

MEDWAY TOWNS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 303434

Details

Other names	MEDWAY WEST LOCAL ASSOCIATION OF BOY SCOUTS, STROOD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-02-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: MEDWAY WEST LOCAL ASSOCIATION OF BOY SCOUTS.

Activities: Training of young people in all scouting activities - to help them be self-sufficient.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MEDWAY WEST AND DISTRICT
- Kent
- Medway

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£145,532	£156,609	-	-
2024-03-31	£100,262	£103,133	-	-
2023-03-31	£113,639	£171,814	-	-
2022-03-31	£88,512	£65,180	-	-
2021-03-31	£36,428	£44,880	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Marc Harris	Chair	2022-10-05
Alice Canty		2023-05-31
Beverley Pryke		2026-01-05
DAVID ANDREW KNIGHT		2018-09-11
GRAEME PRYKE		2015-09-15
GRAHAM HANCOCK		
Graham Durey		2026-01-05
John Russell Brisley		2018-09-11
Kara Cooper		2022-10-05
Liam Archer		2025-01-06
Paul Anthony Randall		2018-09-11
Robbie Riddell		2022-10-05
Sverre Ben Clarke Sverresonn		2018-09-11

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MEDWAY TOWNS SCOUT DISTRICT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 6th October 2025

Glassbox Theatre

BY KIND PERMISSION OF MID KENT COLLEGE

- Agenda for Annual General Meeting
- Trustees Report, incl. Accounts and Financial Report
- Appendix A – Reports Etc.

AGENDA

1. **Introductions and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 01/10/2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Medway Towns Scout District
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - d. (Re-)appoint District President and/or Vice Presidents
 - e. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor
 - f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
6. **Closing remarks**
7. **Presentations**
 - a. Invite Cllr Alex Paterson, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Highways and Enforcement, to address the meeting.
 - b. Invite County Chair Des Harris to address the meeting.
 - c. DLV Update and awards

MEDWAY TOWNS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

01/10/2024
Glass Box Theatre

Vice President - made Health & Safety and domestic announcements.

1. Introductions and welcome

Vice President

a) Made the following opening remarks.

We'd like to thank Mid Kent College for use of the Glass Box and its lovely facilities.

Welcome members of the District Scout Council and guests,

Lt Col John Newton – Royal School of Military Engineering.

Cllr Marian Nesterov – Worshipful Mayor of Medway

Des Harris – County Chair

b) Acceptance of the invitation to chair the meeting by Lt Col John Newton and to open the meeting for 2024

2. Apologies for absence

Chair:

We've received apologies from Alice Canty, Clive Harris, Sandra Cooper... for their absence today, and their names will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

3. Governance topics

Chair:

We'll use this part of the meeting to make sure the charity's foundations are in good order

3a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 02/10/2023

Chair:

The District Trustee Board have reviewed the minutes of the previous AGM and agreed these online. The District Trustee Board put forward these minutes are taken as read and ask the District Scout Council to agree they're a true record of that meeting.

Seconded by Marc Harris / Council approved unanimously.

3b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

Chair:

In line with the recommendation from Scout Headquarters, the District Trustee Board proposes we adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to this meeting, and copies are also available at this meeting.

Seconder – Robbie Riddle / Council approved unanimously.

3c. Note the District's financial year

Chair:

Can the District Scout Council members please note our charity's financial year is 1 April to 31 March.

3d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council

Chair notes the District Scout Council can admit other people to membership. Chair advises that no further members are nominated as District Scout Council members.

These are to be admitted as members of the District Scout Council as well as the ex officio list in POR Rule 5.5.4

Council approved unanimously.

Please note: These nominations are to the District Scout Council (the people attending this AGM). They aren't members of the District Trustee Board. Please also note, these nominations can be by name or role.
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3e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

Chair:

Following good practice recommendations from the Charity Governance Code, POR states Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5, and no more than 12, Trustees in total. This includes ex officio and co-opted Trustees.

The District Scout Council must agree the number of people to be appointed to the Trustee Board. The outgoing Trustee Board recommends that 12 people are appointed. I propose the District Scout Council approves that recommendation.

Seconded by John Brisley / Council approved unanimously.

3f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

Chair:

The District Scout Council must agree its quorum – the minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present at District Scout Council meetings. The outgoing Trustee Board recommends the quorum should be set at twice the number of trustees plus one. Does the District Scout Council approve that recommendation?

Seconder by Sverre Sverresonn / Council approved unanimously.

4. Review of the previous year

Chair:

We'll now use this part of the meeting to reflect on the activities of the past year.

4a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Medway Towns District

Chair asked David Knight to present their Annual Review.

District Lead Volunteer gave their review.

Chair thanked District Lead Volunteer for their review.

4b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the annual Statement of Accounts

Chair notes the District Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and has received the report on the accounts from Helen Shepherd

Chair asks Graham Hancock (member of finance subcommittee, FSC) to give an explanation of the Statement of Accounts.

FSC explains the Statement of Accounts.

Chair invited questions from the floor regarding the Trustee Annual Report, and the Annual Accounts.

Chair thanks the FSC Alice Canty & Graham Handcock for their efforts.

Please note: No vote is required, the District Scout Council only 'receives and considers' the report.

5. Making appointments

Chair:

We'll use this part of the meeting to organise the setup of the charity until the next AGM. We'll appoint a Trustee Board to oversee good governance for the charity over the next year.

5a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

Chair Due to time constraints for an open selection process and to ensure continuity through the forthcoming transformation the District Trustee boards proposes that the recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Marc Harris should be appointed as District Chair for a further year.

Council approved unanimously.

Please note: If appointing a new Chair, you should agree **prior** to the AGM whether the outgoing Chair will continue to lead this meeting, or whether the new Chair should take over immediately during the meeting. It's strongly encouraged the new District Chair takes over after the AGM's finished – perhaps from midnight following the AGM.

5b. [If required] Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

Chair Due to time constraints for an open selection process and to ensure continuity through the forthcoming transformation the District Trustee boards proposes that the recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Alice Canty should be appointed as District Treasurer for a further year.

Council approved unanimously.

5c. [If required] Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board

Chair Due to time constraints for an open selection process and to ensure continuity through the forthcoming transformation the District Trustee boards proposes that the recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Robbie Riddell, Sarah Edmonds-

Magee, Graeme Pryke, Kara Cooper, David Knight, Graham Hancock, Paul Randall, and Sverre Sverresonn should be appointed as members of the District Trustee Board.

Council approved unanimously.

Please note:

- There can't be more names appointed than were approved at agenda item 3e. There can be fewer than agreed at 3e, but not more. Remember, agenda item 3e is the total number of agreed ex officio, appointed and co-opted members.
- It's very important to arrange the open selection process and its recommendations **before** the AGM. Recruitment needs to be open, organised and in advance, so it's a thoughtful process. It shouldn't be taking place last minute during the AGM.

Chair thanks the Trustees for their work during the year and to Ed and Henry Brackley who are standing down.

Please note: Co-opted members (if any) of the District Trustee Board are appointed by the District Trustee Board themselves at one of their meetings, and not at the AGM.

5d. (Re-)appoint District President and/or Vice Presidents

Chair notes the District Scout Council appoints the District President and/or Vice President.

Since the early 1950s, successive Commandants of the RSME have kindly accepted the invitation extended by Medway Scouts to take office as Scout District President and we are indeed proud and privileged of our continued association. In the event of the President not being available, we have always been pleased to welcome the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Chair proposes this agreement continues for District President and Cllr David Brake is re-appointed as Vice President.

Council approved unanimously.

5e. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor [

Chair confirms that Helen Shepherd has been proposed by Graham Hancock, seconded by John Brisley, and is qualified for the role, and asks for a show of hands to approve Helen Shepherd

Council approved unanimously.

Please note:

- Please find the requirements for whether to appoint a Scrutineer, Independent Examiner or Auditor on: [Accounting & Audit Requirements for Group Districts, Counties/Areas & Scottish Regions](#)
- Please find the template for a Scrutineer or an Independent Examiner to use to report back to the Trustee Board on: [Accounting and Reporting](#)

5f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council

Chair:

We need to nominate a District representative to the County Scout Council., Robbie Riddell and Graeme Pryke have been proposed by Sverre Sverresonn and seconded by John Brisley.

Council approved unanimously.

Please note: Each County Scout Council sets the number of nominations per District. If you're not sure how many representatives your District needs to elect, check with your County Trustee Board. Some Counties might also need youth members to represent the District on the County Scout Council.

6. Closing remarks

Chair closes the AGM, thanking everyone for attending and outlined the following arrangements for the rest of the event.

7. Presentations

- **Presentation from the District Zanzibar Trip**
- **Invite the Worshipful Mayor of Medway, Cllr Marian Nesterov to address the meeting.**
- **Invite County Chair Des Harris to address the meeting.**
- **DLV Update and awards**

Trustees Annual Report,

for the period 1st Apr 24 – 31st Mar 25

Charity Trustees

Name	Position	Ex-officio/Nominated/Elected
John Brisley	District Lead Volunteer	Ex-officio
Marc Harris	Chairman	Appointed
Alice Canty	Treasurer	Elected
Liam Archer	District Youth Lead	Co-opted
Elliot Reed	District Youth Lead	Ex-officio / co-opted
Robbie Riddell	Member	Appointed
Graeme Pryke	Member	Appointed
Kara Cooper	Member	Appointed
David Knight DC	Member	Appointed
Graham Hancock	Member	Appointed
Paul Randall	Member	Appointed
Sverre Sverresonn	Member	Appointed

Trustee's report

Welcome to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Medway Towns District Scout Council.

