audience members.

We were so impressed at how the Mini Gang embraced Gang Show, adapting from their rehearsals at Murray Hall to performing at the Bacon Theatre. Thank you to everyone who worked alongside the Mini Gang to make this vision and adventure a possibility.



Our Main Gang did it again! Each year they bring incredible talent to the stage! We are constantly dazzled by their growth in confidence and self-belief by show week. Scouting and Guiding friendships were built and memories created to last a lifetime.

The cast and crew really pulled together this year, selling an amazing 1152 tickets across all performances. This is an increase of 13 tickets on last year's sales.

At the end of the show week, we said a very big thank you to Gemma Rowles, who stepped down from her role as Show Chair. She has held the role for many years, and we are very grateful for the commitment and dedication she has shown to everyone.

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Charity of the Year 2024

We chose to support the Forget-Me-Not Baby Remembrance Garden at Gloucester Royal Hospital who have now raised enough money to successfully build and open their sanctuary. This garden offers comfort to parents, loved ones and staff who are affected by baby loss, giving them a dedicated space for reflection and remembrance at the hospital. Donations towards this cause came in through donations received by audiences and gang members across show week.



Production 2025

This year we welcomed myself (Sally Russan) to the role of Chair and Emily Wood to the role of Business Manager. We have been greatly supported across the Gang Show team as well as within the local Scouting and Guiding Districts and Divisions.



I have been blown away to see each backstage team working tirelessly for months on end to achieve incredible results and really see the show coming together! We consider ourselves very lucky to have such talent and dedication across all our teams.

This year we started to include our young cast members in coming up with ideas and helping us in creating Social Media content to promote our show. This proved very effective in getting our posts out to a wider audience and in getting more interest in ticket sales.

We have also seen an increase in the number of our cast members wanting to support the Mini Gang, paint scenery, work in sound, become involved in Front of House, submit ideas for future scenes etc. It is wonderful seeing the young people step forward with their ideas and talents!

Sally Russan
Chair
Gloucester Gang Show



Email: chair@glosgangshow.co.uk

Web: www.glosgangshow.co.uk



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Volunteering Development Team

Over the past 12 months, Scouting has undergone a transformational shift to better meet the evolving needs of our volunteers. With a renewed focus on streamlining and improving the volunteer experience, this journey began with the launch of new digital tools in November.

These upgrades introduced a suite of systems designed to enhance how we work and volunteer with Scouts. Key developments include:

 A new membership system replacing Compass

 A learning management system

 A digital skills hub

 A volunteering opportunities site

As part of this transition, all leaders' training records were successfully transferred to the new system—smoothly and without issue.

I was invited to join the County Support Team to assist volunteers during this transition, and I continue to offer help and guidance as we adapt to the new tools. I'm committed to supporting volunteers for as long as needed.

Importantly, the Management Learning programme remains unchanged and is still available via the County website, including access to First Aid courses.

On behalf of the former training team, I'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked so hard to help leaders complete their training. Personally, I'm deeply grateful to the District and County for their support during my time as a Local Training Manager. It's been a privilege to enjoy so many years of service and to meet so many inspiring new leaders.

Although my role has evolved, I'm still part of the learning team—and if anyone needs help or support with the new system, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I'm always happy to help.

Andy Tucker

Support Team

The Transformation process saw the formation of the District Support team designed to bring together several backroom support processes such as the Murray Hall team, Shop and Media to name but a few.

We would like to say a big thank you to Yvonne Bunce who decided after several years of managing the shop to view the counter from the customers side, please continue to bring your shopping lists Yvonne!

Also many thanks to Dickie Large for his sterling work in keeping the building and grounds in such great condition.

We would love to hear from others who may be interested in joining the team, whether Media, Admin, DIY or shopkeeping is your bag, we have a space waiting for you.

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18 - 24 Team

I want to use this opportunity to say hi and sorry I cannot be at the AGM in person, I did ask if we could delay it to 11pm when I am home from holiday, but the trustees disagreed. I have been the 14-25 team leader for almost 6 months now following Gareth's time as DESC and DNSC, thank you Gareth for your time and ongoing support to me too.

I've enjoyed hearing all the activities and events that the Explorers have been up to. Unmentionables sent some highlight photos from their last year including Cotswold Marathon, Lots of Emergency Services visits (SARA, Police, Guide Dogs), Kendo, Ninja Warrior, Beast, S&E, Ball and a week long summer camp all the way over in Norfolk too!

We also had some Unmentionables and Gladiators join the County DofE team for a Silver Expedition in the black mountains where obviously we had all 4 seasons in the week.

We have some great events coming up this next term including:



Explorers Funday at the Jet Age Museum



Beast Camp



Explorer/Network Ball.

If you haven't heard of these then email me for more info - I hope to see you all there.

We are also pleased to announce the relaunch of Gloucester Network!! Will Day has joined the 14-25 team to coordinate monthly socials and scouting activities! If you're aged 18-25, or know someone that is, then speak to Will to sign up (Will.day@gloscouts.org.uk)

Fraiser Thomas 18 – 24 Team Leader

Fraiser.Thomas@gloscouts.org.uk



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Awards Team

A small Volunteer Recognition Team has been set up to review all volunteer records in the District and identify those people who may be eligible for an award. We want to encourage members to nominate their colleagues for awards and ensure everyone has the opportunity to be recognised for their service. Our role is not to vet nominations only to encourage their submission. We are happy to provide advice around the awards criteria and help with the wording of citations if required. We are already seeing some long overdue awards being approved. We would like to encourage everyone to use the new system within "My Membership" to put names forward for consideration of an award.

The following awards were made to Gloucester District volunteers during the year:

Name	Award
Richard Large	Silver Acorn
Colin Steward	Bar to the Award for Merit
Joy Turner	Bar to the Award for Merit
Ruth Turner	Bar to the Award for Merit
Callum Tompkins	Award for Meri
Deborah Auld	Award for Merit
Stephen Plant	Award for Merit
Andrew Faulkner	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Gemma Rowles	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Isabel Trott	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
Paul Sharpe	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The main sources of income during the year were membership fees, subscriptions and income from letting Murray Hall. The total income for the year was £149,924 (2024 - £123,351).

Grant making

The Charity has made no donations during the financial year (2024 – one donation of £110).

Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees are authorised to invest surplus funds in high interest bank accounts. At present the Charity holds invested funds in NS&I totalling £14,969. There is no formal investment policy, however the Trustees are mindful to ensure that optimal returns are achieved on surplus funds held.

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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees that funds that have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to 12 months' expenditure. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

At the end of the financial year, funds in the sum of £26,889 (2024 - £26,639) were reserved for the next year's Cotswold Marathon and Gang Show.

During 2022 a new Group was opened in the District, 58th Gloucester (Hubb). During the start-up period, whilst the new Group had been opening a bank account, their finances had been handled by the District. As at 31 March 2023 they held their own bank account and funds held were transferred to the Group.

Going concern

Scouting is continuing to operate within the District and the District has income and funds to support its functions. After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is governed by Royal Charter granted 4 January 1912. The District Constitution of 2007 was amended and approved by the annual meeting of the Gloucester District Scout Council in July 2023.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

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

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. They have reviewed these and have established systems to mitigate them including strict control of appointments, health and safety issues relating to the physical environment and activities, internal financial controls and the provision of suitable insurance.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUTS TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of POR require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ^{23/9/2025} and signed on its behalf by:

Michael Seamarks...

Michael Seamarks – Chair/Trustee

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Scott Lawrence
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Scott Lawrence, FCA

24/9/2025
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Date

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024 (as restated)
INCOME	Notes	£	£	£	£
Scout activities	2	108,724	17,968	126,692	99,017
Charitable activities	3	11,324	-	11,324	10,245
Scout Shop income	4	11,072	-	11,072	13,232
Investment income	5	836	-	836	857
Total		131,956	17,968	149,924	123,351
Expenditure on:					
Subscriptions payable to County		59,512	-	59,512	53,601
Charitable activities	6	39,211	-	39,211	39,962
Murray Hall Scout HQ		14,857	-	14,857	33,101
Scout shop cost of goods sold		9,140	-	9,140	10,446
Support for new Group		-	-	-	291
Other costs	7	1,678	-	1,678	1,584
Total		124,398	-	124,398	138,985
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		7,558	17,968	25,526	(15,634)
Transfers between funds		17,968	(17,968)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		25,526	-	25,526	(15,634)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		110,206	-	110,206	125,840
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		135,732	-	135,732	110,206

All funds in the prior year were unrestricted.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION: 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 (as restated) £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	3,018	2,309
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	7,679	8,363
Debtors	11	66,817	4,275
Cash at bank		138,772	139,754
Cash in hand		18	116
Total		213,286	152,508
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(80,572)	(44,611)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		132,714	107,897
NET ASSETS		135,732	110,206
FUNDS			
General and Designated funds	13	135,732	110,206
Restricted fund	13	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS		135,732	110,206

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/9/2025

Michael Seamarks
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M Seamarks - Chair

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland': the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Prior period restatement

The prior period has been restated to correct accrued income and prepayment disclosures.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets at the following rates:

Murray Hall - Straight line basis over the period of the lease
Equipment – 15% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - *cont'd*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are those funds allocated by the Trustees at their discretion for specific purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the object of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. SCOUT ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	(As restated)
	£	£
Donations	17,968	650
Subscriptions	69,817	62,789
District activities	-	2,050
58th Hubb	-	1,011
Cotswold Marathon	7,819	8,381
Gang Show	31,088	24,136
	<u>126,692</u>	<u>99,017</u>

Donations include £17,968 (2024 - £nil) restricted donations.

