

BOSTON DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 508364

Details

Other names BOSTON DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1980-02-14

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

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP BY PROVIDING FURTHER TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCOUT GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT OF BOSTON AND TO PROVIDE A TRAINING AND ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR THEIR USE.

Activities: Scouting

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£39,109	£54,732	-	-
2024-12-31	£34,387	£34,622	-	-
2023-12-31	£43,654	£46,531	-	-
2022-12-31	£32,665	£38,871	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,537	£34,142	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Beth May		2015-02-09
Caroline Anne O'Mahony		2024-03-03
DAVID ADRIAN RICHARDSON		
David William May		1975-09-15
Lesley Rutter		2022-09-07
NORMA DAFT		
Rob Johnson		2015-02-09
STEPHEN ELWOOD		
Susan Andrea Morrison		2015-02-09

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From 01/01/2025 to end 31/12/2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: **BOSTON DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity No: 508364

HQ Registration No: 013302

Charity's principal address 2 Laceys Close

Leverton

Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 0BE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for a whole year
Christopher Keane	Chair	01/01/25 – 30/11/25
Lesley Rutter	Treasurer	
Steve Elwood		
Beth May		
Robert Johnson		
Susan Morrison		
Norma Daft		
David May		
David Richardson		

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Financial	Sue Chester	

Section B Structure, governance and management

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

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

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

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 7 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

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

Section B Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to Woodhall Campsite, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could increase different fund-raising events to improve income.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

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

During the last year young people and the volunteers of Boston District have been on many adventures and have enjoyed multiple opportunities to explore and grow. All 9 Scout Groups and the Explorer units have held camps individually and as part of the wider District and County Scouts community. District Scouts camp in May 2025 was attended by almost 100 young people. All enjoying a camp filled with activities and fun. The District Cub Scouts attended various District organised activities, included a science day, campfire challenge and District record breakers. The highlight of the year was the County Lincub camp held near Lincoln. Almost 1000 young people and adults attended. Beaver scouts took part in group and section camps and sleepovers, and also attended taster day at Lincub. We were pleased to open a new Squirrel Scout drey at 4th Boston Scout Group. This section opened with 10 young people and now runs with 19. Explorer Scouts have seen good growth through the last 12 months. They helped with activities at District Scout camp, attended Carrington steam rally and earned a donation by helping park cars, and enjoyed a summer camp. Our District campsite has had a new perimeter fence fitted to comply with the safe premises audit. Scouting in Boston saw a 6% overall growth at our January census.

Section E

Financial Review

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £21k.

The District has spent £21,000 this year from reserves set aside and also donations received to complete the fencing in of Woodhall Scout Campsite. This has brought the campsite up to current standard required by the Scout Association.

The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F

Other Optional Information

NONE

Section G

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Steve Elwood	Lesley Rutter
Signatures
	Temp. Chair	Treasurer
	Steve Elwood	Lesley Rutter
Full Names
Date	-----20 th January 2026-----	

Receipts to 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
	Current Year	Previous Year
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions Received	21692.00	23373.00
Less Paid to County	0.00	0.00
	<u>21692.00</u>	<u>23373.00</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00
Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Woodhall Campsite	1708.00	3768.95
	<u>1708.00</u>	<u>3768.95</u>
SECTION INCOME		
Squirrels	0.00	0.00
Beavers	0.00	870.00
Cubs	859.70	0.00
Scouts	2403.00	2637.00
Explorers	0.00	84.00
Network	0.00	0.00
	<u>3262.70</u>	<u>3591.00</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Sundries	2162.44	0.00
Fundraising	30.00	0.00
2nd Boston Bus repayments	0.00	1950.00
Donations/ Grants Received	9600.00	1061.00
PayPal Giving	317.48	0.00
Badges	59.00	151.90
Generator Sale	0.00	400.00
OTHER RECEIPTS	<u>12168.92</u>	<u>3562.90</u>
	<u>38831.62</u>	<u>34295.85</u>
HSBC Income		
HSBC Income	0.00	0.00
Virgin Money Interest	277.71	199.93
	<u>277.71</u>	<u>199.93</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>39109.33</u></u>	<u><u>34495.78</u></u>