The reporting year 24/25 proved to be another busy year as Scouting continues to grow further.

The Census data showed good growth, bringing the total of young people to 1721. We had 7 groups over 100, and 11 over 70. We now have 14 groups with dreys (16 dreys in total) Squirrels have reached 220 members. All groups have Beavers through to Explorers. We have 99 sections in total.

Hopefully you will have seen the reports and financial statement of accounts presented by the District Team and Trustee Board via the links sent out through the various media channels.

Medway Towns District Scout Council is a registered charity governed by the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scouts. The District Scout Council is responsible for providing management, and support to Scout Groups across the District as well as events and activities.

The members of the District Trustee Board are charity trustees of the Scout District. Appointed under POR through nomination or election at the AGM, they serve for one year and are eligible for re-election or re-appointment if so willing. Other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

The District Trustee Board must act collectively, and in the best interests of its members, ensuring compliance with the Associations rules, along with management of finances, property, equipment and insurance.

Our focus has been on supporting Groups to get back to full strength with Leaders and Young people alike and it is great to see Groups working together and helping each other out. In line with our growth and development ambitions, Medway Towns, has had an increase of 135 young people, 8 new sections across the district. Since the census figures were calculated, we have had more groups open Squirrel dreys and increased capacity with new sections due to demand.

The Governance Sub Committee continues to ensure everything is above board and safeguard all our members, trustees and property.

The Finance Sub Committee have continued to keep on top of the finances & budgets and introducing online banking and modernising processes. In addition to the Lloyds account last year, we have introduced prepayment cards, allowing District Section Leads to manage their events more easily as well as The District badge shop. The District has also taken advantage of higher interest rate savings accounts which has helped to maximise efficiency and reduce individual financial burdens.

The Appointments Advisory Committee manages the process of inducting new leaders and is also responsible for training compliance, probably the two most loathed words in the District over the last few years, however it is pleasing to report we continue to have one of the best compliance records in the County. This also was apparent at the Chair's/DLV day at The Ashford International Hotel, where the district was once again referenced for its innovative processes & fast adoption of the Transformation process's that have taken place.

The Districts campsite, Buckmore Park is operated by the CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) on behalf of Medway Town Scouts and is responsible for the day-to-day operations, management and continued development of the park. The small and dedicated crew continue to keep the site serviceable. We are so grateful for their service and are constantly looking at ways to encourage members to join them. This year we saw approx. 13,000 children and young people visit Buckmore. A testament to the efforts of All those involved.

Our District St George's camp was held again in 2025, and we were pleased to March with over 2000 of our members, our largest parade ever to Rochester Cathedral. Massive thanks to David Knight and the team for making the event so successful.

Whilst this is a very brief summary of the activities of Medway Towns District Scouts over the reporting year it barely reflects the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of so many Leaders, Supporters and Managers across the District. The pure scope and variety of activities and residential events undertaken in Groups and across District, has again, been truly inspiring to see, with so many young people experiencing exciting opportunities and adventures and making memories for a lifetime. The quality of Scouting in Medway Towns is a credit to each, and everyone involved.

We would like to give a special mention to our award-winning Digital team, keeping us so well informed and celebrating our successes with the District newsletter 'Scouting About.

We would also like to commend the Youth Leadership team for ensuring that scouting is youth shaped, putting the wants of needs of young people at the fore front of programme delivery.

We would like to welcome our newest team, The New Volunteer Development Team. Thank you to them for their outstanding efforts so far, ensuring that Volunteers receive the vital support and help they need in their endeavours to supporting scouting.

Thank you all.

Finally, a massive extra thanks to the District Team, District Trustee's and all involved at Buckmore Park, virtually all of whom hold other roles. Without this extra commitment and enthusiasm, the District would be a very different place. We would also like to thank MAST for their continued support and exciting activities. There are still plenty of opportunities for anyone who wishes to give a little extra to ensure the next year is even more successful.

District Trustee Board.

Financial Report

A copy of this report can be found in the AGM Pack and will be presented to the floor by the Finance Sub Committee

Reserve 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 Trustee Board considers that the District should hold the sum of £28,000.00 in reserve.

Investment Policy

The District has a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The District Trustee Board monitors the levels of bank balances, and the interest rates received to ensure the district obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

Medway Towns District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/2025				2023/2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and similar income						
Membership subscriptions	105 265		-	-	105 265	80 511
Donations			-	-	-	911
MAST funds		230	-	-	230	300
Gift Aid			-	-	-	-
Capitation rebates	795		-	-	795	719
Sub total	106 060	230	-	-	106 290	82 441
Grants						
Maintenence grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)						
Badge sales	10 914	-	-	-	10 914	8 683
Equipment hire		-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree receipts		-	-	-	-	3 537
Other fundraising activities		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10 914	-	-	-	10 914	12 220
District Activities						
Section Activities	6 786	-	-	-	6 786	3 368
District International trip		-	13 855	-	13 855	-
District Activities	3 708	-	-	-	3 708	646
Sub total	10 494	-	13 855	-	24 349	4 014
Investment income						
Bank interest	1 533			245	1 779	723
Loan to Group					-	116
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service					-	748
Sale of Equipment	2 200				2 200	-
Sub total	3 733	-	-	245	3 979	1 587
Total Gross Income	131 202	230	13 855	245	145 532	100 262
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	131 202	230	13 855	245	145 532	100 262

Medway Towns District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/2025				2023/2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments						
Charitable Payments						
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County)	96 159				96 159	77 284
Youth programme and activities	6 612				6 612	10 986
Adult support and training	1 599				1 599	-
Group loans					-	2 700
Jamboree 2023 Payments					-	4 000
District International Trip			9 425		9 425	-
Insurance	253				253	238
Repairs and Renewals				11 734	11 734	-
Equipment	300				300	-
Printing and photocopying					-	-
District Events & activities	10 136	578			10 714	-
Bank charges/ Administration	101			60	161	60
AGM and trustee expenses					-	-
Donations and Grants					-	-
Film licence	662				662	
Capitation rebates paid to Groups	703				703	521
Sub total	116 525	578	9 425	11 794	138 322	95 789
Fundraising expenses						
Badge purchases	9 556	-	-	-	9 556	7 344
Detail 2		-	-	-	-	
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9 556	-	-	-	9 556	7 344
Total Gross Expenditure	126 081	578	9 425	11 794	147 878	103 133
Asset and investment	-	-	-	-		-
Total payments	126 081	578	9 425	11 794	147 878	103 133
Net of receipts/(payments)	5 121	- 348	4 430	- 11 549	- 2 346	- 2 871
Transfers between funds	-		2 500	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	115 472	12 564	16 816	14 103	158 955	161 826
Cash funds this year end	118 093	12 216	23 746	2 554	156 609	158 955

Medway Towns District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025					31/03/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Holding Trustees funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds						
Bank current account - Badge Account			-	-	-	-
Bank current account -Lloyds & Santander	24 865	12 216	4 430		41 511	34 715
Bank deposit account Lloyds	92 681		19 316	-	111 997	87 603
Bank accounts - Nat west					-	22 065
Equal Credit card	533				533	451
Holding Trustees -Buckmore park				2 554	2 554	14 103
					-	-
Cash Float	14			-	14	18
Total cash funds	118 093	12 216	23 746	2 554	156 609	158 955
	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Free balances with receipts and payments a/c)						
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Group loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Group /Unit Subscriptions not yet paid	7 220	-	-	-	7 220	6 011
	7 220	-	-	-	7 220	6 011
Sub total						
Investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badge stock	1 100	-	-	-	1 100	1 329
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings B/Park	-	-	-	328 730	328 730	328 730
Maintenance equipment B/park	-	-	-	70 650	70 650	70 650
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6 721	-	-	-	6 721	6 721
	7 821	-	-	399 380	407 201	407 430
Sub total						
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capitation rebates	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not paid to County	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	133 134	12 216	23 746	401 934	571 030	572 396

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

Chair
<i>Marc Harris</i>

Treasurer
<i>Alice Canty</i>

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

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Medway Towns 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 Medway Towns 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 Medway towns 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.

Signed:



Name:

Helen Shepherd.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA

Address: 43 Mayford Road Kent ME5 8QZ

Date: 14/09/2025

Medway Towns District Scouts

Its fair to say 2024/25 has been a challenging year in one way or another, but overall another positive one for Medway Towns district none the less.

Once again our overall growth saw another rise in young people taking our total to over 1700 for the first time in decades. We now have 8 groups over 100, and 14 over 75, and have all but 2 of our 21 groups with squirrel dreys. Squirrels reached 174 members. All groups have Beavers through to Explorers. We have 91 sections in total.