	2025	2024
	£	£
3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Murray Hall Scout HQ Hire	11,324	10,245
	<u>11,324</u>	<u>10,245</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shop income	11,072	13,232
	<u>11,072</u>	<u>13,232</u>

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	836	857
	<u>836</u>	<u>857</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COST

	2025	2024
	£	(As restated)
		£
58th Hubb	-	3,048
District activities	555	1,847
Cotswold Marathon	7,885	7,998
Gang Show	30,771	27,069
	<u>39,211</u>	<u>39,962</u>

7. OTHER COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank charges	99	109
Leaders uniform	-	8
Young Leader training and awards	-	101
Flags for Murray Hall	-	288
Depreciation	605	436
Support Fund	-	110
Memorials	345	95
MPLC Umbrella Licence	348	381
Admin Expenses	281	56
	<u>1,678</u>	<u>1,584</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits paid during the current or prior year.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the current or prior year other than return of funds incurred on behalf of the charity.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Equipment	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 April 2024	14,957	2,743	17,700
Additions	-	1,314	1,314
At 31 March 2025	14,957	4,057	19,014
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	13,682	1,709	15,391
Charge for year	253	352	605
At 31 March 2025	13,935	2,061	15,996
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	1,022	1,996	3,018
At 31 March 2024	1,275	1,034	2,309

Murray Hall is built on land owned by Gloucester City Council. The lease is for a term of 60 years from 20 February 1970 at a rent of £179 per annum. The original cost of the building was £14,957 which is being written off over the 60 year period. The current insured value of the property is £715,000.

10. STOCKS

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	7,679	8,363

11. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 (As restated) £
Rental income	-	495
Outstanding subscriptions	66,817	-
Scout Shop outstanding payments	-	58
Prepayments	-	3,722
	66,817	4,275

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 (As restated) £
Trade creditors	1,852	331
Rental income paid in advance	-	60
Deferred income: annual subscription	78,720	42,822
Subscription rebate due	-	272
Accruals	-	1,126
	80,572	44,611

13. SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2024 £	Allocation of surplus/ (deficit) for the year £	Transfer between funds £	Balance Carried Forward 31 March 2025 £
General Fund	52,239	7,863	17,679	77,781
<u>Designated general funds</u>				
Maintenance Fund	2,532	-	-	2,532
Lease Renewal/Purchase Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
Gang Show Fund (2024 show)	19,372	317	-	19,689
Cotswold Marathon Fund	7,267	(67)	-	7,200
Scout Active Support Fund	573	-	-	573
Scout Network Fund	1,774	(17)	-	1,757
Explorer Scout Fund	1,817	(8)	-	1,809
Scout Fund	194	-	-	194
Cub Scout Fund	2,183	(73)	-	2,110
Beaver Scout Fund	168	(457)	289	-
Archery Club Fund	358	-	-	358
Special Activities and Support Fund	6,729	-	-	6,729
	57,967	(305)	289	57,951
Total unrestricted funds	110,206	7,558	17,968	135,732
<u>Restricted funds</u>				
Roof repairs	-	17,968	(17,968)	-
Total funds	110,206	25,526	-	135,732

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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13. SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

COMPARATIVE (As restated)

	Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2023 £	Allocation of surplus/ (deficit) for the year £	Transfer between funds £	Balance Carried Forward 31 March 2024 £
General Fund	46,461	5,778	-	52,239
<u>Designated general funds</u>				
Maintenance Fund	19,500	(16,968)	-	2,532
Lease Renewal/Purchase Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
Gang Show Fund (2022 show)	22,305	(2,933)	-	19,372
Cotswold Marathon Fund	6,884	383	-	7,267
Scout Active Support Fund	573	-	-	573
Scout Network Fund	1,774	-	-	1,774
Explorer Scout Fund	1,918	(101)	-	1,817
Scout Fund	168	26	-	194
Cub Scout Fund	2,015	168	-	2,183
Beaver Scout Fund	131	37	-	168
Archery Club Fund	235	123	-	358
58th Hubb	2,037	(2,037)	-	-
Special Activities and Support Fund	6,839	(110)	-	6,729
	79,379	(21,412)	-	57,967
Total funds	125,840	(15,634)	-	110,206

Roof repairs

During the year a very generous donation was received from the Cheltenham Round Table in relation to roof repairs that were carried out in 2024. This has been shown as restricted income received and then has been transferred against the general fund, where the repair expense was incurred in the prior year.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the current or prior year.

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 302111

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:

The Membership of the Trustee Board who served between the 2023 and 2024 AGMs was:

Ex Officio:

M Seamarks	District Chair
D Hawkins	District Commissioner
K Hawkins	District Treasurer
G Edwards	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
C Plant	District Youth Commissioner

Elected members:

N Hughes
H Taylor
F Thomas
R Large

Nominated by the District Commissioner:

N Harris
K Turner
A Faulkner
P Trott

Charity number 302111

Principal address

Murray Hall Scout HQ, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester GL4 0NU

Independent examiner

C. L. Rawlinson

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc, 19 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1NU

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The objectives of the Charity are to support the Scout Groups registered in Gloucester District in pursuit of the Scout Association's Purpose, informed by the Values of Scouting and adopting the Scout Method. The Charity is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scout Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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

The Scout Method

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

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

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the public benefit provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and of the guidance on them published by the Charity Commission. They are satisfied that the objectives of the Charity and the activities of the Charity are within the definitions of the Charitable Purposes as set down in the Act. The Trustees are not aware of any public detriment caused by the Charity's

object or activities, and nor are they aware of anyone receiving any private benefit from the Charity's activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and achievements

The Charity has continued to carry out its primary objectives during the year under review.

Investment performance, powers, and restrictions

The Trustees are authorised to invest surplus funds in high interest bank accounts. Currently surplus funds are held with NS&I in an investment account. There are no restrictions as to where the funds may be invested but no policy has to be agreed by the Trustees.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The main sources of income during the year were membership fees, subscriptions and income from letting Murray Hall. The total income for the year was £169,894.

Grant making

The Charity has made one donation of £110 from the Support Fund to enable a young person to fully participate in Scouting opportunities.

Investment policy and objectives

At present the Charity holds invested funds in NS&I.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees that funds that have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to 12 months' expenditure. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

At the end of the financial year, funds in the sum of £26,269 were reserved for the next year's Cotswold Marathon and Gang Show.

During 2022 a new Group was opened in the District, 58th Gloucester Hubb. During the start-up period whilst the new Group had been opening a bank account, their finances had been handled by the District, they now have their own bank account.

Going concern

Scouting is continuing to operate within the District and the District has income and funds to support its functions. After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is governed by Royal Charter granted 4 January 1912. The District Constitution of 2007 was amended and approved by the annual meeting of the Gloucester District Scout Council in July 2023.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

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

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. They have reviewed these and have established systems to mitigate them including strict control of appointments, health and safety issues relating to the physical environment and activities, internal financial controls and the provision of suitable insurance.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael Seamarks', written over a faint, stylized line that suggests a signature or a decorative flourish.

Michael Seamarks – Chair/Trustee

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's report

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

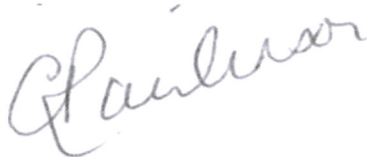
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

C. L. Rawlinson
Mandalay
Old Tewkesbury Road
Norton
Gloucestershire
GL2 9LR



Dated: 9th July 2024

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

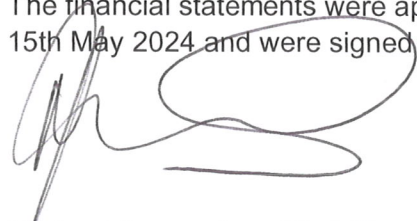
	Notes	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME			
Scout activities	2	145,560	86,875
Charitable activities	3	10,245	8,558
Scout Shop income	4	13,232	10,913
Investment income	5	857	141
Total		169,894	106,487
Expenditure on:			
Subscriptions payable to County		53,601	43,560
Charitable activities	6	43,684	34,080
Murray Hall Scout HQ		33,101	14,454
Scout shop cost of goods sold		10,260	8,479
Scout shop bank costs		186	164
Support for new Group		291	290
Other costs	7	1,583	1,321
Total		142,707	102,348
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		27,187	4,139
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		125,470	121,331
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		152,657	125,470

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	2,309	2,745
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	11	8,363	8,137
Debtors	12	553	1,156
Cash at bank		116,837	115,716
Cash in hand		116	326
Total		125,869	125,335
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(43,484)	(2,610)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		82,384	122,725
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		84,693	125,470
NET ASSETS		84,693	125,470
FUNDS			
General and Designated funds	14	84,693	125,469
TOTAL FUNDS		152,657	125,469

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15th May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Michael Seamarks – Chair/Trustee
GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets at the following rates

Murray Hall - Straight line basis over the period of the lease
Equipment – 15% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 – *cont'd*

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - *cont'd*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the object of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. SCOUT ACTIVITIES

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Donations	650	1,250
Subscriptions	62,839	49,121
Prepayment of subscriptions for 2024	42,822	-
Reduction / (increase) in provision for rebate to Groups	(50)	(62)
District activities	2,050	1,855
58th Hubb	1,011	2,793
Cotswold Marathon	8,381	9,408
Gang Show	24,136	22,151
Prepayments	3,722	
Donations	-	-
Kyle Howell Memorial Fund	-	360
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	145,560	86,875

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Murray Hall Scout HQ Hire	10,245	8,558
	10,245	8,558

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Shop income	13,232	10,913
	13,232	10,913

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 – *cont'd*

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	857	141
	<u>857</u>	<u>141</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COST

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
58th Hubb	3,048	755
District activities	1,847	1,675
Cotswold Marathon	7,998	8,387
Gang Show	30,791	23,263
	<u>43,684</u>	<u>34,080</u>

7. OTHER COSTS

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Bank charges	109	107
Leaders uniform	8	42
Young Leader training and awards	101	-
Laptop for Minutes Secretary	-	309
Flags for Murray Hall	288	213
Depreciation	436	468
Support Fund	110	-
Memorials	95	-
MPLC Umbrella Licence	381	-
Admin Expenses	56	182
	<u>1,583</u>	<u>1,321</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023 other than return of funds incurred on behalf of the charity.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

