

WHARFEDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 524827

Details

Other names	WHARFEDALE BOY SCOUTS LOCAL ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-12-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO SUPPORT SCOUTING IN THE WHARFEDALE DISTRICT

Activities: Wharfedale District Scout Council administers the rules of the Scout Association for the Scout Groups in the following communities in Wharfedale - Addingham/Ilkley/Ben Rhydding/Burley/Menston and Otley. [The first 5 named are in Bradford MDC area & Otley is in Leeds CC area]. It also manages the Curly Hill Activity Centre and has oversight of the Reva Water Activity Centre.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WHARFEDALE
- Bradford City
- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£138,278	£209,580	-	-
2024-03-31	£91,673	£113,524	-	-
2023-03-31	£84,062	£77,700	-	-
2022-03-31	£82,546	£82,150	-	-
2021-03-31	£87,587	£65,393	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael John Wild	Chair	2021-09-29
Alexander Iain Paterson		2023-07-05
Christopher Andrew Carver		2019-06-27
Dominic Robert Dobson		2016-03-14
JEREMY JOHN INCE		2011-09-04
Judith Ann Dickinson		2023-07-05
Lisa Nutton		2024-05-23
Paul Edward Jennings		2021-09-29
Richard Andrew Robinson		2021-09-30
Timothy Haskins		2021-09-30

Accounts

Scouts

Wharfedale



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WHARFEDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

District Lead Volunteers - Tim Haskins and Paul Jennings
Chair - Mike Wild

Secretary - Chris Carver . . . secretary@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/2025

INTRODUCTION

A Year of Growth, Adventure and Achievement

This year has been one of the most exciting and successful in recent memory for Wharfedale District Scouts. For the first time ever, our membership has passed 1,000 young people, representing a 7% growth on last year — a fantastic achievement that shows Scouting across the district continues to thrive.

Our Explorer sections have also reached their highest numbers to date, with more young people than ever choosing to stay involved in Scouting as they move through their teenage years. This is a testament to the dedication and creativity of our Explorer leaders and programme teams, who continue to offer a rich variety of opportunities and challenges.

We were also delighted to celebrate the formal reopening of Pool-in-Wharfedale Scout Group — the first time the group has opened its doors in 36 years. This marks a major milestone for the district and a wonderful new opportunity for local young people to join Scouting close to home.

2025 was also a year of international adventure, with two incredible expeditions taking place. Both 1st Ben Rhydding and Addingham Scout Group led over 100 young people on unforgettable international trips, helping them to broaden their horizons, make new friends, and experience Scouting on a global stage.

We're delighted that REVA has had its biggest investment since it opened which has made a great district asset into one of the best equipped Scout Sailing Centres in the region, meaning our young people can experience time on the water in style!

A huge thank you goes to our programme team leads and Programme support teams, who have ensured that all sections across the district have enjoyed a packed calendar of fun, safe and skill-building activities.

Finally, we would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers across Wharfedale that put our young people first. Whether leading a section team, supporting behind the scenes, or managing logistics and administration, every contribution makes a real difference. Your dedication ensures that our young people are safe, have fun, and gain skills for life!

Together, we've made Wharfedale District Scouts stronger than ever — and we are proud to continue to lead the District as adventure continues!

Tim Haskins & Paul Jennings
District Lead Volunteers

CHAIR

First of all, I just want to say a huge thank you. Thank you for being here tonight, and more importantly, thank you for everything you do, week in and week out, for the young people of Wharfedale District Scouts. I know you don't do it for recognition, but you really do deserve it.

This year my attention has been caught by several high-profile events that have highlighted how young boys and young men are grappling with their masculinity and with their broader place in society. Across most metrics of importance within society - education, employment, health, and others - young men are falling behind. Suicide remains the leading cause of death for men aged under 50 in the UK.

Sir Gareth Southgate, the former England manager, gave the Richard Dimbleby lecture this year on the challenges facing young people today, and as he was talking I thought about the work you do as volunteers. He said too many are spending hours online, gaming, gambling, or following influencers who don't have their best interests at heart. He spoke about how they are searching for role models in the wrong places, and how what they really need is something very simple: identity, connection, and culture.

And when I heard that, I thought—well, that's exactly what Scouts gives. And it's exactly what *you* as volunteers provide.

You give young people a sense of identity. A badge on their uniform, a patrol to belong to, a group where they can say "this is my place, these are my people." That may not sound dramatic, but for a young person who feels lost or uncertain, it can mean everything.

You give them connection. You become mentors, role models, and trusted adults. You show them what it looks like to be kind, fair, patient, and resilient. And let's be honest, sometimes that's when they're cold, muddy, or a bit grumpy! But those are the moments when young people notice how you lead, and they carry that with them.

And you create a culture that is so different from what they find online. A culture where it's okay to fail, because falling off a climbing wall or burning your first attempt at campfire bread isn't the end of the world. It's where you learn, laugh, and have another go. That's resilience. That's confidence. That's real success.

I think sometimes we underestimate just how important those things are. Southgate spoke about his famous penalty miss in 1996, and how it haunted him but also made him stronger. And I can't help but think, every time a young person in Scouts tries something new and doesn't quite get it right, they're building the same kind of strength. They're learning that failure isn't final—it's just part of the journey. And the fact that they've got you alongside them, encouraging them to pick themselves up and try again, makes all the difference.

You might not see it straight away. You might not realise, in the middle of a wet weekend camp, or a meeting where the energy is through the roof, that you're shaping the adults they will become. But you are. You're giving them stories, skills, and values that will last a lifetime. And in a world where too many young people feel isolated or lost, that's priceless.

So tonight, I want to celebrate you. Whether you run a section every week, help behind the scenes, drive the minibus, or quietly support in the background—you are the heartbeat of Wharfedale District Scouts. Without you, none of this happens

And I'll finish by saying this: Scouts is about adventure, challenge, and fun. But at its heart, it's about preparing young people for life. And you are the people making that happen. So, thank you—for your time, your patience, your commitment, and your belief in the next generation. You might not wear the England manager's waistcoat, but trust me, you are the role models our young people need.



This year has seen the number of Colonies in the District increase from 12 to 13 with Beavers starting at Pool. All continue to run to capacity with numbers ranging from 16 to 24, numbers on the waiting lists vary from group to group which will determine if they get a place in their chosen group when they are of Beaver age.

Due to the length of their waiting list 1st Ben Rhydding's are hoping to open another Colony but need some volunteers before it can happen.

Across the District the Beavers are taking part in a wide range of activities including Group camps and sleepovers. Last June 4 Colonies attended Phoenix 24 the District Camp at Bramhope with the Cubs and Scouts- a Fun time was had by all, for many Beavers it was the first time they had experienced a camp of that size.

During the summer months most colonies have made the most of the good weather with walks on Ilkley Moor and Otley Chevin, visits to Reva and Sports activities.

In April the majority of Beavers joined the rest of the District at the St George's Day Celebration which once again took place at Otley Rugby Club.

A very scaled down District Fun Day was held in June at Curly Hill attended by 3rd Ben Rhydding, Addingham and Ilkley Christchurch- unfortunately the other Colonies weren't able to attend due to prior Group activities.

Beavers enjoyed an afternoon of activities including soft axe throwing and archery, parachute games, cup on a string, craft activity, drainpipe alley and catching frogs and snails. Addingham and Christchurch then stayed on for a sleepover.

Curly Hill is already booked on 27th/28th June 2026 for next year's when hopefully more Colonies will be able to attend.



There have been a number of changes and additions to leadership teams throughout the District which is good to see but there are still some colonies in need of more volunteers.

One of these changes has been at 3rd Ben Rhydding where, after over 20 years' service, Sue Fischbach decided to step down as Beaver leader. I have known Sue during this time and would like to thank her for all the contributions and support that she has given not only to Beavers at 3rd Ben Rhydding but to all the District Fun days/Sleepovers over the Years. On behalf of the District, I wish her well.

I would also like to take this opportunity in thanking all the Beaver Leaders for giving up their time and their commitment in providing all the Young People the opportunities that Scouting gives them.

Next year it will be 40 years since Beavers became part of the Scout Association so I am sure there will be some sort of celebration to look forward to.

Judith Dickinson
District Beaver Lead

cubs

The cub packs in the District are thriving. Total numbers of cubs increased from 300 to 331 and adult leader numbers also increased. All the packs in the District are full, and most have waiting lists. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers and the great programmes that they offer.

We also held several very successful District events including the sports day and swimming gala, Activity Evening at Curly Hill, Quiz Night and cooking competition. These were all very well attended. Many thanks to the volunteers who made these events happen.

SCOUTS

The scout troops in the District remain strong. Numbers have remained steady at 288. Some of the troops have suffered from a lack of leaders, so have had to reduce to meeting once every two weeks. We are actively recruiting new leaders to ensure a full programme.

The scout troops turned out in force for the annual St George's Day tournament at Otley together with the other sections. We were pleased to host newly appointed County Lead Volunteer, Toby Hammond, who presented the trophy for the winning team to Menston. Many thanks to Burley in Wharfedale Group for organising the day and to Otley Rugby Club for letting us use their ground.





The scouts also took part in the annual Otley torch race up the Chevin, kindly organised by the Lionhearts. This was won by Otley Parish with Otley Bridge winning the Inspection. The trophy is currently being repaired but will hopefully be formally presented soon.

EXPLORERS

Explorers continues to grow in the District and numbers are now up to 122. The new units at 3rd Ben Rhydding, Otley Bridge and 2nd Otley are attracting new members and running a great programme. We are in the process of reopening the unit at Menston so the growth should continue.

District is also organising Duke of Edinburgh Awards across the district with the aim of opening participation in this great programme to many more of our young people.

The District also organised training sessions for all the Young Leaders. They are the future of our movement, so it is vital to invest in them.

REVA

Once again there has been plenty of activity at the centre since the last AGM. There have been sailing courses, powerboat courses, permit assessments and lots of water activity sessions. We have had 497 young people attend water activity sessions, staffed by centre volunteers and a further 317 young people attend through the group membership option.

A big thank you must go to our unpaid, qualified RYA instructors who are able to offer a selection of courses to meet the high demand and all of the volunteer permit holders who help staff the water activity sessions.

Reva had its annual RYA inspection in May. We passed with only a couple of minor action points which is a brilliant achievement, and I would like to thank Cameron Wilson for all his hard work in making sure we were prepared as best as we could be for the inspection.

Earlier in the summer, Reva took delivery of a new Bellboat. This is one of our main activities on the water activity sessions and the previous one had worn out.

We once again, held our version of dragon boat racing in September, where the new boat was put through its paces.

The main centre building has been renovated over the last 12 months. The work started around October 2024, and it has seen the inside of the centre building redesigned to offer a clean, spacious building, that everyone can use and that will hopefully serve Wharfedale and the surrounding districts for years to come. I would like to thank Dominic and Lisa for there hard work in making the renovation possible and everyone else who contributed either through donations or labour.

The final part of the redevelopment has just got underway. Dominic and Lisa are installing a new kitchen, which will really finish the building off.

As always, Reva relies on volunteers. From grass and hedge cutting, to serving tuck shop and staffing the centre building during water activity sessions. If you can assist in anyway, please contact James Adams (Centre Manager) on sasm@revascouts.org.uk



CURLY HILL

We are delighted to report another busy year at Curly Hill with bookings from near and far. Over 4000 young people visited the site in the last 12 months and were able to enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors and the amazing countryside. It is encouraging that whilst most of our visitors were from the Scout & Guide movement, we were also pleased to welcome other guests from the wider community including schools, police cadets, and faith groups.

We received lots of positive comments and fantastic feedback from our visitors.

Our 'Wednesday Team' of regular volunteers have continued to keep busy, working hard to ensure that the Centre & the Grounds were in great shape for our guests.

Improvements during the past 12 months include:

- New 'Den'



- Essential electrical improvements and upgrades completed including – new hand dryers, LED lighting and frost prevention in the loft.
- New path outside campsite toilets completed before start of camping season.



- New high speed fibre broadband installed.
- Cladding for porch replaced. Next phase of project will involve roof replacement and new guttering/down pipe.



Solar PV & Green Energy Improvements

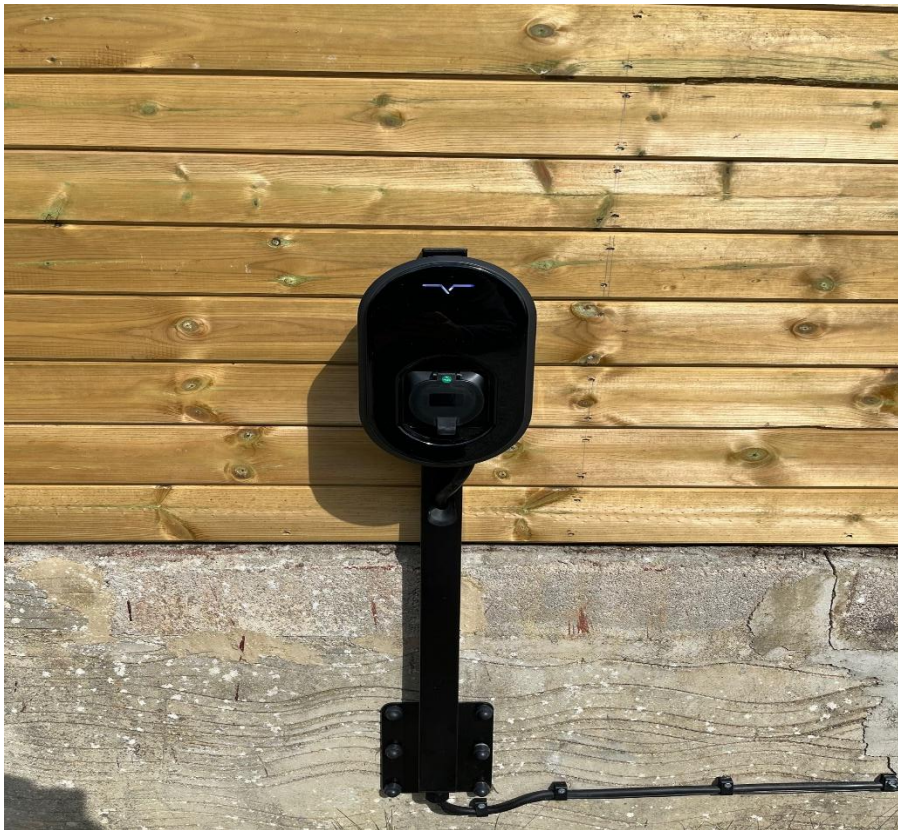
- Installation completed.



- System also includes battery storage & hot water heating.



- Additional loft insulation installed in roof.
- EV car charger installed and fully operational. Free for volunteers. Other visitors charged at £1 per KWH. Grant rec'd towards cost.



- Replacement flagpole.



- New branded signage



75th anniversary of site

- Celebration weekend – 12/13/14 September
- Used as platform to help with volunteer recruitment.
- Anniversary mugs and badges available.



Overall Centre continues to perform very well in line with our charitable objectives.

