

STRETFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 521675

Details

Other names STRETFORD BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1963-09-17

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

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Activities

Objects: UNIT OF THE BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Activities: The Scouts are dedicated to the development of boys and girls by the use of teaching and the involvement in activities such as canoeing, climbing, camping, archery, swimming and a whole host of activities which are recognised by the gaining of awards (badges).

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STRETFORD
- Trafford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£14,091	£6,859	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,530	£36,217	-	-
2023-03-31	£36,037	£34,269	-	-
2022-03-31	£30,641	£30,564	-	-
2021-03-31	£21,063	£22,800	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian John Thorpe		2018-09-23
Carly Hick		2025-11-17
DAVID MALTBY		
Eve Gerrard		2023-09-16
GLENIS HOSKINS		
Jennie Wadsworth		2023-09-16
MATTHEW OSBORNE		2016-01-01
Michael Ohiri		2026-01-19

STRETFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Stretford District Scout Council					
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Other names the charity is known by

Scouts Stretford					
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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

9 Poppywood Avenue								
West Timperley, Altrincham								
Cheshire								
Postcode		W	A	1	4	5	Y	U

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Maltby	Chair	
2	Brian Thorpe	Treasurer	
3	Matthew Osborne	Lead Volunteer	
4	Eve Gerrard	Youth Lead	
5	Mun-Kit Choy	Appointed Trustee	
6	Jennie Wadsworth	Appointed Trustee	
7	Glenis Hoskins	Appointed Trustee	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Secretary	Patricia Whaites	9 Poppywood Ave, Cheshire. WA14 5YU

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

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 5 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 3 Appointed 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.

Risk and Internal Control

Using a process of risk management, the District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed. These risks have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate against them. The main risk areas identified and their mitigations are: -

Damage or deterioration of equipment due to age or misuse. The District regularly updates the inventory of District owned equipment and makes inspections before use. In the event of a loss of equipment, requests to use equipment from neighbouring organisations or hiring from companies would be made.

The District carries sufficient funds to replace consumable equipment on a regular basis and sufficient 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 entirely reliant upon income from a levy applied to national membership fees and occasional fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities for approximately 2-years should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. The Trustees actively continually recruit volunteers into vacant positions. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level that results in poor or gaps in governance, the District would seek to initially engage support from the County. In the worst case scenario the District would come under the governance trusteeship of the County until such time additional volunteers can be recruited..

Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 24. If there was a reduction in membership affecting a particular District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the impacted District.

Loss of financial control and financial mismanagement. The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments, a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered, budget control over spend in line with agreed terms and strong accountancy control.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

In 2023, we made a positive difference to four young people attending the 25 WSJ in Korea, enabling them to grow in confidence and be empowered in making positive contributions to society. Our youth membership has increased across all the 4-18 youth sections by +36 to 573 and we have been able start offering training to complete expedition requirements that will enable youth members to complete their top awards. We are supporting our volunteer learning by helping volunteers to fulfill their mandatory learning obligations and provide safe enjoyable indoor and outdoor activities where everyone gains Skills For Life.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

Our District is functioning, and viable but needs attention. Ensuring we have strong Districts and a strong district team continues to be a priority and will be the main focus over the next 2 years whilst continuing to offer excellent scouting opportunities for our young people. During this time, we will rely on organised county, regional and national events to support our programmes rather than diverting resources to organise events at the expense of growth and development projects and activities. Our current volunteers are our hero's and we will support and recognise them at every opportunity.

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

We have grown overall in the District with increases in numbers in the period Jan 2023 to Jan 2024 in all youth sections except Scout Network where we saw a slight fall. Our youth numbers overall are +36 to 573. We had a small decrease in Adult volunteer numbers of -3 to 153. Giving an overall total increase of +33 to 726. This is almost back to pre-pandemic high of 743 but the increase is mainly in youth membership rather than adult volunteers. We have work to do to grow our adult volunteer number and enjoy increased success in top award achievement. This will be achieved by growing Districts and supporting Districts at the Squirrel and Beaver Scout age and supporting our young leaders/adults in the 14-24 age range. These focus areas will be our priority through to 2026.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 24 months running costs, circa £8000 to £10 000.

The District held reserves of approximately £10 300 against this at year end. This is slightly above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by anticipated increases in future training spend required to support transformation and up-lift in first response requirement as well, general trend in higher inflationary rises.

