

KINGSWOOD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 302142

Details

Other names	THE KINGSWOOD AND ST GEORGE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1970-08-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: Scouting in Kingswood Area of Bristol

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KINGSWOOD
- Gloucestershire
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,039	£41,126	-	-
2024-03-31	£38,333	£38,070	-	-
2023-03-31	£42,778	£49,705	-	-
2022-03-31	£30,256	£22,849	-	-
2021-03-31	£23,793	£12,484	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Eileen Frances Rands		2018-09-03
Em Masters		2023-10-11
Harry Beamish		2026-01-01
Kim Vickery		2023-10-11
NICHOLAS PAUL BOX		2023-10-11
Nigel Paul Thomas		2023-10-11
Robert John Lockett		2018-09-03
Robert ian Sellar		2015-11-01
SIMON BUDD		
Samiul Akbar Shellard		2025-06-25

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Trustees Annual Report

For the period June 2024 to June 2025.

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Simon Budd		ex officio	June 24 – June 25
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Sammy Shellard		co-opted	June 24 – June 25
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Emily Masters	Youth Commissioner	ex officio	June 24 -- June 25
Nick Box		elected	June 24 – June 25
Nigel Thomas	Change Manager	co-opted	June 24 – June 25

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The Trustee Board supports the District Lead Volunteers and Teams to oversee and advise on all aspects of Scouting across the District. Work is ongoing and further volunteers continue to be sought. All Groups in the District have established Trustee Boards .

Risks and internal controls. The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

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- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

now apologised and admitted that it has not performed as they expected. That is little comfort for all of those who have had to work with it. Thanks go to Gill Nutt for helping to chase down those leaders who are non-compliant with their Basic Roots Training and the general onboarding process.

At the end of March there was still 194 members who had not logged into the system, completed the declaration and fully completed their profile. Furthermore, we had over 160 members who had not completed their New Safety training that must be completed by 14th July 2025.

On a more positive note, District has run 6 First Response First Aid Courses allowing 63 Volunteers and 7 Ten Tors Trainees to become First Aid Qualified.

It is very pleasing to report that thanks to Dan Tippett and Kim Vickery and the Explorer Leadership Team there was a joint Scout/Explorer weekend camp for nearly 50 young people and 20 leaders at Biblins Camp Site in the Wye Valley in May 2024 and on the back of that Kim and Dan have spearheaded the organisation of District Camp to take place in June 2025 at Woodhouse Park. Every indication is that almost every group in District will be supporting the camp.

The census indicated that there had been an increase in numbers across all sections except for cubs (see above) and at the time of writing nearly all sections in all groups are at capacity and have a waiting list. This situation will only be improved if more leaders can be found. HQ are giving their focus to the opening of new Squirrel drays and new groups in areas of deprivation. It would be great to see some Squirrel drays opening in Kingswood District and as waiting lists for Beavers grow perhaps some of the parents will decide that if they want their children to start Scouting at 4, the only way it will happen is for them to start their own dray.

Most sections, despite all the challenges, are running a good balanced programme with a wide range of activities being reported on Adventurous Activity and Nights Away Notifications.

The Ten Tors Unit entered 2x 35-mile teams and 1 x 45-mile team in the event in May 2024. However, the teams were a little less successful than usual but a team that fell out late on the Sunday had a ride back to Oakhampton in a Royal Navy Helicopter so that was certainly a first. For 2025 they have 2 x 35, and 2 x 45-mile teams entered for the event and there are also several young people who are training to do the 55-mile event hoping to find a place with a different organisation.

Finally, we would like to thank every volunteer for all that you do. Without you so many young people would miss out on a great scouting experience.

Simon Budd - District Lead Volunteer (Support and Development)

Bob Lockett – District Lead Volunteer (Programme)

District Lead Volunteer 14-24 Report.

Our District's 14 to 24 age group has experienced remarkable growth and engagement over the past year. According to the latest census, we have recorded the largest number of Explorer Scouts in our District since the section was established. This significant increase reflects our commitment to providing a vibrant and exciting program for our young people and showcases the enthusiasm and dedication of our leaders and volunteers.

In addition to this growth, we are thrilled to announce the commencement of a new Network provision within the District, which aims to support and engage our young adults. One of the highlights of this year's activities includes the collaborative efforts of all four units, and our Youth Commissioner, to organise an Expedition to the Kandersteg International Scouting Centre. This exciting opportunity is set to deepen the bonds among our youth and encourage a shared sense of adventure. We are also proud to report that all four units placed in the top ten of the Rickard Shield competition, with our very own 229 West Explorers securing the title of champions.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the leaders from Mystery, 229, Avo, and Marvel for their unwavering commitment to creating an exciting and varied program for our young people. Their collaborative spirit and support for one another have been vital in providing enriching experiences that inspire and empower the future leaders of tomorrow.

Philip Lawson District Lead Volunteer 14-24.

Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a minimum of £5,000.

The District held reserves of approximately £18K against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

The Board offers financial support to District or other events. In particular, the deposit was paid for a Kandersteg camp in 2026 prior to the relevant bank account being up and running, and the IT costs and deposit for the K-Fest camp to take place in summer 2025. The Board has also agreed to subsidise free leader places for the latter event. The Board has also supported two groups in obtaining charity donations and has managed the accounts for another Group prior to them obtaining their own bank

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies. The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure it obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above . Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Full name(s):

R Sellar

R Lockett

Position:

Board Chair

Lead Volunteer Programme

Date :

Kingswood District Scout Council
Consolidated Accounts for the year ended
31st March 2024