It been fantastic to see such a busy and vibrant District activity programme with activities including but not limited to teddy bear picnics, golden box challenge, trips arrowhead, cub task master and its great to see so many groups continue to come out to support our District events. Section teams continue to plan exciting programmes.

Our 14 to 24 provision continues to go from strength to strength, and it is pleasing to see YL training, DofE, top awards and explorer and Network activities taking place.

Buckmore Park has been extremely popular this year and continues to rely on a very small and dedicated crew for activities and to keep the site serviceable. We are so grateful for their service. The popular Buckmore Blog continues to feature in our newsletter keeping everyone up to date with progress at the park.

The highly anticipated 'new system' finally arrived in November and whilst we were promised so much it is has presented us with plenty of challenges, that have tested us to the full. Improvements continue to filter through and only time will tell if lives up to its promise.

I would like to say a massive thanks to all our amazing leaders and helpers, our totally awesome District Team, trustee board and Buckmore crew, together you are all really making a difference. Thank you...

And of course, a final thanks to my right hand for the last 7 years, DC Dave who's dedication and commitment over that time has helped shape the District into what we see today.

John

MAST Report 2025



With the changes announce in July 2023, that following the introduction of the new membership system, all Scout Active Support roles would cease. Despite this Medway Active Support Team known as MAST continued to offer support to the district and youth sections within the district. When more details of the changes became known, a meeting was held, and it was agreed that whilst some of the members opted to become retired members. The remainder of MAST agreed it would become a sub-team within the Programme Team and continue to have monthly social events and actives and continue to provide support to the district and elsewhere when asked.

EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion)

The district still has a kit of equipment which can be used at events, and this is now stored at Buckmore Park.

Behaviour training has been delivered to 4 groups in the district who wanted the support and is available to others. This can be delivered mid-week as this worked well starting at 19:30 and lasts for approximately 2 hours. Groups of up to 30 can attend in one sitting. The session can also be adapted for young leaders to attend as well. The session looks at why some young people behave as they do with ideas to support their futures in Scouting.

This year HQ introduced some evening sessions around Inclusion and were worthwhile attending. Resources that were made by members of the Kent Scouts EDI team are used in the sessions and these can be downloaded from the Kent Scouts website. The resources include Stim Toys and Autism information.

Some groups have asked for ideas to support young people in their sections and contact is always welcomed. Help can be given via phone, email or by a visit to the section. This has worked well with one group to see what they have in place already for a high level of needs in that section. The leaders were able to demonstrate what they do to meet each young person's individual needs, and this has been great to see.

A helpful way to find out how to support a young person is to ask the parents themselves. Ask what the child's school does, do they have an EHCP or a individual plan to meet the needs. These all really help and most importantly is to listen to the young person themselves. Most of the same principals can be used for adults who may need support as well.

Michelle Kagan

Buckmore Park Scout Campsite

Report 2024 – 2025

We need to start this report with a **big thank you** to all those who have contributed to the operation, growth and development of Buckmore during the past year. It is obviously too many to mention individually but your efforts are much appreciated.



The reporting year started with District Camp. Our site needed a little bit of t.l.c. following on from the winters tree clearance and a working weekend ensured the preparation were completed. Despite some cold weather the camp was a success with around 1200 attending during the weekend.

Some restoration became necessary on the track by caving, it had become virtually impassable and a group from the crew spent a couple of day relaying the surface. Our next event was the annual 'Trail Jam' this walk around our boundary, open to the wider Scouting family, was good fun and well attended. We also again provided the venue for the District shooting and archery competitions over a weekend in May.

During the summer months we hosted a lot of Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition groups from across the County and beyond. We are ideally placed for this, as we have excellent and numerous footpath routes to and from the site. We also saw a local primary school hold a summer camp, this was a successful event, that could lead to future visits.

The school holiday summer camping season was not very busy, but it did give us chance to catch up with a few jobs.



The starkness of the winters coppicing began to disappear at the end of the summer as the expected regrowth appeared.

In October the Explorer Scout section held their overnight challenge event called 'Spearhead'. This went well with kind weather.



However, our next event was not so lucky. Our large annual sell out event "Reindeer Workshop" took place during named Storm Bert. This called for a bit of an organisational rethink. The event was its usual success with lots of new reindeers and happy faces leaving the site.

In order to manage our woodland properly we require an approved plan. These last 10 years and ours expired in November. A new one was written and approved accompanied by a Felling Licence allowing us a further 10 years of coppicing. Having got this new plan, we decided not to carry out any during 24/25 winter mainly due to a predicted poor financial return.

We were pleased to allow Buckmore to be used for a large training event for the Kent Search and Rescue charity. Buckmore's large area provides them with an excellent space, and they used this to bring some new recruits up standard.

During February the Ingle Nook was given an external make over. This was very necessary to extend the life of this building. The outside was clad, new secure exterior doors and shutters were fitted. It looks a different building.



Also, in February we hosted the Scout section's 'Arrowhead' challenge event. Sixteen teams of six took part. The event involves them undertaking short challenges around the site, for points, during a long evening. All the teams

finished, and the weather was fairly kind although the fog rolled in at the end.

Buckmore Park is your district campsite, it's there for you to use. Many of you are now bring your sections for evening visits. We have plenty of room with 148 acres of woodland for you to use as part of your programme, and of course a number of activities to try.

For up-to-date information about what's happening at Buckmore follow the blog in the Districts monthly 'Scouting About' publication.

MEDWAY TOWNS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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MEDWAY TOWNS SCOUT DISTRICT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 1st October 2024

GLASSBOX THEATRE, GILLINGHAM
WITH THANKS TO MID-KENT COLLEGE

- Agenda for Annual General Meeting
- Trustees Report, incl. Accounts and Financial Report
- Appendix A – Reports Etc.

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 02/10/2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the District's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the District Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the Medway Towns Scout District.
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the District Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
 - d. (Re-)appoint District President and/or Vice Presidents
 - e. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor
 - f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
6. **Closing remarks**



Scouts

Medway Towns



District AGM Monday 2nd October 2023

Held at Medway Council, Gun wharf

Minutes of the meeting

Present - John Brisley, David Knight, Lt Col Guy Cheeseman, Mayoress Cllr Nina Gurung, Cllr Vince Maple, Cllr Jan Aldous Tony Aldous, Des Harris, David Brake, Marc Harris, Graeme Pryke, David Wraight, Sally Cox, Jean Chandler, Sverre Sverresonn, Graham Hancock, Paul Randall, Jenny Turner, Darren Hopson, Michelle Kagan, Carole Reynolds, Gail Couchman, Angela Taylor, Ann Hayes, Mike Billin, David Payne, Carrie Payne, Helen Maxwell, Phil & Hayley Gurnett, Chrissie & Adam Firmin, Kara Cooper, Ken & Bunty Ridgeway, Robbie Riddel, Claire Barnes, Ed Brackley, Matt Dooley, Lawrence Olive, Sean Morgan, WSJ Super 7

1. Welcome by President/Vice-President

Vice President Cllr David Brake introduced the County representative Des Harris, Mayoress of Medway, Cllr Nina Gurung and the representative for the President of Medway Towns Scout District, Lieutenant Colonel Guy Cheeseman of the Royal School of Military Engineering.

Guy addressed the meeting and apologised as he was unable to stay for the whole meeting and so invited Vice President David Brake to chair the meeting.

Cllr Vince Maple was also unable to stay for the duration and so addressed the meeting passing his thanks to all the volunteers who make Scouting in Medway Towns such a tremendous success.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Jones, Simon White, Vi Jones, Sam Bayliss.

3. Declarations of conflicts of interest

No Conflicts of Interest was declared.



4. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

The approval of the minutes from the AGM held on 4th October 2022 and the minutes had been distributed before the AGM and was a true record.

Proposed by Graeme Pryke and seconded by Claire Barnes.

5. To receive and consider the Trustees' Report

Trustee's report

Welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Medway Towns District Scout Council. The reporting year 22/23 proved to be another challenging year as Scouting continues to grow further to surpass pre pandemic numbers.

The Census showed sturdy growth reinforced by the new Squirrels provision, and to date 9 groups now have Squirrels which is a huge accomplishment for all those involved within the district.

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The District Trustee Board must act collectively, and in the best interests of its members, ensuring compliance with the Associations rules, along with management of finances, property, equipment, and insurance. The focus has been on supporting Groups to get back to full strength with Leaders and Young people alike and it is great to see Groups working together and helping each other out. Whilst we were disappointed to lose the 21st Strood Scout Group, we are pleased to report the new 1st Medway Towns Scout Group is going from strength to strength. The Leaders are working closely with the District and has now established itself with a view to be fully independent once their bank account has been opened. For all those involved we must give credit for their perseverance and support to what is already a strong group.

The Governance Sub Committee continues to ensure everything is above board and safeguard all our members, trustees, and property.

The Finance Sub Committee have continued to keep on top of the finances & budgets and introducing online banking and modernising processes. Including New accounts with Lloyds

The Appointments Advisory Committee manages the process of inducting new leaders and is also responsible for training compliance, probably the two most loathed words in the District over the last few years, however it is pleasing to report we continue to have one of the best compliance records in the County. This also was apparent at the APEX conference at Canterbury University recently where the district was referenced for its innovative processes ahead of the changes currently taking place.



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Finally, a massive extra thanks to the District Team, District Trustee's and all involved at Buckmore Park, virtually all of whom hold other roles. Without this extra commitment and enthusiasm, the District would be a hugely different place. We would also like to thank MAST for their continued support and exciting activities. There are still plenty of opportunities for anyone who wishes to give a little extra to ensure the next year is even more successful.

District Trustee Board.

Proposed Sverre Sverresonn, Seconded Phil Gurnett

6. To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Account

Graham Hancock gave a brief resume of the accounts.

Proposed by Lawrence Olive, Seconded by Graeme Pryke

7. To receive the District Lead Volunteers' Report

Medway Towns District Scouts – District Lead Volunteer Report

2022/2023 was another positive year in Medway Scouts. The hangover from 'the virus that shall not be named' crisis took longer to shake off than we anticipated but this period of reporting is feeling very normal again.

This positive theme continued as we collected the census data. Our overall growth saw a rise in young people of 224. We had 5 groups over 100, 2 over 90 and the top 10 all over 70. All but 4 of our 19 groups recorded growth! All groups have Beavers through to Explorers. We have 91 sections in total. Squirrels reached 86 members. We have 5 dreys.

Our District Campsite, Buckmore Park, continues to be the jewel in our crown. The motivated and visionary crew continue to maintain and improve all aspects of the site. This is helping us encourage our groups to visit for activities or camping or sometimes just to meet in the wonderful woodland environment. A regular Buckmore Blog features in our newsletter so that everyone can be excited and up to date with the progress. **Our most humble thanks go to everyone in the crew that work so hard for us all.**

'Ingle Nook' at Buckmore Park also housed our book of Condolence as we paid our respects to Queen Elizabeth II.

Our groups have been coming out in their droves to support District events again. All the section teams are meeting and planning their next programs.

Eight of our groups attended the Knockout KIJ camp and had the most amazing experiences.

We caught up with our Chief Scout Awards Celebrations. 100 recipients received an old-fashioned invitation in the post to join us in the grand St George's church. On the Day, our amazing collection of VIPs handed out 70 certificates to the fantastic Scouts. We handed out our first Acorn award and our last Queens Scout Award.

The week after 700 Scouts and parents joined us in Rochester as we marched into the Cathedral for our St George's Parade.

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We are so proud to be supporting an amazing group of leaders and helpers.

The things that scouting achieves cannot be done by one or two people ...But together you are all really making a difference.

And all the thanks in the world is not enough to thank to you all for that. God Bless you all.

The Report was Proposed by Sally Cox, Seconded Ken Ridgeway

8. To approve the District Lead Volunteer's nominations to the following appointments:

a. District Chair

b. Nominated members of the District Trustee Board

a. District Chair – Marc Harris

b. David Knight, Sverre Sverresonn, Graham Hancock, Paul Randell

A consensus is needed, and these nominations were agreed and accepted.

The meeting was asked to note the following are ex-officio members of the District Trustee Board

DESC – Currently Vacant

DSNC – Currently Vacant

District Youth Lead - Henry Brackley



9. To elect a District Secretary

No nominations from the floor and the position will remain vacant.

10.To elect a District Treasurer

Alice Canty was prepared to continue in the role, there being no other nominations from the floor, Alice was duly elected for a further year.

Proposed John Brisley, Seconded Sverre Sverresonn

11.To elect members of the District Trustee Board

At the annual meeting in 2014 by resolution it was agreed that the number of elected members should be 4.

Open to floor and nominations

Robbie Riddell proposed by Jean Chandler, seconded by Sean Morgan

Sarah Edmonds-Magee proposed by Sverre Sverresonn, seconded by Robbie Riddel

Graeme Pryke proposed by Sverre Sverresonn, Seconded by Sally Cox

Kara Cooper proposed by Lawrence Olive, seconded by Sverre Sverresonn

Any contrary views? Floor all agreed

12.To nominate a Representative of the Medway Towns Scouts onto the Kent County Scout Council

Henry Brackley was proposed, and no contrary views were given

13.To appoint an independent Examiner

Call for nominations from the floor. Helen Shepherd has been put forward and proposed by Graham Hancock and seconded by Sally Cox.

Any other nominations and again floor was silent.

14.To receive an address by the representative of Kent Scouts

Des Harris addressed the meeting, thanking everyone on behalf of the County Commissioner

15.To receive an address by the representative of Medway Council.

Mayoress Cllr Nina Gurung gave a brief speech, expressing her delight at being invited along and seeing such support for Scouting in Medway Towns, thanking everyone for everything they do.



16.Presentation by the World Scout Jamboree Super 7

The super 7 gave a presentation of their life changing and 'alternative style' Jamboree experience.

17.DLV update 7 Presentations

DLV team gave a brief update on the current goings on, including transformation, plans for District Camp, training, Buckmore Caving system and 14 – 24 Provision.

18.Any other business which should be related to the business of the AGM

No AOB was declared.

17. Close AGM for 2023

Guy addressed the meeting, thanks passed to our VIP's and all present and the meeting closed.

Trustees Annual Report, for the period 1st Apr 23 – 31st Mar 24

Charity Trustees

Name	Position	Ex-officio/Nominated/Elected
John Brisley	District Lead Volunteer	Ex-officio
Marc Harris	Chairman	Nominated by DC
Alice Canty	Treasurer	Elected
Vacant	Secretary	Elected
Vacant	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Ex-officio
Henry Brackley	District Youth Lead	Ex-officio
Robbie Riddell	Member	Elected
Sarah Edmonds- Magee	Member	Elected
Graeme Pryke	Member	Elected
Kara Cooper	Member	Elected
David Knight DLV	Member	Nominated by DLV
Graham Hancock	Member	Nominated by DLV
Paul Randall	Member	Nominated by DLV
Sverre Sverresonn	Member	Nominated by DLV



Financial Report

A copy of this report can be found in the AGM Pack and will be presented to the floor by the Finance Sub Committee

Reserve 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.

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District Trustees Volunteer Report

Trustee's report

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The Finance Sub Committee have continued to keep on top of the finances & budgets and introducing online banking and modernising processes. In addition to the Lloyds account last year, we have introduced prepayment cards, allowing The District badge shop and Zanzibar trip team to maximise efficiency and reduce individual financial burdens. A copy of the report can be found in the AGM Pack and will be presented to the floor by the Finance Sub Committee

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District Trustee Board.



Medway Towns District Scouts

District Lead Volunteer Report

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The district newsletter 'Scouting About' continues to help us communicate news, events as well as sharing information on all that we do. We have also started publishing special editions. St George's camp and the recent Zanzibar trip had their own scouting about to themselves.

We are averaging about 400 views per newsletter! So we are happy with the reach it is getting.

Now where to finish off...

Volunteers... all that happens in Medway Towns Scouting is because of you all, the volunteers...

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Medway Towns District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2023		To	31/03/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/2024				2022/2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and similar income						
Membership subscriptions	80,511		-	-	80,511	86,150
Donations	661	250	-	-	911	600
MAST funds		300	-	-	300	-
Gift Aid			-		-	-
Capitation rebates	719		-	-	719	-
Sub total	81,891	550	-	-	82,441	86,750
Grants						
Maintenence grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	100
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	100
Fundraising events (gross)						
Badge sales	8,683	-	-	-	8,683	7,612
Equipment hire		-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree receipts	-	-	3,537	-	3,537	13,502
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	10
Sub total	8,683	-	3,537	-	12,220	21,124
District Activities						
Section Activities	3,368	-	-	-	3,368	3,524
		-	-	-	-	-
District Activities	646	-	-	-	646	1,231
Sub total	4,014	-	-	-	4,014	4,755
Investment income						
Bank interest	494	-	-	229	723	144
Loan to Group	116	-	-	-	116	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	722	26	-	-	748	766
Group Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,332	26	-	229	1,587	910
Total Gross Income	95,920	576	3,537	229	100,262	113,639
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	95,920	576	3,537	229	100,262	113,639

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Payments						
Charitable Payments						
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	77,283		-	-	77,283	126,331
Youth programme and activities	10,785	201		-	10,986	11,117
Adult support and training			-	-	-	-
Group loans/ start up grants	2,700		-	-	2,700	16
Jamboree 2023 Payments	-		4,000	-	4,000	21,700
Electricity and Gas			-	-	-	23
Insurance	238		-	-	238	385
Repairs and Renewals			-	-	-	-
Equipment			-	-	-	-
Printing and photocopying			-	-	-	-
Professional fees			-	-	-	4,180
Bank charges			-	60	60	60
AGM and trustee expenses			-	-	-	-
Donations and Grants			-	-	-	752
Film licence			-	-	-	-
Capitation rebates paid to Groups	521		-	-	521	114
Sub total	91,528	201	4,000	60	95,789	164,678
Fundraising expenses						
Badge purchases	7,344	-	-	-	7,344	7,136
Detail 2		-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,344	-	-	-	7,344	7,136
Total Gross Expenditure	98,872	201	4,000	60	103,133	171,814
Asset and investment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	98,872	201	4,000	60	103,133	171,814
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,952	375	- 463	169	- 2,871	- 58,175
Transfers between funds	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	120,926	12,189	14,779	13,934	161,828	220,003
Cash funds this year end	115,473	12,564	16,816	14,103	158,956	161,828

