CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 522413

Details

Other names	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS' LOCAL ASSOCIATION, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE DIVISIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-07-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£164,273	£135,394	-	-
2024-03-31	£146,606	£161,815	-	-
2023-03-31	£101,440	£178,467	-	-
2022-03-31	£126,736	£213,784	-	-
2021-03-31	£105,288	£66,913	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr PETER JOHN AVERY	Chair	2018-07-24
ANDREW GRAHAM BASSETT FCA		2011-11-04
Benjamin Andrew Skaife		2023-09-20
Bob Tyson		2014-09-24
Daniel Mercer		2014-09-24
Elinor Catherine Amy Barwick		2023-09-20
George Thomas Willingham		2026-01-28
Joseph Ingram		2025-09-10
Loraine Hazel Metcalf		2021-09-22
Paul Coulson		2022-07-20
VIX WALLIS		2013-07-21

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Registered Charity No (England & Wales): 522413 Scout

Registration No: 14626

Charity Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:	City of Newcastle District Scout Council
Other names by which known:	Newcastle (City) Scouts
Previous names:	Newcastle Coordinating Committee Great North Scout District Newcastle East Scout District
Charity registration number:	522413 (England & Wales)
Scout Registration No:	14626
Operational address:	c/o Scout House 39 Horsley Avenue Shiremoor NE27 0UG
Independent Examiner:	Ms Niki Leach

Trustees: The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Dr Peter Avery	*District Chair*	*ex-officio to 22 September 2024*
Dr Peter Avery	*District Chair*	*elected 22 September 2024 to 2027*
Mrs Kath Tyson	*District Lead Volunteer*	*ex-officio*
Mr Daniel Mercer	*District Explorer Scout Commissioner*	*ex-officio to 22 September 2024*
Mr Daniel Mercer		*elected 22 September 2024 to 2027*
Mr Andrew Bassett FCA	*District Treasurer*	*ex-officio to 22 September 2024*
Mr Andrew Bassett FCA	*District Treasurer*	*elected 22 September 2024 to 2025*
Mr Robert (Bob) Tyson	*District Secretary*	*ex-officio to 22 September 2024*
Mr Robert (Bob) Tyson		*elected 22 September 2024 to 2025*
Ms Victoria (Vix) Wallis	*District Scout Network Commissioner*	*ex-officio to 22 September 2024*
Ms Victoria (Vix) Wallis		*elected 22 September 2024 to 2025*
Mr James (Jim) McDonald		*elected to 22 September 2024*
Mr Jonathan Portlock		*nominated to 22 September 2024*
Mr Aidan Byrne		*elected to 22 September 2024*
Mrs Lorraine Metcalf		*nominated to 22 September 2024*
Mrs Lorraine Metcalf		*elected 22 September 2024 to 2027*
Mr Logan O'Hara		*elected to 22 September 2024*
Mr Paul Coulson		*nominated to 22 September 2024*
Mr Paul Coulson		*elected 22 September 2024 to 2027*
Mr Benjamin (Ben) Skaife		*elected to 2025*
Mr James Hill	*District Youth Lead*	*ex officio*
Mrs Elinor Barwick		*nominated to 20 September 2024*
Mrs Elinor (Ellie) Barwick		*elected 22 September 2024 to 2025*

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Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation of the charity

The charity was registered on 3rd July 1964 and formally changed its name in October 2011.

The District's governing documents are those of 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 ('POR') 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 covers the same boundaries as the Newcastle upon Tyne City Council.

The District comprises 21 Groups (2024:21) (separate charities delivering Scouting for Squirrel Scouts, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts in local areas) for which the District Executive has an advisory and support role. The District delivers Scouting through 8 Explorer Scout Units including a Young Leader Unit (for 14 to 18 year olds), a District Scout Network (18-25 year olds) and 3 former Scout Active Support Units (SASU).

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 registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the District Lead Volunteer and the District Youth Lead (both ex officio), the District Chair and Treasurer and up to 8 elected or co-opted members. Elected members (including the Chair and Treasurer) may be elected for periods of up to 3 years and may serve for a maximum of 9 years. The Trustee Board meets every 2 months.

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance, working to ensure that the District is meeting The Scout Association's overall aims and strategic goals and is well managed, carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board may appoint any sub teams it considers appropriate to assist with the objects and aims of the charity.

Trustee changes

These are shown in the reference and administrative details of the charity. New Trustees are provided with full support and induction into their role as Executive members on appointment.

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Risk Management

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed; these have been reviewed periodically and systems have been established and continue to develop to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to buildings, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from Scout Groups within the District. The District has sufficient buildings and equipment insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through membership fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Casual helpers are insured directly by the District.
- Reduced income. Whilst the District currently has substantial funds arising from earlier property disposals and is not dependent on current incoming revenues, it also has substantial investment income arising from a property owned by the District. There are sufficient reserves to cover all current projected developments
- 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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
- The District prepares an annual budget before the commencement of the year to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover at least the following year's expected requirements.

Our aims and objectives

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting uses a Method, which is 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.

Scouting is open to all young people between the ages of 4 and 25 years irrespective of class, ethnic origin, nationality (or statelessness) or race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

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Ensuring that we achieve our aims

A programme of activities, run by District volunteers, that furthers our purpose and method and compliments those offered by Scout Groups is provided for members of the Association for each of the sections: Squirrels 4-6 years; Beavers 6-8 years; Cubs 8-10½ years; Scouts 10½-14 years; Explorers 14-18 years; and Network 18-25 years. These activities are open to all young members in the District via their Scout Groups/Explorer Units. Some activities are restricted by their nature, in which cases places are taken on a first come, first served basis or by selection. Any selection process adheres to the Scout Association's diversity policy and will take into account any requirements of the activity. Activities are normally financed by a range of charges, together with fundraising for larger scale activities.
Should a young person not be able to pay 100% of the activity costs this would not be a bar to participation. Detailed reports are in the Annual Report for the District.

Financial Review

After several years of planned excesses of payments over receipts by the use of a District Development Officer [DDO], the District has returned to a positive cash flow with a surplus of receipts over income totalling £28,879 compared with the budgeted deficit of £382,356, which would have been covered by the realisation of investments. The major saving was through the delayed planned development of House on the Hill which it is hoped will, at least, commence in the current year but the expenditure is expected to be partly offset by external fundraising for which a professional fundraiser has been retained. A substantial return of previous payments for the support of the DDO was received from The Scout Association whilst the support for the provision of District wide activities for the younger age groups run by the 21 groups within the District was not incurred although this was partly offset by increased support for the older age groups run at District level. The charity has not previously sort to raise funds and does not charge a subscription to its members at District level. Individual members of District Explorer Scout Units pay subscriptions (as do members of the Groups within the District) to finance their sections' activities. Subscriptions collected by the District are passed in full to Northumberland County Scouts.

The invested funds – generated largely from property disposals in previous districts – are held pending developments within and for the District in particular with properties but provide some income in the meantime. The District Executive intends to apply substantial funds to property development and improvements within the District to improve facilities for the provision of Scouting.

The District makes grants and provides other assistance to Groups and individuals in need, to assist in achieving the objects of, in particular, personal development.

Reserves Policy

The District has cash reserves but is aware of possible short-term needs arising from the developments referred to. The Treasurer has been delegated to place available cash funds on short/medium term deposits whilst ensuring sufficient liquid funds are maintained to meet the immediate needs of the District when interest rates make this beneficial although no funds are currently available for this purpose..

In addition, the District 'inherited' (from a previous District) invested funds totalling £255,000 with a market value at 31 March 2025 of £899,734 (2024: £925,233) which are invested to either protect the capital or provide some income for the future. The invested funds are managed by CCLA (Church, Charity and Local Authority) fund managers.

Future Plans

The budgets for the current (2025-26) year were approved in March showing a deficit of £330,000 including provisional sums for expenditure likely to be incurred in the following 12 months in respect of the development at House on the Hill. Invested funds will be drawn on to fund these outlays as required. The actual outcome will depend on the speed with which any development of House on the Hill is achieved and also whether our tenant is able to continue to reduce the arrears that accumulated during the pandemic lockdowns.

This Trustees' Report has been approved by the Trustee Board and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Peter John Avery (Chair) **Andrew Graham Bassett (Treasurer)**

16 July 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of City of Newcastle

District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Council (Charity Number 522413) for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on sub- pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Nicola Leach
33 Amberley Gardens
Cochrane Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE7 7JR

16 July 2025

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Financial report for the Year to 31 March 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	2024 Year (all sections)
Receipts			£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	87,159		87,159	72,737
Less paid to County/TSA	(76,816)		(76,816)	(65,414)
Net membership subscriptions	10,343	0	10,343	7,323
Donations	2,543	4,850	7,393	4,833
Gift Aid	1,139		1,139	1,818
Legacies	-		-	-
Sub total	14,025	4,850	18,875	13,974
Grants				
Newcastle City Council	-		-	-
Other grants	2,000	750	2,750	-
Sub total	2,000	750	2,750	-
Fundraising (gross)				
Badge Sales & Commissions	770		770	505
Explorers	-		-	60
SASU	56		56	402
Other fundraising activities	3,701		3,701	3,904
Sub total	4,527	-	4,527	4,871
Investment income				
Interest Received	5,352		5,352	5,487
Property Rent income	72,590		72,590	67,679
Sub total	77,942	-	77,942	73,166
Receipts from Charitable Activities				
District Uniformed: Explorers	33,537		33,537	32,549
Network	299		299	-
SASU	-		-	-
Gang Show	25,232		25,232	14,604
Section Activities: Squirrels				-
Beavers		-	-	-
Cubs		-	-	-
Scouts	-		-	50
2/more sections together	-		-	284
Leader Training (adults)	711		711	255
Leader Training (Yls)				-
Loans repaid	400		400	5,294
St George's Day & Carol Serv's	-		-	-
Sundry	-		-	1,559
Ford Camp Site	-		-	-
Sub total	60,179	-	60,179	54,595
Total Gross Incom	158,673	5,600	164,273	146,606
Asset and investment sales, etc.				-
Total receipt	158,673	5,600	164,273	146,606

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		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	2024 Year (all sections)
Payments		£	£	£	£
Charitable Payments					-
Insurances		52		52	-
District Uniformed:	Explorers	46,881	100	46,981	38,889
	Explorers Equip't	3,179	524	3,703	-
Section Activities:	Squirrels	350		350	-
	Beavers	450		450	-
	Cubs	-		-	-
	Scouts	-		-	-
	2/more sections together	2,241		2,241	1,207
Gang Show		27,684	4,750	32,434	28,457
Network		704		704	131
SASU		24		24	-
Leader Training (adults)		3,149		3,149	1,043
Leader Training (YIs)		3,474		3,474	3,199
Property Costs		13,198		13,198	9,549
Growth & Development Officer		(8,423)		(8,423)	43,151
GDO expenditure budget		-		-	999
Postage, stationery & Administration		14,590		14,590	11,033
Digital, & Media (web PR etc.)		3,992		3,992	5,511
Travel Expenses		292		292	-
St George's Day & Carol Service		-		-	-
AGM and trustee expenses		1,049		1,049	1,004
Donations & Gifts		242		242	200
Other Grants		3,774		3,774	3,846
Travel etc. Grants		2,714		2,714	3,200
Loans Advanced		-		-	5,461
Sundry		8,937		8,937	2,809
Hardship Fund		-		-	
Sub total		128,553	5,374	133,927	159,689
Fundraising expenses					
Badges		-		-	544
Badge rebates		12		12	15
Explorers		747		747	573
Other District sections		708		708	994
		1,467	-	1,467	2,126
Total Gross Expenditure		130,020	5,374	135,394	161,815
Net of receipts/(payments)		28,653	226	28,879	(15,209)
Transfers between funds					
Invested					-
Cash funds last year end		71,490	12,681	84,171	99,380
Cash funds this period end		100,143	12,907	113,050	84,171

Notes

1. Donations and grants from individuals and charitable trusts include (sums in excess of £499): W A Handley CT; Proctor & Gamble; Freemasons of Northumberland; Ted Potts Memorial Fund; Jim Screen Dynorod; R W Mann Trust

2. Restricted funds include £12,681 (2021 £12,681) in respect of rent/maintenance deposit in respect of Osborne Road lease. The remaining restricted funds relate to the Newcastle Gang Show.

3. No Trustees receive any remuneration. 5 Trustees received expenses in connection with their Scouting roles amounting to £408 (2024-4: £207)

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2025			31/03/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	99,790	12,907	112,697	83,757
Bank Deposits	-		-	-
Cash/Floats	353	-	353	414
Total cash funds	100,143	12,907	113,050	84,171
Other monetary assets				
Rent & Badge Debtors	18,686	-	18,686	37,100
Debtors for District activites, etc				-
Loans to Groups:	400		400	800
Overpaid training		-	-	
Total other monetary assets	19,086	-	19,086	37,900
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail				
Osborne Road (insured value)	2,566,550	-	2,566,550	2,479,758
Quoted investments:				
COIF Investment Accumulation Units	557,852	-	557,852	569,159
COIF Global Equity Accumulation Units	119,571	-	119,571	124,868
COIF Ethical Investment Income Units	222,311	-	222,311	231,206
Other investments - detail				
Total investment assets	3,466,284	-	3,466,284	3,404,991
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	144	-	144	460
Land and buildings:				-
Silver Lonnen (insured value)	260,755	-	260,755	254,893
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	23,559	-	23,559	23,006
Other		-	-	
Total non monetary assets	284,458	-	284,458	278,359
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	482	-	482	2,901
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	426	-	426	-
Subscriptions due 11 April	76,610	-	76,610	69,270
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities- accrued costs		-	-	410
Total liabilities	77,518	-	77,518	72,581

Notes

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The District has a 99 year lease on the premises at House on the Hill from 5 August 2021 with an option to terminate on 5 August 2031. There is therefore a contingent liability of £8,419.

There is a contingent liability in respect of the premises at Foundry Lane (Gang Show) being a period of 6 months from the date of notice. Assuming these accounts are accepted by the end of June, there is a contingent liability equivalent to 9 months rent at 31 March 2025 amounting to £3,360.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Peter Avery, Chair

Andrew Bassett , Treasurer

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City of Newcastle Annual Report 2024

Introduction from the Trustees

To all Newcastle Scouts and Friends of Scouting

The Trustee Board is pleased to present the results and report for 2023-2024.

