

EASTBOURNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Details

Other names	EASTBOURNE BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION
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Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-01-15
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Activities

Objects: EASTBOURNE BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Activities: The charity is part of the national and international scouting association operating in Eastbourne, East Sussex. The charity supports members of all ages by offering scouting activities. Membership is made up of children and young adults of scouting age within the area, plus ex-scouts who wish to still be involved with the movement.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EASTBOURNE
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£280,644	£318,747	-	-
2024-03-31	£309,132	£289,172	-	-
2023-03-31	£258,123	£255,290	-	-
2022-03-31	£245,124	£193,663	-	-
2021-03-31	£89,889	£82,763	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Matthew Peskett	Chair	2015-07-03
Aimee Hollobone DYL		2025-09-12
Andy Stevens DLV		2023-07-25
Frank Woods President		2025-09-12
Gavin Gillam		2023-10-27
IAN LEWIS		
Jane McMahon		2025-06-02
Oscar Romero Neal DYL		2025-03-14
Philip Huggett Treasurer		2025-03-14
Robert Hooker DYL		2025-03-13

Accounts

Eastbourne District Scouts

Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

2024 - 2025

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Trustees for the year 2024 to 2025

District Trustee Board Membership

Ex officio

Andy Stevens	District Lead Volunteer (DLV)
Oscar Romero Neal	District Youth Lead (DYL)
Robert Hooker	District Youth Lead (DYL)

Appointed

Matthew Peskett	Chair
Philip Huggett	Treasurer
Tracey Titherly	Member (Cub Lead, 1 st Hampden Park)
Gavin Gillam	Member
Ian Lewis	Member (EDSFAT)
Jane McMahon	Member (Girlguiding)

District President Frank Woods

District Secretary Julie Peskett

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Scout Association

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Charity Registration Number	305846
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District Lead Volunteer – Andy Stevens



Andy Stevens

As Eastbourne's District Lead Volunteer, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the incredible dedication and resilience of Scouting here in Eastbourne. This past year has been one of growth, adventures, challenges, but primarily a continued commitment to delivering Skills for Life to young people across our District.

Highlights and Achievements

This year, our sections, groups, units, and the District have achieved so much. Here are just a few of the standout moments:

- **Growth in Membership:** We are delighted to report an increase in youth membership since 2024's census return. This is a testament to the engaging and diverse programme which our volunteers provide. We've also welcomed new adult volunteers, strengthening our capacity.

	2024	2025
Total number of Young People 6 years, and under 18 (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers)	825	823
Total number of Squirrels	39	45
Total number of Explorer Scouts	99	107
Total number of YP (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers)	864	868

- **Diverse Programme Delivery:** Our young people have enjoyed a vast array of activities, from traditional camping, campfire cooking and hiking, to environmental conservation, and community service. Highlights include the successful 'Out of this World' District Camp, lots of nights away, and expeditions, all of which are developing independence and teamwork.
- **Volunteer Development:** We continue to navigate the challenges of the new Scout membership system, and have seen the majority of our volunteers embrace the new tools, with volunteers continuing to achieve their Woodbadges.
- **Active participation in local community events,** including Remembrance Day parades, beach cleans, and charity fundraising initiatives.

- Scouting not only provides young people with skills for life, but our adult volunteers also have an opportunity for learning and developing new skills.
- Numerous young people achieved their Chief Scout and Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Awards, demonstrating dedication and perseverance.
- Community Engagement: Our presence in the Eastbourne community continues to grow. We've forged stronger links with local schools, businesses, and community groups, ensuring Scouting remains a visible and valued part of the town.

Challenges and Opportunities

While we celebrate our successes, it's important to acknowledge the challenges we faced and how we are working to address them:

- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention: Scouting wouldn't happen without our volunteers. Though we've had new recruits, the demand for adult support remains high. With the support of Kim Hall (Local Growth Officer for East Sussex Scouts), and Carl Bird (Volunteering Development Lead), we are actively exploring new strategies to attract more volunteers.
- Inclusivity and Accessibility: We are committed to making Scouting accessible to every young person, regardless of their background or ability. This means continually reviewing our practices and programmes to ensure they are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Thank You!

This report would not be complete without expressing my deepest gratitude to our volunteers. The dedication, countless hours, sometimes more than an hour a week, and unwavering commitment make Scouting happen. Thank you for everything you do – your impact on young lives is immeasurable.

Let's continue to work together and make Scouting in Eastbourne District even better!

14-24 Team Lead – Ray Newman-Smith



Ray Newman-Smith

I am pleased to report that 2024 / 2025 has been a successful year for the 14-24 arena as detailed below:

Explorer Units

Our two regular meeting units have seen measured growth in the number of Young People joining them. Team Bravo is averaging around 45 members, and Electra around 35. We have also reopened Spiro ESU just before the summer break and that has around 12 members.

- Kyros, our Young Leader unit has maintained its numbers at approx. 75 to 80 young people at any one time with our YP helping as YLs at our District Scout Groups
- The District Explorer waiting list remains healthy, and whilst we do lose some Scouts who transition from their Scout Troop, as is the trend nationally, both Team Bravo and Electra are nearly at capacity.

We have also been repositioning our Explorer offering, giving each unit an area of focus covering the vast Explorer Scout programme. Whilst all offering the basic ESU experience:

- Team Bravo is our Bushy Wood Site Service Unit whose primary role is to support our District Campsite with project work that needs completing, event support and other associated activities. Team Bravo meet once a week, alternating between site service on a Saturday and program unit nights on a Thursday.
- Electra is our mainstream all-round unit, giving the Explorers a taste of the whole Explorer programme, operating a similar model to that of a Scout Troop. Electra meets every other Tuesday night.
- Spiro, our newest unit is an outdoors 'traditional Scout skills' unit. Focusing on the more practical outdoor areas of the Explorer program. Spiro meet every other Monday night.
- Kyros our Young Leader unit continues to provide Young People who volunteer their time to help support sections within our District Scout Groups. It is a "virtual" unit in that they don't meet regularly like the Explorer Units, although the 14-24 team do run regular Module A / Safeguarding and welcome to the Young Leader Scheme training sessions as well as two camps a year where we cover the Young Leader Modules. These camps are designed as a learning opportunity for the YL Leadership modules, and also so our YLs are offered a nights away experience, where they are also a great opportunity for the YP to meet other YLs from across our District. We have also started offering a once-a-year camp for those YLs who have graduated from the YL module camps so they can keep in contact with each other and are continued to be offered a nights away experience.



Explorers at the Monopoly run

We are keen for our 4 ESUs to keep their individual identities and areas of focus, but also come together when we are attending larger camps or events. As such, alongside offering their own events and activities as a combined Eastbourne Explorers they have attended Monopoly Run in London, Scarefest at Gilwell Park, as well as going on a weeklong camp at Kernow Jamboree in Cornwall at the start of the summer holidays. There have also been many “smaller” events and camps where our units have collaborated together.

Looking ahead we will continue to offer all the regular activities like Monopoly run, The Acorn Hike and so on, but also look to add new ones to the program. Team Bravo are already booked to attend Wings Jamboree in 2026 at Windsor Castle, and we are also pressing ahead with our 14-24 International Camp in 2027 to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland!

Adult Volunteer numbers have been steady. We have seen an increase in younger adults joining us who were Explorers and want to come back and give back to Scouting.

These numbers do fluctuate as they do have other commitments like university, new jobs etc. Finding and keeping volunteers so our units can offer the fantastic program, events and camps they do will always be a challenge!



14-24 Team Members entered the Monopoly run too!



Scarefest!

Scout Network (18-25 yrs)

Avatar, the District's network unit has been a huge success over the last year. Having not been active since pre-COVID, Benjamin Peskett, our Network Team Lead has been very proactive in building up the member numbers and program consistency. Now having 12 regular members, Avatar meet on the first Friday of every month. Running a similar program to the ESUs it allows the younger adults to take part in "Scouty" evenings without having to consider members who are under 18.

The challenge has always been to define what the purpose of a Network unit is. Avatar has three core purposes that it focuses on:

- To support all those between the ages of 18 and 25 to complete their Top Awards and DofE awards.
- To provide a monthly Scout program for its members, like an ESU as well as camps and a social side for our younger adults to enjoy and participate in.
- To provide support at District events where extra adult support is needed. Examples of this would be running a base at this year's Cub Skills day or supporting the Acorn Hike, amongst other activities.

The challenge with operating a Scout Network unit is to keep it relevant, which Ben has done and continues to do so. Many Districts do not have a successful Network due to this, and contrary to some views within our District, as 14-24 Lead, I see Avatar as an important offering to the 18-25 age group.

Sub Teams of the 14-24 Arena

- 14-24 Fundraising Team – I am pleased to inform the District that we now have our own Fundraising Sub Team. Wendy Smith leads the new team whose role is to organise and support raising much-needed funds for ambitious plans.
- DofE Offering - We continue to have more subscribers who want to complete their DofE awards with us however, our volunteer numbers are unable to match the resources needed to fulfil demand. We have approx. 60 YP registered to complete their DofE award with us. We will for 2026, have a recruitment push to see if we can gain more support from adults to help our YP complete their awards.

Top Awards

Being able to offer the opportunity for all our YP to be able to work towards and achieve their Top Awards is a key measure of success. We do however need to remember that whilst Top Awards are important, around 50% of our YP are not interested in completing these and come to us to meet and socialise with similar-aged people, as well as taking part in the events and programs we offer.

We currently offer the following awards:

- Chief Scout Platinum Award – DofE Bronze Award Linked
- Chief Scout Diamond Award – DofE Silver Award Linked
- King Scout Award – DofE Gold Award Linked
- DofE Awards as listed above
- Young Leader Award (Belt Buckle)



Eastbourne's members attending the DofE gold award celebration event at Buckingham Palace Garden

It is our longer-term aim with Avatar Scout Network being the provider, to be able to offer our YP the following awards:

- Explorer Belt Award
- Scouts of the World Award SOWA – I have recently attended some training sessions around being able to offer this award, and I am pleased to confirm I am one of two volunteers in East Sussex who can help our YP work towards this award.

Finances

We completed transferring our funds from the main District Bank account in March / April this year. Now we have our own bank account the 14-24 and unit leads are able to see the available financial resources, helping to improve the program. Each unit now has OSM pre-paid debit cards, so volunteers are no longer funding events and purchases out of their own pocket and as its all-electronic purchases, payments can be tracked and logged in real time.

The Future

Our growth numbers are looking excellent, and as we continue to develop each unit's area of focus and program, along with our whole District event offering, this will drive future growth. We do allow our Explorers to be members of multiple units so they can take part in all the areas that interest them. The biggest threat to the units is adult volunteer numbers which as the 14-24 Lead I need to develop advertising strategies to attract more adults involved in what we do to help the unit leads.

DofE continues to be the biggest threat, where we are unable to deliver consistency at present. Very much linked to the comment above around volunteer resources.

Avatar just needs Ben to carry on with what he has been doing, and for me to help the wider District to understand how useful and important a successful Network Unit is to Eastbourne District Scouts.

Alongside improving and developing the unit's programs and activities as well as pushing our Top Awards we also have other projects that we are working on longer term. These include:

- Developing the Willows 4 Campsite at Bushy Wood into a fully serviced Explorer / Network campsite, along with an undercover Learning / Program delivery area that all our units can use throughout the year.
- The vision to either acquire or lease a Minibus for use by the 14-24 operation as well as the wider District if needed. Having access to our own Minibus will allow us to be able to vastly expand our program offering. By the time our Explorers have reached us they have covered most of the South Downs and local area for activities for events. By having access to our own transport, we can start to offer activities and events in other areas of the UK where the terrain and events are totally different to what they will have done at this stage in their Scouting journey. The Acorn Hike across the South Downs is vastly different and more challenging when competing in similar activities across the Moors, Lakes, Peaks or other National Parks.
- KISC 2027 – As previously mentioned, we will be offering all our YP in the 14-24 age range the chance to join us on an International Scout camp to Switzerland. The last International to be completed with this age group was in 2019 when Spiro went to the USA. KISC 2027 signals the start of bringing an international offering to our age range back as a regular part of the District program.

Conclusion

I hope you will agree we have come a long way and achieved so much for the benefit of our YP in the last year, and we are looking in great shape for the future. We do have some threats that we need to work on but also so many opportunities that we will continue to capitalise on as they present themselves.

I would like to thank **ALL** the Unit Team Leads and Team Members for the never-ending work and commitment they give to the 14-24 operation. They are all vital, and without them, none of what we do would happen. I continue to work with a team who believe in the cause, delivering the best programs, events and opportunities, sacrificing so much of their time to deliver great experiences to our YP – thank you team you're all amazing!