Many thanks to our team of hardworking volunteer wardens that host our many visitors. Thanks also to our booking secretary, Sarah Betts who has continued to do a fantastic job dealing efficiently with high volume of booking enquiries.

Jeremy Ince

Lead Volunteer - Curly Hill Team.

LIONHEARTS

Once again, we reflect on the fact that the number of team members is getting smaller and we are all getting older!! Recently two of our members Gary & Liz Williams decided to retire and hang up their woggles.

But we are still able to assist once again on our calendar of activities such as:-

The Cub quiz, The Calderdale Hike, The Fellsman cafe, St Georges Day Parade, The scout & Explorer Torch race, Cubs Sports & Swimming Gala

Also, the district AGM which has continued with the always successful cheese and wine format.

Our involvement in the BT Three peaks event finally came to an end with the 2025 event. We have been involved with this event for some 45 years but as the new organisers were not well-organised, we all decided it was time for us to retire from this event. We will miss BT, but it was now beyond our capabilities.

The Fellsman Hike was looking likely to finish in 2024 with the 60th Anniversary of the event. But once again it is enjoying a high number of entrants. They are introducing a second race which starts after main start, but we have declined to be involved in this, and we will continue with the breakfast cafe finishing about 9am

Curly Hill is looking very good for its 75th anniversary with the completion of many new improvements and the completion of the Leaders den which looks very comfortable. Solar panels are in the planning stages with an EV charging facility. It is a tribute to the work of our team of dedicated wardens who put in many hours there.

We carry on forward with the work of the service team.

I would like to thank you our members, for all the time and energy that you all give to the work of the Lionhearts.

Thanks once again to the team

Yours in scouting

Iain Paterson

PR, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNITY & AWARDS BOARD

Our role is to support Groups with PR, Communications, Fundraising, Community Links and Awards support.

We have helped to produce press reports & support for; the AGM, Torch Race, St George's Day Parade, Reva new buildings project, Curly Hill Projects, plus Menston new HQ & district/group events. Please contact us if you require support/guidance.

We continue to post as required on Facebook relevant news from County and locally and 'what we do in Scouting.' Together with relevant community news & grants plus business sponsorship opportunities.

We have helped and advised on capital fundraising strategies, sponsorship plus business/community links to help develop Groups' headquarters and projects.

We are very pleased Reva new building project is now complete within a relatively short timescale & we helped to raise substantial amounts from Ilkley Round Table & Ilkley Rotary Club to who we thank most sincerely plus helped to facilitate the fundraising successful strategy. We thank both Lisa & Dominic for their immense work & shows what can be achieved with a clear strategy & focus plus belief that the target could be met.

We also signpost Groups throughout the District to organisations who can help with fundraising & projects, acting as the District Fundraising Consultant.

We try and ensure Wood Badges & Long Service Awards are presented appropriately linking with the District Lead Volunteers very effectively. The recent 75th Anniversary at Curly Hill was a good example.

We organised an extremely successful annual St George's Day District Awards Dinner at Otley Golf Club again attended by 50 leaders plus socials at Curly Hill Campsite & Vitello Lounge Ilkley.

We have linked with new County Lead volunteer Toby Hammond to promote special events plus helped to promote diversity & inclusion within the County & encourage attendance of Scouts & Leaders at Prides plus large Community events for example Rugby League matches at Bradford Bulls & Keighley Cougars. We continue to link with Town & Parish Councils plus Bradford MDC officers & Mayors etc.

A new award application system has been introduced & we need to roll this out fully & explain how this now works to all Groups & leaders asap. This relies much more on Group Lead Volunteers especially but all Leaders to help nominate their fellow Leaders & then ask for support from The Awards committee to help them complete this process fully which does take time. Please contact awardslead@wharfedalescouts.org.uk for advice.

The Next dinner event is on Saturday 6th December at 7pm at La Casa Restaurant Leeds Road Ilkley details will follow.

We are pleased to announce on behalf of The Chief Scout Dwayne Fields that the following Awards have been made in The St George's honours round April 2025.

On behalf of The District Leads Tim and Paul, The County Lead Toby, The Wharfedale Awards Board Chairs plus Mark Stageman (the County Award Board's chair) may I offer huge congratulations indeed to all those listed below. These Awards recognise truly exemplary service to young people and volunteers across our Scouting family.

On behalf of all our Scouting family here in West Yorkshire, The County Lead Toby wishes to thank all of you at this special time for your exemplary service, your unswerving commitment to Scouting and most importantly for all you have done to create so many special memories for the young members of our Scouting County.

Silver Acorn

for specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding service.

Trevor Oates – 2nd Otley

Alan Pratt – Otley Methodists

The Bar to The Award of Merit

this represents further outstanding service of keen, conscientious, imaginative, and dedicated service over a sustained period.

Nicola Carter – 1st Ben Rhydding

Matthew Carter – 1st Ben Rhydding

The Award of Merit

Craig Grandison – Menston
Robin Guy – 2nd Otley5
Mark Hargrave – 2nd Otley
Tim Haskins – District
Roy Ruddle – 2nd Otley
Adrian Stacey – District Explorers/Otley Bridge
Beryl Thompson – Burley in Wharfedale
Howard Thompson – Burley in Wharfedale
Corey Woodhouse – 1st Ben Rhydding

The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Conrad Easton – Otley Parish
Robert McCandless – 2nd Otley
Helen Turner – 2nd Otley

Best Regards to all, David Shaw MBE & Peter Bennett – Joint Awards Board Chairs (Wharfedale)

WELCOME TEAM

Since its formation through the transformation process, the Wharfedale Welcome Team has been small but mighty! Our team is growing steadily and currently includes a Team Leader and seven dedicated Welcome Volunteers, with two more preparing to start their training.

Flexibility is key to what we do. We've travelled to every corner of the District and held over 40 welcome conversations in the last year, meeting people everywhere—from Scout premises and cafés to people's homes and pubs. We go wherever it's easiest for those joining our movement.

The constant flow of new volunteers is wonderful for our young people, bringing fresh ideas and new opportunities! However, this means our task is continuous. Right now, we still have 34 welcome conversations to complete across the District.

I would appreciate it if all Lead Volunteers would engage early in the onboarding process. This proactive step helps us stay on track and ensures we comply with the important 30-day guidance period for these meetings.

As we're a small team with a big job, we are always on the lookout for new Welcome Volunteers. If you have experience, you'd like to share and a friendly face ready to welcome new people to Scouting, please get in touch!

Finally, I want to publicly thank my team (they know who they are) for their dedication and hard work in covering this vital role for Scouting.

Craig Grandison
Welcome Team Leader

NIGHTS AWAY

The figures below are taken from NAN forms received. They do not include any International trips as they are authorised via County. Explorers appear both as a separate line and within groups, the nights shown within a group equate to nights spent when camping with other sections of that group whilst the separate line is nights spent on Explorer only camps.

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For comparison 2023 figures below

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LEARNING

2024 brought huge changes to the national learning provision along with the new systems introduced in December 2024. Gone are many modules which relied heavily on validation with a member of the training team for all adults.

Digi system support has been provided by Dom and myself, to many of the leads and section members since then, although the enquiries are reducing – you all must be getting to grips working your way around the new systems.

The new Growing Roots is more comprehensive, covering a wider area than before and is completed 100% by e learning. Once completed (within the 6-month timescales), that is all apart for those front facing roles which need the 3-year renewal of First Response. This seems to be well received.

From December 2025 the requirement for First Response to be continuously valid comes in line with that of safety and safeguarding. It is important to keep an eye out for all these areas to ensure that you do not let any of them lapse. Please keep an eye out and do not rely on getting a reminder – some system reminders are being sent but I am aware that others do not get reminders.

There remains the option for either managers or section leaders to 'opt' in to complete their wood beads. There are a number of modules required for this, still running in the same way as before – do the learning/acquire working knowledge and then gather evidence and talk through this with a learning assessor. The criteria for these have been tweaked from the new learning provision. For managers and supporters there was a regional weekend recently.

With the change to optional wood badge and reduced need for validation in person, there is not the need for a large group of learning supporters as we once had. We had a meeting early in 2025 to understand the changes to the wood badge and actions needed for learning assessors. A small group are in place to offer support to those in Wharfedale who wish to continue or to start working towards their wood badge – at a much gentler pace as there is no longer a time limit. Please get in touch if you want support here because the button to request support is, at the time of writing this, still not sending a message across locally.

We have about 8 or 9 people working towards their wood badges, and I am aware of at least 2 who have completed in the new provision.

The learning team are here to provide additional learning to Wharfedale in whatever scout related topics are felt needed. In addition to the Growing Roots, First Response or work towards wood badge.

Should anyone or lead identify an area, please drop an email across and we can look to put support in place. I hear that sessions have been provided in other Districts to support running Welcome committees, trustees, being a trustee board chair, navigating the learning or member systems, basic scouting leader skills – fires, knots etc and providing one on one support for those not at ease with using a computer. Please email learninglead@wharfedalescouts.org.uk if you have an area of support we can help with.

Thank you to all the former training advisers, and the reduced number of learning assessors who spend many hours supporting learning in Wharfedale.

Jan

DISTRICT POLICIES

DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

can be used by District Section Leads to help with organising activities

TRAINING FUND

can be used to help pay for permits and training, provided certain criteria are met, such as is the District in need of further permit holders, and is the recipient willing to offer their services as a permit holder to the whole of the District, rather than just their Group for example. For more details email Richard Robinson (Activities Lead) activitieslead@wharfedalescouts.org.uk or Paul Jennings/Tim Haskins (District Lead Volunteers) districtlead@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITY PERMITS

District has a 'hardship fund' which can be drawn upon if cost is a genuine barrier stopping a member obtaining a permit.

If you or your Group are worried about the cost of any of these courses please speak to or send an email to Richard Robinson (Activities Lead) activitieslead@wharfedalescouts.org.uk or to Paul Jennings/Tim Haskins (District Lead Volunteers) districtlead@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COSTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

District will only offer donations for events organised by West Yorkshire County or Nationally.

We will offer 10% of the total cost for World Jamboree and other events where the young person has to achieve something (eg Explorer Belt) . . . and 5% of the total cost for other events.

District adult volunteers attending those events can also apply.

INTERNATIONAL FUND

This policy is in the process of being re-written by the District Trustee Board. Full details in 2026 but it will probably be similar to that outlined below.

The previous policy was:

When a District Group organises an International trip a grant of 20% of the total cost of the trip (up to a maximum of £200) will be available to young people who are deemed to be from a family with financial hardship, the sponsoring group must also provide a 5% grant to the individual.

An individual can apply for this grant once during their time in each section.

Young people applying to the fund must meet at least one of the criteria for financial hardship.

Evidence that can help you make the best judgement of 'financial hardship' would be if a family is in receipt of/eligible for **one** of the following:

- Total household income level below £20,000
- Young carer (recognised by relevant authorities)
- Looked after child (in care)
- Free school meals* or pupil premium funding
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and annual income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by HMRC
- Working tax credit
- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance (related to the young person or parent)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

*Free school meals are provided to all pupils in the lower years of primary schools in England and Wales, so the other indicators are more valid in these circumstances.

The above list is subject to change and is found on the Scouts Association website www.scouts.org.uk

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

SECTION A

General Information

VICE PRESIDENTS

none

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* members of the District Trustee Board

Chair

Michael Wild

Treasurer

Richard Robinson

District Lead Volunteers

Tim Haskins

Paul Jennings

District Youth Commissioner

none

TRUSTEES: appointed at the Annual General Meeting

Chris Carver

Judith Dickinson

Dominic Dobson

Jeremy Ince

Lisa Nutton

Iain Paterson

BANKERS

Unity Trust Bank plc, 9 Brindley Place, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2HB

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

Scout Association Trust Corporation, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

DISTRICT REGISTRATION NUMBER WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION: 16623

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 524827

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SECTION B

Wharfedale District Scout Council Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 May 2025

Wharfedale District Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Wharfedale District Scout Council is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Wharfedale District Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for the eleven Scout Groups in its District and in the local communities within its boundary.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

Wharfedale District Scout Council manages and administers Curly Hill Campsite and Centre and also Reva Water Activity Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The affairs are managed by the District Trustee Board through a number of sub-committees and/or sub-teams. A member of the Trustee Board should serve on each sub-committee and/or sub-team. These support the District Lead Volunteers.

The sub-committees/sub-teams are

District Welcome Team
Reva Water Activity Centre
District Awards
District Learning Team

Curly Hill Activity Centre and Campsite
District Welcome Team
Lionhearts

GOVERNANCE COSTS

The management costs of the charity are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary.

RESERVES

Reserves are being held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least one year, without income through a policy to hold between 75% and 100% of one year's gross expenditure.

FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CHARITY

The trustees are of the opinion that the funds are sufficient to continue activities through the ensuing year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO ACCOUNTS EXAMINER

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination of the accounts, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information.