For Scouts and their parents, the adults in uniform are the visible face of Scouting. However at all levels within the District there is much expertise and support behind the scenes. At District level, the Trustee Board and its Sub-Committees provide support to the work done by the Lead Volunteer and her team. The Trustee Board would like to thank all members of the Property and Finance Sub-committee, the Appointments Advisory Sub-Committee, the Gang Show Sub-Committee and the Explorer Sub-committee. The first deal with the finances of the District and the administration of the properties owned and leased by the District. We hope to shortly have a new property to store Gang Show Equipment and plans are progressing to renovate/rebuild House on the Hill. The second Sub-Committee has the important role of ensuring that all adults wanting to be involved in leading and supervising the members of the Scout Movement are able to do so. The Gang Show Sub-Committee steers the organization of the annual Gang Show. It was tremendous success again this year despite the ongoing storage problems. Many thanks to all involved in it. The Explorer Sub-committee oversees the running of Explorers in the district.

After the constraints caused by Covid, events are now back to normal but the world has changed and zoom meetings are now a common occurrence. Kath Tyson is the only Lead Volunteer in the District and is coping amazingly well. We are very grateful to her for tremendous commitment.

Kathryn Toner, our Development Officer, concluded her position at the end of April 2024. We are very grateful to the work she did on behalf of the district helping to recruit new leaders and to develop new sections such as in the West of the City. The Trustee Board is now looking at new ways to help and develop all sections in the District.

No organization runs on physical effort alone! It needs money to help run activities and to help with such things as transport costs and equipment. In Andrew Bassett we have the services of an excellent Treasurer with vast experience and it is his efforts that enable us to present a solid financial position. Many thanks to him, Adam Kirk (his assistant) and staff in the County Office.

I would like to thank all members of the Trustee Board for their support and assistance. In particular I would like to thank Andrew Bassett, Bob Tyson (District Secretary) and Kath Tyson for their help and advice. This year we have lost several people who worked tirelessly for the District. They all will be missed.

Finally we wish to thank all the Volunteers, Young Leaders, Leaders, GSLs, Group Committee members and the District Team for all your past and continuing service and efforts. Your work enables Scouting to benefit many young people of Newcastle and provide a focus in many communities in the City.

Peter Avery

Chair,

City of Newcastle District Scout Trustee Board

District Lead Volunteer

The annual report is the opportunity to look back over the year and I am delighted to say that again there has been a slight increase in the number of young people who are able to engage in the activities organised by teams of committed volunteer leaders within the sections across the District.

I was delighted to hear that Carol Preston, the Group Lead Volunteer of the 82nd Newcastle was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Kings` Birthday Honours List, in recognition of her voluntary work in Scouts. Congratulations Carol, you are a great example for us all to follow.

Bear Grylls had an evening with a live audience at The City Hall, and one of our young people, Martha Terente, represented the City of Newcastle Scouts by speaking with Bear on stage about her Scouting journey.

Young people have had their achievements acknowledged, and our congratulations go to them all and thank you to all those who led the young people. Chief Scouts Acorn, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond Awards also The Queens` Scout or the Kings` Scout Awards (depending on when it was Awarded). Lots of proud parents and leaders saw their young people presented at County presentations.

Adults have also been recognised for their service, 35 adults have been awarded length of service awards, going from 5 years to 50 years (Angela Ryan and Peter Jacques have completed 50 years service. Congratulations to everyone concerned.

Ken Reay was awarded The Commissioners Commendation for Good Service, for his commitment to Gang Show for many, many years.

22 adults have worked for and been awarded the Adult Leader Training Award (The Wood Badge).

I would like to thank the members of the District Trustee Board especially Peter (Chair), Andrew (Treasurer) and Bob (Secretary) with members of the various sub committees for all their support. I would like also to thank our County Lead Volunteer (Peter Thorp) and Deputy County Lead Volunteer (Paul Willis for their support.

Finally I would like to say to all the adult Scouting family, either uniformed or not, within the City, you are doing a special job, helping our young people to reach their full potential, something that can never be measured. Thank you all so much being a generous volunteer.

Kath Tyson

Scout Network

Network in the city continues to grow and thrive with a fantastic bunch of young adults who are leading the way, both within the county and nationally too, having been involved in many county level projects and the national review.

Following an action packed summer last year, which saw members go as staff to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea; several do their Explorer Belt in Italy and some go as crew to support the Explorers Activity Camp at Dilston, we started back in September with a bang and for the last 12 months we have met on the first Wednesday of each month for an all members activity. These have included activities such as cooking, firelighting, pioneering, theatre trips and archery.

In October we invited members of other Scout Networks to take part in a game of Hunted; where teams tried to get from point to point without getting caught by the 'Hunters'. Organised by CNN, there were teams entered from as far away as Sunderland and the University SSAGO also put in a team, so it was nice to make connections with others of the same age around the area. A big thank you to all the volunteers who came as Hunters to make the game such a success.

In December we visited Edinburgh for a Christmas trip, visiting the Camera Obscura, the Christmas Market, the pantomime and enjoying a meal out. It was an exhausting day and the weather was pretty grim, but we managed to make the most of the trip, and even won the Santa Selfie Challenge against the Explorers.

In addition to these Unit events we have also helped to support Newcastle Gang Show, where we had some members in the cast, some back stage and some front of house; taken part in Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions; volunteered as staff at Red Rose International Camp (where the hours were very long and the pay non-existent) and; volunteered time at Great Tower Scout Activity Centre. I have to say that the reports I have had back from team leaders at all the events CNN have helped at, or taken part in have been truly amazing - everyone comments on their hard work and commitment to giving their absolute best to Scouting.

I also must mention that 9 members of the unit went on the County International Trip to Kandersteg, Berlin and Amsterdam over the summer, and despite many transport issues and lost bags, were fantastic representatives for the District, taking part in some fantastic activities. Mountains were climbed, valleys were zip wired across, bridges were jumped off and chocolate was eaten. I was also very pleased to see that one member led a song at the International Campfire, which is quite an event at Kandersteg.

You can see photos from all of these activities and events on our Facebook Page: City of Newcastle Network.

I'm also very pleased that we have had a whole host of top awards completed throughout the last 12 months, which just shows the commitment of our members to getting the most out of Scouting and grabbing every opportunity that they can. Congratulations go to the following:

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD	**CHIEF SCOUT'S DIAMOND AWARD**	**GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**
Adam Lee Euan Bell	Joseph Ingram Anthony Wood Euan Bell Adam Lee	Rio Groves Patrick Hurrell
SCOUTS OF THE WORLD AWARD	**EXPLORER BELT**	**KINGS SCOUT AWARD**
Rio Groves	Jake Stephenson Natasha Dereham Euan Bell	James Lamb Rio Groves Samuel Blake Scarlett Wallis

It was lovely to see 5 members and ex-members of the unit in the King's Scout Parade at Windsor for St George's Day and one also visited Holyrood House for the annual Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award garden party. We are hoping for even more next year as several members are just on the verge of finishing many top awards….good luck to them all.

Finally this year marks the 21st birthday of CNN…and they have truly been 21 glorious years with nearly 40 Queen's/King's Scout Awards, too many Duke of Edinburgh Awards to actually count, thousands of nights away; nearly 20 countries visited and members who have gone on to great things, both in and out of Scouting…from teaching, to leadership, to big business, to making medical advances, to becoming amazing parents with a whole host of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in the next generation and so much more. Good friends have been made, friendships for life and there are regular get togethers of various groups of these friends. Some even come back and help with activities such as DofE or international camps. Watch out for a reunion and celebration around Christmas.

If you would like to join in with our future activities and events you can email networkvixw@gmail.com or get in touch via our facebook page.

Vix Wallis

District Scout Network Commissioner

Scout Active Support Unit (Scout Tribe)

It's been a busy year for members of ScoutTribe who continue to support Scouting in both City of Newcastle District and beyond.

We have been key supporters in the delivery of Duke of Edinburgh awards this year for the district, enabling completion of awards in the summer of 2023 and 2024. We have had new members come and try out Duke of Edinburgh support, as well as the District Explorer provision. We have a willing team of assessors and supervisors who could help out if anyone is in need of support for such events.

This year the unit has also continued to provide skills and support to Dilston campsite, which is a well-used resource by the district. Two of our members also led the Front of House Team at Newcastle Gang Show, and really helped to make the show the success it was.

There have been many International trips both abroad and in the UK in which the SASU unit have supported to enable our district's young people to attend, this includes an the County's KISCaway trip to Switzerland and supporting Red Rose International Camp in West Lancashire, by providing staffing for the commercial team and staff catering.

We are also grateful for those ScoutTribe members who work behind the scenes providing 'In Touch' support for trips and camps and helping to prepare equipment and paperwork so these can happen. Without the support of SASU members many of these projects could not go ahead.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for all of their hard work and welcome our new members. We continue to support the district and look forward to new adventures. If anyone would like to join this informal support team, then please do ot hesitate to get in touch, the support of our members helps Units and Groups right across the district. Similarly, if you would like help from ScoutTribe, do let us know; many members can't commit to every week, but are happy to help out occasionally for one off events, or behind the scenes.

Colette Anson (ScoutTribe Manager)

Scout Active Support Unit (Red Scarf)

Our SASU continues to support Gang Show where possible with particular thanks to John and Ken Reay who assisted immensely with the movement of costumes to and from the storage to rehearsals and also acted as stewards each week. Ken Lindman is also very active backstage and plays a key role. Claire Gauld is on the cast as well as note taker for the Gang Show Trustees. Geoff Coulson remains on the Gang Show Trustees as Deputy Chair. Katy McClen continues to work wonders as Wardrobe Manager and Dave McClen is Vice President.

The Look Wide Walk continues and last September we were pleased to welcome 34 Brazilians who had a tour of the UK arranged to visit notable Scouting sites. There were some language difficulties but we had arranged to translate the key points of the history of the walk and also used their interpreter to answer lots of questions. They presented us with neckers from Brazil and name tapes. They later contacted us to congratulate us for a fantastic day which was the highlight of their UK tour. Other walks have taken.

We have now welcomed two new members to our small team of guides; Mike Hawkins (Group Lead Volunteer of 2nd Wideopen) and Tony Stephenson (Group Lead Volunteer of 1st Lemington). Both know the walk and have been supplied with the script and the Risk Assessment. We are planning to launch a Facebook page with links to the history of the walk as well as the ability to book a guide. We are awaiting confirmation from the author of the Walk article to be able to use this....we have spoken to Colin Walker and don't foresee any problems to use his text.

As mentioned in our report last year, The Scout Association has made some changes and the SASU title will cease to exist. We are fortunate that we are all volunteer helpers with Gang Show and all our members will become members of Gang Show Support Team (this also includes crew, wardrobe, front of house etc). This Team will fall under the remit of the District Support Manager.

With regard to the Look Wide Walk Team members, they will be a sub team under the remit of the Programme Delivery Team. I'm sure all will become clear in the coming months and we will continue to utilise our dedicated team of "SASU" members fully.

It is sad to report that our ex member Don McEwan has "gone home". Representatives of our Unit and Gang Show did attend his funeral.

Explorer Scouts

It's been another busy and action packed year for Newcastle Explorers...

We kick started the year with Explorers out kayaking and paddleboarding at Cullercoats Bay, followed by a quiz night, bonfire social and the usual Christmas festivities. The start of January saw Explorers take part in a Winter Walk (and a hot chocolate from the café along the way!) as well as a District social evening – organised by the Explorers themselves. We returned to the bowling alley for our annual bowling event and filled a whole 12 lanes from all the Units and was joined by our District Lead Volunteer who enjoyed seeing and chatting with everyone.

A working party helped at Hawkhirst with various DIY and maintenance projects ahead of the new camping season. We joined our friends in Castle Morpeth for the annual Monopoly Run event, this time in Durham, as well as taking part in paintballing for the first time in years. We had some fantastic Explorers feature in the Gang Show as well as some of our adult volunteers supporting behind the scenes.

We took 75 Explorers along to West Hall Scout Campsite for the annual District Summer Camp, where they took part in climbing, kayaking, paddleboarding, laser quest and an escape room – as well as the usual campfire, games and a spot of cricket with our County Lead Volunteer.

Units have been busy earning top awards – with many earning their Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout Awards – and were presented with awards at the County Top Awards Ceremony.

Over 100 of our Explorers choose to volunteer as Young Leaders and support the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections. We welcomed 50 along to our annual residential training and skills weekend – with many more attending the ad-hoc evening and weekend sessions provided.

Explorer Scouting in the city continues to thrive thanks to our brilliant young people, their parents and carers and our amazing leaders and volunteers that support them – whether that's running a regular Unit programme or assisting behind the scenes throughout the year.

Dan
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Gang Show

We were pleased to perform the 2024 show at the People Theatre, with increased cast numbers from the previous show.

We had 84 cast members aged 9 upwards, and a further 21 ‘mini gang’ aged 6-8 who performed on the Saturday matinee alongside our main cast. The show's production was led by Stu Bennett, who was supported by his production team, and the vast army of support from those in our backstage teams which included wardrobe, stage scenery and props, makeup, stewards, dressing room support, and the show's trustee board.

We are still struggling for a solution to the wardrobe storage area, and I would like to pay tribute to the small team that ensured the cast had the correct costumes for each number as they worked tirelessly to dress the show in less than adequate wardrobe space.

For a second year in a row, the front-of-house team was made up of members of the Fenham and Newcastle Explorers and from Network who were ambassadors to Scouting within Newcastle.

Over the four months, the cast and crew created new friendships, learned new skills, and became proud members of the Newcastle Gang Show.

Planning has already started for the 2025 Gang Show which is due to be staged at the Peoples Theatre from 22nd – 26th April.

The show’s success is a mammoth team effort, and I would like to thank all the adult support that came together and made the show happen.

Paul Coulson

Chair – Newcastle Gang Show

District Youth Commissioner

Over the last few months I have been working with the explorers youth council and helping them reach their you shape award. As of today almost all members have met the requirements for the award. Five members of the youth council were awarded the you shape award on the 22nd of August.