I would also like to thank the Team at Bushy Wood who have supported us no end, many times at short notice, prioritising our needs over their own workload.

Thank you to all of you!

Programme Team Lead – Joe Firth



Joe Firth

What an exciting and action-packed year we've had in Eastbourne! The Programme Team has delivered a wide range of fun, educational, and engaging events for every section – from Squirrels to Explorers. These activities not only built new skills but also forged friendships and lifelong memories.

Here is an in-depth look at the highlights from Eastbourne District Scouts' incredible year:

First Aid Weekend with EDSFAT

We began the year with a comprehensive First Aid weekend in collaboration with Eastbourne District Scouts First Aid Team (EDSFAT).

The event offered every section the opportunity to learn and apply essential first aid techniques through realistic scenarios. From treating cuts and breaks to understanding how to respond in emergencies, young people practised hands-on with guidance from trained professionals.



The event concluded with CPR practice and a fascinating exploration of a real ambulance. This immersive experience boosted confidence and preparedness across all age groups.

Cubs' Skills Day

Cubs' Skills Day, a favourite annual event, was once again a hit. Organised by Cordelia Mott (Squash) and her team, the day focused on key Scouting skills such as:

- Fire lighting and backwards cooking
- Map reading and compass use
- Knot tying and shelter building
- Engaging science experiments

Held at Bushy Wood, the event provided Cubs from across the District a day of adventure and hands-on learning in a supportive and fun environment. It also encouraged teamwork and confidence-building among participants.

RFU & TSA Physical Badge Launch

One of the proudest moments of the year was launching the partnership between the Rugby Football Union and The Scout Association.

Eastbourne led the country by hosting the first event piloting the newly updated Physical Activity Badge for Scouts. Participants experienced T1 Rugby, learned about health and fitness, and completed badge criteria through games and exercises.



The highlight was a visit from Poppy Cleall, England Rugby international, who inspired the young people by sharing her journey and joining in games. Scouts even had the opportunity to interview her. The success of the day was evident in the turnout:

- 222 young people (Beavers to Explorers)
- 32 local Scout volunteers
- 15 adult supporters from Eastbourne Rugby Club

All participants received a medal, blanket badge, and rugby ball for their group's use, celebrating the occasion, and encouraging ongoing physical activity.



Physical badge launch event

Oakleaf Hike

Led by Mike Standen and his team, the Oakleaf Hike gave Cubs a real taste of adventure. Teams hiked a 10-mile route through East Sussex, navigating between checkpoints, completing problem-solving tasks, and demonstrating resilience.

New teams embraced the challenge, and the spirit of teamwork was strong throughout. This event continues to grow in popularity and importance for our Cub section.



The Oakleaf Hike Winners!

Acorn Hike

The Acorn Hike, for Scouts and Explorers, was delivered over two days and managed by Joe Firth and Ray Newman-Smith's teams. It tested navigation, endurance, and collaboration. Several teams from across the county participated, making it a county-wide celebration of outdoor adventure. Despite bouts of rain, morale stayed high. Competitors sought to win the coveted Acorn Trophy while creating bonds with fellow Scouts.

Bike Hike: Go Outdoors Partnership

2nd Willingdon and 23rd Eastbourne (All Souls) Scouts led a joint Camp & Bike Hike event, linked to the Bicycle Badge and supported by Go Outdoors.

The groups cycled from Polegate to Lewes, explored the A27 trail, and climbed Glynde Hill to take in the stunning South Downs.

After a full day, the Scouts enjoyed a night in 6th Lewes Scout Hut, sharing stories over pizza before heading back the next morning.



JOTA (Jamboree on the Air)

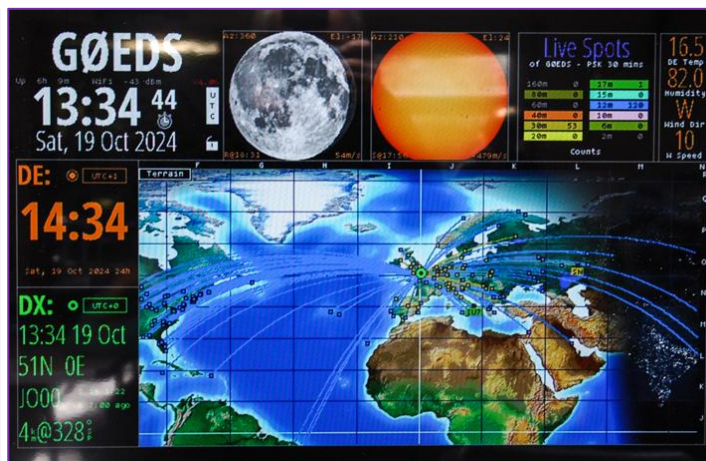
JOTA made its triumphant return, giving young people a unique opportunity to connect with fellow Scouts around the world via radio. Organised by Andy Stevens and his team, along with the much-valued equipment and technical support from EDSFAT and the Southdown Amateur Radio Society.

The weekend's activities included:

- Using handheld radios in coded team challenges using the phonetic alphabet and J codes.
- Using VHF and HF radios to communicate with Scouts around the world using the District's callsign GØEDS.
- Learning about international Scouting traditions.
- Soldering and creating flashing tent peg markers.
- Learning how various communication technologies work, and how they are used.



The first day ended with a warm meal prepared by the EDSFAT team, leaving everyone with full bellies and newfound skills.



Remembrance Day Parade

Over 100 Scouts took part in Eastbourne's Remembrance Day parade. For the first time, our Squirrels joined the ranks, representing the full spectrum of our Scouting family. The town centre was filled with smart uniforms and proud faces, and many groups participated in their own local ceremonies, honouring the sacrifices of past generations with dignity.

Big Shoot

A competitive and high-adrenaline event, the Big Shoot allowed Scouts and Explorers to test their aim and control in a variety of activities:

Led by Ray Newman-Smith and his expert team, the day was structured to challenge individuals while encouraging friendly competition. Personal improvement, focus, and discipline were key themes.

Rifle shooting



Archery



Tomahawk throwing



County Beaver Sleepover at Knockhatch

This year's County Beaver Sleepover was a roaring success! Beavers from across East Sussex enjoyed exclusive access to Knockhatch Adventure Park. Activities included:

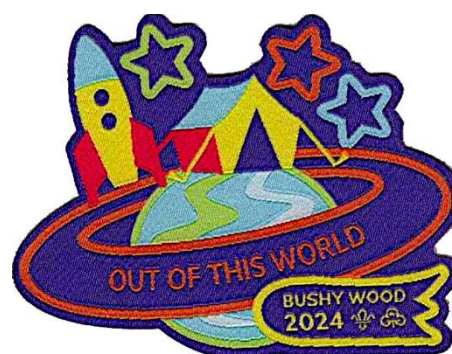
- Sliding and playing in Froggies soft play centre
- Meeting animals and tractor rides
- Games and exploration throughout the park

After an exciting day, Beavers settled down in the jungle room for a well-earned rest, many experiencing their first night away.

"Out of This World" Camp at Bushy Wood

This landmark event brought together over 1,200 participants from Scouts and Girlguiding for a weekend of celebration and unity. Activities included:

- Campfires, arts & crafts, fairground rides
- Archery, climbing, and rifle range
- Squirrels, Beavers, Rainbows, and Brownies joining for fun activities
- Explorer Scouts visiting an off-site high-ropes adventure park



The camp was honoured by a visit from local dignitaries, showcasing Eastbourne's strong Scouting presence and organisational excellence.



Looking Ahead

With such a full and successful year behind us, the Eastbourne Scouts are looking ahead with excitement. Thank you to all the volunteers, leaders, parents, and young people who made these events possible.

Here's to another year of growth, adventure, and community spirit!

Volunteering Development Team Lead – Carl Bird



Carl Bird

The District Volunteering Development Team coordinates efforts to ensure all volunteers in a District have an effective and accessible volunteering experience. The team facilitates the process for volunteers to join and acquire new skills.

Membership & Learning System

In the past twelve months, the organisation transitioned to the new digital Membership and Learning platforms. While typical challenges associated with implementing new systems occurred, the Eastbourne District Leadership Team prepared by updating background data, assessing roles, and establishing teams in advance of the changeover. This preparation contributed to a relatively smooth transition from the District's perspective. Throughout the process, volunteers supported one another, and guidance was offered to help set up, understand, or update system elements as needed.

The introduction of the new online DBS system has generally streamlined the process for Group leads to register volunteers. As with any new platform, regular updates are expected to improve the user experience further. A number of sub teams across the District are currently operational. For example, the “Welcome Conversation Team” supports Welcome meetings with 25 accredited volunteers, and the “District Support Team” has already assisted with various District events, including the Acorn hike, and offers support to both groups and the District. Individuals interested in joining the team may contact the team lead for more information.

Recruitment

A key responsibility of the Growth & Development team is to assist groups by attracting new volunteers and helpers, and managing external enquiries. In the past twelve months, 20 volunteers have joined various groups and also contributed to the establishment of a new group, 1st Pevensey Bay, with Squirrels and Beavers sections now open. It is anticipated that this trend will continue with further volunteer engagement and section openings.

Learning

The District now utilises the new Membership learning system, designed to encourage self-development and support volunteers in completing required and additional learning. Team leads are encouraged to advise on learning relevant to role development. Learning compliance levels are currently strong.

Permits

Volunteers in Eastbourne District hold a range of permits, including Nights Away and Archery. Having permit holders throughout the whole District ensures access to camps and adventurous activities for young people. Information and guidance on acquiring permits are available, and additional Nights Away assessors have been introduced to increase assessment capacity. The Membership system now enables volunteers to identify assessors for assessments.

Youth Members Waiting List

There are presently over 300 young people waiting to join. Over the last year, 219 young people were placed into groups, indicating the effectiveness of the waiting list system. Continued demand highlights the importance of increasing group sizes where possible and opening new sections.

The establishment of new Squirrel sections and opening of new groups such as 1st Pevensey aims to address this demand.



1st Pevensey Bay's first investiture

Support Team Lead – Emma Binfield



Emma Binfield

The District Support Team plays a key role in supporting local groups within the district. We act as a bridge between District leadership and volunteer teams, making sure Scout volunteers have the resources, learning, and encouragement they need to deliver quality programs for young people.

By offering advice, sharing best practices, and helping to solve challenges, the District Support Team strengthens connections across groups and ensures the scouting experience remains engaging, safe, and rewarding for all members.

District Support Team

The District Support Team is composed of dedicated volunteers who have contributed many years of service to the District and the wider Scouting community. Over the past year, they have continued to provide essential support to a wide range of District events and activities, ensuring their smooth operation and success. Their commitment, experience, and willingness to assist across multiple areas of Scouting have been invaluable, reflecting the strength and spirit of volunteer involvement that underpins the District's ongoing work.

All members continue to be engaged through OSM, where details of district events are shared and requests for support are managed. Members receive notifications by email, with direct links provided to enable the confirmation of attendance. Support has been given to a number of members in accessing both training opportunities and the membership system, as well as, in some cases, providing guidance on how to get online. This support has been delivered through in-person sessions and ongoing correspondence via email. Regular communication is also maintained with all members through email, OSM, and telephone where appropriate, to ensure that each individual feels respected, valued, and appreciated for the time and commitment they continue to give to Scouting in Eastbourne.

Bushy Wood Annual Report

Bushy Wood serves as a key resource for Eastbourne Scouts and is central to the District's programme, hosting regular events, training sessions and community engagement activities. Its combination of natural woodland, modern amenities, and structured activity areas makes it an indispensable site for Eastbourne Scouts, supporting both the traditional values of Scouting and the development of young people's skills and confidence.

The District extends its sincere thanks to the Bushy Wood team, site staff, and all volunteers, whose dedication, hard work, and ongoing support make these activities possible and ensure the continued success of the Scout programme.

The following provides an outline of improvements and key news from Bushy Wood over the past year.

Site Improvements

Significant progress has been made this year in enhancing the facilities and infrastructure across the site. In April, 30 metres of concrete were laid along the drive, greatly improving access for vehicles and visitors. Further works took place in May, with extensive groundworks and resurfacing completed, ensuring a more durable and welcoming environment. In August the washing-up area was relocated to the rear of the Lodge, creating a more practical and efficient layout for users.

Within the rifle range, the installation of new lighting in September has improved both safety standards and the quality of the activity experience.

Also in September, additional storage was created to support self-led activities, enabling groups to access and manage resources more easily.



In February, a dedicated pioneering pole rack was constructed and installed, allowing equipment to be securely stored and readily available for future activities.

Staffing and Administration

This year saw the successful recruitment of a new member of staff, with Katie Marsh joining as a part-time Office Assistant. Katie has already provided valuable administrative support and will continue to play an important role in the smooth running of operations.

Partnerships and Strategic Developments

In August East Sussex County Council commenced the process of seeking a new owner for Buzz Active a key stakeholder for Bushy Wood. In February it was announced that ownership of Buzz Active would be transferred to Bede's. This is an important development which will be monitored closely, given its potential impact on the site and its users.

Presentation and Access

Ongoing efforts to enhance the appearance of the site have continued, including the removal of the EDSFAT container, which marked another step towards improving the presentation of the main entrance.

Additionally, a GoFundMe campaign was launched to support further improvements to the drive. This initiative was well received, raising an impressive £2,889 thanks to the generosity of supporters and the wider community.

Community Support

In recognition of the commitment of local volunteers and to encourage greater use of the site, free camping was introduced for Eastbourne Scouts and Guides. This initiative has been warmly welcomed and will continue to provide valuable opportunities for local Scouting and Guiding groups to enjoy the facilities at no cost.

EDSFAT Annual Report

Introduction

The Eastbourne District Scout First Aid Team (EDSFAT) has had another incredibly successful year providing high-quality first aid and medical care to Scouts and Guides across a wide range of events. From local District activities to large national gatherings, our volunteers have continued to ensure that young people and leaders can participate safely and with confidence.



EDSFAT supporting Larkin 2024

Event Cover

This year EDSFAT has supported a number of events including:

- District events at Bushy Wood
- West Sussex County Beaver Day at Blacklands Farm
- Downsman hike across the South Downs Way
- Large Scout Fireworks event in Swindon
- Multiple East Sussex District and county events
- Larkin 2024, the major summer jamboree, attended by thousands of Scouts & Guides in North Yorkshire



Event Control Room at Eastbourne's Acorn hike

Team Development

- More members have achieved the industry-standard Level 3 First Aid qualification
- Several team members have completed further training in the administration of medical gases
- Following Mental Health First Aid training, the team has reported increased confidence in recognising and supporting young people and adults presenting with mental health concerns

Equipment and Resources

EDSFAT completed a project to replace and standardise some of the team's medical bags. The new design is:

- Easier to clean and maintain
- Highly durable
- Organised to ensure that commonly used items are quickly accessible and critical equipment is logically positioned for emergencies



Patient Care

- The majority of presentations were minor injuries and ailments, many of which were managed on site by healthcare professionals within the team. This avoided unnecessary trips to A&E, allowing young people and volunteers to return to their activities quickly
- EDSFAT continues to see an increase in mental health presentations, with improved confidence in supporting these, thanks to recent training
- At larger events, there were a small number of critically unwell patients, where timely interventions and life-saving medication were delivered long before an ambulance could arrive

Looking Ahead

EDSFAT continues to push forward in improving patient safety and care at Scout and Guide events, and remains in close contact with Scout HQ and industry leaders as the event first aid sector prepares for potential legislative changes and new challenges.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year 2024-25

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The District Scout Council

"The District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the District. It is the body to which the District Board of Trustees is accountable."

Membership of the District Scout Council is open to Volunteers, Network Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Members and Associate Members of the Movement registered in the Scout District, all parents of Explorer Scouts, persons elected and reselected annually by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Lead Volunteer and the Board of Trustees.

The County Lead Volunteer and County Chair are ex-officio members

The District Board of Trustees

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

"The District Board of Trustees exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and to provide support for Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network in the District."

The District Board of Trustees' administration tasks include:

- Working with the Chair to prepare meeting agendas
- Distributing agendas and meeting documents
- Preparing meeting logistics, including booking meeting place(s)
- Taking minutes
- Maintaining records
- Supporting the completion of the annual census return
- Administering the Trustee selection process agreed by the Trustee Board
- Preparing and advertising the Annual General meeting
- Coordinating and collating the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

The District Board of Trustees meets formally four times a year and is made up of members elected at the District Annual General Meeting, members nominated by the District Lead Volunteer and the District Chair and members co-opted by the District Board of Trustees.

The County Lead Volunteer and County Chair have a right of attendance

Charity Trust Statements

- The District is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Districts.
- The Charity is governed by a constitution as laid down by the Scout Association.
- The Accounts comply with statutory requirements, the governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities Commission.
- Resources Policy, retained resources are kept at a level adequate to service the activities of the Charity.
- Investment Policy - It is the policy of the Charity to hold all reserves in deposits to allow for instant access to funds as required.
- Risk Policy - The Trustees regularly review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and have taken appropriate insurance to mitigate these risks.

Risks and Internal Control

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

Objectives

The objectives of the District are as a Unit of the Scout Association.

The Purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Method

Scouting uses a method which is young people, in partnership with adults, enjoying what they are doing, learning by doing, participating in varied and progressive activities, making choices for themselves, taking responsibility for their own actions, working in groups, taking increasing responsibility for others, taking part in activities outdoors, sharing in prayer and worship, and making and living out their promise.

Achievements and Performance

I am happy to report that the District Board of Trustees has met its responsibilities as detailed in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association during the 2024–25 financial year.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees undertake to hold sufficient resources to continue the various activities organised by the District, should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Board will review annually the level of resources necessary and the level at which they should be maintained.

Future

The District Board of Trustees is aware of the need to continue the District growth and the opportunities which Scouting, at all levels, gives to so many young people. With the high levels of young people unable to obtain a place within a Group in the District, it is imperative to continue assisting the District leadership team to recruit adults into Scouting, particularly uniformed Leaders.

Bushy Wood is the District's primary resource, continuing to provide a focus for all Groups and Sections in our District. The District Board of Trustees are aware that the site continues to require continued large-scale investment, both financially and physically, to ensure it is fit for purpose in the future.

Matthew Peskett

Matthew Peskett (signed)

District Chair



Matthew Peskett

District Constitution for the year 2025-26

Eastbourne District Scouts has adopted the model constitution of the Scout Association, more information can be found here:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5c-constitutions-of-groups-Districts-and-counties-except-scotland/#5c.2>

Finance Report – Philip Huggett



Phillip Huggett

The end-of-year accounts have been assembled by the Accountants, Cornfield Accountants Limited, and are attached to the Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts.

They show that a deficit for the year arose across all funds, amounting to £38,103 against a surplus of £19,960 for 2024.

The main reasons for this are as follows:

- Significant repairs and maintenance at Bushy Wood.
- A fall in net membership subscriptions following an increase in the amount payable to the National Scouts.
- Expenditure on activities had a sharp increase whilst revenue from those activities fell.
- An increase in paid employee costs.

The accountant added some notes on VAT matters, advising on small amounts of money still to be claimed.

The accounts are due for filing with the Charity Commission by 31 January 2026.

In light of the deficit reported in these accounts, we need to review current expenditure and income to discover where the issues are and avoid a similar problem for 2025-2026.

District Treasurer

Philip Huggett

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2025			2024
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		49,339	1,230	50,569	40,730
Activities for generating funds		107,183	-	107,183	96,934
Investment income		431	-	431	581
Incoming resources from charitable activities		122,461	-	122,461	170,887
Total incoming resources		279,414	1,230	280,644	309,132
Resources expended	4-6				
Costs of generating Funds					
Fundraising trading costs		73,064	-	73,064	74,921
Charitable activities		245,683	-	245,683	214,251
Total resources expended		318,747	-	318,747	289,172
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(39,333)	1,230	(38,103)	19,960
Gross transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other gains/(losses)		(39,333)	1,230	(38,103)	19,960
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(39,333)	1,230	(38,103)	19,960
Total funds brought forward	10	254,479	10,379	264,858	244,898
Total funds carried forward	10	215,146	11,609	226,755	264,858

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2025			2024
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	163,614	-	163,614	160,774
Total fixed assets		163,614	-	163,614	160,774
Current assets					
Stock		15,400	-	15,400	13,620
Debtors	8	14,583	-	14,583	32,024
Cash at bank and in hand		93,481	11,609	105,090	119,553
Total current assets		123,464	11,609	135,073	165,197
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	71,932	-	71,932	61,113
Net current assets/(liabilities)		51,532	11,609	63,141	104,084
Total assets less current liabilities		215,146	11,609	226,755	264,858
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
Net assets		215,146	11,609	226,755	264,858
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		215,146	-	215,146	254,479
Restricted income funds		-	11,609	11,609	10,379
Total funds	10	215,146	11,609	226,755	264,858

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Chair - M Peskett



Trustee - Andrew Stevens

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102)
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2022

Note 2 Accounting policies

Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 2 Accounting policies (continued)

Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Pensions	The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.
Assets	
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over the expected useful lives.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks	These are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

		2025 £	2024 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	60,871	61,144
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(43,834)	(39,450)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	17,037	21,694
	Grants and donations	33,532	11,036
	Total voluntary income	50,569	32,730
Activities for generating funds	Badges	-	-
	Shop & fundraising	107,183	96,934
	Total activities for generating funds	107,183	96,934
Investment income	Bank & short term investment interest	431	581
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	122,461	178,887

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2025 £	2024 £
Cost of generating voluntary income	Badges	-	-
	Shop	73,064	74,921
		73,064	74,921
Charitable Activities	Youth programme and activities	244,006	212,463
	Governance	1,677	1,788
	Adult training	-	-
	Other activities	-	-
		245,683	214,251

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 5 Expenses and fees

Trustees expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out of pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Nil	Nil
	£	£
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		
Total amount paid	-	-

External examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the external examiner:

2025	2024
£	£
1,677	1,788

Note 6 Paid employees

Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and on-costs	63,646	48,686
Included in the above is pension contributions to a defined contribution scheme totalling	1,314	1,058

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2025	2024
Employees - charitable activities	3	2

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land	Bushy Wood Buildings & Equipment	Band Instruments	1st Aid Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation					
Balance brought forward	110,000	27,116	15,039	60,035	212,190
Additions	-	15,669	-	1,045	16,714
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,864)	(3,864)
Balance carried forward	110,000	42,785	15,039	57,216	225,040
Accumulated depreciation or impairments					
	0% Not depreciated	Various Reducing balance	5% Straight line	20% Straight line	
Balance brought forward	-	9,286	14,564	27,566	51,416
Charge in year	-	4,235	25	9,614	13,874
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,864)	(3,864)
Balance carried forward	-	13,521	14,589	33,316	61,426
Net book value					
As at 31 March 2024	110,000	17,830	475	32,469	160,774
As at 31 March 2025	110,000	29,264	450	23,900	163,614

Note 8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	12,022	28,862
Other debtors	2,561	608
Prepaid expenditure	-	2,554
	14,583	32,024

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 9 Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	45,063	39,385
Accruals and deferred income	16,092	9,708
Taxation and social security	986	1,622
Other creditors	375	482
Loans	9,416	9,916
	<u>71,932</u>	<u>61,113</u>
Deferred income arises on events which relates to the following period.	£	
Balance brought forward	7,920	
Released in year	(7,920)	
Relating to the following period	14,292	
Balance carried forward	<u>14,292</u>	

Included within other creditors is £375 (2024 - £482) relating to unpaid pension contributions at the year end. This amount was settled shortly after the year end.

