

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 305639

Details

Other names WESTON-SUPER-MARE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-01-16

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL,INTELLECTUAL,SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS,AS INDIVIDUALS,AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL,NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: The aim of AXE District is to support and encourage the developement of Scouting in the District.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£213,067	£191,197	-	-
2024-03-31	£183,037	£179,752	-	-
2023-03-31	£140,420	£131,723	-	-
2022-03-31	£69,522	£60,743	-	-
2021-03-31	£82,508	£90,755	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JEREMY SIMON BIRKETT	Chair	2003-03-01
Ali Khalil Kattana		2010-06-05
Elizabeth Kathleen Vennall		2022-09-29
Graham Meikle		2021-05-08
Jackie Simpson		2020-10-01
Jay Jay Webb		2022-09-29
KHALIL KATTANA		
Matthew David Mellor		2024-05-09
Richard Anthony Hurst		2018-09-10
Teresa Aldridge		2018-09-10
Vinod Kumar Kikabhai Bavabhai		2024-05-09

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AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending 31st March 2025



REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATION DETAILS - for the year ended 31st March 2025

Registered name: Axe District Scout Council
Other names used: Axe District Scouts, Axe Scout District
Charity registration number: 305639
Registered Office: None
Joint Presidents of the Scout Association: HRH The Princess of Wales and HRH The Duke of Kent
District President: John Crockford-Hawley
District Vice-Presidents: Ann Coombes, Barrie Taylor and Jenny Thorn

Trustee Board

Ex-Officio trustees: (as per the Constitution of Axe Scout District)

District Lead Volunteer(s): Ali Kattana (Appointed 1.1.18, Trustee since 14.5.15) *
District Youth Lead: Liz Vennall (Appointed 18. 9.24, Trustee since 29.9.22)

Trustees appointed for 1 year from 2024:

Jackie Simpson (Trustee and District Treasurer since 24.9.20) *
Matt Mellor (Trustee since 9.5.24)

Trustees appointed for 2 years from 2024:

Jeremy Birkett (District Chair since 14.3.24, Trustee since 1.3.03) *
Teresa Aldridge (Trustee since 12.9.17)
Vinod Bavabhai (Trustee since 9.5.24)
Paul Westwood (Trustee since 12.11.15, resigned 12.7.25)

Trustees appointed for 3 years from 2024:

Richard Hurst (Trustee since 1.1.2018, also Team Leader 14-24) *
Khalil Kattana (Trustee since 01.9.2008)
Graham Meikle (Trustee since 26.8.2021, also Lead Volunteer (Volunteering Development & Support)) *
Jay Webb (Trustee since 29.9.2022)

District Secretary: The trustees are grateful to Duncan Biddulph who has volunteered to take Trustee Board Minutes since May 2024 - in a non-trustee capacity

Independent Examiner of the District's Accounts

NDC Accountancy (formerly TaxAssist)
96 Drove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3NW

The District's Trustee Board main bank accounts are held at:

National Westminster Bank, 89 High St, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HJ

* = Member of Finance sub-Committee

Axe Scout District covers the area that includes Weston-super-Mare and its outlying communities and villages within the southern half of North Somerset.

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

Introduction

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR). POR is a core document the main purpose of which is to describe how the Scouts is structured, organised, managed and governed - to help us all run Scouting. It is revised from time to time (see Notes at foot of this Report).

Axe District Scout Council is a separate unincorporated educational charity within the Scouts federated structure established under these rules, which are common to all Scout Districts. It is registered with the charity regulator for England and Wales.

Constitution

At its AGM on 19th September 2024 this charity re-adopted in full the model constitution applicable to Scout Districts as stated in POR chapter 5. In accordance with best practice members of the District Scout Council will be asked to re-adopt this model constitution. This can be viewed by following the link: [Chapter 5: c. Constitutions of Groups, Districts and Counties \(except Scotland\) | Policy, Organisation and Rules | Scouts](#)

Structure

During the year Axe Scout District has been led by one District Lead Volunteer assisted by two Lead Volunteers and supported by a District Team. Recently three resignations have been received, and recruitment of their successors is under consideration.

The charity is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are charity trustees. The Trustee Board is responsible for the governance of the charity – ensuring it is well managed, finances are properly managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. It is accountable to the District Scout Council.

Trustees meet six times a year plus the AGM. The Board believes that this is sufficient to enable it to be effective whilst remaining flexible to hold additional meetings if the need arises.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life. All trustees are volunteers who give their time most generously. The charity does not employ any paid staff.

The Trustee Board started the year with 12 trustees (2 Ex-officio and 10 Appointed) and has ended with 11 following a recent resignation. Two are under the age of 25.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR. At its 2024 AGM the District Scout Council agreed there should be maximum of 12 trustees on the Trustee Board. 2 of these are ex-officio. 10 others were duly appointed including the District Chair and District Treasurer. 8 of the 10 were appointed for either a 2- or 3-year term and do not need re-appointing in 2025.

The roles of District Chair and District Treasurer are included within the limit of 10 appointed trustees. Volunteers to fill these roles must be recommended by the outgoing Trustee Board for appointment approval by the District Scout Council at the AGM.

Each trustee is required to:

- hold a valid disclosure obtained through the Scout Association and issued by the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- make a statutory declaration that they are willing to act as a trustee for this charity and that they are not barred from holding a trustee role.
- complete six mandatory training modules (Who we are and what we do in Scouting, Being a Trustee in Scouts, Data Protection in Scouts, Safety, Safeguarding and Creating Inclusion) within 5 months of appointment. The training for all current trustees is complete and up to date.

The length of service given by each trustee is to change:

- Currently, one trustee has given 22 years' continuous service, another has given 17 years' service, and one other has given more than 10 years' service. Whilst these periods of service provide a balance of skills, experience, background and knowledge, the Scout Association is keen to ensure new people can become trustees bringing with them new skills and experience.
- With effect from the 2024 AGM each trustee may elect to be appointed for up to three years. At the end of that three years that trustee can be appointed for a maximum of two further three-year terms after which they must automatically stand-down for at least three years.

Sub-Committees

The District Trustee Board currently has one operational sub-Committee:

1. **Finance sub-Committee:** To ensure that proper financial planning and budgetary control is operated within the District in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association. It works to Terms of Reference approved by the Trustee Board. An Annual Operational Budget is prepared for agreement by the Trustee Board. This is then monitored throughout the year, and progress reports are provided to trustees. There are six members including one non-trustee. It meets one week before each Board meeting (to which it then provides an update) plus several times during the production of the District's Annual Consolidated Accounts.

N.B.

- A. The Trustee Board remains keen to establish a Buildings sub-Committee if only volunteers with the right skills come forward and offer their help.

CHARITABLE OBJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The purpose of the Scouts is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Fulfilling this purpose benefits the public by:

- Equipping young people with essential skills like teamwork, communication and leadership
- Fostering personal growth and social responsibility
- Contribution to a more positive and engaged citizenry.

The purpose of Axe Scout District is to directly support:

- 260+ young people between the ages of 14 and 18 across 7 Explorer Scout Units and a Young Leader Unit.
- 350 leaders and 120 trustees across 17 Scout Groups to deliver the Scouting programme locally to a further 1300+ young people between the ages of 4 and 14. Each Group is a separate charity with its own trustee board.
- a District-wide Scout Network for young people between the ages of 18 and 24.

We do this by:

- managing the appointment process for the approval of all adult volunteers across the District.
- supporting learning and development of all adult volunteers across our District to be able to run the Scout Programme.
- providing opportunities for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 to become Young Leaders
- managing and delivering a development programme for Young Leaders – many of whom go on to be young adult leaders.
- encouraging young people between the ages of 18 and 25 to develop skills by becoming trustees of their local Group trustee board or with the District trustee board.
- providing opportunities for young people from our District to participate in developmental activities elsewhere within the United Kingdom, Europe and the rest of the World.
- providing grants to enable new Scout Groups and Explorer Units to open (most recently Saxons ESU).
- providing grants to help the development of young people inc. hardship grants to ensure no-one is disadvantaged.
- organising and delivering District-wide events for our young people.
- making funds available to loan to any Group in need of short-term help.

The Purpose of the Trustee Board has moved away from covering operational activity so that it can focus on charity governance and to ensure that the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit. We do this through good charity governance, by:

- managing the District's finances - our Finance sub-Committee provides an update at every Trustee meeting.
- identifying and managing risk – the topic is covered at every Trustee meeting
- keeping up to date about current and new Safety and Safeguarding policies introduced by The Scout Association
- ensuring the District follows the Scouts policies and relevant legislation to keep young people safe. A non-compliance update is provided at each Trustee meeting which covers disclosures, 1st Aid, Safety and Safeguarding
- understanding all our insurance and licensing requirements – and keeping them up to date.
- being confident that the Scouts has a positive image within our community
- delivering an AGM

CHARITY FINANCES

The Annual Statement of Accounts and a full report will be provided to members of the Scout Council at the AGM - for noting. The charity's main source of income is from the District element of the annual membership fees. Occasionally it receives donations and grants but does not proactively seek such income.

Membership Fees

An annual membership fee is levied on all young people taking part in Scouting. In 2024 the combined District, County and Headquarters elements totalled £57 per young person, in 2025 it is £59.50. Of this figure the District element in 2024 was £7.00 which remains unchanged in 2025. This sum is identified during the work undertaken by the Finance sub-Committee to prepare the charity's annual operational budget. The Trustee Board is pleased that it has remained at £7 for the past 4 years.

The combined fees must be collected by the District at the end of each financial year but the elements for County and HQ are only paid-on in the first days of the following financial year. This regularly distorts the balance of monies held by this charity as at the end of the financial year – making the available funds look greater than they actually are.

Loans to Groups within Axe District

No requests for loans have been received during the reporting year and there are no loans outstanding as of 31st March 2025.

Reserves Policy

In the event of a reduction in youth membership then the District's fee income would be proportionately reduced putting at risk its ability to operate as planned.

Taking into account the purpose of the District's funds that are held as 'restricted' and 'unrestricted designated' the Trustees believe that in order to be able to continue to support the District's youth programme our policy is that the sum equivalent to 50% of the current year's agreed annual operational budget rounded up to the nearest £1000 should be kept in reserve for use in the following budget year. This will enable core activities to be sustained whilst a recovery programme is put in place. On this basis, the figure to be held in reserve during 2024-2025 remained at £8,000 and will remain at this figure for 2025-2026.

This policy is reviewed annually. It is monitored by the District's Finance sub-Committee and will be reported upon to the full District Executive Board of Trustees at its bi-monthly meetings.

Our 'unrestricted designated' funds explained

The Trustees hold money in the following unrestricted but designated funds (see page 8 of the Annual Accounts for the balances):

- *International Jamboree* fund – to hold accumulated monies formally committed by District Trustees to support individuals from Axe District who are selected to attend large scale international events – including World Scout Jamborees.
- *AxeJam fund* – to help funding and preparation for District jamborees.

- *Hardship fund* - to enable Groups in our District to support families that have difficulty in affording any aspect of Scouting.
- *District Activities fund* – The separate bank account was also closed in 2018. Access to the money remains available via this designated fund.
- *Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund* - Opened to hold monies gifted to Axe District by Winscombe Masonic Lodge upon its closure in June 2022. The fund is to be put "towards good use of young people in the area".
- *Gang Show (Meet the Gang) fund* - Opened September 2023 to hold Axe District's element of the Meet the Gang bank account upon its closure.
- *Hildesheim Scout Exchange Project 2025-2026 fund* - Opened 9.5.24 to hold monies agreed to be made available to support Scouting exchange events with Hildesheim in 2025 and 2026. (Hildesheim to WsM in 2025, vice versa in 2026)
- *District Leaders Clothing fund* - Opened January 2025 with initial £450 from General Funds to manage the spend on District Clothing. An annual top-up will be provided from Operational Budget.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The trustees are grateful to NDC Accountancy (formerly TaxAssist Accountants) in Weston-super-Mare for being able to receive, examine and return the District's accounts in such good time.

RISK MANAGEMENT and COMPLIANCE

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of our charitable activity. The Trustee Board recognises that managing it effectively is essential if we are to achieve our key objectives and safeguard the charity's funds and assets. The Trustees review areas of risk at each Board meeting. The Trustee Board continues to develop a detailed Risk Register to use as a management tool at Trustee Board meetings.

At each trustee meeting the District Lead Volunteer keeps trustees updated with all live and recently closed health, safety and safeguarding issues throughout the District.

An Insurances and Licences Register is in place to ensure that trustees understand and can monitor the myriad of insurance and licence requirements necessary to deliver safe Scouting and ensure that premiums are paid up to date.

Data Protection

The District takes its data protection responsibilities seriously and with the introduction of the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) on 25th May 2018 as a charity we have observed additional requirements to demonstrate our transparency and safeguarding of information as a data processor. The work to ensure compliance is on-going. The Board of Trustees is pleased to report that no breaches of the requirements have been advised or reported during the past year. There were no Subject Access Requests received during the reporting year but one has been received subsequently and was responded to within statutory timescales.

Compliance

At each trustee meeting the Team Leader (Volunteering Development & Support) keeps the trustee board updated as to leader compliance with completing mandatory learning, people without disclosures and data protection issues. In line with Scout HQ policy this District now operates zero-tolerance for leaders who do not hold valid 1st Aid, Safety and Safeguarding certification or who do not hold a valid disclosure. Sadly, this has led to some suspensions and role cancellations.