In the coming months I plan to visit more groups so that they can make a start on their youshape award.

James Hill

Appointments Advisory Committee

Once again, the AAC has had a productive year. Meetings and 'conversations' with over sixty volunteers have taken place both in person and via zoom, a combination which seems to be popular with all concerned. It has been encouraging that volunteers are stepping up to work in all groups from Squirrels to Explorers. It has been super to meet each person and find out about their desire to support and be positive role models for our young people. It has also been heartening to learn about individual's Scouting journeys and how the movement has positively impacted their lives. A clear thread has emerged, that our Scouting values always remain with us and that many of our volunteers stem from the seeds that were planted when they were much younger. This may be straight after Explorers/Network activities, but also quite often when adults have their own families & they wish their own children to begin their Scouting journey.

Whatever their background, it is always a privilege for the AAC to share in their enthusiasm and passion for Scouting.

I would like to thank the members of the AAC who willingly give their time, to Kath Tyson for her words of wisdom and Pamela Iley for providing excellent admin support.

Lorraine Metcalf

AAC Chair

Treasurer's Report

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The year was a 'reasonably normal' one i.e. returning to the pre-Covid pattern whilst our main source of external income (the property rents for Osborne Road) did come in with 12 instalments over the year reducing the debt from the covid era to £37,100 at the year end (2023: £49,740). District wide activities for the sections up to and including Scouts were paused for the year but those for Explorers were expanded.

Our gross unrestricted receipts for the year totalled £144,084 (2023: £97,790) with major increases in: net subscriptions (£6,982); gift aid (£1,283); fundraising activities (£3,847 – mainly through Gang Show); property rents (£4,679); explorer activities (£14,261); Gang Show (£14,604); repaid loans (£4.545 but offset by increased payments of £4,077) and the transfer of £1,459 from the ceased Hazlerigg Group.

Net subscriptions accounted for around 5% of gross unrestricted receipts (2023:0%); Grants & donations 2% (2023: 2%); gift aid 1% (2023: 0%); rent and interest 51% (2023:70%) and receipts from charitable activities 38% (2023: 26%).

Our unrestricted payments totalled £149,056 (2023: £172,712) with the major savings/reduced payments in: district wide section activities (down c£15,500 but increased payments re explorers of £12,350); reductions in adult leader training (c£2,400) property costs (c£7,800); digital, media, PR etc (c£4,800); travel grants re international camps etc (c£8,000). These reductions were offset by increases in: gang show payments (c£3,550) administration (c£3,350); grants and support for groups (c£6,800). In percentage terms, 47% was expended on District and Section activities at District level (including leader training) against 36% in the previous year; 6% on property repairs (reduced from 10% as plans developed for changes at House on the Hill); 29% on the development officer (up from 24% but broadly the same amount); administration support paid to County comprised 4 payments (against 3 in the previous year) and totalled £10,880 (7.3% compared with £7,630 – 4.4% in 2023). Travel grants (for international events) cost £3,200 (2%) compared with £11,150 (6.2%) with a return to the more normal cycle of events after the catch-up year post covid.

Overall, we expended £4,950 (2023: £75,022) more than we received in the year on unrestricted funds – whilst restricted funds decreased by £10,259 with the release of the restricted legacy for the gang show against the expenditure in the year leaving £12,681 being a deposit held against maintenance and rent arrears at Osborne Road.

A major anticipated (still!) expenditure to be incurred in the next 12 months is for the development of House on the Hill where the cost is estimated in excess of £500,000. There may also be substantial maintenance costs at Silver Lonnen that could amount to around £30,000.

The statement of Assets and Liabilities provides details of investment assets and other assets held by the District (and liabilities).

I expected this to be my last report as Treasurer after 13 years for the combined district and I have thoroughly enjoyed the time on the executive (now Trustee Board but always Trustees!) in its role of supporting the DC/TeamDC (District Lead Volunteer(s)) in turn both providing scouting for explorers and network and supporting the groups in their role of providing scouting which now covers from 4 to 14. Unless there is a sudden volunteer between writing this and the AGM, it seems that you may be stuck with me for a further year. I am grateful to all who have assisted me over the years including all unit treasurers/record keepers, Adam Kirk who has brought order and efficiency to explorers, Anna Patecka-Gebka for her bookkeeping and Maureen Austin for her diligent work with badges for so many years.

Andrew Bassett District Treasurer

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No (England & Wales): 522413

Scout Registration No: 14626

Charity Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:	City of Newcastle District Scout Council
Other names by which known:	Newcastle (City) Scouts
Previous names:	Newcastle Coordinating Committee Great North Scout District Newcastle East Scout District
Charity registration number:	522413 (England & Wales)
Scout Registration No:	14626
Operational address:	c/o Scout House 39 Horsley Avenue Shiremoor NE27 0UG
Independent Examiner:	Ms Niki Leach

Trustees: The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Dr Peter Avery	*District Chair*	*ex-officio*	
Mrs Kath Tyson	*District Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	
Mr Daniel Mercer	*District Explorer Scout Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	
Mr Andrew Bassett FCA	*District Treasurer*	*ex-officio*	
Mr Robert (Bob) Tyson	*District Secretary*	*ex-officio*	
Ms Victoria (Vix) Wallis	*District Scout Network Leader*	*ex-officio*	
Mr James (Jim) McDonald		*elected*	
Mr Jonathan Portlock		*elected*	*to 20 September 2023*
Mr Jonathan Portlock		*nominated*	*from 20 September 2023*
Mr Scott Ideson		*elected*	
Mr Aidan Byrne		*elected*	
Mrs Lorraine Metcalf		*nominated*	
Mr Logan O'Hara	*District Youth Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	*to 20 September 2023*
Mr Logan O'Hara		*elected*	*from 20 September 2023*
Mr Paul Coulson		*nominated*	
Mr Benjamin Skaife		*elected*	*from 20 September 2023*
Mr James Hill	*District Youth Commissioner*	*ex officio*	*from 20 September 2023*
Mrs Elinor Barwick		*nominated*	*from 20 September 2023*

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation of the charity

The charity was registered on 3rd July 1964 and formally changed its name in October 2011.

The District's governing documents are those of 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 ('POR') 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 covers the same boundaries as the Newcastle upon Tyne City Council.

The District comprises 20 Groups (2023:21) (separate charities delivering Scouting for Squirrel Scouts, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts in local areas) for which the District Executive has an advisory and support role. The district delivers Scouting through 8 Explorer Scout Units including a Young Leader Unit (for 14 to 18 year olds), a District Scout Network (18-25 year olds) and 3 Scout Active Support Units (SASU).

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee renamed as the 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 registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner(s), District Explorer Scout Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner(s), District Scout Network Leader(s) and a maximum of 5 each of elected, nominated and co-opted representatives, and meets every 2 months.

The District Trustee Board exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of her appointment and is responsible for: promoting the development of Scouting in the District and arranging for harmonious co-operation with other organisations; the raising of funds and the administration of the District's finances and property, including Explorer Scout Units, District Scout Network and District Scout Active Support Units; appointing a District Appointments Advisory Committee, Chair and Secretary as per POR: The Appointment Process; appointing other sub-Committees and their chairs as the Committee may require; supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property; attending to District administration, particularly: matters relating to Leader, Manager and Supporter appointments; the appointment of Section Assistants and Skills Instructors, Administrators and Advisers; registrations, membership of the Movement, appointing a Badge Secretary for the District; the presentation of an Annual Report and annual statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council.

Trustee changes

These are shown in the reference and administrative details of the charity. New Trustees are provided with full support and induction into their role as Executive members on appointment.

Risk Management

The District Executive has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed; these have been reviewed periodically and systems have been established and continue to develop to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to buildings, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from Scout Groups within the District. The District has sufficient buildings and equipment insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through membership fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Casual helpers are insured directly by the District.
- Reduced income. Whilst the District currently has substantial funds arising from earlier property disposals and is not dependent on current incoming revenues, it also has substantial investment income arising from a property owned by the District. There are sufficient reserves to cover all current projected development
- 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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
- The District prepares an annual budget before the commencement of the year to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover at least the following year's expected requirements.

Our aims and objectives

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting uses a Method, which is 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.

Scouting is open to all young people between the ages of 4 and 25 years irrespective of class, ethnic origin, nationality (or statelessness) or race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Ensuring that we achieve our aims

A programme of activities, run by District volunteers, that furthers our purpose and method and compliments those offered by Scout Groups is provided for members of the Association for each of the sections: Squirrels 4-6 years; Beavers 6-8 years; Cubs 8-10½ years; Scouts 10½-14 years; Explorers 14-18 years; and Network 18-25 years. These activities are open to all young members in the District via their Scout Groups/Explorer Units. Some activities are restricted by their nature, in which cases places are taken on a first come, first served basis or by selection. Any selection process adheres to the Scout Association's diversity policy and will take into account any requirements of the activity. Activities are normally financed by a range of charges, together with fundraising for larger scale activities. Should a young person not be able to pay 100% of the activity costs this would not be a bar to participation. Detailed reports are in the Annual Report for the District.

Financial Review

The charity reports a deficit on total funds for the year of £15,209 decreasing the net cash funds held by the charity to £84,171. This was against a budgeted deficit of £122,851. Major areas of underspend, compared with the budgets were: support for the various district wide activities; underspend on property repairs etc (largely pending major development at House on the Hill); less funds expended on support and development of groups, sections etc throughout the district and less than budgeted for travel etc offset by increased costs in the area of digital, media and PR and initial costs of surveys, reports etc re putative purchases of properties in Blyth and Newcastle.

The charity does not seek to raise funds and does not charge a subscription to its members at District level. Individual members of District Explorer Scout Units pay subscriptions (as do members of the Groups within the District) to finance their sections' activities. Subscriptions collected by the District are passed in full to Northumberland County Scouts

The invested funds – generated largely from property disposals in previous districts – are held pending developments within and for the District in particular with properties but provide some income in the meantime. The District Executive intends to apply substantial funds to property development and improvements within the District to improve facilities for the provision of Scouting.

The District makes grants, and provides other assistance to Groups and individuals in need, to assist in achieving the objects of, in particular, personal development.

Reserves Policy

The District has cash reserves but is aware of possible short-term needs arising from the developments referred to. The Treasurer has been delegated to place available cash funds on short/medium term deposits whilst ensuring sufficient liquid funds are maintained to meet the immediate needs of the District when interest rates make this beneficial although no funds are currently available for this purpose..

In addition, the District 'inherited' (from a previous District) invested funds totalling £255,000 with a market value at 31 March 2024 of £925,233 (2023: £815,938) which are invested to either protect the capital or provide some income for the future. The invested funds are managed by CCLA (Church, Charity and Local Authority) fund managers.

Future Plans

The budgets for the current (2024-25) year were approved in March showing a deficit of £375,555 including provisional sums for expenditure likely to be incurred in the following 12 months in respect of the development at House on the Hill. Invested funds will be drawn on to fund these outlays as required. The actual outcome will depend on the speed with which any development of House on the Hill is achieved and also whether our tenant is able to continue to reduce the arrears that accumulated during the pandemic lockdowns.

This Trustees' Report has been approved by the Trustee Board and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Peter John Avery (Chair) Andrew Graham Bassett (Treasurer)
17 July 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of City of Newcastle District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Council (Charity Number 522413) for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 3. (Pages 17 to 19 in the full report)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Nicola Leach
33 Amberley Gardens
Cochrane Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE7 7JR

17 July 2024

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Financial report for the year to 31 March 2024

Receipts and payments

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds £	2023 Year (all sections) £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions		72,737		72,737	66,450
Less paid to County/TSA		(65,414)		(65,414)	(66,109)
Net membership subscriptions		7,323	-	7,323	341
Donations		2,333	2,500	4,833	1,796
Gift Aid		1,818		1,818	536
Legacies		-		-	-
Sub total		11,474	2,500	13,974	2,673
Grants					
Newcastle City Council		-		-	-
Other grants		-		-	4,000
Sub total		-	-	-	4,000
Fundraising (gross)					
Badge Sales & Commissions		505		505	665
Explorers		60		60	-
SASU		402		402	144
Other fundraising activities		3,904		3,904	215
Sub total		4,870	-	4,871	1,023
Investment income					
Interest Received		5,487		5,487	5,163
Property Rent income		67,679		67,679	63,000
Sub total		73,166	-	73,166	68,162
Receipts from Charitable Activities					
District Uniformed:	Explorers	32,549		32,549	18,285
	Network	-		-	-
	SASU	-		-	-
	Gang Show	14,604		14,604	-
Section Activities:	Squirrels	-		-	-
	Beavers	-		-	-
	Cubs	-		-	960
	Scouts	50		50	1,725
	2/more sections together	284		284	3,120
Leader Training (adults)		255		255	600
Leader Training (YIs)		-		-	-
Loans repaid		5,294		5,294	750
St George's Day & Carol Serv's		-		-	-
Sundry		1,559		1,559	101
Ford Camp Site		-		-	40
Sub total		54,595	-	54,595	25,581
Total Gross Income		144,106	2,500	146,606	101,440
Asset and investment sales, etc.					-
Total receipts		144,106	2,500	146,606	101,440

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Financial report for the year to 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	2023 Year (all sections)
Payments		£	£	£	£
Charitable Payments					
Insurances		-		-	52
District Uniformed:	Explorers	38,889		38,889	25,836
	Explorers Equip't	-		-	684
Section Activities:		-		-	-
	Beavers	-		-	328
	Cubs	-		-	30
	Scouts	-		-	2,928
	2/more sections together	1,207		1,207	12,739
Gang Show		15,697	12,760	28,457	17,785
Network		131		131	200
SASU					10
Leader Training (adults)		1,043		1,043	3,471
Leader Training (YIs)		3,199		3,199	3,870
Property Costs		9,549		9,549	17,350
Growth & Development Officer		43,151		43,151	42,473
GDO expenditure budget		999		999	915
Print, postage & stationery		11,033		11,033	7,687
Digital, & Media (web PR etc.)		5,511		5,511	10,378
Travel Expenses		-		-	1,035
St George's Day & Carol Service		-		-	-
AGM and trustee expenses		1,004		1,004	957
Donations & Gifts		200		200	250
Other Grants		3,846		3,846	10,621
Travel etc. Grants		3,200		3,200	11,150
Loans Advanced		5,461		5,461	1,384
Sundry		2,809		2,809	5,081
Sub total		146,929	12,760	159,689	177,212
Fundraising expenses					
Badges		544		544	817
Badge rebates		15		15	13
Explorers		573		573	425
Other District sections		994		994	-
		2,126	-	2,126	1,255
Total Gross Expenditure		149,055	12,760	161,815	178,467
Net of receipts/(payments)		(4,949)	(10,260)	(15,209)	(77,027)
Transfers between funds					
Invested					-
Cash funds last year end		76,439	22,941	99,380	176,406
Cash funds this period end		71,490	12,681	84,171	99,380