Payments up to 31st December 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
MEMBERSHIP FEES PAID	20219.50	22229.00
WOODHALL EXPENSES		
Rent	100.00	100.00
Rates	88.78	69.99
Light, Heat & Water	288.22	180.25
Insurance	1164.63	1001.81
Repairs & Renewals	22658.30	3628.05
	<u>24299.93</u>	<u>4980.10</u>
SECTION EXPENSES		
Squirrels	0.00	0.00
Beavers	0.00	469.12
Cubs	1652.17	160.00
Scouts	1573.26	2187.54
Explorers & Young Leaders	560.00	250.00
Network	0.00	0.00
	<u>3785.43</u>	<u>3066.66</u>
TRAINING	<u>330.00</u>	<u>22.50</u>
	330.00	22.50
TRUSTEES/ADMIN CHARGES	<u>2165.31</u>	<u>1285.75</u>
OTHER EXPENSES		
Badges	647.48	714.54
Scout Equipment & Renewals	0.00	0.00
Donations	550.00	1400.00
Fundraising Expenses	175.22	0.00
Development	0.00	213.20
Sundry Expenses	2110.00	0.00
	<u>3482.70</u>	<u>2327.74</u>
Equal Cards Payments	450.00	710.63
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>54732.87</u>	<u>34622.38</u>

Woodhall Expenses

Gate alteration £450, Gas Safety Checks £182.86, Flail repair & service £600,
Cesspool £175, Fire Safety Equipment Servicing £188.94 Cleaning Refunds £40
Fencing installation £21,012

Boston District Scout Association

<u>Receipts & Payments Account Summary up to 31st December</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u> Current Year	<u>2024</u> Previous Year
	£	£
Total receipts to date	39109.83	34495.78
Total payments to date	<u>54732.87</u>	<u>34622.38</u>
Net receipts to date	£ -15623.04	£ -126.60
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£ <u>48988.81</u>	£ <u>49115.41</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£ <u>33365.77</u>	£ <u>48988.81</u>
Lloyds Bank Account	11289.90	27190.65
Virgin Money CharitySavings Account	£ <u>22075.87</u>	<u>21798.16</u>
Total in Banks	<u>33365.77</u>	£ <u>48988.81</u>
Equal Debit Cards Account Balance	£ 436.28	£ 931.04
Total Bank Funds at 31st December	£ <u><u>33802.05</u></u>	<u><u>49919.85</u></u> £

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Boston District Scout Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boston District Scout Association for the year ended December 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Boston District Scout Association you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

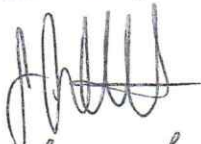
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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.

Signed:



Name:

JAMES JUSTIN HOWARD FLLA, BSc(Hons)

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

Address: 40 DENTON & PHARL, THE OLD VICARAGE, CHURCH CLOSE, BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE
PE21 6VA

Date:

16/02/2026

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Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

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Section C	Objectives and activities
	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>

Public benefit statement

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

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Activities that have taken place this year include – May Annual District Camp, District Record Breakers - Cubs, District 5 a side Campfire Challenge, Beavers Day Trips, Beaver Santa Sleepover, St George's Day Celebration, Annual Carol Service, Patrol Leader and APL Camp

Section E Financial Review

Quantify and explain any designations

Reserves Policy
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £21k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £49,700 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the fact that monies are needed to urgently bring the Woodhall Campsite up to new required Scouting standards

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

NONE

Further financial review details (optional information)

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Section F Other Optional Information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Char
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Date

Receipts to 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	Current Year	Previous Year
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions Received to date	23373.00	24522.00
Less Paid to County	0.00	0.00
	<u>23373.00</u>	<u>24522.00</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00
Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Woodhall Campsite	3768.95	1746.50
	<u>3768.95</u>	<u>1746.50</u>
SECTION INCOME		
Squirrels	0.00	0.00
Beavers	870.00	1460.00
Cubs	0.00	55.00
Scouts	2637.00	1987.00
Explorers	84.00	5030.00
Network	0.00	0.00
	<u>3591.00</u>	<u>8532.00</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Unknown Receipt	0.00	368.25
Loan Repayment 2nd Boston	0.00	252.00
2nd Boston Bus repayments	1950.00	1050.00
Donations/ Grants Received	1061.00	500.00
Contra 5th Boston payment	0.00	725.00
Badges	151.90	232.70
Generator Sale	400.00	0.00
10th Boston Bequest	0.00	5000.00
OTHER RECEIPTS	<u>3562.90</u>	<u>8127.95</u>
HSBC Income	0.00	27.62
Interest	0.00	0.00
SA Charity Deposit Account	0.00	500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>34295.85</u></u>	<u><u>43456.07</u></u>

Payments up to 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023.00</u>
	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
MEMBERSHIP FEES PAID	22229.00	22231.00
WOODHALL EXPENSES		
Rent	100.00	100.00
Rates	69.99	42.57
Light, Heat & Water	180.25	192.04
Insurance	1001.81	0.00
Repairs & Renewals	3628.05	2329.44
	<u>4980.10</u>	<u>2664.05</u>
SECTION EXPENSES		
Squirrels	0.00	72.00
Beavers	469.12	452.99
Cubs	160.00	542.36
Scouts	2187.54	422.16
Explorers	250.00	2600.90
Network	0.00	0.00
	<u>3066.66</u>	<u>4090.41</u>
TRAINING	<u>22.50</u>	<u>640.00</u>
	22.50	640.00
TRUSTEES/ADMIN CHARGES	<u>1285.75</u>	<u>2559.78</u>
OTHER EXPENSES		
Badges	714.54	398.44
Scout Equipment & Renewals	0.00	0.00
Donations	1400.00	0.00
Bequest Tfr to 10th Boston	0.00	5000.00
Development	213.20	0.00
Sundry Expenses	0.00	156.00
	<u>2327.74</u>	<u>5554.44</u>
Equal Cards Payments	710.63	5742.01
OTHER EXPENDITURE - Minibus	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3000.00</u>
		0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>34622.38</u></u>	<u><u>46481.69</u></u>

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<u>Receipts & Payments Account Summary up to 31st December</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>2024</u>		Current Year	Previous Year
		£	£
Total receipts to date		34387.87	43654.18
Total payments to date		<u>34622.38</u>	<u>46531.69</u>
Net receipts to date	£	-234.51	£ -2877.51
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£	<u>49023.39</u>	£ <u>51900.90</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£	<u>48788.88</u>	£ <u>49023.39</u>
Lloyds Bank Account		27190.65	27517.18
Virgin Money CharitySavings Account	£	21598.23	21506.21
HSBC Bank		0.00	0
		<u>48788.88</u>	£ <u>49023.39</u>
Equal Debit Cards Account Total	£	931.04	£ 836.060
Total Funds at 31st December 2024	£	<u>49719.92</u>	£ <u>49859.45</u>

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boston District Scout Association for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Boston District Scout Association you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Boston District Scout Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: **James Justin Holland**

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

Address: **C/O Dexter & Sharpe, The Old Vicarage, Church Close, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE21 6NA**

Date: **19th March 2025**

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DC REPORT

DISTRICT AGM 21st MARCH 2024

The last 12 months in Boston district has been as id expect. Exciting and full of fun, adventures and activity.

Each section has taken part in many amazing opportunities.

The annual St Georges day parade was well attended as always from all 10 scout groups. With awards presented to young people and adults.

In March Patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders attended the county PL & APL camp at Sudbrooke park for weekend activity camp. In December Scouts took part in the first Boston Monopoly run which saw scouts and leaders dressed up finding locations all over town. This included two volunteers dressed as a christmas tree and a dinosaur.

May saw the annual district scout camp at Woodhall spa with 68 scouts in attendance, with a team of Explorer scouts helping us as always.

Squirrel scouts now have two small drays. One at 5th Boston and the other at 2nd Boston. The squirrels have been learning a lot and we have now presented our first chief scouts acorn awards. 5th Boston Squirrels have a new leader. Their first district event is this weekend.

Beaver Scouts had an Easter fun day in April, they made smores, played games and did Easter crafts. In July they enjoyed district camp at Woodhall. They also enjoyed the annual highlight, Santas sleepover and was visited by the big man himself!

Cub Scouts have had a varied district program with Jayne and her team. March was the Stump clues hike around town. In May the cubs had a new adventure, when district cub camp was held inside the stump. In June Cubs attended Lincub, county cub camp and in October had their campfire challenge. These are just a few highlights.