Quantify and explain any designations

This is continuously reviewed by the trustees on an annual basis and decisions to return excessive reserves into the current budget to benefit the charities aims will be made.

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

No funds are in or close to being in deficit

Further financial review details

Lonsdale Explorer Scouts, subscriptions and activities flowing through the District account represents most of the transactional activity within the District accounts.

Lonsdale Explorers finances flow through the District account and income of £347 for misc events and £2590 for subs was collected in the year against running costs of £677.34. After deductions for capitation fees their net surplus on the year was £781.82.

The following major items of income and expenditure are as follows: -

Camps Archery and Swimming income of £1234 was all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers activities. Expenditure was made up of £317.09 archery equipment, £472.50 swimming gala costs and £1328.91 Explorer camp costs.

Bank/Gocardless fees of £168.18 are all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers payment collection costs.

Badges income and expenditure over the period remains broadly in line with the prior years value, reflecting the continued activity of Scouting in the District. Net expenditure over income was £292.44, it should be noted though that a bulk purchase of District badges was made.

The highest value transactions flowing through the accounts however are for annual capitation fees paid to County office which in turn are funded by the various Districts within the District. Capitation fees paid out to County office totalled £27693.50 against income from Districts totalling £27464.50. The District levy to Districts generates £2855.00 which represents the Districts source of income to support operating costs. The accounts show a net revenue of £229.00 as some District capitation settlements were late and have fallen into 2024/25.

Net training expenditure for the year was £295.50 which is entirely down to First Aid training.

The £10,000.00 fund held on deposit with headquarters was returned in the year and this has now been re-invested in a 30 day notice deposit account with Lloyds Bank with the balance at year end showing £10298.89

The District Network account remains dormant. There have been no meetings or events held and no recorded funds have flowed in or out of accounts thus balances remain as stated.

Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District therefore adopts a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

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 District Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information


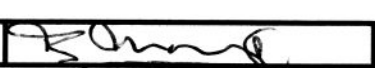
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

In the coming year, the district is to start planning an international event for 14-24 taking place in 2026. We will prioritise supporting District development and growth for those in the greatest need. We will ensure we have adequately qualified individuals to validate first response learning for all.
 We need to grow the number of volunteers in key district roles and support Districts through the national transformation. We also will increase the number of top awards gained in 14-24 ages.

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)	DAVID MAHBY	MALISLIAN THORPE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	1 3 1 0 2 4	

Stretford District Scout Council
BALANCE SHEET 2023/24

REG. CHARITY No. 521675

ASSETS AS AT 01/04/23	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/24	£
Cash in Hand	26.58	Cash in Hand	21.83
Current Account	11006.89	Current Account	11080.95
Scout Investment Account	10000.00	Scout Investment Account	10298.89
District Network	657.09	District Network	657.09
Badge Account Cash	361.59	Badge Account Cash	306.90
Surplus on Year	313.51	Deficit on Year	
TOTAL	<u>£ 22,365.66</u>	TOTAL	<u>£ 22,365.66</u>

Badge Account

	£
Cash at 01/04/23	361.59
Expenditure	4,605.07
Donation from Main Account	200.00
Expenses	0.00
Sales	4,350.38
Cash at 31/03/24	306.90

Stock

Stock at 01/04/23	1,934.97
Stock at 31/03/24	2,249.67

N.B. Stock has no net realisable value as an asset for reporting in Balance Sheet

Stretford District Network Scouts
BALANCE SHEET 2023/24

REG. CHARITY No. 521675

ASSETS AS AT 01/04/23	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/24	£
Cash in Hand	120.94	Cash in Hand	120.94
Current Account	536.15	Current Account	536.15
Surplus on Year	0.00	Deficit on Year	0.00
TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>	TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>

Stretford District Scout Council
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31/03/2024

