

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 702344

Details

Other names HANDS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1989-12-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: To provide the framework to support Scout groups in the area; to enable the provision of support for the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people under the rules of the Scout Association.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£187,869	£202,518	-	-
2024-03-31	£155,588	£157,358	-	-
2023-03-31	£92,475	£122,148	-	-
2022-03-31	£44,137	£37,488	-	-
2021-03-31	£43,382	£17,116	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Jean Elizabeth Laight	Chair	2022-06-13
Bryan Anthony Wilson		2017-05-16
Dr Simon Richard Rollinson		2024-06-10
Henry James McBratney		2018-06-29
Imogen Poppy Sinclair		2024-06-10
James Porter		2023-12-08
Jillian Rosemary Connors		2014-06-09
Karsten Uwe Hartmann		2022-02-01
Luke Harrison		2023-06-12
Shane Diarmaid Delaney		2024-06-10

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Harrogate & Nidderdale District Scout Council
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday 23rd June 2025, 7:30pm
Christ Church Parish Centre, Harrogate

1. Welcome

Jean Laight, Chair of the District Trustee Board, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, especially our guests:

- Councillor Chris Aldred, Mayor of Harrogate
- Hannah Eustace, Chair of North Yorkshire County Scouts
- Leaders and volunteers from across the District

Jean also invited us to take a moment to remember Jacqui Walker, a former Assistant District Commissioner for Beaver Scouts and Beaver Leader at 15th Harrogate who sadly passed away earlier this year.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Alan Ross, Iain Shaw, Zoe Curtis, Pat Walsh, Ivan Chamberlain

3. Governance Updates

Approval of 2024 Minutes

Minutes of the last AGM held on 10th June 2024 were reviewed by the District Trustee Board at their meeting held on 08 July 2024 and were provided for review to the District Scout Council prior to the AGM.

Last year's AGM minutes (from 10th June 2024) were reviewed and approved by the District Scout Council.

Proposed: Jean Laight | Seconded: Christine Turner | Outcome: Approved

Model Constitution Adoption

The District agreed to adopt the model constitution from POR Chapter 5c2.

Proposed: Jean Laight | Seconded: Petra Koristkova | Outcome: Approved

Financial Year Confirmation

The District's financial year remains 1st April to 31st March.

Trustee Board Composition

The District Scout Council agreed the number of people appointed to the Trustee Board. It was agreed that the Trustee Board shall comprise up to 10 members. This includes ex officio and co-opted Trustees.

Proposed: Jean Laight | Seconded: David Leonard | Outcome: Approved

Quorum for Future Meetings

The quorum for future District Scout Council meetings was set at 15 members.

Proposed: Jean Laight | Seconded: Mike Higlett | Outcome: Approved

4. Looking Back on the Year

District Lead Volunteer's Review

Karsten Hartmann shared highlights from the past year, including membership growth, campsite improvements, and exciting plans ahead. His full report is included in the Trustees' Annual Report 2025.

Annual Report & Accounts

The Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

Shane Delaney, District Treasurer, gave a brief overview. His report is included in the Trustees' Annual Report 2025.

5. Making Appointments

There were no changes to the Board of Trustees this year, as all current members remain within their three-year term and no resignations were received. The only formal appointment required at this year's AGM was therefore that of the Independent Examiner.

The District Scout Council agreed that Tim Jones be reappointed as Independent Examiner for the new financial year (2025 – 2026).

Proposed: Jean Laight | Outcome: Approved by show of hands

6. Community Giving

A donation of £230 raised at the St George's Day Parade 2025 will be given to The Police Children's Charity, supporting families facing difficult circumstances.

7. Guest Reflections

Hannah Eustace, Chair of North Yorkshire County Scouts, praised the District's energy and progress, especially around campsite development and volunteer support.

Mayor Chris Aldred shared his pride in being the President of Harrogate and Nidderdale Scouts as part of his role as Mayor and spoke warmly about Scouting's role in building stronger communities.

8. Closing

Jean Laight thanked everyone for attending and confirmed the next AGM will be held on:

Monday 15th June 2026

Refreshments followed, and the meeting was closed.



HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees' Annual Report 2025

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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1. Section A: References and Administration details

Charity Name:	Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council
Registered Charity Number:	702344
HQ registration number:	10001796
Charity's principal address:	Culross House 20 Omega Street HG1 2BZ Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Ex-Officio Members	Office (if any)	Appointed	Resigned
Karsten Hartmann	District Lead Volunteer	01-Feb-22	
Henry McBratney	District Youth Lead	29-Jun-18	
Elected Members		Appointed	Resigned
Dr Jean Laight	District Chair	10-Jun-24	
Shane Delaney	District Treasurer	10-Jun-24	
James Porter	District 14-24 Lead	10-Jun-24	
Dr Simon Rollinson	District Digital Lead	10-Jun-24	
Luke Harrison	District Programme Team Lead	10-Jun-24	
Jillian Connors		10-Jun-24	
Bryan Wilson		10-Jun-24	
Imogen Sinclair		10-Jun-24	
Rachel Capstick		21-Jun-21	10-Jun-24
Claire Lowcock	District Secretary	18-Jul-22	10-Jun-24
Tom Sadler	District Treasurer	09-Oct-23	10-Jun-24

Name and addresses of advisers:

Independent Examiner: Tim P Jones, FCCA
TP Jones & Co LLP
23 Victoria Avenue
Harrogate
HG1 5RD

2. Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the Charity's trusts:

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The charity is a trust, established under its rules that are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation & Rules (POR) of The Scout Association and in line with the District's Open Selection Process for Trustees Policy.

The Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council has adopted the model Constitution as outlined in POR.

Additional governance issues:

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the District Scout Council, which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to The Charity Commission as appropriate.

The District Board of Trustees exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. Trustees must act collectively as charity trustees of the Scout District, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the District.
- Manage the District finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property, and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the District.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Groups, Explorer Scout Units and Scout Network in the District as necessary.
- Supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property.

Risk and Internal Control:

The District has systems of internal control in place that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

3. Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document:

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

We act with care, respect, integrity, and cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs. As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity:	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal
Respect:	We have self-respect and respect for others
Care:	We support others and take care of the world in which we live
Belief:	We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes
Co-operation:	We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The main activities of the Scout District are:

- Developing Scouting in the District.
- Supporting the Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units in the District.
- Operating a Scout Shop and District Headquarters
- Providing adult training and activity training
- Operating Scout Campsite
- Providing events to support the youth programme

Public Benefit Statement

The Harrogate and Nidderdale District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

4. Section D: District Lead Volunteer Report – Achievements and Performance

Dear all,

I am delighted to share an update on the achievements of the Harrogate and Nidderdale District over the past year, along with the current priorities of the District Leadership Team.

Guided by our District Strategy and Development Plan, we continue to make significant strides in aligning our efforts with long-term objectives. Over the past twelve months, our commitment to supporting and developing Adult Volunteers has remained steadfast, with a particular focus on adventurous activities and the successful coordination of District-wide events.

Harrogate and Nidderdale is widely recognized as a go-to District for training support across the County and beyond.

Our Young Leaders Leadership Team has undergone some changes this year but remains dedicated to overseeing the training of Young Leaders. A proud milestone is the completion of training by many Young Leaders, who have now earned their Young Leaders Belt.

To further enhance accessibility and efficiency, we transitioned our Young Leader training online alongside the launch of the new MyMembership system in December 2024. This move allows Young Leaders to complete required modules at their own pace, accelerating their progression through the scheme.