Note 10 Fund analysis

The charity held the following funds at the year end:

(General Fund - GE, Designated Fund - D, Restricted Fund - R)

Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds	Purpose and Restriction
1st Aid Team	Specific grant for purchase of equipment
Explorer Scouts	Specific Grant for purchasing tents

Movement of major funds

Fund name	Type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
General Fund	GE	166,947	15,338	(13,667)	(9,958)	158,660
1st Aid Team	GE	54,829	26,399	(38,067)	-	43,161
Band	GE	475	-	(25)	-	450
Explorers	GE	2,511	24,527	(24,362)	-	2,676
Bushy Wood	GE	29,717	213,150	(242,626)	9,958	10,199
Sub total general funds		<u>254,479</u>	<u>279,414</u>	<u>(318,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,146</u>
1st Aid Team	R	9,741	1,230	-	-	10,971
Explorer Scouts	R	638	-	-	-	638
Sub total restricted funds		<u>10,379</u>	<u>1,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,609</u>
Total funds		<u>264,858</u>	<u>280,644</u>	<u>(318,747)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226,755</u>

Movement of major funds (prior period to 31/03/2024)

Fund name	Type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
General Fund	GE	178,062	14,843	(11,537)	(14,421)	166,947
1st Aid Team	GE	48,832	53,833	(47,836)	-	54,829
Band	GE	-	-	(25)	500	475
Explorers	GE	6,554	11,313	(10,261)	(5,095)	2,511
Bushy Wood	GE	2,145	228,069	(219,513)	19,016	29,717
Sub total general funds		<u>235,593</u>	<u>308,058</u>	<u>(289,172)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,479</u>
1st Aid Team	R	8,667	1,074	-	-	9,741
Explorer Scouts	R	638	-	-	-	638
Sub total restricted funds		<u>9,305</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,379</u>
Total funds		<u>244,898</u>	<u>309,132</u>	<u>(289,172)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>264,858</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Eastbourne District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Shaun Muller
FCCA ACA
Cornfield Accountants Limited
Chartered Accountants
5 Cornfield Terrace
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 4NN

Date: 9/9/25

End of report

Accounts

Eastbourne District Scouts

Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts 2023 - 2024



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Eastbourne District

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Trustees

for the year 2023 to 2024

President: Peter Wood

Vice President: Vacant

District Trustee Board Membership:

Ex officio

Andy Stevens	District Lead Volunteer
Vacant	District Youth Lead
Carl Bird	Volunteering Development Team Lead
Joe Firth	Activities Team Lead
Emma Binfield	Support Team Lead
Ray Newman-Smith	14-24 Team Lead

Appointed

Matthew Peskett	Chair
Vacant	Treasurer
Tracey Titherly	Member (GLV, 1st Hampden Park)
Ian Lewis	Member (EDSFAT)
Ian Watling	Member (Chairman, BWMC)
Gavin Gillam	Member
Samantha Huggett	Member
Frank Woods	Member

Co-opted

George Cole	District Scout Active Support Manager
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Sub-Committees:

Bushy Wood Management Committee

Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc, 63–67 Terminus Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3NE
Independent Examiner:	Shaun Muller, Director, Cornfield Accountants Ltd, 5 Cornfield Terrace, Eastbourne, BN21 4NN

Scout Association

District Registration Number: 17005

Charity Registration Number: 305846

Charity Commission Contact: Matthew Peskett (Trustee),
49 Summerdown Road, Eastbourne, BN20 8DR

Agenda

Friday 13th September 2024 at 7pm for 7.30pm.

1. Welcome by the District Chair
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting
4. To receive the Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for 2023-24
5. To adopt the new Scouting standard for District Constitution
6. To elect a District Chair
7. To approve the District Secretary (Not a Trustee)
8. To elect a District Treasurer (Currently Vacant)
9. To elect members to serve on the District Trustee Board
10. To appoint an Independent examiner for the Annual Accounts
11. To approve the appointment of a District President
12. District Lead Volunteer's Address to the Council
13. The County representative is invited to speak
14. The Chair will close the Meeting

To conclude the evening, all attendees are cordially invited to enjoy refreshments in the Activity Centre.



EASTBOURNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

MINUTES –

District AGM - 27-October-2023

Present: Acting District Chair – Matthew Peskett
 District Lead Volunteer – Andy Stevens
 County Representative – Ashley Jones (DCC)
 District Secretary (cover) – Julie Peskett

Plus 39 members of the district, representatives from EDSFAT, 1st Polegate, Team Bravo, Electra, 11th Eastbourne, 1st Meads, 2nd Willingdon, 1st Willingdon, 1st Old Town, EDSAS.

- 1) Welcome: Matthew Peskett welcomed Ashley Jones and Andy Stevens; and opened with a warm welcome to all in attendance as the AGM was finally taking place after a four-year lapse.
- 2) Apologies for absence: Were received from: Elaine Gausden (County Commissioner) - Joe Firth (DDC Activities), Carl Bird (DDC Growth & Development) - Marc Fallon (BW Manager) Karen Evenden (District Secretary) – Tracey Titherly - Val Goodwin – Trudi Danielsen – Julie Mayes
- 3) Minutes of the 2019 AGM had been circulated via the website for reading. These were approved, no matters arising were noted. There are copies of these minutes in hard copy or online within the Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for 2019 – 2020. The hardcopies were available to take after the meeting.
- 4) Annual Report and Accounts: The Acting Chair stated that all the outstanding Annual Reports and Accounts were uploaded to the Charities Commission earlier this year. To bring us back up to date as we were originally 600 days behind.
- 5) District Constitution – The District has agreed to adopt the Scouting Constitution as stated in POR, with the pending transformation scheduled for February 2024. Whatever changes are made to POR we will adopt, and it will be reviewed at every Board meeting.
- 6) District Chair Nominated †, : Andy nominated Matthew Peskett as Acting Chair (for this meeting) new chair to be found. However, during the meeting Christine Skinner pointed out that Matthew cannot be the Treasurer and the acting chair. This is covered by 5.4.3.6* in POR. Considering this information, Matthew agreed to step down as Acting Chair after the conclusion of the AGM.
- 7) Karen Evenden as District Secretary was approved and confirmed by show of hands.
- 8) Matthew Peskett as District Treasurer †, was approved and confirmed by show of hands

9) District Trustee Board seven names were proposed and seconded in advance of the AGM: George Cole, Gavin Gillam, Samantha Huggett, Ian Lewis, Tracey Titherly, Ian Watling, Frank Woods.

10) Independent Examiner (Shaun Muller) was approved to continue and voted by show of hands.

11) Appointment of District President: Peter Wood has kindly agreed to take on the role for the next year and was approved and voted by show of hands. Brian Chessell (outgoing President) was not in attendance but was thanked and acknowledged.

11a) Thank You Presentation: Gifts were awarded by Matthew Peskett on behalf of the District to James and Sandra Punchard and Frank Woods. Graham Parish and Brian Chessell were not in attendance and their gifts will be passed on.

Ian Watling (BWMC) presented a Thank You Badge to Brian Spalding for allowing Bushy Wood to use his surrounding fields for various Scouting events over the years.

12) DLV (DC) Address: Thanked all for coming out to the AGM. Matt Hodd was awarded with his 'Wood Badge Certificate'. However, there are several certificates still to be issued and they will be dealt with by the DLV, at a later date.

13) County Address: Ashley Jones apologised for Elaine Gausden not being able to attend and thanked everyone in our district for their support and dedication to scouting. A visual presentation was played with the following points being made:

Transformation will continue to be rolled out across the County and thank you to all who have attended the Transformation meetings

Volunteer support is valued and continues to be essential.

Positive culture starts and ends with all our volunteers – thank you

Having a shared understanding, respect and reward in a diverse and unique way helps us to help our Young People achieve their goals.

Do not hold back – Step up – Speak up and Dream Big.

HQ are also volunteers but we are all in scouting to support everyone across the board.

14) WSJ contingent: Five Young People gave an interesting presentation with slides and chat about their time in South Korea for the World Scout Jamboree. They could not have done it without the support of the district and thanked everyone who helped them achieve this experience.

Meeting Closed: Matthew closed the meeting thanking everyone for coming and suggesting that the attendees enjoy the refreshments kindly arranged by Woodpeckers.

**5.4.3.6 Governance roles must be distinct to help manage conflict of interest. This means that the roles of Chair and Treasurer must not be combined in any way.*

Additional Note †

After the meeting was closed Matthew Peskett opted to step down as the District Treasurer and agreed to accept Andy Stevens' nomination to become the District Chair. We now have a vacancy for the District Treasurer position.

District Lead Volunteer Report

for the year 2023 to 24

2023 was yet another great year for Eastbourne District Scouts. Thank you to all of the volunteers and supporters who have all contributed to make Eastbourne such a successful district, something we should all be very proud of.

The highlight of the year was the success of the Out of This World District camp, with over 1000 young people attending. Thank you to the team for all the planning which went into this event, and Bushy Wood for the excellent venue!

Eastbourne's number of young people has increased to 864, an increase of 19 since 2023. These young people wouldn't be able to attend without the hard work of the volunteers, and I thank you all for the planning, preparation, and execution of the Scouting programme. These activities, camps, outings you deliver to help our young people develop, as well as the training and learning you continue to do are greatly appreciated.

We hope to continue to build on our growth, with a planned group and section openings in the coming 12 months.

Preparing for the upcoming transformation process, the focus and support from multiple county training advisors over the last year has resulted in a significant improvement in Eastbourne volunteers' learning compliance. Now we've made this improvement, we need to all work towards keeping on top of it.

A special mention to EDSFAT for the support they provide our District, providing us with excellent first aid training, and first aid support at multiple events.

To summarise, Eastbourne District Scouts is in great shape, and I'm looking forward to us having another successful year.

Thank you all!

Andy Stevens
District Lead Volunteer

Bushy Wood Report for the year 2023 to 24



We are delighted to report another very successful year with bookings remaining high although we remain disappointed that international bookings from European Scout Groups have reduced, possibly as a consequence of the UK leaving the EU and/or the increased cost of travel abroad.

We began the year awaiting the outcome of an application to relocate Hailsham Market to the land adjacent to Bushy Wood, finally in December 2023 after many months of waiting we heard that the planning application had been removed from Wealden District Council's application process, we have not been able to elicit why it was removed but it would appear that for now this idea may have been shelved.

In June we completed work on the Outdoor Kitchen and this instantly proved to be a much valued resource for our site users. The pizza oven in particular was a great hit with many people being amazed at being able to tasty wood fired pizzas in just a few minutes. I would like to extend a special thank you to George Cole and members of his 'Tuesday Gang' for all the work they undertook to help build this facility.

As part of our ongoing work to improve the camping environment for our site users we topsoiled and turfed Shackleton Glade making it a much better site to pitch tents, in particular when it is raining. We also continued our work to provide electricity to some sites along with pathway lighting. We remain indebted to Mike Standen our much valued electrician who continues to provide us with his skilled services freely.

We completed the ramp entrance to The Lodge which was welcomed by the wheelchair users who visit us. We also completed work on the low ropes activity and this opened for use to general acclaim, particularly by our younger members. With some instruction this leader led activity provides younger members with an adventurous experience that for them can rival what our older members experience on the climbing tower. Through the year we purchased more leader led activities, simple garden style games and activities that can be hired to provide hours of fun for our campers.

We were delighted to welcome back many more bookings from external organisations and agencies, who provide a valuable source of income for us and once again we welcomed the Strange Games Festival back to Bushy Wood during August bank holiday weekend, a traditionally quiet time for us.

As we moved into 2024 we became aware that our income had increased to the level that exceeded the VAT threshold and so working with our accountant and the HMRC we registered for VAT. This resulted in a lot of additional work for the staff team at Bushy Wood, in particular to set up the processes to enable completion of our VAT returns on a regular basis. Although this has involved a lot of work, there have been some financial gains from being registered.

This and other additional work created as a consequence of being particularly busy resulted in the BWMC agreeing a proposal to recruit some additional administrative support for the team.

The TreeTops shop continues to increase its sales catalogue and during the year we introduced a new line of laser printed items for sale in the shop, to date these items produced in house on a laser printer purchased at a great price some time ago, have proved a bit of a money spinner.

The early months of 2024 produced extremely heavy downpours of at times quite destructive rain. Some of our remedial work to repair huge potholes in the drive proved to be almost ruined by the ferocity of the rainfall, but finally in April we were able to lay another section of concrete in our aim to provide a proper driveway entrance onto the site.

In March 2024 Frank Woods announced to the BWMC that he had finally finished his book and that it would be going to the printers ready for sale in the summer. The committee was delighted that he had pledged to donate proceeds from the sale of the book to Bushy Wood.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marc Fallon, Centre Manager, Mandy Collier, Shop Manager and the many volunteers who give so much time to help us to maintain and develop Bushy Wood, a place that many of us regard as, to quote Frank Woods' new book, 'our second home'. Our staff and volunteers combined efforts have enabled Bushy Wood Activity Centre to grow to become a 'go to' site for many groups and organisations both local and beyond.

Ian Watling
Trustee (Chair of Bushy Wood Management Committee)

District Constitution

for the year 2023-24

The District Scout Council

The District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the District, it is the body to which the District Board of Trustees is accountable.

Membership of the District Scout Council is open to:

Commissioners, Scouters, Administrators, Section Assistants, Skills Instructors, Advisers;

All Explorer Scouts;

All members of the District Scout Network;

A representative of the District Troop Leadership Forum, selected from amongst its membership;

Members and Associate Members of the Movement registered in the Scout District and including members of District Scout Active Support Units;

All parents and carers of Explorer Scouts;

Persons elected or reelected annually by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Lead Volunteer and the District Board of Trustees of whom two should be aged 18-25.

The County Commissioner and County Chairman are *ex-officio* members of the District Scout Council.

Membership of the District Scout Council ceases upon:

The resignation of the member;

The dissolution of the Council;

The termination of membership by Headquarters following a recommendation by the County Board of Trustees.

The District Scout Council must hold an Annual General Meeting within six months of the financial year end to:

Approve or reject proposed changes to the District Constitution;

Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Board of Trustees including the Annual Statement of Accounts;

Approve the District Lead Volunteer's and District Chair's nomination of the nominated members of the District Board of Trustees;

Approve a District Secretary (Not a Trustee)

Elect a District Treasurer;

Elect members of the District Board of Trustees;

Elect representatives to represent the District on the County Scout Council;

Appoint an Auditor or independent examiner or Scrutineer as required.

