

# **Scouts**

## **Tamworth**

**TAMWORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**for the period from 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022**

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Reference and administration details	
<b>Charity name</b>	Tamworth District Scout Council
<b>The Scout Association registered number</b>	15216
<b>Registered charity number</b>	524546
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Moor Burgess Activity Centre
	Deltic
	Off Silver Link Road
	Glascote Heath
	Tamworth
	B77 2DU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Trustee name	Appointment	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Mr D Murphy	District Chair	Until 14 May 2021	Tamworth District Commissioner
Mr R Kingstone	District Chair	From 23 June 2021	Tamworth District Commissioner
Mr S Smith	District Commissioner		County Commissioner
Mr J Hall	District Secretary		Tamworth District Executive
Mr P Seedhouse	District Treasurer		Tamworth District Executive
Mrs S Osborne	District Explorer Scout Commissioner		Tamworth District Commissioner
Miss H Allison	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mrs A Baines	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mr T Bounds	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mr C Cartwright	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mr M Harvey	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mr A Jenkins	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mr T Killick	District Executive Member	Until 28 April 2021	Tamworth District Scout Council
Mrs C Lang	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mr K Lang	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mrs M Shuttler	District Executive Member		Tamworth District Scout Council
Mr Russell Spiers-Ward	District Executive Member	From 23 June 2021	Tamworth District Scout Council

**Names and addresses of advisors**

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bank	The Co-operative Bank	42/43 Greengate Street, Stafford ST16 2JA
Investment Bank	Virgin Money UK PLC	Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4TG
Investment Bank	Redwood Bank Limited	Suite 101, The Nexus Building, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TA.
Accountants	Tomkinson Teal LLP	Hanover Court, 5 Queen Street, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 6QD

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**Structure, governance and management:**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document	Our 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 of The Scout Association ("POR") and the Tamworth District Scout Council Constitution which sets out meeting quorums, procedure and membership of committees.
How the charity is constituted	We are a body formed and recognised by The Scout Association under its Royal Charter.
Trustee selection methods	The District Commissioner is appointed by The County Commissioner. The District Chairman is nominated by the District Commissioner. The District Explorer Scout Commissioner, the District Scout Network Commissioner, and the District Youth Commissioner, because of their roles automatically become ex-officio members. (Currently the Network and Youth Commissioner role are vacant and are being overseen by the Deputy District Commissioner 14 - 25 years). The District Secretary and District Treasurer are appointed by the Executive Committee. All other Trustees are either: (a) nominated by the District Commissioner and approved: or (b) directly elected at the Annual General Meeting of the charity; or (c) are co-opted by the District Executive Committee.

**Additional governance issues**

	<p>The Charity is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.</p> <p>Members of the Executive Committee are required to complete all mandatory training for this role within 5 months of joining the Committee unless they have already completed the requisite training in another role.</p> <p>Disclosure and Barring Service checks are carried out prior to commencement of trusteeship. These checks are repeated every five years in line with POR. New Trustees complete a Trustee Eligibility declaration at the start of their term of office.</p>
	We all give our time voluntarily and receive no remuneration. Travelling and any other reasonable expenses are paid when claimed and fully vouched.

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	<p>We have a duty to report on the charity's public benefit in our Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, activities, and charitable objectives, which are to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. We believe that we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both <b>the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development</b>.</p> <p>The Scouting Movement complies with the two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Identifiable benefit:</b> The way in which Scouting is carried out helps young people develop towards their full potential; this benefit is directly linked to the Purpose of Scouting.</li> <li>2) <b>Public benefit:</b> Scouting is a national Movement open to young people aged from 6-25. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. There are funds available for uniform and activities so that young people are not excluded from activities if they are unable to pay. Any private benefits of Scouting are incidental. The benefits of Scouting are further demonstrated throughout this report.</li> </ol> <p>We have completed our review of the major risks to the charity and have annual renewal procedures in place to manage these risks. We have systems in place that are designed to provide reasonable assurances against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurance risks are covered. We are not dependent on any donors.</p>
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<b>Objectives and activities</b>	
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing documents	<p><b>Our Purpose:</b> Scouting in Tamworth exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>Our Values:</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.</li> <li>• Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</li> <li>• Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</li> <li>• Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.</li> <li>• Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Scout Method:</b> Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enjoy what they are doing and have fun</li> <li>• take part in activities indoors and outdoors</li> <li>• learn by doing</li> <li>• share in spiritual reflection</li> <li>• take responsibility and make choices</li> <li>• undertake new and challenging activities</li> <li>• make and live by their Promise.</li> </ul>

