

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 303435

Details

Other names	SEVENOAKS AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1963-03-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEVENOAKS AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Activities: Purpose of Scouting: To actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Values of Scouting: Scouts are guided by the values of Integrity, Respect, Care, Belief and Co-operation. Scout Method: Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEVENOAKS AND DISTRICT
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£69,798	£67,495	-	-
2024-03-31	£55,713	£110,776	-	-
2023-03-31	£241,523	£193,246	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,461	£44,686	-	-
2021-03-31	£67,686	£33,042	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Paul Hitchings	Chair	2017-06-13
Erik Jonathan Barrow		2018-06-26
Jennifer Baker-Hirst		2018-06-26
Joanna Gail Brookbank		2017-06-13
Martin Frederick Cox		2025-05-07
Michael Brendan Randall		2019-03-12
Michael Herbert Schwarz		
Nicholas Geoffrey Roberts		2017-06-13
Nigel Patrick Maurice Rainey		2020-12-10
Richard Mark Williams		2024-09-29
Verena Carmichael		2026-02-01

Accounts



DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1ST APRIL 2024 – 31ST MARCH 2025

including

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31 March 2025

(accompanying document)

Sevenoaks District Scout Council

Charity registered in England No: 303435

Scout Association registered No: 12717

Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2025

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry (until Nov 2024)

THE DISTRICT TRUSTEE BOARD:

Ex-Officio Members:

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Ruth Huppach
District Secretary	Nicola Crawford (Until the date of the last AGM and then transitioned to a non Trustee position)
District Leader Volunteer team	Jo Brookbank, Michael Dreksler (until September 2024)
District Youth Commissioners	Vacant

Elected Members: Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Nigel Rainey, Nick Roberts, Jennifer Baker-Hirst, Mike Randall

Co-opted Members: Martin Cox, Richard Williams

SUB-COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Jennifer Baker-Hirst, Martin Cox and Jo Brookbank
ESTATES: Michael Schwarz, Nick Roberts, Richard Williams

DISTRICT ROLES from November 2024:

14-24 Team Lead	Mike Randall (previously DESC)
District Scout Shop Mgr	Jade Roberts
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	Vacancy
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Volunteer Development Team	Chris Barrow and Nigel Rainey (previously appointments team Chair & team member)
Programme Team	Erik Barrow (Activities) and Chris Barrow (Temporarily whilst supporting transformation)
Support Team Lead	Michael Dreksler
District Beaver Team	Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nick Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy
District Award Team	Jeanette Schwarz and Chris Barrow
Bankers	Lloyds TSB
Other Investments:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd, Flagstone
Charity contact:	Jennifer Baker-Hirst, 9 The Glebe Field, Shoreham Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3DR

Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The agreed quorum for the Sevenoaks District Scout Council AGM is 15, and for committee meetings in 2024/5 was one third plus one of the Trustee board.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is Governed by the Trustee Board, whose members are responsible for ensuring compliance with legislation applicable to charities.

The Trustee Board exists to support the District Leadership team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Trustee board selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

Objectives and Activities

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 cooperate 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.

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DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

Our Scouting year started, as always, with our St George's parade through Sevenoaks high street followed by our promise renewal service, annual awards and multiple activities arranged by each group in the district for our young people. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all with Richard Parry our District president joining us at the front of the parade proudly wearing our district scarf. A poignant memory, due to his sudden passing in November 2024. Richard never missed a parade or annual general meeting and always did his best for us all. We are thankful for his unending support which continues with an annual award to be created in his honour for our newly emerging Network section.

All groups and sections in the District took part in many nights away activities throughout the year with every group running successful Summer camps with many post year end attending Kent International Jamboree 25, which also saw many of our district volunteers supporting or running activities for thousands of young people. Extremely proud of our volunteers that contributed to this event as well as attending with youth members. A few of our Network members joined the Explorer team and this has inspired them to progress this section.

Several stand up paddleboard events took place during 2024, using our district equipment, on the river Medway and at Bewl water, with more adults gaining a qualification and experiences in this activity.

Youth membership remains stable although it fell a small amount over the year largely attributable to the Scout section which is likely just one of those peaks and troughs we see in Scout membership. Our youth membership continues to hover around one thousand.

The Scout and Explorer sections took part in a very successful "Plender hike" based in the North Downs starting from 4th Sevenoaks HQ in March 2025 organised by Michael Dreksler and Malcolm Fisher. The Beavers and many parents took to the water in a district splash event at Conningbrook lakes in July 2025.

This past year also saw the culmination of many hours of hard work over the past 4 years when the Friends of Downe finally took ownership of the Downe Activity Centre which is sited on the very edge of our District and has been the venue of many Sevenoaks group camps over the years since 1929! Sevenoaks District has supported the team throughout their journey and we know Sevenoaks will benefit from this wonderful site remaining available to our members. We are all looking forward to our next District camp, MAG7, at Downe in May 2026.

In Sept 2024, Michael Dreksler stepped down from the District Lead Volunteer team and took on the new District role of Support Team Lead. I am very grateful for his continuing support. I was reappointed as sole District Lead, following a county recruitment search.

Much of the year has been spent adjusting to the new scouting structure and digital system setting ourselves up for the future. This has coincided with some personal challenges for me and my family and my thanks go to Nigel Rainey, Chris and Erik Barrow who have been ensuring we kept pace with the changes. Continuing to keep us all safe as we continue with the same Scout activities as always.

My thanks also goes to Anthony Hitchings who has been a trustee since 2017 and has been a tower of strength and support as our District Chair. The operation of the District trustee board has been transformed under his leadership and over the coming year we will start the search for his successor.

Huge progress has been made towards developing the plans for our new District Headquarters and Community Barn in Seal and we are after 5 long years we are within site of starting to build.

Jo Brookbank, District Leader Volunteer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 relate to a 12 month accounting period and are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £558,183 (2024 £556,981). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £61,662 in March 2025 (original purchase price £19,783). Restricted funds of £467,662 that were cash funds at the end of 2024 have been placed in long and short term deposits with Flagstone in this financial year, a cash deposit platform, which enables distribution of the funds across various banks in order to manage risk.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 24/25 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

DISTRICT ESTATES TEAM REPORT



The Estates Team have again been focusing on the Barn project. As reported last year this will provide a new home for the Seal Scout Group as well as facilities available for all Groups in the Sevenoaks District. It is located in Seal Parish on the western edge of the Tarmac Quarry development. Since the last report Tarmac have secured outline planning consent for the Quarry Development and this consent included the requirement that the Barn on Childsbridge Lane be used for community purposes. The Estates Team have been negotiating with Tarmac for a number of years for this Barn to be given to Sevenoaks District Scout Council and these negotiations are nearing a conclusion. In the meantime, various further planning consents have been secured relating to the Barn enabling it to be used by the scouts and consent has also been granted for the demolition and rebuilding of the Barn which will make the project more straightforward. A further planning

application has been submitted showing how the Barn will be developed and these plans will be on display at the AGM.

As the designs have progressed it has become clear that the Barn should not just be a venue for scouting but also for the wider Sevenoaks community. Discussions have taken place with various charity groups and these will continue as the project moves forward. This has resulted in the project being named the Sevenoaks Scouts Community Barn. Fundraising for the project is ongoing and with the monies raised from the sale of the Seal site and other surplus land and a generous grant from the Sevenoaks District Council Community Infrastructure Levy fund we have now raised over £1,000,000 which is over half of the anticipated total budget.

If we are to achieve our target of starting the development in the first half of 2026 we are actively looking for further volunteers to join the Barn Team. We have four separate groups addressing fundraising, marketing/communication/community engagement, design/construction and project management/finance/legal issues. If you have some spare time and interest in any of these areas please contact either Anthony Hitchings, Nicholas Roberts or Jo Brookbank.

Be part of creating a lasting legacy for Scouting in Sevenoaks and a community facility for all of the Sevenoaks area

Nick Roberts , Estates Team Chair

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Youth Commissioner role has remained vacant this year and the search for youth representation on the Trustee Board is ongoing. This is an opportunity for somebody aged 18-25 to gain management experience that would reflect well on any CV. Mentoring and guidance will be provided. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested please let us know,

Chairman

EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION

This past year has been an eventful one for the Sevenoaks District Explorers, marked by numerous activities and achievements that highlight the enthusiasm of our young people and the dedication of our leaders and volunteers. We have successfully engaged with our members through a diverse range of events, demonstrating a vibrant spirit within our district.

One of the significant highlights was our recent participation in the Kent International Jamboree, which attracted a remarkable number of seventy two young people from the district. This event, held over seven days, allowed our explorers to explore new skills, meet others, and enjoy camping in a supportive environment. Earlier in the year, the Monopoly Run further showcased our strong attendance, marking it as yet another successful activity within the year.

Throughout the year, our explorers took part in various engaging activities, including the Water Activities Weekend, a Scavenger Hunt, a Cooking Challenge, and several exciting themed nights such as Burns Night and All Things Irish. Activities like the Night Hike and Winter Survival weekends have not only been fun but have also helped teach essential survival skills. The ongoing commitment to plan events like the Explorers/Network Downe camp reflects our team's dedication to fostering unique experiences.

A special thank you is in order for all leaders and adult volunteers whose hard work has kept our district running smoothly. In particular, we extend our gratitude to Andy Mucklow, Jo Brookbank, and the team for their exceptional efforts in making the Kent International Jamboree. The commitment of our leaders is invaluable and is deeply appreciated by both the young people and their families.

Looking ahead, exciting plans are already taking shape. We are preparing for applications and planning related to the World Scout Jamboree to be held in Poland, which promises to be a memorable experience. Furthermore, we aim to participate in the Monopoly Run once again in 2026 and continue to build on our success during the Winter Survival Weekend. These upcoming initiatives look set to build on our strong tradition and develop our district further.

Throughout this year, the explorers have demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and engagement, making every event a success and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. We also appreciate the unwavering support of our parents, which plays a crucial role in our activities, along with the tireless efforts of all volunteers behind the scenes. We look forward to another year full of adventure, learning, and personal growth for our young people in scouting.

Mike Randall, 14-24 Team Lead

PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES REPORT

This past year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) has been a significant period of transformation and growth for the Programme and Activities team in Sevenoaks. Following the national Scouts digital transformation, the District has restructured how it supports adventurous activities. The former Active Support Units (ASUs) for Archery, Climbing, Fencing, Rifle Shooting, Tomahawk, and Water activities have now been integrated as sub-teams within the broader District Programme Team. This change allows for more streamlined communication and coordination as we continue to deliver fantastic opportunities for our young people.

A cornerstone of our internal development has been the launch of our new, unified district website. Bringing our digital presence in line with the modern Scouting brand, the new site consolidates many of our previous sub-sites, offering a single, convenient login for our members. This platform has been instrumental in digitising key administrative processes:

- **Equipment Booking:** Our system now features a clear availability calendar and an automatic quoting system, simplifying the process for leaders to book district-owned kit.

- **Activity Approvals:** We have moved away from spreadsheets to an integrated online system for logging activity approvals. This allows leaders to submit requests for any activity taking place away from the usual meeting place—including adventurous activities and nights away events (Separate full Nights Away notifications on the national membership system are still required for approval by the NAN team)—for approval by their Group or District Lead Volunteer. The system creates greater transparency and provides valuable data, ensuring all activities are conducted safely and with the correct oversight.
- **Safety Reporting:** An online tool for reporting incidents and near misses has been implemented to ensure we can learn and improve from every situation.

Looking ahead, we are overhauling our expenses system, which will be integrated into the website during the final quarter of 2025. This will give members the ability to track the progress of their claims from submission to payment. The system will also be available for Groups to manage their own expenses, should they wish to opt-in.

While much of the year has focused on these structural improvements, we have continued to provide direct activities for members. A number of popular water activity days were held on the Tonbridge River during the summer of 2024, giving young people from across the district the chance to try paddleboarding. Our wide range of bookable equipment—including the silent disco, laser tag, fencing, and bubble football kits—remains available via the new website. We are excited to be adding new soft archery and soft axe-throwing kits to the inventory soon. Furthermore, a new 1000Wh portable power station is now available for booking, enabling off-grid use for our electrical equipment or for providing power on camps for leaders or medical devices.

Planning for the future is well underway. The next District-wide camp, **MAG7**, has been scheduled for **1st - 4th May 2026** at the newly re-opened Downe Activity Centre, with the booking system expected to go live in late 2025. We are also beginning the process for the next World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027, with the district anticipating having 6 to 8 places for young people. Information sessions will be held for prospective applicants before and after the summer break.

Finally, we continue to explore new ways to support our volunteers. We are looking for a co-Programme Team Lead to join Erik, with a focus on helping to coordinate district events such as sectional activity days and St George's Day. We are also investigating how the new website could host online learning modules and a more robust tracking system for Young Leaders. This would allow us to record GLV approvals, track start and end dates, and differentiate between Explorer Young Leader members and non-member volunteers (such as those completing their DofE). This data would be invaluable for managing membership fees and ensuring non-members transition to a full membership if they wish to continue volunteering, guaranteeing they have the necessary insurance coverage. It has been a year of foundational change, and we are excited by the opportunities these new systems and structures will bring. We always welcome suggestions for new district equipment that would be prohibitive for a single Group to purchase but would improve our collective activity offering to young people in Sevenoaks.

Erik Barrow (Programme Team Leader - Activities)

Sevenoaks District Scouts: Volunteering Development Team Report

This report outlines the key activities and challenges faced by the Volunteering Development Team over the past year, as we've worked to manage the transition to the new membership system.

New Membership System

The new system has introduced significant changes to how we manage our volunteer joining process. The entire process is now handled through the system, giving our **Team Leaders** a greater responsibility for onboarding new members and conducting regular role reviews.

The role changes have been a particular focus. All previous **Section Assistants** and **Active Support Members** have had their roles converted to **Team Members** within either a section team or a group or district sub-team. This has added additional tasks, as these members are now retrospectively required to provide references and attend a Welcome meeting. For those now defined as **Team Members** within a section, this also means they are required to complete their first aid training for the first time.

Challenges and Progress

We have seen significant challenges with the new digital processes, following “transformation”, but we are making progress in addressing them.

One of our main priorities has been to clear the backlog of members who have not yet completed the new “joining” process, despite being existing volunteers before transformation and therefore don't have a full role according to the system. The process of chasing and managing references has been particularly challenging.

Currently, we are focusing on the following numbers that are mostly due to the digital platform changes and changes that are requiring additional process. For example some existing roles that have been held, some for many years, required new reference checks as a result of being entered into the new platform:

- **140 members** do not have a full role. This is for a variety of reasons, including incomplete Welcome meetings, outstanding references, or pending new training requirements such as **Growing Roots** as well as officially accepting terms and conditions.
- **37 members** need to complete a Welcome meeting.
- **46 people** still need to provide references.

In the past six months, we're proud to report that we have welcomed **54 new volunteers** into the district. This is a testament to the hard work of all our leaders and the appeal of our programme.

Looking Ahead

Our main goal in the coming months is to continue working through this backlog to ensure all our volunteers are fully registered and have completed the necessary requirements for their roles. This will help us maintain a safe and well-supported environment for all our young people.

We would like to thank all of our leaders for their patience and hard work during this transition.

Chris Barrow, Volunteering Development Team Leader

Training & Development Report

This year saw the introduction of the new Membership system Scouts rolled out from November 24, and the lead up to this was known as the “Transformation”. Members were required to check their profiles, and correct anything that wasn’t correct and if there was too much information that had to be reduced, to enable them to get a new login for the Membership system. This was fraught with a lack of response from members who were then unable to log into the system. The system itself had problems from the start and to this day, but support was available from District, County and HQ, and whilst it has been a challenge at times, it is getting better. We also had the outcome of the Coroner’s report into the death of a young person in Snowdonia, and due to the outcome and issuing of a Prevention of Future Deaths notice. Scouts have had to develop new learning, in conjunction with ROSPA with temporary suspensions being carried out for non-compliant members in the fields of Safety and Safeguarding. Training in the new system is mainly online based and gradually as programmes are developed, what is currently not done online should be moving to it in the future, to ensure all members receive the same learning.

Compliance

As mentioned above, compliance has been a major focus of The Scouts since transformation and will continue going forward. Sevenoaks in the main have had a good response to this, with a limited number of members having been temporarily suspended, compared to some of the Districts in the County.

Nigel Rainey, Volunteering Development Team leader - Training & Development Lead

ADULT AWARDS

It has not been possible to download a report for awards from the new membership system. A bug report has been submitted and it is hoped that awards will be included once that is rectified.

CENSUS

	2024									2025							
	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	Ne	Ldr	YL		Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	Ne	Ldr	YL
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	0	18	25	33	0	0	13	7		0	22	28	31	0	0	14	4
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	5	34	73	82	0	0	37	25		14	32	71	84	0	0	43	30
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	25	38	43	59	0	0	25	4		18	32	43	53	0	0	20	4
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	0	16	21	16	0	0	7	1		0	13	16	26	0	0	7	2
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	0	13	18	12	0	0	8	1		0	14	21	13	0	0	7	1
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	0	15	11	16	0	0	4	1		0	14	9	10	0	0	6	2
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	4	15	19	28	0	0	10	2		8	17	21	15	0	0	8	5
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	0	34	19	25	0	0	20	4		0	32	35	16	0	0	22	7
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	0	23	34	24	0	0	10	3		0	21	24	23	0	0	11	6
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	0	19	22	18	0	0	8	1		0	20	13	15	0	0	7	0
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	0	14	19	19	0	0	9	2		0	11	20	11	0	0	9	3
Sevenoaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks - Scout Network	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0
Sevenoaks Explorer Scout provision	0	0	0	0	109	0	13	0		0	0	0	0	131	0	14	0
Total	34	239	304	332	109	20	164	51		40	228	301	297	131	18	168	64
					1018									997			

Sq = Squirrels, Be = Beavers, Cu = Cubs, Sc = Scouts, Ex = Explorers, YL = Explorer Young Leaders, Ne = Network, Ldr = Leaders and Section Assistants.

Michael Dreksler, Support Team Leader

DISTRICT UNIFORM SHOP

Shop orders are received on a weekly basis during term time from almost every group in the district as well as new volunteers requiring uniform reflecting the need for a local shop. As such we have found we need to increase our stock levels to accommodate the regular orders. We are struggling with volunteer support to keep up with demand for this essential service for parents and groups and welcome any offers of help.

Please do ensure you share the website with new parents so we can continue to benefit from the revenue this adds to the district funds and also share that a parent or two's support with admin and maintaining the website would be gratefully appreciated.

