



# **Sefton North District Scout Council**

*Registered Charity Number 521672*

## **Trustees' Report and Accounts for period 01 March 2020 to 28 February 2021**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statement of the Charity for the period 01 March 2020 to 29 February 2021

Legal and administrative information is set out in Appendix A and forms part of this report. The financial statement complies with current statutory requirements, Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (hereafter referred to as POR (<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por>)) and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

## **Objects of the Charity**

The Scout Association is part of a world-wide educational youth movement and is committed to equality of opportunity for all young people

Sefton North District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in the Southport and Formby areas of Merseyside. The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Scout Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The main objective of Sefton North District Scout Council is the application of this method within the Sefton North District of Merseyside County in the United Kingdom and, in particular, as laid down in POR, to provide leadership advice and support for Scout Groups within boundaries determined by County Headquarters in consultation with the County and District Commissioners.

## **Organisation**

Sefton North District Scout Council is a part of the Scout Association and as such is governed by its POR. The District Executive are the Trustees and the method of appointing/ electing members of the District Executive Committee is contained within POR.

The Trustees confirm that the District Executive Committee has been constituted in accordance with POR.

The District Scout Council is the body to which the District Executive Committee is accountable and the role and constitution of the District Scout Council is also governed by POR.

## **Investment Powers**

Powers of investment are conferred upon the Scout Association by its Royal Charter and limit the manner in which funds may be invested. Any investments held must be registered in such a way as to show that they are held on trust for the Charity and that they are not the private property of individuals including those appointed as trustees.

## **Related Parties**

'Waterside Lodge' is the Charity's District Headquarters building situated on Marine Drive, Southport, Merseyside. During the period covered by this report the Charity owned a company limited by guarantee (Waterside Lodge Southport Ltd.) which operates Waterside Lodge on the Charity's behalf.

Waterside Lodge provides meeting and activity facilities for all members of Sefton North District Scout Council. Additionally, Waterside Lodge and its facilities are available for use by other community groups (a condition of lottery funding received) and are also hired to third parties on a commercial basis.

At 28 February 2021 Samuel Robinson was a trustee of the Charity and director of Waterside Lodge Southport Limited.

## **Review of the Activities and Future Developments**

During the period covered by this report the Charity faced significant challenges due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Across the District in line with National Scouting guidelines face to face scouting was suspended. The Charity devised online methods to deliver scouting activities and events at home to its young members.

Our young people and volunteers have shown a tremendous level of grit, resilience and determination during this time and many have faced unprecedented, unexpected and significant personal challenges. Despite this, so many have managed to remain engaged through online meetings and innovative ways of operating. They have kept connected, supported each other to have hope, and navigated their way through their own challenges of the pandemic. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of our members. They have achieved so much.

The Charity provides the supporting framework for individual Scout Groups throughout Southport and Formby. Locally, this is provided by teams of District Leaders, administrators and supporters who provide the necessary resources and support. At the end of January 2021 the Charity had 1,065 registered members with the Scout Association of which 771 were youth members.

Significantly, at a local level, the Charity has developed a District Headquarters and training facility, known as Waterside Lodge. This provides unparalleled facilities and opportunities to members in Southport, Formby and beyond.

The facility continued to enjoy an excellent level of usage during the period of this report. Usage has been by both members and non-members of the Scout Association.

The trustees are pleased to report that the Charity has continued to secure grants and donations to develop the facilities and to purchase new equipment.

It was reported that the lift in the District Headquarters which provides access to the upstairs facility for visitors suffering from disabilities had failed. A new lift has now been installed and commissioned allowing access to the upstairs facilities to all.

## **Reserves Policy & Risk Management**

The Trustees constantly monitor the Charity's activities in order to determine future policies and to assess the risks to which it is exposed.

As indicated previously the Charity is part of the Scout Association and as such is governed by POR. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity operates within POR and by virtue of compliance with POR the Charity is provided with the security that exposure to major risks has been mitigated.

The Charity owns a limited company which has assumed the daily management/ operation of Waterside Lodge. This Company has developed a risk management strategy approved by the Trustees.

## **Financial statement**

The financial statement for the period 01 March 2020 to 29 February 2021 is attached to this report. It has been approved by the Trustees and is accompanied by the associated Independent Examiner's Report. This Independent Examiner's Report does not indicate any problems associated with the finances of the Charity.

It can be noted from the financial statement that the limited company continues to provide many of the day to day expenses associated with the running of Waterside Lodge and the activities that it provides. The Trustees are pleased that the Charity is receiving such assistance from Waterside Lodge Southport Ltd. Additionally, Waterside Lodge Southport Ltd. has provided the Charity with charitable donations in the form of additional development of our premises, much needed structural repairs and equipment and cash.

This report together with the information contained within financial statement was approved by the Trustees and was signed on behalf of the Trustees by the District Treasurer (in the absence of a District Chair).