Explorer scouts gave out record numbers of Diamond and Platinum awards this year. Enjoyed a summer camp in Scotland. We now have three unit's with Wyberton being the newest. In February Tash got her nights away permit and they have new volunteers.

Network is now meeting regularly with 6 members, and are designing a new necker to mark their reforming.

The district sections are remarkable and not only take part in the district events but also many of their own section events. We are an incredibly busy district with remarkable volunteers.

We simply could not operate without them. Which brings me to the team that backs us and hidden in the background often overlooked. Boston has some remarkable trustee teams who are always working hard for the groups they represent so thank you to all of you.

This year as always the team of trustees on the district team have worked remarkably hard to support the running of the district. Woodhall Spa Scout campsite has been a big focus and we will be investing in securing the campsite further with gates and fences following recent issues with dog walkers. Sadly however all good things come to an end and this is the last year we will have Steve as our chair. He has been in this role for 14 years this year. His decision to make this his final year leaves a huge hole at the chair position and he will be greatly missed, Steve your dedication and support has been amazing and I personally like to thank you for all you do and will no doubt do in your final year.

Sadly we will also be losing Lesley our treasurer. Lesley has only been with us a short time but has had a huge impact on the running of the finances and we are incredibly grateful to you. Thank you

But the news does not stop. Our secretary Beth is also looking to retire after many many years in the role. Beth has been a wonderful secretary and will be greatly missed when a new secretary is found.

I am always incredibly grateful for the support the trustees give to me and will always be. Thankfully I have them for a while longer and I know in handing over these roles they will ensure the smoothest transition happens. The remaining members of the trustee committee I know will continue to support the district and for this I thank you all.

Boston has been my home in Scouting for 25 years now and I have never been prouder of what we all achieve. Our annual census was down on the previous year but I am not upset or disappointed, because I am aware of the current hardships people are facing and I also know all of our groups are providing the best possible experiences for our young people. So thank you all.

As 2024 roles on we have a lot more to look forward too with camps and activities. But we are also in the midst of change in Scouting. Transformation is being rolled out. There will be new names and new projects and eventually a new online system to replace Compass. Scouting has been in the news a lot lately following the case of the Scout who tragically lost his life. Here in Boston we pride ourselves in offering the safest and most enjoyable adventures and have only our dedicated

volunteers to thank for this. These volunteers work tirelessly to ensure safety is priority and everything happens in a controlled and enjoyable way.

We are introducing new teams into Boston, working along the new transformation guidance and will be working with all the groups to encourage them to begin the transformation journey with us. The first changes will be our role title.

Following this AGM my role will no longer be District Commissioner. I will now be known as District Lead Volunteer.

All team members have been asked now to begin transformation and will also start using new titles. Group Scout leaders will now be Lead volunteer followed by the group name. as an example Lead volunteer 1st Boston Scout group.

I know we face challenges as we move forward but I also know every volunteer in the district will be giving 100% to their roles 100% of the time.

Thank you all and here is to a great year ahead.

Rob Johnson

District Lead Volunteer.



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Boston District
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Receipts to 31st December2023

	Current Year
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Subscriptions Received	24522.00
	<u>24522.00</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED	
Bank Interest	176.83
Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service	21.28
	<u>198.11</u>
OTHER INCOME	
Woodhall Campsite	1746.50
	<u>1746.50</u>
SECTION INCOME	
Squirrels	0.00
Beavers	1460.00
Cubs	55.00
Scouts	1987.00
Explorers	5030.00
Network	0.00
	<u>8532.00</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	
Unknow Receipt	368.25
Loan Repayments 1st Boston	252.00
2nd Boston MiniBus repayments	1050.00
Section Grants Received	500.00
Contra 5th Boston payment	725.00
Badges	232.70
10th Boston Bequest	5000.00
	<u>8127.95</u>
OTHER RECEIPTS	
HSBC Income	27.62
SA Charity Deposit Account	500.00
	<u>527.62</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>43654.18</u></u>

Previous Year

25200.00

25200.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

2826.90

2826.90

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1576.00

2736.00

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136.50

0.00

136.50

0.00

0.00

32665.40

Payments up to 31st December 2023

BUDGET 2024

This Year 2023

MEMBERSHIP FEES PAID

22231.00

WOODHALL EXPENSES

100.00	Rent	100.00
52.00	Rates	42.57
300.00	Light, Heat & Water	192.04
2500.00	Insurance	0.00
2500.00	Repairs & Renewals	2329.44
<u>5452.00</u>		<u>2664.05</u>