	Total 2025	Total 2024	Total 2023
Income			
Capitation Fee from Units			
Less: Paid to County			
Capitation Income	£ 259.50	£ 982.00	-£ 554.00
Troop Closure	£ -	£ -	£ -
World Jamboree	£ 551.36	£ 930.25	£ 4,266.00
Legacies/Donations Received	£ 3,165.00	£ -	£ -
Badge Net Income	-£ 143.93	£ 115.89	-£ 591.94
Necker Net Income			
Badge Day	£ -	£ -	£ -
100 Year Birthday Party	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fees and Subs	£ 15,838.47	£ 14,970.79	£ 10,675.46
Income towards activities	£ 22,935.43	£ 10,552.70	£ 8,296.40
Camps	£ -	£ -	£ -
Uniform sales	£ 1,571.30	£ 932.48	£ 731.77
Badge sales			
Jamboree	£ -	£ -	£ -
Duke of Edinburgh activities	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid received	£ 1,556.53	£ 1,512.54	£ 1,710.18
Fund raising efforts	£ 2,519.25	£ 3,259.44	£ 2,691.12
Donations received	£ 1,501.98	£ 101.00	£ 4,390.00
Release of provisions	£ -	£ -	£ -
Lyde Green	£ 4,466.00	£ 4,460.00	£ 3,080.00
46th Kingswood	£ -	£ -	£ 7,278.37
Ten Tors	£ -	£ -	£ -
Insurance Claim			
Sundry income	£ 818.21	£ 515.85	£ 804.45
Total Income	£ 55,039.10	£ 38,332.94	£ 42,777.81
Expenditure			
Rent	£ 2,694.10	£ 2,126.00	£ 2,293.65
Postage and sundries	£ 698.71	£ 493.61	£ 383.17
Insurance	£ 221.07	£ 167.64	£ 200.64
Officers' Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -
Training Expenses	£ 1,413.01	£ 796.88	£ 887.74
MPLC Licence	£ 496.26	£ 452.38	£ 410.88
Gift Aid to Units	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charity Donations to Units			
Website	£ 180.00	£ 180.00	£ 176.40
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank charges	£ 212.56	£ 60.00	£ 92.78
T-shirts	£ -	£ -	£ -
Consumables	£ 497.35	£ 699.33	£ 1,007.55
Uniform purchases	£ 1,862.82	£ 1,571.53	£ 1,751.73
Purchase of badges	£ 671.69	£ 564.42	£ 240.12
Equipment	£ 2,935.30	£ 3,572.00	£ 551.77
Entry fees	£ 935.00	£ 721.00	£ 766.77
Camping	£ 3,369.00	£ -	£ -
Awards	£ 242.80	£ 307.73	£ 253.06
Trips and Activities	£ 19,755.93	£ 20,079.20	£ 15,743.06
Duke of Edinburgh activities	£ -	£ -	£ -
100 Year Birthday Party	£ -	£ -	£ -
Jamboree	£ -	£ 1,831.25	£ 6,210.00
World Jamboree	£ 554.41	£ -	£ -
Subs Refund	£ -	£ 130.00	£ -
Garage Repair			
Lyde Green	£ 4,386.44	£ 4,316.88	£ 2,107.97
46th Kingswood	£ -	£ -	£ 16,627.23
Ten Tors	£ -	£ -	£ -
To District			
Capitation	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Expenditure	£ 41,126.45	£ 38,069.85	£ 49,704.52
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	£ 11,788.77	£ 313.02	-£ 7,289.78
Bank balance brought forward	£ 37,473.73	£ 37,160.71	£ 44,450.49
Bank balance carried forward	£ 49,262.50	£ 37,473.73	£ 37,160.71
Check	£ -	-£ 0.00	£ -
Check vs Balance Sheet	£ -	£ -	£ -
Check opening vs closing	£ -	£ -	£ -



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: Kingswood District Scout Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st March ~~2024~~ 2025

Charity no (if any) 302142

Set out on pages

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Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Chris Willis

Date:

08/07/2025

Name:

CHRIS WILLIS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

CIOT (CTA). BSc (Hons) Accountancy

(if any):

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BRISTOL BS31 1DD

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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The Scout Association has introduced a range of measures to change the way in which Counties, Districts and Groups are organised and administered. This includes, not least, moving to a 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.

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The District TB intends to form a closer relationship with Group TBs and Group Teams as we move forward to continue to grow Scouts in the District. The District has a Change Manager to advise and

assist with all aspects of the transformation programme and he stands ready to assist any Groups requiring advice

Groups in the District actively seek to recruit new volunteers. Changes are inevitable and need constant attention in particular to ensure that DBS checks are completed within the timelines of the Scout Association. Over the last year:

New Leaders	18
Change of Roles	27
Section Assistants	22
Occasional Helpers/Supporters/Administrators/SAS etc.	10
Group Executive	23

There have also been 60 leavers this year. Numbers at the 2024 Census were 341 adults and 1017 young people.

We are now beginning to operate under a new system for recruitment and where possible will be visiting leaders at their Group. . We are aware that new volunteers are still a problem. We ask Group Team Leads to ensure that all new volunteers complete their mandatory training.

Activities in the District. The Ten Tors Team successfully entered three teams 2 x 35 and 1 x 45 in the event in May 23 and are training 18 young people again for the event on Dartmoor in 2024. The district entered four teams into Rickard Shield in March.

Most groups are arranging a Nights Away experience of some sort for their young people and as a result we are seeing a sizable number of Nights Away renewals.

From the number of Activity Notifications, we receive it is obvious that groups are organising a varied program packed with lots of fun activities for the young people. We are proud to have four Explorer Scout Units in the District: 229, Avo, Marvel, and Mystery. During the 2024 census, we reported 84 Explorers in the District, including Young Leaders, a small increase from 83 in 2023. All units run robust programs, including various activities such as fire lighting, pioneering, cooking, crafts, gliding, sailing, climbing, rocket making, scuba diving, animation, and murder mystery. Additionally, our units collaborate closely to organize joint activities. For instance, 41 Explorers attended the Roller Disco, which everyone enjoyed.

Following the coroner's report into the Great Orm tragedy there has been a renewed focus on Mandatory Training being up to date. At time of this report, all volunteers in Kingswood are up to date with their renewal of Safety and Safeguarding and most are up to date with their First Aid

The Board offers financial support to District or other events. In particular grants have been made to District Scouts selected to attend the 2023 World jamboree, to purchase Tee Shirts for a District camp and to manage the accounts for other Groups established in the District prior to them obtaining their own bank accounts. Additionally the District Board also seeks assurance that good safety and safeguarding practice is maintained by reviewing recognized risks periodically throughout the year and by ensuring that awards for meritorious or long service are being recognised

Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a minimum of £5,000.