	INCOME	INCOME		EXPEND	EXPEND	NETT
	2023/24	2022/23		2023/24	2022/23	2023/24
	£	£		£	£	£
1 District Service & Parades	-	-	1 District Service & Parades	27.50	-	-27.50
2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	1,234.00	3,337.14	2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	2,118.50	4,324.19	-884.50
3 Badge Receipts	-	-	3 Badge Receipts	-	-	0.00
4 Bank/Gocardless fees	-	-	4 Bank/Gocardless fees	168.18	248.47	-168.18
5 Postage, Printing etc	-	-	5 Postage, Printing etc	-	337.94	0.00
6 Annual General Meeting	-	-	6 Annual General Meeting	-	-	0.00
7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	-	7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	-	0.00
8 Badges	4,350.38	2,958.86	8 Badges	4,642.82	2,852.57	-292.44
9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	-	-	9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	4.75	-	-4.75
10 Equipment	-	-	10 Equipment	-	-	0.00
11 Capitation	27,464.50	25,750.50	11 Capitation	27,693.50	24,691.50	-229.00
12 Insurance	-	-	12 Insurance	337.74	310.07	-337.74
13 Interest	293.46	42.12	13 Interest	-	-	293.46
14 Donation	200.00	-	14 Donation	200.00	-	0.00
15 Training	51.00	-	15 Training	346.50	309.00	-295.50
16 Activities	-	-	16 Activities	-	-	0.00
17 Big Lottery Fund	-	-	17 Big Lottery Fund	-	-	0.00
18 Fund Raising Activity	-	-	18 Fund Raising Activity	-	-	0.00
19 District Explorers	347.00	922.50	19 District Explorers	677.34	1,195.27	-330.34
20 District Explorer Subs	2,590.00	3,026.00	20 District Explorer Subs	-	-	2,590.00
21 District Network	-	-	21 District Network	-	-	0.00
Deficit for Year			Surplus for Year	313.51	1,768.11	-313.51
TOTAL	£ 36,530.34	£ 36,037.12	TOTAL	£ 36,530.34	£ 36,037.12	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

STRETFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31/3/2024

Charity no (if any)

521675

Set out on pages

1 AND 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

Stephen F. Wood

Date:

29/6/24

Name:

STEPHEN FRANK WOOD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

BSc (Hons) DEGREE IN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

Address:

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MANCHESTER M41 5AY.

Section B

Disclosure

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

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

STRETFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 521675

Accounts



**We prepare young
people with skills
for life**

Stretford District AGM 2023



Annual Report 2022/23

We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 4- to 25-year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure, and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities. Scouts helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Our members gain valuable skills for life including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness, and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.



District Lead Volunteer's Report

With Covid-19 being declared to be no longer a global health emergency in May 2023, during 2022-2023 we saw some

resemblance of life returning to how things were pre-pandemic. Of course, there are some things that will have changed forever, but largely life now is as busy again as it ever was if not more. After a full year of un-interrupted face to face scouting we have been able to embrace new ways of doing things, grow in number and focus on delivering skills for life to our young people and adult volunteers.

This was seen with our 12.6% growth in numbers from 627 in January 2022 to 706 in January 2023 across our youth and adult members, a growing Network of 18-25 year olds and a recently appointed new Youth Commissioner. Whilst we did grow, we also recognised that some sections we invested effort in trying to get off the ground in Jan 2020 were not going to despite our best efforts. We formally ceased the Libya Cub & Scout Sections and Trafford Park Scout Group projects that we were working on. However new opportunities are always around the corner and our newest Saturday Beaver and Cub Sections at Longford are going from strength to strength with a possible scout troop in early discussions, musings of Stretford's first Squirrel Drey and a Sikh Scout Group there will always be opportunities to continue to grow.

During 2022-2023 Group's were able to get out camping, have encouraged new adult volunteers to join and started to think about how the structure of scouting will change over the coming year. We also were excited to have 4 young people and 3 adult volunteers from Stretford working towards attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and seeing their fundraising efforts was inspiring. The district attended Trafford's Annual Service of Remembrance, the Beavers had a Christmas Event, we held our Swimming Gala in March and continued to offer & fund face to face first aid training to satisfy this mandatory training requirement for certain adult volunteer roles. But with the district team remaining extremely small with many positions still vacant, priorities will remain on delivering mandatory tasks and the annual service of remembrance until such a time where the district team grows. The new team based volunteering structure of Scouting will provide the opportunity for us to look at what we want to do and who will be best placed to deliver this.

The Year Ahead



With the change to Trustee Boards from Executive Committees well underway, a new digital experience for adult member records and training about to be rolled out and a new district structure to be in place early in the new year of 2024, there are many opportunities to change the way we do things, so they are simpler, more efficient without compromising safety or safe guarding. Our first task will be to implement the Trustee Board and new district constitution and then support Groups in doing the same for their 2024 AGM's if not done so already.

