



Wiltshire North District Scout Council

**ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS**

for the year ending

31st March 2024

**Charity Number
305942**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31st March 2024

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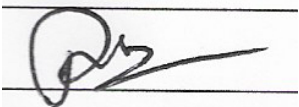
Name and address of advisor

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| Independent Examiner | Christopher David Watchman Watchman Accountants Ltd | 48 The Causeway, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3DD |

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature |  |
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| Full name | J Purkis |
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| Position held | Chair |
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| Date | 20 June 2024 |
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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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Signed:

Christopher David Watchman

Date:

14/06/24

Name:

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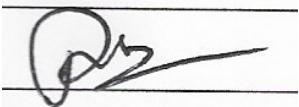
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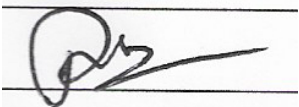
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Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Christopher David Watchman

Date:

14/06/24

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.