Jade Roberts, Scout Shop Manager

Squirrels **BEAVERS** **cubs** **SCOUTS** **EXPLORERS** **network**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2025

	2024-25 £'s	2023-24 £'s
NOTES		
ASSETS	£'s	£'s
Cash Fund		
Bank Current Account	51,745	30,284
		0
Restricted Funds	506,439	526,696
Total Bank Account	558,184	556,981
Bank Deposit Account	1,000	1,000
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	559,184	557,981
Investment Assets		
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund	61,663	63,627
TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS	61,663	63,627
Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use		
Badge and Shop Stock	9,814	8,715
Land at Halstead	3,274	3,274
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE	13,088	11,989
TOTAL ASSETS	633,935	633,596
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES	633,935	633,596

Notes:

Restricted funds are the proceeds from the sale of the District Seal HQ and previous assets along with grant monies which are to be invested in a new District HQ which will significantly enhance Scouting provision in the District. Funds have been placed in long and short term deposits with Flagstone, a cash deposit platform, which enables distribution of the funds across various banks in order to manage risk.

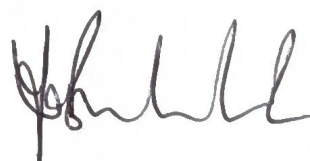
Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees



A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 11/01/2026



J Brookbank, District Lead Volunteer

Date: 11/01/2026.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2025

Notes	2024-25						2023-24					
	Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
INCOME												
Subscriptions												
Subscriptions Received from Groups	63,893		0		63,893		54,804		0		54,804	
Subscriptions Received from Explorers	4,378		0		4,378		3,461		0		3,461	
Subscriptions Paid to National/County	(56,173)		0		(56,173)		(49,909)		0		(49,909)	
Net Membership Income		12,098		0	12,098			8,356		0		8,356
Activities												
WSJ Income	2	0		483	483		0		4,837		4,837	
Mag 7	3	0		65	65		0		10,042		10,042	
Kilimanjaro	4	0			0		0		27		27	
Uniform Shop and badge sales		10,881		0	10,881		11,515		0		11,515	
Explorer Units		24,705		0	24,705		15,578		0		15,578	
Activity Income	5	2,735		0	2,735		2,554		0		2,554	
Seal HQ Recharge		0		0	0		10		0		10	
Other Income		0			0		0		1,050		1,050	
Activities Income		38,321		548	38,869		29,657		15,956		45,614	
Proceeds from Land sale	6		0		0			0		441,547		441,547
Investments												
Bank and Deposit Income		18,401		0	18,401		1,744		0		1,744	
Other Grant Income		0		430	430		0		0		0	
Investment Income		18,401		430	18,831		1,744		0		1,744	
GROSS INCOME		68,820		978	69,798		39,757		457,503		497,260	
EXPENDITURE												
WSJ Fees		0		0	0		0		(4,424)		(4,424)	
Mag 7	3	0		(735)	(735)		0		(45,821)		(45,821)	
Uniform Shop and Badge Costs		(11,726)		0	(11,726)		(6,675)		0		(6,675)	
Kilimanjaro		0		0	0		0		(115)		(115)	
Activity Expenses		(1,742)		0	(1,742)		(2,146)		0		(2,146)	
Explorers Units		(25,816)		0	(25,816)		(12,910)		0		(12,910)	
Activity Equipment		(464)		0	(464)		(1,355)		0		(1,355)	
Online Scout Manager		(1,809)		0	(1,809)		(2,012)		0		(2,012)	
Insurance	8	(2,847)		0	(2,847)		(3,869)		0		(3,869)	
Other Expenses		(773)		0	(773)		(10,461)		0		(10,461)	
Utilities		(66)		0	(66)		(497)		0		(497)	
Printing and Computing		(1,017)		0	(1,017)		(601)		0		(601)	
Allowable Grant expenses	7	0		(400)	(400)		0		(14,910)		(14,910)	
Total Operating Expense		(46,260)		(1,135)	(47,395)		(40,525)		(65,270)		(105,795)	
Barn Development		0		(20,100)	(20,100)		0		0		0	
Sale of Seal HQ		0		0	0		0		(4,981)		(4,981)	
Total Property Expense		0		(20,100)	(20,100)		0		(4,981)		(4,981)	
TOTAL EXPENSE		(46,260)		(21,235)	(67,495)		(40,525)		(70,250)		(110,776)	
EXCESS INCOME		22,559		(20,257)	2,302		(769)		387,253		386,485	
BANK BALANCES												
Cash Funds Brought Forward					556,981						172,102	
Excess Income for the Year					2,302						386,485	
Expenditure on Stock					(1,099)						(1,506)	
Cash Funds Carried Forward					558,184						556,981	
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SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435

Scout Association Registered No. 12717

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2025

	2024-25 £'s	2023-24 £'s
NOTES		
ASSETS	£'s	£'s
Cash Fund		
Bank Current Account	51,745	30,284
		0
Restricted Funds	506,439	526,696
Total Bank Account	558,184	556,981
Bank Deposit Account	1,000	1,000
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	559,184	557,981
Investment Assets		
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund	61,663	63,627
TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS	61,663	63,627
Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use		
Badge and Shop Stock	9,814	8,715
Land at Halstead	3,274	3,274
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE	13,088	11,989
TOTAL ASSETS	633,935	633,596
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES	633,935	633,596

Notes:

Restricted funds are the proceeds from the sale of the District Seal HQ and previous assets along with grant monies which are to be invested in a new District HQ which will significantly enhance Scouting provision in the District. Funds have been placed in long and short term deposits with Flagstone, a cash deposit platform, which enables distribution of the funds across various banks in order to manage risk.

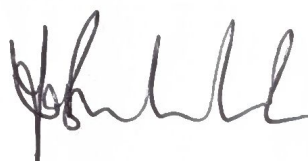
Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees



A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 11/01/2026



J Brookbank, District Lead Volunteer

Date: 11/01/2026.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2025

Notes	2024-25						2023-24					
	Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
INCOME												
Subscriptions												
Subscriptions Received from Groups	63,893		0		63,893		54,804		0		54,804	
Subscriptions Received from Explorers	4,378		0		4,378		3,461		0		3,461	
Subscriptions Paid to National/County	(56,173)		0		(56,173)		(49,909)		0		(49,909)	
Net Membership Income		12,098		0	12,098			8,356		0		8,356
Activities												
WSJ Income	2	0		483	483		0		4,837		4,837	
Mag 7	3	0		65	65		0		10,042		10,042	
Kilimanjaro	4	0			0		0		27		27	
Uniform Shop and badge sales		10,881		0	10,881		11,515		0		11,515	
Explorer Units		24,705		0	24,705		15,578		0		15,578	
Activity Income	5	2,735		0	2,735		2,554		0		2,554	
Seal HQ Recharge		0		0	0		10		0		10	
Other Income		0			0		0		1,050		1,050	
Activities Income		38,321		548	38,869		29,657		15,956		45,614	
Proceeds from Land sale	6		0		0			0		441,547		441,547
Investments												
Bank and Deposit Income		18,401		0	18,401		1,744		0		1,744	
Other Grant Income		0		430	430		0		0		0	
Investment Income		18,401		430	18,831		1,744		0		1,744	
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Accounts



DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1ST APRIL 2023 – 31ST MARCH 2024

including

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31 March 2024

(accompanying document)

Sevenoaks District Scout Council

Charity registered in England No: 303435

Scout Association registered No: 12717

Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2024

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry

THE DISTRICT TRUSTEE BOARD:

Ex-Officio Members:

These will change as we adopt changed rules moving forward from the 2024 AGM

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Sam Devenney (resigned Dec 2023)
District Secretary	Nicola Crawford
District Leadership Team	Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler
District Youth Commissioners	Vacant
District Network Comm'r	Katie McCreadie
District Explorer Scout Comm'r	Mike Randall

Elected Members: Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Nigel Rainey, Nick Roberts, William Morrish

DLTs Nominated Members: Jennifer Baker-Hirst, Ellen Murphy (resigned Jan 2024), Bianca Steinhardt

Co-opted Members: None

SUB-COMMITTEES:

APPOINTMENTS: Chris Barrow (Appointments Chairman) Nigel Rainey (Secretary),
Michael Schwarz, Jeanette Schwarz, Kelly Williams, Tom McKeen, Hayley Bechervaise.

FINANCE: Jennifer Baker-Hirst and DC-Team

ESTATES: Michael Schwarz; William Morrish and Nick Roberts

DISTRICT ROLES:

District Active Support Mgr	Vacancy
District Scout Shop Mgr	Ellen Murphy (resigned Jan 2024), Bianca Steinhardt, Jade Roberts (from Jan 2024)
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	Vacancy
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Local Training Manager	Nigel Rainey
ADC Activities	Erik Barrow
District Beaver Team	Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nick Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy

Bankers	Lloyds TSB
Other adviser:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd
Charity contact:	Jennifer Baker-Hirst , 9 The Glebe Field, Shoreham Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3DR

Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The agreed quorum for the Sevenoaks District Scout Council AGM is 15, and for committee meetings in 2023 was one third plus one of the Trustee board plus 1.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is Governed by the Trustee Board, whose members are responsible for ensuring compliance with legislation applicable to charities.

The Trustee Board exists to support the District Leadership team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Trustee board selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

Objectives and Activities

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 cooperate 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.

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DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT

Our Scouting year started with our all District camp, Mag 7, taking place over the early bank holiday weekend. Over 600 young people attended from all groups, units and sections including Squirrels. The weather held for us despite the previous week of rain that had caused many, including ourselves, to cancel our St George's parade through Sevenoaks high street. Instead we all renewed our promise during our closing ceremony when we were joined by the Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, Lady Colgrain and ex County Commissioner and Deputy Lord-Lieutenant Kevin Holford for the presentation of Jo's British Empire Medal. We were also able to present Silver Acorn awards to Rose Mears and Nigel Rainey along with several commendations.

Our District camp is the highlight of our 4 yearly calendar and it was a huge success thanks to all of the Sevenoaks volunteers who made it happen and also the acquisition of district equipment in the preceding years, largely purchased through grant funding. All Cubs, Scouts and Explorers used our new "team building" laser tag system and every member used our new zorb balls of varying sizes. Our new water equipment, newly trained and permitted adults plus the amazing Kent Scouts Water team and Tonbridge Canoe Club Coaches, enabled us to deliver water activities to almost 300 Scouts and Explorers. We were also indebted to the Kent Scouts Climbing team for the creation and delivery of an amazing climbing, abseiling and jump bag platform. Finally a huge thank you to Erik Barrow who wrote a bespoke booking system just for this camp.

All groups and sections in the District continue to take part in nights away activities throughout the year with every group running successful Summer camps. Our Beavers enjoyed a District Beach party and Junk modelling event and we have plans for other section events in the year ahead.

Youth membership exceeded one thousand this year following the opening of new sections, in the past 18 months, which included two more Squirrel Dreys making our total now four Dreys in Sevenoaks, with plans to open at least one more in the coming year. We were also delighted to end the year with the opening of our fourth Explorer Unit named "Knole" based in Weald.

We sold our old District Seal HQ at the end of the year, which was in serious need of repair and the site will be redeveloped by the new owners. This has given us a solid start of around a third of the build cost of our new District HQ "barn", for which we expect to submit a planning application to build by the end of 2024 .

The new "barn" will be on the edge of the development being planned by Tarmac on their quarry site and as well as providing a new home for Seal Scout Group, allowing expansion, it will also provide access to many exciting activities for all Scouts and other youth based organisations in our area with future access to the new leisure lake and plans for an indoor climbing and bouldering wall.

Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler, District Leadership Team

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 relate to a 12 month accounting period and are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £556,981 (2023 £173,102). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £63,627 in March 2024 (original purchase price £19,783). Post year end the restricted funds have been placed in long and short term deposits with Flagstone, a cash deposit platform, which enables distribution of the funds across various banks in order to manage risk.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 23/24 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

APPROVAL

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report on:

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

A Hitchings, District Chair

J Brookbank, District Leadership Team

DISTRICT ESTATES TEAM REPORT

Progress with the development of the new centre for scouting in Sevenoaks is ongoing. We are planning to be in a position to submit the detailed planning application later this year but this is dependent on the overall planning consent for the Sevenoaks Quarry development being finalised. The brief for the scheme has been settled and the intention is that the building will provide a new home for the Seal Scout Group together with various facilities for the rest of scouting in Sevenoaks. A design team has been appointed and the feasibility study is underway to determine an accurate cost estimate. The scout site in Jubilee Rise in Seal has been sold and this provides a good starting point for the fundraising that will be required if the new centre is going to contain all of the facilities planned. A professional fundraising consultant is being appointed to work with a fundraising committee that is being formed. The District Trustee Board are looking for more volunteers to assist with this exciting project both on a technical level and on the fundraising so if you are interested please contact Anthony Hitchings.

Nick Roberts , Estates Team Chair

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Youth Commissioner role has remained vacant this year and the search for youth representation on the executive committee is ongoing. This is an opportunity for somebody aged 18-25 to gain management experience that would reflect well on any CV. Mentoring and guidance will be provided. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested please let us know,

Chairman

EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION

Explorer Scouting in Sevenoaks for 2023 - 2024 was another year packed full of activities and camps that supported our mission in scouting to prepare young people with skills for life.

My thanks go to all the Explorer leaders across the district, who have done an outstanding job once again, and thanks also go to anyone who has provided help, whether occasionally or regularly during the year. We could not run the programmes we do without you.

Our 2024 census numbers showed we had a total of 109 Explorers in the District, supported by 16 Leaders. This is an increase on the previous census by 10 Explorers and 6 Adult helpers.

The below table shows the numbers per unit at the time of the census.

Unit	Numbers
Beaufighters	16
Holmesdale	36
Puxty	36
Knole	
Churchill (Young Leaders)	21

At the end of 2023, we said thanks and goodbye to Dave and Ben, after helping Duncan run the unit for several years, Dave and his partner relocated outside of the district and Ben, had to take a step back due to work commitments.

Therefore, we started 2024 by welcoming a new team of leaders at Holmesdale, Bekki, Tom, Millie, Josh, and Ian joined Duncan at the unit. We introduced a new leader rota system which meant an improved scout / work / life balance. In reflection, this has worked well, but there were some lessons to be learned, which the team will take forward into the next term.

At Beaufighters, we also said goodbye to Dr Jon Axon, like Dave and Ben, Jon had been a valuable member of the leadership team in Edenbridge for many years and thanks go to him for everything he contributed to the unit.

Fortunately we have been lucky enough to find and welcome Brandon Allen to the leadership team in the unit and they continue to deliver a quality programme for the Explorers.

Some of the activity highlights from the year include participation in the 2024 Monopoly Run. This year 60 of our Explorers were able to participate in the annual event around London in March.

The leaders also took a group of Explorers to the Big Weekend Camp at Lower Grange Farm, Maidstone and the Beaufighter members enjoyed a unit camp at Broadstone Warren.

Teams were also entered into the Winter Survival challenge. We had planned to enter two teams, but unfortunately, we had to withdraw one of them prior to the event due to illness.

However, George, Sam, Ollie, and Max did take part in the 40.1-mile hike, completing the course in 17 hours 28 minutes. This happened to be the fastest time, and they came home with the trophy!!



In May, 14 Explorers and 2 Leaders took to the air courtesy of the Kent Micro lighting team, this was the second time we had run this event, which despite a few postponements caused by waterlogged runways or bad weather was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

This year we also continued to offer participation in the Duke of Edinburgh award programme. Huge thanks go to Andy and Duncan, who are leading this for the district. The continued partnership with Tonbridge has allowed over 20 Explorers to work towards their bronze and silver awards.

As we look forward to the coming year, we are extremely excited and pleased to be opening another Explorer Unit in the District. The Knole unit will be opening in April 2024, meeting on a Monday evening in Weald.

We will also be taking a group of people to Bewl Water in September for an action-packed weekend of water-based activities as well as starting to plan our participation in the 2025 Kent International Jamboree.

Please remember to keep an eye on OSM and book to indicate interest in these events, doing so early will help us to make sure we have enough Leaders / Adults to safely allow us to participate.

Mike Randall, District Explorer Scout Leader. Mike will become our 18-25 leader moving forward

DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT REVIEW

The District has six active support units supporting specific activities, managed by Erik, our ADC Activities. All of which provided incredible support to the District camp, Mag7 as well as throughout the year.

- Archery ASU
- Climbing ASU
- Fencing ASU
- Rifle Shooting ASU
- Tomahawk ASU
- Water ASU

Additionally it has a small unit of people who continue to support scouting in the district. At the current time this unit does not have a manager.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

This past year (1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024) has been a remarkable period for the Sevenoaks Scout District, marked by successful events, international experiences, and advancements in our district's infrastructure.

One of the major highlights was the MAG7 camp, held in April 2023. This four-yearly event brought together scouts from across the district for a weekend filled with adventure and camaraderie. The camp introduced exciting new activity equipment, including laser tag and an expanded range of bubble football and zorb balls. These additions were well-received and will continue to enhance our district's activity offerings in the future.

In the summer of 2023, eight of our explorers had the incredible opportunity to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Korea. Although the event was unexpectedly cut short due to an evacuation from the site, our scouts and volunteers demonstrated resilience and adaptability, making the most of their time in Korea. The experience, while not what they had initially expected, was still a memorable one. Special thanks go to Rob, who served as a Unit Leader, and Max, and Felix, who joined me to contribute as members of the International Service Team. Their dedication exemplified the spirit of Scouting, and they returned with stories and experiences that will inspire many in our district.

We are excited to announce the near completion of our new district website, which is set to launch following final checks. This website features a revamped equipment booking system that includes automatic quoting, streamlining the process for everyone involved. Additionally, the website will offer a platform for activity notifications and approvals, as well as incident reporting. These enhancements are designed to make district operations more efficient and user-friendly, benefiting all our members.

Looking back, the progress we've made in the past year builds on the foundations laid during the previous reporting period. As we continue to expand and improve our activities, equipment, and infrastructure, we remain committed to providing the best possible experiences for our scouts and volunteers.

We look forward to another year of growth, adventure, and community.

Erik Barrow (Assistant District Commissioner Activities)

Volunteering Development Team

In our first year as a new District team, we've made significant strides in fostering a thriving volunteer community:

Welcoming New Volunteers: We've enhanced the onboarding experience to ensure new volunteers feel valued and supported from the start. This includes integrating the "Welcome Conversation" into the District Appointments process, involving a member of their new team or group.

Training and Development: We're committed to providing accessible training and resources so volunteers can excel in their roles. Nigel Rainey leads our dedicated sub-team in this area.

Volunteer Recruitment: Under Chris Barrow's leadership, we've formed a sub-team focused on attracting and recruiting new volunteers to meet the District's evolving needs.

Recognition and Appreciation: We're actively developing systems to acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable contributions of our volunteers. Jeanette Schwarz heads our new sub-team focused on managing and promoting volunteer awards.

Disclosures and Role Status

We've made considerable progress in ensuring all adult volunteers have a valid DBS before participating in Scouting activities. Throughout the year, we've taken proactive steps to suspend or close roles for 13 volunteers until their DBS was in place or their volunteer status was clarified.