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Signature(s):

Full name(s): R Sellar R Lockett

Position: Board Chair Lead Volunteer Programme

Date : 8 June 2024

Kingswood District Scout Council
Consolidated Accounts for the year ended
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	District 2024	Explorers 2024	Ten Tors 2024	Consolidation Adjustment	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income							
Capitation Fee from Units	£ 56,669.00						
Less: Paid to County	£ 50,850.00						
Capitation Income	£ 5,819.00			-£ 4,837.00	£ 982.00	-£ 554.00	£ 2,564.00
Troop Closure	£ -				£ -	£ -	£ -
World Jamboree	£ 930.25				£ 930.25	£ 4,266.00	£ 400.00
Legacies Received	£ -				£ -	£ -	£ -
Badge Net Income	£ 115.89				£ 115.89	-£ 591.94	£ 142.16
Necker Net Income	-£ 113.15						
Badge Day					£ -	£ -	£ -
100 Year Birthday Party					£ -	£ -	£ -
Fees and Subs		£ 12,750.79	£ 2,220.00		£ 14,970.79	£ 10,675.46	£ 10,602.42
Income towards activities		£ 10,454.50	£ 98.20		£ 10,552.70	£ 8,296.40	£ 2,412.25
Camps					£ -	£ -	£ -
Uniform sales		£ 414.23	£ 518.25		£ 932.48	£ 731.77	£ 749.20
Badge sales		£ 163.08					
Jamboree		£ -			£ -	£ -	£ -
Duke of Edinburgh activities		£ -			£ -	£ -	£ 1,685.00
Gift Aid received	£ 673.52	£ 1,129.61	£ 382.93	-£ 673.52	£ 1,512.54	£ 1,710.18	£ -
Fund raising efforts		£ 269.29	£ 2,990.15		£ 3,259.44	£ 2,691.12	£ 804.95
Donations received		£ 101.00	£ -		£ 101.00	£ 4,390.00	£ 1,771.99
Release of provisions		£ -			£ -	£ -	
Lyde Green	£ 4,460.00				£ 4,460.00	£ 3,080.00	£ 980.00
46th Kingswood	£ -				£ -	£ 7,278.37	£ 11,212.00
Ten Tors	£ 258.20			-£ 258.20	£ -	£ -	
Sundry income	£ 48.54	£ 203.40	£ 263.91		£ 515.85	£ 804.45	£ 417.50
Total Income	£ 12,192.25	£ 25,485.90	£ 6,473.44	-£ 5,768.72	£ 38,332.94	£ 42,777.81	£ 33,741.47
Expenditure							
Rent	£ -	£ 2,027.00	£ 99.00		£ 2,126.00	£ 2,293.65	£ 1,200.00
Postage and sundries	£ 45.30	£ 448.31			£ 493.61	£ 383.17	£ 167.91
Insurance	£ 167.64				£ 167.64	£ 200.64	£ 384.52
Officers' Expenses	£ -				£ -	£ -	£ -
Training Expenses	£ 285.62	£ -	£ 511.26		£ 796.88	£ 887.74	£ 949.00
MPLC Licence	£ 452.38				£ 452.38	£ 410.88	£ 354.20
Gift Aid to Units	£ 673.52			-£ 673.52	£ -	£ -	
Website	£ 180.00				£ 180.00	£ 176.40	£ 86.40
Grants	£ -				£ -	£ -	£ 1,090.05
Bank charges	£ 60.00				£ 60.00	£ 92.78	£ 43.20
T-shirts					£ -	£ -	£ -
Consumables			£ 699.33		£ 699.33	£ 1,007.55	£ 1,018.95
Uniform purchases	£ -	£ 1,099.55	£ 471.98		£ 1,571.53	£ 1,751.73	£ 1,835.41
Purchase of badges		£ 564.42			£ 564.42	£ 240.12	£ 40.00
Equipment	£ 398.74	£ 1,846.27	£ 1,326.99		£ 3,572.00	£ 551.77	£ 878.49
Entry fees		£ 37.00	£ 684.00		£ 721.00	£ 766.77	£ -
Camping					£ -	£ -	£ -
Awards	£ 307.73				£ 307.73	£ 253.06	£ 95.05
Trips and Activities		£ 17,852.81	£ 2,226.39		£ 20,079.20	£ 15,743.06	£ 7,293.73
Duke of Edinburgh activities		£ -			£ -	£ -	£ 1,602.75
100 Year Birthday Party					£ -	£ -	£ -
Jamboree	£ 1,831.25				£ 1,831.25	£ 6,210.00	£ 600.00
World Jamboree	£ -	£ -			£ -	£ -	£ -
Subs Refund			£ 130.00		£ 130.00	£ -	£ -
Lyde Green	£ 4,316.88				£ 4,316.88	£ 2,107.97	
46th Kingswood	£ -				£ -	£ 16,627.23	£ 5,209.13
Ten Tors	£ 881.20			-£ 881.20	£ -	£ -	
To District							
Capitation		£ 4,837.00		-£ 4,837.00	£ -	£ -	
Total Expenditure	£ 9,600.26	£ 28,712.36	£ 6,148.95	-£ 6,391.72	£ 38,069.85	£ 49,704.52	£ 22,848.79
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	£ 2,591.99	-£ 3,226.46	£ 324.49	£ 623.00	£ 313.02	-£ 7,289.78	£ 7,747.77
Bank balance brought forward	£ 16,203.82	£ 13,622.80	£ 7,957.09	-£ 623.00	£ 37,160.71	£ 44,450.49	£ 35,386.06
Bank balance carried forward	£ 18,795.81	£ 10,396.34	£ 8,281.58	£ -	£ 37,473.73	£ 37,160.71	£ 44,450.49
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Kingswood District Scout Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2021 2024 Charity no (if any) 302142

Set out on pages

1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 28/06/2024

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KINGSWOOD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 302142

Accounts



**KINGSWOOD SCOUT
COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
2023**

Patron HM The King, President HRH The Duke of Kent, Founder Robert Baden- Powell Chief Scout Bear Grylls

Charity No 302142

Kingswood Scout Council Annual Report and Statement of Accounts 2023

Report from the President

This brief report outlines the changes afoot since Scouting returned from when lockdown regulations were lifted and is an opportunity for me to thank all of those who support our young people to enjoy Scouting in Kingswood. It would appear that the majority of Groups are offering some amazing programmes for their members as we receive reports from them on a regular basis.

