

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 302578

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-03-25

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: PURPOSES OF THE ST. ALBANS SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

Activities: Scouting activities for young people from age 4 in St Albans District.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ST. ALBANS
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£346,732	£293,972	-	-
2024-03-31	£262,725	£252,611	-	-
2023-03-31	£286,647	£270,571	-	-
2022-03-31	£157,216	£165,415	-	-
2021-03-31	£50,976	£126,517	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kirstin Knight	Chair	2023-09-10
Alexandra Hamilton-Bray		2025-04-27
Connor Jackson		2023-09-05
Josephine Anne Barnes		2025-06-25
LUCY HUNT		2015-04-01
NICOLA WELLS		2016-04-01
STEPHEN LINDSAY		2009-04-30
Stuart Vowles		2026-03-30
VINCENT JOHN MOLLOY		2016-10-06

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ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

PRESIDENT	Vacant
TRUSTEES	
CHAIR	Mrs K Knight
TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio Members	
SECRETARY	Vacant
TREASURER	Mr V Molloy
DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER	Dr A Payne
DISTRICT 14-24 TEAM LEADS	Mr G Bray, Mrs A Barnes
DISTRICT YOUTH LEAD	Mr C Jackson
TRUSTEES:- Appointed Members	Mr L Ambrose; Mr D Barker (resigned 15/9/24); Mr C Jackson; Mr S Lindsay MBE; Ms A Moylett; Mrs N Wells.
TRUSTEES:- Co-opted Members	Mrs L Hunt
BANKERS	
	CAF Bank
	Barclays – St Albans (Explorers)
	Lloyds – St Albans (Scout Shop & Phoenix)
	NatWest – St Albans (Gang Show)

District Registration Number with The Scout Association - 12215

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Contact Name & Address Mr V Molloy
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Herts, AL3 4NB

St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Summary of main activities of the Charity during the year

I am pleased to present the financial summary for St Albans District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2025. This has been a year of strong financial performance, driven by increased participation in District activities and continued careful management of our resources.

A reminder again that as a trustee board, we are committed to transparency and accountability in our financial reporting. This document details our income and expenditure, providing insights into how we allocate our resources to maximize impact.

Membership subscriptions rose to £139,601, reflecting growth across the district and adjustments in the national subscription structure. Income from the Scout Shop remained consistent, while the Gang Show once again delivered a strong performance. Thanks again must be given to all that helped organise it as well as the very talented cast who made it an outstanding event. We are a very lucky district to have such a fabulous event to showcase the talents and skills of our young people.

On the expenditure side, total payments for the year amounted to £293,972, up from £252,611 in the prior year. The largest single cost remained the County Membership Subscription at £120,841, in line with increased membership numbers.

Key investments this year included:

- Phoenix Expedition costs of £23,742,
- Explorer Scouts activities at £30,265, and
- Continued funding of District programmes, including the Gang Show (£30,480) and Scout Shop stock (£24,722).

We also incurred higher costs in insurance (£10,546 vs £4,702), mainly due to insurance requirements relating to the Phoenix expedition in 2025 but also reflecting minor changes in coverage and valuation, and in maintenance and repairs (£8,684), as we continue to ensure our facilities remain in good condition.

Administrative and support costs remained well-managed, with spending on digital systems (OSM), admin services, and IT equipment all supporting the effective delivery of Scouting across the District.

We are in a strong financial position as we plan for 2025–2026, with exciting opportunities ahead and the continued enthusiasm of our Scouting community.

On a people front, I also want to thank Annette Payne once again for her service and commitment to St Albans District Scouts. As many of you will be aware, the handover is now complete to Alex Hamilton Bray who is getting to grips with her new role and responsibilities.

Finally, looking ahead, we remain committed to ensuring financial sustainability while continuing to invest in high-quality Scouting experiences for young people across the District.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025 (cont.)

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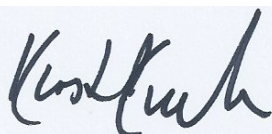
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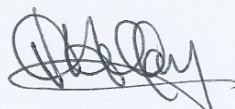
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Approved by the Trustees on the 3 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-



Kirstin Knight
Chair



Vincent Molloy
Treasurer

St Albans District Scout Council

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Receipts	2024/25		2023/24
	£		£
Donations and Subscriptions			
Membership Subscription	139,601	Note 1	122,632
Donations and Grants	3,790		4,184
Sub total	143,391		126,816
Grants			
Covid Grants	-		-
Training Subsidies	-		-
Sub total	-		-
Youth Programmes and Activities			
Core District Activities	14,461	Note 2	19,143
Gang Show	33,714	Note 3	33,416
Explorer Scouts	21,253		22,324
Phoenix Expedition	76,213	Note 4	8,405
Scout Shop Sales	29,728		30,097
Squirrels	0	Note 5	0
Miscellaneous	196		235
Sub total	175,565		113,620
Investment and Other Income			
Gift Aid	-	Note 6	-
HQ Lettings & Rents	25,657	Note 7	21,055
Bank Interest	2,119	Note 8	1,234
Sub total	27,776		22,289
Total receipts for the year	346,732		262,725

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Payments for the year ended 31 March 2025

Payments	2024/25		2023/24
	£		£
Subscriptions			
Membership Subscriptions to County	120,841		101,115
Sub total	120,841		101,115
Charitable Payments			
Youth Programme and Activities			
Core District Activities	17,481	Note 9	20,167
Gang Show	30,480	Note 10	29,312
Explorer Scouts	30,265		34,374
Phoenix	23,742	Note 11	0
Scout Shop Purchases	24,722		29,528
St George's Day	2,823		3,136
Sections (Network)	120		59
Sections (Squirrels)	1474	Note 12	214
Training	794	Note 13	1,065
Utilities	5,367	Note 14	5,772
Insurance	10,546	Note 15	4,702
Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs	8,684	Note 16	6,567
Materials and IT/ Equipment	793	Note 17	2,199
GoCardless Fees	1,551	Note 18	1,372
Bank Charges	124		126
Grants	-		350
Sub total	158,966		138,943
Funding Expenses			
OSM	2,476		2,357
Administration Expense	1,751	Note 19	882
Administration Services	8,892	Note 20	8,567
CVS Membership	-		60
Miscellaneous	1,046		687
	14,165		12,553
Total payments for the year	293,972		252,611