Overall, we're proud of the foundation we've built and are excited to continue strengthening our volunteer community in the coming year.

Chris Barrow, Volunteering Development Team Leader

Training & Development Report

Training this year has been focusing on members getting their Safety and Safeguarding in place along with newer members completing their "Getting started" learning, before we transition to the new membership system. Also there has been a need for members' roles to be adjusted so that they would move over with the least problems as possible. After the transition we expect learning to be easier for everyone where the need for the full wood badge learning becomes an optional choice for our members. Adult members will be expected to complete learning that focuses on the Safety and Safeguarding of our member's young and old with further learning providing opportunities for learning how to programme plan. All this will be carrying on during the following year when it is hoped the transformation takes place late October and into November 2024.

Compliance

This is an ongoing activity, as we try to get all members of Kent County up to speed with their responsibilities of completing their learning again in Safety, Safeguarding and First aid. Each member is expected to renew this learning every 3 years from their last

completion date. Those that do not get this done are suspended from meetings and activities, for them to focus their time on getting the learning completed.

Nigel Rainey, Volunteering Development Team - Training & Development Lead

ADULT AWARDS

The following awards have been made in the District in the year ending 31st March 2024

Award for Merit

- Russell Porter

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

- Matt Podd

Commissioners Commendation for Good Service

- Mike Smith
- Nigel Hadley
- Olie Morgan
- Riana Taylor

Chief Scout's 40 years Service Award

- Thomas Crittenden

Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award

- Bernie Wright
- Julie Madden

Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award

- Mark Whittock

Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award

- Chris Thompson
- David Hitchings
- Michael Dreksler
- Nicholas Roberts
- Steve Kelley

- Will McCann

Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award

- Carl Ellmer
- Charlene Pounds
- Clair Doyle
- Jamie Finley
- John Baker
- Mike Smith
- Michael Richards
- Michael Holliman
- Shelley Williams

Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award

- Andrew Holness
- Ben Martyr
- Billy King
- Catherine McCall
- Chris Terrahe
- Chris Bechervaise
- Chris Brooker
- Claire Edmonds
- Lizzy Thompson
- Hayley Bechervaise
- Jennifer Baker-Hirst
- Jessica Fox
- Jon Axon
- Matthew Wheeler
- Paul Tibbert
- Philippe Marr
- Richard Bell
- Ruth Richman
- Samuel Sharp
- Stephen Burgess
- Stuart Toller
- Suzie Lovelock
- Suzanne Caskey
- Tina Lane

CENSUS

	2023											2024										
Group	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	YL	Ne	Ldr	Youth	Adults		Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	YL	Ne	Ldr	Youth	Adults	
District	0	0	0	0	99	0	21	7	120	31		0	0	0	0	109	0	20	41	129	41	
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	0	20	24	33	0	14	0	13	77	23		0	18	25	33	0	7	0	13	76	19	
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	0	22	66	72	0	19	0	31	160	37		5	34	73	82	0	25	0	37	194	44	
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	15	42	56	65	0	7	0	23	178	68		25	38	43	59	0	4	0	25	165	76	
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	0	15	15	19	0	2	0	7	49	14		0	16	21	16	0	1	0	7	53	14	
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	0	21	11	14	0	0	0	8	46	13		0	13	18	12	0	1	0	8	43	14	
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	0	15	18	14	0	1	0	3	47	15		0	15	11	16	0	1	0	4	42	13	
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	0	21	14	22	0	2	0	7	57	11		4	15	19	28	0	2	0	10	66	15	
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	0	36	23	30	0	3	0	23	89	32		0	34	19	25	0	4	0	20	78	27	
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	0	19	36	26	0	5	0	9	81	16		0	23	34	24	0	3	0	10	81	16	
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	0	13	17	19	0	1	0	8	49	13		0	19	22	18	0	1	0	8	59	14	
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	0	12	12	19	0	3	0	11	43	20		0	14	19	19	0	2	0	9	52	17	
District Totals	15	236	292	333	99	57	21	150	996	293		34	239	304	332	109	51	20	192	1038	310	

Sq = Squirrels, Be = Beavers, Cu = Cubs, Sc = Scouts, Ex = Explorers, YL = Explorer Young Leaders, Ne = Network, Ldr = Leaders and Section Assistants.

For the purposes of the census, Network members are included in the Youth total. Adults only include those with membership roles other than Network membership.

It is pleasing to note that our youth membership is over the 1,000 mark.

Michael Dreksler

DISTRICT UNIFORM SHOP

The shop has continued to flourish and orders are submitted every week during term time from almost every group in the district as well as new volunteers needing uniform reflecting the need for a local shop. As such we have found we need to increase our stock levels to accommodate the regular orders. We are also grateful for the additional support received from Trisha and Jamie Finley at the end of the financial year and for their commitment to join the team.

Please do ensure you share the website with new parents so we can continue to benefit from the revenue this adds to the district funds.

Bianca Steinhardt and Jade Roberts, Scout Shop Managers

Squirrels **BEAVERS** **cubs** **SCOUTS** **EXPLORERS** **network**

Registered Charity Number 303435 Scout Association Registered No. 12717

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2024

Notes		2023-24						2022-23	
		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL		TOTAL	
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
INCOME									
Subscriptions									
		54,804		0		54,804		51,815	
		3,461		0		3,461		2,352	
		(49,909)		0		(49,909)		(46,805)	
Net Membership Income	1		8,356		0		8,356		7,362
Activities									
	2	0		4,837		4,837		37,405	
	3	0		10,042		10,042		42,383	
	4	0		27		27		10,000	
		11,515		0		11,515		12,397	
		15,578		0		15,578		15,993	
	5	2,554		0		2,554		3,102	
		10		0		10		10	
	6	0		1,050		1,050		26	
Activities Income			29,657		15,956		45,614		121,316
Proceeds from Land sale	7		0		441,547		441,547		75,363
Investments									
			1,744		0		1,744		1,714
			0		0		0		35,768
Investment Income			1,744		0		1,744		37,482
GROSS INCOME			39,757		457,503		497,260		241,523
EXPENDITURE									
		0		(4,424)		(4,424)		(42,339)	
		0		(45,821)		(45,821)		(7,903)	
		(6,675)		0		(6,675)		(10,150)	
		0		(115)		(115)		(42,485)	
		(2,146)		0		(2,146)		(7,084)	
		(12,910)		0		(12,910)		(19,524)	
		(1,355)		0		(1,355)		(20,837)	
		(2,012)		0		(2,012)		(1,935)	
	8	(3,869)		0		(3,869)		(2,672)	
	9	(10,461)		0		(10,461)		(6,599)	
		(497)		0		(497)		(444)	
		(601)		0		(601)		(389)	
		0		(14,910)		(14,910)		(20,706)	
Total Operating Expense			(40,525)		(65,270)		(105,795)		(183,068)
Sale of Sundridge Land		0		0		0		(1,620)	
Sale of Seal HQ		0		(4,981)		(4,981)		(8,558)	
Total Property Expense			0		(4,981)		(4,981)		(10,178)
TOTAL EXPENSE			(40,525)		(70,250)		(110,776)		(193,246)
EXCESS INCOME			(768)		387,253		386,485		48,277
BANK BALANCES									
						172,102		104,526	
						386,485		48,277	
						(1,606)		235	
Cash Funds Carried Forward						556,981		172,102	

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1. Subscription income for 2024 was based on a membership of 1,018 (2023: 975) and also at an increased rate for HQ & County fees.
2. WSJ income and expenditure takes place over a 4 year cycle. Timing differences occur due to the advanced funding by District to allow payment of
3. Mag 7 income and expenses relates to our district camp that took place in April 2023. The final cost for this event is summarised here over a 3 year period:

B/f from previous Mag7	1,855
Income 2023	42,383
Marquee purchases 2023	(3,017)
Expenses 2023	(4,876)
Net Mag 7 in year to 2023	36,345
Income 2024	7,547
Crowd Funding 2024	2,495
Expenses 2024	(45,821)
Net Mag 7 in year to 2024	(35,779)
Final Mag 7 expenses 2025	(670)
Deficit of Expenditure over Income	(104)

4. Final balances relating to Kilimanjaro expedition in 2022 due to timing.
5. Activity income relates to District wide activities plus the use of District equipment by users outside of the District.
6. A grant was received from Sevenoaks Town Council in the year for the purchase of litter pickers. A donation was also received from the Round Table for Explorers litter picking post Fireworks event.
7. Sale of Seal HQ owned by SDSC as it was not longer viable to repair in order to raise funds for the rebuild of the District HQ. Related costs included professional fees associated with the sale and increasing the value by obtaining planning permission pre sale.
8. Insurance costs have increased due to a full year of cost for the additional equipment mostly purchased during the previous year, e.g. laser tag, zorbing
9. Other expenses includes the purchase of 2 containers to store District equipment.

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435 Scout Association Registered No. 12717

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2024

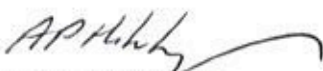
		2023-24 £'s	2022-23 £'s
	NOTES		
ASSETS			
Cash Fund			
Bank Current Account		30,284	32,659
Restricted Funds	1	526,696	139,443
Total Bank Account		556,981	172,102
Bank Deposit Account		1,000	1,000
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		557,981	173,102
Investment Assets			
Units In COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund		63,627	58,274
TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS		63,627	58,274
Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use			
Badge and Shop Stock		8,715	7,109
Land and Buildings		3,274	3,274
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE		11,989	10,383
TOTAL ASSETS		633,596	241,759
LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		633,596	241,759

Notes:

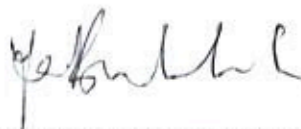
1. Restricted funds have grown again this year due to the sale proceeds of the SDSC HQ at Jubilee Rise. The proceeds from the sale of

Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees


A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 29/01/2025


J Brookbank, District Lead Volunteer

Date: 29/01/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEVENOAKS DISTRICT
SCOUT COUNCIL – Charity No. 303435

I report on the Accounts of the Sevenoaks District Scout Council for the period ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The District's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act) Act).
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, **no** matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act
 - b) to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - c) to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and the regulations made thereunder
2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Name:

Alan Copleston

Signature:



Qualification:

FCA

Address:

29 The Landway, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 6TG

Date:

29th January 2025

Accounts



DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1ST APRIL 2022 – 31ST MARCH 2023

including

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31 March 2023

(accompanying document)

Sevenoaks District Scout Council

Charity registered in England No: 303435

Scout Association registered No: 12717

Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2023

(Attached Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March, 2023)

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry

THE DISTRICT TRUSTEE BOARD:

Ex-Officio Members:

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Samantha Devenney
District Secretary	Nicola Crawford
District Leadership Team	Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler
District Youth Commissioners	Vacant
District Network Comm'r	Katie McCreadie
District Explorer Scout Comm'r	Mike Randall

Elected Members:

Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Nigel Rainey, Nick Roberts, William Morrish

DLTs Nominated Members:

Jennifer Baker-Hirst, David Martin, Ellen Murphy, Bianca Steinhardt

Co-opted Members:

None

SUB-COMMITTEES:

APPOINTMENTS:

Chris Barrow (Appointments Chairman) Nigel Rainey (Secretary),
Michael Schwarz, John Talbot, Jeanette Schwarz, Barry Sharp, Kelly Williams, Owen Compton, Tom McKeen, Hayley Bechervaise.

FINANCE:

Samantha Devenney, Jennifer Baker-Hirst and DC-Team

ESTATES:

Michael Schwarz; William Morrish and Nick Roberts

DISTRICT ROLES:

District Active Support Mgr	Vacancy
District Scout Shop Mgr	Ellen Murphy and Bianca Steinhardt
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	Vacancy
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Local Training Manager	Nigel Rainey
ADC Activities	Erik Barrow
District Beaver Team	Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nick Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy

Bankers

Lloyds TSB

Other adviser:

CCLA Investment Management Ltd

Charity contact:

Samantha Devenney, 35 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3PZ

Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

The Trustee Board exists to support the District Leadership team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Objectives and Activities

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 cooperate 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.

Annual Report 2022-23

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year saw a welcome return to face to face Scouting whilst still benefiting from some of our experiences gained thanks to being forced to be virtual. As an example our trustee board meetings when meeting face to face also included dial in options for those that wished to join remotely.

It is pleasing to report that once again, and thanks to the endeavours of Nigel Rainey and Chris Barrow that we are on top of our training for safety, safeguarding and also first aid. They have both reworked the welcome emails so as to ensure that the initial stages of onboarding volunteers are as smooth as possible. Erik Barrow as ADC Activities also developed a programme of minibus driver training using the MIDAS scheme with 15 trained to date.

Our ongoing programme of work from the estates team continues to make solid progress with an ultimate goal of a new district HQ with watersports, camping and other activities on the land Tarmac is developing. During this financial year, the estates team successfully sold off land at Sundridge that has not been used in recent years for Scouting. Conversations continued with Tarmac and progress was made on exploring options for the current Seal HQ. As we head into the new financial year, expect further progress with regards to the sale of land at Seal and the development of plans for a replacement Scout HQ.

Thanks to the successful application of grant funding, the district has been able to invest in equipment. The district benefited from Kent County Council Reconnect activity grants of some £16k that supported paddleboarding and equipment including zorb balls, circus skills equipment, remote control cars and much more. A series of paddleboard training sessions ran for leaders and since acquiring the paddleboards, these have been put to good use. It was great to see an activity day being run for Beavers and Cubs (and to know that plans are in place to repeat in 2024). A further CAF grant was received that was used to support paddleboarding, the purchase of a laser tag system and also those leaders attending World Scout Jamboree.

A storage container was sited at the Mill Lane HQ to act as a store for the newly acquired equipment.

During the course of the year, our insurance quotes were also refreshed to take into account the storage locations and value of new equipment.

A big thank you is needed to everyone who has supported the District during the year. It is not possible to say a thank you to all roles individually, but I do want to say a big thank you to Jeanette Schwarz for her continued dedication to ensuring badges are available so as to correctly reward achievements. Also to the team that has managed the Scout shop so well helping to ensure uniform is readily available

Anthony Hitchings, District Chairman

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

The start of our Scouting year in April 2022 was marked by our St George's Day parade, outdoor service and activities provided by each group. This was our first gathering as a whole district for 2 years and it was great to see so many back together again.

Throughout the past year the District has invested in a wide variety of activity equipment to support - primarily our district camp and activity days but also to support district, group and members fundraising. It has also meant an increase in time spent on the water for our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. We hope in the future, with more volunteers trained and involved, to extend this to the younger sections.

- Ninja lines,
- RC cars,
- Circus equipment,
- Traditional games
- Laser tag
- Zorbs
- Bubble/zorb footballs of all sizes
- Stand Up Paddle boards and supporting equipment
- Canoes
- etc

All groups in the District have taken part in nights away activities throughout the year and all groups took part in successful Summer camps with several taking part, as well as supporting or running activities, at Kent International Jamboree (KIJ).

This past year saw a return of the Plender Hike for Scouts (after an imposed delay of 3 years) and this time we had Explorers join the event too, walking in the opposite direction to the Scouts which was a great success encouraging and interacting with each other.

Our first Beaver and Cub activity day, with accompanying parents, was a fantastic day of adventure with lots of positive feedback.

Census results show Scouting is healthy across the District, however we still have too many young people on waiting lists not able to access Scouting. One group ended the year opening a Beaver colony which had been dormant for many years and we are keen to encourage new or expanded sections in the coming year. We are seeing a big demand for places in Squirrels and were delighted a 2nd Squirrel drey opened in February 2023 and it is growing to capacity. There are already plans in place for at least 2 more dreys at two more groups in the coming year.

We are all looking forward to our postponed District camp Mag 7 at the end of April 2023 with all groups and sections attending. We have been fortunate to have written for us a bespoke online booking system by Erik Barrow which has made administration of the event much simpler and this will be our largest camp yet with almost 600 young people in attendance.

Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler, District Leadership Team

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 relate to a 12 month accounting period and are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £173,102 (2021 £124,590). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £58,274 in March 2023 (original purchase price £19,783).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 22/23 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

Sam Devenney, District Treasurer

APPROVAL

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report on:

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

A Hitchings, District Chair

J Brookbank, District Leadership Team

DISTRICT ESTATES TEAM REPORT

During the last year the Estates Team have concentrated on securing planning consent for the redevelopment of the Seal Scout HQ in Jubilee Rise, Seal. This was to enable the sale of the site to achieve the maximum value so that funds could be generated to provide a new scouting facility for the Seal group and the wider Sevenoaks area. An agreement had previously been reached with Tarmac to transfer a large barn (together with associated land) which is located in Seal to the scouts which we would convert to create this new facility. The provision of the barn was subject to Tarmac obtaining planning consent for their major Sevenoaks Quarry scheme of which the barn forms part. After the year end Sevenoaks District Council resolved to grant planning consent for the Quarry Site and the process of finalising arrangements with Tarmac regarding the redevelopment of the Barn is underway.

Planning consent was granted by Sevenoaks District Council for the redevelopment of the Seal scout site to provide two 3 bedroom detached houses and associated parking etc. The Estates Team are now moving forward with plans to sell the site which should complete before the end of 2023.

If the Seal situation moves forward as we expect, next year will be a busy time for the Estates Team as we continue the process of realising the ambitions of the District Executive to provide a fantastic facility for scouting in Seal and the wider Sevenoaks area.

In the meantime the Estates Team are available to assist Groups in the district with any property related issues.

Nick Roberts , Estates Team Chair

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Youth Commissioner role has remained vacant this year and the search for youth representation on the executive committee is ongoing. This is an opportunity for somebody aged 18-25 to gain management experience that would reflect well on any CV. Mentoring and guidance will be provided. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested please let us know,

Chairman

EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION

Explorer Scouting in Sevenoaks for 2022 was another year packed full of activities and camps that supported our mission in Scouting of preparing young people with skills for life.

Before going into more detail, I personally want to express my thanks to anyone who has provided help, whether occasionally or regularly during the year. We could not run the programmes we do without you. We are always on the lookout for volunteers so if you are able to give up a couple of hours per month, please get in touch.

To all the Explorer leaders across our 3 units, once again, many thanks for everything you do, you have done an outstanding job, once again !!!!

Our 2023 census numbers showed we have a total of 99 Explorers in the District, supported by 9 Adult leaders. Of these we have 40 Explorer Scout Young Leaders,

people already giving their own time to support Squirrel Dreys, Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout troops across the district. This is fantastic as these young people will be the ones to take Scouting in the District into the future.

Our Holmesdale unit has 20 Explorers regularly meeting on a Tuesday in Riverhead. Our Puxty unit has 40 Explorers on the books, many of whom attend on a regular basis at Mill Lane on a Monday evening. Our Beaufighter unit in Edenbridge saw attendance grow throughout the year, now with regular participation from 8 / 9 explorers on a weekly basis.