Mike Wild - Chair of Wharfedale District Scout Council

Wharfedale District Scout Council
Account Summary for the Year End 31st May 2025

	2025 14 months £	2024 12 months £
Total Income (receipts)	138,278	91,673
Total Expenditure (payments)	(209,580)	(113,524)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(71,302)	(21,851)
Surplus brought forward	127,488	149,339
Cash funds carried forward	56,186	127,488
Included in the Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-		
Profit on badge sales (inc Curly Hill and Reva)	752	644
Surplus/(Deficit) on Curly Hill camp site in year	(9,334)	(11,402)
Surplus/(Deficit) on Reva Sailing Centre in year	(15,116)	89

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved
by the Trustees on 23 Oct 2025 and signed on their behalf by :-

Mike Wild
Chairman



Richard Robinson
Treasurer



Wharfedale District Scout Council
Income for year ending 31st May 2025

	2025 14 months £	2024 12 months £
Membership Subscriptions		
UKHQ Membership Fee from Groups	54,617	46,955
Reva Membership Fees	600	600
	55,217	47,555
Investment Income Received		
Bank Interest	1,642	1,646
Donations and Grants		
Donations - Reva	29,626	3,733
Donations - Other	866	729
Donations - Curly Hill	0	100
	30,493	4,562
Activities		
Curly Hill Income	30,740	26,584
Curly Hill Badge Sales	706	634
Reva Tuck Shop	517	100
Reva Badge Sales	46	11
Income from events	9,959	300
Reva activities and course	8,958	7,885
	50,926	35,513
Other Income		
Badge Sales	0	0
Sundry Project account income (income from Jamboree participants)	0	2,397
Sundry Central Account Income	0	0
	0	2,397
Total Income for year	138,278	91,673

Wharfedale District Scout Council
Expenditure and Charges for Year ending 31st May 2025

	2025 14 months £	2024 12 months £
<u>Curly Hill Camp Site</u>		
Utilities	10,656	7,379
Insurance	2,671	2,254
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	15,065	5,456
Project spending <i>consisting of:</i>	12,389	23,660
<i>Gazebo Seating</i>	130	0
<i>Solar Installation</i>	12,259	0
<i>Bathroom refurbishment</i>		15,252
<i>Cooker replacement</i>		4,053
<i>Electrical work</i>		3,845
<i>Windows replacement</i>		510
Curly Hill badge purchases	602	0
	41,382	38,748
<u>Reva Sailing Centre</u>		
Insurance	4,262	2,633
Rent and Utilities	1,839	3,533
Equipment expenditure & Repair	3,945	1,273
Repairs to Ground and Buildings	375	308
Training Courses	408	82
Project spending	42,330	3,733
Sundry	648	436
Tuck Shop Purchases	614	241
Badges	441	0
	54,863	12,239
<u>Activities, Donations and Grants</u>		
Events	9,567	2,356
International Fund	630	0
DLV's Discretionary Fund	1,306	0
	11,503	2,356
<u>Central Expenses</u>		
Scout Active Support	74	39
Scout Active Support Equip & Repair	324	32
Scout Network	0	40
Badge Purchases	0	2,090
AGM	217	129
License Fees and Journals	2,278	1,458
Insurance	52	281
Training	1,626	2,243
Neckers, other	0	436
Sundry expenses	482	2,931
Major Projects	0	8,280
Jamboree payments	0	3,000
Subscriptions paid to County	96,700	39,150
	101,754	60,108
<u>Included Major Projects for the year</u>		
Sit on kayaks		3,733
1st Ben Rhydding 50th Anniversary Camp grant		500
Archery & Shooting range construction and equipment		1,799
Radio Communications Equipment		1,482
Coding Training Equipment		267
Pool Squirrels set up grant		500
	0	8,280
<u>Bank fees and charges</u>	77	72
<u>Total Expenditure & charges for year</u>	209,580	113,524

Wharfedale District Scout Council**Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st May 2025**

	2025 14 months £	2024 12 months £
Cash funds		
Bank Accounts	10,872	68,763
Bank Deposit Account	45,314	58,725
	56,186	127,488
Other monetary assets		
Subscriptions due but not yet received at year end	0	2,139
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Land and Buildings	1,102,000	1,102,000
Boats and Equipment	32,000	29,261
Landrover - Reva	2,599	2,599
Power Boat	7,541	7,541
Activity Equipment	3,092	2,859
Other equipment	0	0
	1,147,232	1,144,259
Other non-monetary assets		
Badges Stock	0	0
	0	0
Liabilities		
Net Group Subscriptions in advance	0	(42,083)
Other liabilities	0	0
	0	(42,083)
Net Assets	1,203,418	1,231,804

Accounting Policies & Notes to the Accounts**1. Accounting Policy**

From 1 April 2022 the accounts of Wharfedale District Scout Council have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The 2025 financial year end has moved from 31st March to 31st May to prevent the annual UK HQ membership fee collection and onward payment spanning 2 financial years. The 2025 year is 14 months long and therefore incorporates 2 annual payments of the UKHQ Membership Fee, £44,221.50 in 2024 and £52,478.50 in 2025. The previous year comparison is to the 12 month long 2024 financial year. Future years will run 1st June - 31st May. Some terms and categories have been refined to better reflect the terminology used in Scouting and to suit the financial management needs of the council. The previous year for comparison has been restated on this new basis.

2. Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assets for the 2023 year are recorded in these accounts at their net book value as at 31 March 2022. Following the change to receipts and payments accounts, depreciation is no longer provided. From the 2024 year buildings are recorded at their insurance reinstatement valuations as of September 2023, boats are recorded at their present value, and further asset additions are recorded at their acquisition cost.

3. Reserves

The Council's reserves policy is to hold approximately one year's worth of fixed expenditure, which for this financial year is £26,660 (2024: £74,374). Cash reserves (excluding liabilities) at 31 May 2025 were £56,186 and therefore continue to exceed this target. The Council continues to seek projects to undertake that are in line with its charitable objectives and the Projects sub-committee is actively seeking projects to fund, which will utilise the surplus.

The council will consider this position carefully as we transition from the current net deficit operation to a balanced budget.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Wharfedale District Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 May 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

524827

Set out on pages

1 to 4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 May 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed:

Date:

30 March 2026

Name:

Anthony Elston

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

95 Bolling Road

Ben Rhydding

Ilkley LS29 8QH

Accounts

Scouts

Wharfedale



charity number: 524827

WHARFEDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

District Lead Volunteers - Tim Haskins and Paul Jennings
Chair - Mike Wild

Secretary - Chris Carver . . . secretary@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024

CHAIR

As we wrap up another successful year of Wharfedale Scouting it's important to take a moment to reflect on our journey, express our gratitude, and acknowledge the challenges and triumphs that have shaped our path forward. This year-end report serves as a testament to the dedication, passion, and hard work of our volunteers, whose unwavering commitment has been the cornerstone of our success.

A Year of Growth:

Over the past year, our scouting community has continued to grow in both size and spirit. We've welcomed new members into our ranks, witnessed the personal growth and development of our Scouts, and celebrated countless achievements and milestones right across the district. From outdoor adventures to community service projects, each experience has contributed to the rich tapestry of memories that define our scouting journey.

Gratitude for Volunteers:

At the heart of our scouting movement are the volunteers who generously give their time, expertise, and energy to empower our scouts and shape the leaders of tomorrow. To each and every volunteer who has lent a helping hand, shared their skills, or simply offered a word of encouragement, we extend our sincerest gratitude. Your dedication is the lifeblood of our organisation, and without your tireless efforts, none of our accomplishments would be possible. Importantly, there are volunteers known to us personally who have sadly passed on this last year and it's only right that we reflect on the service and support they have given to so many young people over their lifetimes.

Challenges:

While we celebrate our achievements, it's essential to acknowledge the challenges that lie ahead.

- We have changes to Scouting POR that need to be embedded, and my thanks go to our Secretary Chris for his unwavering research and support to help guide us through the various rules and regulations.
- Another challenge is ensuring the continuity of our scouting programs through effective succession planning and addressing the age profile of our volunteers. As we look to the next year, it's imperative that we actively recruit and mentor the next generation of leaders to carry the torch forward. By fostering a culture of mentorship and providing opportunities for leadership development, we can ensure the longevity and vitality of our scouting community for years to come.
- Reva have also embarked on a challenge to refurbish their facilities with the main thrust being fund raising. I know from my experience this is not an easy task and we look forward to hearing more about their progress over the next 12 months.

Financial Control:

On the financial front, I am pleased to report that our organisation remains in good order. We will hear more this shortly but thanks to prudent management, we have been able to maintain financial stability and continue to invest in the growth and development of our scouting programs. Moving forward, we will remain vigilant in our financial stewardship, ensuring that our funds are allocated wisely to support our mission and serve our scouts.

Looking Ahead:

In closing, I would like to once again express my deepest gratitude to each and every volunteer who has contributed to the success of our scouting programs this year. Your passion, dedication, and selflessness embody the spirit of scouting, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Here's to another year of adventure, learning, and personal growth!



Beavers in Wharfedale is thriving. All 12 Colonies are running to capacity with numbers ranging from 16 to 24 and all have waiting lists. Unfortunately due to the length of some of these not everyone will get a place in Beavers but hopefully they will get a place in Cubs.

Talking to the leaders the Beavers are taking part in a wide range of activities some highlights being Bell Boating at Reva, visits to Ilkley Fire Station, visits by the Police, walks on Ilkley Moor and Otley Chevin, meetings at Clip'n'Climb and Sleepovers.

Although several Colonies have a healthy leadership team there are others who are in need of more volunteers.

Four Colonies are looking forward to taking part in BramJam in June.

Next Year I am planning on re-instating the District Fun Day at Curly Hill which hasn't taken place since 2019 before COVID.

Judith Dickinson

ADC Beavers



We have enjoyed being back running District events this last 12 months. Here's what we've been up to.

In June we enjoyed a lovely hot summers evening at the District Activity Evening at Curly Hill, approx. 120 Cubs enjoyed all the activities that were put on by the leaders of each Group. We finished off with a campfire and a sing-along.

In July last year we held the District Sports Day, although it started out a little bit wet it was well supported. The winning team was Ilkley Christchurch. Special thanks to the Service team for setting up the field and running the event so smoothly.

In November we held the District Cooking Competition at 1st Ben Rhydding HQ. Although we only had five Groups taking part it was very enjoyable. After making a stir fry with noodles and decorating a caterpillar cake the winners were 1st Ben Rhydding Chubb. They all enjoyed eating their creations afterwards.

In February we held the District Quiz at Otley Bridge Church, again we only had five Groups taking part, but it was really well organised by the Service Team. The winning team was 1st Ben Rhydding Findlay.

The District St. Georges Day Celebration was organised by the Wharfedale Explorers. It was held at Otley Rugby Club, although we didn't actually parade all the children enjoyed taking part in the games which had been organised for them. The trophy was awarded to Ilkley Christchurch.

The 5-a-side football tournament took place in April at Wharfemeadows Park in Otley. Twelve teams took part and winning team was 1st Ben Rhydding Findlay. Many thanks to John Sharpe for organising this event.

And finally, a big thank you to all the leaders for organising and running their programmes for all Cubs to enjoy every week.

Maz Jennings / Colin Smith
Joint ADC Cubs



Bookings were very strong for 2023. We ran activity sessions most weekends and evenings between May and September. It is one of the best seasons from a booking perspective for a long time. A lot of new permit holders that went through training paid for by Wharfedale district in 2022 volunteered and it was brilliant to see lots of new faces.

We also passed our annual RYA inspection which has meant that we can offer RYA courses in 2024.

The centre was used weekly by 3rd Bingley, East Morton and 1st Ben Rhydding throughout the season.

2024 has started very strongly with over 35 bookings coming in for the summer months. We are having a bit of a second season syndrome though regarding permit holders volunteering their time to help with these bookings. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel 2 large bookings due to no volunteers coming forward to assist. Hopefully this is just a blip and we don't need to cancel anymore.

We have recently started fundraising for the inside of the main centre building to be transformed to give everyone a better experience when they visit Reva. The fundraising is being headed up by Lisa Nutton and she has done a great job so far. If anybody thinks that they could assist Lisa, please email her on booking@revascouts.org.uk

You don't need a permit to help her!

The centre is still being run by the same half a dozen people that have been involved for years. If you fancy a new challenge and would like to get involved in some way, please email sasm@revascouts.org.uk

Again, you don't need a water sport permit to assist operating the centre. We have a wide variety of jobs that need doing to keep the centre ticking over.

James Adams
SASU manager – Reva



CURLY HILL

We are delighted to report another busy year at Curly Hill with 126 separate bookings from near and far (136 last year). Over 3000 young people visited the site in the last 12 months and were able to enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors and the amazing countryside. It is encouraging that whilst most of our visitors were from the Scout & Guide movement, we were also pleased to welcome other guests from the wider community including schools, police cadets, faith groups as well as a group using the site as a base for Forest Bathing.

We received lots of positive comments and fantastic feedback from our visitors.

Our 'Wednesday Team' of regular volunteers have continued to keep busy, working hard to ensure that the Centre & the Grounds were in great shape for our guests.

Improvements during the past 12 months include:

- New seating for the **Mary Bushell Shelter** at top of camping field. Lots of positive feedback from guests.



- **New Indoor Chairs**



- **New Cooker & Extraction System**



- **Complete Refurbishment of Gents Indoor Toilets & Shower**



Whilst not immediately apparent, nevertheless vitally important we also undertook upgrade of electrics and fire safety systems within main building.

Externally we installed new CCTV as well as a 'refresh' of the car park with new limestone.

Many thanks to our team of hardworking volunteer wardens that host our many visitors. Thanks also to our booking secretary, Sarah Betts who has continued to do a fantastic job dealing efficiently with high volume of booking enquiries.

The unusually wet weather has made things difficult for our volunteers and our visitors – keeping the centre and toilet block clean has been a challenge.

Recent uplift in energy costs will be a challenge for us, however (to date) we have been able to absorb these to keep our charges as low as possible for our visitors whilst at the same time managing to cover our costs as well as contributing to Scouting within the District.

Plans for 2024 include completion of new lounge/meeting area so that group leaders will have somewhere to relax once the young people have gone to sleep. We are also keen to further develop our activity offering.

Jeremy Ince
Curly Hill Active Support Team.



Once again we reflect on the fact that the number of team members is getting smaller and we are all getting older!!

But we are still able to assist once again on our calendar of activities such as:-

The Cub quiz, The Calderdale Hike, The Fellsman cafe, St Georges Day Parade, The Scout & Explorer Torch race, The BT 3 Peaks event, Cubs Sports & Swimming Gala.

Also the District AGM which has continued with the always successful cheese and wine format.

We all thought that our main funding event the BT 3 Peaks fell race had closed for good with the 2023 event being the last one ever after some 45 years. The event is returning for 2024 with a new team of organisers and a good number of entrants.

The Fellsman Hike was looking likely to finish in 2024 with the 60th Anniversary of the event. But once again it is enjoying a high number of entrants.

Curly Hill is looking very good with the completion of many new improvements and the refurbishment of the male toilets and the completion of the Leaders den complemented by an exciting order of new chairs to replace the unpopular old chairs. It is a tribute to the work of our team of dedicated wardens who put in many hours there.

It has been a special year as many of the Lionhearts have received an award to mark their many years of outstanding service to scouting.

We carry on forward with the work of the service team.

I would like to thank you our members, for all the time and energy that you all give to the work of the Lionhearts.

Thanks once again to the team
Yours in scouting
Iain Paterson

NIGHTS AWAY

Peter Bennett, the District Nights Away Advisor until the end of last year, reports the figures from the forms he received in 2023:

GROUP	SQUIRRELS	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXP.	LEADERS	TOTAL NIGHTS
Explorers					142	28	471
Addingham			17	14	3	8	147
Ilkley CC			37	20		15	144
1 st BR		2	140	82	12	52	817
3 rd BR			40	12	4	19	130
Burley		45	73	28	1	31	285
Menston			42	57		20	349
2 nd Otley	10	30	51	72	7	47	440
Otley Bridge		38	30	63	1	45	369
Otley Meth.							
Otley Parish		26	14	31		21	164

The above figures have been put together from the Nights Away Notification sheets I have received. It does not include any overseas camps as I do not get these forms. Also no forms received from Otley Methodist in 2023.

For comparison, the figures for 2022 were:

GROUP	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXP.	OTHER	LEADERS	TOTAL NIGHTS
Explorers			2	97		7	522
Addingham			40	11	5	9	400
Ilkley CC		58	27			12	168
1 st BR	1	190	15	2		49	754
3 rd BR		14	14			4	64
Burley		42	41	27		13	221
Menston			99			15	274
2 nd Otley		72	49	7		24	296
Otley Bridge	15		21	7		16	172
Otley Meth.			13			4	34
Otley Parish			22			9	46

Peter Bennett

PR, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNITY & AWARDS BOARD

Our role is to support Groups with PR, Communications, Fundraising, Community Links and Awards support.

We have helped to produce press reports & support for: The AGM, Torch Race, St George's Day Parade, Reva new buildings project, Curly Hill Projects, Menston new HQ.

We continue to post as required on Facebook relevant news from County and locally and 'what we do in Scouting.' Plus relevant community news & grants plus business sponsorship opportunities.