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/25		2023/24
	£		£
Total receipts for the year	346,732		262,725
Total payments for the year	<u>293,972</u>		<u>252,611</u>
Net receipts for the year	52,760		10,114
Cash, bank & similar funds b/fwd	<u>218,901</u>		<u>208,787</u>
Cash, bank & similar funds c/fwd	<u>271,661</u>	Note 21	<u>218,901</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Bank Current Accounts	58,705	76,545
Bank Deposit Accounts	212,842	142,242
Cash in hand	114	114
	<u>271,661</u>	<u>218,901</u>
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Debt due to District (Scout Shop sales)	13,170	9,388
	-	-
<u>Non-Monetary Assets</u>		
Scout Shop Stock	12,500	12,000
District Headquarters (Insured valuation)	574,093	574,093
<u>Liabilities</u>		
(due within one year)		
Phoenix	49,919	-
Explorers Activities	2,091	-
Scout Camp 2024		2,850
Hut Rental Payments		2,160

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Membership Subscriptions. Annual membership subscriptions are collected by District from all groups plus Explorers. The subscriptions collected are levied on a per head basis for members under 18 and comprise National, County and District fees. The National and County elements of the fees are passed on via County.

A total of £94,267 was collected from groups. £28,365 in membership subscriptions was collected by Explorers plus £805 from district Squirrels.

Note 2 – Core District Activities. A period of full activities including I’m a scout, Master Chef, Cubs Cinema, Beaver Fun Day, Derek Turner and Scout Camp.

NB: As many activities straddle accounting periods some of the income and expenditure for individual activities will be reflected in previous or future years accounts.

Note 3 – Gang Show. A 50/50 joint venture with Guides, the District accounts include 50% of Gang Show receipts.

Note 4 – Phoenix Expedition. Payments from participants signed up to attend the 2025 Expedition.

Note 5 – Squirrels The District run Squirrels drey received only membership income during the period. This is included with the membership subscriptions, see Note 1.

Note 6 – Gift Aid Due to administrative reasons a claim relating to Explorer subs was not made during the period. A new Explorers treasurer has been appointed subsequent to the year end and a claim for 2024-25 and outstanding previous years will be submitted during H1 2025-26.

Note 7 – HQ Lettings & Rents Income from third party lettings improved during the period due mainly to one regular user increasing its usage of the building.

Note 8 – Bank Interest Breakdown as follows:

£1,079 Core District

£690 Gang Show

£350 Phoenix

Note 9 Core District Activities See comments under Note 2.

Note 10 – Gang Show See comments for Note 3. A number of payments relating to the 2023 show were made subsequent to the end of the 2023-24 accounting period. Similarly, some payments relating to the 2025 show will have been made subsequent to the end of the 2024-25 accounting period. Consequently, the spend for 2024-25 appears to resemble typically one year’s spend.

Note 11 – Phoenix Deposits and other advance payments relating to the 2025 expedition.

Note 12 – Squirrels. Spend related to purchase of equipment, badges and uniforms etc plus normal meeting expenses. Additionally, payment to 17th St Albans Scout Group for use of the Group’s hall for regular meetings.

Note 13 – Training Although the District training budget was promoted during the period take up was lower than in the previous period. The costs this period include District funded First Responder courses provided for the benefit of Group leaders within the District.

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Note 14 – Utilities. Comprised Gas £2,160 (£1,800), Electricity £2,940 (£2,515) and Water £267 (£1,457). Higher Gas and Electricity costs at DHQ were more than offset by significantly lower water costs. The water company had recalculated the water costs for DHQ going back a number of years which resulted in a credit balance on the account.

Note 15 – Insurance Increased cost during this period reflects insurance cover taken out for the 2025 Phoenix expedition (£6,284).

Note 16 - Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs Regular maintenance of DHQ was undertaken including ongoing repairs, cleaning and grass cutting. The higher spend during the period included the cost of resurfacing the car park and significantly cutting back the trees behind the DHQ building.

Note 17 - Materials and IT/Equipment The higher spend in the previous period was due mainly to the need for Explorers to purchase a number of new tents and other equipment totalling £1,592.

Note 18 - GoCardless Fees The fees incurred in the collection of Squirrels and Explorer membership subscriptions and payments for Explorer activities via OSM / GoCardless.

Note 19 - Administration Expense The increase in costs is partly due to inclusion of payments to BT related to a line for use with their payment card machine. Due to an adjustment relating to an historic billing error by BT payments to BT in the previous period had been reduced significantly.

Note 20 - Administration Services The cost related to retaining the services of a contracted administrator for the District.

Note 21 – Cash, bank & similar funds. Total District funds of £271,661 (2023-24 £2218,787) comprised:

Core District	£103,380
Gang Show (50%)	£54,504
Explorers	£22,341
Phoenix Expedition	£66,953
Scout Shop	£24,483

The increase in funds held related mainly to payments received from participants in the 2025 Phoenix expedition. These funds will be expended during 2025-26.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
St Albans District Scout Council**

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the St Albans District Scout Council 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 St Albans District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the St Albans District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Robert Baker, FCA
79 Woodland Drive,
St Albans,
Herts, AL4 0EN

28 August 2025

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 302578

Accounts

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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TRUSTEES	
CHAIR	Mr N Churton (resigned 3/7/23) Mrs K Knight (appointed 10/9/23)
TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio Members	
SECRETARY	Vacant
TREASURER	Mr V Molloy
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Dr A Payne
DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Vacant
DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUT COMMISSIONER / DISTRICT NETWORK COMMISSIONER	Mr G Bray
TRUSTEES:- Elected Committee Members	Mr L Ambrose; Mr D Barker; Mr C Jackson (appointed 10/9/23); Mr S Lindsay MBE; Mr R Morton (resigned 23/5/23); Ms A Moylett (appointed 10/9/23); Mrs N Wells.
TRUSTEES:- Co-opted Members	Mrs L Hunt
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Summary of main activities of the Charity during the year

We are pleased to present the annual accounts for St Albans District Scouts for the financial year ending 30th March 2024. This report provides a comprehensive overview of our financial performance, highlights key achievements, and outlines our financial strategy for the coming year.