Talking to all adult volunteers will also be extremely important to see what their future aspirations are and whether they are looking to take on new challenges in the new organisational structure being implemented. This will take place after the summer with all district volunteers, new roles agreed and a new district structure in place early in 2024. We also will have had an amazing internal opportunity with the World Scout Jamboree over the summer of 2023 and we hope that those attending will bring back and share their experiences, re-igniting an enthusiasm for more district international events and drive to achieve the Scouts Top Awards.

Changing our structure over 2023/2024 is a great opportunity to refresh what we do, how we do it and who does it. With simplified training and a better digital

experience on the horizon we hope to attract more adult volunteers into organisation, section, support, and trustee roles so that all groups and sections in Stretford can be the best that they can.

Matt Osborne

District Lead Volunteer, Stretford District Scout Council
Group Lead Volunteer, 17th Stretford (1st Lostock) QUEST Scout Group
International Service Team – 25WSJ Korea, UK Contingent

District Chair's Report

Tonight, we embark on a new era of Scout management. From today we will cease to be a District Executive Committee where everything appertaining to the district is discussed at the one meeting. We will become the District Trustee Board voted in by the District Scout Council with a specific agenda relating to the management of the district. This will bring us in line with the Charities Commission guidelines. We will be responsible for looking after the district money, safeguarding, legal requirements etc. The District Trustee Board will also be able to set up sub committees to look at other aspects of Scouting in the district. This is a new way of managing Scouting so let us embrace it and make Scouting work for the future of our young people.

Dave Maltby

Lead Trustee and Chair of the District Trustee Board

Financial Report 2022/2023

The following report provides additional explanation of funds flow and general state of finances for the District for the year ending 31st March 2023.

Lonsdale Explorer Scouts, subscriptions and activities flowing through the District account represents most of the transactional activity within the District accounts, highest value transactions however are for annual capitation fees.

Camps Archery and Swimming income of £3337 was all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers, expenditure was made up of £500 Cub Camp support and £74 for swimming gala trophy with the balance being Lonsdale Explorer.

Bank/Gocardless fees of £248.47 are all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers subs.

Printing Postage etc is in respect of OSM and Website hosting fees.

Badges income and expenditure over the period remains broadly in line with the prior years value, reflecting the continued activity of Scouting in the District.

Capitation fees paid out to County office totalled £24691 against income from groups totalling £27346. The accounts reflect a different income figure due to phasing of payments from groups and Lonsdale explorers payment effectively being within this District account. In real terms after these adjustments, the District levy for the year is £2655 towards funding District operations.

As already noted, Lonsdale District Explorers finances all flow through the District current account. The Explorers income is £922 for charged activities and £3026 subs, against which expenditure is £1195 in respect of various Scouting activities and fees.

It should be noted that the current account balance of £11006.89 includes a balance of £1892.91 earmarked for Lonsdale Explorers. The total surplus for the current year of £1768.11 consists of £621.37 Lonsdale Explorers and £1147.74 District.

The £10,000.00 balance held on deposit with headquarters is due to be returned next year, this will need to be held on a notice deposit account locally with a view to earning interest.

The District Network account remains dormant. There have been no meetings or events held and no recorded funds have flowed in or out of accounts thus balances remain as stated.

Brian Thorpe
District Treasurer

Financial Statement 2022/2023

Stretford District Scout Council BALANCE SHEET 2022/23			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/22	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/23	£
Cash in Hand	26.58	Cash in Hand	26.58
Current Account	9428.50	Current Account	11006.89
Scout Investment Account	10000.00	Scout Investment Account	10000.00
District Network	657.09	District Network	657.09
Badge Account Cash	171.87	Badge Account Cash	361.59
Surplus on Year	1,768.11	Deficit on Year	
TOTAL	<u>£ 22,052.15</u>	TOTAL	<u>£ 22,052.15</u>

Badge Account	
	£
Cash at 01/04/22	171.87
Expenditure	2,769.14
Donate to Main Account	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Sales	2,958.86
Cash at 31/03/23	361.59
Stock	
Stock at 01/04/22	2,046.73
Stock at 31/03/23	1,934.97
N.B. Stock has no net realisable value as an asset for reporting in Balance Sheet	