The Programme Team continues to integrate seamlessly within the District, delivering activity training for Adult Volunteers, supporting Scout Groups with adventurous activities, and managing key District events. Notably, we've expanded the number of qualified permit holders, enabling greater participation in High Rope activities, Archery, and Tomahawk Throwing Sessions. Additionally, we've successfully facilitated permits for Hill Walking, Rock Climbing, and Nights Away, enriching our program and broadening experiences for Young People.

Throughout the year, our District has been vibrant with activity, featuring the London Monopoly Run, Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night, and the St. George's Day Parade. A standout event was the Activity Days at Thornthwaite, which provided two days of exciting adventures for Cubs, Beavers, and Squirrels.

Our Skills/Activities and Events Team has not only supported local initiatives but also played a key role at the County level, contributing to Junior Warrior, Beaver Damboree, Ignite, and the Larkin 24 Jamboree—cementing our reputation across North Yorkshire and beyond.

The District Leadership Team has welcomed several new Group Lead Volunteers over the last year; Andy Bielby as Group Lead Volunteer at 1st Pannal, Claire Jackson as Group Lead Volunteer at 20th Harrogate, Sarah Kew as Group Lead Volunteer at 1st Knaresborough, Kieran Jones as new Group Lead Volunteer at 1st Marston Moor, Zoe Curtis as Group Lead Volunteer at Upper Nidderdale and Kevin Langford as new Group Lead Volunteer at 14th Harrogate.

In addition, Greg Stewart has joined us as District Volunteer and Development Team Lead, ensuring we continue fostering growth and training for all volunteers.

To expand opportunities for Young People, we launched Peake ESU (15th Harrogate) and Shackleton ESU (7th Harrogate) and aim to establish another Explorer Unit at Christ Church Darley in September, alongside two new Squirrel dreys at 1st Knaresborough and 15th Harrogate.

Our focus on digital advancement has strengthened financial transparency and efficiency, including the introduction of pre-paid cards linked to our XERO accountancy system, streamlining financial oversight for Trustees while reducing the Finance Team's workload. Additionally, our District Scout Shop now operates a cashless payment system integrated with our new POS system.

At Thornthwaite, we've reached several major milestones, including renovations to the upstairs Leaders' area, a new Welfare room, kitchen improvements, and energy-efficient enhancements such as a new more energy efficient boiler for the toilet block.

Infrastructure updates, including new windows, a new entrance door, and improved heating controls, have further optimized efficiency and reduced utility costs. The campsite capacity has increased through site repairs and drainage improvements, supporting a self-service model that has been well received by visitors.

New activities at Thornthwaite now include Airsoft Rifle shooting and Sling Shoot target shooting using a dedicated range, ensuring safe and engaging experiences for our Young People. Crime prevention measures, including a CCTV system, provide additional security for this remote location.

As part of the #Skills for Life initiative, the Scout Association has modernized our volunteer framework, making Scouting more inclusive, accessible, and relevant. The transition to the new Membership and Learning platform concluded in December 2024, bringing exciting opportunities despite ongoing refinements to the MyMembership system, which continues to evolve for improved user experience.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every volunteer in Harrogate and Nidderdale. Whether visible or behind the scenes, your contributions are truly invaluable. Your dedication and passion are the driving forces behind the continued success of Scouting in our District.

Thank you all for your exceptional service!

Karsten Hartmann

District Lead Volunteer | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

5. Section E: Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the District's financial strategy with a view to setting general reserves at a level sufficient to cover its running expenses should its income fall short, or if unforeseen emergencies or opportunities occur.

The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold at least a sum equivalent to 12 months of normal running costs, approximately £40k.

This is in addition to unrestricted funds designated to meet the longer term aims of capital Investment in equipment and facilities and contributions towards new development projects.

The Operating Reserves Policy will continue to be reviewed annually.

Investment Policy

The district has adopted a medium risk strategy for the investment of its funds. Surplus funds, approximately £100k are held in Investment Assets as per the District Investment Policy.

6. Section F: Other Optional Information – District Contributor Reports

➤ District Board of Trustees - Report

During this year, we have welcomed our new Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields, who was appointed in September 2024, succeeding Bear Grylls. The new blanket badge, 'Our New Patron', commemorating King Charles III, was launched in June 2024, at the time of our last AGM, and the new Space Activity badge was launched in March of this year, courtesy of astronaut Tim Peake. Scouting is certainly moving forward.

In October, I was present at the online AGM for the County Scout Council where I heard some interesting information, especially from Ian Hammond, the Regional Lead Volunteer for the North-East Region, who spoke about the top priorities. These are Safety, which is paramount, the Volunteering Experience – with the launch of digital tools, this will make things so much easier – and Growth. He told us that there are 57 million scouts around the world. Scouting is growing internationally.

In March, I attended the Regional Conference in Newton Aycliffe. This was very well run, interesting and informative, and gave me the opportunity to engage with other members of the region who were new to me. The workshops were relevant to modern scouting and looked towards the future of volunteering, while still acknowledging the skills and achievements of the past. Scouting has strong roots from which to grow.

More locally, in January, I was able to gain an insight into our Winter Camp which was extremely well organised and ran very smoothly. The new car parking provision, in a local car park rather than at the campsite, meant that parents and carers could drop off their young people, who were then taken by regular mini-buses to the campsite itself. During the weekend, I was able to go to the campsite, and I was very impressed by the signage and ease of movement around the area. Everyone I spoke to, both adults and young people, were friendly, welcoming and helpful. In spite of the cold, everyone looked like they were having a great time.

I am proud to be the Chair of the District Board of Trustees, noting that our young people are able to have fun in safe environments with volunteers who really care. Once again, I am in awe of the time and energy volunteers give to make the lives of our young people so rewarding and enriching.

My sincere thanks to you all.

Dr Jean E Laight

District Trustee Board Chair | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

7. Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

-Signature held on record-

-Signature held on record-

Full Name

Jean Laight

Karsten Hartmann

Position (e.g. Chair)

District Chair

District Lead Volunteer

Date

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District** for the year ended **31 Mar 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District 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 Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District 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

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

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

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

Signed:

T P Jones FCCA
11/06/2025,

Name: Tim P Jones

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA

Address: 23 Victoria Avenue Harrogate, HG1 5RD

Date: 11/06/2025

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	31-Mar-25			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	72,086	-	-	72,086
Donations	178	-	-	178
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	534	-	-	534
Sub total	72,798	-	-	72,798
Grants				
Other grants	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)				
Bonfire Night	11,473	-	-	11,473
London Monopoly Run	8,923	-	-	8,923
Squirells Beaver Cub Scout Activity Day	2,395	-	-	2,395
Wintercamp	14,531	-	-	14,531
Other fundraising activities	510	-	-	510
Sub total	37,832	-	-	37,832
District buildings income				
Hire of building	51,047	-	-	51,047
Hire of equipment/activities	4,038	-	-	4,038
Scout Shop income	15,544	-	-	15,544
Other building income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	70,629	-	-	70,629
Investment income				
Bank interest	1,707	-	-	1,707
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	4,903	-	-	4,903
Sub total	6,610	-	-	6,610
Total Gross Income	187,869	-	-	187,869
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	187,869	-	-	187,869