With the new guidance details handed down from Scout HQ there are changes in the way committees are formed and run at County, District and Group levels. Whilst the changes are not popular with some, in fact I believe Groups will probably carry on managing their business without noticing too many changes whilst still adopting the new structures. Nigel Thomas, our transformation Lead has been holding meetings to provide the latest information given through the County team.

We are acutely aware that, as ever, we need to recruit and retain our leaders to give our younger members every opportunity to fulfil their potential which is what has always been the mantra of Scouting. A change in how new people are welcomed and appointments are conducted is in constant review.

The District team was obliged to move out of the HQ in Kingswood as the Church has now been closed. Meetings are now conducted in various Group HQs which gives us improved links with more of our leaders.

Sincere thanks go to all our leaders in the District for their continued dedication and commitment in these changing times.

Eileen Rands, District President

Report from the District Commissioner

There is no formal report this year from the DC

Jamie has been plagued with serious health issues for a large part of the year with other issues and a busy work schedule when he was able to do so. He has maintained his scouting interests in spite of this setback but not at the level he would have wished. He is grateful for the support he has had and wishes to express his appreciation to all GSLs, Leaders, Helpers and committee staff at District, Group and Unit level, for all their hard work during the year.

Report from the Secretary

The Executive Committee met five times since the last AGM and considered a range of issues. In particular, the changes introduced by Scout HQ to the way we manage at District and Group level have been given a thorough airing. As mentioned by the President, we appointed a Transformation Lead to fill the role of informing all concerned of the changes as they are rolled out and to assist with advice and support where help is required to implement the changes.

The January census this year showed we had 979 young people, a small increase on 2022. These comprised 287 Beavers, (an increase) 313 Cubs, (a reduction) 296 Scouts (an increase) and 83 Explorers (an increase). There was a drop of 22 to 304 in the number of adults engaged at Group and District. As ever within scouting, these adults are thinly stretched and

we always need more volunteers. Please see the report below from the Secretary of the Appointments Committee. The way forward with introducing new volunteers will change over the coming months, and it will be important to modify our welcoming routine. Good progress was made over the last 12 months to maintain training to timelines and to keep personal records on Compass up to date., but please see Appointments Committee report below which highlights the need for more effort with Disclosures. This should stand us in good stead to ensure future changes to HQ systems reflect accurate personal information.

Bob Sellar, Secretary

Section Reports

Beavers

Since the last District AGM, I have been made aware of changes within our Groups. Some have seen valued leaders move on or away and some have gained new leaders. Thank you to those who have led, delivered or assisted the Beaver sections in various roles over the years and thanks to their friends and families for supporting them in their roles. Welcome to our new leaders, whether you have moved from other sections or groups or are new to Scouting. You are all valued team leaders and members, thank you.

The Beaver sections in Kingswood have continued to enjoy varied and interesting programmes planned by leaders and through the voice of the young people. Groups have covered the Beaver activity badges and challenge awards in many interesting and different ways. This year this also included celebrating the Kings coronation in May.

Creating a varied and well-planned programme of activities, adventures, events and challenges ensure that our young people continue to learn and develop skills, build confidence whilst making new friends and achieving personal goals. Beavers are working towards the highest award for this section, the Chief Scout's Bronze award. By achieving this, they are ready to 'swim-up' to Cubs and prepared for the next step in their Scouting journey.

In January, there were celebrations at the 28th when Josh O'Inn, one of our leaders in the Beaver section, was presented with the Cornwell Scout Badge Award by Stu Ballard.

Beaver leaders have also been supporting the young people attending this year's World Scout Jamboree in South Korea as leaders and on the International Service Team (IST)

I would like to say, a huge thank you to all the Beaver Leaders, assistants, regular helpers and young leaders who have continued to deliver Scouting to the Beaver Sections across the Kingswood District. You all do a brilliant job in supporting the youngest section of the Scouting movement that we have in Kingswood. Thank you for your time, support and commitment. I wish you all the best for the rest of 2023 and into 2024 as we embrace the Scouts Transformation together.

Thank you.

Rachel Ferrand Kingswood District Beaver Scout Leader

Cubs

Our Cubs in Kingswood continue to enjoy Scouting but the January 2023 census showed a reduction in numbers from 357 to 313 of which 257 are boys and 56 girls. They are situated in 19 Packs across the 16 Groups with the smallest Section having 8 and the largest 49 young people. A number of Groups have waiting lists.

As ever this is only possible with the support of volunteer Leaders and Helpers and we are grateful for your time and commitment. We are still looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate Cub activities across the District so if anyone would like to step up and take this on please speak to the DC.

Scouts

This year has seen us getting back to normal and continuing scouting activities, Scout numbers have almost returned to pre-pandemic levels which is heartening as a number of scouts and leaders decided not to return.

As a member of the District Team I have been keeping in touch with the District Scout Troops and giving advice and support. The subject of the transformation is a topic that has come up on numerous occasions and as with change, everyone is apprehensive but I am sure once we get into it all our fears will melt away.

As Nights Away Advisor I have been interviewing new Leaders wanting Permits and there have been a few renewals as well, always good to see that the scouts are spending time camping in the great outdoors.

As a member of the Appointments Committee I have had the pleasure to interview a number of new leaders and their enthusiasm and drive always reminds why we are in Scouting and the benefits that we bring to society.

I would like to thank the Leaders for their efforts over the year and look forward to continuing the good times ahead.

.Terry Scull District Scout Leader

Explorers

2022 -2023 has been another busy year for the 4 main Explorer Units who have been working hard to strengthen the bonds between us. In November 2 units joined together to attend a Remembrance Day talk, sell poppies and later a Parade at a local cenotaph. It was great to see so many Explorers in uniform. We also attended the Woodhouse Weekender last November as a District taking around 45 Explorers for the weekend.

Earlier this year around 60 Explorers from all 4 units joined up once again for a giant laser tag evening hosted by Jamie and his team. This summer 2 units did a leader swap. Mystery leaders ran a backwoods cooking challenge in the woods for Avo. In turn an Avo leader ran a clay pot making night for Mystery. A successful venture we hope to repeat and expand on in future. We are just in the planning stages for Woodhouse Weekender, again, as a District and hope to take even more away this time.