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<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects</p>	<p>In planning our activities for the year, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our District Executive meetings.</p> <p>The focus of our activities is to deliver a programme of youth orientated activities, the Queen's Scout Awards and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. This benefits our young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills, alongside practical IT skills and life skills as envisaged in our national Vision 2023. We provide support to adult volunteers through training and development.</p> <p>We welcome all people regardless of personal background, faith, gender, or personal circumstances.</p> <p>Additionally, the Charity continues to operate the District Activity Centre ("DAC") for the benefit of Scouting and the wider community in the Tamworth Area. We are grateful to those organisations who continue to use the DAC.</p>
<p><b>Additional details of objectives and activities</b></p>	
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>A great contribution has once again been made by our adult volunteers this year.</p> <p>We are grateful for the many hours our volunteers have spent listening to and encouraging our young people and working with them. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.</p> <p>The Trustees also want to acknowledge the considerable amount of time and effort put in by many people to the continued operation, administration, and maintenance of the District Activity Centre.</p>

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

The threat to Scouting brought about by the pandemic has now passed and in doing so has brought home how lucky we are in Tamworth. Every Scout Group in the district made a full return to face to face Scouting very soon after the easing of lockdown and things are now running very close to normal.

This serves to highlight the dedication and tenacity of the adult volunteers across Tamworth to make sure that Scouting continued during the lockdown and that it bounced back quickly once lockdown ended. During the lockdown most groups kept contact with their young people online, in one form or another, and I joined some fantastic online sessions where imaginative programmes were run by enthusiastic leaders and enjoyed by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

I don't think anybody should underestimate how much effort leaders put into these online sessions and how hard it must have been at times to put on a game face at the end of a hard day – often spent on endless Zoom meetings.

Experiences of and demand for online meetings was varied, and some leaders found that their young people delighted in the online social interaction while others found that very often they were already 'Zoomed Out' from their online schooling. However, the contact maintained with young people throughout lockdown will have served to provide a reassuring link with Scouting in the strangest of times, and I am sure this will have done immeasurable good.

We are now into sunnier uplands and something approaching normality. Face to face meetings have run for much of the last year and we have got back to doing what The Scouts do best – providing fun, adventure and Skills For Life for young people.

We have gone a long way to recovering from the 25% reduction in numbers in 2021 and membership enquiries have shot up dramatically, rather proving the notion that The Scouts can be the solution to some of the social, physical and mental health problems wrought on a generation of youngsters by the pandemic.

Our first Squirrels section is on the horizon, catering for the 4 to 6 year old cohort below Beavers, and more will no doubt follow when the time is right.

The remainder of 2022 is set to see us getting back to full strength before what is promised to be a year of changes nationally in 2023.

Thanks to the wonderful adult volunteers across Tamworth, we are still here, doing well and on the up.




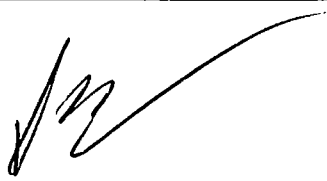
Steve Smith

District Commissioner

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<b>Financial review</b>	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>During the year, the Trustees have continued to consider the amount held in the light of its legal duty to apply charitable funds within a reasonable amount of time of receiving them.</p> <p>The Trustees have also reviewed the continuing need to ensure that the DAC is kept up to standard and the need to consider the financial arrangements of the Groups within the District.</p> <p>The Reserves Policy covers these aspects.</p>
<b>Further financial review details</b>	
	<p>Our main sources of funds are the District Levy which is paid by Groups based on the number of young people declared on the Groups' Annual Return along with Income for use of the DAC and activities undertaken within the DAC.</p> <p>The majority of our income is applied to the activities which we provide for our young people.</p> <p>POR sets out the manner in which our funds may be invested. We have adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of our funds.</p> <p>All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks. The Executive Committee regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and interest rates received to ensure that the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.</p> <p>We do not make grants or gifts to outside organisations or individuals.</p>

<b>Declaration</b>	
<b>The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.</b>	
<b>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees</b>	
<b>Signatures</b>	 
<b>Full names</b>	<div>Richard John Samuel Kingstone</div> <div>Peter Eric Seedhouse</div>
<b>Position</b>	<div>District Chairman</div> <div>District Treasurer</div>

**District Treasurer's Report  
Year ending 31 March 2022.**

The financial statements are detailed on Pages 10 to 16.