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	31-Mar-25			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				-
Donation	680	-	-	680
Development projects	47,146	-	-	47,146
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	62,244	-	-	62,244
Youth programme and activities	45	-	-	45
Adult support and training	390	-	-	390
Water and sewerage	1,901	-	-	1,901
Electricity, gas and rates	10,597	-	-	10,597
Insurance	3,701	-	-	3,701
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	18,698	-	-	18,698
Admin materials and equipment	3,034	-	-	3,034
Travel expenses for volunteers	3,225	-	-	3,225
Broadband, telephone and postage	1,305	-	-	1,305
Shop purchases	13,848	-	-	13,848
AGM and trustee expenses	161	-	-	161
Other costs	351	-	-	351
Sub total	167,326	-	-	167,326
Fundraising expenses				
Remembrance Sunday	28	-	-	28
St George's Day	1,417	-	-	1,417
London Monopoly	8,859	-	-	8,859
Squirrels Beaver Cub Scout Activity Day	1,661	-	-	1,661
Bonfire Night	11,089	-	-	11,089
Winter Camp	12,098	-	-	12,098
Other costs	40	-	-	40
Sub total	35,192	-	-	35,192
Total Gross Expenditure	202,518	-	-	202,518
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	202,518	-	-	202,518
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,649	-	-	- 14,649
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 14,649	-	-	- 14,649

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-25			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	30,748	-	-	30,748
Bank savings account	57,003	-	-	57,003
William Claringbold (held in Current account)	- 336	336		
Building society account	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	87,415	336	-	87,751
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment assets				
Investment Account - JP Morgan	34,814	-	-	34,814
Investment Account - Black Rock Charities	35,719	-	-	35,719
Investment Account - M&G Investment	30,366	-	-	30,366
Sub total	100,899	-	-	100,899
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Shop stock	6,270	-	-	6,270
Land and buildings	1,750,886	-	-	1,750,886
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,757,156	-	-	1,757,156
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	1,945,470	336	-	1,945,806

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16th June 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

signature held on record	Karsten Hartmann District Lead Volunteer
signature held on record	Shane Delaney Treasurer

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HARROGATE & NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM held on 10th June 2024 at Christ Church Centre, Harrogate

Welcome

Board of Trustees Chair, Jean Laight asked that we remember past members who had died in the previous year – Stuart McCahey and Jim Foakes.

She then welcomed the Mayors representative, Councilor Philip Broadbank; Vice President Jill Connors; Emma Parker, Project Manager for Just B; Leaders representing 9 Groups; Explorer Unit and Scout Active Support Units and friends.

Apologies for Absence

1st Scriven, June Graham, Maria Broadhurst, Karen Welsby, Heather Saywell, Billy Fox, Joanne McBratney

7th Harrogate Pat Walsh, Sharon Burns

Scout Active Support Unit John & Helen Westmancoat, Alan Ross

Christ Church Darley Fiona Roberts, Francesca Coates, Simon Garnett-Spence

23rd Harrogate Sharon Bryant, Hannah Clarke

20th Harrogate Angela Jex, John Jackson

1st Knaresborough Laura Broadley

1st Marston Moor Jo Hardy

1st Pannal Carla Gonzalez

15th Harrogate Shane Delaney

Minutes of the last AGM held on 12th June 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting. These had previously been reviewed by the District Trustee Board and approved as a true record. Seconded by Petra Koristkova.

Governance Topics

The Chair read out various topics which were all seconded by Luke Harrison and approved by a show of hands.

- a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules Chapter 5
- b. Our Charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March
- c. Recommendation to appoint 10 Members to the Trustee Board – including 2 Ex Officio Roles (District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Lead)
- d. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council would be 15

Review of the previous year

District Lead Volunteer, Karsten Hartmann had produced a full Report which was circulated to the Meeting. Recent Census Data shows that membership is stabilising with currently 1094 YP and 335 Adult volunteers. The adult membership has increased since last year by 15.5%. Transformation is

ongoing and the Scout Association is aiming to introduce the new membership system by end of 2024

Karsten reported on the work which has gone on at Thornthwaite and at Scout HQ Omega Street for the benefit of the District. He thanked everyone for their support

Presentation of Accounts

The Chair reported that the District Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and has received the report from the Independent Examiner, Tim Jones. These had been circulated and the outgoing Treasurer, Tom Sadler, explained them.

One question was asked from the floor by Iain Shaw, GSL at 1st Scriven. He referred to Fundraising Events and felt that when a lot of work was put in why it only generated £45 profit.

Karsten Hartmann responded and explained that the funds raised (£3340) were distributed to the Groups which supported the Event. The profit of £45 listed in the district account was the amount Harrogate and Nidderdale district received.

Making Appointments

Jean Laight handed the chairmanship over to Karsten Hartmann. Karsten Hartmann explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board.

Karsten Hartmann proposed Jean Laight as his nomination for District Chair and this was approved by a show of hands.

Karsten Hartmann then handed the chairmanship back over to Jean Laight (District Chair)

The recommendation to the District Scout Council is that Shane Delaney should be appointed as District Treasurer. This was approved by a show of hands.

The Chair also explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board and recommended to the District Scout Council that the following should be appointed as members of the Trustee Board.

- James Porter
- Simon Rollinson
- Luke Harrison
- Jill Connors
- Imogen Sinclair
- Bryan Wilson

This was approved by a show of hands.

The Chair thanked the Trustees for their work during the year, and particularly those members who have stood down – Rachel Capstick, Tom Sadler and Claire Lowcock.

Appointment of the District President and Vice President

The Chair advised that traditionally the Mayor of Harrogate is President, and that Jill Connors is proposed by the Board as Vice President. These were approved by a show of hands.

Appointment of the Independent Examiner

Tim Jones has been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role. Agreed by show of hands.

Presentation of Donation to a Local Charity

A donation of £180.00 which was collected at the St George's Day Parade was presented to "Just B". Emma Parker, Project Manager for Just B, received this and explained that Just "B" is a specialist support and emotional wellbeing service helping children, young people and adults across the communities of North Yorkshire. She thanked us and explained that this would be used for young people in particular.

Presentation of Awards

Karsten Hartmann presented the Awards

Wood Beads Tabbetha Atyeo, 3rd Harrogate Beavers
Chantell Langford, ESL for Young Leader Unit
Zoe Curtis, Upper Nidderdale Cubs
Andrew Turnbull, 10th Harrogate Scouts
Grace Roche, 15th Harrogate Cubs.

Long Service Award Iain Shaw, GSL at 1st Scriven. 15 years

Commissioner Commendation Award

Imogen Sinclair 3rd Harrogate Beavers
Alexander Hartmann 10th Harrogate Beavers
Luke Harrison 7th Harrogate Scouts
Ben Hughes 1st Pannal Scouts

Address from North Yorkshire Scouts representative

James Porter, County Youth Commissioner reported that County had been re-organised following the restructuring of Scouting and the various Teams were providing plenty of events for our young people to participate in and were embracing ... to provide welcome and make volunteering easier. On behalf of North Yorkshire Scouts, he thanked everyone in Harrogate and Nidderdale District.

Address from a representative of the Mayor of Harrogate

Councilor Phillip Broadbank said he had been a Cub Scout himself and thanked everyone for the work they were doing.

Closing Remarks

The next AGM will be held on **Monday 16th June 2025**

The Chair, Jean Laight, closed the AGM by thanking all for attending and said refreshments were being served.



HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees' Annual Report 2024

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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1. Section A: References and Administration details

Charity Name:	Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council
Registered Charity Number:	702344
HQ registration number:	10001796
Charity's principal address:	Culross House 20 Omega Street HG1 2BZ Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Ex-Officio Members	Office (if any)	Appointed	Resigned
Karsten Hartmann	District Lead Volunteer (District Commissioner)	01-Feb-22	
Russel Hirst	14 -24 Team Lead (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)	13-Jun-22	21-Nov-23
James Porter	14 -24 Team Lead (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)	08-Dec-23	
Joe Sarmiento	District Youth Lead (District Youth Commissioner)	13-Jun-22	17-Feb-24
Henry McBratney	District Youth Lead (District Youth Commissioner)	29-Jun-18	
Elected Members		Appointed	Resigned
Amelia Annear		13-Jun-22	10-Feb-24
John Noe		21-Jun-21	08-Sept-23
Claire Lowcock	District Secretary	18-Jul-22	

Joanna Kent	District Treasurer	25-Jun-22	22-Sept-23
Rachel Capstick		21-Jun-21	

Nominated Members		Appointed	Resigned
Peter Romanec		13-Jun-22	09-Feb-24
Dr Jean Laight	District Chair	13-Jun-22	
Jillian Connors		09-Jun-14	
Luke Harrison		12-Jun-23	
Bryan Wilson		16-May-17	

Co-opted Members		Appointed	Resigned
Tom Sadler	District Treasurer	09-Oct-23	

Name and addresses of advisers:

Independent Examiner: Tim P Jones, FCCA
TP Jones & Co LLP
23 Victoria Avenue
Harrogate
HG1 5RD

2. Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the Charity's trusts:

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The charity is a trust, established under its rules that are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation & Rules (POR) of The Scout Association and in line with the District's Open Selection Process for Trustees Policy.

The Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council has adopted the model Constitution as outlined in POR.

Additional governance issues:

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the District Scout Council, which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to The Charity Commission as appropriate.

The District Board of Trustees exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. Trustees must act collectively as charity trustees of the Scout District, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the District.
- Manage the District finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property, and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-committees.
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the District.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Groups, Explorer Scout Units, Scout Network and Scout Active Support Units in the District as necessary.
- The appointment process within the District
- Supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property.

Risk and Internal Control:

The District has systems of internal control in place that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

3. Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document:

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

We act with care, respect, integrity, and cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs. As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity:	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal
Respect:	We have self-respect and respect for others
Care:	We support others and take care of the world in which we live
Belief:	We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes
Co-operation:	We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The main activities of the Scout District are:

- Developing Scouting in the District.
- Supporting the Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units in the District.
- Operating a Scout Shop and District Headquarters
- Providing adult training and activity training
- Operating Scout Campsite
- Providing events to support the youth programme

Public Benefit Statement

The Harrogate and Nidderdale District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

4. Section D: District Lead Volunteer Report – Achievements and Performance

Dear all,

I am pleased to present an update on our accomplishments within the Harrogate and Nidderdale District over the past year, as well as the current focal points of the District Leadership Team.

In March 2022, we launched our District Strategy and Development Plan, which dovetails with county-level initiatives and the Scout Association's #SkillsForLife Strategy. This plan serves as a living document, guiding our progress and ensuring alignment with our long-term objectives.

Over the past twelve months, we've redoubled our efforts to provide comprehensive support and development opportunities for our Adult Volunteers, with a special emphasis on adventurous activities and the orchestration of District-wide events. The Young Leaders Leadership Team is now fully embedded and is providing training monthly to the approx. 50 Young Leaders within our District. A notable achievement is that many Young Leaders have now completed their training and earned their Young Leaders Belt.

The Programme Team has become indispensable as part of the District Team, offering activity training to Adult Volunteers and aiding Scout Groups with adventurous activities, in addition to managing District events. Consequently, we've increased the number of qualified permit holders, enabling us to support more High Rope activities, Archery, and Tomahawk Throwing Sessions.

We've also successfully facilitated Hill Walking, Rock Climbing, and Nights Away permits, thereby enriching our program and expanding the experiences available to our Young People.

Furthermore, the District has assisted four volunteers in becoming Assessors for Hill Walking and Archery, streamlining the process of training and assessment within the District and making adventurous activity permit assessments more accessible.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, the District has been bustling with activities, including the London Monopoly Run, Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night, and the St. George's Day Parade. A recent highlight was the Activity Days at Thornthwaite providing for two days of fun and adventure for Cubs, Beavers, and Squirrels. Our Skills/Activities and Events Team have not only contributed locally but have also played a pivotal role at County Level, supporting events like Junior Warrior, Beaver Damboree, Ignite, and the eagerly anticipated Larkin 24 Jamboree.

In the last year we've welcomed new volunteers to the District Leadership team, including Alice MacFarlane as Group Lead Volunteer at 1st Pannal, James Porter, our new 14 – 24 Team Lead, and Henry McBratney, as District Youth Lead. Their dedication is invaluable, and we are equally grateful to all past volunteers whose ongoing support and expertise continue to enrich our groups and the District.

Our commitment to digital advancement has led to significant enhancements within the District. Additional features to our new website and the integration of an online booking system for our HQ, campsite, and activities have now been implemented. The Wi-Fi upgrade at Thornthwaite has dramatically improved connectivity, extending from the car park to the barn, and the transition from physical keys to electronic smart locks has streamlined access control, further facilitating the use of our facilities to internal and external customers.

Financial transparency and management have been improved with the implementation of the 'XERO' accountancy system, providing the Board of Trustees with robust tools for financial oversight, and our new Finance Team is now fully operational, supporting the Treasurer with daily financial tasks.

In the past year, we've achieved significant milestones, including the renovation of the upstairs area adjacent to the HQ shop and the comprehensive refurbishment of the large meeting room on the ground floor. We've also enhanced our meeting capabilities by installing a webcam for hybrid in-person and remote gatherings, along with a large display screen in the ground floor meeting room to facilitate District training and accommodate larger team meetings.

Under the #Skills for Life initiative, the Scout Association is streamlining our volunteering framework with innovative roles and structures aimed at enhancing the volunteer experience and making Scouting more inclusive, accessible, and relevant to a broader audience. This exciting transformation is well underway. As part of these activities, our District implemented the new Team structure in early April 2024.

The Scout Association is currently navigating some challenges with data migration from the existing membership system to the new platform, which has delayed the transition to online training and the full implementation of new team roles. Transitioning fully to the new membership system is expected to complete by year end; we'll keep you informed with further developments.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer in Harrogate and Nidderdale for your unwavering dedication. While some contributions may be more visible than others, every effort, moment, and skill you share is invaluable and deeply appreciated. Your commitment is the driving force behind the continued growth and success of Scouting in our District.

Once again, thank you for your exceptional service.

Karsten Hartmann

District Lead Volunteer | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

5. Section E: Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the District's financial strategy with a view to setting general reserves at a level sufficient to cover its running expenses should its income fall short, or if unforeseen emergencies or opportunities occur.

The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold at least a sum equivalent to 12 months of normal running costs, approximately £40k.

This is in addition to unrestricted funds designated to meet the longer term aims of capital Investment in equipment and facilities and contributions towards new development projects.

The Operating Reserves Policy will continue to be reviewed annually.

Investment Policy

The district has adopted a medium risk strategy for the investment of its funds. Surplus funds, approximately £90k are held in Investment Assets as per the District Investment Policy.