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year 2023–24

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

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Membership of the District Scout Council is open to Commissioners, Scouters, Administrators, Section Assistants, Skills instructors, Advisers, Network Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Members and Associate Members of the Movement registered in the Scout District and including members of District Scout Active Support Units, all parents of Explorer Scouts,, persons elected and reselected annually by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Lead Volunteer and the Board of Trustees..

The County Commissioner and County Chair are *ex-officio* members.

The District Board of Trustees

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

"The District Board of Trustees exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and to provide support for Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network in the District."

The District Board of Trustees administration tasks include:

- Working with the Chair to prepare meeting agendas
- Distributing agendas and meeting documents
- Preparing meeting logistics, including booking meeting place(s)
- Taking minutes
- Maintaining records
- Supporting the completion of the annual census return
- Administering the Trustee selection process agreed by the Trustee Board
- Preparing and advertising the Annual General meeting
- Coordinating and collating the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

The District Board of Trustees meets formally four times a year and is made up of members elected at the District Annual General Meeting, members nominated by the District Lead Volunteer and the District Chair and members co-opted by the District Board of Trustees.

The County Commissioner and County Chair have a right of attendance

Charity Trust Statements

- The District is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Districts.
- The Charity is governed by a constitution as laid down by the Scout Association.
- The Accounts comply with statutory requirements, the governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by the Charities Commission.
- Resources Policy, Retained resources are kept at a level adequate to service the activities of the Charity.
- Investment Policy - It is the policy of the Charity to hold all reserves in deposits to allow for instant access to funds as required.
- Risk Policy - The Trustees regularly review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and have taken appropriate insurance to mitigate these risks.

Risks and Internal Control

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

Objectives

The objectives of the District are as a Unit of the Scout Association.

The Purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Method

Scouting uses a method which is young people, in partnership with adults, enjoying what they are doing, learning by doing, participating in varied and progressive activities, making choices for themselves, taking responsibility for their own actions, working in groups, taking increasing responsibility for others, taking part in activities outdoors, sharing in prayer and worship, and making and living out their promise.

Achievements and Performance

I am happy to report that the District Board of Trustees has met its responsibilities as detailed in the *Policy, Organisation and Rules* of the Scout Association during the 2023–24 financial year.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees undertake to hold sufficient resources to continue the various activities organised by the District, should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Board will review annually the level of resources necessary and the level at which they should be maintained.

Future

The District Board of Trustees is aware of the need to continue the District growth and the opportunities which Scouting, at all levels, gives to so many young people. With the high levels of young people unable to obtain a place within a Group in the District, it is imperative to continue assisting the District leadership team to recruit adults into Scouting, particularly uniformed Leaders.

Bushy Wood is the District's primary resource, continuing to provide a focus for all Groups and Sections in our District. The District Board of Trustees are aware that the site continues to require continued large-scale investment, both financially and physically, to ensure it is fit for purpose in the future.

Approved by the Trustees

Matthew Peskett (signed)
District Chair



Financial Statements

for the year ending 31st March 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Eastbourne District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Shaun Muller
FCCA ACA
Cornfield Accountants Limited
Chartered Accountants
5 Cornfield Terrace
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BN21 4NN

Date: 20/08/2024

Eastbourne District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

		2024			2023
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		39,656	1,074	40,730	32,228
Activities for generating funds		96,934	-	96,934	85,577
Investment income		581	-	581	154
Incoming resources from charitable activities		170,887	-	170,887	140,164
Total incoming resources		308,058	1,074	309,132	258,123
Resources expended	4-6				
Costs of generating Funds					
Fundraising trading costs		74,921	-	74,921	60,308
Charitable activities		214,251	-	214,251	194,982
Total resources expended		289,172	-	289,172	255,290
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		18,886	1,074	19,960	2,833
Gross transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other gains/(losses)		18,886	1,074	19,960	2,833
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		18,886	1,074	19,960	2,833
Total funds brought forward	10	235,593	9,305	244,898	242,065
Total funds carried forward	10	254,479	10,379	264,858	244,898

Eastbourne District Scout Council

Balance Sheet

As at the 31 March 2024

	Note	2024			2023
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	160,774	-	160,774	156,490
Total fixed assets		160,774	-	160,774	156,490
Current assets					
Stock		13,620	-	13,620	24,484
Debtors	8	32,024	-	32,024	31,089
Cash at bank and in hand		109,174	10,379	119,553	98,979
Total current assets		154,818	10,379	165,197	154,551
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	61,113	-	61,113	66,143
Net current assets/(liabilities)		93,705	10,379	104,084	88,408
Total assets less current liabilities		254,479	10,379	264,858	244,898
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
Net assets		254,479	10,379	264,858	244,898
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		254,479	-	254,479	235,593
Restricted income funds		-	10,379	10,379	9,305
Total funds	10	254,479	10,379	264,858	244,898

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Chair - M Peskett

Trustee

Eastbourne District Scout Council

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102)
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011

Note 2 Accounting policies

Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 2 Accounting policies (continued)

Grants payable without performance conditions These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks These are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

		2024	2023
		£	£
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	61,144	51,605
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(39,450)	(37,088)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	<u>21,694</u>	<u>14,517</u>
	Grants and donations	<u>11,036</u>	<u>17,711</u>
	Total voluntary income	<u><u>32,730</u></u>	<u><u>32,228</u></u>
Activities for generating funds	Badges	7,490	10,213
	Shop & fundraising	89,444	75,364
	Total activities for generating funds	<u><u>96,934</u></u>	<u><u>85,577</u></u>
Investment income	Bank & short term investment interest	<u><u>581</u></u>	<u><u>154</u></u>
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	<u><u>178,887</u></u>	<u><u>140,164</u></u>

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2024	2023
		£	£
Cost of generating voluntary income	Badges	-	-
	Shop	74,921	60,308
		<u><u>74,921</u></u>	<u><u>60,308</u></u>
Charitable Activities	Youth programme and activities	212,463	191,820
	Governance	1,788	2,748
	Adult training	-	415
	Other activities	-	-
		<u><u>214,251</u></u>	<u><u>194,983</u></u>

Note 5 Expenses and fees

Trustees expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out of pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Nil	Nil
	£	£
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total amount paid	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 5 Expenses and fees (continued)

External examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the external examiner:

2024	2023
£	£
1,788	1,788

Note 6 Paid employees

Staff costs

2024	2023
£	£
Gross wages, salaries and on-costs	45,172
Included in the above is pension contributions to a defined contribution scheme totalling	803

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

2024	2023
Employees - charitable activities	2

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land	Bushy Wood Buildings & Equipment	Band Instruments	1st Aid Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation					
Balance brought forward	110,000	31,210	15,039	40,949	197,198
Additions				22,140	22,140
Disposals		(4,094)		(3,054)	(7,148)
Balance carried forward	110,000	27,116	15,039	60,035	212,190
Accumulated depreciation or impairments					
	0% Not depreciated	Various Reducing balance	5% Straight line	20% Straight line	
Balance brought forward	-	7,315	14,539	18,854	40,708
Charge in year	-	2,415	25	11,316	13,756
Disposals	-	(444)		(2,604)	(3,048)
Impairments	-				-
Balance carried forward	-	9,286	14,564	27,566	51,416
Net book value					
As at 31 March 2023	110,000	23,895	500	22,095	156,490
As at 31 March 2024	110,000	17,830	475	32,469	160,774

Note 8 Debtors

2024	2023
£	£
Trade debtors	13,491
Prepaid expenditure	16,960
32,024	30,451

Note 9 Creditors

2024	2023
£	£
Trade creditors	36,386
Accruals and deferred income	18,203
Loans	10,916
61,113	65,505
Deferred income arises on events which relates to the following period.	£
Balance brought forward	16,415
Released in year	(16,415)
Relating to the following period	7,920
Balance carried forward	7,920

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10 Fund analysis

The charity held the following funds at the year end:

(General Fund - GE, Designated Fund - D, Restricted Fund - R)

Restricted Funds

1st Aid Team

Explorer Scouts

Purpose and Restriction

Specific grant for purchase of equipment

Specific Grant for purchasing tents

Movement of major funds

Fund name	Type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
General Fund	GE	178,062	14,844	(11,537)	(14,422)	166,947
1st Aid Team	GE	48,832	53,833	(47,836)	-	54,829
Band	GE	-	-	(25)	500	475
Explorers	GE	6,554	11,313	(10,261)	(5,095)	2,511
Bushy Wood	GE	2,145	228,069	(219,514)	19,017	29,717
Sub total general funds		235,593	308,059	(289,173)	-	254,479
1st Aid Team	R	8,667	1,074	-	-	9,741
Explorer Scouts	R	638	-	-	-	638
Sub total restricted funds		9,305	1,074	-	-	10,379
Total funds		244,898	309,133	(289,173)	-	264,858

Movement of major funds (prior period to 31/03/2023)

Fund name	Type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
General Fund	GE	162,717	16,652	(11,344)	10,037	178,062
1st Aid Team	GE	38,626	53,288	(43,082)	-	48,832
Band	GE	10,873	24	(3,604)	(7,293)	-
Explorers	GE	3,459	8,159	(2,320)	(2,744)	6,554
Bushy Wood	GE	15,910	181,175	(194,940)	-	2,145
Sub total general funds		231,585	259,298	(255,290)	-	235,593
1st Aid Team	R	9,742	(1,075)	-	-	8,667
Explorer Scouts	R	738	(100)	-	-	638
Sub total restricted funds		10,480	(1,175)	-	-	9,305
Total funds		242,065	258,123	(255,290)	-	244,898

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Trustees

for the year 2022–23

President: Brian Chessell, CEng, MICE

Vice-Presidents: Bob Lacey, OBE
Peter Wood

District Executive Committee Membership:

Ex officio

Gilly Hacker	District Commissioner		B
Nicola Fallon	Deputy District Commissioner		
Carl Bird	Deputy District Commissioner		
Joe Firth	Deputy District Commissioner		
Andy Stevens	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	A	

Elected

Jasmine Burfield (U25 Rep.)	Scout Network		
Daniel Deadman (U25 Rep.)			
Matthew Peskett	Chairman, AAC	A	
	Group Treasurer, 3rd Eastbourne (until 9/7/21)		
Tracey Titherly	CSL, 1st Hampden Park		
	District Nights Away Adviser		

Nominated

Maggie Collins	EDSAS		
Ian Lewis	EDSFAT		
Ian Watling	Chairman, BWMC		B

Co-opted

George Cole	EDSAS Manager	A	B
	Vice-Chairman, BWMC		

Sub-Committees:

A = Appointments Advisory Committee

B = Bushy Wood Management Committee

Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc, 63–67 Terminus Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3NE
Independent Examiner:	Shaun Muller, Director, Cornfield Accountants Ltd, 5 Cornfield Terrace, Eastbourne, BN21 4NN
Scout Association	
District Registration Number:	17005
Charity Registration Number:	305846
Charity Commission Contact:	Matthew Peskett (Trustee), 49 Summerdown Road, Eastbourne, BN20 8DR

Agenda

Friday 27th October 2023 at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome by the District Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
4. To receive the Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for 2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22 and 2022–23
5. To adopt the new Scouting standard for District Constitution
6. To receive the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman
7. To elect a District Secretary (not a Trustee)
8. To elect a District Treasurer
9. To elect members to serve on the District Trustee Board
10. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Annual Accounts
11. To approve the appointment of a District President
12. District Commissioner's Address to the Council
13. The County representative is invited to speak
14. The Chairman will close the Meeting

Immediately following the Meeting, our WSJ contingent will give a short presentation on their experiences in South Korea.

To conclude the evening, all guests and members are cordially invited to enjoy refreshments in Shakleton Lodge.

Minutes

of previous AGM, Thursday 5th September 2019*
Bushy Wood, 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr James Punchard – District Chairman
Mrs Elaine Gausden – Acting District Commissioner
Mr Frank Woods – Deputy District Commissioner
Mr John Easton – County Commissioner
Mr David Powell – County Vice-Chairman
Mr Brian Chessell – District Vice-President
Mrs Sandra Punchard – Acting District Secretary
Mr Ian Watling – BWMC Chairman
Mr George Cole – BWMC Vice-Chairman/EDSAS Manager
Mr Marc Fallon – BWAC Manager
Mrs Maggie Collins – District Shop Manager
Mr Ian Lewis – EDSFAT Representative
Mrs Tracey Titherly – Executive Committee Member

Plus 28 members of the District Scout Council, altogether representing –
Bushy Wood Management Committee, District Appointments Advisory Committee,
Assistant District Commissioners, District Scout Active Support Unit,
District Scout First-Aid Team, District Scout Band, District Explorer Units,
3rd Eastbourne, 11th Eastbourne, 1st Hampden Park, 1st Meads, 1st Old Town,
First Polegate, 1st Seaside, 1st Willingdon, 2nd Willingdon.