Notes

1. Donations and grants from individuals and charitable trusts include (sums in excess of £499): W A Handley CT; Freemasons of Northumberland; Hedley Denton Charitable Trust; Dynorod North East
2. Restricted funds include £12,263 (2021 £12,263) in respect of rent/maintenance deposit in respect of Osborne Road lease. The remaining restricted funds relate to the Newcastle Gang Show.
3. No Trustees receive any remuneration. 4 Trustees received expenses in connection with their Scouting roles amounting to £207 (2023-3: £1,388)

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2024			31/03/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	71,076	12,681	83,757	98,449
Bank Deposits	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	414	-	414	931
Total cash funds	71,490	12,681	84,171	99,380
Other monetary assets				
Rent & Badge Debtors	37,100	-	37,100	49,747
Debtors for District activites, etc	-	-	-	167
Loans to Groups:	800		800	634
Overpaid training		-	-	
Total other monetary assets	37,900	-	37,900	50,548
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail				
Osborne Road (insured value)	2,479,758	-	2,479,758	2,287,600
Quoted investments:				
COIF Investment Accumulation Units	569,159	-	569,159	506,777
COIF Global Equity Accumulation Units	124,868	-	124,868	113,548
COIF Ethical Investment Income Units	231,206	-	231,206	195,612
Other investments - detail				
Total investment assets	3,404,991	-	3,404,991	3,103,538
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	460	-	460	253
Land and buildings:				
Silver Lonnen (insured value)	254,893	-	254,893	234,709
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	23,006	-	23,006	22,132
Other		-	-	
Total non monetary assets	278,359	-	278,359	257,094
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	2,901	-	2,901	2,847
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions due 9 April	69,270	-	69,270	65,414
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities- accrued costs	410	-	410	51
Total liabilities	72,581	-	72,581	68,312

Notes

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The District has a 99 year lease on the premises at House on the Hill from 5 August 2021 with an option to terminate on 5 August 2031. There is therfore a contingent liability of £9,744

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Peter Avery Chair

Andrew Bassett Treasurer

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CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2023			31/03/2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	75,509	22,940	98,449	125,169
Bank Deposits	-		-	50,000
Cash/Floats	931	-	931	1,237
Total cash funds	76,440	22,940	99,380	176,406
Other monetary assets				
Rent & Badge Debtors	49,747	-	49,747	59,545
Debtors for District activites, etc	167		167	1,730
Loans to Groups:	634		634	-
Overpaid training		-	-	
Total other monetary assets	50,548	-	50,548	61,275
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail				
Osborne Road (insured value)	2,287,600	-	2,287,600	2,150,000
Quoted investments:				
COIF Investment Accumulation Units	506,777	-	506,777	511,141
COIF Global Equity Accumulation Units	113,548	-	113,548	119,454
COIF Ethical Investment Income Units	195,612	-	195,612	197,280
Other investments - detail				
Total investment assets	3,103,538	-	3,103,538	2,977,875
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	253	-	253	93
Land and buildings:				
Silver Lonnen (insured value)	234,709	-	234,709	199,821
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	22,132	-	22,132	20,000
Other		-	-	
Total non monetary assets	257,094	-	257,094	219,914
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	2,847	-	2,847	2,735
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions due 12 April	65,414	-	65,414	66,109
Loan - (detail)		-	-	-
Other liabilities- accrued costs	51	-	51	
Total liabilities	68,312	-	68,312	68,844

Notes

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The first break clause for House on the Hill is 5 August 2031 — 11,069

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 31 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Peter Avery Chair

Andrew Bassett Treasurer

Introduction from the Trustees

To all Newcastle Scouts and Friends of Scouting

The Executive is pleased to present the results and report for 2022-2023.

For Scouts and their parents, the adults in uniform are the visible face of Scouting. However at all levels within the District there is much expertise and support behind the scenes. At District level, the Executive and its Sub-Committees provide support to the work done by the Commissioner and her team. The Executive would like to thank all members of the Property and Finance Sub-committee, the Appointments Advisory Sub-Committee and the Gang Show Sub-Committee. The first deal with the finances of the District and the administration of the properties owned and leased by the District. We hope to shortly have a new property to store Gang Show Equipment and plans are starting to renovate House on the Hill. The second Sub-Committee has the important role of ensuring that all adults wanting to be involved in leading and supervising the members of the Scout Movement are able to do so. The Gang Show Sub-Committee steers the organization of the annual Gang Show. It was tremendous that it returned in April after a four year gap and it was better than ever. Many thanks to all involved in it.

After the constraints caused by Covid, events are now back to normal but the world has changed and zoom meetings are now a common occurrence. We are very grateful to Dan Mercer for his tremendous work as a District Commissioner. He has stood down from that role but is now organizing Explorers across the District and is doing a great job. Kath Tyson is thus the only District Commissioner and is coping amazingly well. We are very grateful to her for tremendous commitment.

Kathryn Toner, our Development Officer, continues to work hard on behalf of the district helping to recruit new leaders and to develop new sections such as a Muslim group in the West of the City.

No organization runs on physical effort alone! It needs money to help run activities and to help with such things as transport costs and equipment. In Andrew Bassett we have the services of an excellent Treasurer with vast experience and it is his efforts that enable us to present a solid financial position. Many thanks to him, Adam Kirk (his assistant) and staff in the County Office.

I would like to thank all members of the Executive Committee for their support and assistance. In particular I would like to thank Andrew Bassett, Bob Tyson (District Secretary) and the District Commissioners for their help and advice. This year we have lost several people who worked tirelessly for the District. In particular, Peter Short who was very helpful to me as I started off as Chair. They all will be missed.

Finally we wish to thank all the Volunteers, Young Leaders, Leaders, GSLs, Group Committee members and the District Team for all your past and continuing service and efforts. Your work enables Scouting to benefit many young people of Newcastle and provide a focus in many communities in the City.

Peter Avery

Chair

City of Newcastle District Scout Council Executive

District Commissioner's Report

It does not seem a year since I wrote the last report for the yearbook. I am pleased to report that Scouting continues to flourish within the City, 1429 young people, aged from 4 to 25 developing skills for life, and supported by adult volunteers. Young people have had their achievements acknowledged, and our congratulations go to them all. Young people gaining Chief Scouts Acorn, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond Awards, Queens Scout Award and the first Kings Scout Award. Many young people have also achieved their Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. This can only happen because of the leadership teams, delivering good active and interesting programmes week by week. The amount of time that they freely give is greatly appreciated.

Adults have been recognised for their service, 49 adults have been awarded length of service awards, going from 5 years to 60 years (Vince Mackell has completed 60 years service, an example for us all to follow).

This year, Gang Show resumed, and in acknowledgement we presented Commissioners Commendation for Good Service to the following, Stu Bennett, Debra Coulson, Geoff Coulson, Brian Gates, Claire Gauld, Katie Jackson, Dave McClen, Katy McClen, Di Middleton, Gareth Miller, Dave Phelan, John Reay. The citation stating "Awarded for their commitment and support of Newcastle Gang Show over many years".

We also presented Commissioners Commendation for Good Service to Peter Coates, for his service to Scouting across the City of Newcastle over many, many years. Peter was not uniformed, but been involved for 40 plus years.

It is important that we have fully trained adults leading the sections and at Manager level, this year 27 adults have been awarded the Adult Leader Training Award (The Wood Badge). There is no cloth badge, but the sign is two wooden beads on a leather thong worn around the neck.

Since last year, we have been saddened by the passing to a higher life of Ian Fair (Scots Gap Warden for many years), Dave Mowbray (last position Manager of Scout Active Support), Peter Short (Manager of House on the Hill), Bill Hampson (SASU member) and Stephen Duck (GSL of Kingston Park Scout Group). They all gave exceptional service and are greatly missed. Their commitment to Scouting, is an example to be followed.

Scouting is a Movement, and to remain relevant changes are made. We now call our Executive Committees Trustee Boards, and I would like to thank most sincerely the Trustee Board members of City of Newcastle, your support, advice and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

We have had changes in the District Team. Dan has stepped down as a District Commissioner, and is now responsible for the development and leadership of the Explorer Scout Section. Thank you Dan for the work you did as a DC, and what you are doing as a DESC. Ben Skaife has stepped down as District Media Manager, to concentrate upon being an Explorer Scout Leader. Logan O`Hara has stepped down from District Youth Commissioner but is still involved as an Assistant Section Leader (Cubs). Thank you both for all your contributions, enthusiasm and commitment to the District. I hope you enjoy your new roles delivering Scouting directly to the young people.

I need to also thank Kathryn Toner (our Community and Growth Officer), and Pamela Iley and Adam Patterson (who we employ to support administration) for their commitment to Scouting in the City.

A final thank you to everyone who supports, either by wearing a uniform and leading the sections, or being part of a Trustee Board or sub-committee, this great District. Your commitment is second to none.

Kath Tyson

City of Newcastle District Commissioner

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Financial report for the Year to 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	2022 Year (all sections)
Payments		£	£	£	£
Charitable Payments					
Insurances		52		52	-
District Uniformed:	Explorers	25,836		25,836	15,200
	Explorers Equip't	684		684	894
Section Activities:	Squirrels				
	Beavers	328		328	3,581
	Cubs	30		30	9,427
	Scouts	2,928		2,928	5,241
	2/more sections together	12,739		12,739	45,686
Gang Show		12,130	5,655	17,785	13,833
Network		200		200	26
SASU		10		10	
Leader Training (adults)		3,471		3,471	3,761
Leader Training (YIs)		3,870		3,870	3,189
Property Costs		17,350		17,350	26,153
Growth & Development Officer		42,473		42,473	38,076
GDO expenditure budget		915		915	1,663
Print, post, stationery & administration		7,687		7,687	4,971
Digital, Media (web PR etc.)		10,378		10,378	8,576
Travel Expenses		1,035		1,035	191
St George's Day & Carol Service		-		-	-
AGM and trustee expenses		957		957	2,203
Donations & Gifts		250		250	222
Other Grants		10,621		10,621	26,275
Travel etc. Grants		11,150		11,150 -	450
Loans Advanced		1,384		1,384	-
Sundry		5,081		5,081	3,505
Bill Moon Mem'l fund		-		-	
Sub total		171,557	5,655	177,212	212,223
Fundraising expenses					
Badges		817		817	1,324
Badge rebates		13		13	27
Explorers		425		425	-
Other District sections		-		-	-
		1,255	-	1,255	1,351
Total Gross Expenditure		172,812	5,655	178,467	213,574
Net of receipts/(payments)		(75,022)	(2,005)	(77,027)	(86,838)
Transfers between funds					
Invested					-
Cash funds last year end		151,462	24,945	176,406	263,454
Cash funds this period end		76,439	22,940	99,380	176,616

Notes

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3. No Trustees receive any remuneration. 3 Trustees received expenses in connection with their Scouting roles amounting to £1,388 (2021-4: £2,206)

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Financial report for the Year to 31 March 2023

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds £	2022 Year (all sections) £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	66,450		66,450	47,296
Less paid to County/TSA	(66,109)		(66,109)	(54,791)
Net membership subscriptions	341	0	341	(7,496)
Donations	396	1,400	1,796	244
Gift Aid	536		536	347
Legacies	-		-	-
Sub total	1,273	1,400	2,673	(6,904)
Grants				
Newcastle City Council	-		-	-
Other grants	1,750	2,250	4,000	44,288
Sub total	1,750	2,250	4,000	44,288
Fundraising (gross)				
Badge Sales & Commissions	665		665	948
Explorers	-		-	911
SASU	144		144	-
Other fundraising activities	215		215	135
Sub total	1,023	-	1,023	1,994
Investment income				
Interest Received	5,163		5,163	3,719
Property Rent income	63,000		63,000	45,406
Sub total	68,162	-	68,162	49,125
Receipts from Charitable Activities				
District Uniformed: Explorers	18,285		18,285	13,860
Section Activities: Squirrels				
Beavers	-		-	3,318
Cubs	960		960	4,255
Scouts	1,725		1,725	2,455
2/more sections together	3,120		3,120	13,701
Gang Show	-		-	-
Network	-		-	-
SASU	-		-	-
Leader Training (adults)	600		600	630
Leader Training (YIs)				-
Loans repaid	750		750	-
St George's Day & Carol Serv's	-		-	-
Sundry	101		101	15
Ford Camp Site	40		40	-
Sub total	25,581	-	25,581	38,234
Total Gross Income	97,790	3,650	101,440	126,736
Asset and investment sales, etc.				-
Total receipts	97,790	3,650	101,440	126,736

Growth and Development Report

This last year has been a great year for growth and development. I have worked closely with the District Team to target work where it has been most needed to ensure sustainable growth. There have been some fantastic achievements as a result of the growth project including the recruitment of upwards of 32 adults and 133 young people.

I have worked with a number of existing groups in the district to open and strengthen new sections which has increased the number of young people accessing Scouting. The second Beaver section for Central Gosforth based at St Hugh's Church has grown from strength to strength – there is now a team of 7 dedicated adults creating a great programme for their increasing number of Beavers. I have also been supporting the team at St Hugh's for launching a Cubs section in September. 17th Newcastle has received a lot of targeted support over the last year to strengthen their Beavers section – it is now being ran by a whole new group of adults who have taken on a range of volunteer roles and the section has grown from 5 young people to a full colony of 24 with an ever increasing waiting list of children ready to take up spaces as soon as they become available. A new Explorer unit was created based at House on the Hill which has a healthy number of young people attending. Through direct project work 85 young people have been placed in groups and 13 adults recruited alongside them.

