

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 524644

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2022
for**

Worcester District Scout Council



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From (start date) to (end date)

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Worcester District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steven Eddies		11/10/2021 – present	
2	Cameron March		11/10/2021 – present	
3	Charles Schofield		11/10/2021 – present	
4	Lee Russel		11/10/2021 – present	
5	Andrew Hopkins		03/03/2020 – present	
6	Ryan Griffiths		03/03/2020 – present	
7	Lee Clarke		09/01/2020 – present	
8	Susan Ranscombe		09/09/2019 – present	
9	Amanda Smith		01/04/2019 – present	
10	Helen Hill		13/01/2017 – present	
11	Caro Sylvester		09/06/2014 – present	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section A**Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg trust deed, constitution)

Scouts Association Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg appointed by, elected by)

Elected by members at AGM

Additional governance issues (optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
 - relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All members act in accordance of the charities commission and The Scouts Association POR. All Trustees are required to do mandatory training provided by the Scouts Association.

All role descriptions are listed on The Scouts Association website.

Trustees meet bi-monthly and communicate via WhatsApp and email.

Urgent issues are circulated between meetings and approvals sought. Urgent, mid meetings can be called via Zoom or Teams.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The District Executive Committee plays a vital role in the running of a Scout District. Executive Committees make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality Scouting can be delivered to young people in the District.

The following should be treated as a guide and read in conjunction with other resources (including The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules referred to as POR throughout this factsheet).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Comply with POR of the Scout Association, Protect and maintain property, manage district finances, provide insurance for people, property. Provide sufficient resources for scouting to operate, recruitment, fundraising. Promote scouting in the district. Manage safety. Appoint and manage committees. Ensure young people are involved in decision making. Opening, closing, amalgamating groups. Supervising admin of groups.

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/executive-committees/the-district-executive-committee/>

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2021/2022 was focused on resuming face to face scouting after the pandemic. Although all groups reduced in size, waiting lists increased and the priority was to ensure adequate adult leaders and volunteers were retained, recruited or trained. Increased training costs are a result in growth in recruitment of leaders.

The main achievement was that no groups closed during this period and adequate leadership cover was provided to maintain scouting in the region.

This created a base in which the district can grow and offer more places to young people in the years to come. Waiting lists have grown and there is a desire to recruit more leaders, open more groups and sections. Subscription payments per head have remained constant in this year, but increased in total due to increased members.

Events and activities income has increased as we return to face to face scouting. This is apparent from the increase from £705.50 in 2021 and £2930 in 2022

Other Key highlights include the growth of explorer scouts by allowing groups to open sections, whilst maintaining a district unit. Also, the managed opening of squirrel dreys. The initial pilot has gone well, and in the future years, we hope to open more

We have supported more scouts through financial support grants now that events and activities have started again. Scouts is inclusive and we want to ensure all members have equal opportunity to attend events and extra activities. We increased spend on financial support by £2800

Administration costs have been reduced. This is a direct result of streamlining operations and looking towards free software where possible

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The scout association requests that all groups hold reserves equal to one years operating costs. Worcester District Scouts has demonstrated that it has fulfilled it's obligation.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charities main source of income is via subscription fees, calculated by each sub groups census reports.

Other than capitation expenditure which is a mandated expenditure, a notable reduction in administration costs is evidenced. Also and increase in financial support is seen due to an increase in hardship fund requests.

Investment in the district property, events, assets have marginally increased as we returned more face to face activities. This is an expenditure we expect to increase in the future.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



LEE CLARKE

CHAIR

11/8/10/2/2

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Worcester District Scout Council ("the Charity")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on page 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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

Signed:



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The Richards Sandy Partnership

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Worcestershire

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Date: 25/11/2022.

Worcester District Scout Council (524644) - Year Ended 31 March 2022 - Incorporating All Branches of the Charity

	Worcester District Total	Explorers	Explorers - The Den Total	Network Total	Total Total 2022	Total Total 2021
Subscriptions	67,220.40	332.00	40.50	80.00	67,672.90	56,794.30
First Aid Training	885.00	-	-	-	885.00	-
Activities & Events Income	2,930.00	-	-	-	2,930.00	705.50
Achievement Badges & Uniform Income	55.00	-	-	-	55.00	-
Grants Received	-	-	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Donations	-	224.94	620.00	-	844.94	675.62
Bank Interest	5.24	-	-	-	5.24	189.59
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	731.50
Total Income	71,095.64	556.94	1,160.50	80.00	72,893.08	59,596.51
Capitation Fees	49,243.50	730.30	-	-	49,973.80	49,308.80
Activities & Events Costs	3,698.92	616.00	-	-	4,314.92	3,120.98
Achievement Badges & Uniform Costs	280.20	14.86	-	-	295.06	127.45
Financial Support Grants	2,300.00	-	500.00	-	2,800.00	-
Administration Costs	2,694.38	84.18	-	20.00	2,798.56	7,418.49
Donations Made	17.99	-	-	-	17.99	-
Equipment Purchases	180.00	-	-	-	180.00	157.52
Leader Training	1,764.00	-	-	-	1,764.00	-
The Den	-	-	1,387.00	-	1,387.00	3,014.11
Total Expenditure	60,178.99	1,445.34	1,887.00	20.00	63,531.33	63,147.35
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	10,916.65	(888.40)	(726.50)	60.00	9,361.75	(3,550.84)
Bank Balances						
District						
CAF Account	30,663.34	8,134.70	-	-	38,798.04	22,619.09
NS&I Investment	23,019.86	-	-	-	23,019.86	23,017.56
NS&I bond	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
Explorers						
North Current A/C	-	-	11,323.73	-	11,323.73	12,050.23
South Current A/C	-	-	-	-	-	6,153.00
Go Cardless	-	1,037.55	-	-	1,037.55	6,153.00
Petty Cash	-	207.36	-	-	207.36	6,153.00
Network						
Network - Lloyds account	-	-	-	2,842.43	2,842.43	2,762.43
Network HSBC account	-	-	-	114.34	114.34	134.34
Network monies owed to district	2,189.15	-	-	(2,189.15)	-	-
	58,872.35	9,379.61	11,323.73	767.62	80,343.31	82,042.65
2020/21	47,955.70	10,268.01	12,050.23	707.62	70,981.56	74,532.40
2021/22 Income	71,095.64	556.94	1,160.50	80.00	72,893.08	59,596.51
2021/22 Expenditure	(60,178.99)	(1,445.34)	(1,887.00)	(20.00)	(63,531.33)	(63,147.35)
2021/22 Closing balances	58,872.35	9,379.61	11,323.73	767.62	80,343.31	70,981.56
All activity relates to unrestricted funds only.			Opening Cash from 2020-21			
			70,981.56			
			21/22 surplus			
			9,361.75			
			Closing Cash			
			80,343.31			