DECLARATION

The District Trustees are satisfied that:

- this charity is well managed, carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and is managing the charity's resources responsibly
- this charity is operating compliant with POR and the Charity Commission

- young people are meaningfully involved in decision making
- the District has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the District

This Annual Report was approved by the Trustees on 28th August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ali Kattana
District Commissioner



Jeremy Birkett
District Chair

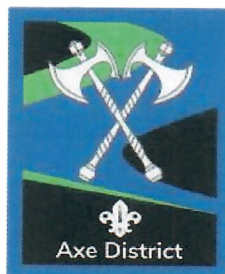
POR version control:	Revision date
At start of the reporting year – 1 st April 2022	January 2022
Revised	October 2022
Revised and remained valid to the end of the reporting year – 31 st March 2023	January 2023
Revised	April 2023
Revised - version valid as at the date of the 2023 AGM	July 2023 (pre-transformation)
Revised - version valid as at the date of the 2024 AGM	March 2024 (updated June 2024)
Revised	November 2024
Revised – version valid as at the date of the 2025 AGM	May 2025



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS **for the year ending 31st March 2025**



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

Address: NDC Consultancy Ltd, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 28/08/2025

Axe District Scout Council (Registered Charity no. 305639)

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

	Note	As at 31.3.2025	As at 31.3.2024
		£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)		213,067	183,037
Total payments for the year (see page 5)		<u>- 191,197</u>	<u>- 179,752</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		21,870	3,285
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		184,545	181,260
Cash, bank and similar funds held at year end	1 & 12	<u><u>206,415</u></u>	<u><u>184,545</u></u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted general funds		61,662	57,564
Unrestricted designated funds		64,683	61,211
Total Unrestricted funds		<u>126,345</u>	<u>118,775</u>
Restricted funds		80,070	65,770
Endowment funds		-	0
Total cash funds		<u><u>206,415</u></u>	<u><u>184,545</u></u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28th August 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

Ali Kattana

District Lead Volunteer
Trustee

Jeremy Birkett

Chair
District Board of Trustees

Axe District Scout Council

RECEIPTS for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	31.3.2025	31.3.2024
		£	£
Membership subscriptions	2	129,809	106,807
Less: Paid-on to County and HQ		- 87,704	- 79,541
Net membership subscriptions retained		<u>42,106</u>	<u>27,266</u>
Investment income received:			
Bank interest		405	249
Building Society interest		-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-
Dividends		-	-
		<u>405</u>	<u>249</u>
Grants received	3	-	-
Activities	4	140,193	113,961
Fundraising (gross)	5	4,304	6,909
Other income (inc. donations):	6	15,833	26,034
Loan repayments received from units	7	-	-
Sale of Government Stock		-	-
Badge receipts (sales)		10,227	8,618
Total receipts for the year		<u><u>213,067</u></u>	<u><u>183,037</u></u>

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PAYMENTS for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	31.3.2025	31.3.2024
		£	£
Premises		0	0
Grants made	8	1,000	1,181
Activities	9	164,242	137,441
Fundraising expenses	10	434	4,688
Administration/establishments expenses	11	17,415	27,793
Trustee expenses		0	0
Sundries		0	0
Purchase of capital equipment		0	0
Purchase of badges		8,106	8,650
Sundry payments		0	0
Loans made to units		0	0
Total payments for the year		<u>191,197</u>	<u>179,752</u>

Axe District Scout Council

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES for the year ending 31st March 2025

	Note	31.3.2025	31.3.2024
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		£	£
Bank current account(s)		205,962	184,447
Bank deposit account(s)		0	0
Bank term deposit(s)		0	0
Building society account(s)		0	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0	0
Funds held on Pre-Payment Card		451	0
Cash in hand		2	97
	1 & 12	<u>206,415</u>	<u>184,545</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Tax claim		0	0
Debts due (overdue receipts from Groups)		140	0
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Government Stocks at market value			
Other quoted securities at market value			
Other investments			
Property held for investment purposes			
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for charity's own use			
Badge secretary's stock		2,727	4,104
Shop stock			
Land and buildings			
Motor vehicles			
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>209,282.27</u>	<u>188,649</u>
LIABILITIES Those due within one year			
Accounts not yet paid		451	0
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid		0	0
Other		0	0
		<u>451</u>	<u>0</u>
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year			
Loan		0	0
Hire purchase owing		0	0
Leasing payments outstanding		0	0
Other long term liabilities		0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>208,832</u>	<u>188,649</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Axe District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

	31.3.2025	31.3.2024
	£	£
1.a Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - by fund (also see note 12)		
Restricted funds		
District Board of Trustees	80,070	65,770
Sections/Units funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>80,070</u>	<u>65,770</u>
Unrestricted Designated Funds		
District Board of Trustees	16,518	13,375
Sections/Units	<u>48,166</u>	<u>47,836</u>
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>64,683</u>	<u>61,211</u>
Unrestricted General Funds		
District Board of Trustees	61,662	57,564
Sections/Units	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Unrestricted General funds	<u>61,662</u>	<u>57,564</u>
Total funds held by the Charity	<u><u>206,415</u></u>	<u><u>184,545</u></u>
1.b Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - Summary (also see note 12)		
District Executive/Board of Trustees	158,250	136,709
Sections/Units	<u>48,166</u>	<u>47,836</u>
	<u><u>206,415</u></u>	<u><u>184,545</u></u>
2. Receipts: Membership subscriptions		
	Gross	129,809
	Less: Paid-on to County and HQ	-
	<u>87,704</u>	<u>79,541</u>
Net Membership subscriptions retained within Axe District:	<u><u>42,106</u></u>	<u><u>27,266</u></u>
3. Receipts: Grants	-	-
4. Receipts: Activities		
District Beaver Scouts	2,777	6,479
District Cub Scouts	-	0
District Scouts	2,933	3,967
District Explorer Scouts	48,026	2,826
District Scout Network	10	456
Expedition (Ten Tors) account	9,813	8,678
Cardinals ESU	745	805
Maniaxe ESU	1,245	820
Pioneers ESU	2,670	2,697
Saracens ESU	2,520	3,571
Saxons ESU	-	-
Spartans ESU	2,352	9,355
Yeo ESU	52,982	64,746
Training	530	-
World Jamboree	-	-
Jamborees (exc. World Jamboree)	2,860	-
Pantomime trip	9,400	8,811
District Ski Trip	-	-
Sundries	-	321
Gang Show In A Day	1,329	429
	<u>140,193</u>	<u>113,961</u>
5. Receipts: Fundraising		
Fundraising for benefit of units	3,870	3,994
Funds raised to pay-on to 3rd party (e.g. St Georges Day)	<u>434</u>	<u>2,916</u>
	<u><u>4,304</u></u>	<u><u>6,909</u></u>
6. Receipts: Other Income		
Donations received	13,295	16,353
Legacies received	-	-
Income Tax recovered via Gift Aid (on subscriptions and donations)	-	1,890
World Jamboree	-	-
Golden Woggle	-	-
Other Income	359	334
Leader 1st Aid Training	1,780	360
Sundries	282	305
Funds transfer from District/Group/Unit	<u>118</u>	<u>6,792</u>
	<u>15,833</u>	<u>26,034</u>
Received from Sections		
Badge Account	-	-
	<u>15,833</u>	<u>26,034</u>
7. Receipts: Loan repayments received from units	-	-
8. Payments: Grants made		
Start up Grants	-	-
Other grants	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,181</u>
	<u><u>1,000</u></u>	<u><u>1,181</u></u>

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Notes to the accounts to 31st March 2025 (continued)

	31.3.2025	31.3.2024
	£	£
9. Payments: Activity Expenses		
District Beaver Scouts	3,318	5,584
District Cub Scouts	-	45
District Scouts	2,992	4,000
District Explorer Scouts	48,206	2,698
District Scout Network	223	578
District Expeditions (inc Ten Tors)	9,950	8,792
District Activities (Jamborees & District Events)	2,479	-
World Jamboree	-	-
Pantomime	8,580	8,580
Cardinals ESU	2,422	927
Maniaxe ESU	2,012	3,150
Pioneers ESU	4,989	4,862
Saracens ESU	3,342	5,977
Saxons ESU	139	-
Spartans ESU	2,148	10,781
Yeo ESU	70,936	80,797
St. George's Day Celebration: costs	530	210
Gang Show In A Day	1,595	259
Young Leader Learning Support	383	-
New Equipment	-	-
District Ski Trip	-	-
Other Expenses	-	200
	<u>164,242</u>	<u>137,441</u>
10. Payments: Fundraising expenses		
Incurred as a result of fundraising activities	-	-
Funds raised and paid-on to a 3rd Party	434	4,688
	<u>434</u>	<u>4,688</u>
11. Payments: Administration/establishment expenses		
Petrol, telephone & postage expenses	206	514
Group Support	2,688	2,916
New Group Support - 1st Burrington Village	-	6,185
Leader 1st Aid Training	1,746	450
Resources	446	218
Meeting Costs	1,520	2,598
Bank charges and accounting software fee	216	279
Accountancy and examination of accounts	450	414
Insurances	314	476
Licences	652	578
Recruitment	-	-
Transfer of funds upon closure of Group/Unit	169	278
Storage container	778	1,378
Equipmeent purchased	5,457	8,693
Other expenses	2,774	2,814
	<u>17,415</u>	<u>27,793</u>
12. Breakdown of cash, bank and similar funds		
<i>District Executive funds</i>		
Restricted: HQ and County membership fees to pay-on	79,170	64,870
Restricted: World Scout Jamboree	-	-
Restricted: TSA Grant - Nights Away Advisors for Squirrels	500	500
Restricted: New Scout Group support	400	400
Total Restricted Funds	<u>80,070</u>	<u>65,770</u>
Designated: International Jamborees (formerly World Jamboree)	3,120	1,250
Designated: Axe Jam	1,013	1,013
Designated: District Hardship fund	4,904	5,704
Designated: District Activities	1,719	1,719
Designated: Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund	2,075	2,075
Designated: District Scouts	1,296	1,563
Designated: Ski Trip fund	-	50
Designated: District Leader Clothing fund	390	-
Designated: Hildesheim Scout Exchange project	2,000	-
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>16,518</u>	<u>13,375</u>
Total Unrestricted General funds	<u>61,662</u>	<u>57,564</u>
Total District Executive funds	<u>158,250</u>	<u>136,709</u>
<i>Funds held by Sections/Units</i>		
Total Restricted Funds	-	-
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>48,166</u>	<u>47,836</u>
Total District consolidated funds	<u>206,415</u>	<u>184,545</u>

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Name: Catherine Saunders
Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT
Address: NDC Consultancy Ltd, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW
Date: 28/08/2025

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 305639

Accounts



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT **for the year ending 31st March 2024**



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATION DETAILS - for the year ended 31st March 2024

Registered name:	Axe District Scout Council
Other names used:	Axe District Scouts, Axe Scout District
Charity registration number:	305639
Registered Office:	None
Joint Presidents of the Scout Association:	HRH The Princess of Wales and HRH The Duke of Kent
District President:	John Crockford-Hawley
District Vice-Presidents:	Ann Coombes, Barrie Taylor and Jenny Thorn

Ex-Officio members – as per the Constitution of Axe Scout District

District Chair:	Jeremy Birkett (Appointed 14.3.2024, Trustee since 1.3.2003) *, **
District Treasurer:	Jackie Simpson (Trustee since 24.9.2020) *, **
District Lead Volunteer(s):	Ali Kattana (Appointed 1.1.2018, Trustee since 14.5.2015) *
District Explorer Scout Commissioner:	Richard Hurst (Appointed 23.9.2022 (Trustee since 1.1.2018) *
District Scout Network Commissioner:	Gareth Thomas (Trustee and appointment from 16.3.2022)
District Youth Commissioner:	<i>Vacant</i> (Joe Hurst (Appointed 19. 1.2020, resigned 27.9.2023))

Elected members (elected by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

Teresa Aldridge	(Trustee since 12.9.2017) **
Jason Belcher	(Trustee since 10.11.2022)
Khalil Kattana	(Trustee since 01.9.2008)
Graham Meikle	(Trustee since 26.8.21) * also Deputy DC (Training & Compliance)

Nominated members (nominated by the District Lead Volunteer and approved by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

Elizabeth Vennall	(Trustee since 29.9.2022)
Jay Webb	(Trustee since 29.9.2022)
Paul Westwood	(Trustee since 12.11.2015)

Co-opted Members (Appointed by the District Trustee Board during the reporting year)

Vinod Bavabhai	(Trustee since 9.5.2024)
Matt Mellor	(Trustee since 9.5.2024)

District Secretary: The trustees are grateful to Duncan Biddulph who has volunteered to take Trustee Board Minutes since May 2024 - in a non-trustee capacity

Independent Examiner of the District's Accounts

TaxAssist Accountants

96 Drove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3NW

The District Executive's bank accounts are held at:

National Westminster Bank, 89 High St, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HJ

* = Member of Finance sub-Committee

** = Member of District Appointments Advisory Committee

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

Introduction

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR). POR is a core document the main purpose of which is to describe how the Scouts is structured, organised, managed and governed - to help us all run Scouting. It is revised from time to time (see Notes at foot of this Report).

Axe District Scout Council is a separate unincorporated educational charity within the Scouts' federated structure established under these rules, which are common to all Scout Districts. It is registered with the charity regulator for England and Wales.

Constitution

At its AGM on 20th September 2023 this charity adopted in full the model constitution applicable to Scout Districts as stated described in POR (July 2023) chapter 5.4.

At its AGM on 19th September 2024, members of the District Scout Council will be asked to adopt in full a revised version the model constitution applicable to Scout Districts as stated described in POR (March/June 2024) chapter 5.5. *Local governance and finance of Districts*. This can be viewed by following the link: [Chapter 5: Local governance and finance of Groups, Districts, Counties | Policy, Organisation and Rules | Scouts](#)

Structure

Axe Scout District is led by one District Lead Volunteer assisted by two Deputy District Commissioners and supported by a District Team.

The charity is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'charity trustees' of the Scout District. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. All trustees are volunteers who give their time most generously. The charity does not employ any paid staff.

During the reporting year the Trustee Board has consisted of the Chair, Treasurer and up to 13 other Trustees (4 Ex Officio, 4 Elected, 3 Nominated and 2 co-opted Trustees) two of whom are under the age of 25. Trustees meet six times a year plus the AGM. The Board believes that this is sufficient to enable it to be effective whilst remaining flexible to hold additional meetings if the need arises.

This Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR.

From the 2024 AGM:

- Subject to approval of the District Scout Council the number of trustees overall will be reduced to 12 - to include all categories. This is in line with Scout HQ and Charity Commission best practice.
- The number of ex-officio trustees will reduce from 4 to 2 (District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Lead (although this latter role remains vacant for now)
- The remaining 10 trustee places will be filled either through Appointment by the District Scout Council at the AGM or by Co-option by the Trustee Board during the year. The constitution has restrictions on the number of trustees that can be co-opted based upon the number of trustees appointed at the AGM.

- The roles of District Chair and District Treasurer are included within the limit of 10 appointed trustees. Volunteers to fill these roles are to be recommended by the outgoing Trustee Board for appointment approval by the District Scout Council at the AGM.
- The role of District Secretary will no longer be a trustee role.

Each trustee is required to:

- hold a valid disclosure obtained through the Scout Association and issued by the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- make a statutory declaration that they are willing to act as a trustee for this charity and that they are not barred from holding a trustee role.
- complete five mandatory training modules (Scouting Essentials, Trustee Introduction, Data Protection, Safety and Safeguarding) within 5 months of appointment. The training for all current trustees is complete and up to date.