All of the units across the district have been able to participate in a range of activities, some of which are listed below:

- Water Purification
- Movie Making
- Celebrating Chinese New Year
- Learning about diet and Nutrition.
- Axe Throwing
- Archery
- Backwoods Cooking
- Pizza Making
- Survival Skills

Of course there were plenty of traditional Scavenger hunts, hikes and wide games throughout the year as well !!!

As a district we again participated in national and county run activities such as the Monopoly Run in London, Winter Survival Weekend, Christmas Ice Skating and the Plender Hike made a welcome return to the district.

The major event of the year saw over half of our Explorers participate in the Kent International Jamboree. This is a week-long International camp held every four years. KIJ 2022 took place at the Kent County Showground in Detling and welcomed over 3,500 Scouts and Guides from around the world. The Explorers learnt many new skills as well as making new friends and got the opportunity to visit Hastings and London on the day trips.

All in all, another highly successful year for the Sevenoaks Explorers.

It would be remiss of me not to take a quick look at the summer of 2023, where the World Scout Jamboree will be taking place.

Sevenoaks have eight young people heading off to South Korea in the summer of 2023 for the adventure of a lifetime. There are three units from Kent attending and our young people are split across these units. In total there were 8 pre-camps to get everyone prepared for the Jamboree experience. The initial two pre-camps were attended by all young people attending from Kent (all 108!) so they could get to know everyone and then they were grouped into their individual units. Once into their units, the first priority was to come up with an identity, Unit 64 Zoo Lane, Unit 65 Dino-mite Donkeys & Unit 66 Vic-toria Sponges! Each participant has been busy raising funds for the Jamboree.

Fundraising events have included summer fetes, BBQs, sponsored walks, swimathons & cake sales. It has been a great effort by all.

Mike Randall, District Explorer Scout Commissioner

NETWORK SECTION

Katie coordinates the network section and helps them to be as self-organising as possible

Kate McCreddie, District Network Commissioner

DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT REVIEW

The District has six active support units supporting specific activities, managed by Erik, our ADC Activities

- Archery ASU
- Climbing ASU
- Fencing ASU
- Rifle Shooting ASU
- Tomahawk ASU
- Water ASU

Additionally it has a small unit of people who continue to support scouting in the district. At the current time this unit does not have a manager

Vacancy, Active Support Manager

ACTIVITIES REPORT

This year (1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023) we have started to ramp up our adventurous activities in the district after the previous period that was heavily affected by COVID-19 restrictions. We have successfully trained a number of new instructors for Archery, Fencing, and various watersports, ready for the MAG7 camp later this year.

A number of equipment purchases have been planned / started ready for MAG7 later this year, with those pieces of equipment being available beyond the camp to benefit the district as a whole.

We have made plans to revamp the district equipment booking system in light of the new equipment to make it easier to book equipment both internally and externally. This will also introduce a new credit system in the next reporting period to encourage volunteers to help with activities in return for credits to use on booking equipment.

In the summer of 2022 we successfully held our Kilimanjaro trip to Tanzania with 11 participants. 5 of the participants made it to the very top of the mountain, 3 to the crater rim, and the others had to drop out earlier on during the ascent night.

Later this year we have 8 participants, 3 IST, and 1 Unit leader from Sevenoaks going to the World Scout Jamboree. The team has been active this year in their fundraising and we hope that many scouters around the district have seen them out and supported them. We

hope that many groups can make use of these participants after the summer to come and tell them about their trip.

Erik Barrow (Assistant District Commissioner Activities)

APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Nigel Rainey filled in as Appointments Secretary for three months while Chris Barrow was on vacation and has agreed to continue in the role going forward. This will ensure we have better cover in the future.

We aim to start early implementation of the new “Warm Welcome” for adults joining Scouting across Sevenoaks. Appointment meetings will move away from an interview format to a less formal welcome.

All adults now receive a welcome email once they have been added to Compass, this includes everything they need to know about the appointments process, learning required for their role and useful information.

We plan to start inviting a colleague from their group to future meetings so that there will be a familiar face making the meeting less stressful. We will also be encouraging Line managers to implement a buddy system for new joiners.

Disclosures as of 9th April 2023

We have 3 Adults with expired Disclosures and 9 Adult roles needing to be renewed in the next 30 days.

Number	Status	Notes
8	Disclosure requested	Applications requested - Not started
4	Pending applicant information	Application in progress
1	Dispatched to DBS	Processing

Role Status

Number of roles in brackets:

The Scout association has added a new role of retired member, there are currently 5 retired members in the district.

Number	Status	Notes
8 Leader roles (-6 on last year)	Pre Provisional	These are roles that have not been approved and are a mix of Exec members, additional roles and leaders awaiting DBS/References prior to DC/Appointments Approval

32 Leader roles (-7 on last year)	Provisional	These are roles that have been approved but have not completed the required training for the role.
487 (+47) roles	Full	These are all full roles held by Adults in the District, this is not the number of Adults (Excludes Occasional helpers). Note: a lot of extra roles were added by Activities team

Compliance

We continue to work on ensuring that all Adults where their role requires, have valid Safety and Safeguarding training and the results show the positive work put in by everyone to achieve this.

Number	Training module	Notes
6 (+1 on last year)	Safeguarding	Adult roles that need to complete safeguarding
7 (+7 on last year)	Safety	Adult roles that need to complete their Safety

Chris Barrow, Appointments Advisory Committee Chairman

TRAINING REPORT

The ongoing compliance with training that is being pushed by The Scout Association has reaped some great rewards with Sevenoaks District having a small percentage of outstanding modules in this regard being needed. This has been a very good effort on behalf of those leaders requiring or renewing these modules, and I would like to thank them all for their efforts in getting this done.

Training will be undergoing some changes over the coming year with a full change to how it will progress expected to be implemented in March 2024, changing the emphasis away from compulsory training to voluntary, except where the core elements are there for all that require it, to ensure the safety and safeguarding of our young people and that of our adult volunteers.

Nigel Rainey, Local Training Manager

ADULT AWARDS

The following awards have been made in the District this year

Silver Acorn

- Jonathan Booth
- Nigel Rainey
- Rose Mears

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

- Jan Padgett

Award for Merit

- Ali Miller
- Anthony Hitchings
- Jo Brookbank
- Mark Whittock
- Michael Dreksler
- Nicholas Roberts
- Sheila Burgin

Chief Scout's 50 years Service Award

- John Talbot

Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award

- Adam Healey

Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award

- Graham Baldwin
- Paul Davis

Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award

- Anthony Hitchings
- Chris Barrow
- Mary Martin
- Owen Compton
- Stephanie Bailey

Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award

- Ian Manuel

- Nicholas Roberts
- Sarah Clubley

Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award

- Brigette Lincoln
- Dave Martin
- David Galloway
- Erik Barrow
- Jamie Grant
- Jo Brookbank
- Paul Bennett
- Roger Perkins

Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award

- Andy Mcewen
- Beth Silcox
- Catherine Lucas
- Charlotte Parkinson
- Eli Garrote Morales
- Emma Baker
- Fiona Robertson
- Helen De May
- James Hugill
- Jason Harvey
- John Rogers
- Kelly Williams
- Martin Maystone
- Matt Podd
- Nicola Blain
- Olie Morgan
- Paul Jones
- Riana Taylor
- Richard Jepson
- Susie Pascoe
- Thomas Souper
- Tom Mckeen

CENSUS

	2022								2023							
Group	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	YL	Ne	Ldr	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	YL	Ne	Ldr
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	0	20	20	38	0	0	0	13	0	20	24	33	0	0	0	13
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	0	17	73	68	0	0	0	31	0	22	66	72	0	0	0	31
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	15	45	46	65	0	0	0	19	15	42	56	65	0	0	0	23
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	0	23	15	15	0	0	0	5	0	15	15	19	0	0	0	7
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	0	20	10	14	0	0	0	9	0	21	11	14	0	0	0	8
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	0	15	21	20	0	0	0	5	0	15	18	14	0	0	0	3
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	0	11	18	22	0	0	0	6	0	21	14	22	0	0	0	7
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	0	34	21	32	0	0	0	21	0	36	23	30	0	0	0	23
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	0	20	37	18	0	0	0	9	0	19	36	26	0	0	0	9
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	0	10	9	17	0	0	0	5	0	13	17	19	0	0	0	8
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	0	20	17	16	0	0	0	13	0	12	12	19	0	0	0	11
District	0	0	0	0	63	40	14	7	0	0	0	0	78	21	21	7
District Totals	15	235	287	325	63	40	14	143	15	236	292	333	78	21	21	150

Census figures as of the end of January 2022 and 2023 respectively

Sq = Squirrels, Be = Beavers, Cu = Cubs, Sc = Scouts, Ex = Explorers, YL = Explorer Young Leaders, Ne = Network, Ldr = Leaders and Section Assistants.

Michael Dreksler

DISTRICT UNIFORM SHOP

As we are both new to scouting, this past year, Jo Brookbank has been mentoring and supporting us in taking on the management of the uniform shop as well as understanding the district and shop website.

The shop has had another successful year, with the stock and team being based at the 4th Scout Hut, Mill Lane. This means that collections can be made on any evening of the week as the site is always in use. There have however been some continued stock challenges. We should mention that Jeanette Schwarz has continued in her role as District Badge Secretary and this past year has seen a whole year of combined income and expenses for badges and uniform together.

Bianca Steinhardt and Ellen Chorley, Scout Shop Managers

Squirrels **BEAVERS** **cubs** **SCOUTS** **EXPLORERS** **network**

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435 Scout Association Registered No. 12717

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2023

Notes	2022-23						2021-22					
	Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
INCOME												
Subscriptions												
Subscriptions Received from Groups		51,815		0		51,815		48,359		0		48,359
Subscriptions Received from Explorers		2,352		0		2,352		3,402		0		3,402
Subscriptions Paid to National/County/District		(46,805)		0		(46,805)		(44,459)		0		(44,459)
Net Membership Income	1		7,362		0	7,362		7,302		0		7,302
Activities												
WSJ Income	2		0		0			0		7,127		7,127
Mag 7	3		0		42,383			0		0		0
Kilimanjaro	4		0		10,000			0		27,042		27,042
Badges and shop sales			12,397		0	12,397		15,570		0		15,570
Explorer Units			15,993		0	15,993		11,746		0		11,746
Activity Income	5		3,102		0	3,102		583		0		583
Seal HQ Recharge			10		0	10		10		0		10
Gift Aid Received			0		0	0		2,587		0		2,587
Other Income			26		0	26		0		0		0
Activities Income			31,528		89,788	121,316		30,496		34,169		64,665
Proceeds from Land sale	6		0		75,363	75,363		0		0		0
Investments												
Bank and Deposit Income			1,714		0	1,714		1,664		0		1,664
Donations			0		0	0		0		0		0
Other Grant Income	7		0		35,768	35,768		0		0		0
COVID Related Grant Income	8		0		0	0		0		10,667		10,667
Investment Income			1,714		35,768	37,482		1,664		10,667		12,331
GROSS INCOME			40,605		200,918	241,523		39,462		44,836		84,298
EXPENDITURE												
WSJ Fees			0		(42,339)	(42,339)		0		(6,002)		(6,002)
Mag 7			0		(7,903)	(7,903)		0		0		0
Scout Shop and Badge Costs			(10,150)		0	(10,150)		(13,227)		0		(13,227)
Kilimanjaro			0		(42,485)	(42,485)		0		(9,170)		(9,170)
Activity Expenses			(7,084)		0	(7,084)		(5,180)		0		(5,180)
Explorers Units			(19,524)		0	(19,524)		(13,577)		0		(13,577)
Activity Equipment	9		(20,837)		0	(20,837)		(6,568)		0		(6,568)
Online Scout Manager			(1,935)		0	(1,935)		(1,548)		0		(1,548)
Insurance	10		(2,672)		0	(2,672)		(1,625)		0		(1,625)
Other Expenses			(6,599)		0	(6,599)		(1,723)		0		(1,723)
Utilities and Seal HQ Expenses			(444)		0	(444)		(713)		0		(713)
Bank Charges			0		0	0		(192)		0		(192)
Gift Aid repaid			0		0	0		0		(2,268)		(2,268)
Printing and Computing			(389)		0	(389)		(334)		0		(334)
Allowable Grant spend			0		(20,706)	(20,706)		0		0		0
Total Operating Expense			(69,635)		(113,433)	(183,068)		(44,687)		(17,440)		(62,127)
Sale of Sundridge Land			0		(1,620)	(1,620)		0		0		0
Sale of Seal HQ			0		(8,558)	(8,558)		0		(1,770)		(1,770)
Total Property Expense			0		(10,178)	(10,178)		0		(1,770)		(1,770)
TOTAL EXPENSE			(69,635)		(123,611)	(193,246)		(44,687)		(19,210)		(63,897)
EXCESS INCOME			(29,031)		77,307	48,277		(5,225)		25,626		20,401
BANK BALANCES												
Cash Funds Brought Forward						123,590						104,526
Excess Income for the Year						48,277						20,401
Expenditure on Stock						235						(1,338)
Cash Funds Carried Forward						172,102						123,590
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL												

NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1. Subscription income for 2023 was based on a membership of 975, an increase of 10 from FY22 (965)

2. WSJ income totals £44,532 across the 2 years. There are further installments to be received in FY24 prior to the trip in August '23 which will cover the expenses listed above. District funds allow for advance payment of costs prior to recovering income, and has also provided financial support from income secured through Grants for this event

3. Mag 7 income relates to installment payments for the event in May of 2023. The cost for this event will be reported in FY24 along with further instalment payments, the final financial outcome of this event will be reported in FY24

4. The income relating to Kilimanjaro is a combination of Participant payments and other fundraising

	2023	2022	2021
Participant Instalments	10,000	26,500	10,750
District Funding			2,500
Other fundraising		542	2,006

The District has supported 2 district wide online fundraising ventures during Covid, Kilimanjaro and Climate Quest. Cost reported in Annual accounts sum to (£53,809). The final balance of the net proceeds will be reported in FY24 Accounts

5. Activity income relates to District wide activities and the use of District equipment such as Silent Disco sets and water based activities

6. It was decided in the year to sell land owned by SDSC in Sundridge in order to raise funds for the rebuild of the District HQ, these are the proceeds of sale. Related costs totalled £1,620 and were related to Legal and Auctioneers fees plus a payment to TSA

7. A number of Grants have been awarded this year to support Scouting in the area. The Grants are as follows:

CAF Grant	15,000
Activity Day	7,990
Paddlboarding	7,878
Explorers	4,400
TSA Early Years Grant	500

The CAF Grant has been spent at the discretion of SDSC and includes investment in equipment for the purpose of District wide activities such as Laser Tag plus supporting our WSJ leaders - some of these funds have been spent post the year end so will fall into FY24 accounts

The Activity Day and Paddleboarding grants had specific restrictions on the spend for the purposes of activities in the District. These conditions have been met and the monies spent appropriately

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435 Scout Association Registered No. 12717

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2023

		2022-23 £'s	2021-22 £'s
	NOTES		
ASSETS			
Cash Fund			
Bank Current Account		32,659	61,454
Restricted Funds	1	139,443	62,136
Total Bank Account		172,102	123,590
Bank Deposit Account		1,000	1,000
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		173,102	124,590
Investment Assets			
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund		58,274	60,544
TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS		58,274	60,544
Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use			
Badge and Shop Stock		7,109	7,344
Land and Buildings		3,274	3,274
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE		10,383	10,618
TOTAL ASSETS		241,759	195,752
LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		241,759	195,752

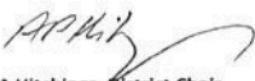
Notes:

1.) Restricted funds have grown again this year due to events such as Kilimanjaro, WSJ and Mag 7. In addition we have

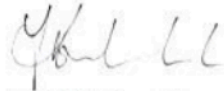
Post Balance Sheet Event: The SDSC HQ at Jubilee Rise is currently under offer of sale, we expect the sale to complete in the FY24 Accounting year. The proceeds from the sale of the property are to be invested in a new District HQ and to significantly enhance Scouting provisions in the District

Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees


A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 13/2/24


J Brookbank, District Commissioner

Date: 13/2/24



DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1ST APRIL 2022 – 31ST MARCH 2023

including

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31 March 2023

(accompanying document)

Sevenoaks District Scout Council

Charity registered in England No: 303435

Scout Association registered No: 12717

Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2023

(Attached Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March, 2023)

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry

THE DISTRICT TRUSTEE BOARD:

Ex-Officio Members:

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Samantha Devenney
District Secretary	Nicola Crawford
District Leadership Team	Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler
District Youth Commissioners	Vacant
District Network Comm'r	Katie McCreadie
District Explorer Scout Comm'r	Mike Randall

Elected Members:

Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Nigel Rainey, Nick Roberts, William Morrish

DLTs Nominated Members:

Jennifer Baker-Hirst, David Martin, Ellen Murphy, Bianca Steinhardt

Co-opted Members:

None

SUB-COMMITTEES:

APPOINTMENTS:

Chris Barrow (Appointments Chairman) Nigel Rainey (Secretary),
Michael Schwarz, John Talbot, Jeanette Schwarz, Barry Sharp, Kelly Williams, Owen Compton, Tom McKeen, Hayley Bechervaise.

FINANCE:

Samantha Devenney, Jennifer Baker-Hirst and DC-Team

ESTATES:

Michael Schwarz; William Morrish and Nick Roberts

DISTRICT ROLES:

District Active Support Mgr	Vacancy
District Scout Shop Mgr	Ellen Murphy and Bianca Steinhardt
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	Vacancy
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Local Training Manager	Nigel Rainey
ADC Activities	Erik Barrow
District Beaver Team	Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nick Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy

Bankers

Lloyds TSB

Other adviser:

CCLA Investment Management Ltd

Charity contact:

Samantha Devenney, 35 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3PZ

Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

The Trustee Board exists to support the District Leadership team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Objectives and Activities

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 cooperate 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.

Annual Report 2022-23

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year saw a welcome return to face to face Scouting whilst still benefiting from some of our experiences gained thanks to being forced to be virtual. As an example our trustee board meetings when meeting face to face also included dial in options for those that wished to join remotely.

It is pleasing to report that once again, and thanks to the endeavours of Nigel Rainey and Chris Barrow that we are on top of our training for safety, safeguarding and also first aid. They have both reworked the welcome emails so as to ensure that the initial stages of onboarding volunteers are as smooth as possible. Erik Barrow as ADC Activities also developed a programme of minibus driver training using the MIDAS scheme with 15 trained to date.

Our ongoing programme of work from the estates team continues to make solid progress with an ultimate goal of a new district HQ with watersports, camping and other activities on the land Tarmac is developing. During this financial year, the estates team successfully sold off land at Sundridge that has not been used in recent years for Scouting. Conversations continued with Tarmac and progress was made on exploring options for the current Seal HQ. As we head into the new financial year, expect further progress with regards to the sale of land at Seal and the development of plans for a replacement Scout HQ.