I supported the district managing an extremely large waiting list of young people who were missing out on Scouting opportunities. I worked with parents to select a preferred group for their child and then shared details of these young people with the relevant groups. Through this project I know of more than 50 young people who gained spaces in groups during the Spring term. This number will increase as time goes on and more places become available.

In June 2023, I ran a Volunteer Recruitment Workshop for volunteers in the district and the wider county. 12 adults attended the workshop and feedback for it was fantastic and everyone went home excited to try new things with their section, group or district. 88% of attendees rated the workshop helpful or very helpful and 100% said they would recommend the workshop to other volunteers. I am hopeful that we will be able to run more activities like this in the future.

Other community engagement activities that have taken place this year have included a stall at Newcastle University's Part Time Jobs & Volunteer Fair and taking part in national volunteering campaign The Big Help Out. As always, regular adverts have been placed on social media, do-it.life, the websites for Northumbria and Newcastle universities, sent directly to parents in groups and other sources both on and offline. This has led to approximately 19 volunteers joining groups across the city in roles from Section Assistant to Section Leader and even Group Scout Leader.

As part of my ongoing promotional work, I designed and printed a variety of resources that can be used as advertising materials for young people and adults – these have been effectively used by several groups around the district. I have also organised for equipment and resources to be loaned out to groups to support with events such as AGMs, litter picks, parent evenings and fundraising events for the World Scout Jamboree.

Kathryn Toner

Growth & Development Officer

City of Newcastle

Scout Network

It's been another busy year for City of Newcastle Network, with a whole range of activities happening.

We were very pleased to see two of our members finish their King's Scout Awards; Meghan and Fiona, who gave inspirational presentations to local Explorers about their adventures. Meghan was the first King's Scout in Northumberland County since 1952 - perhaps even in the UK (we did ask, but didn't get a reply!) 5 members also gained their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards; 5 gained their Chief Scout Diamond Awards; and Jack (our last Queen's Scout, for the time being) was awarded his certificate and badge at the County Top Awards Ceremony.

Last year we attended Poacher International Camp in Lincolnshire, where we met up with ex-CNN members and all worked on the staff team together. It was a magical camp with 6000 attendees, I am very proud that CNN continue to support this event (we've been going since 2013) and help make an event amazing for the children who attend; even better that those who are now too old for Network continue to come back and support us.

Also last summer we had one unit member go as part of Gang Show 90 to be part of the National Gang Show in a magnificent performance in London, with other Gang Members from all over the UK. What an experience that must have been, thank you to Aidan for representing Newcastle Gang Show and CNN so well. In Newcastle Gang Show this Easter we also had two unit members in the cast and several others helping front of house, where they proved themselves to be invaluable and very professional, especially as I was ill that week and not working at 100% - they really stepped up to help out.

We also saw Robert picked to represent the Scout Association at the Coronation in London, where he attended Coronation Camp at Gilwell Park and was part of the Scout delegation at St James' Park; what an amazing weekend and again, something he will remember forever. Robert was in a patrol with Scouts from Canada and the delegation also had Scouts from all across the Commonwealth - it really was an amazing experience - almost an international jamboree in one weekend.

Our unit continues to meet monthly, attend activities and work on awards together; this year we have been for a Christmas day out in York (we also saw a panto there - oh yes we did); had our annual BBQ; been catchers in a games of 'Hunted' for the Explorers; had a Christmas night out, where we welcomed home those who are away at university and; enjoyed a Chinese meal. We also opened two of our events to older Explorers as a link activity, when some of them joined us for axe throwing and paddleboarding. It will be good to see the many 17 year olds in the District Explorers moving up to Network, especially as so many of the explorers from different units have become friends at the District Explorer events which have been running for the last couple of years.

In the future, we have several members who have been picked to be part of the County Contingent to Roverway in Norway next year, two volunteering at World Scout Jamboree in South Korea this summer and a couple of members doing the County Explorer Belt in Italy. Also we are hoping to send a staff team to help out at Red Rose International Camp in Cumbria next summer too.

So...if you know a Scout who is aged 18 - 25 (or you are one)...there are many opportunities in City of Newcastle Network. We don't meet weekly, which suits this age group, and you can still be a member if you are going off to university. We can help you get involved with events and activities and support you to finish off top awards (and start new ones).

Vix Wallis - District Scout Network Commissioner

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Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of City of Newcastle District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Council (Charity Number 522413) for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages **14 to 16**.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Nicola Leach
33 Amberley Gardens
Cochrane Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE7 7JR

31 May 2023

Ensuring that we achieve our aims

A programme of activities, run by District volunteers, that furthers our purpose and method and compliments those offered by Scout Groups is provided for members of the Association for each of the sections: Squirrels 4-6 years; Beavers 6-8 years; Cubs 8-10½ years; Scouts 10½-14 years; Explorers 14-18 years; and Network 18-25 years. These activities are open to all young members in the District via their Scout Groups. Some activities are restricted by their nature, in which cases places are taken on a first come, first served basis or by selection. Any selection process adheres to the Scout Association's diversity policy and will take into account any requirements of the activity. Activities are normally financed by a range of charges, together with fundraising for larger scale activities. Should a young person not be able to pay 100% of the activity costs this would not be a bar to participation. Detailed reports are in the Annual Report for the District.

Financial Review

The charity reports a deficit on total funds for the year of £77,027 decreasing the net cash funds held by the charity to £93,380. This was against a budgeted deficit of £136,041. Major areas of 'underspend, compared with the budgets were: support for the various district wide activities; underspend on property repairs etc (;largely pending major development at House on the Hill); less funds expended on support and development of groups, sections etc throughput the district and less than budgeted for travel etc offset by increased costs in the area of digital, media and PR and initial costs of surveys, reports etc re the purchase of Walker Hall, Blyth.

The charity does not seek to raise funds and does not charge a subscription to its members at District level. Individual members of District Explorer Scout Units pay subscriptions (as do members of the Groups within the District) to finance their sections' activities. Subscriptions collected by the District are passed in full to Northumberland County Scouts. In 2020-21, and the two following years, the District has supported the subscriptions payable and incurred a deficit of that income over the payment to County and Headquarters.

The invested funds – generated largely from property disposals in previous districts – are held pending developments within and for the District in particular with properties but provide some income in the meantime. The District Executive intends to apply substantial funds to property development and improvements within the District to improve facilities for the provision of Scouting and have already committed £45,000 for the purchase of Walker Hall, Blyth.. There is also a commitment of c£47,000 for the next year utilising the benefit of the Development Officer.

The District makes grants, and provides other assistance to Groups and individuals in need, to assist in achieving the objects of, in particular, personal development.

Reserves Policy

The District has cash reserves but is aware of possible short-term needs arising from the developments referred to. The Treasurer has been delegated to place available cash funds on short/medium term deposits whilst ensuring sufficient liquid funds are maintained to meet the immediate needs of the District when interest rates make this beneficial although no funds are currently available for this purpose.

In addition, the District 'inherited' (from a previous District) invested funds totalling £255,000 with a market value at 31 March 2023 of £815,938 (2022: £827,875) which are invested to either protect the capital or provide some income for the future. The invested funds are managed by CCLA (Church, Charity and Local Authority) fund managers.

Future Plans

The budgets for the current (2023-24) year were approved in March showing a deficit of £122,851 but these excluded the cost of the purchase of Walker Hall and any initial costs (professional fees etc) re the proposed development at House on the Hill. Invested funds will be drawn on to fund these outlays as required. The actual outcome will depend on the speed with which any development of House on the Hill and the provision of other District facilities are achieved and also whether our tenant is able to reduce the arrears that accumulated during the pandemic lockdowns.

This Trustees' Report has been approved by the Executive of the District and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Peter John Avery (Chair)

Andrew Graham Bassett (Treasurer)

31 May 2023p

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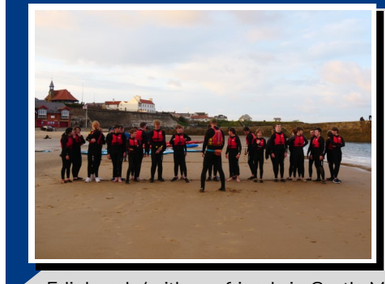
Newcastle Explorers



There are over 200 Explorer Scouts across the District taking part in activities weekly. As well as having several units delivering quality weekly programmes (including Top Awards such as Chief Scout Awards, Duke of Edinburgh, etc.) we've recently been able to offer many opportunities to take part in District-wide Explorer events.

Whether it was ice skating or bowling, a day trip to Edinburgh (with our friends in Castle Morpeth Explorers), or a day of paddling along the river Tyne - there's been something for everyone. Our annual Summer Camp attracted a huge turnout as Explorers finished their exams and enjoyed a relaxed weekend with friends.

Over 100 of our Explorer Scouts choose to volunteer as Young Leaders and are supported by regular training – including an annual residential weekend offering training for new young leaders and workshops and refreshers for existing young leaders.

We look forward to keeping the momentum going, and one of our key goals for the year ahead is to strengthen links with Scout Troops and Scout Network to ensure a smooth moving in and moving on process so that young people have a successful transition between sections.

We have some fantastic young adults who bring the ideas and rise to the challenge backed by a small but brilliant team of volunteers supporting and leading them – thank you everyone!

Social Media Stats

500,000+
Views across all platforms

44,511
Likes received on Explorer's videos!

1,560
Comments received from scouts all over the world including:

NETHERLANDS | MALTA | GREECE | SENEGAL | GERMANY | POLAND | IRELAND | SWITZERLAND | CANADA | LIBYA | DENMARK | FRANCE | BRAZIL | PORTUGAL | SPAIN | SOUTH KOREA | BELGIUM | AMERICA

Dan Mercer - District Explorer Scout Commissioner

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Gang Show

The 2023 Newcastle Gang Show may well be the show that we achieved what was thought to be unachievable after overcoming significant barriers throughout the rehearsal schedule.

Our rehearsal's commenced in January with our final performance week in April, however, due to an unexpected maintenance issue at the Peoples Theatre we were forced to look for a new theatre weeks ahead of our planned performance. We were very fortunate to have support from Newcastle College which allowed our show to proceed as planned in April.

Lead by our fantastic production team, nearly half of our 67 cast members were experiencing their first time on stage and were supported by a huge team to ensure they had costumes, stage scenery and props, makeup, and all the other support roles both front and backstage to allow this year's show to exceed all expectations for our sell-out audiences throughout the performance week.

Over the four-month period, the cast and crew created new friendships, learnt new skills, and became proud members of the Newcastle Gang Show.

Planning has already started for a Gang Show experience day, plus the 2024 show which is due to be staged at the Peoples Theatre from 2nd – 6th April.

The show's success is a mammoth team effort, and I would like to thank all the adult support that come together and make the show happen.

Paul Coulson

Chair for Newcastle Gang Show

Appointment Advisory Committee

The AAC has continued to meet regularly throughout the year, using a mixture of zoom and in person meetings. We have held conversations with in excess of fifty adults to take on a variety of roles covering all groups from Squirrels to Explorers. This process is an integral part of Scouting and supports the safeguarding processes aimed at keeping our members safe.

I would like to thank all members of the committee who give up their time and expertise to this role, Pamela Iley for her excellent administrative support and Kath Tyson for her guidance and 'wise words'. Hopefully in the coming year we will meet many new volunteers who will rise to the challenges and the fun that Scouting has to offer.

Lorraine Metcalf

Appointment Advisory Committee Chair

Scout Active Support Unit (SASU)

Since the sad death of our SASU Manager, Dave Mowbray, we continue to assist Newcastle Gang Show with all our members turning out to support their first show in 3 years by acting as stewards and selling raffle tickets. This enabled the strong support of the Explorers to be the youthful front in the foyer.

The BP Walk is still functioning and we are actively seeking an enlarged team to be able to advertise this historic walk more widely and in a proactive manner. Meanwhile, a small team do take parties from the Car Park of the Station Inn at Fourstones up to the Cairn where BP held his first official Scout Camp. The George at Chollerford displays information about the walk and we intend a visit to ensure that this is up to date and relevant.

We are aware that recent changes by the Scout Association may affect our current format and have therefor delayed the appointment of a new Manager of SASU until there is a clear way forward.

It is sad to report that since the last City AGM, Bill Hampson, who was awarded his 50 year Long Service at our last AGM has "gone home" and he will be sadly missed.

Geoff Coulson - SASU (Red Scarf)

Tribe have been supporting the district in aiding the running of Duke of Edinburgh at various points in the year. They have supported some weekly activities and are steady in their numbers. Some members have helped with front of house at the Gang show.

Colette Anson - Scout Tribe

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Treasurer's Report

At last, we were able to return to full provision of Scouting across the District which actually led to less district wide events being run as groups were able to offer more themselves. Our tenant at the investment property in Osborne Road was able to return to more normal trading and entered into an agreement to repay the arrears of rent that dropped from £59,500 at the start of the year to £49,740 at the end.

Our gross unrestricted receipts for the year totalled £97,790 after supporting Groups and Units with £6,943 (10% 'rounded up') towards their County and National subscriptions. Our gross receipts were almost £29,000 less than the previous year when we received covid related grants but benefitted this year from increased property rents with our investment property tenant starting to pay off the arrears. There was a lower level of receipts from district wide activities. The major increases in receipts over the previous year were in subscriptions and property rents offset by major reductions in the receipts from district wide activities.

Grants received accounted for around 2% of gross unrestricted income (2022 35%); rent and interest 70% (2022 39%) and receipts from charitable activities 26% (2022 30%).

Our unrestricted payments totalled £172,712 (down from £207,766 the previous year). Almost £62,225 (36.0% compared with 45.6% last year) was spent on District and Section activities at District level (including leader training) – this indicates that District supported centrally run activities and training at around £37,500 (but this does include £12,130 payments made on behalf of the Gang Show of which around £3,000 was on account of the 2023 show taking place in the next financial year). £17,350 (10%) was expended on properties (of which £11,644 was for repairs and maintenance) and £42,500 (24%) for our development officer. Grants and support for groups within the district totalled £10,621 (6%) with a broadly similar sum being spent on digital, media PR etc (including radio) whilst grants for individuals attending (Summer 2023) international events totalled £11,150 (6.5%). We also contributed to County in respect of the administration support for the DC team (in particular) at a cost of £7,630 (4.4%).