6. Section F: Other Optional Information – District Contributor Reports

➤ District Board of Trustees - Report

For me, the most significant aspect of our District this year, indeed, of our Scouting Association as a whole, began in November 2023 when 'Enable 23' took place. This was a day conference, namely the Transformation Conference 2023, held at King James's School in Knaresborough. The aim of the day was to share and explain the changes which have begun to take shape in North Yorkshire.

There were several aspects of this day which I found very helpful, including the stalls which allowed attendees to speak to those who were involved with various activities in our District. The conference speakers were excellent and explained the need for change and to move forward. The energy in the room was palpable, and it was very useful to be able to have time to network with members of the District.

One aspect of the changes that I have found helpful is the use of the term 'volunteer' when signing or speaking to a wider audience, e.g. parents. Many outside of Scouting believe that the roles we have are paid roles – this could not be further from the truth. So, I am pleased that, at last, there is a demarcation as to the fact that we are all volunteers with the wellbeing of the young people in mind.

Our volunteering culture now coming to the fore, I believe that what makes us in Scouting different from other volunteers is our attitude and commitment to the young people in our care. I believe that we allow our young people to engage in experiences that are safe and fun.

Once again, I am in awe of the amount of time and energy our volunteers give in order for our young people to have the very best time that the Scouting Association can give them. You have my abundant gratitude.

Dr Jean E Laight

District Trustee Board Chair | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

7. Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	-Signature held on record-	-Signature held on record-				
Full Name	Jean Laight	Karsten Hartmann				
Position (e.g. Chair)	District Chair	District Lead Volunteer				
Date	1	0	0	6	2	4

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District** for the year ended **31 Mar 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District 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 Harrogate and Nidderdale Scout District 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.

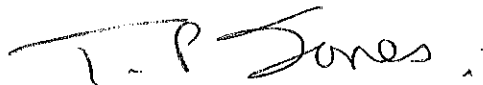
Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:



Name: Tim P Jones

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA

Address: 23 Victoria Avenue Harrogate, HG1 5RD

Date: 07/06/2024

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Receipts and payments

31-Mar-24

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	66,789	-	-	66,789
Donations	2,465	-	-	2,465
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	20	-	-	20
Sub total	69,274	-	-	69,274
Grants				
North Yorkshire Council Defibrillator	1,471	-	-	1,471
Other grants	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,471	-	-	1,471
Fundraising events (gross)				
Bonfire Night	11,097	-	-	11,097
London Monopoly Run	7,816	-	-	7,816
Squirells Beaver Cub Scout Activity Day	1,320	-	-	1,320
Wintercamp	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	140	-	-	140
Sub total	20,373	-	-	20,373
District buildings income				
Hire of building	38,514	-	-	38,514
Hire of equipment/activities	3,089	-	-	3,089
Scout Shop income	18,918	-	-	18,918
Other building income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,521	-	-	60,521
Investment income				
Bank interest	537	-	-	537
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	3,412	-	-	3,412
Sub total	3,949	-	-	3,949
Total Gross Income	155,588	-	-	155,588
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	155,588	-	-	155,588

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Receipts and payments

31-Mar-24

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				-
Donation	1,000	-	-	1,000
Development projects	28,431	-	-	28,431
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	57,015	-	-	57,015
Youth programme and activities	478	-	-	478
Adult support and training	640	-	-	640
Water and sewerage	1,041	-	-	1,041
Electricity, gas and rates	11,367	-	-	11,367
Insurance	3,306	-	-	3,306
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	11,180	-	-	11,180
Admin materials and equipment	1,474	-	-	1,474
Travel expenses for volunteers	3,285	-	-	3,285
Broadband, telephone and postage	1,477	-	-	1,477
Shop purchases	16,072	-	-	16,072
AGM and trustee expenses	161	-	-	161
Other costs - refunds	103	-	-	103
Other costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	137,030	-	-	137,030
Fundraising expenses				
Remembrance Sunday	28	-	-	28
St George's Day	1,296	-	-	1,296
London Monopoly	7,417	-	-	7,417
Squirrels Beaver Cub Scout Activity Day	807	-	-	807
Bonfire Night	10,726	-	-	10,726
Scout Jamboree 2023 South Korea	-	300	-	300
Other costs	56	-	-	56
Sub total	20,328	300	-	20,628
Total Gross Expenditure	157,358	300	-	157,658
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	157,358	300	-	157,658
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,770	- 300	-	- 2,070
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,770	- 300	-	- 2,070

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

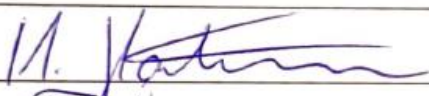
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-24			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	32,471	-	-	32,471
Bank savings account	70,351	-	-	70,351
William Claringbold (held in Current account)	- 836	836	-	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	101,986	836	-	102,822
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment assets				
Investment Account - JP Morgan	32,002	-	-	32,002
Investment Account - Black Rock Charities	34,346	-	-	34,346
Investment Account - M&G Investment	29,122	-	-	29,122
Sub total	95,469	-	-	95,469
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Shop stock	6,416	-	-	6,416
Land and buildings	1,750,886	-	-	1,750,886
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,757,302	-	-	1,757,302
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	1,954,757	836	-	1,955,593

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28th May 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature




Print Name

Karsten Hartmann
District Lead Volunteer

Tom Sadler
Treasurer

Accounts

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM held on 12th June 2023 at Christ Church Centre, Harrogate.

Opening Prayers were said by Jill Connors, District Vice President. We also remembered Bob McBratney, our previous District Chair who had died earlier this year.

Welcome

District Executive Chair, Jean Laight welcomed the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Aldred; Vice Presidents Jill Connors and David Mosley; Jess Ward, Inspire Youth Yorkshire; Leaders representing 9 Groups, Explorer Unit and Scout Active Support Unit (Fellowship).

Apologies for Absence were read by Acting AGM Secretary, Brenda Wilson

Janis Heward; Alan Ross; John and Helen Westmancoat; Iain Shaw; Andy Minty; Joe Sarmiento; Amelia Annear; Ivan Chamberlain; Diane & Pat Walsh; Elizabeth Hewick June Graham, Russ Hirst, Luke Harrison.

Minutes of the last AGM held on 13th June 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. These had been previously reviewed by the District Trustee Board and approved as a true record by a show of hands.

Governance Topics

The Chair read out various topics which were all approved by a show of hands

- a. To adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules Chapter 5
- b. Our Charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March
- c. 4 people can be elected to the Trustee Board at the AGM
- d. Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council meetings.
- e. The quorum should be set at 15 persons for an AGM
- f. Quorum for Trustee Board meetings and any sub-committee meetings should be set at one third of Members plus one. This is based on the Charity Commission good practice statement.

District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in the District

District Commissioner, Karsten Hartmann had produced a full Report which was circulated to the Meeting. Recovery from Covid shows that membership is now 95.5% of what it was prior to the pandemic with 1387 youth members. Changes are coming and Karsten gave a guideline of the dates.

Karsten reported on the work which has gone on at Thornthwaite and at Scout HQ Omega Street for the benefit of the District. He thanked everyone for their support

Presentation of Accounts

Joanna Kent had circulated copies of the Accounts and outlined some figures on the screen. No questions were asked from the floor.

Appointment of District Vice Presidents

The Chair, Jean Laight advises that Helen Westmancoat, Jill Connors, Dave Mosley and Jack Tyler are proposed as Vice Presidents. A show of hands from the meeting approved this.