SECTION EXPENSES

200.00	Squirrels	72.00
200.00	Beavers	502.99
200.00	Cubs	542.36
200.00	Scouts	422.16
200.00	Explorers	2600.90
	Network	0.00
<u>1000.00</u>		<u>4140.41</u>

500.00	TRAINING	<u>640.00</u>
		640.00

2500.00	TRUSTEES/ADMIN CHARGES	<u>2559.78</u>
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OTHER EXPENSES

600.00	Badges	398.44
	Scout Equipment & Renewals	0.00
	Bequest Tfr to 10th Boston	5000.00
500.00	Development	0.00
448.00	Sundry Expenses	156.00
<u>1548.00</u>		<u>5554.44</u>

	Equal Cards Payments	5742.01
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	OTHER EXPENDITURE - Minibus	<u>3000.00</u>
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11000.00	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>46531.69</u></u>
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Last Year 2022

23037.40

100.00

53.12

27.83

0.00

8055.46

8236.41

237.45

190.00

2331.75

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143.50

143.50

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576.78

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4027.82

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0.00

38871.11

Boston District Scout Association

Charity No: 508364

Receipts & Payments Account Summary up to 31st December 2023

Current Year

£

Total receipts to date

43654.18

Total payments to date

46531.69

Net receipts to 31st December 2023

£ -2877.51 £

Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward

£ 30571.52 £

Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward

£ 27694.01 £

Lloyds Bank Account

27517.18

Virgin Money Charity Savings Account

£ 21506.21

HSBC Bank

0.00

TOTAL

49023.39

Equal Debit Cards Account Total

£ 836.06

Total Funds at 31st December 2023

£ 49859.45

Previous Year

£

32665.40

38871.11

-6205.71

36777.23

30571.52

30000.00

21329.38

571.52

51900.90

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51900.90

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boston District Scout Association for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Boston District Scout Association you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

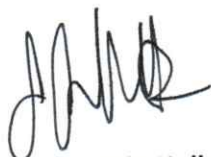
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Boston District Scout Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

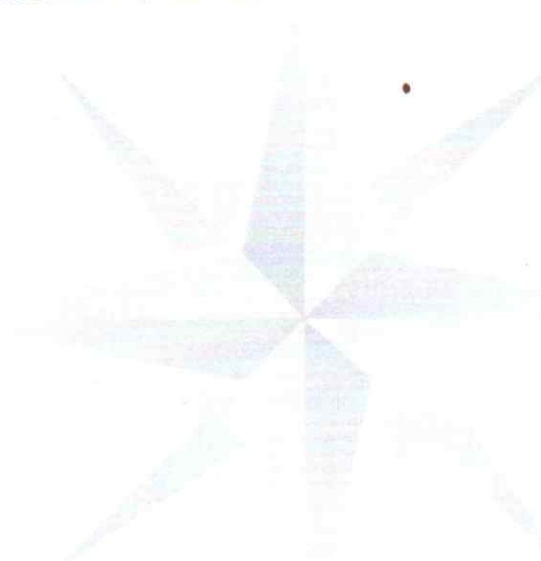


Name: **James Justin Holland**

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

Address: **C/O Dexter & Sharpe, The Old Vicarage, Church Close, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE21 6NA**

Date: **19th March 2024**



BOSTON DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 508364

Accounts

Boston District Scout Council

Annual General Meeting
7pm, 22nd February 2022
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence
Malc Peto, Charlotte Chester, Martin Chapman, Dave Richardson,
Alan & Sammy Blackhorse Hull, Jenny Lakin
2. Minutes from the previous AGM
Read and agreed as a true record.
Proposed by- Lisa Dawson
Seconded By - Paul Thompson
3. Matter arising
None
4. Approval of the Annual report and accounts
Everything looking healthy due to the Covid grants that we got last year.

Cash flow and summary for the year - 31.12.21

Current Account opening balance £17438.49
Plus - income £38,537.48
Minus Expenditure (£19,198.74)
Closing Balance £36,777.23

Virgin Account
opening balance £21,301.10
Interest 2021 £ 28.28
Balance £21,329.38

Chairman thanked Lisa for all her hard work and announced that she would be resigning as soon as we could find someone to take over from her.