The length of service given by each trustee is to change:

- Currently, one trustee has given 21 years' continuous service, another has given 16 years' service and two others have given more than 9 years. Whilst these periods of service provide a balance of skills, experience, background and knowledge, the Scout Association is keen to ensure new people are able to become trustees bringing with them new skills and experience.
- With effect from the 2024 AGM each trustee may elect to be appointed for up to three years. At the end of that three years that trustee can be appointed for a maximum of two further three-year terms after which they must automatically stand-down for at least three years.

Sub-Committees

The District Trustee Board currently has two operational sub-Committees:

1. **Finance sub-Committee:** To ensure that proper financial planning and budgetary control is operated within the District in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association. It works to Terms of Reference approved by the Trustee Board. An Annual Operational Budget is prepared for agreement by the Trustee Board. This is then monitored throughout the year and progress reports are provided to trustees. There are five members. It meets one week before each Board meeting (to which it then provides an update) plus several times during the production of the District's Annual Consolidated Accounts.
2. **District Appointments Advisory Committee:** The appointments process is set out in POR Chapter 16 – Adult Roles. Appointments are managed by the District Appointments Advisory. During the year it held 21 Welcome Meetings (some face-to-face and others on-line) through which it supported the District Commissioner to meet and approve 76 new adult appointments, approve 38 changes of appointment, approve 2 additional roles, receive 11 five-year appointment reviews and note 54 resignations. The Committee also manages Scouting disclosures for more than 700 adults (leaders and helpers) in this District.

Towards the end of 2024 the way in which adult appointments are made and managed will change as part of the overall Scouting Transformation project. Detail of the processes continues to be awaited.

3. **Buildings and Property sub-Committee:** The Trustee Board is keen to establish a Buildings sub-Committee if volunteers with the right skills come forward and offer their help.

CHARITABLE OBJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The purpose of the Scouts is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. By being in Scouts, adults and young people develop skills for life through participation in a programme, underpinned by the Scouting method. Youth membership is open to young people between the ages of 4 and 24 predominantly living within the area known as Axe Scout District.

The purpose of Axe Scout District is to support and encourage the development of the 1500+ young people within the District. We do this by:

- supporting and developing adult volunteers (350+ leaders and 120+ trustees across the 19 Scout Groups and 7 Explorer Units in Axe District) to be able to run the Scout programme.
- providing opportunities for young people from the District to participate in developmental activities elsewhere within the United Kingdom, Europe and the rest of the World.
- managing and delivering a development programme for Young Leaders – many of whom go on to be young adult leaders.
- providing grants to help the development of young people inc. hardship grants to ensure no-one is disadvantaged.
- organising and delivering District-wide events for our young people.
- making funds available to loan to any Group in need of short-term help.
- managing our finances to ensure costs are kept to a minimum enabling us to keep the District element of the annual membership fee lower than it was back in 2012!

The Purpose of the Trustee Board is to ensure that the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit. We do this through good charity governance, by:

- working with Lead Volunteers to meet their charity aims
- ensuring the District follows the Scouts policies and relevant legislation – keeping young people safe
- effective financial management
- looking after buildings, insurance and property
- managing risks
- being confident that the Scouts has a positive image within our community
- delivering an AGM

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Annual Statement of Accounts and a full report will be provided to members of the Scout Council at the AGM - for noting. The charity's main source of income is from the District element of the annual membership fees. Occasionally it receives donations and grants but does not proactively seek such income.

Membership Fees

An annual membership fee is levied on all young people taking part in Scouting. In 2023 the combined District, County and Headquarters elements totalled £55 per person, in 2024 it is £57.00. Of this figure the District element in 2023 was £7.00 which remains unchanged in 2024. This sum is identified during the work undertaken by the Finance sub-Committee to prepare the charity's annual operational budget.

The combined fees must be collected by the District at the end of each financial year but the elements for County and HQ are only paid-on in the first days of the following financial year. This regularly distorts the balance of monies held by this charity as at the end of the financial year – making them look greater than they actually are.

Loans to Groups within Axe District

No requests for loans have been received during the reporting year and there are no loans outstanding as at 31st March 2024.

Reserves Policy

In the event of a reduction in youth membership then the District's fee income would be proportionately reduced putting at risk its ability to operate as planned.

Taking into account the purpose of the District's funds that are held as 'restricted' and 'unrestricted designated' the Trustees believe that in order to be able to continue to support the District's youth programme our policy is that the sum equivalent to 50% of the current year's agreed annual operational budget rounded up to the nearest £1000 should be kept in reserve for use in the following budget year. This will enable core activities to

be sustained whilst a recovery programme is put in place. On this basis, the figure to be held in reserve during 2023-2024 was set at £8,000 and will remain at this figure for 2024-2025.

This policy is reviewed annually. It will be monitored by the District's Finance sub-Committee and will be reported upon to the full District Executive Board of Trustees at its bi-monthly meetings.

The need to retain the *Pandemic reserve* has been reviewed and the trustees decided that this reserve is no longer required. The balance of £9,815 has been returned to 'available funds'.

Our 'unrestricted designated' funds explained

The Trustees hold money in the following unrestricted but designated funds (see page 8 of the Annual Accounts for the balances):

- *International Jamboree* (formerly World Scout Jamboree) fund – to hold accumulated monies formally committed by District Trustees to support individuals from Axe District who are selected to attend large scale international events - not just the WSJ.
- *AxeJam fund* – to help funding and preparation for District jamborees.
- *Hardship fund* - to enable Groups in our District to support families that have difficulty in affording any aspect of Scouting.
- *Ski Trip fund* – monies held in the District's main account to use for the District's Ski Trip. The next is in January 2025
- *District Activities fund* – The separate bank account was also closed in 2018. Access to the money remains available via this designated fund.
- *Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund* - Opened to hold monies gifted to Axe District by Winscombe Masonic Lodge upon its closure in June 2022. The fund is to be put "towards good use of young people in the area".
- *Gang Show (Meet the Gang) fund* - Opened September 2023 to hold Axe District's element of the Meet the Gang bank account upon its closure.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The trustees are grateful to TaxAssist Accountants in Weston-super-Mare for being able to receive, examine and return the District's accounts in such good time.

RISK MANAGEMENT and COMPLIANCE

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of our charitable activity. The Trustee Board recognises that managing it effectively is essential if we are to achieve our key objectives and safeguard the charity's funds and assets. The Trustees review areas of risk at each Board meeting. The Trustee Board continues to develop a detailed Risk Register to use as a management tool at Trustee Board meetings.

At each trustee meeting the District Lead Volunteer keeps trustees updated with all live and recently closed health, safety and safeguarding issues throughout the District.

An Insurances and Licences Register is in place to ensure that trustees understand and can monitor the myriad of insurance and licence requirements necessary to deliver safe Scouting, and ensure that premiums are paid up to date.

Data Protection

The District takes its data protection responsibilities seriously and with the introduction of the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) on 25th May 2018 as a charity we have observed additional requirements to demonstrate our transparency and safeguarding of information as a data processor. The work to ensure compliance is on-going. The Board of Trustees is pleased to report that no breaches of the requirements have been advised or reported during the past year.

Compliance

At each trustee meeting the Deputy District Commissioner (Learning & Compliance) keeps the trustees updated as to leader compliance with completing mandatory learning, people without disclosures and data protection issues. In line with Scout HQ policy this District is moving towards zero-tolerance for leaders who do not hold valid 1st Aid, Safety and Safeguarding certification or who do not hold a valid disclosure. Sadly, this has led to suspensions and role cancellations.

DECLARATION

The District Trustees are satisfied that:

- this charity is well managed, carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and is managing the charity's resources responsibly
- this charity is operating compliant with POR and the Charity Commission
- young people are meaningfully involved in decision making
- the District has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the District

This Annual Report was approved by the Trustees on 29th August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Ali Kattana
District Commissioner



Jeremy Birkett
District Chair

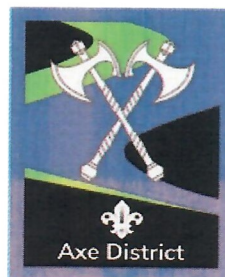
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At start of the reporting year – 1 st April 2022	January 2022
Revised	October 2022
Revised and remained valid to the end of the reporting year – 31 st March 2023	January 2023
Revised	April 2023
Revised - version valid as at the date of the 2023 AGM	July 2023 (pre-transformation)
Revised - version valid as at the date of the 2024 AGM	March 2024 (updated June 2024)



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS **for the year ending 31st March 2024**



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

Address: TaxAssist Accountants, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 13th August 2024

Axe District Scout Council (Registered Charity no. 305639)

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY


for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

	Note	As at 31.3.2024	As at 31.3.2023
		£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)		183,037	140,420
Total payments for the year (see page 5)		- 179,752	- 131,723
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		3,285	8,697
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		181,260	172,563
Cash, bank and similar funds held at year end	1 & 12	<u>184,545</u>	<u>181,260</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted general funds		57,564	62,337
Unrestricted designated funds		61,211	57,789
Total Unrestricted funds		<u>118,775</u>	<u>120,126</u>
Restricted funds		65,770	61,134
Endowment funds		0	0
Total cash funds		<u>184,545</u>	<u>181,260</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17th October 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:



District Lead Volunteer
Trustee



District Chair
Trustee

Axe District Scout Council

RECEIPTS for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
		£	£
Membership subscriptions	2	106,807	97,325
Less: Paid-on to County and HQ		- 79,541	- 71,504
Net membership subscriptions retained		<u>27,266</u>	<u>25,821</u>
Investment income received:			
Bank interest		249	84
Building Society interest		-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-
Dividends		-	-
		<u>249</u>	<u>84</u>
Grants received	3	-	5,500
Activities	4	113,961	82,664
Fundraising (gross)	5	6,909	4,562
Other income (inc. donations):	6	26,034	11,933
Loan repayments received from units	7	-	-
Sale of Government Stock		-	-
Badge receipts (sales)		8,618	9,855
Total receipts for the year		<u><u>183,037</u></u>	<u><u>140,420</u></u>

Axe District Scout Council

PAYMENTS for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
		£	£
Premises		0	0
Grants made	8	1,181	0
Activities	9	137,441	104,619
Fundraising expenses	10	4,688	1,325
Administration/establishments expenses	11	27,793	17,433
Trustee expenses		0	0
Sundries		0	0
Purchase of capital equipment		0	0
Purchase of badges		8,650	8,347
Sundry payments		0	0
Loans made to units		0	0
Total payments for the year		<u>179,752</u>	<u>131,723</u>

Axe District Scout Council

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES for the year ending 31st March 2024

	Note	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		£	£
Bank current account(s)		184,447	181,162
Bank deposit account(s)		0	0
Bank term deposit(s)		0	0
Building society account(s)		0	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0	0
Funds held on Pre-Payment Card		0	94
Cash in hand		97	4
	1 & 12	<u>184,545</u>	<u>181,260</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Tax claim		0	0
Debts due (overdue receipts from Groups)		0	248
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Government Stocks at market value			
Other quoted securities at market value			
Other investments			
Property held for investment purposes			
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for charity's own use			
Badge secretary's stock		4,104	3,790
Shop stock			
Land and buildings			
Motor vehicles			
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>188,649</u>	<u>185,297</u>
LIABILITIES Those due within one year			
Accounts not yet paid		0	0
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid		0	0
Other		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year			
Loan		0	0
Hire purchase owing		0	0
Leasing payments outstanding		0	0
Other long term liabilities		0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>188,649</u>	<u>185,297</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Axe District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
	£	£
1.a Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - by fund (also see note 12)		
Restricted funds		
District Board of Trustees	65,770.15	61134.16
Sections/Units funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>65,770.15</u>	<u>61134.16</u>
Unrestricted Designated Funds		
District Board of Trustees	13,374.80	11660.48
Sections/Units	<u>47,835.90</u>	<u>46128.42</u>
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>61,210.70</u>	<u>57788.9</u>
Unrestricted General Funds		
District Board of Trustees	57,564.35	62337.06
Sections/Units	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Unrestricted General funds	<u>57,564.35</u>	<u>62337.06</u>
Total funds held by the Charity	<u><u>184,545.20</u></u>	<u><u>181260.12</u></u>
1.b Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - Summary (also see note 12)		
District Executive/Board of Trustees	136,709	135,132
Sections/Units	<u>47,836</u>	<u>46,128</u>
	<u><u>184,545</u></u>	<u><u>181,260</u></u>
2. Receipts: Membership subscriptions		
	Gross	97,325
	106,807	-
	Less: Paid-on to County and HQ	71,504
	-	<u>25,821</u>
Net Membership subscriptions retained within Axe District:	<u><u>27,266</u></u>	<u><u>25,821</u></u>
3. Receipts: Grants	-	5,500
4. Receipts: Activities		
District Beaver Scouts	6,479	2,995
District Cub Scouts	0	-
District Scouts	3,967	4,449
District Explorer Scouts	2,826	-
District Scout Network	456	660
Axe-Jammers	-	-
Expedition (Ten Tors) account	8,678	6,270
Cardinals ESU	805	400
Maniaxe ESU	820	1,080
Pioneers ESU	2,697	1,179
Saracens ESU	3,571	7,854
Spartans ESU	9,355	4,056
Yeo ESU	64,746	32,164
Training	-	-
World Jamboree	-	6,731
Jamborees (exc. World Jamboree)	-	-
Pantomime trip	8,811	13,046
District Ski Trip	-	-
Sundries	321	1,780
West Mendip Way Walk	429	-
	<u>113,961</u>	<u>82,664</u>
5. Receipts: Fundraising		
Fundraising for benefit of units	3,994	2,766
Funds raised to pay-on to 3rd party (e.g. St Georges Day)	<u>2,916</u>	<u>1,796</u>
	<u>6,909</u>	<u>4,562</u>
6. Receipts: Other Income		
Donations received	16,353	3,507
Legacies received	-	-
Income Tax recovered via Gift Aid (on subscriptions and donations)	1,890	1,641
World Jamboree	-	-
Golden Woggle	-	-
Other Income	334	526
Leader 1st Aid Training	360	1,340
Sundries	305	257
Funds transfer from District/Group/Unit	<u>6,792</u>	<u>4,663</u>
	<u>26,034</u>	<u>11,933</u>
Received from Sections		
Badge Account	-	-
	<u>26,034</u>	<u>11,933</u>
7. Receipts: Loan repayments received from units	-	-
8. Payments: Grants made		
Start up Grants	-	-
Other grants	<u>1,181</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,181</u>	<u>-</u>

Axe District Scout Council

Notes to the accounts to 31st March 2024 (continued)