**District**

Last year the income received from hiring of the DAC reduced from £19,875 in the year ended 31.3.2020, to £1,165. Fortunately most of the organisations who use the Activity Centre have returned and indeed more organisations now use the rooms in the main building. As a result the income for this year is £20,810. This could not have been achieved without the many hours spent by our volunteers managing the DAC and our users continuing their support.

The Charity continued to qualify for Grants under the Government's Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) Grant programme and this money has been of benefit. Other Grants have been received and more details are at Note 3 to the Accounts and the Charity is extremely grateful for these which will benefit the Charity's aims for the future.

As at the end of last year, there were funds available to be used for the Traversing Wall which has now been installed in the Activity Building. Archery and Shooting Ranges have also been built into this Building.

Whilst the income received exceeds the expenditure, it must be borne in mind that the amounts received in grants referred to under the RHL funding total £10,667. Without this support from the Government, the District would have made a loss of £1,980

**Explorer Units**

The Unit is now recovering from the effects of the pandemic, with events and camps being planned. During the year the Explorer members have had the opportunity to take part in Summer, Autumn and Winter Camps as well as a number of other activities. All of these have been subsidised to the rate of around 20%, to encourage as many Young People as possible to attend.

The Summary of Financial Activities on Page 10 of the Accounts shows that the Unit made a small surplus of £1,306. However, this only resulted from the fact that during the year claims for 4 years were submitted for Gift Aid which resulted in £2,019 being received and fundraising of £1,563. The Gift Aid amount is a "one-off" as it covered four years.

The Unit is in a strong financial position and will continue to support the members of the Units to take part in adventurous activities.



Peter Eric Seedhouse  
District Treasurer

Date: 17 MAY 2022



**Independent Examiner's Report to the  
Trustees of Tamworth District Scout Council**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Tamworth District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity trustees of Tamworth District Scout Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Tamworth District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of Tamworth District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act: or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Susanna Ault, FCA, FCCA

For and on behalf Tomkinson Teal LLP  
Chartered Accountants and  
Statutory Auditors

Hanover Court  
5 Queen Street  
Lichfield  
Staffordshire  
WS13 6QD

Date: 6 JUNE 2022

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**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>NET 2022</b>	<b>NET 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
DISTRICT	93,359	84,681	8,678	-28,415
EXPLORERS	<u>13,159</u>	<u>11,593</u>	<u>1,566</u>	<u>1,306</u>
	<u>106,518</u>	<u>96,273</u>	<u>10,244</u>	<u>-27,109</u>

<b>BANK BALANCES/INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AS AT</b>	<b>31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
DISTRICT	125,844^	117,166*
EXPLORERS	<u>10,630</u>	<u>9,064</u>
	<u>136,474</u>	<u>126,230</u>

\*As at the end of the Year to 31.3. 2021, there were grants totalling £15,016 most of which was used for the installation of the Traversing Wall in the Activity Building. The remainder of this sum is £2,714 which will be used for Sporting Equipment etc.

^As at the end of the Year to 31.3.2022, there were grants totalling £3,215 which will be used for sporting activities including the introduction of new activities for the use of Scouting and other organisations.

CASH HELD AT SCOUT SHOP	64	317
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The annexed notes on Pages 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

	2022	2021
<b>Monetary Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Petty Cash	64	317
Current Bank Accounts	<u>35,993</u>	<u>25,769</u>
	<u>36,057</u>	<u>26,086</u>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Virgin Money Charity Account	15,287	15,267
Co-operative Bank Deposit Account	194	194
Redwood Bank	<u>85,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>
	<u>100,481</u>	<u>100,461</u>
<b>Non-Monetary Assets</b>		
Uniform and Badge Stock	3,425	3,466
<b>Expenses Paid in Advance</b>		
Insurance	2,960	3,010
Tamworth Borough Council	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>3,210</u>	<u>3,260</u>
<b>Restricted Fund</b>		
Balance of Grant from Staffordshire County Council		-17
Sports Grant (Tamworth Borough Council)	-2,715	-5,000
Lottery Grant 2021		<u>-10,000</u>
Local Giving Grant	<u>-500</u>	
	<u>- 3,215</u>	<u>-15,017</u>
<b>LIABILITIES DUE IN ONE YEAR</b>	-750	-750
<b>MONEYS OWED TO LEADERS</b>		
<b>PREPAYMENTS BY GROUPS TO SCOUT SHOP</b>	-818	-155
<b>REFUNDS TO GROUPS FOR SHOP PURCHASES</b>		
<b>PREPAYMENT FOR HIRE OF DAC</b>	-615	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</b>	137,775	117,351

The financial statements were approved by the Charity's Trustees on 17 MAY 2022 and signed on their behalf by

  
R J S Kingstone  
District Chairman

  
P E Seedhouse  
District Treasurer

The annexed notes on Pages 12 to 16 form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**1. Accounting policies and assessment of going concern**

These Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

As in previous years, membership subscriptions collected on behalf on County or Headquarters are not included in the income analysis.