All incomes and expenditures in the comparative period were in respect of unrestricted activities.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 – *cont'd*

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Equipment	Totals
COST	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	14,957	2,743	17,700
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	13,429	1,526	14,955
Charge for year	253	183	436
At 31 March 2024	13,682	1,709	15,391
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	1,275	1,034	2,309
At 31 March 2023	1,528	1,217	2,745

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11. STOCKS

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Stocks	8,363	8137

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Rental income	495	635
Outstanding subscriptions	-	-
Scout Shop outstanding payments	58	521
	553	1,156

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/03/24	31/03/23
	£	£
Trade creditors	331	2,291
Rental income paid in advance	60	98
Membership fees - prepayments	42,822	
Subscription rebate due	272	221
	43,484	2,610

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 – *cont'd*

14. SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance Brought Forward 31/03/2023 £	Allocation of surplus for the year £	Transfer £	Balance Carried Forward 31/03/2024 £
General Fund	46,460	5,779	-	52,239
<u>Designated general funds</u>				
Maintenance Fund	19,500	(16,968)	-	2,532
Lease Renewal/Purchase Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
Gang Show Fund (2022 show)	21,935	(2,933)	-	19,002
Cotswold Marathon Fund	6,884	383	-	7,267
Scout Active Support Fund	573	-	-	573
Scout Network Fund	1,774	-	-	1,774
Explorer Scout Fund	1,918	(101)	-	1,817
Scout Fund	168	26	-	194
Cub Scout Fund	2,015	168	-	2,183
Beaver Scout Fund	131	37	-	168
Archery Club Fund	235	123	-	358
58th Hubb	2,037	(2,037)	-	(0)
Membership fees 2024 - prepayments		42,822	-	42,822
Special Activities and Support Fund	6,839	(110)	-	6,729
	79,009	21,409	-	100,418
Total funds	125,469	27,188	-	152,657

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 302111

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:

The Membership of the Executive Committee who served between the 2022 and 2023 AGMs was:

Ex Officio:

A Webb	District Chair
D Hawkins	District Commissioner
M Vaughan	District Secretary
K Hawkins	District Treasurer
G Edwards	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
C Plant	District Youth Commissioner

Elected members:

N Hughes	
H Taylor	
N Adkins	
F Thomas	
H Paveley	
L Jenkins	Resigned 5 th December 2022

Nominated by the District Commissioner:

R Tovey	Passed away January 2023
N Harris	
K Turner	
A Faulkner	
P Trott	

Charity number 302111

Principal address

Murray Hall Scout HQ, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester GL4 0NU

Independent examiner

Martin Collins ACA, Old Forge Cottage, Butt Green, Painswick, Stroud GL6 6QS

Bankers

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GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are to support the local groups in pursuit of the Scout Association objectives. The Charity is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scout Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of the Scout Association.

The Scout Association objectives are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the public benefit provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and of the guidance on them published by the Charity Commission. They are satisfied that the objectives of the Charity and the activities of the Charity are within the definitions of the Charitable Purposes as set down in the Act. The Trustees are not aware of any public detriment caused by the Charity's object or activities, and nor are they aware of anyone receiving any private benefit from the Charity's activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and achievements

The Charity has continued to carry out its primary objectives during the year under review.

Investment performance, powers, and restrictions

The Trustees are authorised to invest surplus funds in high interest bank accounts. Currently surplus funds are held with the Scout Association Short Term Investment Service and the NS&I savings account. There are no restrictions as to where the funds may be invested but no policy has to be agreed by the Trustees.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The main sources of income during the year were membership fees, subscriptions and income from letting Murray Hall. The total income for the year was £106,487.

Grant making

The Charity has not made any donations during the year.

Investment policy and objectives

At present Trustees do not hold any 'invested' funds; instead, funds are held in Charity business bank accounts.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees that funds that have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to 12 months' expenditure. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

At the end of the financial year, funds in the sum of £28,819 were reserved for the next year's Cotswold Marathon and Gang Show.

During 2022 a new Group was opened in the District, 58th Gloucester Hubb. During the start up period whilst the new Group has been opening a bank account, their finances have been handled by the District. Funds in the sum of £2,037 are reserved for the Group for next year's activities and until such time as they have their own bank account.

Going concern

Scouting is continuing to operate within the District and the District has income and funds to support its functions. After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is governed by Royal Charter granted 4 January 1912. The District Constitution of 2007 was amended and approved by the annual meeting of the Gloucester District Scout Council in June 2022.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Members of the District Executive Committee are the charity trustees of the Scout District. Only persons aged 18 and over may be full voting members of the District Executive Committee. Trustees are also appointed to the select scouting roles.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. They have reviewed these and have established systems to mitigate them including strict control of appointments, health and safety issues relating to the physical environment and activities, internal financial controls and the provision of suitable insurance.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and

expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Webb', written in a cursive style.

Andy Webb – Chair/Trustee

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gloucester District Scout Council (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Martin Collins ACA
Old Forge Cottage
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Dated: 13th June 2023

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOME	Notes		
Scout activities	2	86,875	61,546
Charitable activities	3	8,558	9,184
Scout Shop income	4	10,913	11,114
Investment income	5	141	12
Total		106,487	81,856
Expenditure on:			
Subscriptions payable to County		43,560	39,168
Charitable activities	6	34,080	13,265
Murray Hall Scout HQ		14,454	14,844
Scout shop cost of goods sold		8,479	8,319
Scout shop bank costs		164	262
Support for new Group		290	-
Other costs	7	1,321	801
Total		102,348	76,659
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,139	5,197
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		121,331	116,134
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		125,470	121,331

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	2,745	3,213
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	11	8,137	6,147
Debtors	12	1,156	1,337
Cash at bank		115,716	111,913
Cash in hand		326	
Total		125,335	119,397
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,610)	(1,279)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		122,726	118,118
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		125,471	121,331
NET ASSETS		125,471	121,331
FUNDS			
General and Designated funds	14	125,471	121,331
TOTAL FUNDS		125,470	121,331

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12th June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Webb - Trustee

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets at the following rates

Murray Hall - Straight line basis over the period of the lease

Equipment – 15% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 – *cont'd*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the object of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. SCOUT ACTIVITIES

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Donations	1,250	-
Subscriptions	49,120	43,568
Outstanding subscriptions	-	-
Reduction in provision for rebate to Groups	(62)	225
District activities	1,855	-
58th Hubb	2,793	-
Cotswold Marathon	9,408	6,093
Gang Show	22,151	10,384
Donations	-	-
Kyle Howell Memorial Fund	360	1,276
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	86,875	61,546

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Murray Hall Scout HQ Hire	8,558	8,684
Sundry Income - Scout Active Support	-	200
Network Activities	-	300
	8,558	9,184

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Shop income	10,913	11,114
	10,913	11,114

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 – *cont'd*

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	141	12
	<u>141</u>	<u>12</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COST

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
58th Hubb	755	-
District activities	1,675	48
Cotswold Marathon	8,387	6,541
Gang Show	23,263	6,676
	<u>34,080</u>	<u>13,265</u>

7. OTHER COSTS

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Bank charges	107	92
Leaders uniform	42	-
Laptop for Minutes Secretary	309	-
Flags for Murray Hall	213	-
Depreciation	468	506
Admin Expenses	182	203
	<u>1,321</u>	<u>801</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022 other than return of funds incurred on behalf of the charity.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

All incomes and expenditures in the comparative period were in respect of unrestricted activities.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 – *cont'd*

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Equipment	Totals
COST	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	14,957	2,743	17,700
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	13,176	1,311	14,487
Charge for year	253	215	468
At 31 March 2023	13,429	1,526	14,955
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	1,528	1,217	2,745
At 31 March 2022	1,781	1,432	3,213

Murray Hall is built on land owned by Gloucester City Council. The lease is for a term of 60 years from 20 February 1970 at a rent of £179 per annum. The original cost of the building was £14,957 which is being written off over the 60 year period. The current insured value of the property is £489,073.

11. STOCKS

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Stocks	8,137	6147

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Rental income	635	555
Outstanding subscriptions	-	-
Scout Shop outstanding payments	521	782
	1,156	1,337

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,291	1,123
Rental income paid in advance	98	-
Subscription rebate due	221	156
	2,610	1,279

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 – *cont'd*

14. SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance Brought Forward 31/03/2022 £	Allocation of surplus for the year £	Transfer £	Balance Carried Forward 31/03/2023 £
General Fund	45,120	1,341	-	46,461
<u>Designated general funds</u>				
Maintenance Fund	19,500	-	-	19,500
Lease Renewal/Purchase Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
Gang Show Fund (2022 show)	22,687	(752)	-	21,935
Cotswold Marathon Fund	5,863	1,021	-	6,884
Scout Active Support Fund	573	-	-	573
Scout Network Fund	1,774	-	-	1,774
Explorer Scout Fund	1,918	-	-	1,918
Scout Fund	-	168	-	168
Cub Scout Fund	2,057	(42)	-	2,015
Beaver Scout Fund	-	131	-	131
Archery Club Fund	-	235	-	235
58th Hubb	-	2,037	-	2,037
Special Activities and Support Fund	6,839	-	-	6,839
	76,211	2,798	-	79,009
Total funds	121,331	4,139	-	125,470

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 302111

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:

The Membership of the Executive Committee who served between the 2021 and 2022 AGMs was:

Ex Officio:

A Webb	District Chair
D Hawkins	District Commissioner
P Baker	District Secretary
K Hawkins	District Treasurer
G Edwards	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
C Plant	District Youth Commissioner

Elected members:

N Hughes
H Taylor
N Adkins
F Thomas
A Faulkner
L Jenkins

Nominated by the District Commissioner:

R Tovey
M Vaughan
N Harris
K Turner
H Paveley

Charity number 302111

Principal address

Murray Hall Scout HQ, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester GL4 0NU

Independent examiner

Martin Collins ACA, Old Forge Cottage, Butt Green, Painswick, Stroud GL6 6QS

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc, 19 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1NU

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity are to support the local groups in pursuit of the Scout Association objectives. The Charity is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scout Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of the Scout Association.

