

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ashby and Coalville District Scouts

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

c/o 29 Water Meadow Way

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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 Lead Volunteer	
3	Susan Mitchell	Treasurer	
4	Louise Bailey		
5	Richard Nevin		
6	Steve Pope		
7	Rob Andrews		
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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	The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn give authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)	
How the charity is constituted	The District is a trust established under its rules which are com to all Scouts.
(e.g. trust, association, company)	
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)	
Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	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.
Policies and procedures adopted for:	
a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trus	
	The Committee consists of a Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary together with the Elected, Nominated and exOfficio members as per the Constiution 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 thise who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p data-bbox="772 380 1257 409">Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)</p> <p data-bbox="772 441 1062 470">Risk and Internal Control</p> <p data-bbox="772 472 1469 616">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:</p> <p data-bbox="772 649 1469 947">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</p> <p data-bbox="772 978 1469 1095">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.</p> <p data-bbox="772 1126 1469 1453">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.</p> <p data-bbox="772 1485 1469 1662">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.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<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>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Provision on District Activities. Ownership and operation of Willesley Scout Campsite</p>
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p> <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	

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

Providing and expanding on good levels of Scouting membership (volunteers and young people).
Facilitating Group operations where there are difficulties.

Provision of Willesley Scout Campsite for meetings and overnight experiences

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 group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs for all District Activities, circa £15,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £30k against this at year end.

Quantify and explain any designations

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


Further financial review details (optional information)

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

Investment Policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); 	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; 	<p>The District Trustee Board 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 which requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> investment policy and objectives; 	

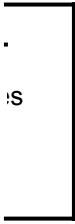
Section F	Other Optional Information
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	<p>Completion of the Warden's accommodation at Willesley Scout Campsite. Repayment of associated loan.</p>

Section G	Declaration
<p>The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above</p> <p>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees</p>	
Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Martin Farrar
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair
Date	<div>061124</div>

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Ashby & Coalville Distict Scout Council (521717)

Receipts and Payments Account

		Year From	1 March 23 - 29 Feb 24
Receipts and payments			
		2024	2023
		£	£
Receipts		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions		57137	69,557
Less paid to County/National		-45189	- 43,848
		11949	25,709
Subscriptions - ACES			-
Grants		0	2,667
Donations		5596	1,396
Fundraising		2182	
Other similar income		50	-
Sub total		19776	29,772
Grants			
Maintenance grant			-
District Support Repayments		552	22,768
District activities			5,370
Explorer activities			9,180
Campsite income inc activities			-
Rents		0	
Refunds		136	
Sub total		688	37,318
Events			
District Camps		7180	229
ACES Activities		7633	435
ACES Camps		9821	7,738
International Camps		13750	
Other fundraising activities			1,300
Uniform and badges		1111	916
Sub total		39496	10,618
Campsite income			
Camping/Activities		66833	46,920
Tuck		2262	2,601
Water team		496	-
Sub total		69590	49,521
Investment income			
Bank interest		663	87
Building Society interest			-
Other investment income			-
Sub total		663	87
Total Gross Income		130213	127,316
Asset and investment sales, etc.			-
Total receipts		130213	127,316

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		Year From	1 March 23 - 29 Feb 24
Receipts and payments			
		2024	2023
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
Payments			
Charitable Payments			
Rents		920	
Youth programme and activities		7550	12,825
Reach repayment		5000	5,000
Campsite water/sewage		15939	12,363
Campsite Utilities		10222	3,808
Campsite telephone/internet		0	259
Campsite activities		1729	756
Insurances		7057	5,468
Campsite repairs and renewals		17869	8,842
Tuckshop		3237	3,166
Bank fees		638	378
Administration		2069	1,808
Uniforms and badges		3158	1,997
District support loans		552	15,080
Programme		5906	2,975
Campsite cleaning		2126	978
Campsite refunds		47	1,750
ACES - Camps and Events		19683	7,925
Correction		0	3,848
Training		100	
International		4560	
Other		909	1,702
Sub total		109273	90,928
Fundraising expenses			
Other fundraising costs			1,000
Sub total		0	1,000
Total Gross Expenditure		109273	91,928
Due from Donisthorpe		6007	-
Total payments		115280	91,928
Net of receipts/(payments)		14933	35,388
Cash from ACES brought forward		235	
Cash funds last year end		98588	63,200
Cash funds this year end		113757	98,588

Ashby & Coalville District Scout Council (521717)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year From	1 March 23 - 29 Feb 24
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	79238	73,288
Bank current account & petty cash - ACES	31251	23,092
Bank deposit account	2250	2,208
Equals Pre Pay Card	860	
Cash/Floats	158	
Total cash funds	113757	98,588
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)		
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	0	-
Debtors - owing from Donisthorpe	7163	1,156
Expenses paid in advance	0	-
Sub total	7163	1,156
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	0	-
Quoted investments	0	-
Other investments - detail	0	-
Sub total	0	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Shop stock	0	-
Other stock	0	-
Land and buildings	1320000	1,320,000
Motor vehicles	0	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	48000	48,000
Other	0	-
Sub total	1368000	1,368,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	0	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	-
Loan - detail		5,000
Other liabilities	0	-
Sub total	0	5,000
Total net assets	1488920	1,472,744

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11th Sept 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Chair



11/9/24

Treasurer

S Mitchell

11/9/24

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashby and Coalville District Scout Council for the year ended 28 February 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Ashby and 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 and 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **Ashby and Coalville District Scout Council** 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: *D Wray*

Name: David Wray

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

Address: 10 Belgrave Boulevard, Leicester

Date: