



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 District 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 experience 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.

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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

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

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| 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 Activities: - | - | | - | 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 |

| | | | | 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Year (all sections) |
| | | | | £ |
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 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).

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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 Lonnien (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