We have helped and advised on capital fundraising strategies, sponsorship plus business/community links to help develop Groups' headquarters and projects e.g. Reva new building project & Menston New HQ.

We also signpost Groups throughout the District to organisations who can help, acting as the District Fundraising Consultant.

We have worked with Jan, the new Local Training Manager to encourage new and existing Training Advisers to support Leaders better and also with Dominic over Leader Training records & correcting compass records. Dominic has joined the Awards Board committee & Jan will also support with this plus we will ensure Wood Badges & service awards are presented appropriately linking with the District Commissioners very effectively.

We organised an annual St George's Day District Awards Dinner at Otley Golf Club again attended by 40 leaders plus socials at 1st Ben Rhydding HQ (Curry Night) & Christmas meal at Wetherspoons, both which were well attended.

The following have received

St George's Day Awards 2024 **Bar to the Silver Acorn**

Iain Paterson – Lion hearts & Otley Bridge

Bar to Award Merit

Peter Bastow – 1st Ben Rhydding
Mark Rothery – Otley Parish
Angela Graves – District & formerly Burley in Wharfedale

Award Merit

Jan Reid – Local Training Manager & Menston St John
Mike Fawcett – Otley Methodists
Lucy Wilkinson – Otley Methodists
John Paterson – Otley Bridge
Kevin Edwards – Reva

Chief Scout's Commendation

Susan Dockar – Otley Bridge
Teresa Varney – 3rd Ben Rhydding
Liz Taylor – 3rd Ben Rhydding
Cameron Wilson – Reva

DISTRICT POLICIES

ADC BUDGETS

Each Assistant District Commissioner (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) should have £500.00 per year to spend on organising activities.

In January 2024 this was extended to Explorers and Network.

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITY PERMITS

District has a 'hardship fund' which can be drawn upon if cost is a genuine barrier stopping a member obtaining a permit.

If you or your Group are worried about the cost of any of these courses please speak to or send an email to Richard Robinson (ADC activities) adcactivities@wharfedalescouts.org.uk or to Paul Jennings/Tim Haskins (District Lead Volunteers) dc@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COSTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

District will only offer donations for events organised by West Yorkshire County or Nationally.

We will offer 10% of the total cost for World Jamboree and other events where the young person has to achieve something (eg Explorer Belt) . . . and 5% of the total cost for other events.

District adult volunteers attending those events can also apply.

INTERNATIONAL FUND

When a District Group organises an International trip a grant of 20% of the total cost of the trip (up to a maximum of £200) will be available to young people who are deemed to be from a family with financial hardship, the sponsoring group must also provide a 5% grant to the individual.

An individual can apply for this grant once during their time in each section.

Young people applying to the fund must meet at least one of the criteria for financial hardship.

Evidence that can help you make the best judgement of 'financial hardship' would be if a family is in receipt of/eligible for **one** of the following:

- Total household income level below £20,000
- Young carer (recognised by relevant authorities)
- Looked after child (in care)
- Free school meals* or pupil premium funding
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and annual income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by HMRC
- Working tax credit
- Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance (related to the young person or parent)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

*Free school meals are provided to all pupils in the lower years of primary schools in England and Wales, so the other indicators are more valid in these circumstances.

The above list is subject to change and is found on the Scouts Association website www.scouts.org.uk

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

SECTION A

General Information

VICE PRESIDENTS (until February 2024)

Marie Storr

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* members of the District Trustee Board

Chair

Treasurer (until Autumn 2023)

Treasurer (from Autumn 2023)

Secretary

District Lead Volunteers

District Youth Commissioner

District Scout Network Leader

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Michael Wild

Mhairi Tomlinson

Richard Robinson

Chris Carver

Tim Haskins

Paul Jennings

James Boyle

Darren Hewett

TRUSTEES: appointed at the Annual General Meeting

James Adams

Judith Dickinson

Jeremy Ince

Colin Smith

Naomi McMorn

Iain Paterson

Peter Bennett

Dominic Dobson

Matthew Phillips

Marilyn Jennings

Richard Robinson (until Autumn 2023)

BANKERS

Unity Trust Bank plc, 9 Brindley Place, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2HB

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

Scout Association Trust Corporation, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

DISTRICT REGISTRATION NUMBER WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION: 16623

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 524827

CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS

Mr. Chris Carver, 17 Courthouse Street, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3AN

SECTION B

Wharfedale District Scout Council Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Wharfedale District Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Wharfedale District Scout Council is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Wharfedale District Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for the ten Scout Groups in its District and in the local communities within its boundary.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

Wharfedale District Scout Council manages and administers Curly Hill Campsite and Centre and also Reva Water Activity Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The affairs are managed by the District Trustee Board through a number of sub - committees. A member of the Trustee Board should serve on each sub - committee. The committees support the District Lead Volunteers.

The sub - committees are

- District Welcome Team
- Curly Hill Activity Centre and Campsite
- Reva Water Activity Centre
- District Explorer Scouts
- Projects sub-committee
- District Awards
- Scout Active Support Unit (Lionhearts)

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet.

GOVERNANCE COSTS

The management costs of the charity are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary.

RESERVES

Reserves are being held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least one year, without income through a policy to hold between 75% and 100% of one year's gross expenditure.

FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CHARITY

The trustees are of the opinion that the funds are sufficient to continue activities through the ensuing year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The District Trustee Board and the District Team operate within the safety regulations of the Scout Association. The risks to the operation and management of the district have been assessed and kept under review and plans are in place to mitigate or eliminate the effect of potential risks.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO ACCOUNTS EXAMINER

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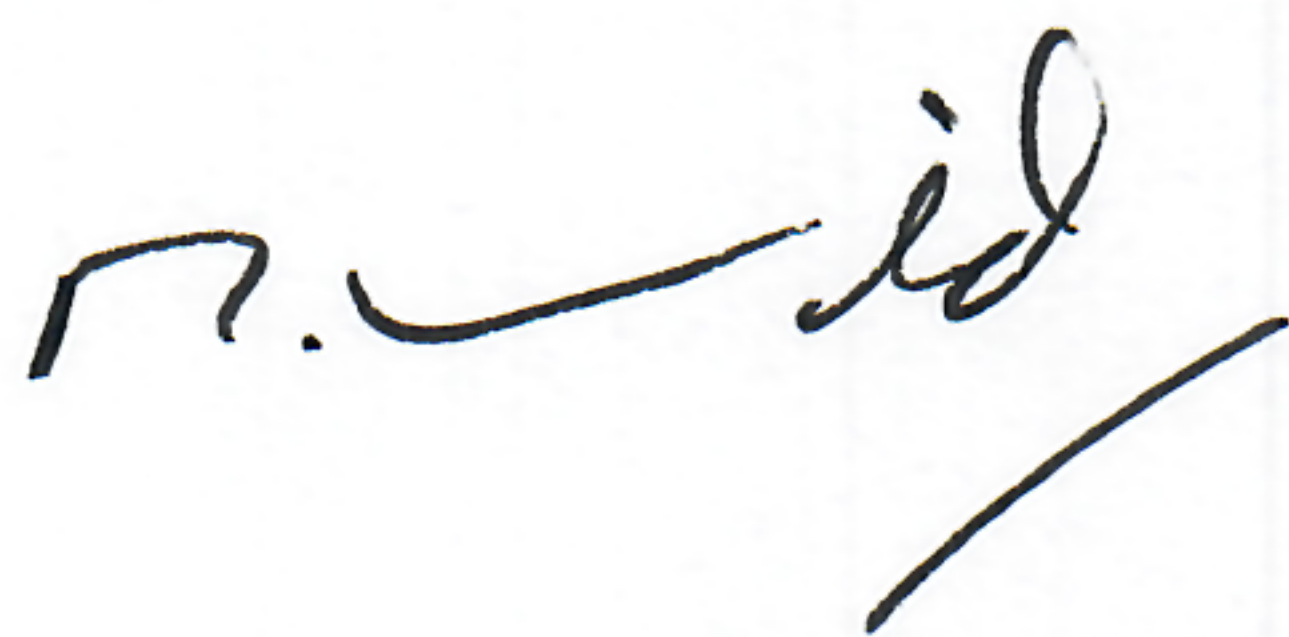


Wharfedale District Scout Council**Account Summary for the Year End 31st March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total Income (receipts)	91,673	84,062
Total Expenditure (payments)	(113,524)	(77,700)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(21,851)	6,362
Surplus brought forward	149,339	142,976
Cash funds carried forward	127,488	149,339
Included in the Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-		
Profit on badge sales (inc Curly Hill and Reva)	644	818
Surplus/(Deficit) on Curly Hill camp site in year	(11,402)	13,495
Surplus/(Deficit) on Reva Sailing Centre in year	89	(2,583)

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved
by the Trustees on 26/9/ 2024 and signed on their behalf by :-

Mike Wild
Chairman



Richard Robinson
Treasurer



Wharfedale District Scout Council
Income for year ending 31st March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Membership Subscriptions		
Subscriptions from groups	46,955	34,278
Membership Fees Reva	600	1,100
	47,555	35,378
Investment Income Received		
Bank Interest	1,646	672
Donations and Grants		
Donations - Reva	3,733	0
Donations - Other	29	27
Donations - Curly Hill	100	1,500
	3,862	1,527
Activities		
Curly Hill Income	26,584	26,045
Curly Hill Badge Sales	634	682
Reva Tuck Shop	100	148
Reva Badge Sales	11	136
Income from events	300	800
Sailing Fees and course	7,885	3,670
	35,513	31,482
Other Income		
Badge Sales	0	0
Activities of Scout Active Support Unit	700	450
Sundry Reva Income	0	0
Sundry Project account income (income from Jamboree participants)	2,397	14,553
Sundry Central Account Income	0	0
	3,097	15,003
Total Income for year	91,673	84,062

Wharfedale District Scout Council**Expenditure and Charges for Year ending 31st March 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Curly Hill Camp Site</u>		
Utilities	7,379	5,736
Insurance	2,254	2,030
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	5,456	4,463
Project spending <i>consisting of:</i>	23,660	2,531
<i>Bathroom refurbishment</i>	15,252	
<i>Cooker replacement</i>	4,053	
<i>Electrical work</i>	3,845	
<i>Windows replacement</i>	510	
Curly Hill badge purchases, net of stock movement	0	0
	38,748	14,759
<u>Reva Sailing Centre</u>		
Insurance	2,633	1,812
Rent and Utilities	3,533	123
Equipment expenditure & Repair	1,273	768
Repairs to Ground and Buildings	308	1,185
Course Expenses	82	53
Training	0	0
Project spending	3,733	3,222
Sundry	436	344
Tuck Shop Purchases	241	131
	12,239	7,638
<u>Activities, Donations and Grants</u>		
Events	2,356	683
	2,356	683
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Scout Active Support	39	155
Scout Active Support Equip Repair	32	132
Scout Network	40	0
Badge Purchases	2,090	627
AGM	129	190
License Fees and Journals	1,458	1,709
Training	2,243	1,690
Neckers, other	436	382
Sundry expenses	3,212	289
Major Projects	8,280	1,018
Jamboree payments	3,000	13,950
Subscriptions paid to County	39,150	34,400
	60,108	54,542
<u>Included Major Projects for the year</u>		
Sit on kayaks	3,733	
1st Ben Rhydding 50th Anniversary Camp grant	500	
Archery & Shooting range construction and equipment	1,799	
Radio Communications Equipment	1,482	
Coding Training Equipment	267	
Pool Squirrels set up grant	500	
	8,280	
<u>Bank fees and charges</u>	72	78
<u>Total Expenditure & charges for year</u>	113,524	77,700

Wharfedale District Scout Council**Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash funds		
Bank Accounts	68,763	84,229
Bank Deposit Account	58,725	65,110
	127,488	149,339
Other monetary assets		
Subscriptions due but not yet received at year end	2,139	4,872
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Land and Buildings	1,102,000	1,008,530
Boats and Equipment	29,261	72,461
Landrover - Reva	2,599	
Power Boat	7,541	
Activity Equipment	2,859	
Other equipment	0	30,445
	1,144,259	1,111,436
Other non-monetary assets		
Badges Stock	0	0
	0	0
Liabilities		
Net Group Subscriptions in advance	(42,083)	(39,150)
Other liabilities	0	0
	(42,083)	(39,150)
Net Assets	1,231,804	1,226,497

Accounting Policies & Notes to the Accounts**1. Accounting Policy**

From 1 April 2022 the accounts of Wharfedale District Scout Council have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assets for the 2023 year are recorded in these accounts at their net book value as at 31 March 2022. Following the change to receipts and payments accounts, depreciation is no longer provided. For the 2024 year buildings are recorded at their insurance reinstatement valuations as of September 2023, boats are recorded at their present value, and further asset additions are recorded at their acquisition cost.

3. Reserves

The Council's reserves policy is to hold approximately one year's worth of expenditure, excluding Scout Association membership fees, which for this financial year is £74,374 (2023: £43,300). Cash reserves (excluding liabilities) at 31 March 2024 were £85,406 and therefore continue to exceed this target. The Council continues to seek projects to undertake that are in line with its charitable objectives and the Projects sub-committee is actively seeking projects to fund, which will utilise the surplus.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

WHARFEDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31.03.24

Charity no
(if any)

524827

Set out on pages

1 to 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.03.2024

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

7/10/24

Name:

ANTHONY STADDON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(if any):

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Address:

HOLLINGS CLOVE FORD LLP
14 BEECH HILL
OTLEY LS21 3AX

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Accounts

Scouts

Wharfedale



charity number: 524827

WHARFEDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

District Commissioners – Tim Haskins and Paul Jennings
Chair - Mike Wild

Secretary - Chris Carver . . . secretary@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT

2022/2023

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Scouting in Wharfedale offers many diverse activities and events to our members. It challenges and encourages our young people in any way possible enabling our young people to feel the buzz and excitement of the moment. Scouting offers a huge variety of activities both indoors and outdoors encompassing the individual and personalities of all our members and groups.

Wharfedale has grown in numbers this year, ever stronger, ever growing, still the largest District in West Yorkshire by some margin and within a whisker of our pre-pandemic numbers.

We are gaining more new leaders which is great news, this is a huge achievement due to lots of development work, for example in opening new squirrel and Explorer sections. Plans are also at an early stage to form an entirely new group in Pool.

Curly Hill continues to thrive - it is a wonderful facility providing opportunities for local groups but for young people from across the country. This is mainly due to a small but dedicated team who keep the centre well maintained. The team themselves would admit that they are not getting any younger so they would very much welcome new volunteers.

Reva has grown in the year with new permit holders, new kit and another dedicated team of volunteers who maintain the centre, train new permit holders and offer many opportunities for young people to get out on the water and learn new skills

Recently a new Adventurous Activities ASU has been established to widen the offering of activities we can provide which will hopefully grow to include archery, shooting, axe-throwing, hillwalking and rock-climbing. As a reminder, we have funds available for either training or kit to offer these or other activities to our Young People.

We are continuing to support groups with low volunteer numbers and advertising scouting to the public in every way possible. However we must always remember retention is a vital part of our development.