9. Payments: Activity Expenses

	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
	£	£
Axe Jammers	-	-
District Beaver Scouts	5,584	4,207
District Cub Scouts	45	-
District Scouts	4,000	3,953
District Explorer Scouts	2,698	-
District Scout Network	578	517
District Expeditions (inc Ten Tors)	8,792	6,399
District Activities (Jamborees & District Events)	-	1,643
World Jamboree	-	10,536
Pantomime	8,580	12,844
Cardinals ESU	927	862
Maniaxe ESU	3,150	1,362
Pioneers ESU	4,862	4,757
Saracens ESU	5,977	11,754
Spartans ESU	10,781	5,616
Yeo ESU	80,797	39,033
St. George's Day Celebration: costs	210	424
Golden Woggles event	259	-
Adult Support and Training	-	712
New Equipment	-	-
District Ski Trip	-	-
West Mendip Way Walk	200	-
	<u>137,441</u>	<u>104,619</u>

10. Payments: Fundraising expenses

Incurred as a result of fundraising activities	-	-
Funds raised and paid-on to a 3rd Party	4,688	1,325
	<u>4,688</u>	<u>1,325</u>

11. Payments: Administration/establishment expenses

Petrol, telephone & postage expenses	514	1,042
Group Support	2,916	2,672
New Group Support - 1st Burrington Village	6,185	1,967
Leader 1st Aid Training	450	1,764
Resources	218	462
Meeting Costs	2,598	2,114
Bank charges and accounting software fee	279	269
Accountancy and examination of accounts	414	785
Insurances	476	299
Licences	578	529
Recruitment	-	-
Transfer of funds upon closure of Group/Unit	278	2,189
Storage container	1,378	879
Equipment purchased	8,693	755
Other expenses	2,814	1,706
	<u>27,793</u>	<u>17,433</u>

12. Breakdown of cash, bank and similar funds

District Executive funds

Restricted: HQ and County membership fees to pay-on	64,870	59,520
Restricted: World Scout Jamboree	-	714
Restricted: TSA Grant - Nights Away Advisors for Squirrels	500	500
Restricted: New Scout Group support	400	400
Total Restricted Funds	<u>65,770</u>	<u>61,134</u>

Designated: World Jamboree	1,250	840
Designated: Axe Jam	1,013	1,013
Designated: District Hardship fund	5,704	5,759
Designated: District Scout Network	-	-
Designated: District Explorer Scouts	-	278
Designated: District Activities	1,719	1,644
Designated: Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund	2,075	2,075
Designated: District Scouts	1,563	-
Designated: Ski Trip fund	50	50
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>13,375</u>	<u>11,660</u>
Total Unrestricted General funds	<u>57,564</u>	<u>62,337</u>
Total District Executive funds	<u>136,709</u>	<u>135,132</u>

Funds held by Sections/Units

Total Restricted Funds	-	-
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>47,836</u>	<u>46,128</u>
Total District consolidated funds	<u>184,545</u>	<u>181,260</u>

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

Address: TaxAssist Accountants, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 13th August 2024

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 305639

Accounts



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATION DETAILS - for the year ended 31st March 2023

Registered name:	Axe District Scout Council
Other name used:	Axe District Scouts, Axe Scout District
Charity registration number:	305639
Registered Office:	None
Joint Presidents of the Scout Association:	HRH The Princess of Wales and HRH The Duke of Kent
District President:	John Crockford-Hawley
District Vice-Presidents:	Ann Coombes, Barrie Taylor and Jenny Thorn

Ex-Officio members – as per the Constitution of Axe Scout District

District Chairman:	Paul Westwood (Trustee since 12.11.2015) *
District Commissioner(s):	Ali Kattana – DC (Trustee since 14.05.2015) * Richard Hurst – DC until 30.09.2022 (Trustee since 01.01.2018) *
District Treasurer:	Jackie Simpson (Trustee since 24.09.2020)*. **
District Secretary:	Sheena Thomas – (Trustee since 10.03.2022 resigned 09.06.2023) <i>Currently vacant</i>
Deputy District Commissioners:	Kate Lewis – DDC (Programme) (Trustee since 26.08.2021) Graham Meikle – DDC (Training & Compliance) (Trustee since 26.08.21) *
District Explorer Scout Commissioner:	Richard Hurst – appointed 23.09.2022 (Trustee since 01.01.2018) *
District Scout Network Commissioner:	Gareth Thomas (Trustee and appointment from 16.03.2022)
District Youth Commissioner:	Joe Hurst (Trustee and appointment from 19. 1.2020)

Elected members (elected by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

Teresa Aldridge (Trustee since 12.09.2017) **
Jeremy Birkett (Trustee since 01.03.2003) *, **
Khalil Kattana (Trustee since 01.09.2008)
Jeremy Long (Trustee since 22.09.2011)
Steve Short (Trustee since 10.09.2018)
Paul Thomas (Trustee since 22.09.2021)

Nominated members (nominated by the District Commissioner and approved by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

None

Co-opted Members (Elected by the District Trustee Board during the reporting year)

Jason Belcher (Trustee since 10.11.2022)
Elizabeth Vennall (Trustee since 29.09.2022)
Jay Webb (Trustee since 29.09.2022)

Independent Examiner of the District's Accounts

TaxAssist Accountants

96 Drove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3NW

The District Executive's bank accounts are held at:

National Westminster Bank, 89 High St, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HJ

* = Member of Finance sub-Committee

** = Member of District Appointments Advisory Committee

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

Introduction

The Scout Association exists by authority of Royal Charters; these give authority to the by-laws of the Association, which are approved by His Majesty's Privy Council. The by-laws in turn authorise the making of rules for regulation of the Association's affairs and are known as *Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR)*. This is a core document the main purpose of which is to describe how the Scouts is structured, organised, managed and governed - to help us all run Scouting. It is revised from time to time (see Notes at foot of this Report). Axe District Scout Council is a separate unincorporated educational charity within the Scouts' federated structure established under these rules, which are common to all Scout Districts. It is registered with the charity regulator for England and Wales.

Governing document (Constitution)

The charity's governing document is its Constitution. Whilst POR, for several years, has provided a model constitution within its pages it has also allowed Groups and Districts to agree their own Constitution.

On 14th January 2016 Axe Scout District adopted its own Constitution (which was last amended on 16th September 2020). It broadly follows the template provided within POR but with some local differences. It remains in force and members of the Scout Council will be asked to re-adopt it at the start of the 2023 AGM in order to complete the review of the 'old' year.

Between November 2023 and February 2024, the Scouting Transformation programme will introduce significant changes to volunteering across Scouting and because of this POR "very strongly encourages" each Group and District to adopt the model constitution that is shown in Chapter 5.4. The Board of Trustees (formerly known as the District Executive) recommends that Axe District complies with this request and at its AGM will seek the Scout Council's agreement to adopt the Model Constitution as its governing document for the 'new' year.

A presentation about Scouting Transformation will be delivered at the AGM.

Structure

Axe Scout District is led by one District Commissioner (who is currently assisted by two Deputy District Commissioners and supported by a District Team) and managed by the District Trustee Board (POR Chapter 4.10.1.1). They are accountable to the District Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the District.

The District Trustee Board

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouting in the District is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

The Trustee Board usually meets six times each year plus the Annual General Meeting although it remains flexible to call additional meetings if the need arises. It believes that this is sufficient to enable it to be effective. Face-to-face meetings have now resumed.

Appointment of Trustees

The District Trustee Board consists of ex-officio members, elected members, nominated members and co-opted members. The ratio in each category is managed in accordance with the Constitution. The Scout Council is responsible at the AGM for electing those standing as elected members, approving those nominated by the District Commissioners and approving some ex-officio members. Co-opted members are approved by the Trustee Board during the year. Every member however approved is a charity trustee and is required to hold a valid disclosure obtained through the Scout Association and issued by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

There are currently 17 trustees with a balance of skills, experience, background and knowledge. Three of the elected trustees have more than twelve years' experience. Their contribution to Axe District Scouts continues to be valued bringing a depth of experience and understanding to the Board. All other trustees have been in place for between one and eight years.

The Scout Association requires all trustees to undergo a mandatory training programme: One-off modules covering Essential Information, Data Protection and a Trustee Introduction; Safety and Safeguarding modules are renewable every 3 years. All current trustees hold a complete set of valid certificates.

Sub-Committees

The District Trustee Board currently has two operational sub-Committees:

1. **Finance sub-Committee:** To ensure that proper financial planning and budgetary control is operated within the District in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association. It works to Terms of Reference (last updated 23rd June 2016) approved by the Board. An Annual Operational Budget is prepared for agreement by the Trustee Board. This is then monitored throughout the year and progress reports are provided to trustees. There are six members – two are elected and four are ex-officio. It meets one week before each Board meeting (to which it then provides an update) plus several times during the production of the District's Annual Consolidated Accounts.
2. **District Appointments Advisory Committee:** The appointments process is set out in POR Chapter 16 – Adult Roles. Appointments are managed by the District Appointments Advisory Committee chaired by Jeremy Birkett (Trustee). During the year it held 20 appointment panels (some face-to-face and others on-line) through which it supported the District Commissioners to meet and approve 70 new adult appointments, approve 35 changes of appointment, approve 4 additional roles, receive 22 five-year appointment reviews and note 45 resignations. The Committee also manages Scouting disclosures for more than 700 adults (leaders and helpers) in this District.

From February 2024 Scouting transformation will mean that appointment panels will cease to be part of the process. It is not yet clear how they will be replaced, or the process managed.

The Trustee Board is keen to establish a Buildings sub-Committee if volunteers with the right skills come forward and offer their help.

The Charity Governance Code

The Board of Trustees remains aware of the *Charity Governance Code for smaller charities* (launched 13th July 2017, refreshed at the end of 2020) and uses it as a practical tool to develop and maintain a high standard of governance.

Data Protection

The District takes its data protection responsibilities seriously and with the introduction of the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) on 25th May 2018 as a charity we have observed additional requirements to demonstrate our transparency and safeguarding of information as a data processor. The work to ensure compliance is ongoing. The Board of Trustees is pleased to report that no breaches of the requirements have been advised or reported during the past year.

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of our charitable activity. The Trustee Board recognises that managing it effectively is essential if we are to achieve our key objectives and safeguard the charity's funds and assets. The Trustees regularly review areas of risk. The Trustee Board is in the process of developing a more detailed and robust Risk Register which it will use as a management tool at Trustee Board meetings.

Paid staff

Axe Scout District does not employ any paid staff.

OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the Scouts is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. By being in Scouts, adults and young people develop skills for life through participation in a programme, underpinned by the Scouting method. Youth membership is open to young people between the ages of 4 and 24 predominantly living within the area known as Axe Scout District.

The purpose of Axe Scout District is to support and encourage the development of the 1400+ young people within the District. We do this by:

- supporting and developing adult volunteers (350 leaders and 120 trustees across the 19 Scout Groups and 6 Explorer Units in Axe District) to be able to run the Scout programme.
- providing opportunities for young people from the District to participate in developmental activities elsewhere within the United Kingdom, Europe and the rest of the World.
- managing and delivering a development programme for Young Leaders – many of whom go on to be young adult leaders.
- providing grants to enable a new Scout Group to open (1st Burrington Village).
- providing grants to help the development of young people inc. hardship grants to ensure no-one is disadvantaged.
- organising and delivering District-wide events for our young people.
- making funds available to loan to any Group in need of short-term help.
- managing our finances to ensure costs are kept to a minimum enabling us to keep the District element of the annual membership fee lower than it was back in 2012.

We remain mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

World Scout Jamboree

For at least the past 24 years the trustees have been proud to support young people from Axe Scout District who are selected to attend the four yearly World Scout Jamboree. Although the one held earlier this year in South Korea did not go to plan the trustees are pleased to have provided grants totalling £5,400 towards the costs of sending 5 young people, one leader and 6 young adults to the event. It is hoped that some of the young people who attended will share their experience with us at the 2023 AGM.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A full report will be provided to members of the Scout Council at the AGM alongside presentation of the Annual Accounts for adoption. The charity's main source of income is from the District element of the annual membership fees. Occasionally it receives donations and grants but does not proactively seek such income.

Membership Fees

An annual membership fee is levied on all young people taking part in Scouting. In 2022 the combined District, County and Headquarters elements totalled £54 per person, in 2023 it is £55.00. Of this figure the District element in 2022 was £7.00 which remains unchanged in 2023. This sum is identified during the work undertaken by the Finance sub-Committee to prepare the charity's annual operational budget.

These fees must be collected by the District at the end of each financial year but the elements for County and HQ are only paid-on in the first days of the following financial year. This regularly distorts the balance of monies held by this charity as at the end of the financial year – making them look greater than they actually are. In the year to 31st March 2023 we collected fees totalling £76,562 and then immediately at the start of the new financial year District paid-on to County and HQ the total sum of £65,894 (£63,497 in 2022). The balance of £10,668 was retained by us to go towards funding our operational budget.

Loans to Groups within Axe District

No requests for loans have been received during the reporting year and there are no loans outstanding as at 31st March 2023.

Reserves Policy

In the event of a reduction in youth membership then the District's fee income would be proportionately reduced putting at risk its ability to operate as planned.

Taking into account the purpose of the District's funds that are held as 'restricted' and 'unrestricted designated' the Trustees believe that in order to be able to continue to support the District's youth programme our policy is that the sum equivalent to 50% of the current year's agreed annual operational budget rounded up to the nearest £1000 should be kept in reserve for use in the following budget year. This will enable core activities to

be sustained whilst a recovery programme is put in place. On this basis, the figure to be held in reserve during 2022-2023 was set at £8,000 and will remain at this figure for 2023-2024.

This policy is reviewed annually. It will be monitored by the District's Finance sub-Committee and will be reported upon to the full District Executive Board of Trustees at its bi-monthly meetings.

The *Pandemic reserve* mentioned in last year's Trustees' Report remains in place. It still stands at £9,815. The trustees have agreed that £3000 of this will be used to support our operational budget requirements during 2023. The remainder will be retained for now to enable similar cover in the following year. The aim is to keep the element raised through the membership fees as low as possible.

Our 'unrestricted designated' funds explained

The Trustees hold money in the following unrestricted but designated funds (see page 8 of the Annual Accounts for the balances):

- *World Scout Jamboree fund* – to contribute towards the cost of supporting individuals attending the next World Jamboree. Provision is made for this on an annual basis. The next is in South Korea in 2023.
- *AxeJam fund*– to help funding and preparation for District jamborees.
- *Hardship fund* - to enable Groups in our District to support families that have difficulty in affording any aspect of Scouting.
- *Ski Trip fund* – monies held in the District's main account to use for the District's Ski Trip.
- *District Scout Network fund* – was closed during the past year because a new designated bank account has been opened.
- *District Explorers fund* – The separate bank account was closed in 2018. The balance is now held as a designated fund available for use by the District Explorer team.
- *District Activities fund* – The separate bank account was also closed in 2018. Access to the money remains available via this designated fund.
- *Axe District Scouts fund* – was closed during the past year because a new designated bank account has been opened.
- *Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund* - Opened to hold monies gifted to Axe District by Winscombe Masonic Lodge upon its closure in June 2022. The fund is to be put "towards good use of young people in the area".