The Scout Association objectives are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of the public benefit provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and of the guidance on them published by the Charity Commission. They are satisfied that the objectives of the Charity and the activities of the Charity are within the definitions of the Charitable Purposes as set down in the Act. The Trustees are not aware of any public detriment caused by the Charity's object or activities, and nor are they aware of anyone receiving any private benefit from the Charity's activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities and achievements

The Charity has continued to carry out its primary objectives during the year under review.

Investment performance, powers, and restrictions

The Trustees are authorised to invest surplus funds in high interest bank accounts. Currently surplus funds are held with the Scout Association Short Term Investment Service and the NS&I savings account. There are no restrictions as to where the funds may be invested but no policy has to be agreed by the Trustees.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The main sources of income during the year were membership fees, subscriptions and income from letting Murray Hall. The total income for the year was £81,856

Grant making

The Charity has not made any donations during the year.

Investment policy and objectives

At present Trustees do not hold any 'invested' funds; instead, funds are held in Charity business bank accounts.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trustees that funds that have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to 12 months' expenditure. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

At the end of the financial year, funds in the sum of £28,550 were reserved for the next year's Cotswold Marathon and Gang Show.

Going concern

Scouting is continuing to operate within the District and the District has income and funds to support its functions. After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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Governing document

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Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. They have reviewed these and have established systems to mitigate them including strict control of appointments, health and safety issues relating to the physical environment and activities, internal financial controls and the provision of suitable insurance.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

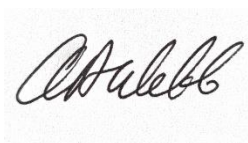
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Webb', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Andy Webb – Chair/Trustee

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Gloucester District Scout Council (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Martin Collins ACA
Old Forge Cottage
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Dated: 5TH June 2022.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
INCOME			
Scout activities	2	61,546	64,132
Charitable activities	3	9,184	3,567
Scout Shop income	4	11,114	623
Investment income	5	12	138
Other income	6	-	21,670
Total		81,856	90,130
Expenditure on:			
Subscriptions payable to County		39,168	46,154
Charitable activities	7	13,217	9,085
Murray Hall Scout HQ		14,844	9,451
Network, Explorers and Scout Activities		48	5
Scout shop cost of goods sold		8,319	1,587
Scout shop bank costs		262	198
Other		801	1,082
Total		76,659	67,562
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		5,197	22,568
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		116,134	93,566
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		121,331	116,134

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	3,213	3,719
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	11	6,147	7,247
Debtors	12	1,337	1,229
Cash at bank		111,913	105,231
Total		<u>119,397</u>	<u>113,707</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,279)	(1,292)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,118</u>	<u>112,415</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>121,331</u>	<u>116,134</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>121,331</u>	<u>116,134</u>
FUNDS			
General and Designated funds	14	121,331	116,134
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>121,331</u></u>	<u><u>116,134</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9th May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Webb - Trustee

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Fixed assets

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets at the following rates

Murray Hall - Straight line basis over the period of the lease
Equipment – 15% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 – *cont'd*

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - *cont'd*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the object of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. SCOUT ACTIVITIES

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Donations		49
Subscriptions	43,568	54,361
Outstanding subscriptions	-	800
Reduction in provision for rebate to Groups	225	5
Cotswold Marathon	6,093	2,280
Gang Show	10,384	6,355
Donations	-	282
Kyle Howell Memorial Fund	1,276	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	61,546	64,132

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Murray Hall Scout HQ Hire	8,684	3,167
Sundry Income - Scout Active Support	200	-
Network Activities	300	400
	9,184	3,567

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Shop income	11,114	623
	11,114	623

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 – *cont'd*

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	12	138
	<u>12</u>	<u>138</u>

6. OTHER INCOME

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Government grants	-	21,670

Government grants were received via Gloucester City Council in response to the government's support for organisations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COST

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Cotswold Marathon	6,541	1,212
Gang Show	6,676	7,873
	<u>13,217</u>	<u>9,085</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021 other than return of funds incurred on behalf of the charity.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

All incomes and expenditures in the comparative period were in respect of unrestricted activities.

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 – *cont'd*

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Equipment	Totals
COST	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	14,957	2,743	17,700
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	12,923	1,058	13,981
Charge for year	253	253	506
At 31 March 2022	13,176	1,311	14,487
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	1,781	1,432	3,213
At 31 March 2021	2,034	1,685	3,719

Murray Hall is built on land owned by Gloucester City Council. The lease is for a term of 60 years from 20 February 1970 at a rent of £179 per annum. The original cost of the building was £14,957 which is being written off over the 60 year period. The current insured value of the property is £457,078.

11. STOCKS

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Stocks	6,147	21670

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Rental income	555	189
Outstanding subscriptions	-	800
Scout Shop outstanding payments	782	240
	1,337	1,229

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/03/22	31/03/21
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,123	908
Subscription rebate due	156	384
	1,279	1,292

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 – *cont'd*

14. SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance Brought Forward 31/03/2021 £	Allocation of surplus for the year £	Transfer £	Balance Carried Forward 31/03/2022 £
General Fund	64,939	181	(20,000)	45,120
<u>Designated general funds</u>				
Maintenance Fund	9,500	-	10,000	19,500
Lease Renewal/Purchase Fund	5,000	-	10,000	15,000
Gang Show Fund (2021 show)	17,703	4,984	-	22,687
Cotswold Marathon Fund	6,310	(447)	-	5,863
Scout Active Support Fund	373	200	-	573
Scout Network Fund	1,495	279	-	1,774
Explorer Scout Fund	1,918	-	-	1,918
Cub Scout Fund	2,057	-	-	2,057
Special Activities and Support Fund	6,839	-	-	6,839
	51,195	5,016	20,000	76,211
Total funds	116,134	5,197	-	121,331

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Accounts



Gloucester District Scout Council



Annual Report

Year Ending 31st March 2021

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 8th September 2021

19:00 for 19:30

Murray Hall, Tuffley Lane, Gloucester

The Chair of Gloucester District Scout Council, Andy Webb, welcomes guests and members to the meeting.

Agenda

1. District Chairman's introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020
4. Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts
5. District Commissioners nomination for District Chair
6. Election of District Secretary
7. Election of District Treasurer
8. Election of five members of the District Executive
9. District Commissioner's nominations for five members of the District Executive
10. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
11. Roll call of Honorary Vice Presidents
12. President's Address
13. District Commissioner's Address
14. Any other business



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Gloucester District Scout Council

Held via "Zoom" on 23rd September 2020

<u>Members Present</u>	
Paul Baker Dave Hawkins Peter Martin Kat Turner Gareth Edwards And 45 other members of the Council	District Chairman District Commissioner District Treasurer District Youth Commissioner District Explorer Scout Commissioner
<u>Apologies</u>	
9 apologies received	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussions and Decisions</u>
Item 1	<u>Welcome</u> Paul Baker, the District Chair, welcomed all those present to the meeting and thanked all present for being there. Paul praised all for their hard work during the Covid pandemic to keep our Young People engaged in Scouting during the crisis. He asked that everyone should remember their promise to work together to be Kind, Helpful and Thoughtful and as we help our members to continue to interact meaningfully and develop as Scouts and as a person in these difficult times. Be A Friend.
Item 2	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from 9 members of the Council.
Item 3	<u>Minutes of the AGM held on the 12th June 2019</u> The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 12th June 2019, having been circulated with the agenda and Annual Report, were duly approved by the Scout Council and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of that meeting.
Item 4	<u>Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts</u> The Chair presented the Annual Report and Accounts to the meeting on behalf of the District Executive Committee noting that once again the year had been a busy one for the whole District. He also thanked the many contributors to the Annual Report. The Treasurer reported that the year had been going very well until the last two weeks of March when the lockdown hit us. We spent quite a lot of money on Murray Hall,

	completion of the disabled toilet, the fire alarm was installed as was the cavity wall insulation, the cost of all the work was around £12k some of which was supported by a grant from the Rotary Club of £5k. Overall there was a surplus for the year of £4003, with £1491 in the general fund. This year we have put away into an earmarked fund a further £5k for future work on Murray Hall maintenance where we are looking at replacing the roof at some point and also £5k aside for when we negotiate the renewal of the Murray Hall lease from Gloucester City Council, the lease expires in 2030. The District is in a good strong financial position with £30k General Fund, since March we have received £10k grant from the City Council which will help us through the current year. There are challenges ahead, but we are in a strong position. The Annual Report and Accounts were approved via a show of hands with no questions.
Item 5	<u>Introduction to our President Elect and new VP Scout Ambassadors</u> <u>Steve Knibbs</u> – introduced himself to the District Scout Council, he started Scouts at 41st Gloucester then moved to Beaufort VSU, he took part in Gang Show during his formative years. He hopes to be able to give back some of what he got out of Scouting. Steve was unanimously voted in as the new District President. <u>Nick Bishop</u> – introduced himself to the District Scout Council, Nick’s history goes way back to Cub Scouts and Venture Scouts at Hucclecote with Terry Newland and Gregor MacGregor. Nick works with Rotary locally, if the chance comes up he will put on his Scouting hat and feed something back to the District when he can. Like Steve said, if there’s any way he can help he will do his best to do so. Nick was unanimously voted in as new District Vice President Scout Ambassador. <u>Richard Brown</u> – introduced himself to the District Scout Council, he did his Scouting in Hull where he had the most life forming experiences with a superb Scout Master for whom Scouting was his life. Richard has a connection with Rotary in Newent. Like the other two guys have said, it’s all about putting something back into Scouting, hopefully he can help out in any way he can. Richard was unanimously voted in as new District Vice President Scout Ambassador.
Item 6	<u>To agree the District Commissioner’s recommendations for membership of the District Scout Council forming the District Executive</u> <u>a.</u> DESC and DYC – These appointments are ex officio and do not require nominating. <u>b.</u> Approval of District Commissioner’s nomination of the District Chair The District Commissioner, Dave Hawkins, expressed a very big thank you to Paul Baker for all the work he has put in over the last few years, he has been a great support in the background, unfortunately Paul has had to step down from the Role of District Chair due to ill-health. Dave was pleased to ask Andy Webb to stand as District Chair. Andy echoed Dave’s thanks to Paul for his work as Chair. Andy’s nomination was approved by the meeting. <u>c.</u> Election of the District Secretary 1. No-one has volunteered for this role. <u>d.</u> Election of District Treasurer Peter Martin has been in the role for 30+ years and has indicated for some time he wishes to stand down from the role. Karen Hawkins has volunteered to take on this Role, she has experience in the role of Treasurer elsewhere in the District. She has agreed to step down from some of her other roles within the District to allow her the capacity to fulfil this role. Karen’s nomination was approved by the meeting.