Stretford District Network Scouts BALANCE SHEET 2022/23			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/23	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/23	£
Cash in Hand	120.94	Cash in Hand	120.94
Current Account	536.15	Current Account	536.15
Surplus on Year	0.00	Deficit on Year	0.00
TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>	TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>

Stretford District Scout Council
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31/03/2023

	INCOME 2022/23	INCOME 2021/22		EXPEND 2022/23	EXPEND 2021/22	NETT 2022/23
	£	£		£	£	£
1 District Service & Parades	-	0.00	1 District Service & Parades	-	18.50	0.00
2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	3,337.14	3,376.00	2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	4,324.19	3,562.20	-987.05
3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	0.00
4 Bank/Gocardless fees	-	0.00	4 Bank/Gocardless fees	248.47	237.24	-248.47
5 Postage, Printing etc	-	0.00	5 Postage, Printing etc	337.94	24.00	-337.94
6 Annual General Meeting	-	0.00	6 Annual General Meeting	-	0.00	0.00
7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	0.00	7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	0.00	0.00
8 Badges	2,958.86	3,128.18	8 Badges	2,852.57	3,482.35	106.29
9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	-	0.00	9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	-	0.00	0.00
10 Equipment	-	0.00	10 Equipment	-	0.00	0.00
11 Capitation	25,750.50	19,502.00	11 Capitation	24,691.50	20,504.00	1,059.00
12 Insurance	-	0.00	12 Insurance	310.07	310.07	-310.07
13 Interest	42.12	12.47	13 Interest	-	0.00	42.12
14 Donation	-	0.00	14 Donation	-	1,000.00	0.00
15 Training	-	0.00	15 Training	309.00	415.00	-309.00
16 Activities	-	0.00	16 Activities	-	0.00	0.00
17 Big Lottery Fund	-	0.00	17 Big Lottery Fund	-	0.00	0.00
18 Fund Raising Activity	-	0.00	18 Fund Raising Activity	-	0.00	0.00
19 District Explorers	922.50	650.00	19 District Explorers	1,195.27	1,010.90	-272.77
20 District Explorer Subs	3,026.00	3,972.00	20 District Explorer Subs	-	0.00	3,026.00
21 District Network	-	0.00	21 District Network	-	0.00	0.00
Deficit for Year			Surplus for Year	1,768.11	76.39	-1,768.11
TOTAL	£ 36,037.12	£ 30,640.65	TOTAL	£ 36,037.12	£ 30,640.65	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: STRETTON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31/3/2023

Charity no (if any)

521675

Set out on pages

1 AND 2. (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Stephen F. Wood

Date:

1/9/2023

Name:

STEPHEN FRANK WOOD

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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STRETFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 521675

Accounts



**We prepare young
people with skills
for life**

Stretford District AGM 2022



Annual Report 2021/22

We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 4 to 25 year olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities. Scouts helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Our members gain valuable skills for life including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.



District Commisionners Report

2021-2022 was a year of recovery, scouting was starting to find a sense of normality following the COVID lockdown but

there remain still, some difficulties due to living with COVID.

Face to Face scouting returned in April 21 after completion of formal risk assessments to limit the spread of COVID. Buildings and meeting areas needed to have extra control measures including signs and arrows to show flow and movement through the building, hand sanitiser etc were all included. These risk assessments demonstrated we were reducing the risk of spreading the virus, but as local spikes in Covid-19 resulted in local lockdowns, we were faced with implementing a red, amber and green approach to returning to F2F again. All this involved a lot of hard work and admin but eventually scouting started to return to regular and reliable in person meetings and events.

Census figures have been down as we did lose members throughout the 2-years of restricted meetings, but in January 2022 young people on the census was back up to 466 an increase of 2% from 2021, and adults up to 161, an increase of 3.2% from 2021. This gave a total of 627 members in the district which have been significantly boosted by two new sections we have created and established at 1st Stretford (Longford) Scout Group – meeting on a Saturday, Muslim Cub and Scouts were established during February 2022 following 6 months of leadership recruitment, training and onboarding. These 2 new sections provided a much welcome and needed boost to numbers although we are still down on pre pandemic figures in Jan 2020 of approximately 750, a decrease of 16%.