Overall, we expended £75,022 (2022: £81,030) more than we received in the year on unrestricted funds – whilst restricted funds decreased by £2,005 to give £22,840 carried forward of which £10,259 is within the Gang Show and the remainder being a deposit held against maintenance and rent arrears at Osborne Road.

There are two areas of major expected/hoped for future capital expenditure with the purchase of Walker Hall, Blyth for use primarily by the Gang Show and development at House on the Hill. A rough (and uncosted) estimate of the commitment for these would be in the range of £400,000 to £500,000.

The statement of Assets and Liabilities provides details of investment assets and other assets held by the District (and liabilities).

I am gradually divesting myself of more of the routine work on the District accounts and thank all those keeping 'sub accounts records (primarily ESUs, SASU and the Gang Show). The ESU accounts are brought together very efficiently by Adam Kirk. We have also divested some of the routine district bookkeeping with Anna Patecka-Gebka taking on some of this (and we hope this will be developed over the next year). Whilst the administration services provided by Pamela Iley and Adam Patterson at Northumberland County Scout Office have a greater benefit for others within the District (principally the DC team, property rent administrators and event organisers), the standardising of processes makes the central accounting more efficient for which I am extremely grateful.

Andrew Bassett District Treasurer

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No (England & Wales): 522413

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Trustees Annual Report

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Independent Examiner:	Ms Niki Leach

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Mr Daniel Mercer	*District Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	*to 15 December 2022*
Mr Daniel Mercer	*District Explorer Scout Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	*from 15 December 2022*
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Mr Robert (Bob) Tyson	*District Secretary*	*ex-officio*	
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Mr Jonathan Portlock		*elected*	
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Mr Aidan Byrne		*elected*	
Mr Trevor Cox		*nominated*	*to 8th November 2022*
Mrs Lorraine Metcalf		*nominated*	
Mr Joseph Ingram	*District Youth Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	*to 7th September 2022*
Mr Logan O'Hara	*District Youth Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	
Mr Jack White	*District Scout Network Commissioner*	*ex-officio*	*to 6th February 2023*
Mr Paul Coulson		*nominated*	*from 2nd July 2022*

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Accounts

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Ensuring that we achieve our aims

A programme of activities, run by District volunteers, that furthers our purpose and method and compliments those offered by Scout Groups is provided for members of the Association for each of the sections: Squirrels 4-6 years; Beavers 6-8 years; Cubs 8-10½ years; Scouts 10½-14 years; Explorers 14-18 years; and Network 18-25 years. These activities are open to all young members in the District via their Scout Groups. Some activities are restricted by their nature, in which cases places are taken on a first come, first served basis or by selection. Any selection process adheres to the Scout Association's diversity policy and will take into account any requirements of the activity. Activities are normally financed by a range of charges, together with fundraising for larger scale activities. Should a young person not be able to pay 100% of the activity costs this would not be a bar to participation. Detailed reports are in the Annual Report for the District.

Financial Review

The charity reports a deficit on total funds for the year of £87,048 decreasing the net cash funds held by the charity to £176,406. This was against a budgeted deficit of £111,355. The various lockdowns and bans from face-to-face Scouting continued through the year under review. Where Scouting could continue virtually or face-to-face, activities run at District level were supported financially. An investment was made in a wide range of activity equipment for use by both District and Groups. Additional costs were (and continue to be) incurred to ensure that buildings were 'Covid safe'. Difficulties in the hospitality sector continued to impact on the investment income from our property with the arrears of rent increasing over the year but additional Government Covid related grants and an unexpected distribution from a ceased charity mitigated the adverse cash flow.

The charity does not seek to raise funds and does not charge a subscription to its members at District level. Individual members of District Explorer Scout Units pay subscriptions (as do members of the Groups within the District) to finance their sections' activities. Subscriptions collected by the District are passed in full to Northumberland County Scouts. In 2020-21, and the two following years, the District has and will be supporting the subscriptions payable and incurring a deficit of that income over the payment to County and Headquarters.

The invested funds – generated largely from property disposals in previous districts – are held pending developments within and for the District in particular with properties but provide some income in the meantime. The District Executive intends to apply substantial funds to property development and improvements within the District to improve facilities for the provision of Scouting. There is also a commitment of c£45,000 p.a. utilising the benefit of the Development Officer.

The District makes grants and provides other assistance to Groups and individuals in need to assist in achieving the objects of, in particular, personal development.

Reserves Policy

The District has substantial cash reserves but is aware of possible short-term needs arising from the developments referred to. The Treasurer has been delegated to place available cash funds on short/medium term deposits whilst ensuring sufficient liquid funds are maintained to meet the immediate needs of the District when interest rates make this beneficial.

In addition, the District 'inherited' (from a previous District) invested funds totalling £255,000 with a market value at 31 March 2022 of £827,875 (2021: £745,359) which are invested to either protect the capital or provide some income for the future. The invested funds are managed by CCLA (Church, Charity and Local Authority) fund managers.

Future Plans

The budgets for the current (2022-23) year were approved in March showing a deficit of £137,791. The actual outcome will depend on the speed with which any development of House on the Hill and the provision of other District facilities are achieved and also whether our tenant is able to reduce the arrears that accumulated during the pandemic lockdowns.

This Trustees' Report has been approved by the Executive of the District and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Peter John Avery (Chair) Andrew Graham Bassett (Treasurer)
31 May 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of City of Newcastle District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Council (Charity Number 522413) for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Nicola Leach
33 Amberley Gardens
Cochrane Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE7 7JR

31 May 2022

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Financial report for the Year to 31 March 2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	2021 Year (all funds)
Receipts			£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	47,296		47,296	51,192
Less paid to County/TSA	(54,791)		(54,791)	(53,200)
Net membership subscriptions	(7,495)	0	(7,495)	(2,008)
Donations	244		244	728
Gift Aid	347		347	3,044
Legacies	-		-	-
Sub total	(6,904)	-	(6,904)	1,764
Grants				
Newcastle City Council	-		-	-
Other grants	44,288		44,288	78,566
Sub total	44,288	-	44,288	78,566
Fundraising (gross)				
Badge Sales & Commissions	948		948	665
Explorers	910		910	-
SASU	-		-	76
Other fundraising activities	135		135	(9)
Sub total	1,993	-	1,993	732
Investment income				
Interest Received	3,719		3,719	4,477
Property Rent income	45,406		45,406	12,408
Sub total	49,125	-	49,125	16,885
Receipts from Charitable Activities				
District Uniformed: Explorers	13,860		13,860	2,808
Network	-		-	-
SASU	-		-	-
Gang Show	-		-	3,542
Section Activities: Beavers	3,318		3,318	576
Cubs	4,255		4,255	-
Scouts	2,455		2,455	-
2/more sections together	13,701		13,701	96
Leader Training (adults)	630		630	280
Leader Training (YIs)				30
Loans repaid	-		-	-
St George's Day & Carol Serv's	-		-	-
Sundry	15		15	50
Ford Camp Site	-		-	(40)
Sub total	38,234	-	38,234	7,342
Total Gross Income	126,736	-	126,736	105,288
Asset and investment sales, etc.				-
Total receipts	126,736	-	126,736	105,288

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		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	2021 Year (all funds)
Payments		£	£	£	£
Charitable Payments					
Insurances		210		210	-
District Uniformed:	Explorers	15,200		15,200	3,417
	Explorers Equip't	894		894	155
Section Activities:	Beavers	3,581		3,581	640
	Cubs	9,427		9,427	7,412
	Scouts	5,241		5,241	335
	2/more sections together	45,686		45,686	1,714
Gang Show		7,814	6,019	13,833	9,894
Network/SASU		26		26	-
Leader Training (adults)		3,761		3,761	2,462
Leader Training (YIs)		3,189		3,189	105
Property Costs		26,153		26,153	14,001
Growth & Development Officer		38,076		38,076	3,356
GDO expenditure budget		1,663		1,663	86
Postage, stationery & Admin		4,971		4,971	1,216
Media (web PR etc.)		8,576		8,576	4,452
Travel Expenses		191		191	256
St George's Day & Carol Service		-		-	-
AGM and trustee expenses		2,203		2,203	-
Donations & Gifts		222		222	175
Other Grants		26,275		26,275	16,261
Travel etc. Grants		(450)		(450)	-
Loans Advanced		-		-	-
Sundry		3,505		3,505	546
Bill Moon Mem'l fund		-		-	
Sub total		206,414	6,019	212,433	66,483
Fundraising expenses					
Badges		1,324		1,324	50
Badge rebates		27		27	23
Explorers		-		-	-
Other District sections		-		-	357
		1,351	-	1,351	430
Total Gross Expenditure		207,766	6,019	213,784	66,913
Net of receipts/(payments)		(81,030)	(6,019)	(87,048)	38,375
Transfers between funds					
Invested					-
Cash funds last year end		232,491	30,963	263,454	225,079
Cash funds this period end		151,461	24,945	176,406	263,454

Notes

1. Donations and grants from individuals and charitable trusts include: W A Handley CT; Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland; Government Covid support grants;

2. Restricted funds include £12,263 (2021 £12,263) in respect of rent/maintenance deposit in respect of Osborne Road lease. The remaining restricted funds relate to the Newcastle Gang Show.

3. No Trustees receive any remuneration. 4 Trustees received expenses in connection with their Scouting roles amounting to £2,206 (2021-4: £500)

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2022			31/03/2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	100,224	24,945	125,169	103,200
Bank Deposits	50,000		50,000	160,000
Cash/Floats	1,237	-	1,237	255
Total cash funds	151,461	24,945	176,406	263,454
Other monetary assets				
Rent & Badge Debtors	59,545	-	59,545	50,016
Debtors for District activites, etc	1,730		1,730	-
Loans to Groups:	-		-	-
Sub total	61,275	-	61,275	50,016
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail				
Osborne Road (insured value)	2,150,000	-	2,150,000	2,050,000
Quoted investments:				
COIF Investment Accumulation Units	511,141	-	511,141	457,726
COIF Global Equity Accumulation Units	119,454	-	119,454	110,110
COIF Ethical Investment Income Units	197,280	-	197,280	177,523
Other investments - detail				
Total investment assets	2,977,875	-	2,977,875	2,795,359
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	93	-	93	526
Land and buildings:				
Silver Lonnen (insured value)	199,821	-	199,821	190,125
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	20,000	-	20,000	-
Other		-	-	-
Total non monetary assets	219,914	-	219,914	190,651
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	779
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions due 9 April	66,109	-	66,109	54,791
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities- accrued costs	2,735	-	2,735	-
Total liabilities	68,844	-	68,844	55,570

Notes

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The 99 year lease for House on the Hill from 5 August 2021 with a current rent of £1,325 p.a. has an initial tenant break clause at 4 August 2031. The initial contingent liability at 31 March 2022 is therefore £12,725
The lease for the Scots Gap Campsite at an annual (VAT inclusive) rent of £120 terminates on 10 November 2025. The contingent liability is therefore £420.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 31 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by

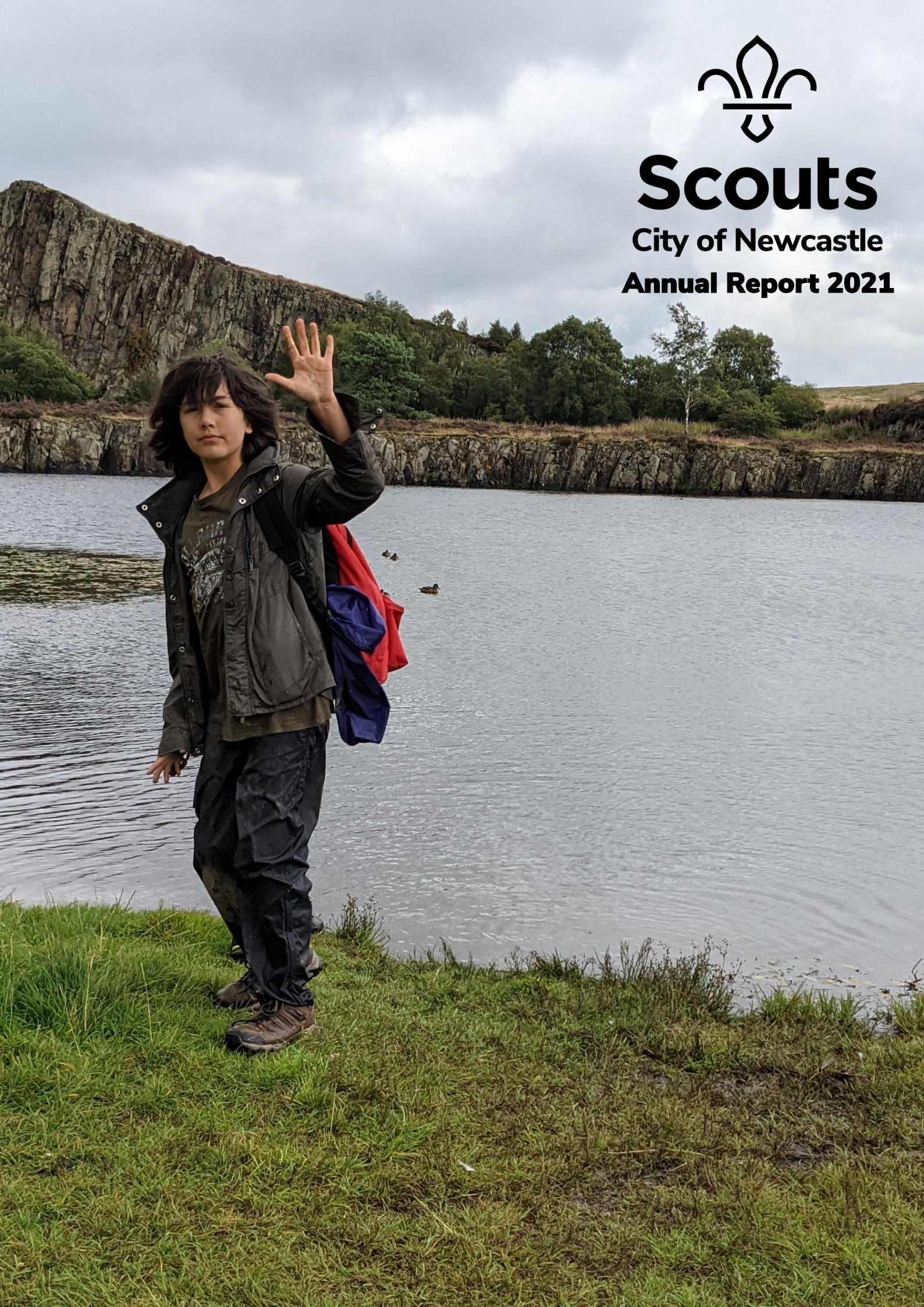
Peter Avery Chair

Andrew Bassett Treasurer

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 522413

Accounts



Scouts

City of Newcastle

Annual Report 2021

Introduction from the Trustees

To all Newcastle Scouts and Friends of Scouting

The Executive is pleased to present the results and report for 2020-2021.