1. **Welcome** – The District Chairman, James Punchard, welcomed John Easton, David Powell, Brian Chessell and Elaine Gausden.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Peter Wood (District Vice-President), John Smith (AAC Chairman), Carl Bird (ADC(C)), Vicky Chessell (EDSAS), Trudi Danielsen (EDSAS), James Davis (GSL, 2nd Willingdon), Darrell Harris (EDSAS), Robert Kent (ESL, Kyros), Lesley Pepper (GSL, 1st Anderida), Matthew Peskett (Treasurer, 3rd Eastbourne), Mike Standen (GSL, 1st Old Town) and Terri Taylor (DCSL/CSL 1st Seaside).
3. **Minutes of the 2018 AGM** – These had been previously circulated and approved. There were no amendments or matters arising.
4. **Annual Report and Accounts** – The Annual Report and Accounts had been previously approved by the District Executive Committee and were presented to the AGM for noting. The Chairman thanked the DDC and ADCs for their contributions.
5. **District Commissioner's Nomination for District Chairman** – James Punchard was nominated by the Acting District Commissioner to continue as Chairman for a further year, which he accepted.
6. **Election of District Secretary** – One nomination had been received: Sandra Punchard – proposed by Ian Lewis and seconded by ADC Ian Watling. Approved by the Meeting.
7. **Election of District Treasurer** – This position remained vacant.
8. **Election of Members of the Scout Council to serve on the District Executive Committee** – The following members had indicated their willingness to stand: Jasmine Burfield (11th Eastbourne, under-25 representative), Daniel Deadman (DDYC, under-25 representative), Matthew Peskett

(Group Treasurer, 3rd Eastbourne and Member of the District AAC) and Tracey Titherly (CSL, 1st Hampden Park). All were proposed by Julie Peskett, seconded by Ian Lewis, and approved by the Meeting.

- 9. District Commissioner's Nominations to serve on the Executive Committee** – The Acting District Commissioner nominated Maggie Collins (Manager, District Scout Shop), John Smith (Chairman, AAC), ADC Ian Watling (Chairman, BWMC) and Ian Lewis (EDSFAT). These were accepted by the Meeting.

The District Chairman advised the Meeting that the District Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner, District Scout Network Commissioner and District Explorer Scout Commissioner are *ex-officio* members of the District Executive Committee.

- 10. Appointment of an Independent Financial Examiner** – The District Chairman proposed that Chris Rummins (Treasurer, 1st Willingdon) be appointed. The appointment was approved by the Meeting.

11. Acting District Commissioner's Address

Elaine expressed how pleased she was to see so many of the District's Leaders at the AGM. She went on to praise Eastbourne District as being a very active, strong District with an amazing team of Leaders. She had been very delighted to attend BIG60, which she commented was a fantastic event. Elaine also thanked Frank for his very comprehensive report.

12. County Commissioner's Address

John started by saying that it had been a tough year for Eastbourne District. He went on to say that this is the time that the DC would have been stepping down as it was the end of his term, and he recorded his thanks to all those who had stepped up in the last few months.

John commented that Eastbourne is a strong District with an amazing number of experienced Leaders. He felt that Bushy Wood is a fantastic resource and that EDSFAT promote Eastbourne in a very good light.

He was hopeful that there would be a new DC appointed in the next few weeks and he felt that there will be some work to do in the coming months for them to shape the District as they go forward.

John said that he would be looking into possibly recruiting a "paid" Treasurer to look after the finances for the District, Bushy Wood and possibly EDSFAT.

Finally, John asked us to record his formal thanks to the DC, District Secretary and District Treasurer to recognise all they have done for Eastbourne District.

- 13. On closing the Meeting**, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for all their hard work throughout the year. He again extended special thanks to Ashley Whyment-Morris, the outgoing District Commissioner, to Beverley Whyment-Morris, the outgoing District Secretary, and to Darrell Harris, the outgoing District Treasurer, for all they have done for Scouting in Eastbourne. This was unreservedly endorsed by everyone present.

[On this occasion coffee and biscuits had been provided on arrival in lieu of the customary post-meeting refreshments, in order to assist brevity.]

*Postponed from Friday 5th July due to the lack of key people.

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year 2022–23

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The District Scout Council

"The District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the District. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee is accountable."

Membership of the District Scout Council is open to Commissioners, Scouters, Administrators, Section Assistants, Skills Instructors, Advisers, Network Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Members and Associate Members of the Movement registered in the Scout District and including members of District Scout Active Support Units, all parents of Explorer Scouts, persons elected and re-elected annually by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee.

The County Commissioner and County Chairman are *ex-officio* members.

The District Executive Committee

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

"The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and to provide support for Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network in the District."

The District Executive Committee is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the District and arranging for harmonious co-operation with other organisations;
- The raising of funds and the administration of the District's finances and property, including the Scout Network and Explorer Scout Units;
- Appointing a District Appointments Advisory Committee and an Appointments Chairman and Appointments Secretary;
- Appointing other Sub-Committees and their Chairmen as the Committee may require;
- Supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property;
- Attending to District administration including the presentation of an Annual Trustees' Report and Annual Financial Statement to the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council.

The District Executive Committee meets formally four times a year and is made up of members elected at the District Annual General Meeting, members nominated by the District Commissioner, *ex-officio* members, and members co-opted by the District Executive Committee. The County Commissioner and County Chairman have a right of attendance

Charity Trust Statements

- The District is a Trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scout Districts.
- The Charity is governed by a constitution as laid down by the Scout Association.
- The Accounts comply with statutory requirements, the governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

- Resources Policy – Retained resources are kept at a level adequate to service the activities of the Charity.
- Investment Policy – It is the policy of the Charity to hold all reserves in deposits to allow for instant access to funds as required.
- Risk Policy – The Trustees regularly review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and have taken appropriate insurance to mitigate these risks.

Risks and Internal Control

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

Objectives

The objectives of the District are as a Unit of the Scout Association.

The Purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Method

Scouting uses a method which is young people, in partnership with adults, enjoying what they are doing, learning by doing, participating in varied and progressive activities, making choices for themselves, taking responsibility for their own actions, working in groups, taking increasing responsibility for others, taking part in activities outdoors, sharing in prayer and worship, and making and living out their promise.

Achievements and Performance

I am happy to report that the District Executive Committee has met its responsibilities as detailed in the *Policy, Organisation and Rules* of the Scout Association during the 2022–23 financial year.

- Scouting in Eastbourne maintained a healthy membership and opened two Squirrel Dreys.
- The District finances are in good order.
- The Appointments Advisory Committee continued to fulfil its remit.
- Sub-committees remained in post.
- The Annual Trustees' Report and Annual Financial Statement was completed.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees undertake to hold sufficient resources to continue the various activities organised by the District, should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Executive will review annually the level of resources necessary and the level at which they should be maintained.

Future

The District Executive Committee is aware of the need to continue the District growth and the opportunities which Scouting, at all levels, gives to so many young people. With the high levels of young people unable to obtain a place within a Group in the District, it is imperative to continue assisting the District leadership team to recruit adults into Scouting, particularly uniformed Leaders.

Bushy Wood is the District's primary resource, continuing to provide a focus for all Groups and Sections in our District. The District Executive are aware that the site continues to require continued large-scale investment, both financially and physically, to ensure it is fit for purpose in the future.

Approved by the Trustees,

Matthew Peskett (signed)
Acting District Chairman



Financial Statements

for the year ending 31st March 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EASTBOURNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Eastbourne District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Shaun Muller
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Date: 08/09/23

Eastbourne District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2023

		2023			2022
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		33,303	(1,075)	32,228	90,776
Activities for generating funds		85,577	-	85,577	49,919
Investment income		154	-	154	4
Incoming resources from charitable activities		140,264	(100)	140,164	104,426
Total incoming resources		259,298	(1,175)	258,123	245,124
Resources expended	4-6				
Costs of generating Funds					
Fundraising trading costs		60,308	-	60,308	46,651
Charitable activities		194,982	-	194,982	146,982
Total resources expended		255,290	-	255,290	193,633
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		4,008	(1,175)	2,833	51,491
Gross transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other gains/(losses)		4,008	(1,175)	2,833	51,491
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,008	(1,175)	2,833	51,491
Total funds brought forward	10	231,585	10,480	242,065	190,574
Total funds carried forward	10	235,593	9,305	244,898	242,065

Eastbourne District Scout Council

Balance Sheet

As at the 31 March 2023

	Note	2023			2022
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	156,490	-	156,490	128,773
Total fixed assets		156,490	-	156,490	128,773
Current assets					
Stock		24,484	-	24,484	15,188
Debtors	8	30,451	638	31,089	11,296
Cash at bank and in hand		90,311	8,668	98,979	157,793
Total current assets		145,246	9,305	154,551	184,277
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	66,143	-	66,143	50,985
Net current assets/(liabilities)		79,103	9,305	88,408	133,292
Total assets less current liabilities		235,593	9,305	244,898	262,065
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	20,000
Net assets		235,593	9,305	244,898	242,065
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		235,593	-	235,593	231,585
Restricted income funds		-	9,305	9,305	10,480
Total funds	10	235,593	9,305	244,898	242,065

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 2nd October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

M. Peskett

M. Peskett, Acting Chairman

K. L. Evenden

K. L. Evenden, Acting Secretary

Eastbourne District Scout Council

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102)
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011

Note 2 Accounting policies

Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 2 Accounting policies (continued)

Grants payable without performance conditions These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks These are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

		2023	2022
		£	£
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	51,605	103,333
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(37,088)	(75,992)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	<u>14,517</u>	<u>27,341</u>
	Grants and donations	<u>17,711</u>	<u>63,435</u>
	Total voluntary income	<u><u>32,228</u></u>	<u><u>90,776</u></u>
Activities for generating funds	Badges	10,213	1,441
	Shop & fundraising	<u>75,364</u>	<u>48,478</u>
	Total activities for generating funds	<u><u>85,577</u></u>	<u><u>49,919</u></u>
Investment income	Bank & short term investment interest	<u>154</u>	<u>4</u>
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	<u><u>140,164</u></u>	<u><u>104,426</u></u>

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2023	2022
		£	£
Cost of generating voluntary income	Badges	-	-
	Shop	<u>60,308</u>	<u>46,651</u>
		<u><u>60,308</u></u>	<u><u>46,651</u></u>
Charitable Activities	Youth programme and activities	191,820	140,201
	Governance	2,748	960
	Adult training	415	5,821
	Other activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><u>194,982</u></u>	<u><u>146,982</u></u>

Note 5 Expenses and fees

Trustees expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out of pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Nil	Nil
	£	£
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total amount paid	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 5 Expenses and fees (continued)

External examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the external examiner:

2023	2022
£	£
1,788	960

Note 6 Paid employees

Staff costs

2023	2022
£	£
45,172	21,333

Gross wages, salaries and on-costs

Included in the above is pension contributions to a defined contribution scheme totalling

803	-
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Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

2023	2022
2	1

Employees - charitable activities

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

		Bushy Wood Buildings & Equipment	Band Instruments	1st Aid Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation	Land				
Balance brought forward	110,000	14,736	15,039	19,544	159,319
Additions	-	16,474	-	25,269	41,743
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,864)	(3,864)
Balance carried forward	110,000	31,210	15,039	40,949	197,198
Accumulated depreciation or impairments	0% Not depreciated	Various Reducing balance	5% Straight line	20% Straight line	
Balance brought forward	-	4,000	10,989	15,557	30,546
Charge in year	-	3,315	752	7,161	11,228
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,864)	(3,864)
Impairments	-	-	2,798	-	2,798
Balance carried forward	-	7,315	14,539	18,854	40,708
Net book value					
As at 31 March 2022	110,000	10,736	4,050	3,987	128,773
As at 31 March 2023	110,000	23,895	500	22,095	156,490

Note 8 Debtors

2023	2022
£	£
13,491	11,296
16,960	-
30,451	11,296

Trade debtors

Prepaid expenditure

Note 9 Creditors

2023	2022
£	£
36,386	37,174
18,203	2,895
10,916	10,916
65,505	50,985

Deferred income arises on events which relates to the following period.

£

Balance brought forward

1,935

Released in year

(1,935)

Relating to the following period

16,415

Balance carried forward

16,415

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10 Fund analysis

The charity held the following funds at the year end:

(General Fund - GE, Designated Fund - D, Restricted Fund - R)

Restricted Funds

1st Aid Team

Explorer Scouts

Purpose and Restriction

Specific grant for purchase of equipment

Specific Grant for purchasing tents

Movement of major funds

Fund name	Type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
General Fund	GE	162,717	16,652	(11,344)	10,037	178,062
1st Aid Team	GE	38,626	53,288	(43,082)	-	48,832
Band	GE	10,873	24	(3,604)	(7,293)	-
Explorers	GE	3,459	8,159	(2,320)	(2,744)	6,554
Bushy Wood	GE	15,910	181,175	(194,940)	-	2,145
Sub total general funds		231,585	259,298	(255,290)	-	235,593
1st Aid Team	R	9,742	(1,075)	-	-	8,667
Explorer Scouts	R	738	(100)	-	-	638
Sub total restricted funds		10,480	(1,175)	-	-	9,305
Total funds		242,065	258,123	(255,290)	-	244,898

Movement of major funds (prior period to 31/03/2022)

Fund name	Type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
General Fund	GE	141,188	27,998	(6,469)	-	162,717
1st Aid Team	GE	24,994	32,150	(18,518)	-	38,626
Band	GE	10,746	1,162	(1,035)	-	10,873
District Shop	GE	-	-	-	-	-
Explorers	GE	4,077	4,538	(5,156)	-	3,459
Bushy Wood	GE	7,877	170,489	(162,456)	-	15,910
Sub total general funds		188,881	236,337	(193,634)	-	231,585
1st Aid Team	R	1,075	8,667	-	-	9,742
Explorer Scouts	R	618	120	-	-	738
Sub total restricted funds		1,693	8,787	-	-	10,480
Total funds		190,574	245,124	(193,634)	-	242,065

District Constitution

for the year 2022–23

The District Scout Council

The District Scout Council is the electoral body, which supports Scouting in the District. It is the body to which the District Executive Committee is accountable.

Membership of the District Scout Council is open to:

Commissioners, Scouters, Administrators, Section Assistants, Skills Instructors, Advisers;

All Explorer Scouts;

All members of the District Scout Network;

A representative of the District Troop Leadership Forum, selected from amongst its membership;

Members and Associate Members of the Movement registered in the Scout District and including members of District Scout Active Support Units;

All parents and carers of Explorer Scouts;

Persons elected or reelected annually by the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee, of whom two should be aged 18–25.

The County Commissioner and County Chairman are *ex-officio* members of the District Scout Council.

Membership of the District Scout Council ceases upon:

The resignation of the member;

The dissolution of the Council;

The termination of membership by Headquarters following a recommendation by the County Executive Committee.

The District Scout Council must hold an Annual General Meeting within six months of the financial year end to:

Approve or reject proposed changes to the District Constitution;

Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Executive Committee, including the Annual Statement of Accounts;

Approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chairman and nominated members of the District Executive Committee;

Elect a District Secretary, unless the District Secretary is employed by the District Executive Committee;

Elect a District Treasurer;

Elect certain members of the District Executive Committee;

Elect representatives to represent the District on the County Scout Council;

Appoint an Auditor or Independent Examiner or Scrutineer as required.

The District Executive Committee

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and to provide support for Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units, District Scout Network, District Scout Active Support Units, the District Scout Band, and Bushy Wood Scout Campsite and Activity Centre.

The District Executive Committee consists of:

Ex-officio members

District Chairman, District Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner, District Secretary, District Treasurer, District Scout Network Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner.

Elected members

Persons elected at the District Annual General Meeting; these should normally be four to six in number and the actual number must be the subject of a resolution by the District Scout Council.

Nominated members

Persons nominated by the District Commissioner; the nominations must be approved at the District Annual General Meeting. Persons nominated need not be members of the District Scout Council and their number must not exceed that of the elected members.

Co-opted members

Persons co-opted annually by the District Executive Committee; the number of co-opted members must not exceed the number of members who may be elected.

Right of Attendance

The County Commissioner and the County Chairman have the right of attendance at meetings of the District Executive Committee.

Sub-Committees

The District Executive Committee may establish any sub-committees that it deems necessary; sub-committees consist of members nominated by the District Executive Committee.

The District Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner and the District Chairman will be *ex-officio* members of any sub-committee of the District Executive Committee.

Any fundraising sub-committee must include at least two members of the District Executive Committee, in addition to the *ex-officio* members. No Section Leader or Assistant Leader should serve on such a fundraising sub-committee.

Charity Trusteeship

A Scout District is an educational charity. Members of the District Executive Committee are the charity trustees of the Scout District.

Only persons aged 18 and over may be full voting members of the District Executive Committee because of their status as charity trustees.

Certain people are disqualified from being charity trustees by virtue of the Charities Acts.

Charity trustees are responsible for complying with all the legislation applicable to charities.

The District is required to register as a Charity and is required to make an Annual Return to the Charity Commission.

Responsibilities of the District Executive Committee

Promoting the development of Scouting in the District and arranging for harmonious co-operation with other organisations;

The raising of funds and the administration of the District's finance and property, including Explorer Scout Units and District Scout Network;

Appointing annually a District Appointments Advisory Committee, Appointments Chairman and Appointments Secretary as required by the Scout Association's *Policy, Organisation and Rules: "The Appointment Process"*;

Appointing annually other sub-committees and their Chairmen as the Committee may require;

Supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property;

Attending to District administration, particularly matters relating to Leader, Manager and Supporter Appointments; the Appointment of Section Assistants and Skills Instructors, Administrators and Advisers;

Registrations, membership of the Movement, and appointing annually a Badge Secretary for the District if required;

The presentation of an Annual Report and Annual Statement of Accounts to the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council.

The District Team Meeting

The District Team, comprising the District Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner, District Scout Network Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner, all Assistant District Commissioners, District Scouters and Unit Managers of any District Scout Active Support Units, meet as frequently as necessary under the chairmanship of the District Commissioner or Deputy District Commissioner.

The purpose of the District Team Meeting is to:

- Review the progress, standards and effectiveness of programmes of Groups, Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network;
- Plan a programme of visits to Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network;
- Give support and encouragement to Leaders;
- Plan the support of adults undertaking Adult Training;
- Plan any programme of District events deemed to be necessary to supplement Scouting in the Groups, Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network;
- Identify needs for support requirements from Scout Active Support Units in the work of the District;
- Keep the District Executive Committee advised of the financial requirements of the training programme in the District, including Explorer Scout Units and any District Scout Network;
- Ensure that there is at least one of each of the Sections catering for mixed membership within its boundaries.

Conduct of meetings in the Scout District

In meetings of the District Scout Council and the District Executive Committee only the members specified may vote. Decisions are made by a majority of votes of those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side on any issue, the Chairman does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.

The District Scout Council must make a resolution defining a quorum for meetings of the Council and the District Executive Committee and its sub-committees.

This Constitution is based on the model Constitution for Scout Districts published in *Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association* and modified by Eastbourne District Scout Council.

Signed: 

Date: 21st May 2018

District Chairman: James Punchard

APPENDIX

Quorum for meetings as agreed by the District Scout Council, 26th September 2005:

- The Annual General Meeting quorum agreed at thirty (30);
- The District Executive Committee quorum agreed at eight (8).

District Report

for the year 2022–23

Following two challenging years of Scouting through a worldwide pandemic, this was the year in which we finally managed to get the “out” back into Scouting.

The District Team started the year with a new team structure, new members with new roles, and the team commenced a new approach to meetings aimed at bringing Scouters together from across the District in a more informal way. These monthly gatherings were to become known as “Fika hub” meetings, a name synonymous with Swedish culture where people come together to share time with each other often over a drink and a snack.

The District Executive Committee experienced a challenging year during this period with the absence of a Chair and Treasurer, although the latter position has since been filled. That said, the Trustees continued to meet to carry out their role of providing a measure of scrutiny and governance to what we do.

At the beginning of the year a number of Groups marked St George’s Day with parades or gatherings of their own, providing an opportunity to renew their Promises and celebrate our patron saint.

In June 2022 the District was proud to host the County Tune-Up event at Bushy Wood, providing a much-needed opportunity for Leaders, Helpers and Trustees to come together from across the County to “tune up” some of their Scouting skills and glean new information about the direction Scouting will be taking with its forthcoming “transformation” exercise.

During the year, Eastbourne District was delighted with the opening of two new Squirrel Scout Dreys, the first at 1st Seaside Scout Group in September 2022 and the second at 23rd Eastbourne in February 2023. Both Dreys have been very successful and the young people their parents and Leaders remain very enthusiastic about the Scouting this new Section is offering this younger age group.

Towards the end of the year we supported the development of 1st Summerdown Scout Group, a new Group based at Summerdown School which has 84 pupils with autism aged from 4 to 16 years and opened in 2022. We are proud that we can now offer Scouting to young people who might otherwise have found it difficult to participate.

The year saw a strong resurgence of activity across the District, with Groups keen to get back to camping and keen to get involved with District events. In May we saw the return of the Oakleaf Hike for the Cub Scout Section and in June the Acorn Weekend for the Scout Section. Leaders were delighted with the success of the young people involved in these very popular competitions.

Ian Watling

Trustee

Bushy Wood Report

for the year 2022–23

This was another very successful year for Bushy Wood, with post-pandemic bookings increasing to record levels and the site having become very popular with a lot of new clients. BuzzActive brought in many new school residential bookings and we enjoyed hosting many more Scout Groups from across the county and beyond, though our international bookings have not returned yet. We also hosted some large events including the County Tune-Up weekend for adult Scouters and we welcomed back the Strange Games Festival which earned us some valuable income in a quiet summer week where we tend not to attract many bookings.

The year saw a lot of construction work begin alongside the routine maintenance of our buildings. Wealden District Council approved plans to build the new climbing facility that will include a “climbing wall”, a “jacob’s ladder” and an “all aboard” platform. This facility is being funded by a grant to BuzzActive from East Sussex County Council, so no cost to EDSC.

During the year we began work on a new outdoor kitchen that was funded by Co-Op and Tesco grants. Much of the construction work was undertaken by the Tuesday Gang, using a kit-form structure.

The team at Bushy Wood, with invaluable help from Team Bravo, undertook improvements to our underground services to the lodges, including electrical cabling, internet and drainage. We also started work on a plan to take electricity to a number of sites; funding for this has come from the bounce-back (from Covid) government grant and donations from various Groups who will enjoy the connections. This project will also see the installation of low-level lighting to some of the footpaths to the sites, making it easier and safer for members to get around the site at night.

During the year we commenced work to create two new showers with external access at the male toilet block using the space made available by removing the urinals. We also put a new roof on the toilet block as a leak had developed and in preparation for improved insulation to the whole block. We are indebted to Wayne Evenden who joined the team as an Assistant Warden and devoted many hours to completing this roofing project, often in difficult weather conditions.

With all the additional activity at the site and the ensuing workload, the Bushy Wood Management Committee approved the employment of Mandy Collier to take a lead on managing the TreeTops shop as well as supporting the Centre Manager with invoicing, taking bookings and providing cover on the Centre Manager’s rest days. Mandy had been volunteering before the appointment and she has become a valuable asset to the team. We also appointed Ray Newman-Smith to a new Deputy Centre Manager role; this position provides a more resilient structure to our team, ensuring that at all times we have an appropriate level of leadership to our paid staff and Assistant Wardens.

The team was also boosted by the appointment of Gareth Collier as an Assistant Warden; Gareth has put in many hours of his time undertaking a number of small construction projects, including the new handrails to the disabled ramps, various maintenance tasks and lots of tidying up projects.

As ever, the year saw a number of challenges for us and quite possibly the biggest for the Bushy Wood Management Committee was the plan submitted by South East Marts to relocate the Hailsham Livestock Market to land directly alongside our driveway. During spring 2023 the Committee Chair and Centre Manager attended a number of planning committee meetings and together with our neighbours from Knockhatch we commenced a campaign to object to the plan that, if it were to be approved, could change the landscape and environment at Bushy Wood forever. Members of both the Scouting and Girlguiding community submitted letters of objection to Wealden District Council. We await the decision of the WDC Planning Committee.

As the year drew to close we spent much of the time getting ready for our most active season and we were delighted to make the purchase of some new Leader-led "activities in a box" including new safe axe-throwing sets – these are going to be particularly popular with our younger Sections. This was funded by a donation from Hailsham Photographic Society and we are indebted to Carl Bird and 2nd Willingdon Scout Group for making this happen.

As a District we are so fortunate to have some great people who are willing to give up so much of their time to help maintain and develop our treasured woodland site. Ray Newman-Smith and his team of Assistant Wardens give so much of their time to ensure that we are able to offer a great service to the many people who use the site. We continue to be inspired by the tremendous efforts made by the amazing young people who make up our own Team Bravo Explorer Scout Unit; as we also do by the continued support from the Tuesday Gang and the other volunteers who give their time to support construction and maintenance projects.