It is a real joy visiting sections on their group night and attending group AGM's and always being amazed at the activities, themes and ideas delivered by our leaders and how much time is spent on planning and organising weekly activities, camps, and outings. What more commitment can one ask for?

The excellent work within Wharfedale District reflects on the standard of scouting we display on every District event, on group night and when on view to the public on St Georges Day or Remembrance Sunday. This can only happen with the hard work and commitment of all the leaders and helpers within the district along with their families, without whom it would not be possible.

Thanks to the District ADC team who plan, organise and attend district events. They work so hard giving many hours to scouting many of those hours unseen, planning and organising and attending events and meetings all of which helps towards the success of our District.

Also our Trustee board who give their time along with all the committee members in ensuring the success of our District as their priority.

Thanks to our Appointments committee (now Welcome) who have worked so hard in the past to completely change the appointments into a friendly welcoming but efficient committee, meeting regularly welcoming new members into Scouting.

Also our Service Team who are always there when asked to assist in any way they can - including at the AGM of course.

We have a jamboree team flying out to South Korea in July and wish them all the best in their jamboree journey.

Scouting transition is well on the way and now being put into practice by the District and the groups. We live in a rapidly changing world, but young people still love and yearn for challenge, adventure, and excitement that we in scouting can offer.

We have both said on many occasions, there is no other organisation that can offer what we offer as passionately as we do.

We thank you all from the heart for all you do in Scouting. Without you it would not happen!

Tim Haskins & Paul Jennings
District Commissioners

CHAIR

Last year I said that I believe it's important that Scouts is a great place to volunteer because fundamentally this will encourage new people to join, and for those already involved to stick around. What I couldn't have foreseen at the time is the Scouting Policy Organisation and Rules (our POR) was about to be overhauled to reflect that very same sentiment.

So what we're going to hear tonight is a rundown of all the great things we've done this last year to make Scouting fun for young people, and where the 'young at heart' around this table have provided leadership, advice and support for the 10 Scout Groups in the District.

First, I think a few words of explanation about how the POR changes impact our role on governance.

Governance

As part of the work to transform the volunteer experience within Scouts there will be changes to Executive Committees and how they function. The Scouting Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) now includes changes that reflect good practice guidance from the charity commission. Local Scouting governance and finance (Chapter 5) has been reworked with reference to Executive Committees replaced with 'Trustee Boards.' While these terms have changed in POR, the role will still be 'Executive Committee Member' on Compass until the release the new membership system.

In common with many Groups, Districts and Counties our Executive Committee/Trustee Board oversees a mixture of governance and operational tasks. Our previous focus has been heavily operational, and the Charity Commission are looking for a higher degree of focus on governance and meeting the charity commission rules. So long as we recognise that governance is our priority, I think our agendas are already balancing our governance oversight and operational tasks so for us I don't see this as being a big change.

To bring our current structure in line with the good practice guidance set out by the charity regulators there are currently two key areas of change:

1. Name: Executive Committees will be renamed Trustee Boards, members of which will be renamed Trustees. To help reinforce the purpose of Trustee Boards and focus on the role and responsibilities of being a charity Trustee. This renaming happens from the release of POR and does not need to be adopted or approved through AGMs.
2. Purpose: Trustee Boards will have a clearer purpose statement, to fit with the focus on governance. This will mean 'operational' tasks are managed through the Group Leadership Team. These operational tasks can be carried out by people who are also Trustees, however, they will be managed under the relevant team rather than in their Trustee role.

In short, going forward we will be operating as a Trustee Board.

Financial Control

Costs and income broadly in line with last years with a modest increase in reserves. That healthy balance of £149k gives us 2 years coverage of running costs which is more than we need.

The Council's reserves policy is to hold approximately one year's worth of expenditure (excluding subscription fees paid in the year), which for this financial year is £43,300. So we need to hold £43k but we actually hold £149k. As in previous years while there is no rush to spend this amount, there remains funding for a suitable project as and when one is identified.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to say thank you for volunteering your time to make Scouting in Wharfedale the success that it is. It's the people in this room that make the difference to so many young people and fellow volunteers: you give your time, set the tone and the enthusiasm and for that I thank you.



It has been great to be getting back into doing District Events with the Cubs.

In February we held the District Quiz night, it was well attended and the winning team was 2nd Otley Thursday Pack.

In April we held the swimming gala at Skipton Pool. Although only seven teams took part, they all had a great time. The winning team were 3rd Ben Rhydding which was fantastic considering they only had 3 Cubs in their team.

The District St Georges Day Parade was, once again, slightly different to the norm, being held at Otley Rugby Ground. 2nd Otley did an amazing job and kept all the young people interested throughout. The smartest Group in the parade was The Explorers.

John Sharpe, once again, organised and ran the 5-a-side football tournament at Wharfemeadows Park. 12 teams from 8 Packs took part and the winning team were 1st Ben Rhydding Chubb.

We still have quite a few events planned for the rest of the year and hopefully will start to get out and visit other Groups in the District.

And finally, a big thank you to all the leaders for organising and running their programmes for all Cubs to enjoy every week.

Maz Jennings
Joint ADC Cubs



REVA

After a challenging start to 2022, waiting to find out what restrictions, if any would still be in place bookings started trickle in for water activity sessions in the late spring. We ended up running over 15 activity sessions for groups from Wharfedale, Keighley and Aire Valley and through our continuing strong partnership with the county paddling team, we ran a successful Kayak/Canoe permit course at Reva

which benefitted leaders from all 3 districts. We also passed our annual RYA inspection which has meant that we can offer RYA courses in 2023.

3rd Bingley Sea Scouts and East Morton Scouts continued to use the facilities regularly throughout 2022 with over 50hrs on the water between them.

2023 has started very strongly with over 35 bookings coming in for the summer months. We have also run a bellboat permit training weekend and a RYA Level 2 powerboat course so far this year.

We have recently taken delivery of 8 brand new kayaks, thanks to a grant from Wharfedale district. These will enable young people the chance to have a go at Kayaking in our sheltered class C area.

James Adams
SASU manager – Reva



I am delighted to report that after the considerable challenges of the pandemic visitors have returned to Curly Hill in record numbers with 136 separate bookings from near and far. It is encouraging that whilst most of our visitors were from the Scout & Guide movement, we were also pleased to welcome other guests from the wider community including schools, police cadets, faith groups as well as new group using the site as a base for Forest Bathing.

We received lots of positive comments and fantastic feedback from our visitors.

Our 'Wednesday Team' of regular volunteers have continued to keep busy, working in accordance to ensure that the Centre & the Grounds were in great shape for our guests.

Improvements during the past 12months include:

- **LED lights** now installed in all areas of the Centre which should help reduce electricity costs.
- **New drive lights.**
- Construction of new **Mary Bushell Shelter** at top of camping field. Lots of positive feedback from guests. Possible additions for next year include some seating and a table.



- **Orienteering course** x2 has been completed in partnership with *Airienteers.
<https://www.aire.org.uk/>
Maps available online (via link from new website) and hard copies available in cupboards located in entrance hall.
Suitable for Beavers upwards. Younger children may need some assistance.

New website - including updated photographs (including drone footage) completed and working well - has already generated 100+ new enquiries.

<https://www.wharfedalescouts.org.uk/curlyhill/>

We have also fully updated google information/pictures.

End of season BBQ for Wardens and Executive was well attended (20+) including first visit from our County Commissioner, Ian Womersley.

Many thanks to our team of hardworking volunteer wardens that host our many visitors. Great that we were able to recruit x3 new members to the team. Thanks also to our booking secretary, Sarah Betts who has continued to do a fantastic job dealing efficiently with high volume of booking enquiries.

Recent uplift in energy costs will be a challenge for us, however (to date) we have been able to absorb these so as to keep our charges as low as possible for our visitors whilst at the same time managing to cover our costs as well as making a contribution to Scouting within the District.

Plans for 2023 include new leaders lounge/meeting area so that group leaders will have somewhere to relax once the young people have gone to sleep, new cooker for the kitchen, upgrading of internal electrics, along with refurbishment of the gents' indoor toilets. We are also keen to further develop our activity offering.

Jeremy Ince
Chair Curly Hill sub-committee.



LIONHEARTS

I opened this report in April 2022 with the sad news of the passing of founder member Dave Hunt, Big Dave, was it really a year ago.

This also brings the team to reflect on the fact that the number of our team members is getting smaller and we are all getting older !!

As things have return to normal and our events are taking place once again, it was great to assist once again:-

The Cub quiz, The Calderdale Hike, The Fellsman cafe, St Georges Day Parade, The Scout & Explorer Torch race, The BT 3 Peaks Event, Cubs Sports & Swimming Gala.

The district AGM has returned to the always successful cheese and wine format.

So many events that have been running successfully for many years are now struggling for numbers which asks the question are people looking for different things in terms of outdoor challenges.

Our main event and income for the year the BT Staff and Friends Dales 3 Peaks Race is set to close with the 2023 event after some 50 years.

The Fellsman Hike is looking to finish next year with the 60th Anniversary of the event.

Improvements and the new grass cutting tractor is working well, with the erection of a very exciting timber Gazebo now with walls. It is a tribute to the work of our team of dedicated wardens who carry out many hours there.

So after 2 years of ups and downs we carry on forward with the work of the service team.

I would like to thank you our members, for all the time and energy that you all give to the work of the Lionhearts. I would like to extend our gratitude to our secretary Bruce, Treasurer Lin, vice chairman Gary and our special stand in chairman Roger Granville.

We were able to once again enjoy the Service Team Christmas Dinner at the Red Lion and it was very much enjoyed by all.

Thanks once again to the team
Yours in scouting
Iain Paterson

NIGHTS AWAY

Peter Bennett, the District Nights Away Advisor, reports the figures from the forms he received in 2022.

GROUP	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXP.	OTHER	LEADERS	TOTAL NIGHTS
Explorers			2	97		7	522
Addingham			40	11	5	9	400
Ilkley CC		58	27			12	168
1 st BR	1	190	15	2		49	754
3 rd BR		14	14			4	64
Burley		42	41	27		13	221
Menston			99			15	274

2 nd Otley		72	49	7	24	296
Otley Bridge	15		21	7	16	172
Otley Meth.			13		4	34
Otley Parish			22		9	46

For comparison, the figures for 2021 were:

GROUP	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXP.	OTHER	LEADERS	TOTAL NIGHTS
Explorers				13		6	29
Addingham			32			9	102
Ilkley CC		20	35			11	132
1 st BR	1	77	51	11		38	584
3 rd BR		10	13			4	54
Burley			8	3		4	15
Menston		42	30			17	89
2 nd Otley		96	45	5		32	287
Otley Bridge			25			8	62
Otley Meth.							
Otley Parish		14	2			3	19

It can be seen that there has been a large increase in the number of nights spent away.

Peter Bennett

PR, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNITY & AWARDS BOARD

Our role is to support Groups with PR, Communications, Fundraising, Community Links and Awards support.

We have helped to produce press reports & support for; Hag Dyke's 75th Anniversary, The AGM, Torch Race, St George's Day Parade, Curly Hill Projects & Jamboree Fundraising.

We continue to post as required on Facebook relevant news from County and locally and 'what we do in Scouting.'

We have helped and advised on capital fundraising strategies, sponsorship plus business/community links to help develop Groups' headquarters and projects.

We also signpost Groups throughout the District to organisations who can help, acting as the District Fundraising Consultant.

We have worked with Mark Stageman, the new Local Training Manager to encourage new and existing Training Advisers to support Leaders better.

We organised an annual St George's Day District Dinner at Otley Golf Club attended by 50 leaders.

The Following have received Awards.

Silver Wolf - The Highest Award in UK Scouting (for service only of the most exceptional nature)

Roger Banister - Menston,
Peter Bennett - District,
Robin Beaumont - 1st Ben Rhydding.

Silver Acorn (for specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding service)

Judith Dickinson - Ilkley Christchurch,
Shelia Southern - Lionhearts (SAS),

Gary Williams – Lionhearts (SAS).

Bar to The Award of Merit (this represents further outstanding service of keen, conscientious, imaginative, and dedicated service over a sustained period)

Jean Griffin – Addingham

Sue Williamson – 1st BR

Ian Williamson – 1st BR

Ruth Lawson – 3BR

Sally Harrison – 3BR

Beverley Rothery – Otley Parish

Liz Williams – Lionhearts

Graham Gilberthorpe – Curly Hill Camp Site

Cath Britton – Reva

Rob Young – Reva

David Shaw MBE

Joint Awards Chair, District Press officer/Fundraising Consultant and Communications team

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

SECTION A

General Information

VICE PRESIDENTS

Marie Storr

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* members of the District Executive Committee

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
District Commissioners

Michael Wild
Mhairi Tomlinson
Chris Carver
Tim Haskins
Paul Jennings
Aurelia Rose
Pamela Newman
Darren Hewett

District Youth Commissioner
District Scout Network Leader
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

TRUSTEES: elected at the Annual General Meeting

District Executive Committee
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District Executive Committee

James Adams
Peter Bennett
Dominic Dobson
Jeremy Ince
Marilyn Jennings
Naomi McMorn
Christine Paterson
Matthew Phillips
Tina Reed
Richard Robinson
Colin Smith

BANKERS

Unity Trust Bank plc, 9 Brindley Place, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2HB

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

Scout Association Trust Corporation, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

DISTRICT REGISTRATION NUMBER WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION: 16623

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 524827

CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS

Mr. Chris Carver, 17 Courthouse Street, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3AN

SECTION B

Wharfedale District Scout Council Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Wharfedale District Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Wharfedale District Scout Council is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Wharfedale District Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for the ten Scout Groups in its District and in the local communities within its boundary.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

Wharfedale District Scout Council manages and administers Curly Hill Campsite and Centre and also Reva Water Activity Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The affairs are managed by the District Executive Committee (the trustees) through a number of sub - committees. A member of the Executive Committee should serve on each sub - committee. The committees support the District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioners who have responsibility for certain areas of the District activity.

The sub - committees are

- Appointments Advisory sub-committee
- Curly Hill Activity Centre and Campsite sub-committee
- Reva Water Activity Centre sub-committee
- District Explorer Scouts sub-committee
- Projects sub-committee
- District Awards sub-committee
- Scout Active Support Unit committee

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet.

GOVERNANCE COSTS

The management costs of the charity are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary.

RESERVES

Reserves are being held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least one year, without income through a policy to hold between 75% and 100% of one year's gross expenditure.

FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CHARITY

The trustees are of the opinion that the funds are sufficient to continue activities through the ensuing year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The District Executive Committee and the District Team operate within the safety regulations of the Scout Association. The risks to the operation and management of the district have been assessed and kept under review and plans are in place to mitigate or eliminate the effect of potential risks.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO ACCOUNTS EXAMINER

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination of the accounts, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information.