The figures include all monies received or paid on behalf of the Charity, including the Explorers Scout Units, The District Scout Network, and the District Scout Active Support.

All Fixed Asset and Equipment including Buildings and a vehicle have been fully written off. Stocks of Badges and Uniforms and been valued at the lower of Cost and Recommended Retail Price. Any Obsolete Badges have been valued at Nil.

The Trustees consider that there are no uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern over the next twelve months.

**2. Cash flow statement**

The Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement because it is a small Charity.

**3 Grants Income and Expenditure**

Due to the continued effect of COVID-19 on the Charity's Finances, details of Grants Received and the Expenditure relating thereto are detailed below:

**Tamworth Borough Council Sports Grant**

As of 31 March 2021, there was a sum of £5,000 that was awarded some years ago. Part of this Grant was used in connection with the installation of the Traversing Wall in the Activity Building. As at 31 March 2022, there is still £2,714.93 to be used for "sports activities".

**National Lottery Grant**

As of 31 March 2021, there was a sum of £10,000 that had been received from the above, but not spent at that point. This was subsequently used during the year for the Traversing Wall that has been installed in the Activity Building in accordance with the terms of the Grant. A total of £11,352.49 was spent in total.

**Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Funds**

During the year, the Charity qualified for a "re-start" grant of £8,000 under the terms of the above Government Fund and administered by Tamworth Borough Council. A Further payment of £2,667 was received due the Omicron restrictions.

**HS2 GRANT**

The final payment of £2,785 was received from the above. Most of the moneys were received and all expended during the year to 31.3.2021.

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**Leslie Sell Charitable Trust, Rawlet Trust, Tamworth Community Youth Trust**

The Charity received total of £1,500 from these charities for which the trustees are very grateful. These grants were used to purchase manikins and other First aid equipment which is used for training of our volunteers and young people. The total spent was £1,585.60

**Local Giving Grant**

During the year £500 was received from the above to be used for the introduction of a new activity Target Sprint. This has not yet been spent.

**Tamworth Community Youth Trust**

In February the Charity was granted £500 towards a computer equipment to be used by young people for scouting activities. See note below under Youth Investment Trust

**Tamworth Borough Council - Councillor Community Grant**

In March a Grant of £300 was received from the above fund as a contribution towards the purchase of computer equipment to be used by young people for scouting activities. See note below

**Youth Investment Fund**

In March 2022 the Charity received £31,200 for the purchase of 10 computers and a Transit Van. This money had to be spent by 31 March. This sum along with the moneys received along with the grants as mentioned above has been fully expended, with the total being £33,243.25.

**Summary**

A total of £47,452 was received from funders and in respect of COVID-19 Grants (totalling £10,667) during the year and £46,171 expended. The Charity is extremely grateful to all Funders for their considerable assistance.

<b>4. District Activities Income</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Water Activities	30	
Shooting	225	
Donations for use of Traversing Wall	150	
Donations for use of Computers	10	
Donations for use of Fire Lighting equipment	40	
Donations for use of Manikins	10	
Donations for use of Water Equipment	30	
Gang Show	466	25
<b>5. Explorer Units Income</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subs paid by Members	1,937	660
Camp/Event Fees Paid by Members	5,460	20
Membership Fees paid	1,785	1,548
Gift Aid Repayment	1,553	
General Fundraising income	2,294	3,745
Minibus Donations	130	
Uniform income		61
Hoodies		68
Refund of Rent		120

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6. Income in respect of District Activity Centre	2022	2021
	£	£
Shop Sales	15,403	778
Rent of DAC by external Groups	20,810	1,115
Rent of DAC by TDSC Groups	1,880	50

7. Investment Income	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank Interest	0	32
Virgin Money Account Interest	20	359
Redwood Bank Limited Interest paid June 2021	1,005	

8. Other Income	2022	2021
	£	£
District Levy	5,472	4,874
Easy Fundraising/Amazon Smile	65	28
Donation from Together 4 Tamworth	250	
Other Donation	40	
Net Amount of Grants Received	1,281*	4,247*

\*These figure shows the Net Sums received. Any other moneys which have been received have been paid out in accordance with the conditions as stipulated by the Funder. See note 3 above for further explanation of Grants received and expenditure relating thereto.