Thanks to the successful application of grant funding, the district has been able to invest in equipment. The district benefited from Kent County Council Reconnect activity grants of some £16k that supported paddleboarding and equipment including zorb balls, circus skills equipment, remote control cars and much more. A series of paddleboard training sessions ran for leaders and since acquiring the paddleboards, these have been put to good use. It was great to see an activity day being run for Beavers and Cubs (and to know that plans are in place to repeat in 2024). A further CAF grant was received that was used to support paddleboarding, the purchase of a laser tag system and also those leaders attending World Scout Jamboree.

A storage container was sited at the Mill Lane HQ to act as a store for the newly acquired equipment.

During the course of the year, our insurance quotes were also refreshed to take into account the storage locations and value of new equipment.

A big thank you is needed to everyone who has supported the District during the year. It is not possible to say a thank you to all roles individually, but I do want to say a big thank you to Jeanette Schwarz for her continued dedication to ensuring badges are available so as to correctly reward achievements. Also to the team that has managed the Scout shop so well helping to ensure uniform is readily available

Anthony Hitchings, District Chairman

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

The start of our Scouting year in April 2022 was marked by our St George's Day parade, outdoor service and activities provided by each group. This was our first gathering as a whole district for 2 years and it was great to see so many back together again.

Throughout the past year the District has invested in a wide variety of activity equipment to support - primarily our district camp and activity days but also to support district, group and members fundraising. It has also meant an increase in time spent on the water for our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. We hope in the future, with more volunteers trained and involved, to extend this to the younger sections.

- Ninja lines,
- RC cars,
- Circus equipment,
- Traditional games
- Laser tag
- Zorbs
- Bubble/zorb footballs of all sizes
- Stand Up Paddle boards and supporting equipment
- Canoes
- etc

All groups in the District have taken part in nights away activities throughout the year and all groups took part in successful Summer camps with several taking part, as well as supporting or running activities, at Kent International Jamboree (KIJ).

This past year saw a return of the Plender Hike for Scouts (after an imposed delay of 3 years) and this time we had Explorers join the event too, walking in the opposite direction to the Scouts which was a great success encouraging and interacting with each other.

Our first Beaver and Cub activity day, with accompanying parents, was a fantastic day of adventure with lots of positive feedback.

Census results show Scouting is healthy across the District, however we still have too many young people on waiting lists not able to access Scouting. One group ended the year opening a Beaver colony which had been dormant for many years and we are keen to encourage new or expanded sections in the coming year. We are seeing a big demand for places in Squirrels and were delighted a 2nd Squirrel drey opened in February 2023 and it is growing to capacity. There are already plans in place for at least 2 more dreys at two more groups in the coming year.

We are all looking forward to our postponed District camp Mag 7 at the end of April 2023 with all groups and sections attending. We have been fortunate to have written for us a bespoke online booking system by Erik Barrow which has made administration of the event much simpler and this will be our largest camp yet with almost 600 young people in attendance.

Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler, District Leadership Team

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 relate to a 12 month accounting period and are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £173,102 (2021 £124,590). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £58,274 in March 2023 (original purchase price £19,783).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 22/23 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

Sam Devenney, District Treasurer

APPROVAL

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report on:

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

A Hitchings, District Chair

J Brookbank, District Leadership Team

DISTRICT ESTATES TEAM REPORT

During the last year the Estates Team have concentrated on securing planning consent for the redevelopment of the Seal Scout HQ in Jubilee Rise, Seal. This was to enable the sale of the site to achieve the maximum value so that funds could be generated to provide a new scouting facility for the Seal group and the wider Sevenoaks area. An agreement had previously been reached with Tarmac to transfer a large barn (together with associated land) which is located in Seal to the scouts which we would convert to create this new facility. The provision of the barn was subject to Tarmac obtaining planning consent for their major Sevenoaks Quarry scheme of which the barn forms part. After the year end Sevenoaks District Council resolved to grant planning consent for the Quarry Site and the process of finalising arrangements with Tarmac regarding the redevelopment of the Barn is underway.

Planning consent was granted by Sevenoaks District Council for the redevelopment of the Seal scout site to provide two 3 bedroom detached houses and associated parking etc. The Estates Team are now moving forward with plans to sell the site which should complete before the end of 2023.

If the Seal situation moves forward as we expect, next year will be a busy time for the Estates Team as we continue the process of realising the ambitions of the District Executive to provide a fantastic facility for scouting in Seal and the wider Sevenoaks area.

In the meantime the Estates Team are available to assist Groups in the district with any property related issues.

Nick Roberts , Estates Team Chair

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Youth Commissioner role has remained vacant this year and the search for youth representation on the executive committee is ongoing. This is an opportunity for somebody aged 18-25 to gain management experience that would reflect well on any CV. Mentoring and guidance will be provided. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested please let us know,

Chairman

EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION

Explorer Scouting in Sevenoaks for 2022 was another year packed full of activities and camps that supported our mission in Scouting of preparing young people with skills for life.

Before going into more detail, I personally want to express my thanks to anyone who has provided help, whether occasionally or regularly during the year. We could not run the programmes we do without you. We are always on the lookout for volunteers so if you are able to give up a couple of hours per month, please get in touch.

To all the Explorer leaders across our 3 units, once again, many thanks for everything you do, you have done an outstanding job, once again !!!!

Our 2023 census numbers showed we have a total of 99 Explorers in the District, supported by 9 Adult leaders. Of these we have 40 Explorer Scout Young Leaders,

people already giving their own time to support Squirrel Dreys, Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout troops across the district. This is fantastic as these young people will be the ones to take Scouting in the District into the future.

Our Holmesdale unit has 20 Explorers regularly meeting on a Tuesday in Riverhead. Our Puxty unit has 40 Explorers on the books, many of whom attend on a regular basis at Mill Lane on a Monday evening. Our Beaufighter unit in Edenbridge saw attendance grow throughout the year, now with regular participation from 8 / 9 explorers on a weekly basis.

All of the units across the district have been able to participate in a range of activities, some of which are listed below:

- Water Purification
- Movie Making
- Celebrating Chinese New Year
- Learning about diet and Nutrition.
- Axe Throwing
- Archery
- Backwoods Cooking
- Pizza Making
- Survival Skills

Of course there were plenty of traditional Scavenger hunts, hikes and wide games throughout the year as well !!!

As a district we again participated in national and county run activities such as the Monopoly Run in London, Winter Survival Weekend, Christmas Ice Skating and the Plender Hike made a welcome return to the district.

The major event of the year saw over half of our Explorers participate in the Kent International Jamboree. This is a week-long International camp held every four years. KIJ 2022 took place at the Kent County Showground in Detling and welcomed over 3,500 Scouts and Guides from around the world. The Explorers learnt many new skills as well as making new friends and got the opportunity to visit Hastings and London on the day trips.

All in all, another highly successful year for the Sevenoaks Explorers.

It would be remiss of me not to take a quick look at the summer of 2023, where the World Scout Jamboree will be taking place.

Sevenoaks have eight young people heading off to South Korea in the summer of 2023 for the adventure of a lifetime. There are three units from Kent attending and our young people are split across these units. In total there were 8 pre-camps to get everyone prepared for the Jamboree experience. The initial two pre-camps were attended by all young people attending from Kent (all 108!) so they could get to know everyone and then they were grouped into their individual units. Once into their units, the first priority was to come up with an identity, Unit 64 Zoo Lane, Unit 65 Dino-mite Donkeys & Unit 66 Vic-toria Sponges! Each participant has been busy raising funds for the Jamboree.

Fundraising events have included summer fetes, BBQs, sponsored walks, swimathons & cake sales. It has been a great effort by all.

Mike Randall, District Explorer Scout Commissioner

NETWORK SECTION

Katie coordinates the network section and helps them to be as self-organising as possible

Kate McCreddie, District Network Commissioner

DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT REVIEW

The District has six active support units supporting specific activities, managed by Erik, our ADC Activities

- Archery ASU
- Climbing ASU
- Fencing ASU
- Rifle Shooting ASU
- Tomahawk ASU
- Water ASU

Additionally it has a small unit of people who continue to support scouting in the district. At the current time this unit does not have a manager

Vacancy, Active Support Manager

ACTIVITIES REPORT

This year (1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023) we have started to ramp up our adventurous activities in the district after the previous period that was heavily affected by COVID-19 restrictions. We have successfully trained a number of new instructors for Archery, Fencing, and various watersports, ready for the MAG7 camp later this year.

A number of equipment purchases have been planned / started ready for MAG7 later this year, with those pieces of equipment being available beyond the camp to benefit the district as a whole.

We have made plans to revamp the district equipment booking system in light of the new equipment to make it easier to book equipment both internally and externally. This will also introduce a new credit system in the next reporting period to encourage volunteers to help with activities in return for credits to use on booking equipment.

In the summer of 2022 we successfully held our Kilimanjaro trip to Tanzania with 11 participants. 5 of the participants made it to the very top of the mountain, 3 to the crater rim, and the others had to drop out earlier on during the ascent night.

Later this year we have 8 participants, 3 IST, and 1 Unit leader from Sevenoaks going to the World Scout Jamboree. The team has been active this year in their fundraising and we hope that many scouters around the district have seen them out and supported them. We

hope that many groups can make use of these participants after the summer to come and tell them about their trip.

Erik Barrow (Assistant District Commissioner Activities)

APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Nigel Rainey filled in as Appointments Secretary for three months while Chris Barrow was on vacation and has agreed to continue in the role going forward. This will ensure we have better cover in the future.

We aim to start early implementation of the new “Warm Welcome” for adults joining Scouting across Sevenoaks. Appointment meetings will move away from an interview format to a less formal welcome.

All adults now receive a welcome email once they have been added to Compass, this includes everything they need to know about the appointments process, learning required for their role and useful information.

We plan to start inviting a colleague from their group to future meetings so that there will be a familiar face making the meeting less stressful. We will also be encouraging Line managers to implement a buddy system for new joiners.

Disclosures as of 9th April 2023

We have 3 Adults with expired Disclosures and 9 Adult roles needing to be renewed in the next 30 days.

Number	Status	Notes
8	Disclosure requested	Applications requested - Not started
4	Pending applicant information	Application in progress
1	Dispatched to DBS	Processing

Role Status

Number of roles in brackets:

The Scout association has added a new role of retired member, there are currently 5 retired members in the district.

Number	Status	Notes
8 Leader roles (-6 on last year)	Pre Provisional	These are roles that have not been approved and are a mix of Exec members, additional roles and leaders awaiting DBS/References prior to DC/Appointments Approval

32 Leader roles (-7 on last year)	Provisional	These are roles that have been approved but have not completed the required training for the role.
487 (+47) roles	Full	These are all full roles held by Adults in the District, this is not the number of Adults (Excludes Occasional helpers). Note: a lot of extra roles were added by Activities team

Compliance

We continue to work on ensuring that all Adults where their role requires, have valid Safety and Safeguarding training and the results show the positive work put in by everyone to achieve this.

Number	Training module	Notes
6 (+1 on last year)	Safeguarding	Adult roles that need to complete safeguarding
7 (+7 on last year)	Safety	Adult roles that need to complete their Safety

Chris Barrow, Appointments Advisory Committee Chairman

TRAINING REPORT

The ongoing compliance with training that is being pushed by The Scout Association has reaped some great rewards with Sevenoaks District having a small percentage of outstanding modules in this regard being needed. This has been a very good effort on behalf of those leaders requiring or renewing these modules, and I would like to thank them all for their efforts in getting this done.

Training will be undergoing some changes over the coming year with a full change to how it will progress expected to be implemented in March 2024, changing the emphasis away from compulsory training to voluntary, except where the core elements are there for all that require it, to ensure the safety and safeguarding of our young people and that of our adult volunteers.

Nigel Rainey, Local Training Manager

ADULT AWARDS

The following awards have been made in the District this year

Silver Acorn

- Jonathan Booth
- Nigel Rainey
- Rose Mears

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

- Jan Padgett

Award for Merit

- Ali Miller
- Anthony Hitchings
- Jo Brookbank
- Mark Whittock
- Michael Dreksler
- Nicholas Roberts
- Sheila Burgin

Chief Scout's 50 years Service Award

- John Talbot

Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award

- Adam Healey

Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award

- Graham Baldwin
- Paul Davis

Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award

- Anthony Hitchings
- Chris Barrow
- Mary Martin
- Owen Compton
- Stephanie Bailey

Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award

- Ian Manuel

- Nicholas Roberts
- Sarah Clubley

Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award

- Brigette Lincoln
- Dave Martin
- David Galloway
- Erik Barrow
- Jamie Grant
- Jo Brookbank
- Paul Bennett
- Roger Perkins

Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award

- Andy Mcewen
- Beth Silcox
- Catherine Lucas
- Charlotte Parkinson
- Eli Garrote Morales
- Emma Baker
- Fiona Robertson
- Helen De May
- James Hugill
- Jason Harvey
- John Rogers
- Kelly Williams
- Martin Maystone
- Matt Podd
- Nicola Blain
- Olie Morgan
- Paul Jones
- Riana Taylor
- Richard Jepson
- Susie Pascoe
- Thomas Souper
- Tom Mckeen

CENSUS

	2022								2023							
Group	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	YL	Ne	Ldr	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	YL	Ne	Ldr
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	0	20	20	38	0	0	0	13	0	20	24	33	0	0	0	13
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	0	17	73	68	0	0	0	31	0	22	66	72	0	0	0	31
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	15	45	46	65	0	0	0	19	15	42	56	65	0	0	0	23
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	0	23	15	15	0	0	0	5	0	15	15	19	0	0	0	7
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	0	20	10	14	0	0	0	9	0	21	11	14	0	0	0	8
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	0	15	21	20	0	0	0	5	0	15	18	14	0	0	0	3
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	0	11	18	22	0	0	0	6	0	21	14	22	0	0	0	7
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	0	34	21	32	0	0	0	21	0	36	23	30	0	0	0	23
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	0	20	37	18	0	0	0	9	0	19	36	26	0	0	0	9
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	0	10	9	17	0	0	0	5	0	13	17	19	0	0	0	8
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	0	20	17	16	0	0	0	13	0	12	12	19	0	0	0	11
District	0	0	0	0	63	40	14	7	0	0	0	0	78	21	21	7
District Totals	15	235	287	325	63	40	14	143	15	236	292	333	78	21	21	150

Census figures as of the end of January 2022 and 2023 respectively

Sq = Squirrels, Be = Beavers, Cu = Cubs, Sc = Scouts, Ex = Explorers, YL = Explorer Young Leaders, Ne = Network, Ldr = Leaders and Section Assistants.

Michael Dreksler

DISTRICT UNIFORM SHOP

As we are both new to scouting, this past year, Jo Brookbank has been mentoring and supporting us in taking on the management of the uniform shop as well as understanding the district and shop website.

The shop has had another successful year, with the stock and team being based at the 4th Scout Hut, Mill Lane. This means that collections can be made on any evening of the week as the site is always in use. There have however been some continued stock challenges. We should mention that Jeanette Schwarz has continued in her role as District Badge Secretary and this past year has seen a whole year of combined income and expenses for badges and uniform together.

Bianca Steinhardt and Ellen Chorley, Scout Shop Managers

Squirrels **BEAVERS** **cubs** **SCOUTS** **EXPLORERS** **network**

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435 Scout Association Registered No. 12717

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31st March 2023

Notes	2022-23						2021-22					
	Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
INCOME												
Subscriptions												
Subscriptions Received from Groups		51,815		0		51,815		48,359		0		48,359
Subscriptions Received from Explorers		2,352		0		2,352		3,402		0		3,402
Subscriptions Paid to National/County/District		(46,805)		0		(46,805)		(44,459)		0		(44,459)
Net Membership Income	1		7,362		0	7,362		7,302		0		7,302
Activities												
WSJ Income	2		0		0			0		7,127		7,127
Mag 7	3		0		42,383			0		0		0
Kilimanjaro	4		0		10,000			0		27,042		27,042
Badges and shop sales			12,397		0	12,397		15,570		0		15,570
Explorer Units			15,993		0	15,993		11,746		0		11,746
Activity Income	5		3,102		0	3,102		583		0		583
Seal HQ Recharge			10		0	10		10		0		10
Gift Aid Received			0		0	0		2,587		0		2,587
Other Income			26		0	26		0		0		0
Activities Income			31,528		89,788	121,316		30,496		34,169		64,665
Proceeds from Land sale	6		0		75,363	75,363		0		0		0
Investments												
Bank and Deposit Income			1,714		0	1,714		1,664		0		1,664
Donations			0		0	0		0		0		0
Other Grant Income	7		0		35,768	35,768		0		0		0
COVID Related Grant Income	8		0		0	0		0		10,667		10,667
Investment Income			1,714		35,768	37,482		1,664		10,667		12,331
GROSS INCOME			40,605		200,918	241,523		39,462		44,836		84,298
EXPENDITURE												
WSJ Fees			0		(42,339)	(42,339)		0		(6,002)		(6,002)
Mag 7			0		(7,903)	(7,903)		0		0		0
Scout Shop and Badge Costs			(10,150)		0	(10,150)		(13,227)		0		(13,227)
Kilimanjaro			0		(42,485)	(42,485)		0		(9,170)		(9,170)
Activity Expenses			(7,084)		0	(7,084)		(5,180)		0		(5,180)
Explorers Units			(19,524)		0	(19,524)		(13,577)		0		(13,577)
Activity Equipment	9		(20,837)		0	(20,837)		(6,568)		0		(6,568)
Online Scout Manager			(1,935)		0	(1,935)		(1,548)		0		(1,548)
Insurance	10		(2,672)		0	(2,672)		(1,625)		0		(1,625)
Other Expenses			(6,599)		0	(6,599)		(1,723)		0		(1,723)
Utilities and Seal HQ Expenses			(444)		0	(444)		(713)		0		(713)
Bank Charges			0		0	0		(192)		0		(192)
Gift Aid repaid			0		0	0		0		(2,268)		(2,268)
Printing and Computing			(389)		0	(389)		(334)		0		(334)
Allowable Grant spend			0		(20,706)	(20,706)		0		0		0
Total Operating Expense			(69,635)		(113,433)	(183,068)		(44,687)		(17,440)		(62,127)
Sale of Sundridge Land			0		(1,620)	(1,620)		0		0		0
Sale of Seal HQ			0		(8,558)	(8,558)		0		(1,770)		(1,770)
Total Property Expense			0		(10,178)	(10,178)		0		(1,770)		(1,770)
TOTAL EXPENSE			(69,635)		(123,611)	(193,246)		(44,687)		(19,210)		(63,897)
EXCESS INCOME			(29,031)		77,307	48,277		(5,225)		25,626		20,401
BANK BALANCES												
Cash Funds Brought Forward						123,590						104,526
Excess Income for the Year						48,277						20,401
Expenditure on Stock						235						(1,338)
Cash Funds Carried Forward						172,102						123,590
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL												

NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1. Subscription income for 2023 was based on a membership of 975, an increase of 10 from FY22 (965)

2. WSJ income totals £44,532 across the 2 years. There are further installments to be received in FY24 prior to the trip in August '23 which will cover the expenses listed above. District funds allow for advance payment of costs prior to recovering income, and has also provided financial support from income secured through Grants for this event

3. Mag 7 income relates to installment payments for the event in May of 2023. The cost for this event will be reported in FY24 along with further instalment payments, the final financial outcome of this event will be reported in FY24

4. The income relating to Kilimanjaro is a combination of Participant payments and other fundraising

	2023	2022	2021
Participant Instalments	10,000	26,500	10,750
District Funding			2,500
Other fundraising		542	2,006

The District has supported 2 district wide online fundraising ventures during Covid, Kilimanjaro and Climate Quest. Cost reported in Annual accounts sum to (£53,809). The final balance of the net proceeds will be reported in FY24 Accounts

5. Activity income relates to District wide activities and the use of District equipment such as Silent Disco sets and water based activities

6. It was decided in the year to sell land owned by SDSC in Sundridge in order to raise funds for the rebuild of the District HQ, these are the proceeds of sale. Related costs totalled £1,620 and were related to Legal and Auctioneers fees plus a payment to TSA

7. A number of Grants have been awarded this year to support Scouting in the area. The Grants are as follows:

CAF Grant	15,000
Activity Day	7,990
Paddlboarding	7,878
Explorers	4,400
TSA Early Years Grant	500

The CAF Grant has been spent at the discretion of SDSC and includes investment in equipment for the purpose of District wide activities such as Laser Tag plus supporting our WSJ leaders - some of these funds have been spent post the year end so will fall into FY24 accounts

The Activity Day and Paddleboarding grants had specific restrictions on the spend for the purposes of activities in the District. These conditions have been met and the monies spent appropriately

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435 Scout Association Registered No. 12717

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2023

		2022-23 £'s	2021-22 £'s
	NOTES		
ASSETS			
Cash Fund			
Bank Current Account		32,659	61,454
Restricted Funds	1	139,443	62,136
Total Bank Account		172,102	123,590
Bank Deposit Account		1,000	1,000
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		173,102	124,590
Investment Assets			
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund		58,274	60,544
TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS		58,274	60,544
Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use			
Badge and Shop Stock		7,109	7,344
Land and Buildings		3,274	3,274
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE		10,383	10,618
TOTAL ASSETS		241,759	195,752
LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		241,759	195,752

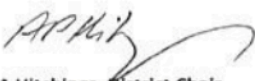
Notes:

1.) Restricted funds have grown again this year due to events such as Kilimanjaro, WSJ and Mag 7. In addition we have

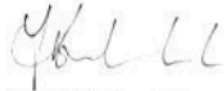
Post Balance Sheet Event: The SDSC HQ at Jubilee Rise is currently under offer of sale, we expect the sale to complete in the FY24 Accounting year. The proceeds from the sale of the property are to be invested in a new District HQ and to significantly enhance Scouting provisions in the District

Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees


A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 13/2/24


J Brookbank, District Commissioner

Date: 13/2/24

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEVENOAKS DISTRICT
SCOUT COUNCIL – Charity No. 303435

I report on the Accounts of the Sevenoaks District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The District's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act) Act).
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, **no** matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act
 - b) to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - c) to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and the regulations made thereunder
2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Name:

Alan Copleston

Signature:



Qualification:

FCA

Address:

29 The Landway, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 6TG

Date:

4th December 2023

Accounts



DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1ST APRIL 2021 – 31ST MARCH 2022

including

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31 March 2022

(accompanying document)

Sevenoaks District Scout Council

Charity registered in England No: 303435

Scout Association registered No: 12717

Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2022

(Attached Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March, 2022)

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry
VICE-PRESIDENT: David Reburn

THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Ex-Officio Members:

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Samantha Devenney
District Secretary	Nicola Crawford
District Commissioners	Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler
District Youth Commissioners	Vacant
District Network Comm'r	Katie McCreadie
District Explorer Scout Comm'r	Mike Randall

Elected Members: Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Kelly Moore, Bertie Downard, Russell Porter, Nick Roberts

DCs Nominated Members: Jennifer Baker-Hirst, David Martin, Nigel Rainey, and William Morrish

Co-opted Members: None

SUB-COMMITTEES:

APPOINTMENTS: Chris Barrow (Appointments Chairman & Secretary), Michael Schwarz, John Talbot, Jeanette Schwarz, Barry Sharp, Kelly Williams, Owen Compton, Tom McKeen, Hayley Bechervaise.

FINANCE: Samantha Devenney, Jennifer Baker-Hirst and DC-Team
ESTATES: Michael Schwarz; William Morrish, Robert Downard and Nick Roberts

DISTRICT ROLES:

District Active Support Mgr	Vacancy
District Scout Shop Mgr	Angie Davie (to Sept 2021)
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	Vacancy
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Local Training Manager	Nigel Rainey
ADC Activities	Erik Barrow
District Beaver Team	Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nicholas Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy

Bankers	Lloyds TSB, CAF Bank Ltd (closed during year)
Other adviser:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd
Charity contact:	Samantha Devenney, 35 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN13 3PZ

Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees, the District Executive Committee (DEC), are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

The DEC exists to support the District Commissioner team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Objectives and Activities

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 cooperate 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.

Annual Report 2021-2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This financial year continued to present challenges due to COVID-19 restrictions. The census numbers highlighted a dip in those attending the cub age range in particular which may have been down to a range of factors. The good news is that overall numbers are starting to see a pick up again now that Scouting has returned to face to face activities.

The Exec has continued to meet regularly every 2 months throughout the year. Significant progress has been made on plans for the Seal Headquarters working with Tarmac on ideas for a new site that will involve redeveloping an existing barn for Scouting use. The Estates team has also been busy with a decision made to auction off land at Sundridge. The actual sale report will appear in next year's accounts due to it taking place in the next financial year and I am pleased to report a good result.

WSJ selection took place. Sevenoaks has been granted an additional 2 places since the initial selection weekend meaning 8 Scouts will attend the WSJ in South Korea. There was significant interest in selection shown with over 50 candidates attending and a good spread from across the district.

Our efforts on leader training paid off with targets achieved for safety, safeguarding and first aid training. Many thanks to Nigel Rainey and Chris Barrow for all your excellent work coordinating both the training and appointments.

Discussions on a minibus training policy have taken place and the plan is to circulate this to all groups whilst also centrally providing funding and training for 2 drivers from each group to be MIDAS trained.

Erik Barrow conducted a consultation exercise for activities and training needs. This is helping Erik to develop a planned approach to training for activities. Funding was agreed for a new activity store and a shipping container is now in place for storing activity equipment. This is also being used to ensure regular access to uniform via the scout shop.

In March, several grant applications were submitted to the Kent County Council Reconnect fund. This resulted in funding of some £8k for paddleboarding and a further £8k for an activity day. This funding is to be used by the end of August 2022 and is to help young people reconnect with their pre-pandemic lives. It should leave a legacy of equipment and in the case of paddleboarding trained volunteers so as to continue to offer some great activities to our young people. The detailed report for this should sit in the next annual report, for now I am pleased to report that both the activity day and paddleboarding has been a success. It was great to bring the district together over several sessions and in doing so leave a legacy in terms of both equipment and trained adults

Anthony Hitchings, District Chairman

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

We started the Scouting year in April 2021 with a fantastic online St George's Day celebration, led by Kelly Willams and Tom Mckeen, our outgoing District Youth commissioners, with Erik Barrow supporting the technical wizardry in the background. We ran a series of challenges for young people to take part in in the lead up to the

broadcast on YouTube and organised a “build a wooden dragon” kit competition too. As brilliant as these remote celebrations were, we were delighted that by the end of the year the district was able to look forward to the return of a whole district outdoor parade, promise renewal and activities in the same format we had all last enjoyed in 2019.

At the start of the year Scouting was online with additional district run sessions for all groups to join. We also launched our iScout in Sevenoaks Newsletter to support district communications. We then moved on quite rapidly with most groups and sections getting back to face-to-face scouting as fast as they could and a return to “normal” Scouting.

Nearly everyone managed to run residential activities for the first time in over a year, with several summer camps taking place. This was incredible given the challenges we still faced and involved the approval of many risk assessments as well as plenty of “covid safe” measures. One group also managed to reopen their Scout troop that had been dormant for several years and another group opened Scouting’s newest section for 4 and 5 year olds, a Squirrel Drey - joining nine others in Kent and 200 in the UK that launched this section. We have been overwhelmed by demand as well as the number of new parent supporters for this age range; this section is being run entirely by adults new to Scouting and we are making plans to build on this success and open two further Squirrel Dreys in other groups in the coming year.

Although we were eager, many were reluctant to agree to larger gatherings during the year which meant that this year has been very much about support and planning for the future. We have all been very busy ensuring our Scouting members are fully trained to deliver Scouting safely as well as setting up and offering training for a variety of activities, such as fencing (with swords) and training to lead water based activities.

The World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) selection took place in the Autumn term and was our largest face to face District activity of 2022. It enabled over 50 young people, the largest number of applicants Sevenoaks has ever had, to come together for a weekend of team challenge activities, cooking a Korean meal in patrols and camping with new friends. We could have selected so many more if only we had more places to offer, the worst part is having to disappoint so many. However we know that new friendships were made and the event was really well received by all of our young people. As it followed the last two years of little face to face activity it gave us all a great boost for the future of Sevenoaks and Scouting. Our census count in January demonstrated we were almost back to pre-pandemic levels and explained the large number of WSJ applicants when we realised that the growth in the scout- and explorer-aged range had risen to be 44% of our overall total number of young people.

In the Spring term we started to make use of some of the new paddleboards we had invested in, running several paddleboard sessions for interested adults as well as young people in the swimming pool at St Michael’s School in Otford. This then inspired us for one of our KCC Reconnect Grant applications, as you have read in the Chair’s report. We went on to use one application as a way of getting more adults involved in supporting our young people to get out on the water. We were successful in our application and we now have the start of a “paddling team” in the Summer 2022 thanks to recruiting new adult members which has enabled us to set up a new Active Support Unit for water activities. More news on that next year.

Further grant applications were made to expand our collection of equipment for district activities, events and fundraising as well as creating additional training opportunities for leaders especially to encourage recruitment to become part of our support team.

During the pandemic we postponed our four-yearly whole district camp, Mag7, in 2022 and we have started preparations in earnest to hold this event in 2023; 28th April to 1st

May. We have booked a site and made initial steps to book a series of activities including the infamous Kent Climbing team and jump bag. The next steps are to organise infrastructure and activity leaders.

Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler, District Commissioners

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 relate to a 12 month accounting period and are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £124,589 (2021 £105,526). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £60,544 in March 2021 (original purchase price £19,783).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 21/22 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

Sam Devenney, District Treasurer

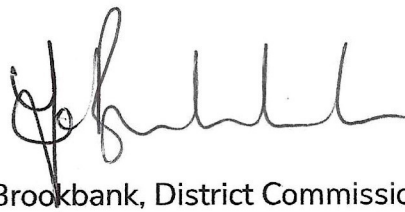
APPROVAL

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report on: 10/9/2022

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:



A Hitchings, District Chair



J Brookbank, District Commissioner

DISTRICT ESTATES TEAM REPORT

The Estates Sub-Committee has been working on various projects over the year. This has principally focused on issues relating to the existing headquarters of the Seal Scout Group. The building in Jubilee Rise in Seal is also used by Sevenoaks District Scouts and will be known to many as it was the base for the Scout Shop for many years. After analysis of the options for retaining scouting in Jubilee Rise by either refurbishment or redevelopment of the existing building it was agreed that a new location for the Group was the best alternative. Potential alternatives in Seal were identified and discussed with the Parish Council. A preferred location has been identified and heads of terms for the acquisition of the building have been agreed with the current owner. In order to progress with this acquisition the existing site in Seal will be sold. Steps are being taken to secure the maximum value for the existing site. It is hoped that the transaction to acquire the new facility will progress by the end of 2022. At this stage further steps can be taken to move forward with the provision of the new HQ for the Seal Group. It will also provide the opportunity to create a significant facility that would serve scouting in Sevenoaks more broadly.

Another project has involved the sale of a parcel of land in Sundridge. This has been owned by The Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC) for a number of years and never been used for scouting purposes. Agreement was reached with the SATC that the land could be sold and the proceeds retained by Sevenoaks District. The sale has been completed at auction. This was completed post year end and will be in the accounts for the year 2022/23

The District Estates Sub-Committee is a resource available to all Groups in the District to assist with property related matters.

Nick Roberts , Estates Team Chair

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Youth Commissioner role has remained vacant this year and the search for youth representation on the executive committee is ongoing. This is an opportunity for somebody aged 18-25 to gain management experience that would reflect well on any CV. Mentoring and guidance will be provided. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested please let us know,

Chairman

EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION

This year has been another excellent year for the Explorer Scout section in the district. We were finally able to resume many activities that were just not possible during the pandemic, and throughout the year each unit has been able to run a wide ranging programme that combines traditional scouting activities along with some more challenging and unusual activities. There have been scavenger hunts aplenty, backwoods cooking, night hikes, movie nights, tubing and tobogganing, ice skating, foot golf and murder mystery evenings.

Our 2022 Census indicated we have 103 Explorers / Young Leaders in the district and throughout the year, each unit has seen good attendance. Beaufighters had an average of 10 on a weekly basis, Holmesdale's average was 20 and Puxty saw an average of 30 young people attending on a weekly basis.

During the year, 3 Young Leader Module A training sessions were held for the Young Leader Section and for those Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, in total 27 people received the training preparing them for their roles in the District.

All of the above could not have been possible without the time, dedication and support of the team in the District. So a huge thank you goes out to all of the leaders and anyone else who has helped out behind the scenes.

We could not do this without you !!!

Mike Randall (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)

NETWORK SECTION

Katie coordinates the network section and helps them to be as self-organising as possible

Kate McCreddie (District Network Commissioner)

DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT REVIEW

During the reporting period for the annual report, the district active support team had not been meeting. More recently though, there has been a social event with another meeting planned in October.

David and Rosalind Hitchings, Active Support

ACTIVITIES REPORT

This year (1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022) was the first time we could properly restart many activities since the COVID-19 lockdowns in the previous year along with COVID-19 precautions that made running activities difficult. In the past year we have successfully run some new activity training courses such as fencing (swords) and have started the process of renewing activity permits for those who expired over the lockdown periods (ongoing).

In the year ahead we hope to fully restart running badge activity days for scouts, and provide even more training for new leaders to take on running adventurous activities. We have plans for stand up paddle boarding instructor training before the summer holidays and further fencing and archery courses to be held in the Autumn.

This period also saw the selection of 8 young people for the World Scout Jamboree in Korea for 2023, along with 1 Unit leader from Sevenoaks (Rob Francis), and 3 members of the International Service Team (Erik, Felix, and Max). Our jamboree subsite can be used to find out more... jamboree.sevenoaksscouts.org.uk/

The 2022 Kilimanjaro expedition is going ahead as planned and will have been concluded by the time the AGM is run this year. A total of 11 adult scouters are taking part from across Sevenoaks, Kent, and the UK. COVID 19 made this an interesting experience to plan and we hope the team will have the experience of a lifetime. See more here... kilimanjaro.sevenoaksscouts.org.uk/

Erik Barrow (Assistant District Commissioner Activities)

APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Since April 2021 the Appointments team have interviewed 37 leaders and reviewed 22 leaders who have changed roles or taken on additional roles.

We are currently seeing all new appointments normally within about 2 weeks of them being added to Compass. Meetings are all virtual, however when appropriate we will add a few face to face meetings, but will continue with virtual as well.

All new adults who are added to Compass with the exception of Occasional helpers receive a welcome email within a few days with information on appointments process, a link to their Job role, information and links for training and if relevant to their role, an invite to meet with the District Appointments team. The Welcome email also provides useful contact information and useful links to Scouting websites.

We are currently without an Appointments Secretary and I am covering a joint Chair/Secretary role while we search for the right person to take on the role.

The focus continues to reduce the number of appointments that are either Pre Provisional, or Provisional. Pre Provisional roles are those that have not completed the appointments process and Provisional are those that have, but have not completed their Getting started training.

The other areas of focus will be to review the status of Adult reviews across the District.

I would like to thank the appointments committee team members for the many hours that they give to ensure that adults appointed within the District are suitable for a role in Scouting, working with children, young people and being part of a Leadership team.

This year John Gandon stepped down from the team and I would like to thank him for the valuable contribution he has made over the years.

Disclosures as of 8th May 2022

We have no leaders with expired Disclosures and 11 Adult roles needing to be renewed in the next 30 days.

Number	Status	Notes
8	Disclosure requested	Applications requested - Not started
1	Pending applicant information	Application in progress
3	Dispatched to DBS	Processing

Role Status

Number of roles in brackets:

Number	Status	Notes
14 Leader roles (- 11 on last year)	Pre Provisional	These are roles that have not been approved and are a mix of Exec members, additional roles and leaders awaiting

		DBS/References prior to DC/Appointments Approval
39 Leader roles (-7 on last year)	Provisional	These are roles that have been approved but have not completed the required training for the role.
440 (+54) roles	Full	These are all full roles held by Adults in the District, this is not the number of Adults (Excludes Occasional helpers). Note: a lot of extra roles were added by Activities team

Compliance

There has been very good progress in clearing the backlog of Safety and Safeguarding which is very positive and shows the work put in by everyone to achieve this.

Number	Training module	Notes
5 (-29 on last year)	Safeguarding	Adult roles that need to complete safeguarding
0 (-37 on last year)	Safety	Adult roles that need to complete their Safety

Chris Barrow, Appointments Advisory Committee Chairman and Secretary

TRAINING REPORT

We have had a challenging year with the requirement from Headquarters for all leaders and executive members to complete their "Getting Started" and First Aid Training. I am happy to say that after starting the process with 28% of our leadership needing to complete these and a target of 4% by end of March 22 we were able to meet that target. There has been a huge task to get all leaders in Kent County to revalidate their First Aid Training which Headquarters now says should be kept up to date at all times. The county unfortunately had one of the worst positions in the country but we are now one of the best. I would like to thank all The Leaders that have taken the time to catch up with their training and look forward to helping them meet their targets in the future.