Mike Wild

Mike Wild - Chairman Wharfedale District Scout Council

Wharfedale District Scout Council

Account Summary for the Year End 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Total Income (receipts)	84,062	87,887
Total Expenditure (payments)	-77,700	-98,766
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	6,362	-10,880
Cash funds brought forward	142,976	153,856
Cash funds carried forward	149,339	142,976
Included in the Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-		
Profit on badge sales (inc Curly Hill and Reva)	818	392
Surplus/(Deficit) on Curly Hill camp site in year	13,495	-4,584
(Deficit)/Surplus On Reva Sailing Centre in year	-2,583	-1,631

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved
by the Trustees on 2023 and signed on their behalf by :-

Mike Wild
Chairman

Mhairi Tomlinson
Treasurer

Wharfedale District Scout Council**Income for year ending 31st March 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Membership Subscriptions		
Subscriptions from groups	34,278	35,332
Membership Fees Reva	1,100	400
	35,378	35,732
Investment Income Received		
Bank Interest	672	39
Donations and Grants		
Donations - Reva	0	10,667
Donations - Other	27	0
Donations - Curly Hill	1,500	12,767
	1,527	23,434
Activities		
Curly Hill Income	26,045	16,600
Curly Hill Badge Sales	682	154
Reva Tuck Shop	148	296
Reva Badge Sales	136	238
Income from events	800	0
Sailing Fees and course	3,670	4,836
	31,482	22,125
Other Income		
Badge Sales	0	0
Activities of Scout Active Support Unit	450	7
Sundry Reva Income	0	3,950
Sundry Project account income (income from Jamboree participants)	14,553	2,600
Sundry Central Account Income	0	0
	15,003	6,557
Total Income for year	84,062	87,887

Wharfedale District Scout Council**Expenditure and Charges for Year ending 31st March 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Curly Hill Camp Site</u>		
Utilities	5,736	4,549
Insurance	2,030	1,589
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	4,463	23,242
Project spending	2,531	4,732
Curly Hill badge purchases, net of stock movement	0	0
	14,759	34,112
<u>Reva Sailing Centre</u>		
Insurance	1,812	3,304
Rent and Utilities	123	1,797
Equipment expenditure & Repair	768	15,824
Repairs to Ground and Buildings	1,185	375
Course Expenses	53	74
Training	0	0
Project spending	3,222	0
Sundry	344	182
Tuck Shop Purchases	131	463
	7,638	22,019
<u>Activities, Donations and Grants</u>		
Donations towards Jamboree	0	2,654
Events	683	0
	683	2,654
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Scout Active Support	155	0
Scout Active Support Equip Repair	132	0
Badge Purchases	627	1,470
AGM	190	210
License Fees and Journals	1,709	1,121
Training	1,690	1,948
Neckers, other	382	0
Sundry expenses	289	57
Major Projects	1,018	5,624
Jamboree payments	13,950	0
Subscriptions paid to County	34,400	29,480
	54,542	39,909
<u>Bank fees and charges</u>	78	72
<u>Total Expenditure & charges for year</u>	77,700	98,766

Wharfedale District Scout Council**Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash funds		
Bank Accounts	84,229	78,534
Bank Deposit Account	65,110	64,443
	149,339	142,977
Other monetary assets		
Subscriptions due but not yet received at year end	4,872	1,120
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Land and Buildings	1,008,530	935,920
Boats	72,461	72,461
Other equipment	30,445	32,148
	1,111,436	1,040,529
Other non-monetary assets		
Badges Stock	0	0
	0	0
Liabilities		
Net Group Subscriptions in advance	-39,150	-34,400
Other liabilities	0	0
	-39,150	-34,400
Net Assets	1,226,497	1,150,226

Accounting Policies & Notes to the Accounts**1. Accounting Policy**

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Fixed assets used by the charity are recorded in the accounts at their insurance value.

3. Reserves

The Council's reserves policy is to hold approximately one year's worth of expenditure (excluding subscription fees paid in the year), which for this financial year is £43,300 (2022: £69,286). Cash reserves at 31 March 2023 were £110,189 (after deducting the subscription fees of £39,150 payable shortly after the year end) and therefore continue to exceed this target. The Council continues to seek projects to undertake that are in line with its charitable objectives and the Projects sub-committee is actively seeking projects to fund, which will utilise the surplus.

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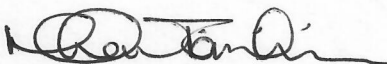
	2023	2022
	£	£
Total Income (receipts)	84,062	87,887
Total Expenditure (payments)	-77,700	-98,766
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	6,362	-10,880
Cash funds brought forward	142,976	153,856
Cash funds carried forward	149,339	142,976
Included in the Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year:-		
Profit on badge sales (inc Curly Hill and Reva)	818	392
Surplus/(Deficit) on Curly Hill camp site in year	13,495	-4,584
(Deficit)/Surplus On Reva Sailing Centre in year	-2,583	-1,631

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21/6/2023 and signed on their behalf by :-

Mike Wild
Chairman



Mhairi Tomlinson
Treasurer



Wharfedale District Scout Council
Income for year ending 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Membership Subscriptions		
Subscriptions from groups	34,278	35,332
Membership Fees Reva	1,100	400
	35,378	35,732
Investment Income Received		
Bank Interest	672	39
Donations and Grants		
Donations - Reva	0	10,667
Donations - Other	27	0
Donations - Curly Hill	1,500	12,767
	1,527	23,434
Activities		
Curly Hill Income	26,045	16,600
Curly Hill Badge Sales	682	154
Reva Tuck Shop	148	296
Reva Badge Sales	136	238
Income from events	800	0
Sailing Fees and course	3,670	4,836
	31,482	22,125
Other Income		
Badge Sales	0	0
Activities of Scout Active Support Unit	450	7
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

WHARFEDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31.03.23

Charity no
(if any)

524827

Set out on pages

1 to 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

AB

Date:

3/8/23

Name:

ANNE HUNTER BLAIR

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(if any):

Address:

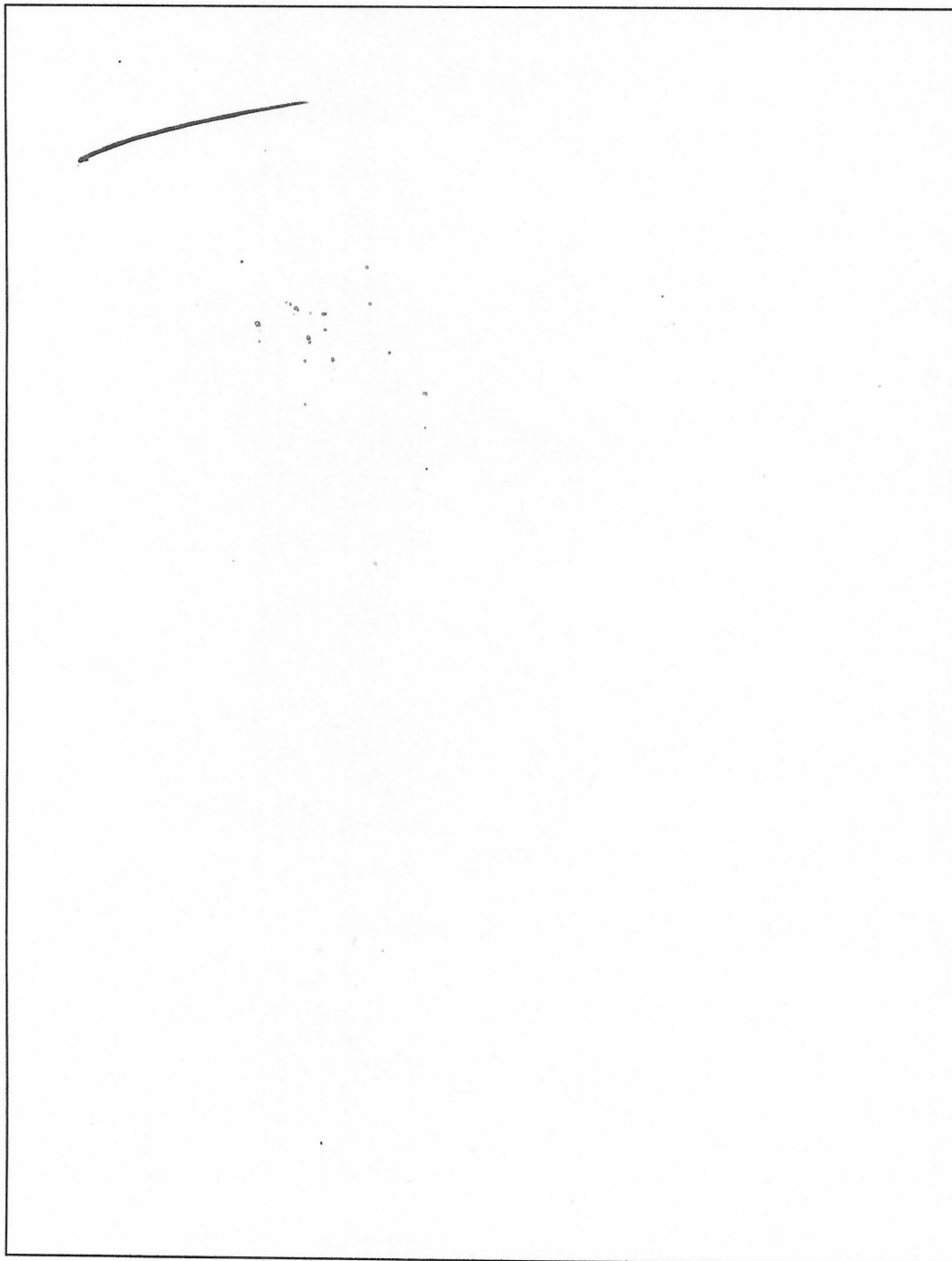
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

SECTION A

General Information

VICE PRESIDENTS

Marie Storr

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* members of the District Executive Committee

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

District Commissioners

Michael Wild

Alan Pratt

Chris Carver

Tim Haskins

Paul Jennings

Pamela Newman

District Explorer Scout Commissioner & District Scout Network Leader

TRUSTEES: elected at the Annual General Meeting

District Executive Committee

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District Executive Committee

Peter Bennett

Catherine Britton

Christine Paterson

Matthew Phillips

Angela Pickard

Tom Pickard

TRUSTEES: nominated by the District Commissioner

District Executive Committee

District Executive Committee

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District Executive Committee

Marilyn Jennings

Naomi McMorn

Tina Reed

Richard Robinson

Colin Smith

TRUSTEES: co-opted

Appointments Sub-committee

SASU Manager

SASU Manager

Dominic Dobson

Jeremy Ince

James Adams

BANKERS

Unity Trust Bank plc, 9 Brindley Place, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2HB

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

Scout Association Trust Corporation, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

DISTRICT REGISTRATION NUMBER WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION: 16623

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 524827

CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS

Mr. Chris Carver, 17 Courthouse Street, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3AN

SECTION B

Wharfedale District Scout Council Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Wharfedale District Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Wharfedale District Scout Council is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Wharfedale District Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for the ten Scout Groups in its District and in the local communities within its boundary.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

Wharfedale District Scout Council manages and administers Curly Hill Campsite and Centre and also Reva Water Activity Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The affairs are managed by the District Executive Committee (the trustees) through a number of sub - committees. A member of the Executive Committee should serve on each sub - committee. The committees support the District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioners who have responsibility for certain areas of the District activity.

The sub - committees are

- Appointments Advisory Sub-committee
- Curly Hill Activity Centre and Campsite Sub-committee
- Reva Water Activity Centre Sub-committee
- District Explorer Scouts Sub-committee
- Projects Sub-committee
- District Awards Sub-committee
- Scout Active Support Unit committee

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet.

GOVERNANCE COSTS

The management costs of the charity are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary.

RESERVES

Reserves are being held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least one year, without income through a policy to hold between 75% and 100% of one year's gross expenditure.

FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CHARITY

The trustees are of the opinion that the funds are sufficient to continue activities through the ensuing year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The District Executive Committee and the District Team operate within the safety regulations of the Scout Association. The risks to the operation and management of the district have been assessed and kept under review and plans are in place to mitigate or eliminate the effect of potential risks.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO ACCOUNTS EXAMINER

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination of the accounts, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information.

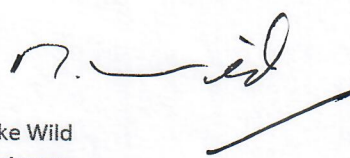
Mike Wild - Chairman Wharfedale District Scout Council

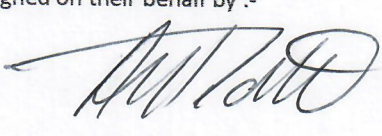
Wharfedale District Scout Council

Account Summary for the Year End 31st March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total Receipts & Accrued Income	82,546	87,587
Total Payments and charges	(82,150)	(65,393)
Net Surplus for the year	396	22,194
Surplus brought forward	79,448	57,254
Surplus carried forward	79,844	79,448
Notes to accounts:-		
Profit on badge sales (inc Curly Hill and Reva)	(1,087)	0
Surplus on Curly Hill camp site in year	9,725	14,938
(Deficit)/Surplus On Reva Sailing Centre in Year pre-depreciation charge	7,580	14,828
Boat Depreciation Charge in year against Reva Boat Reserve	2,653	8,953

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28/9 2022 and signed on their behalf by :-


Mike Wild
Chairman


Alan Pratt
Treasurer

Income for year ending 31st March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Membership Subscriptions		
Subscriptions from groups	29,480	35,143
Membership Fees Reva	400	200
	29,880	35,343
Investment Income Received		
Bank Interest	39	69
Donations and Grants		
Donations - Reva	10,667	21,151
Donations Other	0	0
Donations - Curly Hill (not inc Amortised Grants)	12,774	24,320
	23,441	45,471
Activities		
Curly Hill Income	17,028	403
Curly Hill Badge Sales	0	0
Reva Tuck Shop	310	0
Reva Badge Sales	238	0
Net income from events	1,900	0
Sailing Fees and course	5,008	0
	24,484	403
Other Income		
Badge Sales	145	0
Activities of Scout Active Support Unit	7	0
Sundry Reva Income	4,020	6,301
Sundry Project account income	350	
Sundry Central Account Income	180	
	4,702	6,301
Total Income for year	82,546	87,587

Expenditure and Charges for Year ending 31st March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Curly Hill Camp Site</u>		
Utilities	4,391	3,216
Insurance	1,589	1,612
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	8,270	3,933
Project spending	4,803	0
Depreciation on Toilet Block	1,024	1,024
Curly Hill badge purchases, net of stock movement	0	0
	20,077	9,785
<u>Reva Sailing Centre</u>		
Insurance	3,304	4,151
Rent and Utilities	1,797	1,734
Equipment expenditure & Repair	1,350	5,258
Repairs to Ground and Buildings	2,950	0
Course Expenses	74	0
Training	0	0
Sundry	1,567	1,430
Tuck Shop Purchases	234	0
Depreciation on Landrover Discovery	1,788	250
Depreciation on boats and Equipment	2,653	8,953
	15,716	21,777
<u>Activities, Donations and Grants</u>		
Donations towards Jamboree	2,250	0
Events	2,250	0
	4,500	0
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Scout Active Support	0	42
Scout Active Support Equip Repair	0	0
Badge Purchases	1,470	0
AGM	110	0
License Fees and Journals	1,183	1,135
Training	2,108	0
Neckers, other	175	0
Sundry expenses	811	312
Major Projects	5,624	
Badge Stock Write off	825	
Subscriptions payable to County	29,480	32,270
	41,786	33,759
<u>Interest Payable</u>	72	72
<u>Total Expenditure & charges for year</u>	82,150	65,393

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets		
Land and Buildings	316,813	320,715
Boats and Equipment	11,814	16,295
Landrover - Reva	2,599	750
Power Boat	7,541	
	338,767	337,760
Current Assets		
Monetary Assets		
Bank Accounts	78,534	89,718
Bank Deposit Account	64,443	64,738
Prepaid Expense Account	0	56
	142,977	154,512
Non-Monetary Assets		
Sundry Debtors & Accrued Income	0	1,699
Badges Stock	0	825
	0	2,524
Liabilities due within a year		
Net Group Subscriptions in advance	(34,400)	(29,480)
Deferred Income	(4,527)	(4,527)
Sundry Creditors	0	(13,841)
	(38,927)	(47,848)
Total Current Assets	104,050	109,188
Liabilities due more than a year		
Deferred Income	(52,643)	(57,169)
Net Assets	390,175	389,779
	Boat & Building	
	Reserve	Surplus
	£	£
Reserves Brought Forward at 1st April	255,740	134,039
Surplus/(Deficit) in Year	(2,653)	3,049
Reserves carried forward at 31st March	253,087	137,088
	Total reserve	
	£	
	389,779	

Accounting Policies & Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

Income

Income represents the monies from the activities for the Scout Council adjusted for the year to which it relates. Income received in advance for subscriptions is carried forward and charges in the year to which it relates.