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024				31/03/2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas	Holding Trustees funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds						
Bank current account - Badge Account		-	-	-	-	568
Bank current account -Lloyds & Santander	22,151	12,564			34,715	1,658
Bank deposit account Lloyds	70,787	-	16,816	-	87,603	
Bank accounts - Nat west	22,065				22,065	60,133
Equal Credit card	451	-	-		451	1,933
Holding Trustees -Buckmore park		-	-	14,103	14,103	12,002
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service					-	85,531
Cash Float	18	-	-	-	18	3
Total cash funds	115,473	12,564	16,816	14,103	158,956	161,828
	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Free balances with receipts and payments a/c)						
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Group loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Group /Unit Subscriptions not yet paid	6,011	-	-	-	6,011	
Sub total	6,011	-	-	-	6,011	-
Investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badge stock	1,329	-	-	-	1,329	2,351
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings B/Park	-	-	-	328,730	328,730	328,730
Maintenance equipment B/park	-	-	-	70,650	70,650	70,650
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6,721	-	-		6,721	6,721
Sub total	8,050	-	-	399,380	407,430	408,452
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capitation rebates	-	-	-	-	-	484
Subscriptions not paid to County	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	484
Total net assets	129,534	12,564	16,816	413,483	572,397	569,796

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

Chair
<i>Marc Harris</i>

Treasurer
<i>Alice Canty</i>

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

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Medway Towns 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 Medway Towns 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.

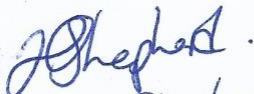
Independent examiner's statement

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 Medway towns 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.

Signed:



Name:

Helen Shepherd

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

ACCA MAAT

Address:

43 Mayford Road ME5 8QZ

Date: 6/8/24

SECTION REPORTS



Medway towns District Squirrel Team Report:

Since Squirrels dreys opened up in 2021 across Medway Towns District, we now have 12 Dreys across the district. Where they are thriving and very active. Some Dreys are full with a long waiting list. More Scout groups are looking to start Dreys with the help of District and county. The newest drey at 7 Allhallows is full with a waiting list.

Over the last year we had a little change in the team. Louise has stepped down whom we are very grateful and appreciated you doing the teddy bear picnic 23, which was a great success.

This year's teddy bear picnic was also a great success with 8 dreys came along for some fun with soft archery, soft axes throwing dry ski slopes with other fun activities along with doing Izzy's trail at Buckmore Park where they completed navigation stage 1 badge.

The clever little squirrels are quick learners and always happy and smiling with what activity or challenge you give them.

Even sleepovers, yes you heard right, squirrels are now allowed to do camps or sleepovers. A couple of Dreys have tried sleepovers with their squirrels and, believe it or not, they're a-lot easier than you think.

Future events... the team are trying to plan a day out at either Kent life or The Hop farm... watch this space. Another event that's returning is the favourite teddy bear picnic. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We appreciate all the help from DLVs, Section leaders and the Buckmore Park crew as well as those people who contribute behind the Scenes helping Medway towns young people enjoying scouting events # be prepared #skills for life

Yours in scouting

Chrissy, Kim, Adam and Jenni
Medway Towns Squirrels team



Medway Towns District Beaver Team Report:

We have a total of 22 separate groups with 4 of these running 2 colonies, meaning 26 colonies in the district

The Beaver sections in Medway Towns are thriving and are continually active. Some have new and enthusiastic leaders. It was great to see many new faces at our District St George's camp at Buckmore park, where 20 of the groups all joined together.

As a district we are having more groups taking part with District events and the new leaders are voicing their opinions which is extremely helpful when planning events.

Unfortunately, there are still some groups that are not coming along to district events. Or leader meetings. Reasons unknown. We're trying our best to reach out to everyone.

Our new group 1st Medway Towns is doing brilliantly. Squirrels and Beaver Sections are now full. Recently opened the cubs' section and a Scout section. Also, our newest group 7th Allhallows, Medway towns recently opened on 8th March '24 with Squirrels and Beavers, Thanks to Graham Drury taking on the GLV with the help of the DLV team and county team. They had a mass investiture of leaders, squirrels, and Beavers. Both Beaver and Squirrels sections are now full.

Across Medway, a-lot of beavers are getting their Bronze award. Some are attending this year's Award ceremony.

We, like most districts, have a boom in scouting but not enough volunteers and too many children on the waiting list. Many groups would like some help with volunteer recruitment.



Our events in the last year;

- *St George camp at Buckmore Park was very good despite the great British weather.
- *29th June Beavers Teddy bear picnic at Buckmore Park, was a great day everyone enjoyed themselves.
- *31st August Squirrels and Beaver Leaders Day at Buckmore park. We all had a great time a big big thank you to our instructors/leaders for volunteering their time for us. Osm training with Sverre, challenging behaviour with Michelle Kagan, along with a little bit of cooking on a campfire Welsh cakes/Biscuits with 11th Medway Cub leaders

Future events

- 18th/19th Oct Soar trampoline park Sleepover
- 28th June 25 Golden box challenge at Buckmore Park
- The Golden box challenge this is a new event we set up last year. Which was a great success. It will be a bi-annual competition for all Beavers in Medway Towns featuring basic skills e.g. packing a rucksack, knots, first aid and other fun activities as well.
- Oct 25 Chatham Dockyard TBC

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We appreciate all the help from DLV team to leaders including Buckmore park crew and people who contribute behind the Scenes for helping Medway towns young people enjoying scouting events #skills for life.

Yours in scouting.

Chrissy, Kim, Jenni and Adam
Medway Towns Beaver Team.

Medway Towns District Cub Team Report:

The Cub section has run a number of events over the past year, that have been attended by nearly 300 Cubs. We had the Activity Day at Buckmore Park, where nearly a 120 Cubs took part in 16 activities that counted towards 8 different Challenge Awards and Activity Badges. There was also a number of fun activities and the District Welly Wanging competition, that was won by the 50th. We took over a 120 Cubs on a trip to the RAF Museum, London to do their Air Activity Stage 1 Badge. We took 60 Cubs to Dover Castle and the Western Height Defences for the 'Medway Cubs Invade Dover' event. We have the Quiz & Fizz event coming up in November and the Cub Tema are already planning next year's events.

The Team have been out and about to proudly present a number of Chief Scout Silver Awards to Cubs across the District.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Carrie Payne, who has had to step back from the Cub Team, for all her hard work and efforts on behalf of the Cubs of Medway. The Team are looking for one or two volunteers who would like to join the District Cub Team.

The Cub Team

Medway Towns District Scout Team Report:

District Scout Events over the past year consisted of the following.

- Conker Bash. This was well attended as usual.
- Troop Night – 14th won this event. Well attended again.
- Arrowhead. This was held at Buckmore Park. 16 teams took part, and it was a very close finish with the 38th/40th winning overall.
- We have held District Leaders meetings at different group HQ's every first Tuesday of the month for the past year. We have on average 15 leaders attend most meetings but would love to have every troop from the District represented.

Generally, I feel that the Scout Section has had a good year.

Yours in Scouting
Dave Payne

Medway Towns District 14-24 Team Report:

It has been a busy year for the for the 14-24 team which now covers Explorers, Young Leaders and Network.

Medway Towns Explorers has seen good growth from 155 Explorers in 2023 to 191 at the 2024 census. We started the year with the chip shop survey in January with 11 units and Network trying their local chippies to find the best in Medway. iScout in March saw Explorers completing several tasks with Scouts across the world - I am proud to say that we came 540th! We also have our new event Spearhead coming up soon with 16 teams taking part in an overnight event at Buckmore Park. This year has also seen the return of a regular district Young Leader training programme and Duke of Edinburgh's Award provision for bronze, silver and gold levels.

Network has also relaunched with a cone-based rebrand. It is pleasing to see steady numbers of 18–25-year-olds engaging with this district provision and a strong programme. There have been several events including the chip shop survey, pub quiz, Gilwell Reunion and helping at Spearhead. Network offers the chance for Explorers to carry on scouting beyond Explorers and continue working towards top awards.

There have been a number of top awards awarded to 14–24-year-olds this year including: Chief Scout Diamond Award's, King's Scout Award's, Explorer Belts and Young Leader belts – congratulations to all of those who achieved an award!



Medway Towns Scout Active Support Unit (MAST):

Medway Scout Active Support Team (MAST) has continued to support the district with activities from Rope making to Water Rockets,



Finally, after finding out about the various changes that are being proposed and after agreeing with the district on how MAST would be incorporated into the new Team structure, we will continue to support the district and others in the future.

Medway Towns District Inclusion Team:

The district now has a kit that will support within the district at events which had its debut at the camp last year. If any group or section would like to borrow it please do let me know. The Squirrel and Beaver sections welcomed me to attend their Skills Day with a great group of leaders. New dates for the Inclusive Scouting and Behaviour modules will be coming out soon. I am looking forward to attending the Young Leader Training to deliver information to the section.