Item 7	a. <u>Election of five members of the District Executive</u> The following were proposed and elected to the District Executive Committee: <table><tr><td>Nominee</td><td></td><td>Proposer</td><td>Seconder</td></tr><tr><td>Beavers -</td><td>Nikki Hughes</td><td>Nick Harris</td><td>Kat Turner</td></tr><tr><td>Cubs -</td><td>Heather Taylor</td><td>Pam Tovey</td><td>Nick Harris</td></tr><tr><td>Scouts -</td><td>Neil Moles</td><td>Andy Webb</td><td>Richard Large</td></tr><tr><td>GSL rep -</td><td>Alan Faulkner</td><td>Richard Large</td><td>Heather Taylor</td></tr><tr><td>Active Support –</td><td>Lisa Jenkins</td><td>Alan Faulkner</td><td>Heather Taylor</td></tr></table> b. <u>District Commissioner’s nominations for five members of the District Executive</u> The District Commissioner wished to nominate Roger Tovey, Shell Vaughan, Nick Harris, Zak Elkins and Paul Baker to serve as members of the District Executive Committee. The Scout Council approved these nominations.	Nominee		Proposer	Seconder	Beavers -	Nikki Hughes	Nick Harris	Kat Turner	Cubs -	Heather Taylor	Pam Tovey	Nick Harris	Scouts -	Neil Moles	Andy Webb	Richard Large	GSL rep -	Alan Faulkner	Richard Large	Heather Taylor	Active Support –	Lisa Jenkins	Alan Faulkner	Heather Taylor
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Item 8	<u>Appointment of an Independent Examiner</u> Martin Collins has accepted the role of Independent Examiner for the coming year.																								
Item 9	<u>Role call of Honorary Vice Presidents</u> The Chairman confirmed Gerald Grant, Peter Hudson, Robin Stayt and Vera Watson as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the District Scout Council. Terry Newland was appointed in February, Andy asked the Council to ratify the motion that Terry Newland should be elected as Honorary Vice-President, motion carried by Scout Council. Barry Smith was nominated as Honorary Vice-President, motion carried by Scout Council. Peter Martin was nominated as Honorary Vice-President, motion carried by Scout Council.																								
Item 10	<u>Remembering those who have passed</u> Normally we would have the book of remembrance out, but this is rather difficult to do this year, let us remember: John Tanner – 25th August 2019 Ken Morris – 25th October 2019 Brian Kimber – 10th December 2019 Keith Foord – 26th July 2020																								
Item 11	<u>District Commissioner’s Address</u> A huge thankyou to everyone, everyone who is on the meeting tonight and everyone behind the scenes who, for whatever reason, can’t join us tonight. Please pass on my sincere thanks to any of your Scouting colleagues who aren’t here tonight. These are challenging times and it is quite incredible what our adults are doing to sustain Scouting and to stay engaged with our young people and keep our young people engaged in Scouting. What people are doing to get round the issues that we have is quite astonishing, who would normally be out playing a game in Gloucester Park in the rain, in the dark at this time of year? Our Leaders are doing it just to make sure Scouting is sustained in Gloucester District.																								

Item 12	<u>County Commissioner</u> Welcome to Steve, Nick and Richard who all appear to be Star Wars fans, thank you to Paul for his work as Chair, he's been a pleasure to work with. Even during these hard times, if we can all just make a difference to just one other person, it really is amazing. We all continue to need support from others, don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. A huge thank you to 11th Hucclecote, 1st Upton St. Leonards, 41st Gloucester and 46th Gloucester for letting me get involved in your camps over the past few months. You are all doing amazing things for your young people. Thank you so much for everything every single one of you does, remember you are making a difference even though it's really tough at the moment. Look out for one another and keep up the good work. Thank you so much.
Item 13	<u>Any other business</u> Peter Martin was presented with a gift for his hard work over the years. There was a virtual round of applause.
Item 14	<u>District Chair's closing remarks</u> Thank you to everyone for attending tonight and participating. Unfortunately there has been an issue with the virtual nibbles and drinks, they didn't arrive. Thanks to Paul Baker for all his hard work as Chair, thanks to Dave for nominating me to this honour. Scouting is brilliant and I don't think I would be where I am today without Scouting and some of the resilience it gave me. The resilience we offer to the young people who are going through a very difficult time at the moment. The opportunity Scouting gives young people to do activities that they can't get anywhere else and the camaraderie they gain.

Signed **Dated**
District Chairman

Distribution: District Executive Committee members. Leaders of all Groups in the District, following the approval and adoption of the minutes by the District Executive.

Appendix A: List of members of the Executive Committee as from 23rd September 2020

Chair - Andy Webb Secretary - VACANT Treasurer – Karen Hawkins DC – Dave Hawkins DYC – Kat Turner Beaver Rep – Nikki Hughes Cub Rep – Heather Taylor Scout Rep – Neil Moles Explorers – Gareth Edwards GSLs – Alan Faulkner Active Support – Lisa Jenkins	<i>Nominated members:</i> Michelle Vaughan Roger Tovey Nick Harris Zac Elkins Paul Baker <i>Other members invited to report:</i> Andy Tucker (Local Training Manager) Jack Brook (Chair Appointments Committee) Richard Large (Murray Hall Manager)
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District Officers as at 31st March 2021

President	Steve Knibbs		
Honorary Vice Presidents	Gerald Grant	Peter Hudson	Peter Martin
	Terry Newland	Barry Smith	Robin Stayt
District Scout Ambassadors	Nick Bishop	Richard Brown	

District Chair	Andy Webb	District Commissioner	Dave Hawkins
Secretary	vacant	District Youth Commissioner	Kat Turner
Treasurer	Karen Hawkins	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Gareth Edwards
Appointments Advisory Committee Chair	Jack Brook	District Scout Network Commissioner	Gareth Edwards
Appointments Secretary	Pam Tovey	ADCs Programme Support	Mel Richards Paul Rothwell Chris Slater Nick Treacher Kat Turner
District Administrator & Minutes Secretary	Karen Hawkins		
Finance Sub Committee Chair	Vacant		
Murray Hall Manager	Richard Large	ADC Development	Roger Tovey
Scout Shop Manager	Yvonne Bunce	ADC GSLs & Special Activities	Alan Faulkner
Bookings Secretary	Karen Hawkins	Local Training Manager	Andy Tucker
Badge secretary	Chris Shute		
Gang Show Chair	Gemma Rowles		
Gang Show Producer	Lisa Jenkins		
Cotswold Marathon co-ordinator	Alan Faulkner		
District Quartermaster	Richard Large		

Census Figures

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL																				
CENSUS AS AT 31st JANUARY 2021																				
	Beavers				Cubs				Scouts				Explorers			Youth	Adults	Total	Total	Total
Groups	M	F	S/I	PNS	M	F	S/I	PNS	M	F	M	F	S/I	<18			2021	2020	2019	
11th	34	3			24	3			21	2				87	25		112	135	131	
15th	3	1			6	3			7	7				27	14		41	65	55	
22nd	1				8	2			7	3				21	14		35	68	60	
29th	1				1				8	2				12	7		19	38	40	
31st	6	5			15	4								30	4		34	66	71	
38th	25	3			19	1			24	5				77	13		90	104	92	
41st					6	3								9	11		20	41	30	
45th	9	1			8				13	3				34	13		47	56	54	
46th	5	1			12	7			13	1				39	19		58	61	71	
48th	9	2			11	3			16	4				45	12		57	35	41	
K/way	9	1			10	4								24			24	73	78	
51st	3				16	1			4	2				26	12		38	48	49	
C'down	7	1		7	20	2		4	26	11				78	48		126	135	116	
St. Aug	1				4	3			3	3				14	9		23	33	34	
H'wicke	2	2			21	4	1		3	2				35	7		42	70	76	
Upton	33	1			33				10					77	17		94	139	154	
I'worth	6	4		4	19	6			9	3				51	14		65	62	71	
ES Units																				
Glos Dragons																			10	
Unmentionables											10	7	2	19	4		23	18	19	
Longlevens											2	3		5	2		7	12	17	
Hucclecote - Javelin											6	2		8	4		12	10	21	
Upton - Nutty Badgers											8	2		10	2		12	10	14	
Churchdown- Phoenix											7	5		12	3		15	19	19	
Lonsdale - Falcons											7	1		8	3		11	12	10	
Gladiators											5	3		8	1		9	15	17	
Double 2											5	2		7	4		11	19	14	
Brockworth/St Augustines											3	2		5	1		6	7	7	
Young Leaders															1					
Network															104		104	102	102	
2017																				
2018																				
2019																			1,473	
2020																		1,453		
2021		154	25		11	233	46	1	4	164	48	53	27	2	768	368	1,136			
District SAS																19	19	20	15	
District Leaders, Commissioners and Officials																20	20	12	13	
Total Membership																	1,175	1,485	1,501	
Group & Unit Membership by Section																				
2021		154	25		11	233	46	1	4	164	48	53	27	2	768	407			1,175	
2020		285	37	1	4	290	69			206	72	62	33	2	1,061	424			1,485	
2019		306	53			275	62			204	67	77	42		1,086	415			1,501	

Report from the Chair

Although I have not been an active member of scouts for several decades (except on the periphery), my early years in scouting provided me with life skills and a resilience to be able to face most challenges in my life. Having taken over as the District Chair at the last AGM it felt that I had returned to my roots and was reunited with family members; some of whom I knew well and others who are new to me, but all with a common goal and shared beliefs in giving young people the chance to experience new adventures and learn new skills along the way.