Nigel Rainey, Local Training Manager

ADULT AWARDS

The following awards have been made in the District this year

Award	Full Name
The Cornwell Scout Badge	Jacob Hare
Commissioners Commendation	Chris Barrow
	Erik Barrow
	Angie Davie
	Helen Davies
	Sam Devenney
	Tabs Duce
	Malcolm Fisher
	Anthony Hitchings
	Steve Kelley
	Andy King
	Tina Lane
	Julie Madden
	Kevin McDonnell
	Tom Mckeen
	Lucy Morgan
	Jan Padgett
	Matt Podd
	Nigel Rainey
	Nicholas Roberts
	Philip Seabrook
	Kelly Williams
Award for Merit	Mark Whittock
Chief Scout's 60 years Service Award	John Spurway
Chief Scout's 40 years Service Award	Rosalind Hitchings
Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	Jeanette Schwarz
Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	Andrew Holland
	Caroline O'Mahony
Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	Stephanie Bailey
	Chris Barrow
	Helen Davies
	Andy King
	Mary Martin
	Ali Miller
	Michael Schwarz
Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	Richard Everest
	Michael Laver-Smith
	Ian Manuel
	Mark Reynolds
Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	Erik Barrow
	Jo Brookbank

Award	Full Name
Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	Paul Dacey
	David Galloway
	Russell Porter
	Matthew Prentice
	Richard Townsley
Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Simon Wood
	Richard Arnold
	Geoffrey Barnes
	Nicola Blain
	Ben Brownless
	Mark Craig
	Lizzie Dreksler
	Josefine Follett
	Jason Harvey
	Scott Henderson
	James Hugill
	Scott Jenkins
	Richard Jepson
	Richard Lindsay
	Martin Maystone
	Kevin McDonnell
	Andy Mcewen
	Tom Mckeen
	Kyra McParland
	Helen Moffett
	Trevor Norsworthy
	Charlotte Parkinson
	Matt Podd
	Philip Seabrook
	James Sharp
	Christine Skeels
	Rik Snook
	Kirsten South
	Riana Taylor
	Fiona Thompson
	Callum Tomlinson-Corbey
	Joanne Toogood
	Kelly Williams

CENSUS

As has been said previously, this year has been one of recovery after the year inside.

Cub Scout numbers have been impacted most, with the section returning to numbers last seen over five years ago.

	2021								2022							
	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	Net	Youth	Adults	Sq	Be	Cu	Sc	Ex	Net	Youth	Adults
District								12								12
Network						21	21							14	14	
Explorers					78		78	13					103		103	9
Beaufighters ESU					9			2					9			1
Puxty ESU					21			4					34			3
Holmsdale ESU					19			4					20			3
Churchill YLU					29								40			
Active Support								22								13
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)		12	27	32			71	19		20	20	38			78	23
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)		13	52	82			147	34		17	73	68			158	37
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)		42	48	47			137	50	15	45	46	65			171	46
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)		21	23	12			56	11		23	15	15			53	15
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)		10	5	11			26	10		20	10	14			44	13
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)		15	19				34	12		15	21	20			56	15
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)		8	16	11			35	9		11	18	22			51	10
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)		20	26	26			72	24		34	21	32			87	32
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)		14	39	17			70	12		20	37	18			75	15
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)		15	23	23			61	13		10	9	17			36	9
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)		12	15	13			40	19		20	17	16			53	21
		182	293	274	78	21	848	260	15	235	287	325	103	14	979	270

Census figures as of the end of January 2021 and 2022 respectively

Michael Dreksler

DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

This year our longstanding shop manager, Angie Davie, stepped down and since September 2021 the shop has been run by Jo Brookbank supported by Helen Davies. Angie however kindly continued to support by completing the accounts and in the background too. The shop has however had a very successful year, probably partly due to the fact that local scout shops and Scout HQ are the only places now to purchase uniform at the correct retail price. This has also been despite the uniform supply chain issues resulting in a wait of 6 months for some items. Towards the end of the year stock levels returned almost back to normal. A new team is being recruited for the coming year and the shop stock will be held going forward at the 4th Scout Hut, Mill Lane.

Scout Shop Manager

Registered Charity Number 303435
Scout Association Registered No. 12717

Notes		2021-22		2020-21	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	
		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
INCOME					
Subscriptions					
		48,359	0	48,359	39,246
		3,402	0	3,402	1,720
		(44,459)	0	(44,459)	(35,063)
	1	<u>7,302</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,302</u>	<u>5,903</u>
Net Membership Income					
Activities					
		0	7,127	7,127	0
		0	0	0	14,742
	2	0	27,042	27,042	15,256
		15,570	0	15,570	3,157
	3	583	0	583	0
		10	0	10	959
		11,746	0	11,746	1,760
	4	2,587	0	2,587	2,130
		0	0	0	1,097
		<u>30,496</u>	<u>34,169</u>	<u>64,665</u>	<u>39,101</u>
Activities Income					
Investments					
		1,664	0	1,664	1,632
		0	0	0	0
	5	0	10,667	10,667	21,051
		<u>1,664</u>	<u>10,667</u>	<u>12,331</u>	<u>22,683</u>
Investment Income					
GROSS INCOME					
		<u>39,461</u>	<u>44,836</u>	<u>84,297</u>	<u>67,686</u>
EXPENDITURE					
	6	0	(6,002)	(6,002)	0
	7	0	(1,770)	(1,770)	0
		0	0	0	(14,515)
		(13,227)	0	(13,227)	(3,113)
		0	(9,170)	(9,170)	(2,154)
	8	(5,180)	0	(5,180)	(4,146)
		(13,577)	0	(13,577)	(4,742)
	9	(6,568)	0	(6,568)	0
		(1,548)	0	(1,548)	(1,548)
		(1,625)	0	(1,625)	(1,564)
	10	(1,723)	0	(1,723)	(302)
		(713)	0	(713)	(531)
		0	0	0	(118)
		(192)	0	(192)	(80)
	11	0	(2,268)	(2,268)	0
		(334)	0	(334)	(229)
		<u>(44,686)</u>	<u>(19,210)</u>	<u>(63,897)</u>	<u>(33,042)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					
	12	<u>(5,225)</u>	<u>25,626</u>	<u>20,401</u>	<u>34,644</u>
EXCESS INCOME					
BANK BALANCES					
				£	£
				104,526	69,445
				20,401	34,644
				(1,338)	437
				123,589	104,526
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL					

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NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1. Subscription income for 2022 was based on a membership of 965, an increase of 138 from 2021

2. The income relating to Kilimanjaro is a combination of Participant payments and other fundraising

	2022	2021
Participant Instalments	26,500	10,750
District Funding		2,500
Other fundraising	542	2,006

3. Activity income in 2022 relates to income from Activity and training sessions

4. Gift Aid Received is income we were able to claim from HMRC relating to the Explorer subscriptions which has not been claimed for a number of years. This is a catch up payment of money owed to the Explorer section

5. The Grant received is a COVID related Government grant received via Sevenoaks District Council. Whilst there are no restrictions placed upon the District with regards to the spend of these funds, the Executive Committee deem it to be restricted for the purposes of supporting scouting in Seal and Sevenoaks due to the ownership of the Seal Head Quarters

6. Jamboree income and expense are treated as restricted as relate to the Participant income and payments made for our selected candidates to attend the WSJ in 2023

7. Development costs are legal and surveyor fees incurred in the ongoing District goal of improving the facilities of Scouting in Seal and our District headquarters

8. Activity Expenses are mainly related to events supporting the District during the covid period

9. Investment in Equipment such as Canoes, PaddleBoards, Helmets and Silent Disco System for District wide Activities

10. Other Expenses include costs incurred in lieu of a full St George's day celebration in 2021, and licenses held on behalf of the District

11. Gift aid owed last year due to the cancellation of Eurojam has been repaid to HMRC in full

12. Profit for the year totalled £20,401, however £25,626 is considered restricted, largely due to Kilimanjaro money received. Profit purely for the district was a loss of (£5,225)

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2022

	2021-22 £'s	2020-21 £'s
ASSETS	£'s	£'s
Cash Fund		
Bank Current Account	61,454	68,016
Restricted Funds	1 62,136	36,510
Total Bank Account	123,589	104,526
Bank Deposit Account	1,000	1,000
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	124,589	105,526
Investment Assets		
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund	60,544	55,714
TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS	60,544	55,714
Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use		
Badge and Shop Stock	7,344	6,006
Land and Buildings	2 3,274	3,274
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE	10,618	9,280
TOTAL ASSETS	195,751	170,520
LIABILITIES		
Gift Aid repayment	3 0	4,260
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	4,260
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES	195,751	166,260

Notes:

1. Restricted funds have grown this year due to additional Covid related Grants. As at 31.03.2022 SDSC has received a total of £31k in Covid Grants, and the increase in funds held due to participant installments for the Kilimanjaro trip
2. **Post Balance Sheet Event** - Included in this total is Land owned in Sundridge that has subsequently been sold with Sale proceeds totalling £75,363
3. The liability owed in FY21 to HMRC in relation to Gift Aid has been fully repaid

Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees


A Hitchings, District Chair

Date: 28th JANUARY 2023


J Brookbank, District Commissioner

Date: 27th January 2023

Accounts



DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1ST APRIL 2020 – 31ST MARCH 2021

including

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

and

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31 March 2021

(accompanying document)

Sevenoaks District Scout Council

Charity registered in England No: 303435

Scout Association registered No: 12717

Annual report for the year ending 31 March, 2021

(Attached Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 March, 2021)

PRESIDENT: Richard Parry
VICE-PRESIDENT: David Reburn

THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Ex-Officio Members:

District Chairman	Anthony Hitchings
District Treasurer	Samantha Devenney
District Secretary	Claire Strickland (Post vacated after appointment)
District Commissioners	Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler
District Youth Commissioners	Kelly Williams and Thomas McKeen
District Network Comm'r	Katie McCreadie
District Explorer Scout Comm'r	Mike Randall

Elected Members: Michael Schwarz, Erik Barrow, Tom McKeen, Bertie Downard, Russell Porter

DCs Nominated Members: Jennifer Baker-Hirst, David Martin, Karen Wilson, Angela Davie and William Morrish

Co-opted Members: None

SUB-COMMITTEES:

APPOINTMENTS: Chris Barrow (Appointments Chairman),
Laura Hands (Appointments Secretary to Nov 2020)
Michael Schwarz, John Gandon, John Talbot, Jeanette Schwarz, Barry Sharp, Kelly Williams, Owen Compton, Tom McKeen, Lynne Rutherford, John Botley

FINANCE: Samantha Devenney, Jennifer Baker-Hirst and DC-Team

ESTATES: Michael Schwarz; William Morrish, Robert Downard and Nick Roberts

DISTRICT ROLES:

District Active Support Mgr	Vacancy
District Scout Shop Mgr	Angie Davie
District Badge Secretary	Jeanette Schwarz
District Scout Quartermaster	David Hitchings
Youth Representative	Vacancy
Local Training Manager	Nigel Rainey
ADC Activities	Erik Barrow
District Beaver Team	Christine Skeels, Jan Padgett, Shelley Williams
District Cub Team	Nick Roberts, Phil Seabrook
District Scout Team	Vacancy

Bankers	Lloyds TSB, Barclays Sevenoaks Branch, CAF Bank Ltd
Other adviser:	CCLA Investment Management Ltd
Charity contact:	Samantha Devenney, 35 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN13 3PZ

Structure, governance and management

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Sevenoaks District Scout Council is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees, the District Executive Committee (DEC), are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), either by election or approval of their nomination; other trustees may be co-opted during the year to serve until the next AGM.

The Sevenoaks District Scout Council, which is an educational charity, is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

The DEC exists to support the District Commissioner team in meeting their responsibilities and to provide support for the charity.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Objectives and Activities

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 cooperate 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.

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last year has been challenging for all within Scouting due to COVID-19 restrictions. That said, so many people did an incredible job delivering online Scouting when face to face was not possible and providing much needed support for young people in testing circumstances. Well done and many thanks to all who have helped.

The DEC continued to meet every 2 months during the year with all meetings held online. The pandemic required a change in focus and the DEC supported Scouting with funds made available for centrally provided activities to ensure Scouting was available for all and to back up the programmes being run by each group. The IT team led by Erik Barrow created a new site to aid sharing of ideas for virtual programmes. Tom McKeen, Kelly Williams and Erik Barrow volunteered to run a virtual St George's day with an excellent set of activities and a compelling video on the day.

Further progress has been made consolidating the accounts and with documentation being produced to help any future Treasurer slot into the role. I need to say a big thank you to the finance team for ensuring everything has run smoothly.

The estates team have been exploring options for the Seal HQ. This has been a lot of work behind the scenes with plenty of conversations taking place as the options are explored. Well done on making some great progress.

Nigel Rainey joined this year as our Local Training Manager. Both Nigel and Chris Barrow have done a sterling job in ensuring safeguarding training was in place and completed. I am pleased to report that Sevenoaks District is now achieving the goals set out by Kent County. Nigel is now focused on ensuring our leaders achieve their wood badges within the allotted time frame. Great work and many thanks.

Anthony Hitchings, District Chairman

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Scouting and the response to COVID-19

This year of scouting has been like no other - in many respects it became the Year of online scouting.

There was an amazing variety of activities undertaken online, including

- Garden camp-outs
- Crafting
- Table-top pioneering
- Back-yard cooking
- Orienteering
- Remote-controlled wide games
- Lots and lots of cooking
- Navigation exercises
- Quizzes
- Google-maps based treasure hunts
- Whole weekend camps at home!

The imagination of our leaders was truly amazing and we can only thank-you for adapting to such a different form of scouting. We are extremely proud to say that every Scout member in the District was offered the chance to Scout through most of the year in one way or another, either with their group, joining another group or to take part in the amazing online challenges created by the Erik, Kelly and Lucy, Climate Quest and Kilimanjaro Adventure Challenge launched by the district which were also shared across the World too.

In the Summer and Autumn period we had a refreshing spell of face to face scouting that gave the new challenge of managing activities in a socially distanced way and almost always outside.

The Winter lockdown was more difficult for everyone, but that only acted as the impetus for more enthusiastic scouting when we were allowed back face-to-face just in time for the end of the current year.

Looking forward

We are looking forward to a face-to-face St Georges day in April 2022. Later this year we will be starting to think about the World Scout Jamboree selection to go to Korea in 2023 as well as making plans for our District camp, Mag 7 which has been postponed by one year to the weekend of 28th April to 1st May 2023.

By the end of the year we were all patiently waiting to hear when we would be allowed to camp again after a whole year without. Over the Summer we expected to hear that the newest section for 4-6 year olds, Squirrels, would launch in September 2021.

One of the focusses of the coming year of Scouting is going to be adult training. Ironically, it has taken a pandemic for us all to realise that training can be delivered well over the internet and we know many of you reading this will have completed training modules from your homes. We thank you all for keeping up to date and look forward to the completion of further modules or validation so we can present wood beads in the coming year.

In the past year sadly we have said goodbye to Gwen Cooley and David Reburn, our Vice President, both long serving members to Sevenoaks Scouts and now "Gone Home".

Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler, District Commissioners

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Year End

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 relate to a 12 month accounting period. The prior year comparatives are for a 13 month accounting period due to the change in the year end date made in 2020.

Cash and Investments

At the end of the year, total cash funds amounted to £105,526 (2020 £70,445). The District adopts a risk averse approach to investment of its funds and all funds are held with mainstream banks with the exception of units held in COIF The Charities and Investment Fund - these units were valued at £55,714 in March 2021 (original purchase price £19,783).

Reserves policy

It is the policy of Sevenoaks District Scout Council to hold a reasonable level of reserves in order to provide a sound financial basis for the development and running of Scouting within the District and to vary that level through annual budgeting according to perceived future needs and risks. In particular, the funds are there to provide financial support to Scout Groups in the event of financial difficulties to continue operation or to establish or improve their facilities, to supplement the cost of training leaders, to subsidise the annual membership subscriptions, to support the prepayment of fees for young people attending Jamborees, to up-date and purchase activity equipment, and to cover possible unforeseen costs and emergencies. At the end of the financial year 20/21 we have allocated £25,000 as a reserve.

Sam Devenney, District Treasurer

APPROVAL

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report on:

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:



A Hitchings, District Chair



J Brookbank, District Commissioner Team

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS REPORT

It has been a challenging year for Scouting in Sevenoaks, however the steady return to face-to-face Scouting has been very exciting to see in action. We would like to thank all leaders and supporters who have stepped up to the mark and continued to support Scouting in new and imaginative ways, sharing your enthusiasm and passion with your young people!

The engagement in the St George's Daily Challenges throughout April was fantastic, we received hundreds of submissions from young people all across the District. Challenges ranged from building obstacle courses, cooking a meal for your family, taking part in

Norfolk Scout's BoxJam event, and many more. Well done to all our participants and winners!

We hope that these activities kept you busy in the run-up to our St George's Day live stream, in which we celebrated Scouting, and reaffirmed our promise. We hope next year we will be able to gather together in-person to celebrate St George's Day.

We're so excited to announce that the YouShape Award will be launching on Tuesday 5 October 2021. This is a new core badge across all sections to help recognise youth-shaped Scouting. We'll make sure you're informed every step of the way, and provided with plenty of resources and support to help directly embed this within your sectional programme.

After four years as District Youth Commissioners for Sevenoaks, this will be our final report in this role. We have really enjoyed the opportunity as Sevenoaks' first DYC team to truly develop and support youth-shaped Scouting. We feel that the time is right for fresh faces to take on the mantle, and continue to champion our young people and their role in shaping Scouting in Sevenoaks.

Finally, we would like to thank the DC Team and District Executive Committee for their unwavering support throughout this time, and our young people for their unstoppable enthusiasm!

Tom McKeen and Kelly Williams, District Youth Commissioners

BEAVER, CUB, SCOUT SECTION REPORT

During this peculiar year we organised as many District activities as we could online with simple as well as extravagant feasts being cooked over zoom as well as guest speakers plus a variety of entertainment was organised. All were very well received by parents all over the district.

In addition we had 2 amazing Sevenoaks District challenges created online, Climate Quest and Kilimanjaro challenge. Both are fundraisers for future international events and the District provided a badge, supporting the fundraising and enabling every young person a reward for doing so. These challenges were also shared around the world via social media which was a great way of connecting with other countries too.

In addition a number of joint section meetings between groups were also coordinated to support each other during lockdowns.

Michael Dreksler, on behalf of the ADC (Scouts)

EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION

What a crazy year it has been for us all !! I wanted to start this report by expressing my thanks and gratitude to anybody that has been involved in keeping Explorer Scouting running in the district.

I would like to give a mention to you all, but there are too many and knowing my memory I would forget someone and that would not be good.

I would however like to mention Karen Wilson, our treasurer for the great work she has done getting our finances running in a much more structured manner, we are now in the best place we have been to provide financial support to our units, leaders and Explorer Scouts for the coming year.