The past year has been a period of significant activity and accomplishment for our district. Despite the challenges posed by the external environment, we have continued to deliver high-quality scouting experiences for our young members, supported by the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our supporters. We now have over 2100 scouting members within our district. Young people across the District were able to participate in a range of District led activities including Cub Camp, Beaver and Cub Cinema event, Dragonboating, I'm a Scout camp, Derek Turner and the annual Swimming Gala. It was great to see Gang Show return this year to the stage to once again the most wonderful reviews. Thanks must be given to all that helped organise it as well as the brilliant cast who made it an outstanding event. We are a very lucky district to have such a fabulous event to showcase the talents and skills of our young people.

Our financial strategy remains focused on ensuring the long-term sustainability of our district, while also investing in initiatives that enhance the scouting experience. This year, we have seen positive growth in our income streams, including fundraising efforts, grants, and donations. These funds have been instrumental in supporting our programs, maintaining our facilities, and providing training and resources for our leaders.

We are committed to transparency and accountability in our financial reporting. This document details our income and expenditure, providing insights into how we allocate our resources to maximize impact. Key financial highlights for the year include:

- Successful fundraising campaigns that have increased our financial reserves
- Strategic investments in facility improvements and new equipment
- Continued support for training programs that empower our leaders and volunteers

Looking ahead, we remain focused on building a strong financial foundation that will support the growth and development of St Albans District Scouts. Our priorities for the coming year include expanding our fundraising efforts, exploring new revenue opportunities, and ensuring prudent management of our resources.

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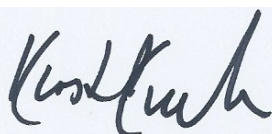
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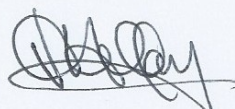
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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Receipts	2023/24		2022/23
	£		£
Donations and Subscriptions			
Membership Subscription	122,632	Note 1	115,668
Donations and Grants	4,184		775
Sub total	126,816		116,443
Grants			
Covid Grants	-		-
Training Subsidies	-		-
Sub total	-		-
Youth Programmes and Activities			
Core District Activities	19,143	Note 2	58,642
Gang Show	33,416	Note 3	31,500
Explorer Scouts	22,324		20,495
Phoenix Expedition	8,405	Note 4	0
Scout Shop Sales	30,097		27,989
Squirrels	0	Note 5	0
Miscellaneous	235		41
Sub total	113,620		138,667
Investment and Other Income			
Gift Aid	-	Note 6	-
HQ Lettings & Rents	21,055	Note 7	30,882
Bank Interest	1,234		655
Sub total	22,289		31,537
Total receipts for the year	262,725		286,647

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Payments for the year ended 31 March 2024

Payments	2023/24		2022/23
	£		£
Subscriptions			
Membership Subscriptions to County	101,115		95,050
Sub total	101,115		95,050
Charitable Payments			
Youth Programme and Activities			
Core District Activities	20,167	Note 8	52,597
Gang Show	29,312	Note 9	17,534
Explorer Scouts	34,374	Note 10	29,334
Phoenix	0	Note 11	205
Scout Shop Purchases	29,528		30,899
St George's Day	3,136		3,399
Sections (Network)	59		-
Sections (Squirrels)	214	Note 12	1,464
Training	1,065	Note 13	36
Utilities	5,772	Note 14	6,183
Insurance	4,702		2,807
Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs	6,567	Note 15	11,494
Materials and IT/ Equipment	2,199	Note 16	515
GoCardless Fees	1,372	Note 17	1,055
Bank Charges	126		72
Grants	350		-
Sub total	138,943		157,594
Funding Expenses			
OSM	2,357		2,030
Administration Expense	882	Note 18	8,480
Administration Services	8,567	Note 19	6,941
CVS Membership	60		60
Miscellaneous	687		416
	12,553		17,927
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Receipts & Payments Account Summary
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Total receipts for the year	262,725		286,647
Total payments for the year	<u>252,611</u>		<u>270,571</u>
Net receipts for the year	10,114		16,076
▪ Cash, bank & similar funds b/fwd	<u>208,787</u>		<u>192,711</u>
Cash, bank & similar funds c/fwd	<u>218,901</u>	Note 20	<u>208,787</u>

St Albans District Scout Council

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

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	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Bank Current Accounts	76,545	77,259
Bank Deposit Accounts	142,242	131,414
Cash in hand	114	114
	<u>218,901</u>	<u>208,787</u>
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Debt due to District (Scout Shop sales)	9,388	10,730
	-	
<u>Non-Monetary Assets</u>		
Scout Shop Stock	12,000	12,000
District Headquarters (Insured valuation)	574,093	574,093
<u>Liabilities</u>		
(due within one year)		
Scout Camp 2023	-	1,600
Scout Camp 2024	2,850	420
Hut Rental Payments	2,160	-

St Albans District Scout Council

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Membership Subscriptions. Annual membership subscriptions are collected by District from all groups plus Explorers. The subscriptions collected are levied on a per head basis for members under 18 and comprise National, County and District fees. The National and County elements of the fees are passed on via County.

A total of £94,267 was collected from groups. £28,365 in membership subscriptions was collected by Explorers plus £805 from district Squirrels.

Note 2 – Core District Activities. A period of full activities including I'm a scout, Ready Steady Cook, Cubs Cinema, Cubs Swimming, Derek Turner, Scout Camp and World Scout Jamboree 2023.. The total for the previous period was significantly higher due to the inclusion of advance income totalling £42,303 relating to WSJ 2023.

NB: As many activities straddle accounting periods some of the income and expenditure for individual activities will be reflected in previous or future years accounts.

Note 3 – Gang Show. A 50/50 joint venture with Guides, the District accounts include 50% of Gang Show receipts.

Note 4 – Phoenix Expedition. Initial income from participants signed up to attend the 2025 Expedition.

Note 5 – Squirrels The District run Squirrels drey received only membership income during the period. This is included with the membership subscriptions, see Note 1.