The District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair

Karsten nominated Jean Laight as District Chair and asked for a show of hands as approval.

District Secretary

Claire Lowcock has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations this was approved by a show of hands.

District Treasurer

Joanna Kent has been formally proposed and seconded. Since there were no other nominations this was approved by a show of hands.

District Trustee Board

The following have been formally proposed and seconded in writing and were duly approved by a show of hands.

John Noe

Henry McBratney

Amelia Annear

Rachel Capstick

District Commissioner's nominations to the District Trustee Board

Jill Connors

Peter Romanec

Luke Harrison

Bryan Wilson

Appointment of the Independent Examiner

Tim Jones has been proposed and seconded and is qualified for the role. Agreed by show of hands.

Representative from the District on the County Scout Council

We are required to nominate 1 person as our District Representative. Petra Koristkova has been proposed and seconded. Agreed by a show of hands.

Presentation of Awards

The District Commissioner presented Wood Beads to Mike Higlett; Mark Edwards and Neil Thompson.

Donation to a Local Charity

£364.64 was collected at St George's Day Parades in 2022 and 2023. The Chair presented a cheque for £365.00 to Jess Ward, CEO of Inspire Youth Yorkshire, an independent Charity offering youth support services for Young people aged 8 – 18 across Harrogate and District, York and surrounding

areas. Jess said that due to Local Government cutbacks over the years there are gaps in the lives of children – not fitting in or not accessing youth organisations. They offer a mobile youth base and work in schools. Covid has been a very challenging time and many young people have benefitted from the service by not having to wait for a referral.

Address from the Deputy Mayor of Harrogate

Councillor Chris Aldred said due to County changes there is no Harrogate Council at present but hopefully one will be in place next year. Meanwhile, there are Charter Mayors, basically a babysitting process which will make things easier next year. He was a Cub Scout and Scout and remembers Bob a Job but not Tomahawk throwing and all the other activities that can be enjoyed today. County funding for Youth Clubs etc have diminished so the role played by organisations such as Scouting and Inspire Youth is inspiring. He had noted our core values and said these should be in every organisation. He concluded by saying we are building good citizens and doing a fantastic job.

Closing Remarks

The next AGM will be held on **Monday 10th June 2024**

The Chair, Jean Laight, closed the AGM by thanking all for attending and said refreshments were being served.

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Receipts and payments

	31-Mar-23			31-Mar-23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	8,383	-	-	8,383
Donations	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,383	-	-	8,383
Grants				
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)				
Bonfire Night	11,001	-	-	11,001
Winter Camp	12,100	-	-	12,100
	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,101	-	-	23,101
Camp site income				
Omega Street Scout shop	18,334	-	-	18,334
Thornthwaite Centre	35,940	-	-	35,940
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,274	-	-	54,274
Investment income				
Bank interest	164	-	-	164
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	6,553	-	-	6,553
Sub total	6,717	-	-	6,717
Total Gross Income	92,475	-	-	92,475
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,475	-	-	92,475

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

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For the year from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Receipts and payments

	31-Mar-23			31-Mar-23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	-	-	-
District Activity Expenses	306	-	-	306
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
Rent and Rates	932	-	-	932
Water and Sewerage	752	-	-	752
Electricity and Gas	10,263	-	-	10,263
Insurance	7,041	-	-	7,041
Repairs and Renewals	5,358	-	-	5,358
Cleaning	100	-	-	100
Printing and photocopying	681	-	-	681
Phones and Postage	1,812	-	-	1,812
Omega Scout Shop purchases	18,068	-	-	18,068
AGM and trustee expenses	3,301	-	-	3,301
Investment	45,731	-	-	45,731
	-	-	-	-
Other	4,727	-	-	4,727
Sub total	99,070	-	-	99,070
Fundraising expenses				
Bonfire Night	10,889	-	-	10,889
Winter Camp	12,188	-	-	12,188
	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,077	-	-	23,077
Total Gross Expenditure	122,148	-	-	122,148
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
	-	-	-	-
Total payments	122,148	-	-	122,148
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 29,672	-	-	- 29,672
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 29,672	-	-	- 29,672

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no. 702344)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	31-Mar-23 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	100,130	4,371	-	104,501	-
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	80	-	-	80	-
Total cash funds	100,210	4,371	-	104,581	-
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	89,726	-	-	89,726	-
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	89,726	-	-	89,726	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	6,381	-	-	6,381	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	282,591	-	-	282,591	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	288,971	-	-	288,971	-
Liabilities					
Capitation In Advance	- 9,240	-	-	- 9,240	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	- 571	-	-	- 571	-
Sub total	- 9,811	-	-	- 9,811	-
Total net assets	469,097	4,371	-	473,468	-

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council
Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts of the Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

Signed:



Name: T P Jones

FCCA

23 Victoria Avenue Harrogate HG1 5RD

10th June 2023



HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees' Annual Report 2023

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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1. Section A: References and Administration details

Charity Name: Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council

Registered Charity Number: 702344

HQ registration number: 10001796

Charity's principal address: Culross House
20 Omega Street
HG1 2BZ
Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Ex-Officio Members	Office (if any)	Appointed	Resigned
Karsten Hartmann	District Commissioner	01-Feb-22	
Russel Hirst	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	13-Jun-22	
Joe Sarmiento	District Youth Commissioner	13-Jun-22	
Dr Jean Laight	District Chair	13-Jun-22	
Claire Lowcock	District Secretary	18-Jul-22	
Joanna Kent	District Treasurer	25-Jun-22	

Elected Members	Appointed	Resigned
Amelia Annear	13-Jun-22	
Henry McBratney	29-Jun-18	
John Noe	21-Jun-21	
Richard Bowering	13-Jun-22	29-Dec-22

Nominated Members	Appointed	Resigned
Peter Romanec	13-Jun-22	
Jillian Connors	09-Jun-14	
Rachel Capstick	21-Jun-21	
Bryan Wilson	16-May-17	

Name and addresses of advisers:

Independent Examiner: Tim P Jones, FCCA
TP Jones & Co LLP
23 Victoria Avenue
Harrogate
HG1 5RD

2. Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the Charity's trusts:

The District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. In addition, the District has its own Constitution that is reviewed annually.

The charity is a trust, established under its rules that are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation & Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues:

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the District Scout Council, which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to The Charity Commission as appropriate.

In line with POR and the Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scout Council Constitution, the Board of Trustees consists of 6 ex-officio members which includes the Chair and Treasurer.

Four members are elected by the District Scout Council and up to 4 are nominated by the District Commissioner in consultation with the District Chair. The Trustee Board meets at least 4 times each year.

The District Board of Trustees exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. Trustees must act collectively as charity trustees of the Scout District, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the District.
- Manage the District finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property, and equipment.

- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-committees.
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the District.
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of Groups, Explorer Scout Units, Scout Network and Scout Active Support Units in the District as necessary.
- The appointment process within the District
- Supervising the administration of Groups, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property.

Risk and Internal Control:

The District has systems of internal control in place that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

3. Section C: Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document:

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

We act with care, respect, integrity, and cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs. As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity:	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal
Respect:	We have self-respect and respect for others
Care:	We support others and take care of the world in which we live
Belief:	We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes
Co-operation:	We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection

- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The main activities of the Scout District are:

- Developing Scouting in the District.
- Supporting the Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units in the District.
- Operating a Scout Shop and District Headquarters
- Providing adult training and activity training
- Operating Scout Campsite
- Providing events to support the youth programme

4. Section D: District Commissioner Report – Achievements and Performance

I'd like to give you a quick update on what we have achieved in Harrogate and Nidderdale District in the last year, and the areas the District Leadership Team is currently focusing on.