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

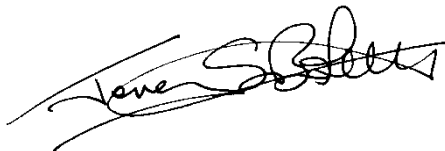
The trustees are grateful to TaxAssist Accountants in Weston-super-Mare for being able to receive, examine and return the District's accounts in such good time.

DECLARATION

The above Annual Report was approved by the Trustees 8th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Ali Kattana
District Commissioner



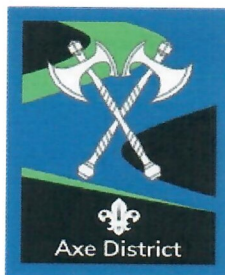
Jeremy Birkett
Acting District Chair

POR version control:	Revision date
At start of the reporting year – 1 st April 2022	January 2022
Revised	October 2022
Revised and remained valid to the end of the reporting year – 31 st March 2023	January 2023
Revised	April 2023
Version valid as at the date of the 2023 AGM	July 2023 (pre-transformation)



**AXE DISTRICT
SCOUT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS
for the year ending 31st March 2023**



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

Address: TaxAssist Accountants, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 1st September 2023

Axe District Scout Council (Registered Charity no. 305639)

**Receipts and payments accounts summary for the year ended
31st March 2023**

	Note	As at 31.3.2023	As at 31.3.2022
		£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)		140,420	69,522
Total payments for the year (see page 5)		<u>- 131,723</u>	<u>- 60,743</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		8,697	8,779
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		172,563	163,785
Cash, bank and similar funds held at year end	1 & 12	<u>181,260</u>	<u>172,563</u>

Represented by:

Unrestricted general funds	62,337	54,262
Unrestricted designated funds	<u>57,789</u>	<u>53,709</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	120,126	107,971
Restricted funds	61,134	64,592
Endowment funds	0	0
Total cash funds	<u>181,260</u>	<u>172,563</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 7th September 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:



Ali Kattana

District Commissioner
Trustee



Jeremy Birkett

Acting District Chair
Trustee

Axe District Scout Council

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	31.3.2023	31.3.2022
		£	£
Membership subscriptions	2	97,325	87,017
Less: Paid-on to County and HQ		- 71,504	- 64,518
Net membership subscriptions retained		<u>25,821</u>	<u>22,499</u>
Investment income received:			
Bank interest		84	2
Building Society interest		-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-
Dividends		-	-
		<u>84</u>	<u>2</u>
Grants received	3	5,500	-
Activities	4	82,664	29,660
Fundraising (gross)	5	4,562	1,180
Other income (inc. donations):	6	11,933	7,618
Loan repayments received from units	7	-	-
Sale of Government Stock		-	-
Badge receipts (sales)		9,855	8,563
Total receipts for the year		<u><u>140,420</u></u>	<u><u>69,522</u></u>

Axe District Scout Council

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	31.3.2023	31.3.2022
		£	£
Premises		0	0
Grants made	8	0	0
Activities	9	104,619	38,837
Fundraising expenses	10	1,325	0
Administration/establishments expenses	11	17,433	12,798
Trustee expenses		0	0
Sundries		0	0
Purchase of capital equipment		0	0
Purchase of badges		8,347	9,108
Sundry payments		0	0
Loans made to units		0	0
Total payments for the year		<u>131,723</u>	<u>60,743</u>

Axe District Scout Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2023

	Note	31.3.2023	31.3.2022
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		£	£
Bank current account(s)		181,166	172,563
Bank deposit account(s)		0	0
Bank term deposit(s)		0	0
Building society account(s)		0	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0	0
Funds held on Pre-Payment Card		0	0
Cash in hand		94	0
	1 & 12	<u>181,260</u>	<u>172,563</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Tax claim		0	0
Debts due (overdue receipts from Groups)		248	0
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Government Stocks at market value			
Other quoted securities at market value			
Other investments			
Property held for investment purposes			
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for charity's own use			
Badge secretary's stock		3,790	3,660
Shop stock			
Land and buildings			
Motor vehicles			
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>185,297</u>	<u>176,223</u>
LIABILITIES Those due within one year			
Accounts not yet paid		0	0
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid		0	0
Other		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year			
Loan		0	0
Hire purchase owing		0	0
Leasing payments outstanding		0	0
Other long term liabilities		0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>185,297</u>	<u>176,223</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Axe District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

	31.3.2023	31.3.2022
	£	£
1.a Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - by fund (also see note 12)		
Restricted funds		
District Board of Trustees	61,134.16	64,592
Sections/Units funds	0.00	0
Total Restricted funds	<u>61,134.16</u>	<u>64,592</u>
Unrestricted Designated Funds		
District Board of Trustees	11,660.48	16,408
Sections/Units	46,128.42	37,301
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>57,788.90</u>	<u>53,709</u>
Unrestricted General Funds		
District Board of Trustees	62,337.06	54,262
Sections/Units	0.00	0
Total Unrestricted General funds	<u>62,337.06</u>	<u>54,262</u>
Total funds held by the Charity	<u><u>181,260.12</u></u>	<u><u>172,563</u></u>
1.b Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - Summary (also see note 12)		
District Executive/Board of Trustees	135,132	135,262
Sections/Units	46,128	37,301
	<u>181,260</u>	<u>172,563</u>
2. Receipts: Membership subscriptions		
Gross	97,325	87,017
Less: Paid-on to County and HQ	- 71,504	- 64,518
Net Membership subscriptions retained within Axe District:	<u>25,821</u>	<u>22,499</u>
3. Receipts: Grants	5,500	-
4. Receipts: Activities		
District Beaver Scouts	2,995	-
District Cub Scouts	-	157
District Scouts	4,449	-
District Scout Network	660	-
Axe-Jammers	-	-
Expedition (Ten Tors) account	6,270	4,291
Cardinals ESU	400	-
Maniaxe ESU	1,080	400
Pioneers ESU	1,179	1,448
Saracens ESU	7,854	1,100
Spartans ESU	4,056	1,154
Yeo ESU	32,164	6,475
Training	-	1,452
2015 World Jamboree	6,731	1,695
Jamborees (exc. World Jamboree)	-	-
Pantomime trip	13,046	8,159
District Ski Trip	-	-
Sundries	1,780	3,329
West Mendip Way Walk	-	-
	<u>82,664</u>	<u>29,660</u>
5. Receipts: Fundraising		
Fundraising for benefit of units	2,766	1,180
Funds raised to pay-on to 3rd party (e.g. St Georges Day)	1,796	-
	<u>4,562</u>	<u>1,180</u>
6. Receipts: Other Income		
Donations received	3,507	219
Legacies received	-	-
Income Tax recovered via Gift Aid (on subscriptions and donations)	1,641	1,640
World Jamboree	-	-
Golden Woggle	-	-
Other Income	526	574
Leader 1st Aid Training	1,340	-
Sundries	257	-
Funds from closing Group/Unit	4,663	4,225
	<u>11,933</u>	<u>6,658</u>
Received from Sections		
Badge Account	-	960
	<u>11,933</u>	<u>7,618</u>
7. Receipts: Loan repayments received from units	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8. Payments: Grants made		
Start up Grants	-	-
Other grants	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Axe District Scout Council

Notes to the accounts to 31st March 2023 (continued)

	31.3.2023	31.3.2022
	£	£
9. Payments: Activity Expenses		
Axe Jammers	-	-
District Beaver Scouts	4,207	-
District Cub Scouts	-	-
District Scouts	3,953	-
District Scout Network	517	-
District Expeditions (inc Ten Tors)	6,399	3,918
District Activities (Jamborees & District Events)	1,643	2,825
World Jamboree	10,536	1,182
Pantomime	12,844	8,502
Cardinals ESU	862	-
Maniaxe ESU	1,362	838
Pioneers ESU	4,757	3,736
Saracens ESU	11,754	2,058
Spartans ESU	5,616	1,633
Yeo ESU	39,033	12,270
St. George's Day Celebration: costs	424	50
Golden Woggles event	-	220
Adult Support and Training	712	1,556
New Equipment	-	-
District Ski Trip	-	50
West Mendip Way Walk	-	-
	<u>104,619</u>	<u>38,837</u>
10. Payments: Fundraising expenses		
Incurred as a result of fundraising activities	-	-
Funds raised and paid-on to a 3rd Party	1,325	-
	<u>1,325</u>	<u>-</u>
11. Payments: Administration/establishment expenses		
Petrol, telephone & postage expenses	1,042	1,667
Group Support	2,672	2,138
New Group Support - 1st Burrington Village	1,967	-
Leader 1st Aid Training	1,764	-
Resources	462	170
Meeting Costs	2,114	355
Bank charges and accounting software fee	269	66
Accountancy and examination of accounts	785	-
Insurances	299	188
Licences	529	462
Recruitment	-	-
Transfer of funds upon closure of Group/Unit	2,189	4,225
Storage container	879	796
Equipmeent purchased	755	-
Other expenses	1,706	2,731
	<u>17,433</u>	<u>12,798</u>
12. Breakdown of cash, bank and similar funds		
<i>District Executive funds</i>		
Restricted: HQ and County membership fees to pay-on	59,520	63,497
Restricted: World Scout Jamboree	714	695
Restricted: TSA Grant - Nights Away Advisors for Squirrels	500	-
Restricted: New Scout Group support	400	400
Total Restricted Funds	<u>61,134</u>	<u>64,592</u>
Designated: World Jamboree	840	5,060
Designated: Axe Jam	1,013	1,013
Designated: District Hardship fund	5,759	5,934
Designated: District Scout Network	-	462
Designated: District Explorer Scouts	278	421
Designated: District Activities	1,644	1,644
Designated: Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund	2,075	-
Designated: District Scouts	-	1,823
Designated: Ski Trip fund	50	50
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>11,660</u>	<u>16,408</u>
Total Unrestricted General funds	<u>62,337</u>	<u>54,262</u>
Total District Executive funds	<u>135,132</u>	<u>135,262</u>
<i>Funds held by Sections/Units</i>		
Total Restricted Funds	-	-
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	<u>46,128</u>	<u>37,301</u>
Total District consolidated funds	<u>181,260</u>	<u>172,563</u>



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATION DETAILS - for the year ended 31st March 2023

Registered name:	Axe District Scout Council
Other name used:	Axe District Scouts, Axe Scout District
Charity registration number:	305639
Registered Office:	None
Joint Presidents of the Scout Association:	HRH The Princess of Wales and HRH The Duke of Kent
District President:	John Crockford-Hawley
District Vice-Presidents:	Ann Coombes, Barrie Taylor and Jenny Thorn

Ex-Officio members – as per the Constitution of Axe Scout District

District Chairman:	Paul Westwood (Trustee since 12.11.2015) *
District Commissioner(s):	Ali Kattana – DC (Trustee since 14.05.2015) * Richard Hurst – DC until 30.09.2022 (Trustee since 01.01.2018) *
District Treasurer:	Jackie Simpson (Trustee since 24.09.2020)*. **
District Secretary:	Sheena Thomas – (Trustee since 10.03.2022 resigned 09.06.2023) <i>Currently vacant</i>
Deputy District Commissioners:	Kate Lewis – DDC (Programme) (Trustee since 26.08.2021) Graham Meikle – DDC (Training & Compliance) (Trustee since 26.08.21) *
District Explorer Scout Commissioner:	Richard Hurst – appointed 23.09.2022 (Trustee since 01.01.2018) *
District Scout Network Commissioner:	Gareth Thomas (Trustee and appointment from 16.03.2022)
District Youth Commissioner:	Joe Hurst (Trustee and appointment from 19. 1.2020)

Elected members (elected by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

Teresa Aldridge (Trustee since 12.09.2017) **
Jeremy Birkett (Trustee since 01.03.2003) *, **
Khalil Kattana (Trustee since 01.09.2008)
Jeremy Long (Trustee since 22.09.2011)
Steve Short (Trustee since 10.09.2018)
Paul Thomas (Trustee since 22.09.2021)

Nominated members (nominated by the District Commissioner and approved by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

None

Co-opted Members (Elected by the District Trustee Board during the reporting year)

Jason Belcher (Trustee since 10.11.2022)
Elizabeth Vennall (Trustee since 29.09.2022)
Jay Webb (Trustee since 29.09.2022)

Independent Examiner of the District's Accounts

TaxAssist Accountants

96 Drove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3NW

The District Executive's bank accounts are held at:

National Westminster Bank, 89 High St, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HJ

* = Member of Finance sub-Committee

** = Member of District Appointments Advisory Committee

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

Introduction

The Scout Association exists by authority of Royal Charters; these give authority to the by-laws of the Association, which are approved by His Majesty's Privy Council. The by-laws in turn authorise the making of rules for regulation of the Association's affairs and are known as *Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR)*. This is a core document the main purpose of which is to describe how the Scouts is structured, organised, managed and governed - to help us all run Scouting. It is revised from time to time (see Notes at foot of this Report). Axe District Scout Council is a separate unincorporated educational charity within the Scouts' federated structure established under these rules, which are common to all Scout Districts. It is registered with the charity regulator for England and Wales.

Governing document (Constitution)

The charity's governing document is its Constitution. Whilst POR, for several years, has provided a model constitution within its pages it has also allowed Groups and Districts to agree their own Constitution.

On 14th January 2016 Axe Scout District adopted its own Constitution (which was last amended on 16th September 2020). It broadly follows the template provided within POR but with some local differences. It remains in force and members of the Scout Council will be asked to re-adopt it at the start of the 2023 AGM in order to complete the review of the 'old' year.

Between November 2023 and February 2024, the Scouting Transformation programme will introduce significant changes to volunteering across Scouting and because of this POR "very strongly encourages" each Group and District to adopt the model constitution that is shown in Chapter 5.4. The Board of Trustees (formerly known as the District Executive) recommends that Axe District complies with this request and at its AGM will seek the Scout Council's agreement to adopt the Model Constitution as its governing document for the 'new' year.

A presentation about Scouting Transformation will be delivered at the AGM.

Structure

Axe Scout District is led by one District Commissioner (who is currently assisted by two Deputy District Commissioners and supported by a District Team) and managed by the District Trustee Board (POR Chapter 4.10.1.1). They are accountable to the District Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the District.

The District Trustee Board

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouting in the District is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

The Trustee Board usually meets six times each year plus the Annual General Meeting although it remains flexible to call additional meetings if the need arises. It believes that this is sufficient to enable it to be effective. Face-to-face meetings have now resumed.