Fixed Assets

Land and Buildings are included at the insurance valuation. Additional building costs incurred to extend the building facilities are capitalised.

Boats and Equipment are initially recorded at cost.

The Landrover and power boat is included at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of assets over their estimated useful economic life as follows:

Land and Buildings	Nil
Additional Building Costs	5% straight line
Boats and Equipment	10% straight line
Landrover	25% straight line

Donations received towards the tractor and boats are being amortised in line with the depreciation period of the asset, and netted off the depreciation charge within the Statement of Expenditure and Charges.

Donations received towards the cost of building additional facilities at the Curly Hill site are amortised in line with the depreciation charge within the Statement of Expenditure and Charges.

Sundry creditors, both due within one year and more than one year, include an amount of donations received yet to be credited to the Income and Expenditure Account.

Stock

The Council decided to no longer stock badges and thus the book value of the stock was written off during the year.

2. Donations Received

Donations/Grants were received in the year from Central Government via Local Councils due to the COVID pandemic. These amounted to £12774 for Curly Hill and £10667 for Reva.

3. Reserves

The Council decided that current cash reserves were much higher than the policy of retaining one years expenditure (Around £50,000) thus the Council decided to undertake projects in line with the organisations charitable objectives thus projects serving the long term objectives have been started such as new archery ranges.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Wharfedale District Scout Council.

Report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are detailed in the Trustees Annual Report.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

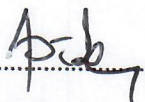
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name 

Anthony Bradbury FCCA

Qualification: Certified Accountant

Address Messrs Hollings Crowe Storr LLP, 14 Beech Hill, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3AX

Date: 7 / 11 / 2022

Scouts
Wharfedale



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WHARFEDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

District Commissioners – Tim Haskins and Paul Jennings
Chair - Mike Wild

Secretary - Chris Carver . . . secretary@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022

INTRODUCTION

I believe it's important that Scouts is a great place to volunteer because fundamentally this will encourage new people to join, and for those already involved in Wharfedale Scouts it makes volunteering a whole load more worthwhile. In this year's annual report you will see a rundown of all the great things we've done this last year to make Scouting fun for young people, and also where the 'young at heart' have provided leadership, advice and support for the 10 Scout Groups in the District.

Financial control

One of the key areas of governance for us as trustees is building and managing the budget. Financially, sufficient reserves need to be held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least one year. We have a policy to hold between 75% and 100% of one year's gross expenditure.

Last year there was some prudent budgeting in face of some exceptional circumstances, but there was also an intent to reduce the level of reserves that we have. In the event -

Curly Hill camping fees were £5k higher than budget

Benefits from Covid grants £7k higher than budget

Sailing at Reva brought in an extra £2k

At the same time projects have been delayed, so there hasn't been as high an outlay as planned which means expenditure was £20k less than budget. So rather than use reserves to run at a net deficit we actually made a small positive contribution. The surplus carried forward now stands at 2.7 times our annual income. That is a strong position to be in but is also a challenge to the trustees to determine the most beneficial way of using these funds to benefit scouting in Wharfedale.

Summary of Group activities

This annual report includes updates from the activity centres where bookings are taken for both Curley Hill & Reva which is a clear demonstration that Wharfedale scouts are benefiting from the facilities we offer. Furthermore, the District Commissioners provide insights on the work underway across the district to further improve scouting activities

Thank you

Ensuring the group is well lead, and activities are well managed is critical to success. I'd therefore like to pay thanks to several people who have made a difference to scouting in Wharfedale this year:

Alan Pratt for his many years support on the Exec in multiple roles.

Cath Britton who has also held a number of roles and has invested a huge amount of time and effort to keep Reva going for the last 10-15 years.

Tom & Angela Pickard have stepped back from their Executive roles but are both still involved in Lionhearts and have delivered an extraordinary length of service to Scouting.

Iain Paterson, who has been Leader of the Bridge Church Scouts for forty years and has nurtured the skills and enthusiasms of generations of Otley's youngsters. He was made an Otley Honorary Citizen last year.

Let me thank all those who have made Wharfedale Scouts a great place to volunteer and let's make sure we do all we can keep that spirit going.



Since Colin and I took on the role of ADC we have started to run District events again. We had the quiz in February which was won by 1st BR Findlay. In March we held the swimming gala at Craven Swimming pool and the winning team was Ilkley Christchurch.

St. George's Day was a little different to usual, but the weather was on our side and an enjoyable afternoon organised by Menston Group.

Once again, John Sharpe organised the 5-a-side football tournament which was won by 1st BR Chubb.

Our next event is the Sports Day on Saturday 1st July in Addingham. In September we have the activity evening at Curly Hill, and we finish the year with our cooking competition in November.

All the Packs are back up and running again and most have either been on camp or have a camp booked for the summer.

We are hoping to start visiting the Groups in the District and look forward to meeting up with all the leaders, old and new.

Maz Jennings
Joint ADC Cubs

EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouting in the District has increased since September and is slowly returning to more "normal" conditions. There are only 3 Units running at the moment and we need more volunteers to come forward and be leaders! Otley particularly needs adults to run what could be a thriving unit.

Please contact me if you wish to know more about the very rewarding hobby of becoming a leader or a helper in a unit [desc@wharfedalescouts.org.uk].

Covid-19 still caused us all problems with people isolating and then in the winter Omicron took over and many of us went back to meeting outside or on Zoom.

The units in Burley, Addingham and Ilkley are all doing well. Burley and Ilkley have been busy lately running Duke of Edinburgh evenings and expeditions and Addingham have run a good program too. All have taken part in cooking, wide games and hikes amongst many other things.

I look forward to the next twelve months with hope that we can get back to our regular scouting activities and meeting nights.

Of course all Explorer Scout activities could not take place without the hardworking, dedicated leaders which we have here in Wharfedale. My thanks go to all of them for all the work they do and the enthusiasm they show week in week out.

Pam Newman
DESC

network

Network have not met this year due to Covid-19 but hopefully we can restart the Unit in the Autumn now regulations allow.

Pam Newman
Wharfedale Network Commissioner

CURLY HILL CAMP SITE & CENTRE

Following a challenging year in 2020/21 the Camp Site and Centre was able to gradually reopen, and we were pleased to welcome back visitors!

Majority of bookings during the year were for day or evening use of the facilities including our old friends from LS29 who have been using the Centre on a regular basis for music making workshops for children with additional needs.

More recently both the Centre and the Campsite have reopened for overnight stays. It is fantastic to see the new toilet block and washing up area being used at long last. Lots of positive comments and fantastic feedback from our visitors.

Our 'Wednesday Team' of regular volunteers have continued to keep busy during the pandemic, working in accordance with guidelines to ensure that the Centre and the Grounds were in great shape for our returning guests. Improvements during the past 12 months include new curtains, new bedcovers as well as repainting much of the woodwork and internal areas.

We recently planted a new celebration tree to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952 - 2022. The tree is a weeping cherry with arching branches which in spring should be wreathed in deep pink double flowers.



I am delighted to report that we have a new booking secretary, Sarah Betts, who has been doing a great job dealing with a high volume of new enquiries and we now have lots of bookings for 2022. Many thanks to Mike Roberts who recently retired as our booking secretary after many years' efficient service.

Many thanks to our team of hardworking volunteer wardens that host our many visitors.

Plans for 2022 include a new lounge and sitting area so that group leaders will have somewhere to relax once the young people have gone to sleep.

Jeremy Ince Chair Curly Hill Sub Committee.

NIGHTS AWAY

Peter Bennett, the District Nights Away Advisor, reports the figures from the forms he received in 2021.

GROUP	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXPLORERS	LEADERS	NIGHTS AWAY
Wharfedale Explorers				13	6	29
Addingham			32		9	102
Ilkley Christchurch		20	35		11	132
1 st Ben Rhydding	1	77	51	11	38	584

3 rd Ben Rhydding	10	13		4	54
Burley		8	3	4	15
Menston	42	30		17	89
2 nd Otley	96	45	5	32	287
Otley Bridge		25		8	62
Otley Methodists					
Otley Parish	14	2		3	19

Peter reports that last year was a bit hard with Covid, etc. Perhaps do more this year.

As a last minute addition to this year's Annual Report, the figures for 2022 (up until 18 June) are:

GROUP	BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	EXPLORERS	LEADERS	NIGHTS AWAY
Wharfedale Explorers			2	97	7	522
Addingham			40	11	9	400
Ilkley Christchurch			27		6	58
1 st Ben Rhydding		98	15	2	28	451
3 rd Ben Rhydding						
Burley		32	18	20	7	149
Menston			25		4	29
2 nd Otley		42	21	4	12	150
Otley Bridge			21	6	10	150
Otley Methodists			13		4	34
Otley Parish			12		4	16

As can be seen, with less than half the year gone, the figures generally have improved and I'm sure the end of year figures will see the numbers much higher than they were in 2021.

PR, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNITY AND AWARDS BOARD REPORT

Our role is to support Groups with PR, Communications, Fundraising, Community Links and Awards support.

We continue to post as required on Facebook relevant news from County and locally and 'what we do in Scouting.' This sits better within the role of the Youth Commissioner hopefully in time. We assist with printed media when requested, taking pictures and producing articles for local papers and social media community sites promoting Scouting and helping recruit Leaders. The guidelines for press media encourage photos of Scouts having fun which is received much more positively by the general public than adults in uniforms! Photos of leaders getting recognition are still important, and we act as press officers for the District. Guidelines for Press Media can be found at <https://scoutsbrand.org.uk/>

We hope to work on improving the District website and key diary dates plus communications. The District Secretary has improved communication e mails and produced a list and directory.

We help and advise on capital fundraising strategies, sponsorship plus business/community links to help develop Groups' headquarters and projects. We also signpost Groups throughout the District to organisations who can help, acting as the District Fundraising Consultant.

We have held an Awards Workshop to try and improve the Awards process and explain rules/requirements/key dates and especially training requirements. We have worked with Mark Stageman, the new Local Training Manager to encourage new and existing Training Advisers to support Leaders better. Mark is also the County Awards board Chair.

We have a long list of possible candidates now for Awards after consultations with DC, GSLs, SASU Managers and Explorer Commissioner but some GSLs discussions/lists are outstanding. All are encouraged to recommend adults and Scouts for awards but we are new to this process so it will take some time . . . please be patient. We are grateful to Mark Stageman for all his assistance.

David Shaw MBE - Joint Awards Chair, District Press officer/Fundraising Consultant and Communications team.

Accounts

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Wharfedale



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WHARFEDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

District Commissioners – Tim Haskins and Paul Jennings
Chairman - Mike Roberts

Secretary - Chris Carver . . . secretary@wharfedalescouts.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT

2020/2021

District Commissioners' Report 2021

Taking over as DC is always going to be a daunting prospect. Doing so part way through the year in the middle of a global pandemic with society locked down and scouting only available via zoom was not going to make it easier, and too big a job for one person. We have therefore moved to a joint DC team and hopefully you will all see the benefit of the 'two for the price of one' model. We owe our sincere thanks to Dominic our predecessor and Acting DC Ian Womersley for making the transition as painless as possible.

Whilst it is too early to be certain, at the time of writing, there are promising signs that the worst of the pandemic may be over. Most of our groups are now back to meeting face to face. Numbers of leaders and young people are increasing fast, although there is still some way to go to reverse the numbers dropped during the pandemic. This is testament to the resilience and dedication of the team of scouting volunteers in the District, so thank you to all of you.

Our District Centres at Curly Hill and Reva are now fully operational again. Both have made the best of an unfortunate situation to improve their facilities whilst normal activities have been on hold. It was also pleasing to see Curly Hill being actively used to support the wider community, in particular by welcoming the LS29 special needs support group who became regular visitors. Many thanks to the hard working teams at both of these Centres. It is also great to see that Hag Dyke, a special place to many of us in the District, is back up and running again due to the hard work of the 1st Ben Rhydding team.

The Executive Committee adjusted well to the move to online meetings. It is now great that we have the opportunity to meet in person again, although we do recognise that not everyone is comfortable to venture out, so the 'hybrid' style of physical and online meetings may continue for a while. Thank you to the whole committee, but especially to Chris our secretary and Alan our treasurer for taking on these important behind the scenes roles without which we could not continue. Our particular thanks go to Mike Roberts for doing such a great job as District Chairman for many years – opinions seem to be divided on quite how many! His are very large shoes to fill when he steps down after this AGM.

Looking to the future, we are looking to put together a five year development plan for the District. Please bear with us while we do this, and we will also be asking for help and ideas from everybody, do please look out for our requests.

Paul Jennings and Tim Haskins

District Commissioners

BEAVERS

When I took over the role of ADC Beavers in February 2020, I never imagined how dramatically Scouting and the world In general would change.