DC's Report

The year since the last AGM has been a journey of recovery, growth, new adventures and new faces.

As we left the last AGM we were still very much in the grasp of the corona virus pandemic, numbers were down across the district, county and country. Covid had taken hold and we were at its mercy.

We were still running sessions online and very much aware we had a long way to go. February rolled into March and April. All sections trying to remain as active as possible. Sadly, we were unable to have a St Georges day parade and service again which also was followed by being unable to have the district Scout camp in May. But as we have throughout this pandemic, we overcame and still had fun, with another virtual camp packed with online activities and a live campfire broadcast from the fire pit on the campsite. Scouts logging in online and having lots of fun. This seemed to be a theme that ran across the district right through the pandemic. Even now, even though we could meet in person we find ourselves online to protect vulnerable people linked to the district. We are all very aware the corona virus threat is far from over; we are all acting with great care and supporting each other.

As 2021 rolled on restrictions began to lift and we were back to meeting with our young people, outdoors, then indoors in small groups which often led to sections splitting over 2 sessions and our amazing team of leaders and supporters giving up even more free time to give their all to Scouting. Very quickly summer came, and we found we could do the one thing we all had the itch to do... camping! Nan forms were coming in and you were out giving our young people amazing opportunities, adventures and memories. Reports coming in all the time of new members joining your sections.

The pandemic continued to throw us curve balls and as I expected you overcame and continued to be brilliant.

In October we took part in the national "head count" of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts. This showed us we were back well and truly and growing rapidly. This was a huge boost to us all. Soon after this head count, omicron hit us and we were finding ourselves closing for odd sessions, back in restrictions and online. This definitely impacted on us, as became evident in the January 2022 census of membership. We had lost 51 young people since October 2021. This in part to new members not returning, young people moving on or away or lost members. While this was sad, we need to look at the positives.

We have in the district, as of January 31st 2022

§ 183 adult volunteers a growth of 8% on the previous year

§ 517 Young People, a growth of 48% on the previous year. This is also the most young people in the district recorded on an annual census. We have nothing to be disappointed about at all. 700 people in the district, growth census on census, amazing people, amazing volunteers and a lot of fantastic adventures ahead.

Since we have been back to face to face Scouting all sections have had a lot of fun and have been Scouting! I've seen badge presentations, camps, happy faces, new faces, training and a lot of first class programs.

We have a lot to look forward too as we move forward and into the year. Poacher 2022 is almost here. A great chance for us to enjoy Lincolnshire's International jamboree. The Beavers and cubs have the junior poacher taster days also.

We have St Georges day arranged and are looking forward to being able to parade for the first time in a couple of years. District camps for all sections and many more exciting events and activities.

As we were unable to hold the annual Carol service last Christmas we were unable to present, awards. I have a few to get out which I'd like to read out later on. Two of which I presented last night at 6th Boston.

All that is left for me to say now is Thank you. Thank you to all of you that have continued scouting through very difficult times, thank you to the parents and young people for sticking with us and keeping Boston District alive. Thank you to all members of executive committees for maintaining your groups and supporting them.

Lastly, thank you to my supportive and ever ready team of committee members, commissioners and GSLs

Let's move forward and make 2022 the best yet.

Steve thanked Rob and all leaders for all their hard work over a difficult year.

YC Report

I would firstly like to begin with an apology for not being able attend this evening!

So to start, some information about me in regard to taking this role, I have attended a presentation given by Ellie, the County Youth Commissioner where she went through the YouShape award with NYC's from across the county. In March, I will be attending a NYC training weekend to develop skills and learn from experiences of the other NYC's.

At the beginning of November, I launched the YouShape award to the district and will be promoting this again in the coming weeks. It would be excellent if we could have young people within our district achieving this award by Christmas, and I would like to extend an offer to assist groups in planning activities to help your members to achieve this! Please also share any success stories with myself and/or the district via our photopage.

An aim for the next few months is to get Boston Youth Forum back up and running, so that we can better embed youth-shaped scouting into our district. Again please feel free to get in touch with me, my email is dyc@bostonscouts.org.uk.