It is therefore with sadness that I found myself in this pivotal role in the midst of a global pandemic. This has been uncharted territory and a monumental challenge for everyone involved in scouting, not just locally but worldwide; however, the commitment from extraordinary volunteers has meant that young people have continued to be able to engage in activities in these unprecedented times. Even though we have been in extended periods of lockdown, scouting has continued albeit via digital platforms, which appear to have become the norm. I wish to offer my appreciation and admiration to those who have gone above and beyond to ensure that some constants have been maintained for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and also our Network Members ensuring that those valuable life skills are still being shared to the same high standards.

I would fall at the first hurdle in the role of Chair without the dedicated commitment of the executive committee and those involved in ensuring that the District runs smoothly to be able to maintain a high calibre of scouting within Gloucester.

Firstly I would like to thank Dave Hawkins, our District Commissioner, who with endless determination and drive ensures that the District runs smoothly and efficiently. To Karen Hawkins who has taken on the role of District Treasurer as well as keeping the bookings at Murray Hall organised and acting as minute Secretary for the committee, ensuring an accurate record is maintained. I would like to thank Peter Martin who stood down at the last AGM for maintaining the District Finances for 3 decades and for the smooth handover to our new treasurer.

Thank you to Richard Large and his trusted helpers who have continued to manage Murray Hall and maintain the building and grounds in order to provide a safe and welcoming environment. It is with sadness though that we have been unable to use it to its full potential this year, but many will have the opportunity to utilise the facilities it offers as a meeting place for activities as lockdown eases. I would also like to thank Yvonne Bunce for running the scout shop and adapting to new models of providing a full range of scouting paraphernalia and Chris Shute who ensures the district badge stocks are maintained and accessible.

Scouting in Gloucester would not be possible without leaders, whose appointments would not be possible without the dedication of Pam Tovey and Jack Brook and the members of the appointments committee. Leadership and helper training is skilfully managed by Andy Tucker who has the relentless task of ensuring that appropriate training is delivered and records are maintained. This can often be a thankless task especially chasing those volunteers with already busy lives to make sure they complete the training deemed necessary and appropriate to keep our charges safe, which is paramount.

You will see from reports that due to the pandemic the 60th Anniversary Gang Show was once again cancelled; however, a virtual online challenge and choreography was set up to keep prospective cast members nimble and on their toes. It is hoped that 2022 will be the year when our budding stars will once again be treading the boards.

Unfortunately, the Cotswold Marathon also fell victim to the Covid restrictions; however, a virtual marathon took place with over 1200 participants who walked over 11000 miles between them. It is hoped that the Marathon will resume in 2022.

I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate those members who passed away during the past 12 months who had made significant contributions during their lifetimes to scouting in

Gloucester. Vice-President Vera Watson passed away in October. Vera had a long standing association with both the District and St Peter's as well as holding the post of County Training Advisor, and she will be sadly missed. Kyle Howell died unexpectedly in January, a member of the District Active Support team, he was an active gang show cast member and a close support to many cast members. We also lost Stewart Selwood in July, former Scout Leader with St Peter's. He holds the distinction of being the only known Sea Scout Leader who was afraid of the water.

Finally, I would like to give a special thank you to Paul Baker who retired from the post of District Chair at the last AGM. His dedication and hard work is an inspiration to me, which I can only hope to match. He has agreed to continue to serve on the district executive for as long as his health will allow. I am extremely grateful for this as he is a valuable resource of knowledge and skills which I rely upon and no doubt will continue to do so.

Keep safe and please keep up the fabulous work that you are all doing across the district, my admiration goes out to all of you.

Andy Webb, District Chair

Report from the District Commissioner

The Scouting Year started just two weeks after the first lockdown began. All face-to-face meetings and activities were prohibited: Section Meetings; District Meetings; Adult Training Courses and the Archery Club all had to stop and the District Shop was closed. Gang Show and St. George's Day Parade and Service were cancelled. These were truly unprecedented times which threatened the future of Scouting.

Alternative methods of delivering programme holding events and ensuring good governance were identified and developed throughout the District and by Scouting as a whole. Some Leaders delivered Activity Packs to youth members whilst on their daily exercise and most turned to technology in order to support our young people. Meetings were held online via Social Media or video conferencing platforms all of which meant a steep learning curve for many of us. We were even able to present a live St. George's Day Celebration via Social Media. The District AGM, normally held in June, was postponed in the hope that the situation would improve allowing us to conduct our meeting as normal later in the year. Sadly, the pandemic persisted and our AGM took place online in September 2020.

July saw some easing of restrictions which allowed for meetings to be held outdoors with strict limits on the number of people allowed to meet and only with an approved Covid Risk Assessment in place. Camping was not permitted so some sections resorted to Virtual Camps.

By November the Country was in lockdown again, so face-to-face Scouting was suspended once more. Some Adult Training was now being delivered online as we continued to adapt. The Cotswold Marathon Committee presented an ingenious alternative event which accommodated participants of any age and from anywhere in the World.

Our annual Census in January followed the national trend of reduced membership of both young people and adults. Credit must be given to the handful of Sections whose numbers remained the same or even increased.

It has been a challenging year, unlike any other, and I am sincerely grateful to our resilient adults and incredible young people who have kept Scouting alive. My greatest respect to you all.

Dave Hawkins, District Commissioner

Gloucester District Scout Council

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

Reference and Administrative details.

Gloucester District Scout Council is a registered charity, (Number 302111). It is administered by the members of the Executive Committee, (who are also the charity's trustees). The Membership of the Executive Committee who served between the 2020 and 2021 AGMs was as follows:

Dave Hawkins	District Commissioner
Andy Webb	District Chair
Karen Hawkins	Treasurer
Kat Turner	District Youth Commissioner
Gareth Edwards	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Alan Faulkner	GSL rep (ADC GSLs and Special Activities)
Lisa Jenkins	Manager, Scout Active Support
Neil Moles	Scout Leader representative
Heather Taylor	Cub Scout Leader representative
Nikki Hughes	Beaver Scout Leader representative
Paul Baker	DC nomination
Zac Elkins	DC nomination
Nick Harris	DC nomination
Roger Tovey	DC nomination
Michelle Vaughan	DC nomination

Structure, governance and management.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the overall governance of the Charity. It consists of the District Commissioner, who is appointed by the County Commissioner. The District Commissioner appoints the District Chairman and nominates up to six other members. The Secretary, Treasurer and up to six section representatives are elected by the District Scout Council. The number of nominated members may not exceed the number of elected members. The Executive Committee may co-opt further members annually but their number must not exceed the elected members. All members serve a one year term and are either appointed or elected annually at the AGM.

The Executive Committee meets four times a year to discuss current issues and to receive reports. The AGM is held within six months of the financial year end, normally in May or June, but in September last year due to Covid restrictions, and is open to all members of the District Scout Council. The District Scout Council consists broadly of any member or associate member of the Scout Movement registered in Gloucester District. All members of the District Scout Council are entitled to vote in elections for the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may establish and appoint members to any sub-committee that it deems necessary. All sub-committees report to and are responsible to the Executive Committee.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities and corporate governance.

The Trustees are responsible for their annual report and for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the year. In preparing those accounts they are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements which are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has appropriate systems and controls, financial and otherwise. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and for their proper application as required by charity law and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- The Charity is operating efficiently and effectively.
- All assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition and are properly applied.
- Proper records are maintained and financial information used within the Charity, or for publications, is reliable.
- The Charity complies with relevant laws and legislation.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results and variances from budget.
- Delegation of day-to-day management authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks

Risk management.

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The District Executive Committee and the Leadership Team under the direct control of the District Commissioner conducts an ongoing review of the risks that members of the Association in Gloucester might be exposed to and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation on all projects undertaken by members and these procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of Scouting in Gloucester.

The District Executive follows, without question, the policies issued by The Scout Association in relation to the safe operation and administration of all activities involving its youth and adult members in accordance with Policy Organisation and Rules.

The District Executive keeps under review all insured risks and the policies maintained by the District Treasurer to ensure that all insurable risks are adequately covered. In addition, there are two signatories for all payments.

Objects, objectives and principal activities of the Charity.

Gloucester District Scout Council operates in accordance with the 'Policy, Organisation and Rules' of the Scout Association. The principal objective of the District is the promotion of Scouting and the support of Scout Groups within Gloucester District. The District runs a series of activities for member groups, (Including an annual Gang Show), administers and supports adult training and development, runs a shop which supplies Scout uniform and badges and raises funds mainly through the hiring out of Murray Hall, the District Scout headquarters.

Achievements and performance.

Please refer to the individual reports within this Annual Report.

Financial review and results for the year.

The financial results are set out in pages 17 to 20.

Reserves and investment policy.

A policy is set which reflects the Trustee's wish to safely commit as much funding as possible to the primary objectives of the Charity whilst retaining financial stability. Excess funds are held in a National Savings Investment Account on one month's notice. The Trustees are satisfied with the return being achieved.

Independent Examination.

Martin Collins was re-appointed at the last AGM as Independent Examiner of the District accounts and his report is shown on page 16 of this report.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

K.Hawkins

Trustee / Treasurer

September 2021

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Gloucester District Scout Council (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Martin Collins ACA

Old Forge Cottage
Butt Green
Painswick
Stroud
GL6 6QS

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Martin Collins', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Dated 1st September 2021

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	
	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Income			
Membership subscriptions		9,012	9,346
Murray Hall lettings		3,167	8,002
Scout shop and badge sales		623	2,252
Donations and grants		49	5,001
Grant From Council re Covid-19		21,670	-
Funds from closed groups		-	1,301
Gang show (2020 cancelled show)		(1,236)	486
Cotswold Marathon		1,067	440
Network fundraising		400	600
Interest received		138	136
Total income		34,890	27,564
Direct charitable expenditure			
Murray Hall expenses			
Rent, rates and water		(204)	1,068
Electricity and gas		1,205	1,760
Insurance		3,108	2,993
Repairs and maintenance		3,631	12,657
Cleaning and sundries		1,167	2,164
Telephone		544	656
		9,451	21,298
District Shop expenses	3	1,785	-
Administrative expenses		415	953
Bank charges		116	538
Support for district events		5	169
Depreciation		550	603
		12,322	23,561
Net surplus for the year		22,568	4,003
Fund balances brought forward		93,566	89,563
Fund balances carried forward		116,134	93,566

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS	2	3,719	4,269
STOCKS			
Scout shop		7,247	7,963
OTHER GENERAL FUND ASSETS			
General bank account		54,297	33,414
National Savings Investment		-	-
Cash in hand		51	51
Debtors and prepayments		1,229	537
		55,577	34,002
Less creditors		1,292	3,271
		54,285	30,731
TOTAL GENERAL FUND ASSETS		65,251	42,963
SPECIFIC FUND INVESTMENTS			
General bank account		6,247	5,973
Gang show account		17,703	18,939
Cotswold Marathon account		6,310	5,243
Scout Active Support account		373	373
Explorer scout account		1,918	1,869
Cub scout bank account		2,057	2,057
Short term investment account		1,322	1,303
National Savings Investment		14,953	14,846
		50,883	50,603
		116,134	93,566
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	4	64,939	42,963
Designated funds	4	51,195	50,603
		116,134	93,566

These accounts were approved by the Executive Committee of Gloucester District Scout Council on 9th August 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:-

TREASURER Karen Hawkins

CHAIRMAN Andrew Webb

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets at the following rates

Murray Hall	Straight line basis over the period of the lease
Fixtures and equipment	15% on reducing balance

2.FIXED ASSETS

	At 1/4/20 £	Adds £	Deprec- iation £	At 31/3/21 £
Leasehold property: Murray Hall	2,287	-	253	2,034
Equipment	1,982	-	297	1,685
	4,269	-	550	3,719

Murray Hall is built on land owned by Gloucester City Council. The lease is for a term of 60 years from 20 February 1970 at a rent of £179 per annum. The original cost of the building was £14,957 which is being written off over the 60 year period. The current insured value of the property is £426,687.

3. SHOP TRADING ACCOUNT

	2021 £	2020 £
Sales	623	13,136
<u>Cost of sales</u>		
Opening stock	7,963	8,102
Purchases	871	10,745
Card Machine Rental	150	-
AIB Mercantile Credit Charges	48	-
Closing stock	(7,247)	(7,963)
	1,785	10,884
Surplus for the year	(1,162)	2,252

Notes Due to Covid and the reduction in turnover of stock, the Exec Committee agreed that the value of the Closing stock should be reduced as follows:-
 Stocks of Uniform and Neckerchieves have been written off at 10% of value
 Stocks of Badges have been written off at 20% of value

GLOUCESTER DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS: YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

4. SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance Brought Forward £	Allocation of surplus for the year £	Transfer £	Balance Carried Forward £
General Fund	42,963	22,288	(312)	64,939
<u>Designated general funds</u>				
Maintenance Fund	9,500	-	-	9,500
Lease Renewal/Purchase Fund	5,000	-	-	5,000
Gang Show Fund (2020 cancelled show)	18,939	(1,236)	-	17,703
Cotswold Marathon Fund	5,243	1,067	-	6,310
Scout Active Support Fund	373	-	-	373
Scout Network Fund	1,095	400	-	1,495
Explorer Scout Fund	1,869	49	-	1,918
Cub Scout Fund	1,745	-	312	2,057
Special Activities and Support Fund	6,839	-	-	6,839
	50,603	280	312	51,195
Total funds	93,566	22,568	-	116,134

Notes Due to Covid-19, Gang Show had to cancel their show for 2020 and therefore incurred a modest loss.

The Cub Scout Fund was increased to bring it into line with the Balance on their Bank Account

Gloucester District Beaver Report

Despite the pandemic, several Beaver colonies across Gloucester have seen a rising number of Beavers in their colonies and on waiting lists as they returned to face-to-face meetings. The search for additional leaders continues to enable more young people to take part. Throughout the lockdowns and isolation periods, Gloucester District Beaver colonies continued to step up to the mark and leaders pushed themselves out of their comfort zones in the constantly changing circumstances to provide Zoom meetings, online tasks and socially distanced face-to-face opportunities when Covid restrictions allowed.

In order to not miss out on the usual sleepover opportunities, 11th Gloucester Beavers joined in with the County VE Day virtual camp and ran a virtual Halloween sleepover, providing the Beavers with the opportunity to earn 2 nights away.



As part of the Halloween sleepover, the Beavers received an activity pack delivered to their door, several Zoom sessions over the weekend and a 1 hour face-to-face activity session in line with the Scouting restrictions at the time of the events.



In February, 11th Gloucester Beavers were lucky enough to be the first youth group working with a group of dentists in their free youth outreach programme, focusing on the importance of healthy eating and looking after our teeth via a Zoom meeting; these dentists intend to offer this programme to a range of other groups in the district moving forwards (with both virtual meetings and face-to-face opportunities available). As part of this, a poster and badge competition was held and two of our Beavers received some fantastic prize bags from the dentist group.

District Explorer Unit Reports

Nutty Badgers ESU



That's was an interesting 12months....!!! As soon as the unit could move away from our fortnightly Zoom meetings we were out and about no matter what the weather. The unit took part in the village parish council tree planting initiative, with each explorer planting their own tree. Photos of the unit featured in the village newsletter.



A small group took advantage of the County Climbing Team using them for instructor practice with climbing at Symonds Yat and Plump Hill. The unit had a service evening helping at Cranham Scout Centre, clearing brush from the new camping area. We were able to get out kayaking on the Stroud canal. Plus evenings hiking in the immediate area including a dump hike. We have kept away from zoom meetings....



The leader team also developed a village walks website, with a recent addition being the USL Peaks Challenge. With the checkpoints being tagged into over 650 times across the village.



So if you feel up to The Ultimate or just want a local walk take a look at our website. Nuttybadgers.org.u

Phoenix

In the summer term 2020, Phoenix Explorers made their own full, face-to-face programme, which the Explorers set themselves and went kayaking on the River Severn, go-karting in Gloucester, backwoods cooking, tomahawk throwing, pizza making and a local Churchdown monopoly run.



This term they also set about making ideas for hoodies as well to then have ready for the autumn term. Weekend camps are planned monthly in the autumn term to make up for no camps since Beast 2019, all due to Covid restrictions. Cycling and then an end of term presentation night will round the term off before the summer break.

Kayaking at Lower Lode, River Severn on 28th June

We have set most of the Explorers the challenge of the Platinum or Queens Scout award badge by the end of summer term 2022. Attendance was very healthy and up on average from mostly existing Explorers and some new joiners too.

Phoenix ESU Leaders

Unmentionables

Like all other groups and sections, the last year has been bumpy in terms of Scouting due to the impact of Covid-19. However, we are proud to have only missed one week due to this as we took advantage of the Zoom licence available to us to run Explorers online, when we weren't able to meet face-to-face.

Our online meetings included sessions such as yoga, edible pioneering, baking, quizzes, Taskmaster challenges, a session with Shelter Box and making paracord bracelets.



When we were able to meet face-to-face, we took part in sessions such as hiking, cooking, stand up paddle boarding, maintenance work at Murray Hall, games and a Road Code session run by Young Gloucestershire. Some of these activities took place during the summer holidays instead of our normal annual summer camp, which for obvious reasons didn't take place!

We also took part in the county's We Will Survive camp at home in May 2020 as well as the remembrance and St George's celebrations which took place online throughout the year.



We would like to thank Gareth Edwards and the district for their on-going support over the last year. Also, a massive thank you to the Explorers themselves for their engagement, resilience and humour over a rather turbulent year! We look forward to a year of things seeming more 'normal' (if that's a thing!)

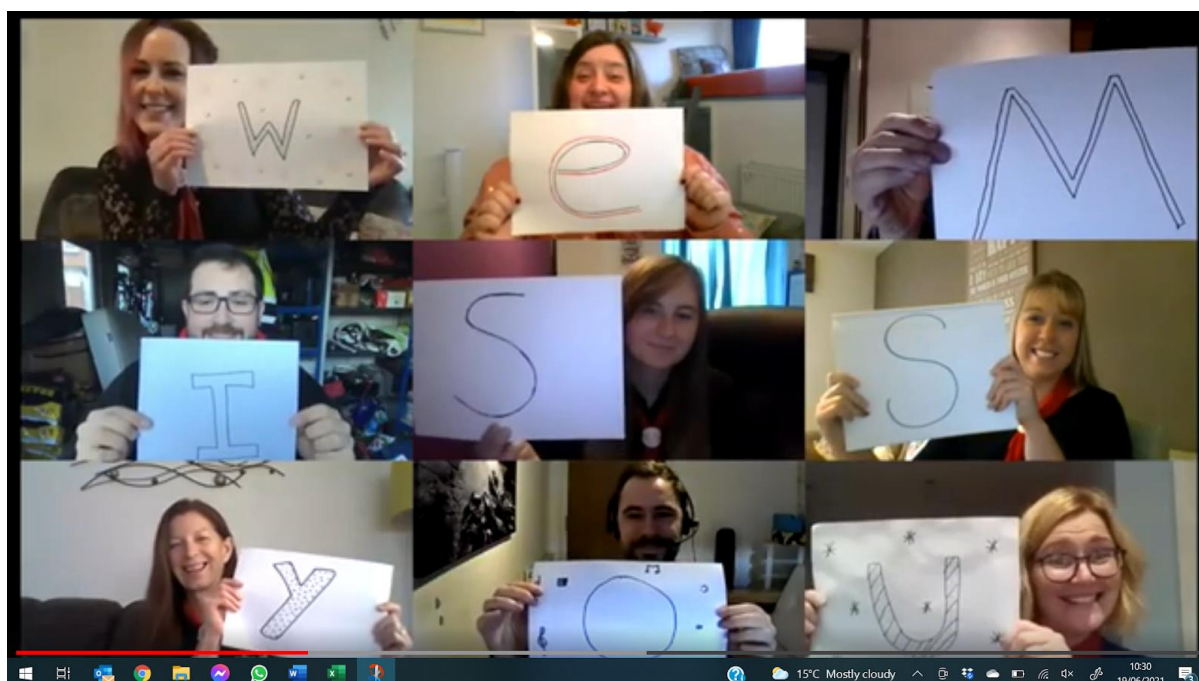
Ashley, Matt, Darren and Lauren, Unmentionables ESU Leaders



Gloucester District Gang Show

Gloucester Gang Show are an optimistic bunch and we really hoped we'd be able to put on our 60th anniversary show at Easter 2021. In the autumn of 2020, the committee looked at how we could make rehearsals work within the Scouting and Government rules but felt that we couldn't put on the 60th show to the standards we wanted with the restrictions in place.