Note 6 – Gift Aid Due to administrative reasons a claim relating to Explorer subs was not made during the period. A new Explorers treasurer is now in place and a claim for 2023-24 and outstanding previous years will be submitted during H1 2024-25.

Note 7 – HQ Lettings & Rents Income from third party lettings dropped during the period due mainly to one regular user significantly reducing its usage of the building.

Third party lettings were strong during the period. Amongst regular users increased use by the NHS who use the hut for training courses contributed significantly to the rise in income.

Note 8 Core District Activities See Note 2, the previous period included significant advance payments to County for World Scout Jamboree 2023.

Note 9 – Gang Show See comments for Note 3. A number of payments relating to the 2023 show were made subsequent to the end of the 2022-23 accounting period. Similarly, some payments relating to the 2024 show will have been made subsequent to the end of the 2023-24 accounting period. Consequently, the spend for 2023-24 appears to resemble typically one year's spend.

Note 10 – Explorers The increase in expenditure reflects the more appropriate inclusion within this cost line of payments to Groups for the use of their huts for regular meetings. This is an activity cost but was previously included under Administration Expense.

Note 11 – Phoenix An expedition did not take place during the period. Costs relating to the 2025 Expedition are yet to be incurred.

Note 12 – Squirrels. Spend related to purchase of equipment, badges and uniforms etc plus normal meeting expenses. Having acquired a level of stock spend was reduced during 2023-24.

St Albans District Scout Council

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Note 13 – Training. Use of the District training budget was promoted during the period and a number of individual were supported in obtaining qualifications for the benefit of the District.

Note 14 – Utilities. Comprised Gas £1,800, Electricity £2,514 and Water £1,458.

Note 15 - Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs Regular maintenance of DHQ was undertaken including ongoing repairs, cleaning and grass cutting. The higher spend in the previous period was mainly due to the payment of £5,448 to redecorate the outside of the DHQ building..

Note 16 - Materials and IT/Equipment The increase in spend was due mainly to the purchase by Explorers of new tents and other equipment totalling £1,592.

Note 17 - GoCardless Fees The fees incurred in the collection of Explorer membership subscriptions and payments for Explorer activities via OSM / GoCardless.

Note 18 - Administration Expense The reduction in spend is due to the cost to Explorers' payments to Groups for the regular use of their huts being allocated more appropriately to the relevant Activities cost line.

Note 19 - Administration Services The cost related to retaining the services of a contracted administrator for the District. The cost increased during the period due to the administrator committing additional hours to complete an increased level of administrative tasks.

Note 20 – Cash, bank & similar funds. Total District funds of £218,787 (2022-23-22 £208,673) comprised:

Core District	£108,261
Gang Show (50%)	£50,796
Explorers	£18,731
Phoenix Expedition	£20,033
Scout Shop	£20,966

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
St Albans District Scout Council**

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the St Albans District Scout Council 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 St Albans District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the St Albans District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Robert Baker, FCA
79 Woodland Drive,
St Albans,
Herts, AL4 0EN

23 August 2024

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 302578

Accounts

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

PRESIDENT	Vacant
VICE PRESIDENTS	Mr F A Prior; Mr J Walker; Mr G Bassil; Mrs J Thomas MBE.
TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio	
CHAIR	Mr N Churton
SECRETARY	Vacant
TREASURER	Mr V Molloy
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Dr A Payne
DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Vacant
DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUT COMMISSIONER	Vacant
DISTRICT NETWORK COMMISSIONER	Mr G Bray
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BANKERS	CAF Bank Barclays - St Albans (Explorers) Lloyds - St Albans (Scout Shop & Phoenix) NatWest - St Albans (Gang Show)

District Registration Number with The Scout Association - 12215

Charity Registration Number - 302578

Contact Name & Address	Mr V Molloy 30 Rowlatt Drive St Albans Herts, AL3 4NB
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St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Summary of main activities of the Charity during the year

This was the first reporting period that was fully free of Covid restrictions and it was good to see scouting activities fully operating again and the numbers of young people in scouting St Albans District back at pre pandemic levels.

Young people across the District were able to participate in a range of District led activities including Cub Camp, Beaver and Cub Cinema event, Dragonboating, I'm a Scout camp, Derek Turner and the annual Swimming Gala. Additionally, participants from the District selected for the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in August 2023 continued to raise funds via a variety of fundraising events.

After a forced absence of 2 years it was great to see Gang Show return to the stage to wonderful reviews. Thanks must be given to the brilliant cast who did an amazing job and mention must be made of the incredible production team and backstage crew who made it all possible.

Governing Document

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

Constitution

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

Trustee Selection

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

District Management

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the 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.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner and is responsible for:

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

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

St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont.)

Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, including 2 signatures for all payments and comprehensive policies to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Summary of the Charity's objectives as set out in the governing document

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- 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 Statement

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

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee determined during the period that given

likely future needs the core District (excluding Explorers, Gang Show, Scout Shop and Phoenix Expeditions) should hold a minimum sum of circa £30,000.

The core District held reserves of approximately £ 111,000 against this at the year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. The Executive Committee will be reviewing the level of reserves required and options for deployment of surplus funds during the next 12 months

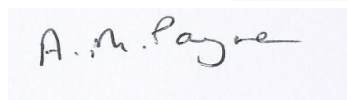
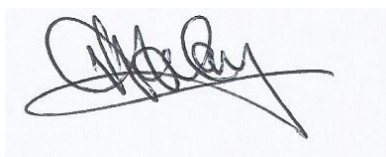
St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont.)

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in current or short term deposit accounts at mainstream financial institutions.