If anyone needs any advice please let me know. I am happy to come to your group. The 50th Scouts have already invited me to attend one of their Troop nights.



GROUP REPORTS



7th Medway Towns (Allhallows)

Since opening on 8th March this year with 17 Squirrels and 14 Beavers our group has grown immensely. We now have 28 Squirrels, 19 Beavers and 22 Cubs.

As a group are very fortunate that we have a very small but dedicated group of volunteers including an ex Cub from before the groups closure.

We are currently in the planning stages to open our Scout and Explorer sections in early 2025 and our waiting list is growing in preparation for our last two sections opening.

As a new group we have been overwhelmed with support from the residents of Allhallows and surrounding villages as well as District and many other groups in Medway Towns District. We are excited about what the future has in store for Scouting in Allhallows.

10th Medway Towns Scout Group (Sea Scouts)

We at the 10th have keep our number steady around the 80 mark this year throughout the group. We are still missing the squirrel section at the moment.

In January we sadly lost our Beaver leader, Assistant Beaver leader and our Explorer Leader due to work commitments. The GLV and AGLV took on the role of running both sections along with the help from The District Beaver Leader Christine Firmin.

The lack of leaders didn't stop us, however, taking part in this year's District St George's Day Camp.

The group has since had the good fortune to gain four volunteers to take on the roles of leaders.

We have also been very lucky to have a donation from the Chatham Masons to put towards new canoes and equipment, happily tested of course by our scouts and explorers

Kelly Beck AGLV
10th Medway Towns Sea Scout Group

11th Medway Towns Scout Group

The 11th Medway scouts have had another successful year. Their growth continues, aided by the amazing Squirrel section.

The Beaver section has also flourished with the new intake of members from the Squirrels. Cubs remains a strong section too. We do experience some fall out from Cubs to Scouts and the Explorer section is still regrowing after the Covid shut down left the section on zero members.

Lots of work from the section teams have encouraged lots of new leaders and their help will be invaluable as the group offers the best scouting it can.

With our land now secured and owned by 11th Medway Scout group we will look to start the process of building a new HQ. Exciting times but a lot of work to do to reach that goal. If we can achieve it we will be providing a state-of-the-art purpose built building to enable great Scouting experiences for the next generations.

24th Medway Towns (Borstal) Scout Group

It has been a great year for Borstal with the introduction of our Squirrel Drey and growth of the group exceeding 100 youth members for the first time.

All sections are working very well providing amazing activities for the young people of the group. The group also celebrated its 100th anniversary with a fantastic event where we were able to share an afternoon with our young people, parents, leaders and some great visits from past scouts and leaders.

We were thrilled to welcome the Mayor of Medway and his Consort who took part in all the activities and enjoyed our hog roast and BBQ. We also welcomed our District Chair Marc and the Vice President of the District David Brake and his wife.

27th Medway Towns Scout Group

Our group have celebrated it Centenary those year and have done various events to celebrate this. Our group is going strong with one beavers colony, one cub pack, two scout troops and one explorer section all with healthy numbers.

We are excited to be also opening our first squirrel dray this November.



30TH Medway Towns (Cuxton) Scout Group.

30th Strood (Cuxton) Scout Group has spent some time adjusting to the changes which have been brought in over the summer. The Executive committee changing to Trustees with the new format, the volunteer experience and ensuring our sections are running smoothly.

Sadly, we have lost two of our Trustees who have taken this change as a time to move on and we wish them well for the future.

The leaders have been amazing, and we have had camping for Scouts, Explorers and Cubs over the summer months and we have two leaders preparing to obtain their Night's Away permits.

Numbers in the sections have maintained and we have again started to get enquiries for new young people to join, in fact our Explorer Scout Section has grown and been very active.

Before the summer break a number of leaders spent a day tidying up the storage rooms and the hall and grounds have been maintained.

As the new term begins, we are looking forward to a very busy autumn in all sections.



BUCKMORE PARK REPORT



Buckmore Park Scout Campsite Annual Report 2023/2024



Firstly, we must start this report with a big thankyou to all those who have help Buckmore run throughout the year, and to continue to develop its resources. That's the whole crew, and those who came to our working parties.

The year was yet again a busy one with a number of projects and large activities taking place, far too may to mention here. So here is a snapshot.

In April we hosted Gillingham District St Georges event, as you would expect this was a large event and stretched our resources a bit. All went well and the several hundred who attended had a great day. Our own event in May, Jamboree on the Tail was also well supported and took place in nice weather.

One of the long running projects that was completed this year was the paving around the toilets. This has been a challenge but was well worth the effort. The construction of the retaining wall and associated steps by the front container was a true test of ours crews ability.



During the summer we saw a lot of Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition activity take place, driven by the KCC and Medway teams. We were also visited by Kent Search and Rescue a couple of times for training exercises. We had a number of groups both local and from further afield camp with us during the summer holidays. We had lots of positive feedback, and the word is spreading what a great campsite we have.



On going work has continued on improvements to the caving system. This is a long-term project and the caving activity is not effected.

In early autumn work started on the preparations for the annual Reindeer Workshop. This year as well as getting all the timber cut, we decided to tidy the area in front of the Perk (catering container). This involved landscaping the area with paths and turf.



The Reindeer Workshop: This amazing event was again a very successful event due to the hard work of a small planning team supported by a large number of workers during the event. As usual it was a sell out within a few hours of going on sale. Lots of smiling faces were seen leaving the site with large or very large reindeers under their arm.

For this year's round of coppicing we chose a solution to a problem. A large number of trees around the main camping area were getting too large and needed removing as part of our tree risk management. We chose to



bite the bullet and use our contractor to undertake the work and also get some income from the sale of timber. It dramatically opened up the views across the site. Within a few months we are confident that regrowth will take place.

Early spring saw preparation taking place around the site for the District Camp. This was mainly a clear up of the brash from the coppicing. Thanks to all who assisted with this.

Buckmore Park is your districts camp site. If you have any thoughts and ideas how we can improve the site do please get in touch.

We are always looking for new people to join the crew. Everyone has skills we could use.

Keep up to date with what is happening at Buckmore throughout the year by following the Buckmore Blog in the monthly editions of **'Scouting About'**



'Flushed with success of another completed project'

MEDWAY TOWNS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 303434

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Medway Towns District Scout Council
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 3 4 3 4
HQ registration number	1 0 0 0 1 2 0 3
Charity's principal address	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">40 ELM Avenue</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">Chatham</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">Kent</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> Postcode M E 4 6 E R </div>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1 John Russell Brisley	District Commissioner	
2 Marc Harris	Chair	
3 David Andrew Knight	District Commissioner	
4 Steven Slater	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	
5 Graham Hancock		
6 Henry James Brackley		
7 Paul Anthony Randall		
8 Sverre Ben Clark Sverresonn		
9 Graeme Pryke		
10 Alice Canty	Treasurer	
11 Sarah Edmonds Magee		
12 Kara Cooper		
13 Robbie Riddell		
14		
15		

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Barclays	Chatham
	Nat West	Larkfield
	HSBC	Chatham
	Santander	West Malling

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the 3 District Commissioners together with the District Explorer Commissioner and Scout Network Commissioner along with Youth Commissioners and four elected members, and meets every 2 months.

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

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

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioners in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
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Risk and Internal Control
 The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.
 The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The District owns the freehold of its campsite known as Buckmore Park. The Deeds are held by two Holding Trustees, Mr J Holder and Mr K Holford. The District has granted a licence to a charity Buckmore Park Scout Centre CIO (charity no. 117439) to operate the day to day activities of the campsite. One of the Holding Trustees Mr K Holford, along with Mr P Randall, Mrs Susan Harris, Mrs Michelle Kagen and Mr S Slater are also trustees of that charity.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: 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.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	
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Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:	• policy on grantmaking;
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- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold the sum of £28,000.00 in reserve.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district 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 District Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	John Brisley	Alice Canty						
Full name(s)	JOHN BRISLEY	Alice Canty						
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	District Commissioner	Treasurer						
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Medway Towns District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date		Year end date		
For the year from	4/1/2022		To	3/31/2023

Receipts and payments

	2022/23				2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and similar income						
Membership subscriptions	85,870	280	-	-	86,150	67,221
Donations		600	-	-	600	838
EJ 2020 Refunds			-	-	-	-
Gift Aid			-	-	-	-
Capitation rebates			-	-	-	484
Sub total	85,870	880	-	-	86,750	68,543
Grants						
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	100	100	-
Sub total	-	-	-	100	100	-
Fundraising events (gross)						
Badge sales	7,612	-	-	-	7,612	5,391
Equipment hire		-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree receipts	-	-	13,502	-	13,502	200
Other fundraising activities	-	10	-	-	10	-
Sub total	7,612	10	13,502	-	21,124	5,591
District Activities						
Section Activities	3,524	-	-	-	3,524	2,978
Mast		-	-	-	-	220
District Activities	1,231	-	-	-	1,231	800
Sub total	4,755	-	-	-	4,755	3,998
Investment income						
Bank interest	96	-	-	48	144	16
Interest on Group Loan		-	-	-	-	166
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	645	121	-	-	766	21
Group Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	10,177
Sub total	741	121	-	48	910	10,380
Total Gross Income	98,978	1,011	13,502	148	113,639	88,512
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-		-
Total receipts	98,978	1,011	13,502	148	113,639	88,512