We have used the surplus funds from these joint activities to purchase a District Explorer Flag to show our colours whenever we get together. All 4 units have also embraced the red and black neckers taking it a step further and getting similar black Hoodies and T-Shirts showing the individual unit badges in red which look fabulous when all together.

Philip Lawson DESC

Activities

Activities now seem to be almost back to pre-pandemic levels. And we are seeing the usual range of activities going on within the district and a few new ones.

Both groups and district are short of Leaders. The result is that those leaders who are clearly dedicated are spread too thinly. I know many of you have grand ideas but lack the time and help to implement them. Furthermore as the young people get older and the activities get more adventurous the rules and regulations get more rigorous and although I fully agree that activities must be undertaken in a safe environment, it does place further requirements on leaders wanting to arrange adventurous activities.

All that aside over the course of the year it is obvious that across the sections in Kingswood there are a lot of different activities been tried by the young people and long may this continue.

Due to safety concerns the annual Rickard Shield was sadly cancelled this year.

Participation in the Ten Tors training programme was down this year, due to a combination of the hangover from the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis. This meant that as a District we only entered three teams two at 35 miles and one at 45 miles. It was pleasing to report that all three teams got back. This was an excellent result, and the participants were very appreciative of all the work put in by the leadership team. This year also saw Paul Miller step down as the team manager after 23 years dedicated service to the Ten Tors Team. As a District we would like to record our thanks to him.

A big thank you to all the leaders and helpers across the district for all they do to give Scouts of all ages an adventurous experience.

Finally if I can be of any assistance to any leader in organising any activities then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bob Lockett ADC Activities

The Appointments Committee

The Appointments Committee has met as often as required although we are still short of members. This year's figures are broken down as follows:

New Leaders: 18

Change of Roles : 50

Section Assistants: 23

Occasional Helpers/Supporters/Administrators/SAS etc. : 13

Group Executive: 12

There have been 69 leavers this year which is quite high but possibly a result of people evaluating their priorities following covid.

In addition the committee has, as usual, overseen appointment reviews as required. The number of suspensions for having no disclosure is also increasing. When setting up a new appointment the disclosure should be completed swiftly. Disclosure review notices are sent out by HQ 90 days prior to requirement then 60 & finally at 30 days. Please ensure they are completed within that time frame which will avoid unnecessary suspensions.

We are now waiting to see what the impact of the new appointments system will be. In light of this please would all groups check their leaders etc. on compass & remove anyone who is no longer active.

Gill Nutt, Appointments Committee Secretary

Report from the Treasurer.

Accounts for the year to 31 March 2023 are shown below. Note that these accounts are for the District only; a consolidated version that includes the Explorer units will be required for the Charity Commission website.

It was a fairly standard year for the district, with the key item being the collection of capitation from the individuals units, most of which is paid towards county and national scouting costs. We also had some participants in the 2023 Scout Jamboree in Korea, so collected participant fundraising for that, and paid the required amounts to County. General expenses include insurance for occasional helpers, website costs, an umbrella Motion Picture Licencing Corporation certificate for the district for screening videos, postage costs and bank account charges.

As a district we have a healthy balance of £12,383.69 which will allow us, amongst other things to support our participants in the next World Scout Jamborees and similar events. The loss shown on the year is almost all due to the fact that at the start of the year we were holding a significant amount of money for 46th Kingswood while they got a new bank account set up; this was completed during the year and the money transferred back to them. Much of the remainder will be due to the District support for the Jamboree participants.

At 31 March 2023, we did hold balances for the Lyde Green Scout Group and the Ten Tors group, both of which were in the process of setting up new accounts.

The accounts have been reviewed by an independent examiner, and no issues found. The relevant report is included below.

Joy Redfern Treasurer

Kingswood District Scout Council
Consolidated Accounts for the year ended
31st March 2023

	District 2023	District Cubs 2023	Explorers 2023	Ten Tors 2023	Consolidation Adjustment	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021
Income								
Capitation Fee from Units	£ 49,618.00							
Less: Paid to County	£ 46,992.00							
Capitation Income	£ 2,626.00				-£ 3,180.00	£ 554.00	£ 2,564.00	£ 4,190.00
Troop Closure	£ -					£ -	£ -	£ 2,482.12
World Jamboree	£ 4,266.00					£ 4,266.00	£ 400.00	£ -
Legacies Received	£ -					£ -	£ -	£ -
Badge Net Income	-£ 591.94					-£ 591.94	£ 142.16	-£ 20.00
Badge Day						£ -	£ -	£ -
100 Year Birthday Party						£ -	£ -	£ -
Fees and Subs			£ 8,615.46	£ 2,060.00		£ 10,675.46	£ 10,602.42	£ 3,047.49
Income towards activities			£ 7,994.50	£ 301.90		£ 8,296.40	£ 2,412.25	£ -
Camps						£ -	£ -	£ -
Uniform sales			£ 731.77			£ 731.77	£ 749.20	£ -
Jamboree			£ -			£ -	£ -	£ -
Duke of Edinburgh activities			£ -			£ -	£ 1,685.00	£ -
Gift Aid received	£ 1,860.18		£ 821.31	£ 888.87	-£ 1,860.18	£ 1,710.18	£ -	£ -
Fund raising efforts			£ 945.89	£ 1,745.23		£ 2,691.12	£ 804.95	£ 340.00
Donations received			£ 4,340.00	£ 50.00		£ 4,390.00	£ 1,771.99	£ 3,348.87
Release of provisions			£ -			£ -	£ -	£ -
Lyde Green	£ 3,080.00					£ 3,080.00	£ 980.00	£ 371.95
46th Kingswood	£ 7,278.37					£ 7,278.37	£ 11,212.00	£ 10,015.00
Ten Tors	£ 890.00				-£ 890.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sundry income	£ 490.85	£ -	£ 1.83	£ 311.77		£ 804.45	£ 417.50	£ 18.00
Total Income	£ 19,899.46	£ -	£ 23,450.76	£ 5,357.77	-£ 5,930.18	£ 42,777.81	£ 33,741.47	£ 23,793.43
Expenditure								
Rent	£ 580.00		£ 1,713.65	£ -		£ 2,293.65	£ 1,200.00	£ 516.45
Postage and sundries	£ 39.69		£ 343.48			£ 383.17	£ 167.91	£ 77.78
Insurance	£ 200.64					£ 200.64	£ 384.52	£ 307.92
Officers' Expenses	£ -					£ -	£ -	£ -
Training Expenses	£ 870.00		£ 17.74			£ 887.74	£ 949.00	£ -
MPLC Licence	£ 410.88					£ 410.88	£ 354.20	£ 343.88
Gift Aid to Units	£ 1,860.18				-£ 1,860.18	£ -	£ -	£ -
Website	£ 176.40					£ 176.40	£ 86.40	£ -
Grants	£ -					£ -	£ 1,090.05	£ -
Bank charges	£ 92.78					£ 92.78	£ 43.20	£ -
T-shirts						£ -	£ -	£ -
Consumables		£ -		£ 1,007.55		£ 1,007.55	£ 1,018.95	£ 1,189.46
Uniform purchases			£ 1,751.73	£ -		£ 1,751.73	£ 1,835.41	£ -
Purchase of badges			£ 240.12			£ 240.12	£ 40.00	£ -
Equipment	£ -		£ 551.77	£ -		£ 551.77	£ 878.49	£ -
Entry fees			£ 100.77	£ 666.00		£ 766.77	£ -	£ -
Camping						£ -	£ -	£ -
Awards	£ 253.06					£ 253.06	£ 95.05	£ -
Trips and Activities		£ -	£ 10,038.18	£ 5,704.88		£ 15,743.06	£ 7,293.73	£ -
Duke of Edinburgh activities			£ -			£ -	£ 1,602.75	£ 4.75
100 Year Birthday Party						£ -	£ -	£ -
Jamboree	£ 6,210.00					£ 6,210.00	£ 600.00	£ -
World Jamboree	£ -		£ -			£ -	£ -	£ -
Subs Refund				£ -		£ -	£ -	£ 1,880.00
Lyde Green	£ 2,107.97					£ 2,107.97	£ -	£ -
46th Kingswood	£ 16,627.23					£ 16,627.23	£ 5,209.13	£ 8,163.51
Ten Tors	£ 267.00				-£ 267.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
To District		£ 363.07						
Capitation			£ 3,180.00		-£ 3,180.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Expenditure	£ 29,695.83	£ 363.07	£ 17,937.44	£ 7,378.43	-£ 5,307.18	£ 49,704.52	£ 22,848.79	£ 12,483.75
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	-£ 9,796.37	-£ 363.07	£ 5,513.32	-£ 2,020.66	-£ 623.00	-£ 7,289.78	£ 7,747.77	£ 11,309.68
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Kingswood District Scout Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no (if any)