The 60th anniversary show was officially postponed for another year to 2022 in November 2020. Members of the committee and production team recorded a special video for the Gang to let them know the decision.



Virtual show week

The committee and production team decided to mark what would have been show week in 2021 with an online challenge and choreography to try every day.

The Gang were challenged to send us their most creative Gang Show necker picture, create a past Gang Show scene from household objects, tell us their favourite Gang Show memory and their favourite Gang Show picture. At the end of the week we brought all the challenges together for a special 2021 edition of Tripe 'n' Rubbish, our daily newsletter produced during a "normal" show week.

For the audience, we released some favourite numbers and front tabs from the last ten years to watch on YouTube. You can still see them now on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChX7MYI2Mn4tv96Ty-Yn9KA>.



Cotswold Marathon



Cotswold Marathon 2021

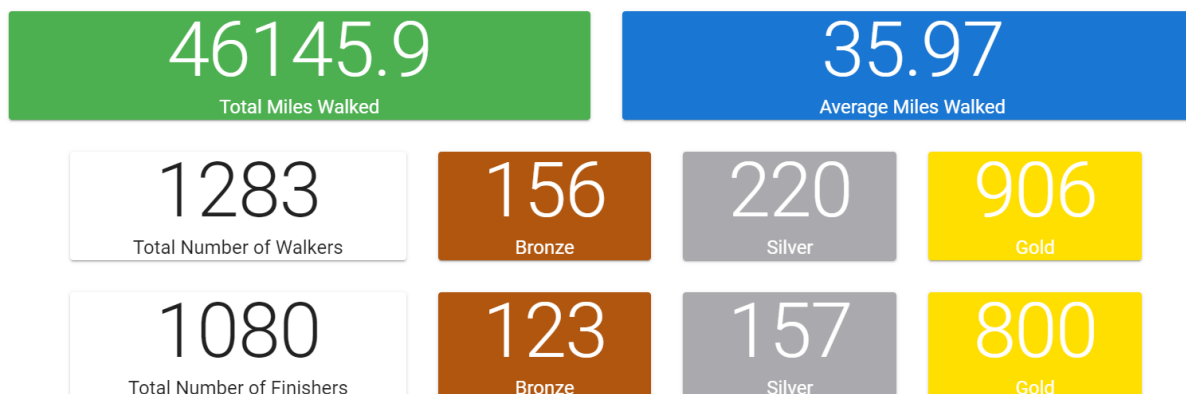
The 48th. Cotswold Marathon was planned for February 2021.

In November 2020 it became clear that the Marathon could not take place in February due to the Covid restrictions. The Marathon Team discussed various options and came up with the idea of a Virtual Cotswold Marathon which would involve scout and guide members undertaking a personal challenge with their families. Younger members of the scout and guide movements would also have the opportunity to participate.

The team had been developing a system of on-line booking for the proposed 2021 main event and it was agreed that this should be tested on the virtual marathon. The team enlisted the help of Dominic Trott who adapted the programme that he was developing for the main event to use on the virtual event. Dominic and the team spent 6 weeks developing and perfecting the booking system and it went live in mid-January. At the same time Matt Wadley updated the Cotswold Marathon website to promote the virtual event as well as publicising the event on social media and in the press and local radio stations.

The marathon team originally envisaged that possibly 100 to 200 people would enter, but in the dark days of winter the virtual marathon gave people the incentive to get out and about in the countryside. The event was a massive success with 1283 members of the scout and guide movements and their families taking part. We had people signing up from all over the country with all age ranges from Beavers and Brownies through to leaders in their 80s participating. We even had a scout group from Canada taking part. The feedback from participants has been fantastic. We sent out nearly 1000 badges and sent digital certificates to everyone that took part.

Results



A video was produced and released to celebrate the end of the Virtual Cotswold Marathon and Scout Founders Day and Guide Thinking Day. This was a great advert for scouting and guiding.

Thanks to everyone on the Committee for their hard work and support with special thanks to Dominic Trott and Matt Wadley for making this year's virtual event such a success.

Assuming all restrictions are lifted, the main Cotswold Marathon will be held again on 12/13th February 2022. The team are also planning a similar virtual event in January prior to the main marathon. Full details will be published on our web site www.cotswoldmarathon.org.uk.

Alan Faulkner – Marathon Co-ordinator

The Canadian Team



scouts.org.uk/activesupport

Gloucester District Scout Active Support

It has been a very quiet year for Active Support members, with very little to get involved with during the pandemic.

The members who have roles within the Gloucester Gang Show have been busy at home putting on various virtual events for Gang Show members over the lockdowns, and planning when the 60th Anniversary Show can start up again. If there are no further changes to the Gov. roadmap, rehearsals will start in September and performances will be Easter 2022.

The group sadly lost its member Kyle Howell on 1st January. This came as a massive shock as was so unexpected and Kyle was a very close friend to many members.

Lisa Jenkins, Scout Active Support Manager

Adult Appointments Advisory Committee

Due to the pandemic and lack of face to face scouting, the work of the Appointments Advisory Committee was very quiet during 2020. We have certainly made up for that in 2021, catching up with the few prospective leaders who had come forward last year and also new appointees for 2021.

As we were unable to meet people in person we have taken to Zoom and from the start of the year until the end of March we have seen 13 new leaders. These meetings have worked exceptionally well, with the new leaders being a mix of young people who have been through the Scout movement and now want to give something back and also adults who are new to Scouting.

It has also been a busy time for DBS applications – over the year 90 have been dealt with within the District of which 9 were for people new to scouting. The DBS notification system has resulted in 13 cancellations, mainly Occasional Helpers. As a result of no face to face scouting some leaders have ignored the warnings of the DBS expiry date until the last minute which has caused some extra work in chasing them up and getting their applications through in time. Checking DBS ID was being done by Zoom, facetime, etc.

In January it became apparent that there were a lot of leaders whose appointments remained as provisional, 45 in total. To have these made full appointments the leaders need to complete their Getting Started training and for this to be recorded on Compass. Unfortunately, since some changes made by Headquarters in the latter part of 2020, Compass did not carry through the training record to the 'approval' page of the leaders record. This has meant going through each individual provisional appointment record and then asking Andy Tucker to manually transfer the necessary dates of completion after which I could make the appointments 'full' – a very time consuming exercise for all concerned.

I have emailed everyone who needed to complete their Getting Started training to remind them what they need to do and that the training is, at the moment, all online. This has proved to be successful and we now have only 12 people with outstanding training (over 5 months) – I'll keep trying! There are 3 who are within the 5 months and they are being encouraged to complete as soon as possible.

It has been a busy few months but, as a committee, we feel it has been very productive. It has been good to get back to holding Appointment Committee meetings and to see the enthusiasm of the new leaders we have met.

Pam Tovey, Appointments Secretary

Jack Brook, Appointments Committee Chairman

Gloucester District Training Report

Since the last AGM Training in the District has been slow with leaders completing their getting started by e-learning and wood badges.

Training induction, which is still part of the appointments committee by zoom meetings for new leaders, has been going well. This gives the leaders a better understanding of the training, they need to complete over the next three years and also fits in with the new way training is delivered with in the County and District.

Over the last year working along with Pam we have reduced the outstanding or over run leaders who have not completed their getting started. At the moment we have 13 leaders still outstanding and 3 leaders still within the 3 months. E-mails have been sent out to the 13 leaders and we are still getting no further at the moment.

The County have been running a range of training modules by zoom, which can be found on their new website, Leaders in the District have attended. Leaders who have attended have enjoyed the courses and the feedback we have received has been positive.

G.D.P.R., safeguarding and safety has also been awfully slow even when leaders have been getting emails direct from HQ.

First aid is in two parts the first is online by zoom meetings and the second part will be completed when we return to face to face scouting. Again, Leaders who have attended have enjoyed the courses and again the turnout is exceptionally low for the district.

Executive members training (Module 1E) and other modules for this role again have been very poor, emails have been sent out to every Executive member in the District. Three have completed the training but there are still 23 Executive members outstanding, including district members.

I would like to thank my hard-working Training Advisors for everything they are doing and for their support to me during the year. I would also like to express my appreciation for the support and encouragement that I receive from the District.

Andy Tucker, District Training Manager

Murray Hall Manager report 2020.

The building upgrades and repairs have continued throughout the year, but as the building hasn't been used much there haven't been any major repairs.

We have repaired the drain in the car park, which should make it less likely to flood. While completing that I had the area beside the gravel cleared of brambles and sown with wild flowers.

We still have to replace the flooring in the Curzon room, but due to the reduced income from hirings, we decided to wait until things started to get back to normal.

We also still have to paint the Chair store and Curzon room, which will complete all the decorating of the building.

If anybody has any ideas over improvements that are needed, or could be made, please let me know.

Richard Large (AKA Dickie), Murray Hall Manager