Approved by the Trustees on the 12 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:-



Annette Payne

Vincent Molloy
District Treasurer

Commissioner

District

St Albans District Scout Council

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Receipts	2022/ 23		2021/22
	£		£
Donations and Subscriptions			
Membership Subscription	115,668	Note 1	93,233
Donations and Grants	775		1,700
Sub total	116,443		94,923
Grants			
Covid Grants	-		-
Training Subsidies	-		-
Sub total	-		-
Youth Programmes and Activities			
Core District Activities	58,642	Note 2	-7,153
Gang Show	31,500	Note 3	915
Explorer Scouts	20,495		3,382
Phoenix Expedition	0	Note 4	-1,332
Scout Shop Sales	27,989		26,755
Squirrels	0	Note 5	500
Miscellaneous	41		128
Sub total	138,667		37,501
Investment and Other Income			

Gift Aid	-	Note 6	-
HQ Lettings & Rents	30,882	Note 7	24,512
Bank Interest	655		280
Sub total	31,537		24,792
Total receipts for the year	286,647		157,216

St Albans District Scout Council

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2023

Payments	2022/ 23		2021/22
	£		£
Subscriptions			
Membership Subscriptions to County	95,050		90,624
	95,050		90,624
Sub total	50		
Charitable Payments			
Youth Programme and Activities			
Core District Activities	52,597	Note 8	11,420
Gang Show	17,534	Note 9	2,098
Explorer Scouts	29,334	Note 10	14,157
Phoenix	205	Note 11	-4,585
Scout Shop Purchases	30,899		24,346
St George's Day	3,399		1,133
Sections (Beavers)	-		132
Sections (Squirrels)	1,464	Note 12	522
Training	36		482
Utilities	6,183		3,120
Insurance	2,807		2,743
Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs	11,494	Note 13	11,109
Materials and IT/ Equipment	515	Note 14	1,117
GoCardless Fees	1,055	Note 15	-
Bank Charges	72		96
Scout Shop Profit Distribution	-		-

	Sub total	157,594		67,890
Funding Expenses				
OSM		2030		2031
Administration Expense		8,480	Note 16	2317
Administration Services			Note 17	
		6,941		1,628
CVS Membership		60		60
Miscellaneous		416		865
		17,927		6,901
Total payments for the year		270,571		165,415

St Albans District Scout Council

Receipts & Payments Account Summary
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022/23		2021/22
	£		£
Total receipts for the year	286,647		157,216
Total payments for the year	270,571		165,415
Net receipts for the year	<u>16,076</u>		<u>-8,199</u>
Cash, bank & similar funds b/fwd	<u>192,711</u>		<u>200,910</u>
Cash, bank & similar funds c/fwd	<u>208,787</u>	Note 18	<u>192,711</u>

St Albans District Scout Council

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	2022/ 23	2021/22
	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Bank Current Accounts	77,259	75,947
Bank Deposit Accounts	131,414	116,650
Cash in hand	114	114
	<u>208,787</u>	<u>192,711</u>
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Debt due to District (Scout Shop sales)	10,730	9,475
Phasels Wood deposits	-	3,447

Non-Monetary Assets

Scout Shop Stock	12,000	12,000
District Headquarters	574,093	
	3	574,093
(Insured valuation)		

Liabilities

(due within one year)		
Scout Camp 2023	1,600	-
World Scout Jamboree 2023	420	3,025
I'm a Scout	-	593

St Albans District Scout Council

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Membership Subscriptions. Annual membership subscriptions are collected by District from all groups plus Explorers. The subscriptions collected are levied on a per head basis for members under 18 and comprise National, County and District fees. The National and County elements of the fees are passed on via County.

A total of £90,658 was collected from groups. £23,680 in membership subscriptions was collected by Explorers plus £1,330 from district Squirrels.

Note 2 - Core District Activities. A period of full activities. World Scout Jamboree 2023 accounted for the bulk to the income at £42,303 but activities included I'm a scout, Dragonboat, Ready Steady Cook, Cubs Cinema, Cubs Swimming, Cub Camp 2022, Derek Turner and advance payments for Scout Camp 2023.

NB: As many activities straddle accounting periods some of the income and expenditure for individual activities will be reflected in previous or future years accounts.

Note 3 - Gang Show. A 50/50 joint venture with Guides, the District accounts include 50% of Gang Show receipts.

Note 4 - Phoenix Expedition. An expedition did not take place during the period and consequently there was no income activity on the account.

Note 5 - Squirrels The District run Squirrels drey received only membership income during the period. This is included with the membership subscriptions, see Note 1.

Note 6 - Gift Aid Due to administrative reasons a claim relating to Explorer subs was not made during the period. This will be addressed during 2023-24.

Note 7 - HQ Lettings & Rents Third party lettings were strong during the period. Amongst regular users increased use by the NHS who use the hut for training courses contributed significantly to the rise in income.

Note 8 Core District Activities See Note 2, corresponding costs including stage payments to County relating to World Scout Jamboree 2023.

Note 9 - Gang Show See comments for Note 3. Expenditure related to Gang Show associated costs plus payments made for attendance at other districts Gang shows. A number of payments relating to the 2023 show were made subsequent to the end of this accounting period hence the lower level of expenditure recorded for this period.

Note 10 - Explorers The increase in expenditure reflects a higher level of activities undertaken during the period both by District Explorers and individual Explorer units.

Note 11 - Phoenix An expedition did not take place during the period. The sole transaction related to the conversion of funds held in Namibian Dollars to Sterling which incurred a currency loss of £205. (ZAR 29,939.40 converted to Sterling realising £1,430.35).

Note 12 - Squirrels. Increased spend related to purchase of equipment, badges and uniforms etc plus normal meeting expenses. Having acquired a stock the level of spending should reduce during 2023-24.

Note 13 Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs In addition to regular maintenance costs relating to fixtures and fittings, DHQ cleaning and grass cutting it includes £5,448 cost of redecorating the outside of DHQ hut plus £762 cost of major service and repair of DHQ boiler.

Note 14 Materials and IT/Equipment Previous year Included the cost of new website build £535 not repeated hence reduced spend.

Note 15 GoCardless Fees The fees incurred in the collection of Explorer membership subscriptions and payments for Explorer activities via OSM / GoCardless.

Note 16 Administration Expense Increase reflects the inclusion of Explorer costs £6,084 relating to the hire of huts for regular meetings. This cost was previously included within the Explorer activities line.

Note 17 Administration Services The cost related to retaining the services of a contracted administrator for the District.

Note 18- Cash, bank & similar funds. Total District funds of £208,787 (2021-22 £192,711) comprise:

Core District	£111,197
Gang Show (50%)	£48,094
Explorers	£18,696
Phoenix Expedition	£10,591
Scout Shop	£20,209

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Albans District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the St Albans District Scout Council 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 St Albans District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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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.