For Scouts and their parents, the adults in uniform are the visible face of Scouting. However at all levels within the District there is much expertise and support behind the scenes. At District level, the Executive and its Sub-Committees provide support to the Commissioner team and their work. The Executive would like to thank all members of the Property and Finance Sub-Committee, the Appointments Advisory Sub-Committee and the Gang Show Sub-Committee. The first deals with the finances of the District and the administration of the properties owned and leased by the District. While the second has the important role of ensuring all adults wanting to be involved in leading and supervising the members of the Scout Movement are able to do so. The Gang Show Sub-Committee steers the organisation of the highly successful annual Gang Show. It is a great pity that the Gang Show has not run for the past 2 years but hopefully it will be back better than ever in 2022.

This year has obviously been a very strange year with the covid pandemic causing lockdown for large parts of the year. We are grateful to all who organised zoom sessions to help Scouting continue. Some Scouts seem to have become more involved through these sessions, particularly Explorers. It was possible to include some on waiting lists to join the Movement in some of these zoom sessions and this has helped boost numbers as face to face Scouting returned. Thanks also to those who put in risk assessments to get in person Scouting going again when it was possible. We are particularly grateful to Dan Mercer who

spent a lot of time getting the House on the Hill ready to accommodate lots of the events. We have recently secured a new lease for the House on the Hill and have set up a sub-committee to put forward plans for the development and refurbishment of the property. Kathryn Toner, our development officer, has been on furlough for most of the year. She has recently returned to work and already is making good progress in helping us to develop scouting for all throughout the City.

No organisation runs on physical effort alone! It needs money to help run activities and help with such things as transport costs and equipment. In Andrew Bassett we have the service of an excellent Treasurer with vast experience and it is his efforts that enable us to present a solid financial position. Many thanks to him and his assistant treasurer.

Having been in the post of Chair of the Executive for nearly three years, I feel I am now coming to terms with the role, its responsibilities and the key people involved in Newcastle Scouting. I would like to thank all members of the Executive for their support and assistance. In particular, I would like to thank Andrew Bassett, Bob Tyson (District Secretary) and all the District Commissioners for their help and advice.

Finally we wish to thank all the Volunteers, Young Leaders, Leaders, GSLs, Group Committee members and the District Team for all your past and continuing service and efforts. Your work enables Scouting to benefit many young people of Newcastle and provide a focus in many communities within our City.

Peter Avery
Chairperson
On behalf of City of Newcastle District Scout Council Executive

Team DC's Report

As you are all aware Covid has had a major impact on our ability to meet face to face, on our programme and also on our numbers. However we have had some brilliant innovation across the District especially with virtual meetings and events.

Growth and Development :

It has been a very strange year and some of the highlights have included :

13.9% Decline in Young People across the District – now 1172 at Jan 2021 census. However we believe that numbers will rebound by the time of the next census.

Opening a new Scout section at Byker group.

Opening a new Scout section at 17th Newcastle group.

Kraken Explorers merged with Dene Explorers – so we now have 7 Explorer units

Importantly we have not allowed any established sections to close. We now have 75 sections in the District.

Citywide group formed for young people on waiting lists – around 120 engaged and most have now been found places in groups.

Online Scout Manager, which is a fantastic scouting tool is now being used by all sections in the City. It is also being used to hold waiting lists (which still stand at over 200 across the District). This is being funded by the District/County

Coming soon – a second Westerhope Beaver colony, a second Brunton Park Cub pack, a new Moslem Beaver colony and a new Gosforth Beaver colony

Premises

Renewal of 99 year lease on House on the Hill

Renewal of 25 year lease on 1st Tyne premises

Container placed at House on the Hill which will allow grass sledges, archery, etc to be used by groups

Gang show equipment moved from Gosforth store to Seghill storage

Digital

Highly successful Digital Platform introduced

District Communication Tool introduced - to be rolled out further

Newcastle Scouts Radio introduced

District Risk Assessment Tool introduced – to be rolled out further

Coming soon – New District Website and Digital AAC Tool

Events and activities:

Unfortunately this year's Gang Show has had to be cancelled for the second year running.

Several District events did take place, which brought together Groups from around the City.

These included:

Winter Weekender attended by over 650 young people

Virtual Leader Event
2 Beavers Activity Days – 230 attendees
Laser Tag 3 Day Event - 383 cubs, scouts and explorers attended
Archery sessions - 95 Cubs attended
3 Dilston Activity Days – 300 attendees
Beaver Silent Disco Day. Over 80 attendees
Scoutfest – Bank Holiday event - 300 attendees
Beaver and Cubs Sports Days

Awards and Training:
We must recognise the following achievements within our District

Silver Acorn awarded to Carol Preston. This is awarded for specially distinguished service while holding adult roles for a period of not less than twenty years.

Award of Merit awarded to George Jamieson, Keith Lilley and Rick McLellan. This is awarded after a period of not less than 12 years of outstanding service while holding adult roles.

Chief Scout`s Commendation for Good Service awarded to Liz McLellan, Rebecca Rutherford and Alistair Tye. This is awarded for good service while holding adult roles for a period of not less than five years.

A Beaver Scout was awarded a special award from the Chief Scout for the way that they dealt with major family and social issues.

26 adults have achieved their Adult Leader Training Award (known as the Wood Badge)

A new award, called the Commissioners Commendation for Good service was awarded by Team DC to 78 adults for reaching a criteria laid down by Team DC.

Team DC was strengthened when we welcomed Dan Mercer, his work with programme is already showing great positive progress within the sections.

Many of the families and members of the District have been affected by Covid, we hope that they will continue to improve.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of District members Jennifer Roberts and Dave Mowbray. Jennifer served on the AAC and supported many activities. Dave's last appointment was The Red Scarf SASU Manager, his commitment to Scouting was unfailing for over 60 years, Some groups have lost leaders and our thoughts and prayers are with those specific groups and the families of the bereaved.

Dan Mercer, Kath Tyson and Tony Stephenson (Team DC)

DESC Report

Explorer Scouting in the City of Newcastle District over the last year has had to develop a dual way of working; digitally and the traditional face to face Scouting. Whilst we have managed to get most units meeting face to face at some point over the year, it has provided leaders with challenges of modifying programmes to incorporate social distancing and covid safe practices.

I want to say a huge thank you to all leaders who work with the section who have worked hard to ensure an Explorer Scouting provision has continued either virtually or returning face to face over the last year, for the young people in their units.

It was pleasing to see that in true Scouting spirit we didn't let the pandemic stop us from taking part in expeditions when restrictions relaxed. Three units took part in Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions in October and are currently working on completing more over this spring/summer term. Well done to all Explorers who completed the Expeditions and Thank you to all leaders, supporters and parents for enabling the young people to take part during these challenging times.

Due to the pandemic we haven't been able to have events which enabled all units to take part at the same time, however Explorer Scouts have taken part in various events held on the virtual platform and more recently the face to face District activity days and Scoutfest. As leaders we are looking forward to the time when we can provide opportunities for whole district events and opportunities for the young people to meet Explorers from other units.

Over the course of the year the young leader team have continued to run training sessions covering all the modules to enable the young people registered with the unit to gain their Young leader belt. Although this has had to be mostly online, the uptake has been positive with many young leaders providing useful feedback on how the training can be developed to reach as many young leaders as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in the Young Leader programme this year.

We have a great set of leaders who run a balanced and well-rounded programme to the young people who attend the Explorer section across the city. However we do have a shortage of leaders for the section, which means we are always looking for new leaders to help grow the section and create more opportunities for the young people. If you know anyone who would like to work with this age group, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Laura Humphries
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Scout Network Report

Last year I reported that several Network members in City of Newcastle had taken part in the Scouts of the World Award discoveries online. I'm pleased to say that many of these projects have moved forward and some are very close to finished. In fact, it has been very nice to see many Network members making such good progress in all their awards. In June we had a team go out on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and Queen's Scout Award practice expedition, and there have been various other sections of awards signed off and progress made.

Obviously meeting face to face in the past year has been difficult at times, but CNN have made the most of it when they have been able to. We joined the District at Laser tag and for the Silent Disco and several members volunteered to help out with the District Activity Days at Dilston. We even managed to fit in paddle boarding, a quiz and a Christmas challenge along the way. Of course many Network members are also leaders at groups and units across the city, so have helped make Scouting work for hundreds of young people both online and face to face.

The future looks brighter, we have several members who have been chosen to attend the World Scout Moot in Ireland (which was postponed from 2021 to 2022) and plans are being made for other events and activities both at home and abroad. Let's hope we can fit in an assessed expedition before the end of the season, as for some members, this is the last thing they need to do to finish Queen's Scout Award and Gold DofE.

We have lots of Explorer scouts aged 17+ in the District, so I am hoping that as they all turn 18 over the next year, we can start to make proper plans to have a great summer of camps and activities next year. So much has been missed out on during the pandemic that this age group deserve the chance to make up for it when they join the Network. If there are any young people aged 18 to 25 who would like the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and/or complete top awards then please don't hesitate to point them in my direction. If you would like to follow our adventures we have a Facebook page called City of Newcastle Network.

Vix Wallis
Scout Network Commissioner

Scout Tribe (SASU)

City of Newcastle Disrict Scout Tribe SASU would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are a unit made up of adult volunteers who are either existing leaders or sole unit members. We are a group of adults who wanted to add more diversity to their volunteering experiance by helping with District events. Unfortunately the unit has been unable to meet due to covid, however we have been welcomed into the district with enthusiasm. So far we have helped with the District Dilston days, which were spread over three Saturdays. During this we aided with the car park and camp fire. This was a great opportunity to talk with the scouts about progression to Explorers and feed them a lot of sugar (smores/Tuck shop). The unit has made many trips to help with the Dilston camp site and to ready them for our units for eventual camping. We have aided the running of Duke of Edinburgh this spring and hope to undertake assessed expeditions this summer. We were also invited to help with Scout Fest but fortunately some of our available members were already attending in other roles. We are gaining new members from different backgrounds, but what is exciting is that there seems to be a few returning to Scouting after many years of being active elsewhere.
We look forward to seeing you all at District events.
Colette

Gang Show

Last year we were in the unfortunate position of having to cancel the 2020 Show due to the Covid pandemic, three weeks before the curtain was due to go up. We had hoped that the 2021 performance would go ahead but by Christmas 2020, it was obvious that this was not meant to be. In the meantime, we were given notice that our costume store was to be handed back to Gosforth Middle School so we had to arrange (between lockdowns) to vacate these premises and move to a new store at Seghill. which was much smaller and much sorting and re-organising has been done to achieve this. We have also applied for and been successful with grants to be able to purchase our own “Star Cloth”. This will be acquired nearer to Easter 2022. We have been planning a Gang Show Camp (the last one in September 2019 was a great success) and we are hoping that restrictions will ease so that we can go ahead in September. We have been successful in obtaining grants to pay for the transport to Carlisle and also to cover some food costs. We are hopeful that Theatres will be fully open by Easter 2022 and look forward to starting rehearsals early in the new year. These will have to be in new rehearsal rooms as Heaton Methodist Church is now closed.
It has been a frustrating year at Gang Show but our cast and Parents have been supportive and understanding. I would like to thank all our members, both cast and our army of helpers for their dedication during this difficult period. We all look forward to entertaining you all again in 2022.
Geoff Coulson (Newcastle Gang Show Chair)

Treasurer's Report

A year like no other (and hopefully one that will never be repeated). Our principal income source dried up and, by the end of the year, there was a debtor for rents unpaid of £50,000. However, with The Scout Association taking advantage of the Government's furlough scheme, our grant to them in support of the District Development Officer was suspended (and renewed for a further three years from April 2021). TeamDC, together with many others at both District and Group level, ensured that, wherever possible, virtual Scouting was provided both as a means to helping the young through a time of loss of peer contact and to ensure that Scouting within the District is there as face to face Scouting returns in full.
To our surprise, a Government scheme to assist the leisure and charity sectors benefited us substantially and, at District level, we received a total of £68,066 in grants within the year (and a further £24,000 in the following one). These unexpected funds were designated by the Executive to provide a substantial fund to support hardship and extra opportunities for Scouting within the District (as well as to cover increased and unexpected costs arising from the need to ensure our premises are safe and compliant with Covid-19 requirements). These funds can be accessed in the form of grants by applying through TeamDC to the Treasurer.

Our gross unrestricted receipts for the year totalled £98,665. Grants received comprised almost 73% with the remainder coming from: the receipt of the arrears of rent as at last year end (12%); income generated through charitable activities (primarily Explorers and Gang Show) (7%); interest and income on investments (5%); and Gift Aid (3%).

Our unrestricted payments totalled £66,778. 39% was expended on District and Section activities at District level (including leader training); 24% in grants and support to Groups within the District; 21% on property costs; and 16% on administration (including 6% on District Development Officer before furloughing).