Woodhall Report

Over the past year, there wasn't much camping due to the on-going pandemic. A few camps took place but not nearly as many as usual.

2022 bookings are looking healthy with 14 camps booked so far.

The cabin roof was replaced, and Sam has filled in the eaves on both buildings.

The footbridge was removed, filled with ballast and concreted over. Roy Chapman and Keith Elderfield helped with removal and ballast laying and shutter building. Concrete was free thanks to Breedon Ready Mix, and they also helped lay it.

The flail continues to work well and has had some wheel repairs and new tyres.

24 larger signs were purchased and placed all around the site regarding it being private property. Having spoken to a couple of the people who were walking on the site, it appears that they were given directions from Bainland who told them it was a public route.

UPCOMING MAINTENANCE: Solar panels have been purchased and will be installed very soon along with some extra lights in the toilet block and new lights in the cabin.

Some more trees have been felled behind the cabin and on the toilet corner.

Keith is going to look at the cabin regarding an internal repaint as its beginning to look untidy and there is a part above the sink that is turning black.

Rob is organising someone to look at the cooker to see if it can be cleaned so it burns better rather than replacing the cooker.

BANG Report

The system is there to support any young person that has problems in order that they can gain most from the section.

Date of visit	Group & section	Young Person	Known conditions
20.01.2020	3rd Scouts	JF, year 7	ADHD

Verbal report from leaders

Observation of Leaders

Positive

When asked to fall in he was given time to process the information before joining the others and was praised when he did fall in.

JF had necker over mouth [cowboy style]and ask a question, leaders ask him to remove necker whilst talking and was allowed to replace it afterwards

Negative

One leader is with JF during activities, JF may see this as being singled out or being special. There may be occasions when JF's questions are inappropriate and therefore not

Plan of action

1. Ask that Scouts do not arrive early, e.g. 6.55 to start at 7pm
2. Ask that any questions be directed to Leader only at end of flag break
3. Visual timetable or verbally now and next given
4. Let JF have his sensory needs met, e.g. grass/ stick if not be used as weapon etc
- 5.Allow JF to choose game at the end of the evening if all has gone well
- 6.remember he will take longer to process information

Approval of the DC's nomination for Chairman

Rob nominated Steve Elwood as chairman for another year.

Steve agreed to do the job

Election of District Secretary

As there were no other nominations Beth agreed to continue in the role

Election of District Treasurer

Confirmation of the District Executive committee

Exec voted back on:

Norma Daft

Sue Chester

MaryThompson

Dave Richardson

Chris Keane

Sue Morrison

Steve thanked the exec for supporting him.

Appointment of auditor

All agree Stuart Dunlop to be ask for next year.

Any other business, by permission of the Chairman

Malcolm Moore, DCC Lincs, County Rep

Malcolm thanked everybody for that they do for the young people. He was sorry that we haven't got an LTM as he thought all Districts had one. All adult support should keep a check on their training.

OSM is to be the official youth database.

Compass is being phased out, and HQ are making sure that the new system will improve things.

Meeting Closed at 7:45

BOSTON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

CASH FLOW ACCOUNTS

	01.01.22-31.12.22	01.01.21-31.12.21
<u>PAYMENTS FOR YEAR</u>		
Woodhall Camp Site		
Rates	53.12	25.28
Lease	100.00	100.00
Water Rates	27.83	70.62
Maintenance	8055.46	1094.52
	8236.41	1290.42
<i>Membership Fees</i>	23037.40	15940.10
Badges	576.78	0.00
<i>Squirrels</i>	237.45	0.00
<i>Beavers</i>	190.00	0.00
<i>Cubs</i>	2331.75	0.00
<i>Young Leaders</i>	90.00	30.00
Explorers	0.00	120.00
	3425.98	150.00
<i>Other Expenses</i>		
Adjustment	0.00	900.00
District Expenses	4027.82	911.62
Training	143.50	0.00
Sundries	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.60</u>
	4171.32	1812.22
	<u>38871.11</u>	<u>19198.74</u>

CASH FLOW SUMMARY AND BALANCES FOR ye 31.12.22

<i>Current Account HSBC opening balance</i>	£36,777.23
Plus income	£32,665.40
Minus Expenditure	(£38,871.11)
Balance	£30,571.52
Lloyds Treasurers Account	£30,000.00
Closing HSBC Balance	571.52