R Baker

Robert Baker, FCA
79 Woodland Drive,
St Albans,
Herts, AL4 0EN
2023

28 August

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 302578

Accounts

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

PRESIDENT	Vacant
VICE PRESIDENTS	Mr F A Prior; Mr J Walker; Mr G Bassil; Mrs J Thomas MBE.
TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio	
CHAIR	Mr N Churton
SECRETARY	Vacant (Mrs L Cheadle resigned 15/11/21)
TREASURER	Mr V Molloy
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Dr A Payne
DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Vacant
DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUT COMMISSIONER	Mr N Welford
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Charity Registration Number - 302578

Contact Name & Address	Mr V Molloy 30 Rowlatt Drive St Albans Herts, AL3 4NB
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St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Summary of main activities of the Charity during the year

Following a turbulent few years which have tested everyone in the Scout movement in ways not recognised in living memory, I am happy to report that normal service within the District has been restored.

Camps and other activities are once again on track, and great and exciting fund-raising efforts and preparations are afoot for WSJ Korea.

One event, missing during this period, that perhaps announces in the strongest terms that scouting is back is the return of the District Gang Show for 2023.

Tradition has an important place in the movement, but the District is also looking forward. This is emphasised by the opening of three Squirrel Dreys across the District with a fourth due in January 2023. The District is also busy preparing for Transformation, the movement's drive to enhance the Scouting experience and organisation through producing effective digital tools and services for volunteers, staff and young people.

I am also delighted to report that we continued to recruit adult volunteers, and numbers of young people and leaders are strong and at least back to pre-pandemic levels.

A concerted effort has been made in governance and compliance in operations and training. This has paid off with a huge improvement seen in training compliance achieved across the District – a great result.

Administration in the District has been improved greatly by the employment of a paid administrator. We are proud to have been one of the first Districts to take this route.

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St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (cont.)

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St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (cont.)

Reserves Policy

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The core District held reserves of approximately £ 95,000 against this at the year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. The Executive Committee is looking to draw down some of those funds over the coming 12 months to cover expenditure on a range of activities including potential improvements to the District HQ building.

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in current or short term deposit accounts at mainstream financial institutions.

Approved by the Trustees on the 31 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:-



Nick Churton
District Chair

St Albans District Scout Council

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2022

Receipts	2021/22		2020/21
	£		£
Donations and Subscriptions			
Membership Subscription	93,223	Note 1	87,390
Donations and Grants	1,700		1,050
Sub total	94,923		88,440
Grants			
Covid Grants	-		20,241
Training Subsidies	-		-
Sub total	-		20,241
Youth Programmes and Activities			
Core District Activities	7,153	Note 2	-
Gang Show	915	Note 3	137
Explorer Scouts	3,382	Note 4	690
Phoenix Expedition	-1,332	Note 5	-87,635
Scout Shop Sales	26,755	Note 6	6,763
Squirrels	500	Note 7	-
Miscellaneous	128		-
Sub total	37,501		-80,045
Investment and Other Income			
Gift Aid	-	Note 8	17,061
HQ Lettings & Rents	24,512	Note 9	4,899
Bank Interest	280		380
Sub total	24,792		22,340
Total receipts for the year	157,216		50,976

St Albans District Scout Council

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2022

Payments	2021/22		2020/21
	£		£
Subscriptions			
Membership Subscriptions to County	90,624		91,129
Sub total	90,624		91,129
Charitable Payments			
Youth Programme and Activities			
Core District Activities	11,420	Note 10	1,381
Gang Show	2,098	Note 11	2,561
Explorer Scouts	14,157	Note 12	5,502
Phoenix	-4,585	Note 13	-
Scout Shop Purchases	24,346	Note 14	8,997
St George's Day	1,133		-
Sections (Beavers)	132		1,156
Sections (Squirrels)	522		
Training	482		-
Utilities	3,120		3,084
Insurance	2,743	Note 15	2,666
Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs	11,109	Note 16	4,134
Materials and IT/ Equipment	1,117	Note 17	150
AGM Expenses	-		-
Bank Charges	96		69
Scout Shop Profit Distribution	-		1,000
Sub total	67,890		30,700
Funding Expenses			
OSM	2031		1728
Administration Expense	2317		2,230
Administration Services	1,628	Note 18	
CVS Membership	60		60
Miscellaneous	865		670
	6,901		4,688
Total payments for the year	165,415		126,517

St Albans District Scout Council

Receipts & Payments Account Summary
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2021/22		2020/21
	£		£
Total receipts for the year	157,216		50,976
Total payments for the year	<u>165,415</u>		<u>126,517</u>
Net receipts for the year	-8,199		-75,541
▪ Cash, bank & similar funds b/fwd	<u>200,910</u>		<u>276,451</u>
Cash, bank & similar funds c/fwd	<u>192,711</u>	Note 19	<u>200,910</u>

St Albans District Scout Council

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Bank Current Accounts	75,947	119,418
Bank Deposit Accounts	116,650	81,378
Cash in hand	<u>114</u>	<u>114</u>
	192,711	200,910
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Debt due to District (Scout Shop sales)	9,475	3,431
Phasels Wood deposits	3,447	3,447
<u>Non-Monetary Assets</u>		
Scout Shop Stock	12,000	12,000
District Headquarters (Insured valuation)	574,093	574,093
<u>Liabilities</u> (due within one year)		
HQ Rents - Explorers	-	1200
World Scout Jamboree 2023	3,025	-
I'm a Scout	593	-

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Membership Subscriptions. Annual membership subscriptions are collected by District from all groups plus Explorers. The subscriptions collected are levied on a per head basis for members under 18 and comprise National, County and District fees. The National and County elements of the fees are passed on via County.

A total of £85,958 was collected from groups. £7,265 in membership subscriptions was collected by Explorers.

Note 2 – Core District Activities. Some activities resumed following Covid, the income relating to Dragonboat, Cubs 6 a side and Cubs cinema events. Additionally, initial stage payments were received from participants selected for World Scout Jamboree 2023. These accounts are produced on the Receipts and Payments method of accounting and as many activities straddle accounting periods some of the income and expenditure for individual activities will be reflected in previous or future years accounts.