302142

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 26 / 05 / 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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Signed:

Chris Willis

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26/05/2023

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KINGSWOOD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 302142

Accounts



**KINGSWOOD SCOUT
COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT
OF
ACCOUNTS 2022**

Kingswood Scout Council Annual Report 2022

Report from the President

Once again, in the absence of a Chairman for the District at present, this brief report outlines what we have achieved since lockdown regulations were lifted.

Groups are to be congratulated on the amazing effort made after two extremely difficult years. Most Groups have returned to relatively normal scouting but there has been a slight decrease in numbers of young people although waiting lists are still in place as the number of leaders has also declined.

District Executive members have been allocated as a link to Groups who are not represented on the Executive Committee and every Group, therefore, has the opportunity to link with the District team to voice any issues that we can assist with. The pressures of work commitments and family life these days weigh heavy on us but we still need to recruit and retain our leaders to help our young people to prepare for a full and satisfying life ahead of them.

You will be aware, no doubt, from the County Commissioner that Avon County Scouts has been recognised for outstanding work and achievement in the Queen's Charity Award selection and is the group equivalent to an MBE. This is an award for the 3437 volunteers in Avon who, week in week out go over and above what is expected of them. You are all to be congratulated on the supreme efforts you have all made to achieve this.

The recent events at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations clearly show that young people have an important place in society and they, of course, are our future and we have a responsibility to support them to enjoy all that scouting has to offer in these enlightened times.

My sincerest thanks go to all Scouters in the District for their continued dedication and commitment.

Eileen Rands

President, Kingswood District Scouts - AGM 2022

Report from the District Commissioner

Looking back over the last year:

2021 was another busy year for Scouting in the District with lots of exciting programs and activities being run within the Groups. We have seen several changes within the Groups and said goodbye to some familiar faces. We have also welcomed a number of new leaders. With much support and guidance from 67th, we were able to re-launch the Beaver Colony at Emmersons Green and look to grow the Group over the coming months.

What a year:

With the much-anticipated return to green level, Scouting has almost returned to normal. We have said goodbye to zoom scouting and welcomed the return of face-to-face scouting. Activities and camps are now a regular part of the scouting program, with badges and awards in plentiful numbers. Although we are now back to the new

normal, we still maintain many of the safe systems that were put in place during the Covid pandemic.

As a nation the UK alongside the commonwealth have taken part in the landmark achievement of the Queens platinum jubilee. Celebrations have taken place throughout the country with many Scout Groups finding ways to incorporate these celebrations and scouting together. Kingswood District have marked this occasion with a commemorative badge to wear on uniform and then move to a camp blanket afterwards.

The Scout Association has introduced the YOU SHAPED badge for all ages. This new badge is an exciting 4-part badge that allows all young people to explore and deliver leadership skills whilst making a direct impact on the shape and direction of their scouting journey.

A new provision for four- and five-year old's called Squirrels "the invasion has started" has been launched and in time we will see these sections opening across the country.

Training continues to be at the heart of all that we do and as a District team we understand the stress and sometimes strain this can cause. There will be some changes made to the way training is delivered and supported and these will all be rolled out from the Scout HQ in the coming months.

Supporting the young people to achieve their aims and goals is still the number one priority, ensuring that we use the tools to hand like the quality program checker and OSM to ensure that the young people earn badges and get that higher level award before they move on to the next section.

Moving Forward:

The District team will continue to help and support the groups and individuals where possible, with the addition of as much localised training as possible.

Thanks:

Thank you to everyone that has continued to support Scouting in the Kingswood District. We would not be able to do this without you all. My continued thanks and gratitude to Simon Budd (DDC), Mike Clark (ADC Adult Training), Bob Luckett (ADC Activities), Rachel Ferrand (ADC Beavers, Terry Scull (ADC Scouts), Gill Nutt (District Appointments Secretary) Val Todd (District training/awards) for keeping the wheels in motion and juggling several additional roles.