We all know that the Covid-lockdowns impacted all levels of scouting in terms of numbers of within our District, however I'm pleased to report that we have now bounced back to our pre-pandemic levels and are on an upwards trend in both the number of Young People and the number of Adult volunteers. Since September 2022, we're again offering all three sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at every Group within the District, and, we also have two Squirrel Drey's running with a further two Groups planning to open Squirrel Dreys within the forthcoming year.

In March 2022 we initiated our District Strategy and Development plan. This plan is aligned with similar initiatives at County level and with the overall #Skills for Life Strategy of the Scout Association, to support the development of young people and adult volunteers within the District. It's a dynamic document that will help keep us on track in the years to come.

In the last year we have focused on providing more support and development opportunities for Adult Volunteers particularly with regard to adventurous activities and delivery of district wide events, and have also re-established Young Leader training. The Young Leaders Leadership Team is now fully operational and is providing training on a monthly basis to the approx. 60 Young Leaders within our district, and we now have a District Skills/Activities and Events team as an integral part of the District Structure not only providing activity training for Adult volunteers, but also supporting individual Scout Groups with adventurous activities and running district events and activities. As a result, we now have many more qualified permit holders to support High Rope activities, Archery and Tomahawk Throwing and we were able to successfully facilitate and support Hill Walking, Rock Climbing, Water Activities and Nights Away permits which in return enhances the program and the offerings to our Young People moving forward.

District events since the last AGM have included, Cubs Orienteering Competition, Beavers Sports Day, Remembrance Sunday, Cubs Mowgli Cup, St. Georges Day Parade, Scout and Explorer Winter Camp and recently the Cubs Activity Day. In addition, many of the Skills/Activities and Events Team members are also active at County Level, supporting events such as the Pateley Bridge Cub Camp last year, Junior Warrior, Ignite, and the upcoming Damboree and Larkin 24.

I'm pleased to welcome six volunteers to join the District Leadership team in their role as Group Scout Leaders at: 7th Harrogate - Lynda Corner, 10th Harrogate - Kerry Benny, 14th Harrogate - Petra Koristkova, 20th Harrogate - Jenn Pietrowski, 23rd Harrogate - Sharon Gladish and 1st Marston Moor - Simon Blake. A big thank you goes out to all the previous GSLs who provided, and in many cases are still providing, much needed support and experience to their groups and to district over the years.

In addition to the above, we have also focused on various digital enhancements within the District as part of our Digital Strategy. Our new District website has recently gone live and we are now focusing efforts on a new Campsite and Activities Booking system utilising Online Scout Manager. An upgrade to the Wi-Fi systems at Headquarter as well as Thornthwaite centre has been completed and has vastly improved connectivity at both locations. We are also currently in the process of moving from physical keys to electronic smart locks for improved access control and to better facilitate Thornthwaite Campsite bookings, Activity bookings and booking of District HQ.

As you know, as part of the #Skills for Life strategy, the Scout Association is simplifying how we volunteer together with new roles and structures, to both improve the volunteer experience and make scouting more open, accessible, and relatable to the wider public. These exciting changes are currently in progress at District level throughout North Yorkshire. More information re the Scout Association changes are available on-line, and County/District will continue to share additional updates as they become available.

To conclude this report, I would like to thank all volunteers in Harrogate and Nidderdale for all the work you do, day in and day out. Some work might be more visible than others, but all the support, time and skills that you give truly counts and is very much appreciated, as it ensures that Scouting in Harrogate and Nidderdale District can continue to go from strength to strength.

I've met many young people and also their parents during my various visits to section meetings and District events. The consistent positive feedback that I hear from parents regarding the scouting that we deliver together and the infectious enjoyment of the young people is what makes it all so worthwhile.

Thank you again.

Karsten Hartmann

District Commissioner | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

5. Section E: Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have reviewed the District's financial strategy with a view to setting general reserves at a level sufficient to cover its running expenses should its income fall short, or if unforeseen emergencies or opportunities occur.

The District Trustee Board considers that the District should hold at least a sum equivalent to 12 months of normal running costs, approximately £40k.

This is in addition to unrestricted funds designated to meet the longer term aims of capital Investment in equipment and facilities and contributions towards new development projects.

The Reserves Policy will continue to be reviewed annually.

Investment Policy

The district has adopted a medium risk strategy for the investment of its funds. Surplus funds, approximately £90k are held in Investment Assets.

6. Section F: Other Optional Information – District Contributor Reports

➤ District Board of Trustees - Report

Last AGM was very well attended.

Several changes on the Board since the AGM – several new people carrying on the excellent work of those who have allowed us to be where we are currently.

Work to the House and Campsite have enabled us to move forward after the Lockdown period. Thornthwaite Campsite going from strength to strength during the past year, hosting several District events.

Events involving our young people included:

- Cub Scouts Orienteering Competition at Brimham Rocks – July 2022
- Beaver Scouts Sports Day at Rossett - Oct 2022.
- Bonfire Night Fundraising event– Nov 2022.
- Winter Camp and Activity Day at Thornthwaite– Jan 2023.
- Mowgli Cup at District HQ – Apr 2023.
- St George's Day Parade - Apr 2023
- Cub Scout Activity Day at Thornthwaite – May 2023

The District has also been instrumental in enabling Scouting to thrive in rural areas, seeing several volunteers coming through, outside the Harrogate area.

Dr Jean E Laight

District Trustee Board Chair | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ Local Training - Report

Last year we had just over 200 leaders in District. Today I reckon we have around 230 adults on the books. Since the AGM last year, we have issued 11 Wood Beads and I am aware there are 3 others completed over the last few days not yet on compass. Well done all and thank you for giving your time to validate.

For mandatory training it is the leader's own responsibility to keep safeguarding, safety and first aid up to date and the GSL's job to monitor no one gets out of date. Reminders are sent to individual leaders showing 60 days' notice, then again at 30 days' notice direct from Gilwell to individual email addresses so everyone should know when the training is due.

Have you checked your email on compass lately? Has your email address changed?

If your mandatory training expires your role will be suspended for a short time to enable you to update and 'unsuspended' when you are back in date. If the training stays out of date the role will be cancelled.

Getting started modules for new leaders, modules 1, 3, Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR are all to be done on eLearning with a certificate showing completion. Getting started must be completed within the 5 months allotted, that is from the time a new leader goes on to compass. Sticking point is usually having to wait for references.

Message to Group Scout Leaders; Board of Trustee members now need to complete a number of modules and keep them in date. Suspension works the same for Board of Trustee members as it does for leaders.

Each Group Scout Leader should have a copy of the district training diary. If you wish another copy for training up to Christmas, please send me an email.

Thank you to all the leaders who gave up their time to validate for their Wood Beads.

Many thanks to Christine Turner, David Leonard and Neil Thompson for their time and input into the training sessions and the Training Advisor's who try their best to encourage leaders to gain their Wood Beads.

Pat Roberts

Local Training Manager | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Scout Active Support Unit (Skills and Activities) – Report**

The past 12 months has seen a great expansion in skills and qualified instructors to match the introduction of new activities at the Thornthwaite Centre. We have run training courses for the Thornthwaite High Ropes, Archery and Tomahawk Throwing. During the year CLARO Orienteering Club have produced an up-to-date orienteering map of the Thornthwaite Site and suggested a permanent course which we had opportunity to trial at the recent District Cub Activity Day.