Note 3 – Gang Show. A 50/50 joint venture with Guides, the District accounts include 50% of Gang Show receipts. Due to Covid restrictions a Gang Show did not take place during the period. Income was mainly payments received for tickets to other districts Gang Shows.

Note 4 – Explorers – Several individual Explorer units undertook separate activities during the period. There were no centrally co-ordinated activities

Note 5 – Phoenix Expedition. An expedition did not take place during the period. The negative income figure represents a late refund to an intended participant of the previously cancelled expedition which is correctly shown as a reduction to income. There was no other activity income during the period, hence the negative figure.

Note 6 – Scout Shop Sales The shop recommenced trading after periods of closure during Covid hence the recovery in income

Note 7 – Squirrels A district run Squirrels drey was established during the period and a start up grant of £500 was received from The Scouts.

Note 8 – Gift Aid Due to administrative reasons a claim relating to Explorer subs was not made during the period. This will be addressed in retrospect.

Note 9 – HQ Lettings & Rents Third party lettings have recovered strongly following Covid restrictions. Regular users who provide a solid base income returned and are supplemented by various ad hoc users.

Note 10 Core District Activities See Note 2, corresponding costs including initial stage payments to County.

Note 11 – Gang Show See comments for Note 3. Expenditure related to Gang Show associated costs plus payments made for attendance at other districts Gang shows.

Note 12 – Explorers Explorer unit activities £8,397, hire costs of group huts £5,760.

Note 13 – Phoenix An expedition did not take place during the period but refunds for costs relating to the previously cancelled expedition totalling £4,585 were received. These are shown as reductions to spend but there was no other expenditure during the period, hence the negative figure.

Note 14 Scout Shop Purchases The shop recommenced trading after periods of closure during Covid hence the recovery in sales activity. These accounts are produced on the Receipts and Payments method of accounting so the figures include only sales or purchases recorded in the bank account during the period. Sales to Groups are invoiced in arrears and the 'Other Monetary Assets' section records the amount invoiced / to be invoiced for payment.

Note 15 – Insurance. Comprises £2,032 Core district insurance, Scout Shop £195.69, Gang Show £193 (50% of total cost) and Explorers equipment / trailer £321.97.

Note 16 Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs Includes £6,165 representing the cost of installing a disability ramp at DHQ

Note 17 Materials and IT/Equipment Includes cost of new website build £535 plus 1 year’s hosting cost of £240

Note 18 Administration Services The District has engaged the services of an administrator on a contract basis

Note 19 – Cash, bank & similar funds. Total District funds of £192,711 comprise:

Core District	£99,237
Gang Show (50%)	£33,758
Explorers	£24,200
Phoenix Expedition	£10,796
Scout Shop	£24,720

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
St Albans District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Albans District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

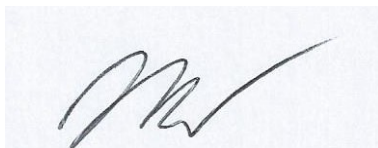
I report in respect of my examination of the St Albans District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the St Albans District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Robert Baker, ACA
November 2022
79 Woodland Drive,
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ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 302578

Accounts

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

PRESIDENT	Vacant
VICE PRESIDENTS	Mr F A Prior; Mr J Walker; Mr G Bassil; Mrs J Thomas MBE.
TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio	
CHAIR	Mr N Churton (Mr M Combes resigned 5.10.20)
SECRETARY	Mrs L Cheadle (Mrs J Woodworth resigned 5.10.20)
TREASURER	Mr V Molloy
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Dr A Payne
DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Vacant
DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUT COMMISSIONER	Mr N Welford
DISTRICT NETWORK COMMISSIONER	Mr G Bray (Mr M Hill resigned 30.9.20)
TRUSTEES:- Elected Committee Members	Mr D Barker; Mrs L Hunt; Mr S Lindsay MBE; Mr R Morton; Mrs N Wells .
BANKERS	CAF Bank Barclays - St Albans (Explorers) Lloyds - St Albans (Scout Shop & Phoenix) NatWest - St Albans (Gang Show)

District Registration Number with The Scout Association - 12215

Charity Registration Number - 302578

Contact Name & Address	Mr V Molloy 30 Rowlatt Drive St Albans Herts, AL3 4NB
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Summary of main activities of the Charity during the year

Over the past year, Covid has continued to present a significant challenge to Scouting generally. St Albans District is no exception. However, despite the pandemic, the District Executive Committee has remained resolute in supporting groups and sections. The above national-average level of retained members over Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Scout Network has reflected this.

A committee priority over the year has been the strong encouragement of leader training. This focus has brought a substantial improvement in statutory qualifications within leader numbers. This effort is ongoing.

The focus for the District Executive is the re-establishment of a face-to-face, online-free Scouting experience for all members and adult leaders. Reopening the Scout Shop, the re-establishment of the Gang Show, and full reopening of the District HQ are priorities. So too is the exciting establishment of a new section, Squirrels, which the Committee is supporting.

Projects such as the World Jamboree in South Korea will receive the Committee's enthusiastic backing.

The District Executive Committee has seen several changes over the past year. Nick Churton has taken over as Chair, replacing Mark Combes, to whom go the committee's grateful thanks. The committee has also welcomed Nigel Welford as DESC and Lisa Cheadle as Secretary.

The committee plans to make further changes in the District Team and is investigating paid support to cover admin. Additionally, a resource is being sought to advise on safety.

Scouting continues to grow and develop as a fully inclusive and progressive organisation. The St Albans District Executive will continue to support the growth and development of local Scouting.

Governing Document

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

Constitution

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

Trustee Selection

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

District Management

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the 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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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont.)

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner and is responsible for:

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

Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, including 2 signatures for all payments and comprehensive policies to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Summary of the Charity's objectives as set out in the governing document

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 Statement

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

St Albans District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont.)

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee determined during the period that given likely future needs the core District (excluding Explorers, Gang Show, Scout Shop and Phoenix Expeditions) should hold a minimum sum of circa £30,000.

The core District held reserves of approximately £ 94,000 against this at the year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. The Executive Committee is looking to draw down some of those funds over the coming 12 months to cover expenditure on a range of activities including potential improvements to the District HQ building.