Lloyds Treasurer's Account £30,000

Virgin Account opening balance	£21301.10
Interest 2021	£ 28.28
Balance	21329.38 (as at 14.12.21) Still awaiting communication from them)

BOSTON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

CASH FLOW ACCOUNT

	01.01.22-31.12.22	01.01.21-31.12.21
<u>INCOME FOR YEAR</u>		
Woodhall Camp Site	2826.90.	1248.77
Membership Fees	25200.00	16800.00
Badges	136.50	162.50
	28163.40	18211.27
Activities		
Cubs	1576.00	
Beavers	190.00	
Scouts		
Young Leaders		
Explorers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
	1766.00	
120.00		
Sundries		
Grants/Donations	0.00	19047.21
Training	0.00	
District Camp	2736.00	
Other		163.00
Adjustment	0.00	900.00
Unknown	<u>0.00</u>	<u>96.00</u>
	2736.00	20206.21
TOTAL INCOME	32665.40	38537.48



Boston & District Scouts

Treasurers Statement

Year Ending 31st December 2022

Our thanks go to Stuart Dunlop at Dexter and Sharpe (Boston), Chartered Accountants for providing an independent examination of the accounts.

The cashflow accounts have been checked and verified against bank statements and balances at the year ending 31st December 2022

District Treasurer

Lesley Rutter

Signed:
Lesley Rutter

Auditor

Stuart Dunlop

Signed :
Stuart Dunlop

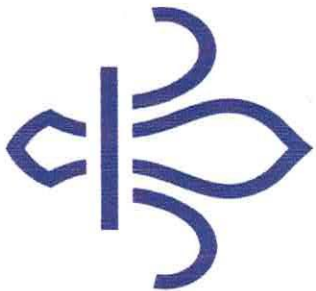
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BOSTON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS

TREASURERS STATEMENT YE 31.12.21



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The cashflow accounts have been checked and verified against bank statements and balances at the year ending 31st December 2021.

Signed: .....

Lisa Dawson

District Treasurer

Signed: .....

Stuart Dunlop

Auditor

BOSTON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

CASH FLOW ACCOUNT

01.01.20-31.12.20

<u>INCOME FOR YEAR</u>			
Woodhall Camp Site	1248.77	134.74	
Membership Fees	16800.00	20562.00	
Badges	162.50	313.10	
		18211.27	21009.84
Activities			
Cubs			
Beavers		165.78	
Scouts			
Young Leaders			
Explorers	<u>120.00</u>		<u>165.78</u>
Sundries			
Grants/Donations	19047.21	10055.14	
Training		60.00	
District Camp			
Other	163.00		
Adjustment	900.00	2852.00	
Unknown	<u>96.00</u>		<u>12967.17</u>
		20206.21	
TOTAL INCOME		38537.48	34142.76

BOSTON AND DISTRICT SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

CASH FLOW ACCOUNTS

	01.01.21-31.12.21	01.01.20-31.12.20
<u>PAYMENTS FOR YEAR</u>		
<i>Woodhall Camp Site</i>		
Rates	25.28	40.24
Lease	100.00	100.00
Water Rates	70.62	735.76
Maintenance	1094.52	1390.06
Camp Fees refunded	<u> </u>	<u>112.50</u>
	1290.42	2378.56
<i>Membership Fees</i>	15940.10	18546.80
<i>Badges</i>		632.49
<i>Activities</i>		
<i>Beavers</i>		
<i>Cubs</i>		340.00
<i>Young Leaders</i>	30.00	
<i>Explorers</i>	120.00	
<i>Skirbeck</i>	<u> </u>	<u>152.50</u>
	150.00	1124.99
<i>Other Expenses</i>		
<i>Adjustment</i>	900.00	2852.00
<i>District Expenses</i>	912.52	32.32
<i>Training</i>		150.00
<i>Sundries</i>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1812.76	3328.32

CASH FLOW SUMMARY AND BALANCES FOR ye 31.12.21

<i>Current Account opening balance</i>	17438.49
<i>Plus income</i>	38537.48
<i>Minus Expenditure</i>	(19198.74)
<i>Closing Balance</i>	36777.23

Virgin Account Balance

21329.38 (as at 14.12.21)