In closing, I would like to pay a special tribute to our two employees, Marc Fallon and Mandy Collier, whose efforts have served to ensure that Bushy Wood continues to be the "go to" campsite and activity centre for so many Groups in both Scouting and Girlguiding, and also beyond to many school, home educational and other youth groups. Through their efforts they have ensured that the site is thriving and that our TreeTops shop continues to break new sales records.

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Approved by the Trustees,

James L. D. Punchard (signed)
District Chairman



Financial Statements

for the year ending 31st March 2022

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Eastbourne District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2022

		2022			2021
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		82,109	8,667	90,776	53,541
Activities for generating funds		49,919	-	49,919	9,505
Investment income		4	-	4	19
Incoming resources from charitable activities		104,306	120	104,426	26,824
Total incoming resources		236,337	8,787	245,124	89,889
Resources expended	4-6				
Costs of generating Funds					
Fundraising trading costs		46,651	-	46,651	5,686
Charitable activities		146,982	-	146,982	77,077
Total resources expended		193,633	-	193,633	82,763
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		42,704	8,787	51,491	7,126
Gross transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other gains/(losses)		42,704	8,787	51,491	7,126
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		42,704	8,787	51,491	7,126
Total funds brought forward	10	188,881	1,693	190,574	183,448
Total funds carried forward	10	231,585	10,480	242,065	190,574

Eastbourne District Scout Council

Balance Sheet

As at the 31 March 2022

		2022			2021
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	128,773	-	128,773	120,133
Total fixed assets		128,773	-	128,773	120,133
Current assets					
Stock		15,188	-	15,188	14,962
Debtors	8	11,296	-	11,296	7,958
Cash at bank and in hand		147,313	10,480	157,793	115,812
Total current assets		173,797	10,480	184,277	138,732
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	50,985	-	50,985	67,754
Net current assets/(liabilities)		122,812	10,480	133,292	70,441
Total assets less current liabilities		251,585	10,480	262,065	190,574
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		20,000	-	20,000	-
Net assets		231,585	10,480	242,065	190,574
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		231,585	-	231,585	188,881
Restricted income funds		-	10,480	10,480	1,693
Total funds	10	231,585	10,480	242,065	190,574

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:

J Punchard

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102)
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011

Note 2 Accounting policies

Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 2 Accounting policies (continued)

Grants payable without performance conditions These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks These are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

		2022 £	2021 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	103,333	55,034
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(75,991)	(37,934)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	<u>27,341</u>	<u>17,100</u>
	Grants and donations	<u>63,435</u>	<u>36,441</u>
	Total voluntary income	<u><u>90,776</u></u>	<u><u>53,541</u></u>
Activities for generating funds	Badges	1,441	-
	Shop & fundraising	<u>48,478</u>	<u>9,505</u>
	Total activities for generating funds	<u><u>49,919</u></u>	<u><u>9,505</u></u>
Investment income	Bank & short term investment interest	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	<u><u>104,426</u></u>	<u><u>124,406</u></u>

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2022 £	2021 £
Cost of generating voluntary income	Badges	-	-
	Shop	<u>46,651</u>	<u>5,686</u>
		<u><u>46,651</u></u>	<u><u>5,686</u></u>
Charitable Activities	Youth programme and activities	140,201	76,445
	Governance	960	372
	Adult training	5,821	260
	Other activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><u>146,982</u></u>	<u><u>77,077</u></u>

Note 5 Expenses and fees

Trustees expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out of pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2022	2021
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	Nil	Nil
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 5 Expenses and fees (continued)

External examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the external examiner:

	2022	2021
	£	£
	960	372

Note 6 Paid employees

Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and on-costs	21,333	25,165

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2022	2021
Employees - charitable activities	1	1

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land	Buildings	Band Instruments	1st Aid Equipment	Total
Balance brought forward	110,000	4,000	15,039	19,544	148,583
Additions	-	10,736	-	-	10,736
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	110,000	14,736	15,039	19,544	159,319
Accumulated depreciation or impairments	0% Not depreciated	5% Straight line	5% Straight line	20% Straight line	
Balance brought forward	-	4,000	10,237	14,213	28,450
Charge	-	-	752	1,344	2,096
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	4,000	10,989	15,557	30,546
Net book value					
As at 31 March 2021	110,000	-	4,802	5,331	120,133
As at 31 March 2022	110,000	10,736	4,050	3,987	128,773

Note 8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	11,296	7,958

Note 9 Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	37,174	3,083
Accruals and deferred income	2,895	52,644
Loans	10,916	12,564
	50,985	68,291

Deferred income arises on membership income which relates to the following period.

	£
Balance brought forward	52,272
Released in year	(52,272)
Relating to the following period	1,935
Balance carried forward	1,935

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10 Fund analysis

The charity held the following funds at the year end:

(General Fund - GE, Designated Fund - D, Restricted Fund - R)

Restricted Funds

1st Aid Team

Explorer Scouts

Purpose and Restriction

Specific grant for purchase of equipment

Specific Grant for purchasing tents

Movement of major funds

Fund name	Type	Fund balances			Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
		brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources		
General Fund	GE	141,188	27,998	(6,469)	-	162,717
1st Aid Team	GE	24,994	32,150	(18,518)	-	38,626
Band	GE	10,746	1,162	(1,035)	-	10,873
District Shop	GE	-	-	-	-	-
Explorers	GE	4,077	4,538	(5,156)	-	3,459
Bushy Wood	GE	7,877	170,489	(162,456)	-	15,910
Sub total general funds		188,881	236,337	(193,634)	-	231,585
1st Aid Team	R	1,075	8,667	-	-	9,742
Explorer Scouts	R	618	120	-	-	738
Sub total restricted funds		1,693	8,787	-	-	10,480
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Movement of major funds (prior period to 31/03/2021)

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Band	GE	10,420	1,722	(1,396)	-	10,746
District Shop	GE	1,059	-	-	(1,059)	-
Explorers	GE	4,252	538	(713)	-	4,077
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Sub total general funds		183,307	101,373	(95,799)	-	188,881
1st Aid Team	R	-	1,075	-	-	1,075
Explorer Scouts	R	140	478	-	-	618
Sub total restricted funds		140	1,553	-	-	1,693
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Eastbourne District Scout Council
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For the year ended 31 March 2021

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Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		52,466	1,075	53,541	33,911
Activities for generating funds		9,505	-	9,505	48,905
Investment income		19	-	19	62
Incoming resources from charitable activities		26,346	478	26,824	124,406
Total incoming resources		88,337	1,553	89,889	207,284
Resources expended	4-6				
Costs of generating Funds					
Fundraising trading costs		5,686	-	5,686	31,690
Charitable activities		77,077	-	77,077	185,796
Total resources expended		82,763	-	82,763	217,486
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		5,573	1,553	7,126	(10,202)
Gross transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other gains/(losses)		5,573	1,553	7,126	(10,202)
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,573	1,553	7,126	(10,202)
Total funds brought forward	10	183,308	140	183,448	193,650
Total funds carried forward	10	188,881	1,693	190,574	183,448

Eastbourne District Scout Council

Balance Sheet

As at the 31 March 2021

		2021			2020
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	120,133	-	120,133	123,313
Total fixed assets		120,133	-	120,133	123,313
Current assets					
Stock		14,962	-	14,962	16,274
Debtors	8	7,958	-	7,958	776
Cash at bank and in hand		114,119	1,693	115,812	110,839
Total current assets		137,039	1,693	138,732	127,889
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	68,290	-	68,290	67,754
Net current assets/(liabilities)		68,749	1,693	70,441	60,135
Total assets less current liabilities		188,881	1,693	190,574	183,448
Net assets		188,881	1,693	190,574	183,448
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		188,881	-	188,881	183,308
Restricted income funds		-	1,693	1,693	140
Total funds	10	188,881	1,693	190,574	183,448

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:

J Punchard

S Punchard

Eastbourne District Scout Council

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102)
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011

Note 2 Accounting policies

Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included although the reliance placed on this vital resource is referred to in the annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 2 Accounting policies (continued)

Grants payable without performance conditions These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks These are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

		2021 £	2020 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	55,034	19,654
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to National Scout Headquarters	(37,934)	-
	Net membership subscriptions retained	<u>17,100</u>	<u>19,654</u>
	Grants and donations	<u>36,441</u>	<u>14,257</u>
	Total voluntary income	<u><u>53,541</u></u>	<u><u>33,911</u></u>
Activities for generating funds	Badges	-	1,573
	Shop & fundraising	<u>9,505</u>	<u>47,332</u>
	Total activities for generating funds	<u><u>9,505</u></u>	<u><u>48,905</u></u>
Investment income	Bank & short term investment interest	<u>19</u>	<u>62</u>
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	<u><u>26,824</u></u>	<u><u>124,406</u></u>

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2021 £	2020 £
Cost of generating voluntary income	Badges	-	1,092
	Shop	<u>5,686</u>	<u>30,598</u>
		<u><u>5,686</u></u>	<u><u>31,690</u></u>
Charitable Activities	Youth programme and activities	76,445	183,794
	Governance	372	216
	Adult training	260	1,786
	Other activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><u>77,077</u></u>	<u><u>185,796</u></u>

Note 5 Expenses and fees

Trustees expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out of pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	Nil	Nil
Total amount paid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 5 Expenses and fees (continued)

External examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the external examiner:

	2021	2020
	£	£
	372	216

Note 6 Paid employees

Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and on-costs	25,165	21,226

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2021	2020
Employees - charitable activities	1	1

No employee emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land	Buildings	Band Instruments	1st Aid Equipment	Total
Balance brought forward	110,000	4,000	15,039	19,544	148,583
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	110,000	4,000	15,039	19,544	148,583
Accumulated depreciation or impairments	0% Not depreciated	5% Straight line	5% Straight line	20% Straight line	
Balance brought forward	-	4,000	9,485	11,785	25,270
Additions	-	-	752	2,428	3,180
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	4,000	10,237	14,213	28,450
Net book value					
As at 31 March 2020	110,000	-	5,554	7,759	123,313
As at 31 March 2021	110,000	-	4,802	5,331	120,133

Note 8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,958	776

Note 9 Creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,083	2,252
Accruals and deferred income	52,644	52,938
Loans	12,564	12,564
	68,290	67,754

Deferred income arises on membership income which relates to the following period.

	£
Balance brought forward	52,938
Released in year	(52,938)
Relating to the following period	52,272
Balance carried forward	52,272

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Note 10 Fund analysis

The charity held the following funds at the year end:

(General Fund - GE, Designated Fund - D, Restricted Fund - R)

Restricted Funds

1st Aid Team

Bushy Wood

Explorer Scouts

Purpose and Restriction

Specific grant for purchase of equipment

Specific grant for renovation of building for use by Girl Guides

Specific Grant for purchasing tents

Movement of major funds

Fund name	Type	Fund balances			Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
		brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources		
General Fund	GE	139,076	16,253	(14,141)	-	141,188
1st Aid Team	GE	30,198	4,745	(9,949)	-	24,994
Band	GE	10,420	1,722	(1,396)	-	10,746
District Shop	GE	1,059	-	-	(1,059)	-
Explorers	GE	4,252	538	(713)	-	4,077
Bushy Wood	GE	(1,697)	78,115	(69,600)	1,059	7,877
Sub total general funds		183,308	101,373	(95,799)	-	188,881
1st Aid Team	R	-	1,075	-	-	1,075
Explorer Scouts	R	140	478	-	-	618
Sub total restricted funds		140	1,553	-	-	1,693
Total funds		183,448	102,925	(95,799)	-	190,574

Movement of major funds (prior period to 31/03/2020)

Fund name	Type	Fund balances			Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
		brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources		
General Fund	GE	141,093	65,723	(58,375)	(9,365)	139,076
1st Aid Team	GE	30,052	27,109	(26,963)	-	30,198
Band	GE	10,833	4,473	(4,886)	-	10,420
District Shop	GE	3,568	1,372	(1,418)	(2,463)	1,059
Explorers	GE	3,027	14,560	(13,335)	-	4,252
Bushy Wood	GE	(2,032)	87,772	(99,265)	11,828	(1,697)
Sub total general funds		186,541	201,009	(204,242)	-	183,308
1st Aid Team	R	3,500	-	(3,500)	-	-
Explorer Scouts	R	3,609	6,275	(9,744)	-	140
Sub total restricted funds		7,109	6,275	(13,244)	-	140
Total funds		193,650	207,284	(217,486)	-	183,448