Appointment of Trustees

The District Trustee Board consists of ex-officio members, elected members, nominated members and co-opted members. The ratio in each category is managed in accordance with the Constitution. The Scout Council is responsible at the AGM for electing those standing as elected members, approving those nominated by the District Commissioners and approving some ex-officio members. Co-opted members are approved by the Trustee Board during the year. Every member however approved is a charity trustee and is required to hold a valid disclosure obtained through the Scout Association and issued by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

There are currently 17 trustees with a balance of skills, experience, background and knowledge. Three of the elected trustees have more than twelve years' experience. Their contribution to Axe District Scouts continues to be valued bringing a depth of experience and understanding to the Board. All other trustees have been in place for between one and eight years.

The Scout Association requires all trustees to undergo a mandatory training programme: One-off modules covering Essential Information, Data Protection and a Trustee Introduction; Safety and Safeguarding modules are renewable every 3 years. All current trustees hold a complete set of valid certificates.

Sub-Committees

The District Trustee Board currently has two operational sub-Committees:

1. **Finance sub-Committee:** To ensure that proper financial planning and budgetary control is operated within the District in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association. It works to Terms of Reference (last updated 23rd June 2016) approved by the Board. An Annual Operational Budget is prepared for agreement by the Trustee Board. This is then monitored throughout the year and progress reports are provided to trustees. There are six members – two are elected and four are ex-officio. It meets one week before each Board meeting (to which it then provides an update) plus several times during the production of the District's Annual Consolidated Accounts.
2. **District Appointments Advisory Committee:** The appointments process is set out in POR Chapter 16 – Adult Roles. Appointments are managed by the District Appointments Advisory Committee chaired by Jeremy Birkett (Trustee). During the year it held 20 appointment panels (some face-to-face and others on-line) through which it supported the District Commissioners to meet and approve 70 new adult appointments, approve 35 changes of appointment, approve 4 additional roles, receive 22 five-year appointment reviews and note 45 resignations. The Committee also manages Scouting disclosures for more than 700 adults (leaders and helpers) in this District.

From February 2024 Scouting transformation will mean that appointment panels will cease to be part of the process. It is not yet clear how they will be replaced, or the process managed.

The Trustee Board is keen to establish a Buildings sub-Committee if volunteers with the right skills come forward and offer their help.

The Charity Governance Code

The Board of Trustees remains aware of the *Charity Governance Code for smaller charities* (launched 13th July 2017, refreshed at the end of 2020) and uses it as a practical tool to develop and maintain a high standard of governance.

Data Protection

The District takes its data protection responsibilities seriously and with the introduction of the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) on 25th May 2018 as a charity we have observed additional requirements to demonstrate our transparency and safeguarding of information as a data processor. The work to ensure compliance is ongoing. The Board of Trustees is pleased to report that no breaches of the requirements have been advised or reported during the past year.

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of our charitable activity. The Trustee Board recognises that managing it effectively is essential if we are to achieve our key objectives and safeguard the charity's funds and assets. The Trustees regularly review areas of risk. The Trustee Board is in the process of developing a more detailed and robust Risk Register which it will use as a management tool at Trustee Board meetings.

Paid staff

Axe Scout District does not employ any paid staff.

OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the Scouts is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. By being in Scouts, adults and young people develop skills for life through participation in a programme, underpinned by the Scouting method. Youth membership is open to young people between the ages of 4 and 24 predominantly living within the area known as Axe Scout District.

The purpose of Axe Scout District is to support and encourage the development of the 1400+ young people within the District. We do this by:

- supporting and developing adult volunteers (350 leaders and 120 trustees across the 19 Scout Groups and 6 Explorer Units in Axe District) to be able to run the Scout programme.
- providing opportunities for young people from the District to participate in developmental activities elsewhere within the United Kingdom, Europe and the rest of the World.
- managing and delivering a development programme for Young Leaders – many of whom go on to be young adult leaders.
- providing grants to enable a new Scout Group to open (1st Burrington Village).
- providing grants to help the development of young people inc. hardship grants to ensure no-one is disadvantaged.
- organising and delivering District-wide events for our young people.
- making funds available to loan to any Group in need of short-term help.
- managing our finances to ensure costs are kept to a minimum enabling us to keep the District element of the annual membership fee lower than it was back in 2012.

We remain mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

World Scout Jamboree

For at least the past 24 years the trustees have been proud to support young people from Axe Scout District who are selected to attend the four yearly World Scout Jamboree. Although the one held earlier this year in South Korea did not go to plan the trustees are pleased to have provided grants totalling £5,400 towards the costs of sending 5 young people, one leader and 6 young adults to the event. It is hoped that some of the young people who attended will share their experience with us at the 2023 AGM.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A full report will be provided to members of the Scout Council at the AGM alongside presentation of the Annual Accounts for adoption. The charity's main source of income is from the District element of the annual membership fees. Occasionally it receives donations and grants but does not proactively seek such income.

Membership Fees

An annual membership fee is levied on all young people taking part in Scouting. In 2022 the combined District, County and Headquarters elements totalled £54 per person, in 2023 it is £55.00. Of this figure the District element in 2022 was £7.00 which remains unchanged in 2023. This sum is identified during the work undertaken by the Finance sub-Committee to prepare the charity's annual operational budget.

These fees must be collected by the District at the end of each financial year but the elements for County and HQ are only paid-on in the first days of the following financial year. This regularly distorts the balance of monies held by this charity as at the end of the financial year – making them look greater than they actually are. In the year to 31st March 2023 we collected fees totalling £76,562 and then immediately at the start of the new financial year District paid-on to County and HQ the total sum of £65,894 (£63,497 in 2022). The balance of £10,668 was retained by us to go towards funding our operational budget.

Loans to Groups within Axe District

No requests for loans have been received during the reporting year and there are no loans outstanding as at 31st March 2023.

Reserves Policy

In the event of a reduction in youth membership then the District's fee income would be proportionately reduced putting at risk its ability to operate as planned.

Taking into account the purpose of the District's funds that are held as 'restricted' and 'unrestricted designated' the Trustees believe that in order to be able to continue to support the District's youth programme our policy is that the sum equivalent to 50% of the current year's agreed annual operational budget rounded up to the nearest £1000 should be kept in reserve for use in the following budget year. This will enable core activities to

be sustained whilst a recovery programme is put in place. On this basis, the figure to be held in reserve during 2022-2023 was set at £8,000 and will remain at this figure for 2023-2024.

This policy is reviewed annually. It will be monitored by the District's Finance sub-Committee and will be reported upon to the full District Executive Board of Trustees at its bi-monthly meetings.

The *Pandemic reserve* mentioned in last year's Trustees' Report remains in place. It still stands at £9,815. The trustees have agreed that £3000 of this will be used to support our operational budget requirements during 2023. The remainder will be retained for now to enable similar cover in the following year. The aim is to keep the element raised through the membership fees as low as possible.

Our 'unrestricted designated' funds explained

The Trustees hold money in the following unrestricted but designated funds (see page 8 of the Annual Accounts for the balances):

- *World Scout Jamboree fund* – to contribute towards the cost of supporting individuals attending the next World Jamboree. Provision is made for this on an annual basis. The next is in South Korea in 2023.
- *AxeJam fund*– to help funding and preparation for District jamborees.
- *Hardship fund* - to enable Groups in our District to support families that have difficulty in affording any aspect of Scouting.
- *Ski Trip fund* – monies held in the District's main account to use for the District's Ski Trip.
- *District Scout Network fund* – was closed during the past year because a new designated bank account has been opened.
- *District Explorers fund* – The separate bank account was closed in 2018. The balance is now held as a designated fund available for use by the District Explorer team.
- *District Activities fund* – The separate bank account was also closed in 2018. Access to the money remains available via this designated fund.
- *Axe District Scouts fund* – was closed during the past year because a new designated bank account has been opened.
- *Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund* - Opened to hold monies gifted to Axe District by Winscombe Masonic Lodge upon its closure in June 2022. The fund is to be put "towards good use of young people in the area".

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

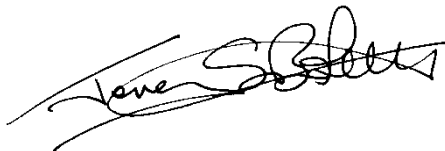
The trustees are grateful to TaxAssist Accountants in Weston-super-Mare for being able to receive, examine and return the District's accounts in such good time.

DECLARATION

The above Annual Report was approved by the Trustees 8th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Ali Kattana
District Commissioner



Jeremy Birkett
Acting District Chair

POR version control:	Revision date
At start of the reporting year – 1 st April 2022	January 2022
Revised	October 2022
Revised and remained valid to the end of the reporting year – 31 st March 2023	January 2023
Revised	April 2023
Version valid as at the date of the 2023 AGM	July 2023 (pre-transformation)

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 305639

Accounts



AXE DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
for the year ending 31st March 2022



REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATION DETAILS - for the year ended 31st March 2022

Charity registration number: 305639
 Registered Office: None
 Patron of the Scout Association: Her Majesty the Queen
 District President: John Crockford-Hawley
 District Vice-Presidents: Ann Coombes, Jenny Thorn

Ex-Officio members – as per the Constitution of Axe Scout District

District Chairman: Paul Westwood (Trustee since 12.11.2015) *

District Commissioner(s): Ali Kattana – joint DC (Trustee since 14.05.2015) *
 Richard Hurst – joint DC (Trustee since 01.01.2018) *

District Treasurer: Jackie Simpson (Trustee since 24.09.2020)*. **

District Secretary: *Vacant (01.04.2021 to 10.03.2022)*
 Sheena Thomas (Trustee from, and appointed by, District Executive Committee 10.03.2022)

Deputy District Commissioners: Kate Lewis – DDC (Programme) (Trustee since 26.08.2021)
 Graham Meikle – DDC (Training & Compliance) (Trustee since 26.08.21)

District Explorer Scout Commissioner: Ian Lamb (Trustee since 16.01.2019, left 5.08.2022)

District Scout Network Commissioner: *Vacant (01.04.2021 to 16.03.2022)*
 Gareth Thomas (Trustee and appointment from 16.03.2022)

District Youth Commissioner: Joe Hurst (Trustee appointment from 19. 1.2020)

Elected members (elected by Axe District Scout Council)

Teresa Aldridge (Trustee since 12.09.2017) **
 Jeremy Birkett (Trustee since 01.03.2003) *, **
 Khalil Kattana (Trustee since 01.09.2008)
 Jeremy Long (Trustee since 22.09.2011)
 Graham Meikle (Trustee since 11.03.2021 and now ex-officio)
 Steve Short (Trustee since 10.09.2018)

Nominated members (nominated by the District Commissioner)

Megan Kattana (Trustee since 08.09.2016, Resigned 12.5.22)
 Paul Thomas (Trustee since 22.09.2021)
 Sheena Thomas (Trustee since 22.09.2021) N.B. Appointed as District Secretary 10.03.2022

Co-opted Members (Co-opted by the District Executive) None

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AXE SCOUT DISTRICT - TRUSTEES REPORT

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Constitution

Axe District Scouts benefits from its own Constitution effective from on 14th January 2016. The last amendments to it were approved by Axe District Scout Council on 16th September 2020 and came into force immediately as version 4. It is available to view at www.axescouts.org.uk. The constitution is the second core governing document. There are no plans to make further amendments to it at this AGM.

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has given the trustees a number of challenges. All face-to-face Scout meetings, activities and events have been suspended since Tuesday, 17 March 2020. This suspension applies to young people and adults. But the business of running the Scout District has not stopped. Trustee meetings and Finance sub-Committee meetings and Appointment Panels have moved on-line to be able to continue.

The Charity Governance Code

The Board of Trustees is aware of the *Charity Governance Code for smaller charities* (launched 13th July 2017, refreshed at the end of 2020) and continues to use it as a practical tool to develop and maintain a high standard of governance.

Structure

Axe Scout District is led by two District Commissioners who are assisted by two Deputy District Commissioners and supported by a District Team and managed by a District Executive Committee. They are accountable to the District Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the District.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of Axe District Scouts is to support and encourage the development of Scouting in the District. The District Executive Board of Trustees exists to support the District Commissioner Team (who lead the District, POR rule 4.22) in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and to provide for Scout Groups in the District. The Trustees' role is to ensure resources are made available as far as possible to help with a wide-ranging programme of Scouting activities, and to ensure that the District's administration is of a good standard.

The Board of Trustees

The Board usually meets six times each year plus the Annual General Meeting although it remains flexible to call additional meetings if the need arises. It believes that this is sufficient to enable it to be effective. During the pandemic trustee meetings have continued as normal albeit on-line.

Appointment of Trustees

The District Executive Board of Trustees consists of ex-officio members, elected members, nominated members and co-opted members. The ratio in each category is managed in accordance with the Constitution. The Scout Council is responsible at the AGM for electing those standing as elected members, approving those nominated by the District Commissioners and approving some ex-officio members. Co-opted members are approved by the Board of Trustees during the year. Every member of the District Executive however approved is a charity trustee and is required to hold a valid disclosure obtained through the Scout Association and issued by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

There are currently 15 trustees with a balance of skills, experience, background and knowledge. Three of the elected trustees have more than nine years' experience: Jeremy Birkett (19) Khalil Kattana (14) and Jeremy Long (11). Their contribution to Axe District Scouts continues to be valued bringing a depth of experience and understanding to the Board at a time when the other trustees have been in place for between one and six years.

The Scout Association requires all trustees to undergo a mandatory training programme: One-off modules covering Essential Information, Data Protection and a Trustee Introduction; Safety and Safeguarding modules are renewable every 3 years. All members of the District Executive all trustees hold a complete set of valid certificates.

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The District Executive currently has two operational sub-Committees:

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2. **District Appointments Advisory Committee:** Chaired by Jeremy Birkett (Trustee), secretary Ann Coombes and seven members (one of whom is also a trustee) who between them form Appointment Panels to meet with all new adults seeking appointments within Axe District. Its governing document is The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules – Chapter 16 Adult Roles. During the year it held 20 on-line appointment panels through which it supported the District Commissioners to meet and approve 62 new adult appointments, approve 28 changes of appointment, approve 5 additional roles, receive 20 five-year appointment reviews and note 68 resignations. The Committee also manages Scouting disclosures for approximately 700 adults (leaders and helpers) in this District.

Data Protection

The District takes its data protection responsibilities seriously and with the introduction of the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) on 25th May 2018 as a charity we now have additional requirements to demonstrate our transparency and safeguarding of information as a data processor. The work to ensure compliance is on-going. The District Executive Committee reports that no breaches of the requirements have been advised or reported during the past year.

Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review areas of risk. Annual operational budgets are prepared and agreed by the Trustees. The work is undertaken by the Finance sub-Committee whose objective is to ensure that proper financial planning and budgetary control is operated within the District in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association.

Membership Subscriptions

Subscriptions are collected by the District at the end of each financial year for onward payment to County and HQ in the first days of the following financial year. This can sometimes distort the balance of monies held as at the end of the financial year – making them look greater than they actually are. As at 31.3.22 almost all Groups and Units had paid their fees to District which must be reported in the end of year figures. Immediately at the start of the new year District then paid-on to County and HQ the total sum of £63,497 (£54,520 in 2021).

Last year's membership subscription totalled £50.00 per young person (HQ £36.00, County £11.50, District £2.50); In 2022 the subscription totalled £54.00 per young person (HQ £34.50, County £12.50, District £7.00). Whilst the District element may seem a steep rise it is still well under the £10.00 levied each year from 2016 to 2020.

Loans to Groups within Axe District

No requests for loans have been received during the reporting year and there are no loans outstanding as at 31st March 2022.

Response to the coronavirus pandemic

The pandemic continued for most of the financial year under report during which the Finance sub-Committee continued to monitor the financial health of all Groups and units with the District keeping the Board of Trustees fully informed.

Reserves Policy

Axe District Scout Executive Committee is largely dependent upon receipt of the District element of the youth membership fee to sustain its operational activities. The fees are paid in March annually. In the event of a reduction in youth membership then the District's fee income would be proportionately reduced putting at risk its ability to operate as planned.

Taking into account the purpose of the District's funds that are held as 'restricted' and 'unrestricted designated' the Trustees believe that in order to be able to continue to support the District's youth programme our policy is that the sum equivalent to 50% of the current year's agreed annual operational budget rounded up to the nearest £1000 should be kept in reserve for use in the following budget year. This will enable core activities to be sustained whilst a recovery programme is put in place. On this basis, the figure to be held in reserve during 2021-2022 was set at £8,000 and will remain at this figure for 2022-2023.

This policy is reviewed annually. It will be monitored by the District's Finance sub-Committee and will be reported upon to the full District Executive Board of Trustees at its bi-monthly meetings.

The *Pandemic reserve* mentioned in last year's Trustees Report remains in place. It currently stands at £9815. As the pandemic comes to an end these reserves will be gradually reduced with plans to apply them to cover future operational costs in order to reduce the District element of next year's membership subscription.

Our 'unrestricted designated' funds explained

The Trustees hold money in the following unrestricted but designated funds (see page 8 of the Annual Accounts for the balances):

- *World Scout Jamboree fund* – to contribute towards the cost of supporting individuals attending the next World Jamboree. Provision is made for this on an annual basis. The next is in South Korea in 2023.
- *AxeJam fund*– to help funding and preparation for our District jamboree. The last one took place in May 2018.
- *Hardship fund* - to enable Groups in our District to support families that have difficulty in affording any aspect of Scouting
- *Ski Trip fund* – monies held in the District's main account to use for the District's Ski Trip.
- *District Scout Network fund* - to hold initial funds received from Avon County following the change of Network line responsibility. The trustees have recently approved the transfer of remaining funds to a new designated bank account.
- *District Explorers fund* – The separate bank account has been closed. The balance is now held as a designated fund for the time being and is available for use by the District Explorer team
- *District Activities fund* – The separate bank account has been closed. Access to the money remains available via this designated fund
- *Axe District Scouts fund* – The separate bank account was closed by HSBC in 2021. This fund holds the monies that were in that account until a new separate banking facility has been agreed.

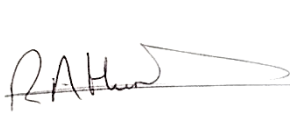
The Executive Committee continues to look at ways of raising money, whilst making sure funds are available to loan to any Group in need of short-term help.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The trustees are grateful to TaxAssist Accountants in Weston-super-Mare for being able to receive, examine and return the District's accounts in such good time.

DECLARATION

The above Annual Report was approved by the Trustees 31st August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Hurst
Joint District Commissioners



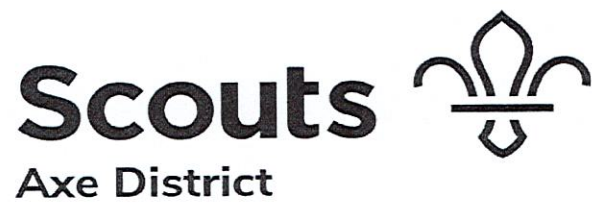
Ali Kattana



Paul Westwood
District Chairman

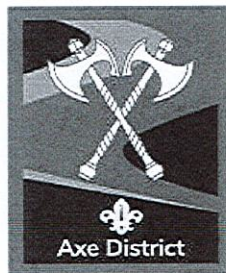
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POR Version control:	Revision date
At start of the reporting year – 1 st April 2021	September 2020
Revision 1 which remained valid to the end of the reporting year – 31 st March 2022:	May 2021
Current version valid as at the date of the 2022 AGM	April 2022



**AXE DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
for the year ending 31st March 2022**



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

Address: TaxAssist Accountants, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 6th September 2022

Axe District Scout Council

Receipts and payments accounts summary for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Note	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
		£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)		69,522	82,508
Total payments for the year (see page 5)		<u>60,743</u>	<u>90,755</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		8,779	- 8,247
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		163,785	172,032
Cash, bank and similar funds held at year end	1 & 12	<u><u>172,563</u></u>	<u><u>163,785</u></u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted general funds		54,262	51,263
Unrestricted designated funds		<u>53,709</u>	<u>57,872</u>
Total Unrestricted funds		107,971	109,135
Restricted funds		64,592	54,650
Endowment funds		0	0
Total cash funds		<u><u>172,563</u></u>	<u><u>163,785</u></u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 13th September 2022 and were signed on their behalf by:



Richard Hurst

Joint District Commissioners



Ali Kattana



Paul Westwood

District Chair

Axe District Scout Council

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Note	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
		£	£
Membership subscriptions	2	87,017	90,954
Less: Paid-on to County and HQ		- 64,518	- 67,360
Net membership subscriptions retained		<u>22,499</u>	<u>23,594</u>
Investment income received:			
Bank interest		2	7
Building Society interest		-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-
Dividends		-	-
		<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
Grants received	3	-	-
Activities	4	29,660	51,989
Fundraising (gross)	5	1,180	1,828
Other income (inc. donations):	6	7,618	1,199
Loan repayments received from units	7	-	-
Sale of Government Stock		-	-
Badge receipts (sales)		8,563	3,892
Total receipts for the year		<u><u>69,522</u></u>	<u><u>82,508</u></u>

Axe District Scout Council

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Note	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
		£	£
Premises		0	0
Grants made	8	0	1,600
Activities	9	38,837	79,561
Fundraising expenses	10	0	1,000
Administration/establishments expenses	11	12,798	5,735
Trustee expenses		0	0
Sundries		0	0
Purchase of capital equipment		0	0
Purchase of badges		9,108	2,859
Sundry payments		0	0
Loans made to units		0	0
Total payments for the year		<u>60,743</u>	<u>90,755</u>

Axe District Scout Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2022

	Note	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		£	£
Bank current account(s)		172,563	159,556
Bank deposit account(s)		0	0
Bank term deposit(s)		0	0
Building society account(s)		0	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0	0
Funds held on Pre-Payment Card		0	0
Cash in hand		0	4,229
	1 & 12	<u>172,563</u>	<u>163,785</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Tax claim		0	0
Debts due (loan to units)		0	0
INVESTMENT ASSETS			
Government Stocks at market value			
Other quoted securities at market value			
Other investments			
Property held for investment purposes			
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for charity's own use			
Badge secretary's stock		3,660	0
Shop stock			
Land and buildings			
Motor vehicles			
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>176,223</u>	<u>163,785</u>
LIABILITIES Those due within one year			
Accounts not yet paid		0	0
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid		0	0
Other		0	3,450
		<u>0</u>	3,450
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year			
Loan		0	0
Hire purchase owing		0	0
Leasing payments outstanding		0	0
Other long term liabilities		0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>176,223</u>	<u>160,335</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Axe District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
	£	£
1. Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward (also see note 12)		
District Executive	135,262	121,363
Sections	37,301	42,421
	<u>172,563</u>	<u>163,785</u>
2. Receipts: Membership subscriptions		
Gross	87,017	90,954
Less: Paid-on to County and HQ	- 64,518	- 67,360
Net Membership subscriptions retained within Axe District::	<u>22,499</u>	<u>23,594</u>
	See Trustee Annual Report for more information at	
3. Receipts: Grants	-	-
4. Receipts: Activities		
District Beaver Scouts	-	107
District Cub Scouts	157	10
District Scouts	-	6,806
Axe-Jammers	-	-
Expedition (Ten Tors) account	4,291	2,265
Maniaxe ESU	400	-
Pioneers ESU	1,448	995
Saracens ESU	1,100	156
Spartans ESU	1,154	-
Yeo ESU	6,475	6,673
Training	1,452	1,001
2015 World Jamboree	1,695	-
Jamborees (exc. World Jamboree)	-	26,687
Pantomime trip	8,159	1,590
District Ski Trip	-	5,700
Sundries	3,329	-
West Mendip Way Walk	-	-
	<u>29,660</u>	<u>51,989</u>
5. Receipts: Fundraising		
Fundraising for benefit of units	1,180	828
Funds raised to pay-on to 3rd party (e.g. St Georges Day)	-	1,000
	<u>1,180</u>	<u>1,828</u>
6. Receipts: Other Income		
Donations received	219	999
Legacies received	-	-
Income Tax recovered via Gift Aid (on subscriptions and donations)	1,640	-
World Jamboree	-	-
Golden Woggle	-	-
Other Income	574	200
Sundries	-	-
Funds from closing Group/Unit	4,225	-
	<u>6,658</u>	<u>1,199</u>
Received from Sections		
Badge Account	960	-
	<u>7,618</u>	<u>1,199</u>
7. Receipts: Loan repayments received from units		
1st Uphill	-	-
1st Grove Village	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8. Payments: Grants made		
Start up Grants	-	-
Other grants	-	1,600
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,600</u>

Axe District Scout Council

Notes to the accounts to 31st March 2021 (continued)

9. Payments: Activity Expenses

	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
	£	£
Axe Jammers	-	-
District Beaver Scouts	-	-
District Cub Scouts	-	235
District Scouts	-	36,480
District Expeditions (inc Ten Tors)	3,918	1,688
District Activities (Jamborees & District Events)	2,825	28,306
World Jamboree	1,182	-
Pantomime	8,502	-
ESU Maniaxe	838	187
ESU Pioneers	3,736	1,181
ESU Saracens	2,058	900
ESU Spartans	1,633	342
ESU Yeo	12,270	2,147
St. George's Day Celebration: costs	50	-
Golden Woggles event	220	176
Sandford Scout Hut	-	-
Adult Support and Training	1,556	1,508
New Equipment	-	109
District Ski Trip	50	5,900
West Mendip Way Walk	-	-
	<u>38,837</u>	<u>79,561</u>

10. Payments: Fundraising expenses

Incurring as a result of fundraising activities	-	-
Funds raised and paid-on to a 3rd Party	-	1,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>

11. Payments: Administration/establishment expenses

Petrol, telephone & postage expenses	1,667	216
Group Support	2,138	724
Resources	170	518
Meeting Costs	355	125
Bank charges and accounting software fee	66	139
Accountancy and examination of accounts	-	766
Insurances	188	238
Licences	462	418
Recruitment	-	-
Transfer of funds upon closure of Group/Unit	4,225	-
Sandford Scout Hut demolition See Trustees Report for more detail	-	-
New storage container See Trustees Report for more detail	796	895
Other expenses	2,731	1,696
	<u>12,798</u>	<u>5,735</u>

12. Breakdown of cash, bank and similar funds

District Executive funds

Restricted: HQ and County membership fees to pay-on	63,497	54,250
Restricted: World Scout Jamboree	695	0
Restricted: New Scout Group support	400	400
Total Restricted Funds	64,592	54,650

Designated: World Jamboree	5,060	2,000
Designated: Axe Jam	1,013	1,013
Designated: Contingencies	-	-
Designated: Capital Expenditure	-	-
Designated: District Hardship fund	5,934	5,959
Designated: Group Development	-	-
Designated: District Scout Network	462	462
Designated: District Explorer Scouts	421	421
Designated: District Activities	1,644	1,644
Designated: Scorpions ESU (closed unit)	-	-
Designated: 1st Grove Village	-	-
Designated: Ardeche trip	-	-
Designated: District Scouts	1,823	-
Designated: Ski Trip fund	50	3,950
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	16,408	15,450
Total Unrestricted General funds	54,262	51,263
Total District Executive funds	135,262	121,363

Funds held by Sections/Units

Total Restricted Funds	-	-
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	37,301	42,421
Total District consolidated funds	172,563	163,785

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

Address: TaxAssist Accountants, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 6th September 2022

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 305639

Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

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Address: TaxAssist Accountants, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 10th August 2021

TAXA Notes

District Executive (Main a/c)

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Reconciles

District Executive (Business Reserve a/c)

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Reconciles

District Beaver Scouts

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Reconciles

District Cub Scouts

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Uncleared cheques

cheque 468

cheque 469

Cheque 471

Cash float

Bank reconciles

District Scouts

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Reconciles

Axe Jammers SAS

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Maniaxe ESU

closing bank balance Main account per statement 24th March 2021

closing bank balance Deposit account per statement 31st March 2021
closing bank balance Deposit account (statement not seen, but no movement on ac
Credit on pre paid card

Pioneers ESU

closing bank balance Main Account per statement 31st March 2021

closing bank balance Camp Account per statement 31st March 2021

International account, per spread sheet, no bank closing bank statement provided

Cash float

I could not find the closing bank statement for the camp account so could not check

Saracens ESU

closing bank balance Main Account per statement 31st March 2020

Uncleared cheques

22044
22043
22042

Reconciles

Spartans ESU

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Bank reconciles

Yeo ESU

Closing balance per bank statement- CAF bank
Cash

Reconciles

Badge account

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Reconciles

Expeditions

closing bank balance per statement 31st March 2021

Reconciles

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Axe District Scout Council

Receipts and payments accounts summary for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	31.3.2021	31.3.2020
		£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)		82,508	151,134
Total payments for the year (see page 5)		<u>90,755</u>	<u>102,971</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		- 8,247	48,164
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		172,032	123,868
Cash, bank and similar funds held at year end	1 & 12	<u><u>163,785</u></u>	<u><u>172,032</u></u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted general funds		51,263	91,769
Unrestricted designated funds		<u>57,872</u>	<u>79,862</u>
Total Unrestricted funds		109,135	171,631
Restricted funds		54,650	400
Endowment funds		0	0
Total cash funds		<u><u>163,785</u></u>	<u><u>172,032</u></u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on September 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:

Richard Hurst

Ali Kattana

Paul Westwood

Joint District Commissioners

District Chair

2019	2018
£	£
229,442	158,683
<u>219,915</u>	<u>138,085</u>
9,527	20,599
114,341	93,742
<u><u>123,868</u></u>	<u><u>114,341</u></u>
80,259	30,402
43,209	80,636
<u>123,468</u>	<u>111,038</u>
400	3,303
0	0
<u><u>123,868</u></u>	<u><u>114,341</u></u>

Axe District Scout Council

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	31.3.2021
		£
Membership subscriptions	2	90,954
Less: Paid-on to County and HQ		- 67,360
Net membership subscriptions retained		<u>23,594</u>
Investment income received:		
Bank interest		7
Building Society interest		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-
Dividends		-
		<u>7</u>
Grants received	3	-
Activities	4	51,989
Fundraising (gross)	5	1,828
Other income (inc. donations):	6	1,199
Loan repayments received from units	7	-
Sale of Government Stock		-
Badge receipts (sales)		3,892
Total receipts for the year		<u><u>82,508</u></u>

31.3.2020	2019	2018
£	£	£
91,086	79,235	80,915
- 59,124	- 7,995	- 59,390
<u>31,962</u>	<u>71,240</u>	<u>21,525</u>
34	23	8
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
<u>34</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>8</u>
-	-	9,692
93,529	137,972	107,378
5,345	3,742	9,096
8,934	4,924	
1,000	1,038	1,077
-	-	-
10,329	10,504	9,908
<u>151,134</u>	<u>229,442</u>	<u>158,683</u>

Axe District Scout Council

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	2019	2018
		£	£	£	£
Premises		0	0	0	0
Grants made	8	1,600	0	0	0
Activities	9	79,561	82,031	188,440	106,496
Fundraising expenses	10	1,000	1,435	510	1,554
Administration/establishments expenses	11	5,735	10,661	20,562	22,153
Trustee expenses		0	0	0	0
Sundries		0	0	0	0
Purchase of capital equipment		0	0	0	0
Purchase of badges		2,859	8,844	10,402	7,881
Sundry payments		0	0	0	0
Loans made to units		0	0	0	0
Total payments for the year		<u>90,755</u>	<u>102,971</u>	<u>219,915</u>	<u>138,085</u>

Axe District Scout Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2021

	Note	31.3.2021
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		£
Bank current account(s)		159,556
Bank deposit account(s)		0
Bank term deposit(s)		0
Building society account(s)		0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0
Funds held on Pre-Payment Card		0
Cash in hand		4,229
	1 & 12	<u>163,785</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claim		0
Debts due (loan to units)		0
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government Stocks at market value		
Other quoted securities at market value		
Other investments		
Property held for investment purposes		
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for charity's own use		
Badge secretary's stock		0
Shop stock		
Land and buildings		
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.		0
TOTAL ASSETS	Corrected figure	<u><u>163,785</u></u>
LIABILITIES Those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid		0
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		0
Subscriptions not yet paid		0
Other		3,450
		<u>3,450</u>
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year		
Loan		0
Hire purchase owing		0
Leasing payments outstanding		0
Other long term liabilities		0
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>0</u></u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>160,335</u></u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		<u><u>0</u></u>

31.3.2020	31.3.2019	2018
£	£	£
170,347	122,737	96,222
850	848	17,950
0	0	0
1	1	1
0	0	0
403		
431	281	167
<u>172,032</u>	<u>123,868</u>	<u>114,341</u>
0	0	0
963	1,963	3,000
4,646	5,041	3,815
0	0	0
<u>177,641</u>	<u>130,872</u>	<u>121,155</u>
178,603		
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>177,641</u>	<u>130,872</u>	<u>121,155</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

	31.3.2021 £	31.3.2020 £	31.3.2019 £	2018 £
1. Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward (also see note 12)				
District Executive	121,363	105,320	91,130	61,308
Sections	42,421	66,712	32,738	53,033
	<u>163,785</u>	<u>172,032</u>	<u>123,868</u>	<u>114,341</u>
2. Receipts: Membership subscriptions				
	Gross	90,954	91,086	79,235
	Less: Paid-on to County and HQ	-	59,124	-
	Net Membership subscriptions retained within Axe District:	<u>23,594</u>	<u>31,962</u>	<u>71,240</u>
				80,915
				-
				59,390
				21,525
3. Receipts: Grants				
4. Receipts: Activities				
District Beaver Scouts	107	564	2,677	2,397
District Cub Scouts	10	6,708	2,711	6,559
District Scouts	6,806	40,076	4,022	3,917
Axe-Jammers	-	-	-	-
Expedition (Ten Tors) account	2,265	4,638	4,169	5,148
Maniaxe ESU	-	1,576	10,185	11,727
Pioneers ESU	995	2,318	16,672	31,589
Saracens ESU	156	1,777	1,918	745
Spartans ESU	-	3,239	3,904	3,649
Yeo ESU	6,673	13,493	18,639	17,023
Training	1,001	387	908	258
2015 World Jamboree	-	5,431	15,362	3,463
Jamborees (exc. World Jamboree)	26,687	3,267	24,956	-
Pantomime trip	1,590	7,920	9,525	10,114
District Ski Trip	5,700	75	22,324	3,946
Sundries	-	-	-	1,363
West Mendip Way Walk	-	2,060	-	5,480
	<u>51,989</u>	<u>93,529</u>	<u>137,972</u>	<u>107,378</u>
5. Receipts: Fundraising				
Fundraising for benefit of units	828	4,172	3,269	9,096
Funds raised to pay-on to 3rd party (e.g. St Georges Day)	1,000	1,173	473	627
	<u>1,828</u>	<u>5,345</u>	<u>3,742</u>	<u>9,722</u>
6. Receipts: Other Income				
Donations received	999	3,220	1,894	4,726
Legacies received	-	-	-	-
Income Tax recovered via Gift Aid (on subscriptions and donations)	-	3,380	-	-
World Jamboree	-	-	-	-
Golden Woggle	-	-	-	1,700
Other Income	200	2,334	2,700	2,640
Sundries	-	-	330	-
Funds from closing Group/Unit	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,199</u>	<u>8,934</u>	<u>4,924</u>	<u>9,065</u>
Received from Sections				
Badge Account	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,199</u>	<u>8,934</u>	<u>4,924</u>	<u>9,065</u>
7. Receipts: Loan repayments received from units				
1st Uphill	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1st Grove Village	-	-	37.50	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,037.50</u>	<u>1,077.21</u>
8. Payments: Grants made				
Start up Grants	-	-	-	-
Other grants	1,600	-	-	-
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

See Trustee Annual Report for more information about payment of Membership Subscriptions

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	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.3.2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
9. Payments: Activity Expenses				
Axe Jammers	-	-	-	-
District Beaver Scouts	-	938	2,373	2,578
District Cub Scouts	235	6,519	2,028	6,354
District Scouts	36,480	9,033	4,188	4,004
District Expeditions (inc Ten Tors)	1,688	5,334	4,199	5,923
District Activities (Jamborees & District Events)	28,306	20,194	30,456	1,049
World Jamboree	-	-	18,443	5,617
Pantomime	-	-	7,983	7,968
ESU Maniaxe	187	3,464	13,495	14,451
ESU Pioneers	1,181	6,838	31,412	19,185
ESU Saracens	900	2,947	2,693	1,578
ESU Spartans	342	5,514	5,871	6,669
ESU Yeo	2,147	19,730	27,709	21,623
St. George's Day Celebration: costs	-	-	419	-
Golden Woggles event	176	-	293	2,296
Sandford Scout Hut	-	-	-	57
Adult Support and Training	1,508	1,346	1,873	1,186
New Equipment	109	175	9,140	5,958
District Ski Trip	5,900	-	25,866	-
West Mendip Way Walk	-	-	-	-
	<u>79,561</u>	<u>82,031</u>	<u>188,440</u>	<u>106,496</u>
10. Payments: Fundraising expenses				
Incurred as a result of fundraising activities	-	135	10	928
Funds raised and paid-on to a 3rd Party	1,000	1,300	500	627
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,435</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>1,554</u>
11. Payments: Administration/establishment expenses				
Petrol, telephone & postage expenses	216	785	602	559
Group Support	724	3,735	5,424	8,959
Resources	518	473	525	-
Meeting Costs	125	1,915	1,271	3,596
Bank charges and accounting software fee	139	110	84	-
Accountancy and examination of accounts	766	-	360	360
Insurances	238	218	223	325
Licences	418	407	396	385
Recruitment	-	-	-	22
Transfer of funds upon closure of Group/Unit	-	-	-	1,895
Sandford Scout Hut demolition See Trustees Report for more detail	-	-	4,934	-
New storage container See Trustees Report for more detail	895	910	5,350	-
Other expenses	1,696	2,107	1,393	6,053
	<u>5,735</u>	<u>10,661</u>	<u>20,562</u>	<u>22,153</u>
12. Breakdown of cash, bank and similar funds				
District Executive funds				
Restricted: HQ and County membership fees to pay-on	54,250	-	-	-
Restricted: World Scout Jamboree	0	0	-	2,903
Restricted: New Scout Group support	400	400	400	400
Total Restricted Funds	54,650	400	400	3,303
Designated: World Jamboree	2,000	1,000	50	50
Designated: Axe Jam	1,013	1,013	-	7,969
Designated: Contingencies	-	1,250	1,250	1,250
Designated: Capital Expenditure	-	1,076	1,076	3,800
Designated: District Hardship fund	5,959	774	774	774
Designated: Group Development	-	1,480	1,480	2,480
Designated: District Scout Network	462	462	462	1,796
Designated: District Explorer Scouts	421	421	421	421
Designated: District Activities	1,644	1,644	1,404	1,474
Designated: Scorpions ESU (closed unit)	-	2,979	2,979	2,979
Designated: 1st Grove Village	-	1,000	-	-
Designated: Ardeche trip	-	-	350	-
Designated: Ski Trip fund	3,950	50	224	4,609
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	15,450	13,150	10,471	27,603
Total Unrestricted General funds	51,263	91,769	80,259	30,402
Total District Executive funds	121,363	105,320	91,130	61,308
Funds held by Sections/Units				
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Designated funds	42,421	66,712	32,738	53,033
Total District consolidated funds	163,785	172,032	123,868	114,341

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Receipts and payments accounts summary for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2020	2021	13.7.21 Scrutinised and OK	13.7.21 Scrutinised and OK	13.7.21 Scrutinised and OK	13.7.21 Scrutinised and OK	12.5.21 Scrutinised and OK		13.7.21 Scrutinised and OK	21.7.21 Scrutinised and now OK	13.7.21 Scrutinised and OK	18.7.21 Scrutiny complete and OK	2.5.21 Scrutinised and OK	18.7.21 Scrutinised and OK	28.4.21 Scrutinised and OK
Note	Consolidated	Consolidated	District Executive (Main a/c)	District Executive (Business Reserve a/c)	District Beaver Scouts	District Cub Scouts	District Scouts	Axe Jammers SAS	Maniaxe ESU	Pioneers ESU	Saracens ESU	Spartans ESU	Yeo ESU	Badge account	Expeditions
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year	151134.47	82508.15	57412.66	6.61	107.00	10.00	6974.58	0	469.38	3439.59	0.30	756.00	7175.74	3891.69	2264.60
Total payments for the year	102970.92	90755.09	41375.77	0	0.00	237.28	36480.00	37	225.16	3415.74	943.95	672.64	2605.03	3074.46	1688.06
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	48163.55	-8246.94	16036.89	6.61	107.00	-227.28	-29505.42	-37	244.22	23.85	-943.65	83.36	4570.71	817.23	576.54
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward from 31.3.2020	123868.07	172031.62	89080.79	16238.94	2172.54	4331.13	33730.06	186.92	7039.64	2362.23	2219.93	1353.48	6049.91	6777.67	488.38
Cash, bank and similar funds as at 31.3.2021 to be carried forward	1 & 12 172031.62	163784.68	105117.68	16245.55	2279.54	4103.85	4224.64	149.92	7283.86	2386.08	1276.28	1436.84	10620.62	7594.90	1064.92
		163784.68	105117.68	16245.55	2279.54	4103.85	4224.64	149.92	7283.86	2386.08	1276.28	1436.84	10620.62	7594.90	1064.92

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Note	2020	2021	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Net membership subscriptions retained by Axe District	2	31962.00	23593.75	21790.00	0	0	0	0	0	469	641.75	-185	450	428	0
Investment income received:															
Bank interest		34.43	6.99		6.61				0.38						
Building Society interest		0.00	0												
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		0.00	0												
Dividends/Other Investment income		0.00	0												
		34.43	6.99	0	6.61	0	0	0	0.38	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants Received	3	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Activities	4	93529.36	51988.95	34978	0	107.00	10	6806.08	0	0.00	994.88	0.00	156.00	6672.74	0
Fundraising (gross)	5	5345.49	1827.96	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1752.96	0.00	0.00	75	0	0
Other income (inc. donations)	6	8933.77	1198.81	645.01	0	0	0	168.5	0	0.00	50	185.3	150	0	0
Loan repayments received from units	7	1000.00	0	0											
Sale of Government Stock		0.00	0												
Badge receipts (sales)		10329.42	3891.69											3891.69	
Total receipts for the year		151134.47	82508.15	57412.66	6.61	107.00	10	6974.58	0	469.38	3439.59	0.30	756	7175.74	3891.69

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2020	2021	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Premises		0.00	0												
Grants made	8	0.00	1600.00	1600.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Activities	9	82030.75	79561.14	36247.33	0	0	235	36480	0	187.27	1290	943.95	341.66	2147.4	0
Fundraising expenses	10	1435.00	1000.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0
Administration/establishments expenses	11	10661.30	5735.13	3528.44	0	0	2.28	0	37	37.89	1125.27	0	330.98	457.63	215.64
Trustee expenses		0.00	0												
Sundries		0.00	0												
Purchase of capital equipment		0.00	0												
Purchase of badges		8843.87	2858.82											2858.82	
Withdrawal of Gang Show accounts from Scout consolidated accounts		0.00	0.0												
Sundry payments		0.00	0												
Loans made to units		0.00	0												
Total payments for the year		102970.92	90755.09	41375.77	0	0	237.28	36480	37.00	225.16	3415.74	943.95	672.64	2605.03	3074.46