We are focusing on growing these numbers as we deliver scouting well in Stretford and do not struggle to attract children, it's the adult leaders and helpers we struggle with, with many members having multiple significant roles.

Changes in the future may drive a more flexible approach from section leaders to a more team-based approach and this may attract more adults to scouting.

We have 4 members from the district going to the Jamboree in Korea next year, we have provided some funds towards their costs and also have 2 adults from the district attending also.

New structures in the future will help with leadership issues, overall, there is a sense of change and more structure at District level. We have supported access to OSM to all groups and ensured First Aid Training is available to all who needs it.

Scout Network is now place led by Edna Holroyd but there as some struggles with Network and it needs extra support to get things running and off the ground. We continue to try and get the funds out of their dormant Network account so they can be transferred into and managed by the district account.

The Year Ahead

We will be implementing a new structure across scouting designed to be more flexible and to help spread the activities, tasks and jobs that are needed to run successful groups and a district.

The adult joining experience will be simplified and be completely refigured to be easier, more welcoming and less administrative whilst keeping key elements to ensure young people are protected and safeguarding maintained.



Training will also be simplified and supported through a completely new and interactive digital experience, adult

membership system and new approaches to training insignia (the Wood Badge).

Over the coming year my focus will be to restructure the district in-line with the new roles, help implement new the new adult membership system, provide clarity around training needs and supporting those who may find these changes difficult and confusing.

We're recovering slowly from the pandemic and scouting is back meeting regularly face to face although some minor disruption remains. We have an opportunity to refresh how we deliver scouting locally across the district so that we can be more flexible and agile to attract new adult volunteers.

Matt Osborne

District Commissioner, Stretford Scout Council
Group Scout Leader, 17th Stretford (1st Lostock) QUEST Scout Group
Scout Leader (Acting) – 17th Stretford (1st Lostock) QUEST Scout Troop
International Service Team – 25WSJ Korea, UK Contingent

District Chair's Report

It's been a difficult time again this year for us all. Hopefully we can get back to normal soon and forget about all the restrictions imposed on us due to covid-19. Again, we have had to have all the district exec meetings on zoom, although it's not ideal I think we have coped very well and hopefully we can get back to face to face meetings at some point where everyone can voice their opinions. It is important that we have as many reps at the meetings so we can have a wider representation.

As the district has no income stream the only way, we can generate money is through the district levy. It was decided that the existing levy of £2.00 was not enough to fund the district outgoings and support district scouting so the levy was increased to £5.00. We now have an international fund to support scouts going on events abroad. We are now able to pay 50% of the cost of OSM. We are now able to pay all the training costs for leaders etc.

Also, this year, a lot of effort has gone into safeguarding and the production of risk assessments which have to be approved by district, hopefully we are all clear about what is required. We had a number of notifiable incidents over the year which had to be investigated by HQ so it is important that we have the correct procedures in place. It is the district exec that is ultimately responsible for making sure we adhere to the correct procedure.

Over the coming year there are to be a lot of changes in scouting, no doubt more info will be forthcoming over the next few months and hopefully these changes will benefit us all.

Many thanks to you all for the effort you put into running your sections and groups and also to all the people in the background raising funds, sitting on exec committees and making sure your groups are financially and legally sound. Finally, thanks to Matt for not only being a GSL at Quest but also as district commissioner, running the district so ably under difficult circumstances.

Dave Maltby

District Chairperson

Financial Report 2021/2022

Following the setting up of Lonsdale Explorer Scouts, subscriptions flowing through the District account this has led to a significant increase in activity whereby all their subscriptions and expenditure flow through the current account. This activity remains as the main reason for the flow of funds and there has been no other significant District funding activity other than capitation fees.

Camp Income of £3376 and expenditure of £3562 is exclusively in respect of Lonsdale Explorers of which £2760 income and £3115 expenditure related to Chamboree held in August 22.

Bank/GoCardless fees of £237.24 are all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers subs.

Badge income and expenditure has increased significantly due to Scouting badgework activity increasing as the impact of Covid has lessened. This is reflected in an increase of over £2600 in expenditure over the previous year with total spend of £3482.35 against badge sales income of £3128.18

Capitation fees paid out to County office totalled £20504 against charges to section totalling £22834 thus providing £2330 funding to District. The accounts declared income this year differs by £3332 due to a payment of £2009 falling into 2022/23 and £1323 being Lonsdale Explorers capitation which is effectively within the District account.