A massive thank you to the District Exec Team, GSL's, Section leaders, assistants and helpers. Without your hard work and commitment towards Scouting , and the delivering of a fun and exciting Scouting Programme for young people to enjoy, Scouting in the District would not be the same.

Jamie Martin Kingswood District Commissioner

Report from the Secretary

The Executive Committee met four times since the last AGM and considered a range of issues. The DC and others have covered much of what has been happening in the District. The good news is that scout numbers have remained healthy post Covid, if not back up to 2019 levels. At the census in January this year we had 960 young people.

These comprised 269 Beavers, 357 Cubs, 270 Scouts and 64 Explorers. A supporting cast of 326 adults have been involved in helping Groups to flourish and to fill other administrative and trustee roles. As ever within scouting, these adults are thinly stretched and we always need more volunteers. The DC report highlights many successes such as the re-opening Lyde Green, but we cannot tackle the waiting lists and proper oversight of our groups without more help and this remains a challenge.

Section Reports

Beavers

As we come to another AGM, I am aware that there have been some changes in many groups. Some have seen leaders move on and some have gained new leaders/helpers.

Thank you to those who have delivered or supported Beavers in various roles over the years, I hope you were given an appropriate and well attended send off. It was lovely to be invited to Sally Green's Beaver leader 'retirement' gathering at the 85th in July last year. Heartfelt thanks to Sally for her many years in the role, her dedication, commitment and support in District. I will miss you at our little meetings. Welcome to our new Leaders, whether you have moved from another section or group or are brand new to Scouting, we welcome you and hope to see you soon when we re-start the Beaver District meetings after the Summer break.

Since the last District AGM Beavers in Kingswood have continued to enjoy varied and interesting programmes planned by leaders and through the voice of the young people. Groups have covered the Beaver activity badges and challenge awards in many interesting and different ways. These well planned, varied programmes of events and activities ensure that our young people continue to learn new skills, develop their confidence, make new friends, achieving personal goals and awards including the highest for Beavers being their Chief Scout's Bronze award. Not only preparing them for the 'swim-up' to Cubs but also giving them #skills for life.

I would like to say, a huge thank you to all the Beaver Leaders, assistants, regular helpers and young leaders who have continued to deliver Scouting to the Beaver Sections across the Kingswood District. You all do a brilliant job in supporting the youngest section of the Scouting movement that we have in Kingswood. Thank you for your time, support and commitment. I wish you all the best for the rest of 2022 and into 2023.

Thank you. Rachel Ferrand

Kingswood District Beaver Scout Leader

Cubs

Our Cubs in Kingswood continue to flourish. At the January 2022 census we recorded 357 cubs of which 299 boys and 58 girls. They are situated in 20 Packs across the Groups with the smallest Section having 9 and the largest 50 young people. Many Groups have waiting lists.

As ever this is only possible with the support of volunteer Leaders and Helpers and we are grateful for your time and commitment. After many years as ADC Cubs, Neil Skuse stood down last year. Thank you Neil for all your input over the years. We are of course looking for a replacement to co-ordinate Cub activities across the District so if anyone would like to step up and take this on please speak to the DC.

Scouts

This year has seen us come out of lock down which has been difficult for all of us, but as Scouts we thrive in the outdoors and at last we are able to get back to normality and enjoy Scouting Activities and go camping again. Most of the Kingswood Troops have been able to keep in touch with each other using the internet and other media. Scout numbers are beginning to return to pre-pandemic levels.

As a member of the District Team I have been keeping in touch with the District Troops and providing support where needed.

As Nights Away Advisor I have been interviewing a number of Leaders and recommending Nights Away Permits.

As a member of the Appointments Committee I have had the pleasure to interview a number of new leaders and their enthusiasm and drive always reminds why we are in Scouting and the benefits that we bring to society.

I would like to thank the Leaders for their efforts over the lock down as we look forward to good times ahead.

Terry Scull, District Scout Leader

Explorers

The pandemic was a challenging time for Explorers who are used to meeting up to share experiences both within premises and out and about. Consequently some of our young people drifted off to enjoy other permitted past-times whilst others remained distantly connected. Fortunately we have been able to return to the old ways of having fun and although one Unit has had to unfortunately close due to lack of numbers and leaders, we had 64 young people at the time of the census in January. Others Units remain active and hopefully will enjoy a period of expansion under the guidance of our new District Explorer Scout Commissioner Philip Lawson

Activities

It has been pleasing to see how quick the majority of groups have started to resume normal scouting activities following the pandemic. And we are seeing the usual range of activities going on within the district and a few new ones.

Both groups and district are short of Leaders. The result is that those leaders who are clearly dedicated are spread too thinly. I know many of you have grand ideas but lack the time and help to implement them. Furthermore as the young people get older and the activities get more adventurous the rules and regulations get more rigorous and although I fully agree that activities must be undertaken in a safe environment, it does place further requirements on leaders wanting to arrange adventurous activities. All that aside over the course of the year it is obvious that across the sections in Kingswood there are a lot of different activities been tried by the young people and long may this continue.

Kingswood Explorers entered 6 teams into the Rickard Shield again this year, with Marvel's three teams coming 1st, 3rd and 6th. An excellent result.

In January approximately 40 young people embarked on the annual Ten Tors training programme. After two years of Covid and the event not taking place the district only managed to fill two 35 teams, and one 45 and 55 respectively. Twenty Seven young

people from Kingswood started the event and with only one drop out it was an excellent result again and they were very appreciative of all the work put in by the leadership team.

A big thank you to all the leaders and helpers across the district for all they do to give Scouts of all ages an adventurous experience.

Finally if I can be of any assistance to any leader in organising any activities then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bob Lockett, ADC Activities

Report from the Appointments Committee

The Appointments Committee has been holding face to face meetings since January & there have been more people coming forward since groups restarted their meetings in earnest. This year's figures are broken down as follows:

New Leaders	31
Change of Roles	33
Section Assistants	25
Occasional Helpers/Supporters/Administrators/SAS etc.	32
Group Executive	4

There have been 16 cancellations this year which is much lower than last year so we are seemingly back to natural wastage. In addition the committee has, as usual, overseen appointment reviews as required. Training continues to be an issue both getting started & leader training. I believe there will be tighter rules coming up regarding the requirement to complete getting started within the 5 month time frame & obviously other training must be completed within 3 years.