S F Robinson  
District Treasurer  
For and on behalf of the Trustees of Sefton North District Scout Council.

13 September 2021

## SEFTON NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**(1) Name of Charity:** Sefton North District Scout Council

**(2) Registration:** Sefton North District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports Scouting in Southport and Formby and its registration number with the Scout Association is 16909.

The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter, granted by King George V in 1912 and supplemented by further Charters granted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.

The Scout Association is governed by a Council of between 300 and 500 members as determined by the Royal Charter of 1912 and the Supplemental Royal Charters of 1949, 1959, 1967 and 1991.

Sefton North District Scout Council is a registered charity (Registration No 521672)

**(3) (a) Trustees on the date the Report was approved.**

Samuel Robinson	District Treasurer	
Sid Ludlow	District Commissioner	
Lucy James	District Youth Commissioner	
Alexandra Clark	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	w.e.f. 19 October 2020
Benjamin Dickinson	District Scout Network Commissioner	w.e.f. 19 May 2021
Ian Mathison		
Mark Sheil		
Sam Oldland		

**(b) Trustees who served during the period of the Report.**

Robert Haigh	01 March 2020 to 22 August 2020
Penny Rimmer	01 March 2020 to 22 August 2020
Kerry Mawdsley	01 March 2020 to 22 August 2020
Ian Bench	22 August 2020 to 01 June 2021
Karen Bishop	22 August 2020 to 01 July 2021
Ken Tipping	01 March 2020 to 11 July 2021

**(c) Method of appointment or election of Trustees.**

The Charity is part of the Scout Association and as such is governed by its Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

The District Executive Committee of the Charity are the Trustees and the method of appointing/ electing members to the Executive Committee is contained within POR.

The Trustees confirm that the District Executive Committee has been constituted in accordance with POR.

**(4) Address of the principal office of the Charity**

Waterside Lodge  
Marine Drive  
Southport  
MERSEYSIDE  
PR8 1RY

**(5) Bankers**

The principal bankers of the Charity are:

HSBC Bank Plc  
Chapel Lane  
Formby  
Merseyside  
L37 4DN

**(6) Solicitor**

Formby Law Ltd  
Marion House  
23 / 25 Elbow Lane  
Formby  
LIVERPOOL  
L37 4AB

**(7) Independent Examiner**

K A Farr & Co  
6-8 Botanic Road  
Churchtown  
Southport  
MERSEYSIDE  
PR9 7NG

## Sefton North District Scout Council

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## Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 28 February 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Receipts and Payments</b>				
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Grants received	-	-	-	2,510
Minibus income	143	-	143	1,682
Scout Association Membership Fees	51,838	-	51,838	33,732
Badges	652	-	652	4,997
Scouting activities and events	8,006	-	8,006	29,209
Donations	9,175	-	9,175	9,563
Interest received	15	-	15	60
Total Receipts	69,829	-	69,829	81,753
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Direct Charitable</b>				
Scouting activities and events	12,219	-	12,219	33,453
Minibus expenses	1,122	-	1,122	1,691
Scout Association Membership Fees	40,172	-	40,172	27,013
Badges	1,066	-	1,066	6,307
St. George's Day Parade	-	-	-	170
Personal accident insurance	84	-	84	84
100 Club expenditure	-	-	-	122
	54,663	-	54,663	68,840
<b>Administration and General</b>				
Insurance	5,811	-	5,811	127
Repairs and renewals	155	2,510	2,665	379
Professional expenses	-	-	-	479
Miscellaneous expenses	1,238	-	1,238	282
Accountancy	1,560	-	1,560	1,560
	8,764	2,510	11,274	2,827
<b>Payments Sub Total</b>	63,427	2,510	65,937	71,667
<b>Asset Purchases (less Sales)</b>	56,456	-	56,456	18,098
<b>Payments in advance</b>	(12,954)	-	(12,954)	12,954
<b>Total Payments</b>	106,929	2,510	109,439	102,719
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	(37,100)	(2,510)	(39,610)	(20,966)
<b>Funds from Formby District Scout Council</b>	-	-	-	13,743
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	2,975	(2,975)	-	-
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	78,986	6,241	85,227	92,450
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	44,861	756	45,617	85,227

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 28 February 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Cash at bank	44,861	756

	Fund to which asset belongs	Original Cost
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		
Property	Unrestricted	18,475
Property	Restricted	700,721
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	Unrestricted	125,875
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	Restricted	164,326
Minibus (YN63EUZ)	Unrestricted	18,248
		<u>1,027,645</u>

**Liabilities**

	Fund to which liability belongs	Amount due
K.A. Farr & Co invoice due	Unrestricted	1,560
Race the Dragon Ltd- balance on equipment	Unrestricted	720
		<u>2,280</u>

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the  
Trustees of the Sefton North District Scout Council**

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 28 February 2021, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements
  - of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....MS. K.O. FARR, F.C.A.

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Date 22 June 2021