The donation of £1000 is in respect of the District funding support for our 4 participants to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea next year.

As already noted, Lonsdale District Explorers finances all flow through the District current account. The Explorers income and expenditure is in respect of various Scouting activities and fees against subs income of £3972.00. It should be noted that the income includes the late release of subscriptions from GoCardless collected in respect of 2020/21 attendances. The £650 explorers income is for DofE registrations which was immediately passed on the County office within the expenditure line of £1010.90

As the Lonsdale Explorers funding flows through the District current account, it should be noted that the current account balance of £9428.50 includes a balance of £1271.54

The District Network account remains dormant. There have been no meetings or events held and no funds have flowed in or out of accounts thus balances remain static.

Brian Thorpe
District Treasure

Financial Statement 2021/2022

Stretford District Scout Council BALANCE SHEET 2021/22			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/21	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/22	£
Cash in Hand	26.58	Cash in Hand	26.58
Current Account	8997.94	Current Account	9428.50
Scout Investment Account	10000.00	Scout Investment Account	10000.00
District Network	657.09	District Network	657.09
Badge Account Cash	526.04	Badge Account Cash	171.87
Surplus on Year		Surplus on Year	-76.39
TOTAL	<u>£ 20,207.65</u>	TOTAL	<u>£ 20,207.65</u>

Badge Account		£
Cash at 01/04/21		526.04
Expenditure		3,482.35
Donate to Main Account		0.00
Expenses		0.00
Sales		3,128.18
 Cash at 31/03/22		 171.87
 Stock		
Stock at 01/04/21		1,564.61
Stock at 31/03/22		2,046.73
N.B. Stock has no net realisable value as an asset for reporting in Balance Sheet		

Stretford District Network Scouts BALANCE SHEET 2021/22			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/21	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/22	£
Cash in Hand	120.94	Cash in Hand	120.94
Current Account	536.15	Current Account	536.15
 Surplus on Year	 0.00	Deficit on Year	 0.00
TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>	TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>

Stretford District Scout Council
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31/03/2022

	INCOME	INCOME		EXPEND	EXPEND	NETT
	2021/22	2020/21		2021/22	2020/21	2021/22
	£	£		£	£	£
1 District Service & Parades	-	0.00	1 District Service & Parades	18.50	0.00	-18.50
2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	3,376.00	0.00	2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	3,562.20	301.12	-186.20
3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	0.00
4 Bank/Gocardless fees	-	0.00	4 Bank/Gocardless fees	237.24	0.00	-237.24
5 Postage, Printing etc	-	0.00	5 Postage, Printing etc	24.00	146.28	-24.00
6 Annual General Meeting	-	0.00	6 Annual General Meeting	-	0.00	0.00
7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	0.00	7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	0.00	0.00
8 Badges	3,128.18	1,029.70	8 Badges	3,482.35	841.64	-354.17
9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	-	0.00	9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	-	0.00	0.00
10 Equipment	-	0.00	10 Equipment	-	0.00	0.00
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12 Insurance	-	0.00	12 Insurance	310.07	352.07	-310.07
13 Interest	12.47	58.37	13 Interest	-	0.00	12.47
14 Donation	-	0.00	14 Donation	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
15 Training	-	0.00	15 Training	415.00	0.00	-415.00
16 Activities	-	0.00	16 Activities	-	0.00	0.00
17 Big Lottery Fund	-	0.00	17 Big Lottery Fund	-	0.00	0.00
18 Fund Raising Activity	-	0.00	18 Fund Raising Activity	-	0.00	0.00
19 District Explorers	650.00	0.00	19 District Explorers	1,010.90	593.12	-360.90
20 District Explorer Subs	3,972.00	0.00	20 District Explorer Subs	-	0.00	3,972.00
21 District Network	-	0.00	21 District Network	-	0.00	0.00
Deficit for Year		1,737.66	Surplus for Year	76.39	0.00	-76.39
TOTAL	£ 30,640.65	£ 22,800.23	TOTAL	£ 30,640.65	£ 22,800.23	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
STRETFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2022

Charity no
(if any) 521675

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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- 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.

Signed:

Date:

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Name:

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