The number of suspensions for having no disclosure has also increased. When setting up a new appointment the disclosure should be completed swiftly. Disclosure review notices are sent out by HQ 90 days prior to requirement then 60 & finally at 30 days. Please ensure they are completed which will avoid someone being suspended.

The committee now only has 5 members so actually arranging appointment meetings is becoming increasingly difficult. Any volunteers would be much appreciated. The more people we have the less often they will need to attend.

Gill Nutt, Appointments Committee Secretary

Report from the Treasurer.

Below is the draft accounts for the year to 31 March 2022. These will be audited once an auditor has been appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

It was a quiet year for the district, with the key items being the collection of capitation from the individuals units, most of which is paid towards county and national scouting costs. General expenses include insurance for both property and occasional helpers, website costs, an umbrella Motion Picture Licencing Corporation certificate for the district for screening videos, postage costs and bank account charges.

As a district we have a healthy balance of £14,747.51 which will allow us, amongst other things to support our participants in the next World Scout Jamboree.

Currently there are two units, 46th Kingswood and Lyde Green which do not have their own bank accounts, and thus the income and expenditure for those units goes through the District accounts but is kept separate. Both are in the process of getting accounts set up.

Joy Redfern

Treasurer

Kingswood District Scout Council			
Income and expenditure for the year ended 30 March 2022			
	Income		
		Capitation	47,684.00
		Jamboree	400.00
		Gift Aid	0.00
		Troop Closure	0.00
		Badge Sales	900.76
		Other	119.97
		Lyde Green	980.00
		46th Kingswood	11,212.00
			61,296.73
	Expenditure		
		Capitation	45,120.00
		Jamboree	600.00
		Gift Aid	-
		Madagascar	-
		General Expenses	2,330.46
		Rent	580.00
		Training	949.00
		Equipment	-
		Badges	733.74
		Lyde Green	455.25
		46th Kingswood	5,209.13
			55,977.58
	Net income for the year		<u>5,319.15</u>
		Bank	Petty cash
			Total
	At 31 March 2021	20,051.92	-
	At 31 March 2022	25,371.07	-
	Net income / outgo for the year		<u>5,319.15</u>
	Note this excludes the badge account		
	Split of balance:	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-22
		Lyde Green	749.95
		46th Kingswood	3,345.99
		District	15,955.98
			<u>20,051.92</u>
			<u>25,371.07</u>

Kingswood District Scout Council
Consolidated Accounts for the year ended
31st March 2022

	District 2022	District Cubs 2022	Explorers 2022	Ten Tors 2022	Consolidation Adjustment	Total 2022
Income						
Capitation Fee from Units	£ 47,684.00					
Less: Paid to County	£ 45,120.00					
Capitation Income	£ 2,564.00				-£ 3,485.50	-£ 921.50
Troop Closure	£ -					£ -
World Jamboree	£ 400.00					£ 400.00
Legacies Received	£ -					£ -
Badge Net Income	£ 142.16					£ 142.16
Badge Day						£ -
100 Year Birthday Party						£ -
Fees and Subs			£ 7,262.42	£ 3,340.00		£ 10,602.42
Income towards activities			£ 2,412.25			£ 2,412.25
Camps						£ -
Uniform sales			£ 749.20			£ 749.20
Jamboree			£ -			£ -
Duke of Edinburgh activities			£ 1,685.00			£ 1,685.00
Gift Aid received			£ -	£ -		£ -
Fund raising efforts			£ -	£ 804.95		£ 804.95
Donations received			£ 1,476.00	£ 295.99		£ 1,771.99
Release of provisions			£ 2,112.50			
Lyde Green	£ 980.00					£ 980.00
46th Kingswood	£ 11,212.00					£ 11,212.00
Sundry income	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 367.50			£ 417.50
Total Income	£ 15,348.16	£ -	£ 16,064.87	£ 4,440.94	-£ 3,485.50	£ 30,255.97
Expenditure						
Rent	£ 580.00		£ 620.00	£ -		£ 1,200.00
Postage and sundries	£ 123.12		£ 44.79			£ 167.91
Insurance	£ 384.52					£ 384.52
Officers' Expenses	£ -					£ -
Training Expenses	£ 949.00					£ 949.00
MPLC Licence	£ 354.20					£ 354.20
Website	£ 86.40					£ 86.40
Grants	£ 1,090.05					£ 1,090.05
Bank charges	£ 43.20					£ 43.20
T-shirts						£ -
Consumables		£ -		£ 1,018.95		£ 1,018.95
Uniform purchases			£ 1,835.41	£ -		£ 1,835.41
Purchase of badges			£ 40.00			£ 40.00
Equipment	£ 83.95		£ 794.54	£ -		£ 878.49
Entry fees				£ -		£ -
Camping						£ -
Awards	£ 95.05					£ 95.05
Trips and Activities		£ -	£ 5,188.40	£ 2,105.33		£ 7,293.73
Duke of Edinburgh activities			£ 1,602.75			£ 1,602.75
100 Year Birthday Party						£ -
Jamboree	£ 600.00					£ 600.00
World Jamboree	£ -		£ -			£ -
Subs Refund				£ -		£ -
Lyde Green	£ 455.25					
46th Kingswood	£ 5,209.13					£ 5,209.13
Capitation			£ 3,485.50		-£ 3,485.50	
Total Expenditure	£ 10,053.87	£ -	£ 13,611.39	£ 3,124.28	-£ 3,485.50	£ 22,848.79
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	£ 5,294.29	£ -	£ 2,453.48	£ 1,316.66	£ -	£ 9,064.43
Bank balance brought forward	£ 20,705.90	£ 363.07	£ 5,656.00	£ 8,661.09	£ -	£ 35,386.06
Bank balance carried forward	£ 26,000.19	£ 363.07	£ 8,109.48	£ 9,977.75	£ -	£ 44,450.49
Check	£ -	£ -	-£ 0.00	£ -	£ -	£ -



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Kingswood District Scout Council

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

302142

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Chris Willis

Date:

15/07/2022

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