9. District Activities Costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Water Activities (see note below)	672	-192*
Gang Show		108
First Response Course	688	
Chief Scout Award (deposit for May 2022 event)	180	
Archery including Range Costs	6	350
Christmas Quiz		8
Altar Fires etc	98	244
Purchase of Marquees	56	1,306
Shooting Range Costs		82
Young Leaders	10	
District Camps Deposit to Beaudesert Camp Site	600	

^ The figure above showing minus £192 for 2021 arises because a refund of £200 was received from a booking that had been made but was refunded, less costs of £8 incurred during the year.

10. Explorer Units Expenditure	2022	2021
	£	£
Equipment	814	426
Camp Fees	5,617	
Event Costs	916	

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Activity Session Costs.	216	393
Membership Fees paid	1,716	2,675
Fundraising Costs	265	155
Rent of DAC	425	
Transport/Minibus Costs	1,182	270
Insurance Contribution	189	
OSM	53	30
Badges	200	
Rent (subsequently refunded)		120
Moneys owed to Leaders 31.3.20- Activity Costs		846

<b>11. District Activity Centre Costs</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Scout Shop Purchases	11,097	1,976
Repairs, Cleaning and Grass Cutting	8,202	883
Electricity	3,809	2,302
Water	572	159
Ground Rent	1,000	1,000
Telephone/Broadband/Website	599	520
DAC Costs	2,954	2,454
DAC Licences	159	158
DAC Safety and COVID-19 costs (in addition to Grant expenditure)	1,425	1,835

<b>12. Other costs</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Insurance	2,813	3,041
AGM and Sundry Costs		
Postage/Stationery/Printing	918	610
Commissioners' Expenses	596	
Gifts (includes cakes for Groups)	105	30
DAC Development Costs	904	11,448
Laptop Charger		19
Break-in July 2020 and consequent Improvements to DAC		11,582*
Training	35	
Costs incurred re closure of Drayton Basset Scout Group	704	
Purchase of T.V. Screen	309	

\*In July 2020, there was a Break-in at the DAC and repairs were required. Rather than just replace the wooden Fire Exit doors, the Trustees took the decision to install external metal doors and metal roller shutters. This has the effect of enhancing the security at the DAC and means that all rooms have their own external doors that can be used for entering/exiting the building without using the main door. This helps with Social Distancing requirements. Other improvements to the security were also undertaken.

- 13. Employees**  
The Charity has no employees.

- 14. Trustee's remuneration and expenses**  
None of the Trustees receive any remuneration.

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Those Trustees, who made a claim, were reimbursed a total of £3,264 for expenses incurred including purchases of equipment, locks, and awards for groups, printers, refreshments, lifejacket replacement parts and waterproofs, chairs for Activity Building. All this expenditure is fully vouched, and receipts/invoices held to cover the total amount.

Mr S Smith is a Trustee, the District Commissioner and a Director of Spectrum Services (Tamworth) Limited a company that the Charity has engaged on numerous occasions to undertake work. This has been the case because Mr Smith understands the requirements of Scouting Activities and has considerable knowledge of the electrical system of the District Activity Centre.. The company have undertaken work at a reduced rate compared to other contractors.

None of the payments made to Spectrum Services (Tamworth) Limited, have exceeded the limit set in Charity's Financial Protocols which require a formal process of asking at least three contractors to quote for work to be undertaken.

<b>15. Cash held in investment Accounts</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Virgin Money Account	15,287	15,267
Co-operative Bank Deposit Account	194	194
Redwood Bank Limited	85,000	85,000

<b>16. Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments by Groups for District Scout Shop	818	155
Prepayment for DAC booking	615	

**17. Capital commitments**

There were no capital commitments authorised or contracted for at the year end. However, as part of the Trustees continued desire to improve the facilities at the District Activity Centre a sum of £23,722 is held in a Designated Fund.

**18. Taxation**

The Charity is exempt from taxation on any income or capital gains.

**19 Contingent and Future Liabilities**

Tamworth Borough Council has awarded the Charity 100% Rate Relief. The Trustees again express their appreciation.

The land on which the District Activity Centre stands is owned by Tamworth Borough Council and an annual Ground Rent of £1,000 is payable to the Council.

As required, £250 is paid quarterly in advance during the year to 31 March 2022. A payment is made in March 2022 to cover the period 1 April to 30 June 2022. These amounts are noted on the Balance Sheet.

**20. Fundraising**

The Charity does not engage the services of a professional fund-raiser or commercial participator in any matters.