Investment Policy

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in current or short term deposit accounts at mainstream financial institutions.

Approved by the Trustees on the 21 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:-



Nick Churton

District Chair

St Albans District Scout Council

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Receipts	2020/ 21		2019/20
	£		£
Donations and Subscriptions			
Membership Subscription	87,390	Note 1	82,120
Donations and Grants	1,050		40
Sub total	88,440		82,160
Grants			
Covid Grants	20,241		-
Training Subsidies	-		170
Sub total	20,241		170
Youth Programmes and Activities			
Core District Activities	-	Note 2	23,814
Gang Show	137	Note 3	33,160
Explorer Scouts	690	Note 4	35,526
Phoenix Expedition	-	Note 5	106,104
	87,635		
Scout Shop Sales	6,763	Note 6	37,392
Network	-		500
Active Support Unit	-		-
Miscellaneous	-		16
Sub total	80,045		236,512
Investment and Other Income			
Gift Aid	17,061	Note 7	-

HQ Lettings & Rents	4,899	Note 8	20,470
Bank Interest	380		334
Sub total	22,340		20,804
Total receipts for the year	50,976		339,646

St Albans District Scout Council

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2021

Payments	2020/ 21		2019/20
	£		£
Subscriptions			
Membership Subscriptions to County	91,129	Note 9	89,901
Sub total	91,129		89,901
Charitable Payments			
Youth Programme and Activities			
Core District Activities	1,381		25,113
Gang Show	2,561		29,230
Explorer Scouts	5,502		25,798
Phoenix	-		12,240
Scout Shop Purchases	8,997		29,646
St George's Day	-		1,686
Sections (Beavers)	1,156		-
Training	-		5,003
Utilities	3,084		3,518
Insurance	2,666	Note 10	7,503
Maintenance, Renewals and Repairs	4,134		4,094
Materials and Equipment	150		468
AGM Expenses	-		68
Bank Charges	69		60
Scout Shop Profit Distribution	1,000		-
Donations			

	Sub total	30,700	144,427
Funding Expenses			
Online Scout Manager		1,728	1,620
Administration		2,230	1,906
CVS Membership		60	60
Miscellaneous		670	305
		4,688	3,891
Total payments for the year		126,517	238,219

St Albans District Scout Council

Receipts & Payments Account Summary
For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Total receipts for the year	50,976	339,646
Total payments for the year	<u>126,517</u>	<u>238,219</u>
Net receipts for the year	-75,541	101,427
Cash, bank & similar funds b/fwd	<u>276,451</u>	<u>175,024</u>
Cash, bank & similar funds c/fwd	<u>200,910</u> Note 11	<u>276,451</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2021

	2020/ 21	2019/20
	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Bank Current Accounts	119,418	192,219
Bank Deposit Accounts	81,378	84,118
Cash in hand	114	114
	<u>200,910</u>	<u>276,451</u>
<u>Other Monetary Assets</u>		
Debt due to District (Scout Shop sales)	3,431	7,466
Phasels Wood deposits	-	3,477
<u>Non-Monetary Assets</u>		
Scout Shop Stock	12,000	12,000
District Headquarters	574,09	

	3	574,093
(Insured valuation)		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
(due within one year)		
Phoenix 2020 Refunds	-	9,000
Essex Int Jamboree Refunds	-	4,230
HQ Rents - Explorers	1200	720
World Scout Jamboree	-	-
I'm a Scout 2019	-	
(due within 18 months)		
Phoenix 2021 - rescheduled	-	77,000

St Albans District Scout Council

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Membership Subscriptions. Annual membership subscriptions are collected by District from all groups plus Explorers. The subscriptions collected are levied on a per head basis for members under 18 and comprise National, County and District fees. The National and County elements of the fees are passed on via County.

Previously, the membership fees have been shown in the accounts under Receipts as a net figure (ie. net of the amount passed on to County. With effect from this year, and in accordance with Scouts POR guidance, the total received and amount passed on via County will be shown gross under Receipts and Expenditure respectively.

Note 2 - Youth Programmes and Activities. Due to Covid it was not possible to undertake any District organised events during the period.

Note 3 - Gang Show. A 50/50 joint venture with Guides, the District accounts include 50% of Gang Show receipts. Due to Covid restrictions a Gang Show did not take place during the period

Note 4 - Explorers - Few Explorer and Explorer unit events or face to face activities took place during the period. Additionally, memberships fees received were previously shown under activities but going forward are now listed under Membership Subscription.

Note 5 - Phoenix Expedition. The Expedition was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. The negative receipts figure is mainly the result of refunds made to intended expedition participants. Refunds during the period totalled £104,126.72 against receipts from

participants of £15,554.00. The bulk of the receipts had been received during the previous accounting period.

Note 6 - Scout Shop Sales The shop remained closed for most of the period with limiting trading activity.

Note 7 - Gift Aid The sum of £17,061 represented a back claim of gift aid by Explorers covering the period 2016-19. A claim is to be made for 2020 and 2021 and it is expected that this will be reflected in the accounts for 2021-22.

Note 8 - HQ Lettings & Rents Significantly reduced income as Covid restrictions required the HQ building to be closed for a significant part of the period or restricted the ability of 3rd party hirers to operate.

Note 9 - Membership Subscriptions (See also Note 1) The level of membership subscriptions collected by Explorers during the period was impacted by Covid and additionally an agreement was made with 20th St Albans Ansar group to defer payment of their membership fees into the financial period 2021-22 (since paid). This resulted in the County and National elements passed on being higher on this occasion than the total subscriptions collected.

Note 10 - Insurance. £2,666 represents a return to a more normal level. The previous year's figure included a one off additional insurance cost relating to Phoenix Expedition.

Note 11 - Cash, bank & similar funds. Total District funds of £200,910 comprise:

Core District	£94,497
Gang Show (50%)	£35,763
Explorers	£39,732
Phoenix Expedition	£6,543
Scout Shop	£24,375

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

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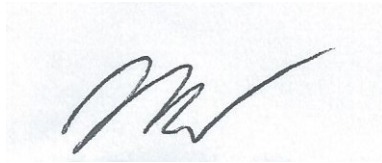
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Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the St Albans District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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