

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 3 2 1 to end date 2 8 0 2 2 2

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ashby and Coalville District Scouts

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

5 2 1 7 1 7

HQ registration number

1 0 0 0 1 5 1 7

Charity's principal address

c/o 29 Water Meadow Way

Ilstock

Leicestershire

Postcode

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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	Martin Farrar	Chair	
2	Duncan Watts	District Commissioner	
3	Susan Mitchell	Secretary	
4	Louise Bailey		
5	Peter Bailey		
6	Chris Beeby		
7	Jon Bloor		
8	Peter Clifton		
9	Richard Moore		
10	Richard Nevin		
11	Steve Pope		
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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
	NONE	

Section B

Structure, governance and management

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)

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of a Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary together with the Elected, Nominated and ex-Officio members as per the Constitution and meets every month.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee as well as mandatory Trustee Introduction training.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of District property;

The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
District public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The District Executive Committee 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:

Financial: 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 and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Willesley Scout Campsite: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Volunteers: 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.

The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Group or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or suspension of a Group/District. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of a Group or District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or a Group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of the section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<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>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>Provision on District Activities. Ownership and operation of Willesley Scout Campsite</p>
Public benefit statement	<p>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.</p>

Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>Restablishing good levels of Scouting membership (volunteers and young people) post Covid restrictions. Facilitating Group operations where difficulties and provision as Willesley Scout Campsite for meetings and overnight experiences as restrictions permitted.</p>

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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 Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10000.</p> <p>The District held reserves of approximately £9000 against this at year end in deposit accounts over £20,000 in cash accounts.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	<p>Investment Policy</p> <p>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 has therefore adopted 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.</p> <p>The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group 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 Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p>

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Section F**Other Optional Information**

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

Repayment to District of monies lent to 1st Newbold Verdon & 1st Donisthorpe Scout Groups for upkeep/refurbishment of HQ's. Financial preparation for Warden's accomodation at the Willesley Scout Campsite. Repayment of REACH loan.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

		
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Full name(s)

Martin Farrar	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	
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Date

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashby & Coalville District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashby & Coalville District Scout Council for the year ended 28 February 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Ashby & Coalville District Scout Council 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 Ashby & Coalville District Scout Council 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: accounting records were not kept in respect of the Ashby & Coalville District Scout Council

1. 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: Sarah-Jane Statham

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CTA, TEP, ACMA

Address: 2 Cotswold Way, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 1ET

Date: 28/07/2022.