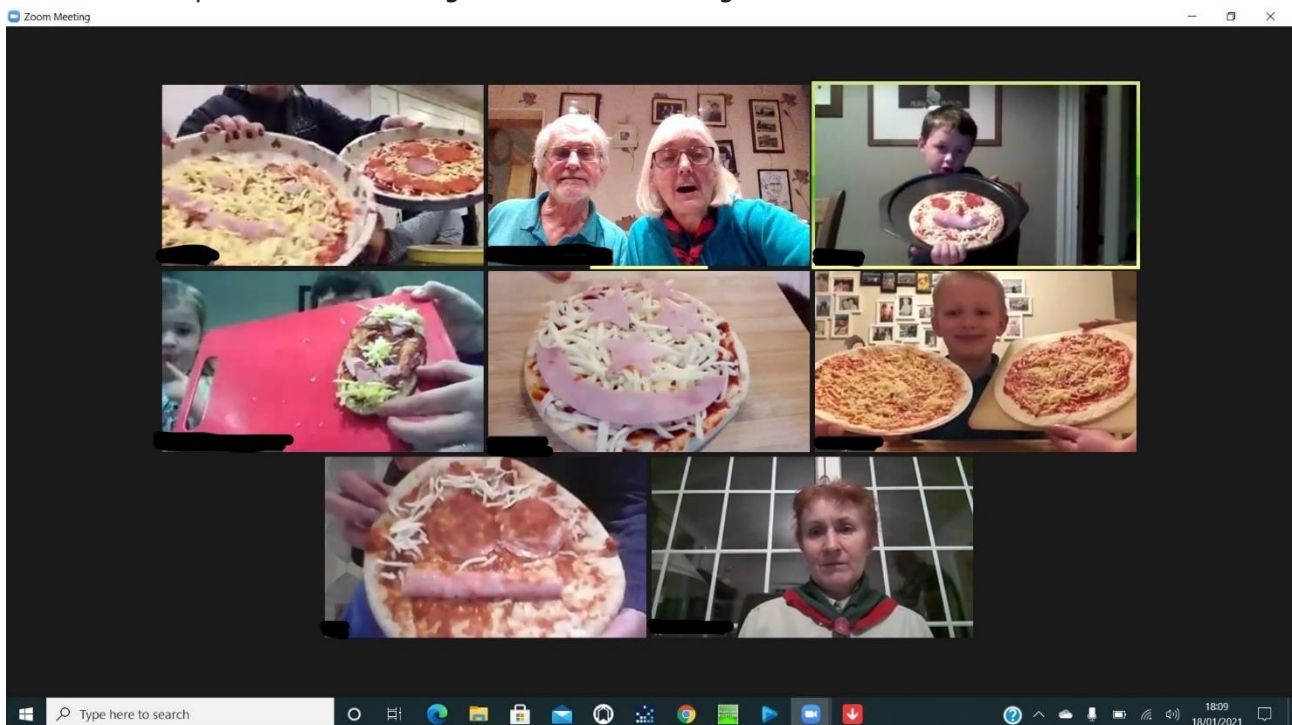
However, Beaver Leaders in the district rose to the ever changing challenges of lock downs and easing of restrictions along with getting to grips with Zoom and new risk assessments. Where increased responsibilities at work and shielding allowed, they have managed to deliver a varied programme of meetings using Zoom and the great outdoors.

Meetings have included cooking, space badge, scavenger hunts, games and even a virtual sleepover using Zoom and once they were able to meet face to face again grass sledging, litter picking, wide games, roasting marshmallows, fire-lighting and similar camping-type activities. One Colony even managed to make a scarecrow for their church's 200th birthday celebrations scarecrow display.

Hopefully things will get back to something like normal in the coming year and we will all be able to work together to resume Scouting as usual.

Tina Reed - ADC Beaves

below are four pictures taken during Beaver Zoom meetings







EXPLORERS

Well this year has been different!

I don't think many of us would have heard of Zoom 18 months ago let alone used it but here we are now almost experts!

There was Virtual Big Camp, Hike to the Moon and lots of County organised activities! I had never been to a virtual camp fire or stood outside my house and renewed my promise! We are all never too old to learn new skills.

During all the lockdowns and subsequent weeks most of the Wharfedale units have been meeting on Zoom, as I say. They have baked, used What 3 Words, scavenger hunted round their own houses, and camped in bedrooms and gardens. There has been a great deal of badge work completed whilst trying to live a life with scouting activities and skills in.

Unfortunately, members of the Otley unit were unable to meet and the district has had to close the Menston unit, due to lack of numbers. We hope we can re-open both in the not too distant future.

The good news is there is now a new thriving unit at Addingham, which opened in February and we hope they continue to grow.

Now is the time to plan for the future and look for volunteers to help deliver scouting for all as we move forward and develop "Skills for Life" in our young people.

Pam Newman
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

network

Wharfedale Network Unit has not met this year and hopefully in Autumn 2021 we can start and look at the way forward.

Pam Newman
Network Leader

CURLY HILL CAMP SITE & CENTRE

We had been anticipating another busy year in 2020/21 however, with the COVID-19 situation worsening, on March 17th 2020, the decision was taken to close Curly Hill until such time as government restrictions were relaxed and we were able to reopen. With many of our bookings being from schools and voluntary groups we decided to offer a full refund on prepaid deposits. This has already paid dividends in new bookings from the goodwill this generated. However, at the start of the pandemic we never expected that we would remain closed for overnight stays for over a year!

With little prospect of reopening and extended lockdown we looked for other ways to utilise the wonderful facilities at Curly Hill for the benefit of the community and after discussions with LS29 Charity we reopened the Curly Hill Centre and grounds as an emergency respite centre for the families of children with additional needs. LS29 are a local charity that specialise in organising activities for children with special needs and by working in partnership with them we were able to offer our facilities for use by families over the summer months. Centre and grounds were made Covid safe and activities delivered by LS29 staff and volunteers based from Curly Hill. These activities provided an opportunity for young people and families to spend time outdoors in a safe and secure environment. It was for some, the only opportunity they had to play outside for several months. Many LS29 families have additional health needs meaning they needed to shield and take extra precautions too. It was quite an isolating time for many people in the group. At Curly Hill they could enjoy the space and activities on offer, and see friendly faces to welcome them and chat from a distance if needed.

Feedback from participants was fantastic and made me feel so proud to have been part of the project:

"Visit enabled us to have the space and chance to explore a different environment away from our home! And to meet other people (the staff) to talk to and be able to relax as a family, which enabled our child, to be themselves. So "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts. We can't wait to go again!"

Apart from LS29 the site remained closed for all of 2020/21, only reopening for limited outside Day/Evening use from April 12th this year. During this period our valued team of volunteer wardens has continued to meet in line with Covid regulations and have done a fantastic job in keeping the building & site in good order ready for when we could reopen. Following completion of a full risk

assessment and implementation of necessary social distancing procedures we have recently reopened to day visitors and are very much looking forward to welcoming our first campers from May 17th, subject to relaxation of the lockdown rules.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming visitors to Curly Hill once more so that they can experience the wonderful facilities we have.

Jeremy Ince
Chair
Curly Hill Sub Committee

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

SECTION A

General Information

VICE PRESIDENTS

Marie Storr

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* members of the District Executive Committee

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
District Commissioners

Michael Roberts
Alan Pratt
Chris Carver
Tim Haskins
Paul Jennings
Pamela Newman

District Explorer Scout Commissioner & District Scout Network Leader

TRUSTEES: nominated by the District Commissioner

District Executive Committee
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Charlie Barnes
Peter Bennett
Catherine Britton
Angela Pickard
Thomas Pickard
Tina Reed

TRUSTEES: elected

Appointments Sub-committee
District Executive Committee
Covid-19 Risk Assessments
SASU Manager
District Executive Committee
District Executive Committee

Richard Bleasdale
Peter Dickinson
Dominic Dobson
Jeremy Ince
Christine Paterson
Matthew Phillips

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS SUB - COMMITTEE

Chairman
Secretary

Richard Bleasdale
Elizabeth Archer

BANKERS

Unity Trust Bank plc, 9 Brindley Place, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2HB

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

Scout Association Trust Corporation, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

DISTRICT REGISTRATION NUMBER WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION: 16623

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 524827

CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS

Mr. Chris Carver, 17 Courthouse Street, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3AN

SECTION B

Wharfedale District Scout Council Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Wharfedale District Scout Council is constituted under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Wharfedale District Scout Council is a registered charity established, and with Trustees appointed, in accordance with these Rules.

Wharfedale District Scout Council continued throughout the year to provide leadership, advice and support for the ten Scout Groups in its District and in the local communities within its boundary.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit in deciding what activities to undertake. The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development headings.

Wharfedale District Scout Council manages and administers Curly Hill Campsite and Centre and also Reva Water Activity Centre for the benefit of members and the community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The affairs are managed by the District Executive Committee (the trustees) through a number of sub - committees. A member of the Executive Committee should serve on each sub - committee. The committees support the District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioners who have responsibility for certain areas of the District activity.

The sub - committees are

- Appointments Advisory Sub-committee
- Curly Hill Activity Centre and Campsite Sub-committee
- Reva Water Activity Centre Sub-committee
- District Explorer Scouts Sub-committee
- Development Sub-committee
- District Awards Sub-committee
- Scout Active Support Unit committee

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

A full review of the year is published as a separate booklet.

The support of Scouting in the District was carried out at a surplus of £22,194 (2020: £3,265).

The amount of £12,218 was added to unrestricted reserves.

GOVERNANCE COSTS

The management costs of the charity are considered minimal and are not reported separately since the assessment of the costs would be arbitrary.

RESERVES

Reserves are being held to ensure that the level of activity can be maintained for at least one year, without income through a policy to hold between 75% and 100% of one year's gross expenditure.

FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CHARITY

The trustees are of the opinion that the funds are sufficient to continue activities through the ensuing year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The District Executive Committee and the District Team operate within the safety regulations of the Scout Association. The risks to the operation and management of the district have been assessed and kept under review and plans are in place to mitigate or eliminate the effect of potential risks.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO ACCOUNTS EXAMINER

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination of the accounts, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information.

Mike Roberts - Chairman Wharfedale District Scout Council

Wharfedale District Scout Council**Account Summary for the Year End 31st March 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Total Receipts & Accrued Income	87,587	74,511
Total Payments and charges	(65,393)	(71,246)
Net Surplus for the year	22,194	3,265
Surplus brought forward	57,254	53,989
Surplus carried forward	79,448	57,254
Notes to accounts:-		
Profit on badge sales (inc Curly Hill and Reva)	0	465
Surplus on Curly Hill camp site in year	14,938	10,355
(Deficit)/Surplus On Reva Sailing Centre in Year pre-depreciation charge	14,828	1,742
Boat Depreciation Charge in year against Reva Boat Reserve	8,953	8,953

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2021 and signed on their behalf by :-

Mike Roberts
Chairman

Alan Pratt
Treasurer

Income for year ending 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Membership Subscriptions		
Subscriptions from groups	35,143	36,025
Membership Fees Reva	200	35
	35,343	36,060
Investment Income Received		
Bank Interest	69	322
Donations and Grants		
Donations - Reva	21,151	5,490
Donations Other	0	447
Donations - Curly Hill (not inc Amortised Grants)	24,320	0
	45,471	5,937
Activities		
Curly Hill Income	403	22,124
Curly Hill Badge Sales	0	688
Reva Tuck Shop	0	775
Reva Badge Sales	0	48
Net income from events	0	3
Sailing Fees and course	0	6,508
	403	30,146
Other Income		
Badge Sales	0	1,035
Activities of Scout Active Support Unit	0	506
Sundry Reva Income	6,301	505
	6,301	2,046
Total Income for year	87,587	74,511

Expenditure and Charges for Year ending 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Curly Hill Camp Site</u>		
Utilities	3,216	4,450
Insurance	1,612	998
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	3,933	5,545
Sundry	0	0
Depreciation on Toilet Block	1,024	1,024
Curly Hill badge purchases, net of stock movement	0	440
	9,785	12,457
<u>Reva Sailing Centre</u>		
Insurance	4,151	4,880
Rent and Utilities	1,734	2,690
Equipment expenditure & Repair	5,258	1,105
Repairs to Ground and Buildings	0	0
Course Expenses	0	668
Training	0	0
Sundry	1,430	1,066
Tuck Shop Purchases	0	625
Depreciation on Landrover Discovery	250	585
Depreciation on boats and Equipment	8,953	8,953
	21,777	20,572
<u>Activities, Donations and Grants</u>		
Donations towards Jamboree	0	200
Events	0	44
	0	244
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Scout Active Support	42	104
Scout Active Support Equip Repair	0	1,557
Badge Purchases	0	866
AGM	0	334
License Fees and Journals	1,135	1,079
Training	0	0
Neckers, other	0	173
Sundry expenses	312	702
Subscriptions payable to County	32,270	33,086
	33,759	37,901
<u>Interest Payable</u>	72	72
<u>Total Expenditure & charges for year</u>	65,393	71,246

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Land and Buildings	320,715	324,617
Boats and Equipment	16,295	26,898
Landrover - Reva	750	0
	337,760	351,515
Current Assets		
Monetary Assets		
Bank Accounts	89,718	58,361
Bank Deposit Account	64,738	69,715
Prepaid Expense Account	56	56
	154,512	128,132
Non-Monetary Assets		
Sundry Debtors & Accrued Income	1,699	2,403
Badges Stock	825	825
	2,524	3,228
Liabilities due within a year		
Net Group Subscriptions in advance	(29,480)	(35,143)
Deferred Income	(4,527)	(4,527)
Sundry Creditors	(13,841)	(13,924)
	(47,848)	(53,594)
Total Current Assets	109,188	77,766
Liabilities due more than a year		
Deferred Income	(57,170)	(61,697)
Net Assets	389,779	367,584
	Boat & Building Reserve £	Surplus Total reserve £
Reserves Brought Forward at 1st April	264,693	102,892
Surplus/(Deficit) in Year	(8,953)	31,147
Reserves carried forward at 31st March	255,740	134,039
	389,779	389,779

Accounting Policies & Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

Income

Income represents the monies from the activities for the Scout Council adjusted for the year to which it relates. Income received in advance for subscriptions is carried forward and charges in the year to which it relates.

Fixed Assets

Land and Buildings are included at the insurance valuation. Additional building costs incurred to extend the building facilities are capitalised.

Boats and Equipment are initially recorded at cost.

The Landrover is included at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of assets over their estimated useful economic life as follows:

Land and Buildings	Nil
Additional Building Costs	5% straight line
Boats and Equipment	10% straight line
Landrover	25% straight line

Donations received towards the tractor and boats are being amortised in line with the depreciation period of the asset, and netted off the depreciation charge within the Statement of Expenditure and Charges.

Donations received towards the cost of building additional facilities at the Curly Hill site are amortised in line with the depreciation charge within the Statement of Expenditure and Charges.

Sundry creditors, both due within one year and more than one year, include an amount of donations received yet to be credited to the Income and Expenditure Account.

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

2. Donations Received

Donations/Grants were received in the year from Central Government via Local Councils due to the COVID pandemic. These amounted to £24320 for Curly Hill and £21151 for Reva.

Further Donations were received to facilitate the purchase of a new Lawnmower for Curly Hill (held pending purchase) £16500 has been transferred to a specific reserve under Other Creditors and will be released to surplus in line with amortisation of the cost of the new mower.

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

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are detailed in the Trustees Annual Report.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:



Anthony Bradbury FCCA

Qualification: Certified Accountant

Address: Messrs Hollings Crowe Storr LLP. 14 Beech Hill, Otley
West Yorkshire, LS21 3AX

Date: 1 / 11 / 2021