I would also like to thank Jo Brookbank, for her sheer determination, drive and support for the Explorer section during this year. The Puxty unit which has grown at such a rapid pace it now has the largest number of Explorers in the District. Also Jo, as will be outlined below, has been largely responsible for the joint activities that have been run this year and for recruiting a number of additional adult volunteers for the units.

Beaufighters

As with all sections Beaufighters were forced to meet virtually for most of the year. During the first lockdown and over the summer the unit ran virtual meetings with reasonable success. They found some online games such as scribbl.io and quiplash and they utilised several of the ideas posted on the Sevenoaks virtual scouting page.

They did manage two face to face meetings in September, for these they ran a socially distant campfire giving the Explorers a chance to reconnect after being apart for so long. When forced back into lockdown they had to reconsider the approach and set about building an at home pack delivered to each Explorer containing items to contribute to that week's meeting. They held a virtual Christmas party, which included a small gift plus some party games such as sing along Disney bingo.

In the new year, they set about building a new pack to deliver to Explorers, running several virtual events, pancake evening, science experiments plus some external visitors running events such as mocktails, jujitsu and birds of prey.

With the impact of the pandemic we have unfortunately had a drop in numbers, going from around 15 to 8.

Beaufighters continue to be led by Robert Francis and assisted by Erik Barrow and Jon Axon.

Holmesdale and Puxty

Ordinarily the two units would be reported separately but over the past year most of the Explorer sessions have been run jointly to offer the maximum. Most of the Summer term of Scouting during the first lockdown was virtual with us all learning new skills and Face to face meetings have been run whenever permissible either jointly or alternating nights for both units. After the first lockdown a socially distanced campfire was very well received by the Explorers after so long apart and a further highlight for many was picking apples and juice tasting. Several Explorers had never picked this way before.

The units participated in many activities jointly run across the district and as well as joint activities for the Explorers alone. There were lots of cook along sessions as well as a Mocktails tutorial on Zoom, brilliantly presented by Zoe from Shiny Kitchen, including Indian, Chinese feasts which were most enjoyable for the whole family too! There was an evening of art and cartoon drawing which was amazing, the way Simon described the process so brilliantly the pictures seemed to draw themselves. The Tae Kwon Do session

resulted in a number of sweaty bodies and we are pretty sure there was some stiffness the next day, thankfully no Explorers were hurt in the process! The Birds of Prey was most informative, and Joe was a very knowledgeable host, seeing the birds up close was a treat. We were treated to a tour of Japan by a Scottish Explorer leader and the Explorers learnt first hand of the value of human rights from Maria who escaped from Chile with her young daughters in 1975. This was followed by guest speakers from the Houses of Parliament to understand how to get your voice heard. We were able to experience many, many activities that would otherwise have been impossible when face to face and Zoom is definitely here to stay to enhance our programme however all were grateful to make the last meeting of the year one that was face to face.

Both units have had many scouts move-up over the year, as well as several joining from outside of Scouting too. We are pleased that many Explorers have moved on to join Network too.

Holmesdale continues to be led by Duncan Harper, supported by Dave Martin and Ben Martyr.

Puxty team consists of Felix Baker, Steve Davies, Andy Mucklow and Jo Brookbank

Duke of Edinburgh

On the DofE front it was a lean year, but Eddie Lane managed to complete his Bronze award after producing evidence of a substantial range of home cooked meals during lockdown.

Johnny Aguss completed his Skill section through attending an online Harvard Course in sustainable energy.

Brandon Lee managed to complete all his sections with the exception of the Expedition as they are currently suspended.

A motivational presentation was given by a Gold DofE and Queen's Scout award holder pointing out the processes, effort, pitfalls and rewards in taking on the higher-level awards and how these could be utilised in other areas.

Young Leaders

With the suspension of face-to-face meetings, opportunities for young leaders were minimal during the reporting period. Several YL from the Sevenoaks District successfully completed their module A training thanks to the kindness of West Malling.

There have been several requests from young people wanting to become young leaders. Most of these are external from the association, being YP looking to complete their volunteering elements of their Duke of Edinburgh awards. As we move towards the new normal, we can now look at completing placements for these requests.

Mike Randall (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)

NETWORK SECTION

Unlike the younger sections, Network has been prevented from meeting all year due to the restrictions. However many members have taken part in online quizzes and bingo to support fundraising for others.

Kate McCreadie (District Network Commissioner)

DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT REVIEW

Active Support has been prevented from meeting all year due to the restrictions. All are looking forward to being able to restart again.

David and Rosalind Hitchings, Active Support

ACTIVITIES REPORT

This year was a challenging one from an activities standpoint. With a majority of the year (1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021) being held under lockdown with the remainder of the time being heavily socially distanced with little ability to run many adventurous activities under the guidance at the time. Most were able to restart in early summer 2021. This meant the cancellation of multiple master at arms badge days, and also prevented the training of new permit holders in various adventurous activities for the year.

However, we did successfully run 2 virtual activity weekends for the District and wider Scouting community. Including Climate Quest in July, supporting the Kent Scouts Antarctic Expedition, and the Kilimanjaro Adventure Challenge in October supporting the Sevenoaks Scouts Kilimanjaro Expedition for 2022. Both weekends were supported by the district who purchased badges for all Young People in Sevenoaks that took part. These websites are also still available to Young People and leaders to use until their respective trips happen.



Planning for the Kilimanjaro 2022 Expedition is still underway, with the team keeping a close eye on Covid restrictions for international travel with Kent Scouts enthusiastic for 2022 international trips to go ahead as planned. Anyone over 18 interested in this trip may be able to get a last minute place by contacting the ADC Activities (Erik) ASAP.

Erik Barrow (Assistant District Commissioner Activities)

APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

This has been a challenging year for the appointments team, we have had to adapt the way we hold our meetings to take into account Social distancing.

We had already conducted remote video meetings for our members who were not able to make our meeting due to University commitments. We then extended this to continue meetings during Lockdown.

These remote video meetings have been a success and we will continue going forward with both face to face and video meetings as circumstances require.

I am delighted to say that Laura Hands has agreed to take on the role of Appointments Secretary and will be a great asset for the team going forward.

The focus continues to reduce the number of appointments that are either Pre Provisional, or Provisional. Pre Provisional roles are those that have not completed the appointments process and Provisional are those that have, but have not completed their Getting started training.

The other areas of focus will be to review the status of Adult reviews across the District.

I would like to thank the appointments committee team members for the many hours that they give to ensure that adults appointed within the District are suitable for a role in Scouting, working with children, Young people and being part of a Leadership team.

I would also like to thank retiring members Lynne Rutherford for her contributions to the team. Thanks also to Ide Hill Scout Group for allowing the use of their Scout HQ for our meetings.

Chris Barrow, Appointments Advisory Committee Chairman and Secretary

TRAINING REPORT

After becoming the Local Training Manager for Sevenoaks in October 2020, Kent County Scouts at the behest of HQ put in place an instruction that all leaders had to be compliant for Safety and Safeguarding by the end of February 21 and the District had to reduce their non compliant membership from 46% to 5%, otherwise Leaders would lose their roles. Chris Barrow, Appointments Chair and myself were tasked with getting this done and with a great deal of help from the Group Scout Leaders we achieved the 5% target. Going forwards Chris and myself have got together to assist new joiners with their training knowledge and beginning their journey on fulfilling the training they need in the time set down for each role.

Nigel Rainey, Local Training Manager

ADULT AWARDS

The following awards have been made in the District this year (with some of these only recently having been issued following the shut down due to Covid, several members have not yet received these).

Name	Award	Date
John Spurway	Chief Scout's 60 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Christopher Hathway	Chief Scout's 50 years Service Award	05 Apr 2020
Elizabeth Hindley	Chief Scout's 50 years Service Award	01 May 2020
Chris McCann	Chief Scout's 40 years Service Award	08 Apr 2020
Andy McKay	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	23 Jun 2020
Nigel Rainey	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	17 Jul 2020
Jonathan Booth	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	23 Mar 2021
Bertie Downard	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	30 Jun 2020
Ian Crothall	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	19 Feb 2021
Barry Sharp	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	01 Jun 2021
Sheila Burgin	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	03 Oct 2021
Lesley Rutter	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	01 Jul 2020

Trevor Coward	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	10 Aug 2020
Helen Davies	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Ali Miller	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Peter Frankl	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Liz King	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	20 Dec 2020
Katie McCreadie	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	02 Jan 2021
Stevo Durbaba	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	03 Jul 2021
Tabs Duce	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Jean Price	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Paul Heath	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	20 Jan 2021
Sarah Davis	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	19 Feb 2021
Richard Townsley	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Emily Bowles	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Nikki Myall	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Jan Padgett	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Becky Sandles	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Robert Southwell	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Julie Wright	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Laura-Lee Wynes	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	01 Oct 2020
Lorna Baker	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Tim Cope	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Clara Kelley	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	11 Jan 2021
Graham Rutter	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	27 Jan 2021
Andrew Mcfadyen	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	03 Apr 2021
Mark Craig	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Scott Henderson	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
David Kempster	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Philip Seabrook	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Christine Skeels	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021
Fiona Thompson	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	06 Jul 2021

DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

The shop provides new uniforms for young people and Adult Leaders as well as Scout Group items. We keep in stock most sizes of basic uniform and anything that is not in stock, as well as many items from the official scout shop website, can normally be ordered.

Covid has had a massive impact on the District shop this year, with face to face scouting having to cease for a large part of the year. This has resulted in poor sales. We expect this to pick up again now that face to face scouting has resumed. We also reassessed how the shop should be operated and we decided to close the Seal site to visitors for the foreseeable future. Orders remained available for collection through groups and from my home in Otford.

The most pressing issue is that the shop manager returned to work in December and is unable to continue running the shop. We urgently need a new team to take over the management and running of the shop. There are various parts to the role which can be shared by a number of volunteers, from managing the website, placing orders with our supplier and distribution of the orders. The shop will be forced to close from the end of the summer term if we do not have volunteers to take over. This will mean a loss of profits going back to the district leading to increased prices of scouting related activities and subscriptions. In addition, there are no other local retail outlets for scout uniforms, therefore the convenience of the shop will be lost, with the official online retailer being the only option for many parents and groups.

If you can help with the shop, please email on scoutshop@sevenoaksscouts.org.uk. It will be a great loss to scouting in the District if it cannot continue.

Angie Davie, Scout Shop Manager

The Scout Association Census 2020 – Summary – Sevenoaks District

2020-21 was a difficult year for many groups and sections. Overall numbers of young people in the district dropped by 17% and adults by 14% but this masks significant challenges in some particular sections with as many as half in some areas.

Hopefully many of these will return when scouting as we were used to it returns.

Michael Dreksler

Youth Members	2021					2020				
	B	C	S	E	Total	B	C	S	E	Total
Sevenoaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks Adult Support provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks - Scout Network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sevenoaks Explorer Scout provision	0	0	0	78	78	0	0	0	91	91
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	12	27	32	0	71	23	26	34	0	83
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	13	52	82	0	147	15	75	73	0	163
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	42	48	47	0	137	50	51	46	0	147
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	21	23	12	0	56	22	20	18	0	60
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	10	5	11	0	26	20	14	19	0	53
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	15	19	0	0	34	17	15	0	0	32
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	8	16	11	0	35	17	20	19	0	56
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	20	26	26	0	72	38	51	22	0	111
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	14	39	17	0	70	23	43	22	0	88
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	15	23	23	0	61	14	29	17	0	60
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	12	15	13	0	40	16	18	18	0	52
	182	293	274	78	827	255	362	288	91	996

Adult Support	2021		2020		Change	
	Adults	Total	Adults	Total	Adults	Total
Sevenoaks	12	12	13	13	-1	-1
Sevenoaks - Scout Network	13	13	11	11	2	2
Sevenoaks Explorer Scout provision	22	22	21	21	1	1
1st Sevenoaks (Hicks Own)	19	19	19	19	0	0
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead)	34	34	30	30	4	4
4th Sevenoaks (St John's)	50	50	55	55	-5	-5
6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing)	11	11	14	14	-3	-3
7th Sevenoaks (Halstead)	10	10	23	23	-13	-13
9th Sevenoaks (Seal)	12	12	14	14	-2	-2
10th Sevenoaks (Weald)	9	9	13	13	-4	-4
12th Sevenoaks (1st Edenbridge)	24	24	34	34	-10	-10
15th Sevenoaks (Otford)	12	12	23	23	-11	-11
16th Sevenoaks (Ide Hill)	13	13	15	15	-2	-2
17th Sevenoaks (Westerham)	19	19	18	18	1	1
	260	260	303	303	-43	-43

Registered Charity Number 303435
Scout Association Registered No. 12717

Notes		2020-21		2020-21		2019-20	
		Unrestricted		Restricted		TOTAL	
INCOME		£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
Subscriptions							
	Subscriptions Received from Groups	39,246		0		39,246	90,411
	Subscriptions Received from Explorers	1,720		0		1,720	3,278
	Subscriptions Paid to National/County/District	(35,063)		0		(35,063)	(78,753)
1	Net Membership Income	5,903		0		5,903	14,936
Activities							
	Jamboree Income	0		0		0	7,202
2	Eurojam Income	0		14,742		14,742	17,162
3	Kilimanjaro	0		15,256		15,256	0
	Badges and shop sales	3,157		0		3,157	9,117
	Explorer Units	1,760		0		1,760	12,605
4	Activity Income	0		0		0	4,343
	Seal HQ Recharge	959		0		959	2,968
5	Gift Aid Received	0		2,130		2,130	138
	Other Income	1,097		0		1,097	164
	Activities Income	6,973		32,128		39,101	53,699
Investments							
	Bank and Deposit Income	1,632		0		1,632	1,604
	Donations	0		0		0	1,000
6	COVID Related Grant Income	0		21,051		21,051	0
	GROSS INCOME	14,507		53,179		67,686	71,240
EXPENDITURE							
	Jamboree fees	0		0		0	(6,255)
	Mag 7	0		0		0	(378)
2	Eurojam Repayment	0		(14,515)		(14,515)	(17,100)
	Scout Shop and Badge Costs	(3,113)		0		(3,113)	(8,414)
7	Activity Expenses	(3,487)		0		(3,487)	(2,353)
	Explorers Units	(4,742)		0		(4,742)	(10,206)
	Activity Equipment	0		0		0	(5,553)
	Online Scout Manager	(1,548)		0		(1,548)	(1,161)
	Insurance	(1,564)		0		(1,564)	(1,403)
	Other Expenses	(302)		0		(302)	(358)
	Utilities and Seal HQ Expenses	(531)		0		(531)	(879)
	Donations	(118)		0		(118)	0
8	Covid Related Expenses	(659)		0		(659)	0
	Kilimanjaro	0		(2,154)		(2,154)	0
	Bank Charges	(80)		0		(80)	(65)
	Printing and Computing	(229)		0		(229)	(91)
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(16,373)		(16,669)		(33,042)	(54,215)
	EXCESS INCOME	(1,866)		36,510		34,644	16,715
BANK BALANCES						£	£
	Cash Funds Brought Forward					69,445	56,002
	PY Net Overstatement of Activity Income						(2,126)
	Excess Income for the Year					34,644	16,715
	Expenditure on Stock					437	(1,146)
	Cash Funds Carried Forward					104,526	69,445
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL							

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1. Subscription income for 2020 included two membership payments due to the change in Accounting year end. Membership income for 2021 was based on a lower membership, being calculated on a census total of 827 (including 78 Explorers) vs membership in 2020 of 996

2. Eurojam income reflects the repayment from County of the instalments made for the cancelled Eurojam trip. This is offset in the Expense line for Eurojam where the majority of participants have been refunded

3. The income relating to Kilimanjaro is a combination of Participant payments and other fundraising

Participant Instalments	10,750
District Funding	2,500
Other fundraising	2,006

The District has supported 2 district wide online fundraising ventures during Covid, Kilimanjaro and Climate Quest. This support has been for the purchase of badges which will be provided to young people free of charge upon the completion of specific challenges. The Climate Quest costs will be highlighted in the following years accounts.

4. Activity income in 2020 related to income from Kayaking and Archery. Due to Covid restrictions this has not been able to take place for the entire year ended 2021

5. Gift Aid Received is income we were able to claim from HMRC relating to the Eurojam trip in the 2021 year end, the total repayable to HMRC is £2,268 due to income received in 2020. This is to be paid back in full to HMRC as soon as possible.

6. The Grant received is a COVID related Government grant received via Sevenoaks District Council. Whilst there are no restrictions placed upon the District with regards to the spend of these funds, the Executive Committee deem it to be restricted for the purposes of supporting scouting in Seal and Sevenoaks due to the ownership of the Seal Head Quarters

7. Activity expenses for 2021 include the District support for the Kilimanjaro purchase of badges mentioned in note 5. The remaining expenses were largely for District led activities such as Cookery skills and Animal related education. This was for Badgework that was provided via Zoom and available for the District as a whole

9. Covid related expenses are largely the cost of additional server capacity to support virtual scouting and the purchase of hand sanitiser and PPE

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity Number 303435
Scout Association Registered No. 12717

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT MARCH 2021

	2020-21 £'s	2019-20 £'s
ASSETS	£'s	£'s
Cash Fund		
Bank Current Account	68,016	69,445
Restricted Funds	<u>36,510</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Bank Account	104,526	69,445
 Bank Deposit Account	 1,000	 1,000
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>105,526</u>	<u>70,445</u>
 Investment Assets		
Units in COIF Charities Investment Trust Fund	55,714	46,262
TOTAL INVESTMENT ASSETS	<u>55,714</u>	<u>46,262</u>
 Non Monetary Assets For Charity Use		
Badge and Shop Stock	6,006	6,443
Land and Buildings	3,274	3,274
TOTAL NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY USE	<u>9,280</u>	<u>9,717</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u>170,520</u>	<u>126,424</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Gift Aid repayment	1 2,268	138
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,268</u>	<u>138</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>168,252</u>	<u>126,286</u>

Notes:

1. Prior year Balance sheet includes an amount owed to HMRC with relation to Gift Aid on the cancelled Eurojam trip, for clarity this has now been recorded as a liability

Approval

The above Financial Statements have been approved by the Trustees


A Hitchens, District Chair

Date: 31/1/2022


J Brookbank, District Commissioner

Date: 31/1/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEVENOAKS DISTRICT
SCOUT COUNCIL – Charity No. 303435

I report on the Accounts of the Sevenoaks District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The District's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act) Act).
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

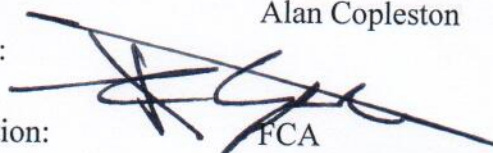
In connection with my examination, **no** matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act
 - b) to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - c) to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and the regulations made thereunder
2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Name:

Alan Copleston

Signature:



Qualification:

FCA

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29 The Landway, Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 6TG

Date:

5th February 2022