Overall, we received £31,888 more than we paid out in the year on unrestricted funds – and restricted funds increased by £6,797 to give £30,963 carried forward of which £18,282 is within the Gang Show and the remainder being a deposit held against maintenance and rent arrears at Osborne Road. The unrestricted surplus receipts were totally unexpected this time last year and is entirely due to the receipt of the Government Grants. Whilst, at the time of writing, we are having to negotiate the recovery of the substantial rent debt (which may take more than a year), we are returning to incurring the full costs of running the District (including welcoming our District Development Officer back from furlough) whilst ensuring that the unexpected grants are applied for the benefit of the District on a wider basis and, in particular, to support those 14 Groups that did not receive similar property grants.

After the year end, we completed the excessively drawn out negotiations and legal completion of the lease on House on the Hill which, whilst giving the District the chance to terminate after 10 years only gives the landlord that opportunity after 25 years within a 99-year lease (always subject to compliance with the terms of the lease). We can therefore plan to (subject to agreement with the landlord) develop these premises to make them more suitable for Scouting in the District on a long term basis.
The statement of Assets and Liabilities provides details of investment assets and other assets held by the District (and liabilities).

This has been a tough year for all with the lack of face to face meetings etc. Although few in number, Maureen experienced great difficulties with Scout Shops' supply and communications but soldiered on; sub account holders managed to (largely) keep to their timetables for accounts to the Assistant District Treasurer. I am grateful to all for their work and support through the year.

Andrew Bassett
District Treasurer

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No (England & Wales): 522413

Scout Registration No: 14626

Charity Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:	City of Newcastle District Scout Council
Other names by which known:	Newcastle (City) Scouts
Previous names:	Newcastle Coordinating Committee
	Great North Scout District
	Newcastle East Scout District
Charity registration number:	522413 (England & Wales)
Scout Registration No:	14626
Web:	www.newcastlescouts.org.uk
email:	cityofnewcastle@northumberlandscouts.org.uk
Independent Examiner:	Nicola (Niki) Leach ACCA
	33 Amberley Gardens
	Newcastle upon Tyne
	NE7 7JR

Trustees: The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Dr Peter Avery	District Chair	ex-officio	
Mr Tony Stephenson	District Commissioner	ex-officio	
Mrs Kath Tyson	District Commissioner	ex-officio	
Mr Daniel Mercer	District Commissioner	ex-officio	from 4 December 2020
Mr Andrew Bassett FCA	District Treasurer	ex-officio	
Mr Robert (Bob) Tyson	District Secretary	ex-officio	from 2 November 2020
Ms Laura Humphries	District Explorer Commissioner	ex-officio	
Ms Victoria (Vix) Wallis	District Scout Network Leader	ex-officio	
Mr Lewis Mooring	District Youth Commissioner	ex-officio	to 2 November 2020
Mr James (Jake) Ellis	District Youth Commissioner	ex-officio	to 2 November 2020
Mr James (Jim) McDonald		elected	
Mr Daniel Mercer		elected	to 3 December 2020
Mr Jonathan Portlock		elected	
Mrs Kathryn Kay		nominated	to 11 March 2021
Mr Robert (Bob) Tyson		nominated	to 1 November 2020
Mr Adam Wilson		nominated	to 2 November 2020
Mr Geoffrey (Geoff) Coulson		nominated	
Mr Scott Ideson		elected	from 2 November 2020

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation of the charity

The charity was registered on 3rd July 1964 and formally changed its name in October 2011.

The District's governing documents are those of 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 ('POR') 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 covers the same boundaries as the Newcastle upon Tyne City Council.

The District comprises 21 Groups (2019:20) (separate charities delivering Scouting for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts in local areas) for which the District Executive has an advisory and support role. The District delivers Scouting through 8 Explorer Scout Units and a Young Leader Unit (for 14 to 18 year olds), a District Scout Network (18-25 year olds) and a Scout Active Support Unit (SASU).

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 registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the District Commissioner(s), District Explorer Scout Commissioner, District Youth Commissioners, District Scout Network Leader and a maximum of 5 each of elected, nominated and co-opted representatives, and meets every 2 months.

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner(s) in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and is responsible for: promoting the development of Scouting in the District and arranging for harmonious co-operation with other organisations; the raising of funds and the administration of the District's finance and property, including Explorer Scout Units, District Scout Network and District Scout Active Support Units; appointing a District Appointments Advisory Committee, Chair and Secretary as per POR: The Appointment Process; appointing other sub-Committees and their chairmen as the Committee may require; supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property; attending to District administration, particularly: matters relating to Leader, Manager and Supporter appointments; the appointment of Section Assistants and Skills Instructors, Administrators and Advisers; registrations, membership of the Movement, appointing a Badge Secretary for the District; the presentation of an Annual Report and annual statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council.

Trustee changes

These are shown in the reference and administrative details of the charity. New Trustees are provided with full support and induction into their role as Executive members on appointment.

Risk Management

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

- Damage to buildings, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from Scout Groups within the District. The District has sufficient buildings insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss and has currently taken the decision to 'self insure' the equipment that is directly owned by the District (under review).
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through membership fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Casual helpers are insured directly by the District.
- Reduced income. Whilst the District currently has substantial funds arising from earlier property disposals and is not dependent on current incoming revenues, it also has substantial investment income arising from a property owned by the District. There are sufficient reserves to cover all current development prospects (including a new three year employment (via The Scout Association) of a development officer at a budgeted cost of c£140,000).
- 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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered except as excluded.
- The District prepares an annual budget before the commencement of the year to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover at least the following year's expected requirements.
- The Executive have reviewed the situation that has arisen due to the coronavirus pandemic and is satisfied that there are sufficient funds to support Scouting throughout the District and to provide support to individual Groups if necessary.

Our aims and objectives

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. Scouting uses a Method, which is young people, in partnership with adults:

- 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.

Scouting is open to all young people between the ages of 6 and 25 years irrespective of class, ethnic origin, nationality (or statelessness) or race, gender, marital or sexual status, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

Ensuring that we achieve our aims

A programme of activities, run by District volunteers, that furthers our purpose and method and compliments those offered by Scout Groups is provided for members of the Association for each of the sections: Beaver Scouts 6-8 years; Cub Scouts 8-10½ years; Scouts 10½-14 years; Explorer Scouts 14-18 years; and Network Scouts 18-25 years. These activities are open to all young members in the District via their Scout Groups. Some activities are restricted by their nature, in which cases places are taken on a first come, first served basis or by selection. Any selection process adheres to the Scout Association's diversity policy and will take into account any requirements of the activity. Activities are normally financed by a range of charges, together with fundraising for larger scale activities. Should a young person not be able to pay 100% of the activity costs this would not be a bar to participation. Detailed reports are in the Annual Report for the District.

Financial Review

The charity reports a surplus on total funds for the year of £38,375 increasing the net cash funds held by the charity to £263,454. This was against a budgeted deficit (set before the pandemic) of £126,644. However, the various lockdowns and bans from face to face Scouting, changed everything. The loss of rental income (offset by the suspension of grants paid to The Scout Association for the provision of a development officer), costs incurred in provision of virtual Scouting and additional costs of preparing, opening and then re-closing premises, were more than offset by Government Grants to the charity sector. The completion of the long drawn out rent renewal negotiations for our premises at House on the Hill soon after the year end, will be reflected next year.

The charity does not seek to raise substantial funds and does not charge a subscription to its members at District level. Individual members of District Explorer Scout Units pay subscriptions (as do members of the Groups within the District) to finance their sections' activities. Subscriptions collected by the District are passed in full to Northumberland County Scouts. In 2021-22, and the two following years, the District will be supporting the subscriptions payable and incurring a deficit of that income over the payment to County and Headquarters.

The invested funds – generated largely from property disposals in previous districts – are held pending developments within and for the District in particular with properties but provide some income in the meantime. The District Executive intends to apply substantial funds to property development and improvements within the District to improve facilities for the provision of Scouting. There is also a commitment of c£45,000 p.a. utilising the benefit of the Development Officer.

The District makes grants and provides other assistance to Groups and individuals in need to assist in achieving the objects of, in particular, personal development.

Reserves Policy

The District has substantial cash reserves but is aware of possible short term needs arising from the developments referred to. The Treasurer has been delegated to place available cash funds on short/ medium term deposits whilst ensuring sufficient liquid funds are maintained to meet the immediate needs of the District.

In addition, the District 'inherited' (from a previous District) invested funds totalling £255,000 with a market value at 31 March 2021 of £745,359 (2020: £591,125) which are invested to either protect the capital or provide some income for the future. The invested funds are managed by CCLA (Church, Charity and Local Authority fund managers).

Future Plans

The budgets for the current (2021-22) year were approved in March showing a deficit of £111,355. The actual outcome will depend on the speed with which any development of House on the Hill and the provision of other District facilities are achieved and also whether our tenant is able to return to full trading to enable the rents to be paid on time and to recover the arrears that accumulated during the pandemic lockdowns.

This Trustees' Report has been approved by the Executive of the District and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Peter John Avery
(Chair)

Andrew Graham Bassett
(Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of City of Newcastle District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Council (Charity Number 522413) for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 14 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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7 July 2021

Accounts

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Financial report for the year to 31 March 2021

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020 Year (all sections)
Receipts			£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	51,192		51,192	49,534
Less paid to County/TSA	(53,200)		(53,200)	(49,534)
Net membership subscriptions	(2,008)	-	(2,008)	0
Donations	728		728	1,956
Gift Aid	3,044		3,044	128
Legacies	-		-	-
Sub total	1,764	-	1,764	2,083
Grants				
Newcastle City Council	-		-	-
Other grants	71,791	6,775	78,565	4,750
Sub total	71,791	6,775	78,565	4,750
Fundraising (gross)				
Badge Sales & Commissions	665		665	1,770
Explorers	-		-	-
SASU	76		76	-
Other fundraising activities	(9)		(9)	-
Sub total	732	-	732	1,770
Investment income				
Interest Received	4,455	22	4,477	4,618
Property Rent income	12,408		12,408	42,621
Sub total	16,863	22	16,885	47,238
Receipts from Charitable Activities				
District Uniformed: Explorers	2,808		2,808	16,234
Network	-		-	-
SASU	-		-	186
Gang Show	3,542		3,542	31,228
Section Activites:	-		-	4,308
Cubs	-		-	17,840
Scouts	576		576	1,048
2/more sections together	96		96	2,781
Leader Training (Adults)	280		280	525
Leader Training (Young Leaders)	30		30	566
Loans repaid	-		-	-
St George's Day & Carol Service	-		-	-
Sundry	50		50	1,176
Ford Camp Site	(40)		(40)	40
Sub total	7,342	-	7,342	75,933
Total Gross Income	98,491	6,797	105,288	131,775
Asset and investment sales, etc.				-
Total receipts	98,491	6,797	105,288	131,775

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020 Year (all sections)
Payments		£	£	£	£
Charitable Payments					
Insurances		-		-	-
District Uniformed:	Explorers	3,417		3,417	12,672
	Explorers Equip't	155		155	
	Network/SASU	-		-	523
	Gang Show	7,412		7,412	35,012
Section Activities:	Beavers	640		640	5,727
	Cubs	1,714		1,714	22,600
	Scouts	335		335	4,464
	2/more sections together	9,894		9,894	6,482
Leader Training (Adults)		2,462		2,462	2,908
Leader Training (Young Leaders)		105		105	1,822
Property Costs		14,001		14,001	11,227
Growth & Development Officer		3,356		3,356	40,510
GDO expenditure budget		86		86	1,034
Print, postage & stationery		1,216		1,216	78
Media (web PR etc.)		4,452		4,452	2,100
Travel Expenses		256		256	1,068
St George's Day & Carol Service		-		-	1,358
Annual General Meeting		-		-	932
Donations & Gifts		175		175	5,756
Other Grants		16,261		16,261	4,152
Travel etc. Grants		-		-	450
Loans Advanced		-		-	-
Sundry		546		546	453
Bill Moon Mem'l fund		-		-	
Sub total		66,483	-	66,483	161,329
Fundraising expenses					
Badges		50		50	1,939
Badge rebates		23		23	46
Explorers		-		-	296
Other District sections		357		357	275
		430	-	430	2,556
Total Gross Expenditure		66,913	-	66,913	163,885
Net of receipts/(payments)		31,579	6,797	38,375	(32,110)
Transfers between funds		-		-	-
Invested		-		-	-
Cash funds last year end		200,912	24,167	225,079	257,188
Cash funds this period end		232,491	30,964	263,454	225,079

Notes

1. Donations received from individuals and charitable trusts included: Catherine Cookson CT; Community Foundation; Robert Wood Trust; W A Handley CT; Some of these (£18,282; 2000 £11,508) were restricted for specific purposes or Groups within the District.
2. Restricted funds include £12,682 (2000 £12,659) held as rent/maintenance deposit in respect of Osborne Road lease.
3. No Trustees receive any remuneration. Four Trustees received expenses in respect of their Scouting roles amounting to £500 during the year (2020 - 2: £1068).

CITY OF NEWCASTLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2021			31/03/2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	72,236	30,964	103,200	34,668
Bank Deposits	160,000		160,000	190,160
Cash/Floats	255	-	255	251
Total cash funds	232,491	30,964	263,454	225,079
Other monetary assets				
Rent & Badge Debtors	50,016	-	50,016	13,410
Loans to Groups:				-
		-	-	
Total other monetary assets	50,016	-	50,016	13,410
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail				
Osborne Road (insured value)	2,050,000	-	2,050,000	6,775
Quoted investments:				
COIF Investment Accumulation Units	457,726	-	457,726	368,067
COIF Global Equity Accumulation Units	110,110	-	110,110	91,646
COIF Ethical Investment Income Units	177,523	-	177,523	131,812
Other investments - detail				
Total investment assets	2,795,359	-	2,795,359	598,300
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	526	-	526	624
Land and buildings:				
Silver Lonnen (insured value)	190,125	-	190,125	184,857
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	
Total non monetary assets	190,651	-	190,651	185,481
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	779	-	779	1,699
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	
Subscriptions due 9 April	54,791	-	54,791	53,201
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities- accrued costs		-	-	
Total liabilities	55,570	-	55,570	54,900

Notes

Contingent liabilities and future obligations
None

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Peter Avery Chair

Andrew Bassett Treasurer