Medway Towns District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date		Year end date		
For the year from	4/1/2022		To	3/31/2023

Receipts and payments

sx	2022/23				2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments						
Charitable Payments						
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	126,331	-	-	-	126,331	
Youth programme and activities	10,667	450		-	11,117	3,029
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin	16	-	-	-	16	350
Jamboree 2023 Payments	-	-	21,700	-	21,700	8,551
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	23	23	-
Insurance	385	-	-	-	385	334
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment						46,583
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	4,180	-	-	-	4,180	21
Bank charges	-	-	-	60	60	26
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	-	
Donations and Grants	-	752	-	-	752	355
Film licence	-	-	-	-	-	
Capitation rebates paid to Groups	114	-	-	-	114	741
Sub total	141,693	1,202	21,700	83	164,678	59,990
Fundraising expenses						
Badge purchases	7,136	-	-	-	7,136	5,190
Detail 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,136	-	-	-	7,136	5,190
Total Gross Expenditure	148,829	1,202	21,700	83	171,814	65,180
Asset and investment purchases etc	-	-	-	-		-
Total payments	148,829	1,202	21,700	83	171,814	65,180
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 49,851	- 191	- 8,198	65	- 58,175	23,332
Transfers between funds	-		2,500	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	173,276	12,380	20,477	13,870	220,003	196,671
Cash funds this year end	120,925	12,189	14,779	13,935	161,828	220,003

Medway Towns District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2022	To	3/31/2023

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023				3/31/2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips	Holding Trustees funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds						
Bank current account - Badge Account	568	-	-	-	568	601
Bank current account -General Account	23,377	1,658	14,779		39,814	98,239
Bank deposit account General Account	21,977	-	-	-	21,977	21,880
Bank current account - B/park		-	-	1,933	1,933	916
Bank deposit account B/park		-	-	12,002	12,002	12,954
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	75,000	10,531			85,531	85,410
Cash Float	3	-	-	-	3	3
Total cash funds	120,925	12,189	14,779	13,935	161,828	220,003
	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Free balances with receipts and payments a/c)						
Other monetary assets						
Group loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Group /Unit Subscriptions not yet paid						6,497
	-	-	-	-	-	6,497
Sub total						
Investment assets						
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for						
Badge stock	2,351	-	-	-	2,351	4,327
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings B/Park	-	-	-	328,730	328,730	328,730
Maintenance equipment B/park	-	-	-	70,650	70,650	70,650
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6,721	-	-		6,721	6,721
	9,072	-	-	399,380	408,452	410,428
Sub total						
Liabilities						
Capitation rebates	484	-	-	-	484	484
Subscriptions not paid to County	-	-	-	-	-	56,848
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities						
Sub total	484	-	-	-	484	57,332
Total net assets	129,513	12,189	14,779	413,315	569,796	579,596

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Chair

Treasurer

Marc Harris

Alice Carty

England & Wales

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Signed:

Name:

Helen Shepherd

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

ACCA, MAAT

Address:

43 Mayford Road, Lordswood, Kent ME5 8QZ

Date:

18-08-2023

MEDWAY TOWNS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 303434

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Medway Towns District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 3 4 3 4

HQ registration number

1 0 0 0 1 2 0 3

Charity's principal address

120A Ballens Road

Chatham

Kent

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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4	Steven Slater	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	
5	Graham Hancock		
6	Henry James Brackley		
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Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 6 months of joining the committee.

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

The maintenance of District property;

The raising of funds and the administration of District finances;

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.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

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

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

The District owns the freehold of its campsite known as Buckmore Park. The Deeds are held by Holding Trustees, Mr J Holder and Mr K Holford. The District has granted a licence to a charity Buckmore Park Scout Centre CIO (charity no. 117439) to operate the day to day activities at the campsite. One of the Holding Trustees Mr K Holford, along with Mr P Randall and Mr S Slater are also trustees of that charity.

Section C**Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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Public benefit statement

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

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient reserves to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold the sum of £28,000.00 in reserve.

Quantify and explain any designations

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Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using either mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District 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 District Executive consider the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives; |

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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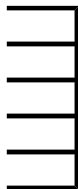
Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	John Brisley	Tracy Knight
Full name(s)	JOHN BRISLEY	TRACY KNIGHT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	District Commissioner	Treasurer
Date	0 4 1 0 2 2	

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Medway Towns District Scout Receipts and Payments A

Year start date

For the year from	04/01/2021	
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	2021/22 Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	66,881	340	-
Donations	469	370	-
EJ 2020 Refunds	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-
Capitation rebates	484	-	-
Sub total	67,833	710	-
Grants			
Maintenence grant	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)			
Badge sales	5,391	-	-
Equipment hire	-	-	-
Jamboree receipts	-	-	200
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-
Sub total	5,391	-	200
District Activities			
Beavers	2,978	-	-
Mast	220	-	-
District Activities	800	-	-
Sub total	3,998	-	-
Investment income			
Bank interest	14	-	-
Interest on Group Loan	166	-	-

The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	21	-
Group Loan Repayments	10,177	-	-
Sub total	10,357	21	-

Total Gross Income 87,579 731 200

Asset and investment sales, etc. - - -

Total receipts 87,579 731 200

Medway Towns District Scout Receipts and Payments A

Year start date

For the year from	04/01/2021	
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Receipts and payments

sxe	2021/22		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted/ Designated funds overseas trips
	£	£	£
Payments			
Charitable Payments			
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	-	-
Youth programme and activities	2,704	238	88
Adult support and training	-	-	-
Admin	350	-	-
Jamboree 2023 & Eurojam refunds	-	-	8,551
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-
Insurance	334	-	-
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-
Equipment	1,555	298	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	-
Donations and Grants	-	355	-
Film licence	-	-	-
Capitation rebates paid to Groups	741	-	-
Sub total	5,684	891	8,639
Fundraising expenses			
Badge purchases	5,190	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-
Sub total	5,190	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	10,874	891	8,639

Asset and investment

-	-	-
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Total payments

10,874	891	8,639
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Net of receipts/(payments)

76,704	- 160	- 8,439
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Transfers between funds

- 5,769		5,769
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Cash funds last year end

102,340	12,540	23,147
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Cash funds this year end

173,276	12,380	20,477
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Medway Towns District Scout Receipts and Payments A

Year start date

For the year from	04/01/2021	
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the

31st March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Resricted/ Designated funds overseas trips
	£	£	£
Cash funds			
Bank current account - Badge Account	601	-	-
Bank current account -General Account	75,792	1,970	20,477
Bank deposit account General Account	21,880	-	-
Bank current account - B/park		-	-
Bank deposit account B/park		-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	75,000	10,410	
Cash Float	3	-	-
	173,276	12,380	20,477
Total cash funds	ok	ok	ok
agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)			
Other monetary assets	-	-	-
Group loan	-	-	-
Group /Unit Subscriptions not yet paid	6,497	-	-
	6,497	-	-
Sub total			
Investment assets	-	-	-
Investment property - detail	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-
Sub total			
Non monetary assets for	-	-	-
Badge stock	4,327	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-
Land and buildings B/Park	-	-	-

Maintenance equipment B/park	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6,721	-	-
Sub total	11,048	-	-
Liabilities	-	-	-
Capitation rebates	484	-	-
EJ 2020 Participants refunds	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid to County	56,848	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-
Other liabilities			
Sub total	57,332	-	-
Total net assets	133,489	12,380	20,477

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities as at October 2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved it)

<i>J Brisley</i>
<i>Tracy Knight</i>

ut Council Account

Year end date

To	03/31/2022
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2020/21

**Buckmore Park
Holding
Trustees**

Total funds

Total funds

£

£

£

-	67,221	51,473
-	839	-
-	-	11,496
	-	8,984
-	484	733
-	68,543	72,686
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	5,391	1,409
-	-	10
-	200	-
-	-	-
-	5,591	1,419
-	2,978	-
-	220	-
-	800	-
-	3,998	-
2	16	354
-	166	260

-	21	-
-	10,177	3,333
2	10,380	3,947

2	88,512	78,052
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Year end date

To	03/31/2022
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2020/21

**Buckmore Park
Holding
Trustees**

Total funds

Total funds

£

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-	-	41,624
-	3,029	-
-	-	-
-	350	-
-	8,551	-
-	-	-
-	334	327
-	-	-
44,730	46,583	44,730
-	-	-
21	21	150
25	25	-
-	-	57
-	355	250
-	-	473
-	741	
44,776	59,990	87,611
-		
-	5,190	1,902
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	5,190	1,902
44,776	65,180	89,513

-	-	-
44,776	65,180	89,513
- 44,774	23,332	- 11,461
-	-	-
58,644	196,671	208,439
13,870	220,003	196,978

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Year end date

To	03/31/2022
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year

22 **31st March
2021**

**Holding
Trustees funds**

Total funds

Total funds

£	£	£
-	601	1,649
	98,239	94,804
-	21,880	21,878
916	916	19,492
12,954	12,954	39,152
	85,410	20,000
-	3	3
13,870	220,003	196,978

ok	ok	ok
-	-	-
-	-	10,603
-	6,497	9,685
-	6,497	20,288
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	4,327	3,262
-	-	-
-	-	-
328,730	328,730	284,000

70,650	70,650	70,650
	6,721	6,721
399,380	410,428	364,633
-	-	-
	484	909
-	-	5,362
	56,848	-
-	-	-
-	57,332	6,271
413,250	579,596	575,628

**ities were approved by the Trustees on 5th
the accounts) and signed on their behalf by**

J Brisley	Chair
Tracy Knight	Treasurer

Medway Towns District Scouts Council

1 Restricted/Designated Funds

Restricted / Designated funds are made up as follows:-

	<u>Balance at</u>	<u>Transactions</u>	<u>Transfers fr</u>
	<u>04/01/2021</u>	<u>Funds received</u>	<u>Payments</u> <u>Main accou</u>
Donation from ex Mayor for Exploroers	4969		
2019 Jamboree	500		
EJ 2020	12859		5351
2023 Jamboree	4000		
Donation - Internation	500		
Donation for 12/17 Ex	319		
	23147		

2 Loan to Groups

In July 2018the District made a loan of £18,000.00 to the 6th Medway (North D.

At the 31st Mardch 2021 the amount outstanding was £10,603.00 During the ci

3 Explorer Scout Units

All Explorer Scout Units are part of Groups and their funds are examined as par

<u>rom</u>	<u>Balance at</u>
<u>nt</u>	<u>03/31/2022</u>
	4969
	500
	7508
	4000
	500
	319
	17796

ane) to assist with the purchase of its Freehold.

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Name:

HELEN SHEPHERD

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA, ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED

Address: 43 MAYFORD ROAD, COLDSWOOD
KENT

CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Date: 07/10/2022.

MEDWAY TOWNS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 303434

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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7	Tyler Rodberg		
8	Sverre Ben Clark Sverresonn		
9	David Smith	Secretary	Apr 20 - Jul 20
10	Tracy Knight	Treasurer	
11	Graham Hancock		
12	Graeme Pryke		
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a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

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

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioners in meeting the responsibilities of appointments 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.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

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

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The District owns the freehold of its campsite known as Buckmore Park. The Deeds are held by three Holding Trustees, Mr J Holder, Mr K Holford and Mr G Jessup. The District has granted a licence to a charity, Buckmore Park Scout Centre CIO (charity no. 117439) to operate the day to day activities of the campsite. Two of the Holding Trustees, Mr K Holford and Mr G Jessup, along with P Randall and Mr S Slater are also trustees of that charity.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

should income and fundraising activities fall short. District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold the sum of £68,000.00 in reserve. At a meeting of the District Executive Committee held on the 20th of February 2020, a review of this figure was held and a resolution passed that this figure be amended to £28,000.00.

Covid-19

There has been no noticeable effect of COVID-19 on District funds for the current financial year. Whilst a fall in membership was noticeable the District held sufficient reserves to cover any potential shortfall. The District worked hard to ensure that additional support for Groups was provided during the suspension of face to face Scouting.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and in consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using either mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the district 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 District Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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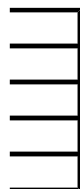
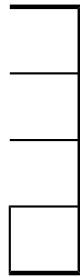
Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	John Brisley	Tracy Knight
Full name(s)	JOHN BRISLEY	TRACY KNIGHT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	District Commissioner	Treasurer
Date	0 7 0 9 2 1	

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Medway Towns District Scout Council

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	04/01/2020	To
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Receipts and payments

2020/2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted / Designated funds	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	51,473	-	-	-
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District) <small>enter figures with a minus sign</small>	- 41,624	-	-	-
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,849	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Badge receipts	1,409	-	-	-
Jamboree	-	-	-	-
EJ2020 refunds	-	-	11,496	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	8,984
Equipment Hire	10	-	-	-
Capitation Rebate	733	-	-	-
Sub total	12,001	-	11,496	8,984
Activities				
District	-	-	-	-
Fun Day	-	-	-	-
Beaver Scouts	-	-	-	-
Cub Scouts	-	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-	-
Explorer Scouts/ Network	-	-	-	-
MAST	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	314	-	-	40
Interest Received on Group Loan	260	-	-	-
Group Loan Repayment	3,333	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-

Sub total	3,907	-	-	40
<i>Total Gross Income</i>	15,908	-	11,496	9,024
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	15,908	-	11,496	9,024

Medway Towns District Scout Council

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

For the year from	04/01/2020	To
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Receipts and payments

2020/2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds MAST £	Restricted / Designated funds £	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Capitation rebate to Groups	-	-	-	-
Explorer Scout YL training	-	-	-	-
Room Hire	-	-	-	-
Loan to Group (See note 2)	-	-	-	-
Donations and Grants	250	-	-	-
Film Licence	473	-	-	-
AGM, Trustee Administrative and IT Expenses	57	-	-	-
District Team Expenses	-	-	-	-
2nd Cliff Payments	-	-	-	-
District HQ	-	-	-	-
Insurance	327	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	44,730
Professional Fees/ Donation	-	-	-	150
BP Site Development / Equipment	-	-	-	-
BP Site Maintenance & Crew exp.	-	-	-	-
EJ2020 Payments	-	-	-	-
Jamboree payments	-	-	-	-
Badge Purchases	1,902	-	-	-
Sub total	3,009	-	-	44,880
Activities				
District events	-	-	-	-
District Fun Day	-	-	-	-
Beaver Scouts Events	-	-	-	-
Cub Scout Events	-	-	-	-
Scout Events	-	-	-	-
Network Events / Flag	-	-	-	-
MAST	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Total Gross Expenditure	3,009	-	-	44,880
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,009	-	-	44,880
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,899	-	11,496	- 35,856
Transfers between funds	- 2,000	-	2,000	
Cash funds last year end	91,812	12,476	9,651	94,500
Cash funds this year end	102,711	12,476	23,147	58,644

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

31st March
2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds MAST	Restricted / Designated funds	Buckmore Park Holding Trustees
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account - badge account	1,649	-	-	-
Bank current account - general account	71,181	2,476	21,147	-
Bank deposit account - general account	21,878	-	-	-
Bank current account - B/Park	-	-	-	19,492
Bank deposit account - B/Park	-	-	-	39,152
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	10,000	10,000	-	-
Cash/Floats	3	-	-	-
Total cash funds	104,711	12,476	21,147	58,644
Other monetary assets				
Loan - 6th Medway (see note 2)	10,603	-	-	-
Group/ Unit Subscriptions not yet received	9,685	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,288	-	-	-
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	3,262	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings - B/Park	-	-	-	284,000
Maintenance Equipment - B/Park	-	-	-	70,650
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	6,721	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,983	-	-	354,650
Liabilities				
Capitation refunds for 2 years	909	-	-	-
EJ 2020 Participants refunds	-	-	5,362	-
Sub total	909	-	5,362	-

**Contingent liabilities and
future obligations**

**The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were
Trustees on 7th September 2020 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that a
accounts) and signed on their behalf by**

Signature

John Brisley
Tracy Knight

Print Name

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Year end date

03/31/2021

2019/2020

Total funds Total funds

£

£

51,473	54,083
- 41,624	59,373
9,849	- 5,290
-	1
1,409	5,027
-	1,680
11,496	9,749
8,984	-
10	10
733	722
32,481	11,899
-	1,275
-	-
-	3,455
-	1,107
-	120
-	-
-	11
-	5,968
354	224
260	418
3,333	2,582
-	579

3,947	3,803
-	
36,428	21,670
-	
-	-
36,428	21,670

Year end date

03/31/2021

2019/2020

Total funds Total funds

£

£

-	528
-	88
-	-
-	-
250	-
473	459
57	50
-	214
-	693
-	-
327	151
44,730	1,046
150	375
-	15,131
-	-
-	13,300
-	3,475
1,902	4,131
47,889	39,641
-	1,475
-	3,141
-	3,243
-	1,086
-	179
-	218
-	174
-	6,375

47,889	46,016
-	-
-	
47,889	46,016
- 11,461	- 24,346
-	-
208,439	232,785
196,978	208,439

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**31st
March
2020**

**Total funds Total
funds**

£

£

1,649	11,045
94,804	4,263
21,878	21,869
19,492	9,763
39,152	75,112
20,000	85,000
3	1,387
196,978	208,439
10,603	13,243
9,685	14,199
-	-
20,288	27,442
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
3,262	2,883
-	-
-	-
284,000	284,000
70,650	25,920
6,721	5,721
-	-
364,633	318,524
909	-
5,362	-
6,271	-

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CT COMMISSIONER

TREASURER

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Medway Towns District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Medway Towns 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 Medway Towns 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 Medway Towns 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.

Signed:



Name:

Helen Shepherd

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA, MAAT

Address: 43 Mayford Road, Lordswood, Kent

Date: 30/08/2021