The District Skills team has grown over the past 12 months and now that we have expanded activities up and running at Thornthwaite, in the next 12 months we hope to be able to work on introducing other skills training in the district. My thanks to the team members and I'm really pleased that Luke Harrison is taking on the team in his DDC Programme Role, it's been a pleasure working with Luke and I'm glad we'll still be working together on skills.

Personally, as I concentrate on my role as a District Skills Instructor, I hope to focus on all things navigation (hill walking, orienteering, map reading, gps, geocaching, hiking for all age sections, ...). See you at the correct end of a compass bearing.

Mike Higlett

Former ADC Skills & Event Support | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Scout Active Support Unit (Events) – Report**

Following the couple of fallow years (for obvious reasons) we were pleased to be able to host a number of district events this year for Young People and Leaders alike, a year of welcome returns:

The district organised bonfire night catering was a great hit with the Harrogate Public who appreciated the consistent offering and value for money.

The Scouting attendance returned to the district Remembrance Day Event at the Harrogate Cenotaph.

In January the Winter Camp at Thornthwaite returned with fantastic participant feedback for the weekend experience.

The Cub Mowgli Cup made a welcome return in early April

Both Harrogate & Knaresborough saw a return of their full St George's Day Parade, with the damp squib of a Government Emergency Notification Test.

Most recently in May we saw the District Cub Activity Day at Thornthwaite trialling a new format. It appeared to work well with some good feedback about cubs enjoying the event and some ideas on how to make it better.

Moving forward, the District now has an Active Support Unit that focuses on event delivery. This is a small core team that calls upon the help of other adults for specific events. During the coming year, as well as repeating the events above, we hope to introduce other events including something district wide for Beavers & Squirrels and the reintroduction of the popular Monopoly Events.

Mike Higlett

Former ADC Skills & Event Support | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Scout Active Support Unit (Fellowship) - Report**

Our renamed group comprises twenty-three members of which at least nine have other active roles in the District or County.

Our main role is that most months we spend a day working at the campsite either on outside jobs or thoroughly cleaning the centre.

We also meet socially several times a year.

We are available to help with District activities requiring extra people such as the Mowgli Cup competition and the recent Cub Scout Activity day.

David Leonard

Scout Active Support Unit – Fellowship | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Scout Shop**

It has been another successful and busy year in the scout shop, which is open each Thursday at Culross House, District Headquarters, Omega Street, from 6pm to 8pm (during term time). If

these times prove difficult, we are able to make alternative arrangements to try to be helpful and accommodating to our customers.

We are now almost back to pre-pandemic trading as normality resumes. However, like many other business, availability of stock is still being affected by the aftermath of the pandemic and now the Felixstowe strikes causing delays to deliveries not being able to dock. We have been grateful to all parents and leaders for their patience and understanding as they have waited for certain items to come back on the shelves. As the cost of living has risen sharply over the last year so, unfortunately, have prices for uniforms and badges. In spite of this we are still able to offer a discount which sits favourably with all the customers.

Although it is our District shop, run by volunteers from Harrogate and Nidderdale District, it also benefits Scouting throughout our county and beyond as we have many customers from Ripon, York and South Craven from North Yorkshire as well as Hull and Wetherby. We are pleased to be able to support their Scouting needs.

The two hours on a Thursday evening are very enjoyable and sociable and much networking takes place in the shop. I am personally very grateful to Moira Hainge for her weekly support and to other members of Scout Active Support Unit- Fellowship for their sessions on the rota. If anyone else feels that the shop is their calling and would like to volunteer to be on the shop rota please email on shop@harrogatescouts.org.uk and we can arrange a time for you to come in to see how we work.

Volunteering in the shop could also be used as a service for part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme so if any Explorer Scouts or Network members are in need of a service opportunity and feel this could be for them, please get in touch at the above email.

Thank you to those district groups who support the shop by purchasing from us and directing parents to us to purchase uniforms. The district benefits greatly from the use of the shop. We have met some congenial and interesting people over the last year so do keep the footfall coming to support the district and make our Thursday evenings so pleasant.

Jill Connors

Badge Secretary/ Shop Manager | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Omega Street Headquarters House Committee - Report**

Since the last AGM significant changes have been made to our District HQ.

New windows and doors were installed which have visually improved the exterior of the building. In addition, a new Smart lock system was successfully implemented to allow better visibility and access to the district downstairs and upstairs meeting rooms as well as the Quartermaster store.

Upstairs two rooms were combined to form a new Meeting Room including a big Conference Screen which has proved to be a very useful addition. Secure document Storage facilities were installed to facility the ongoing document review and archiving process.

The move to a new Broadband provider and an upgrade to the Wi-Fi system has been completed and has significantly improved connectivity which now allows team conferencing and sharing of information. In addition, the District Commercial Printer has been repaired and serviced and is now available for different district teams to support their work by printing up to A3 format.

Forthcoming projects, hopefully this summer, include decorating the upstairs room outside the shop, the staircase, and the large room downstairs. Installation of a Web camera to support in-person and remote hybrid meetings and a large screen in the downstairs meeting room to support district training and larger team meetings.

Brenda Wilson

Omega Street HQ House Committee | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Thornthwaite Campsite and Centre**

The District SASU-Fellowship team with the help of Leaders from the District have continued to ensure the Campsite is maintained. We thank them for their valued contributions.

The District Board of Trustees have been very supportive of Thornthwaite over the last 12 months and have approved significant investment in both activities and infrastructure.

We are now able to offer archery, tomahawk throwing and tree climbing to complement crate stacking. Adult volunteers have been trained as Instructors for these activities.

Investment continues in the site environment to ensure it remains a safe place for our young people use. A number of trees have been removed to allow light into the camping areas and any that had the potential to cause injury were also removed. All felled timber has remained at the campsite for use during scouting activities. We have also upgraded the security of the site and added additional signage for users of the public footpath that runs from the stream to the car park.

An upgrade to the Wi-Fi system in the centre has been completed and has improved connectivity. This has allowed us to begin the process of moving from physical keys to electronic locks.

During March 2023 we were delighted to receive a grant from Harrogate Borough Council for the purchase of a Public Access Defibrillator for the site.

Site bookings have been consistent throughout the year, with visitors to the site both camping and in the centre most weekends. We have hosted a number of District events, such as Winter Camp and Cub Activity Day, as well as events being run at Thornthwaite by other Districts. Our visitors are mainly from Scouts, but also include Schools, Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, Outdoor Activity Providers, faith and family groups.

Peter Romanec

Thornthwaite Campsite Chair | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Explorer Scouts, Young Leaders, DofE – Report**

The Explorer Scout Units within our District are now fully active with some excellent events and camps occurring across the District.

The provision for Young Leaders training is working well with the team established in 2022, led by Tom Whitelegg ESL-YL and Chantell Langford AESL. Additional assistance has been provided by other ESLs on occasion for which we are very grateful.

The training consists of a Module a month, with the exception of July, August and December. In addition, several Module A sessions have been held and will continue to be held on a regular basis.

In addition, there is a good deal of activity with DofE across the district which is great to see.

We hope to run an Explorer "Scavenger Hunt" event in September, based on the Monopoly idea but modernised and digitised!

Russ Hirst

District Explorer Scout Commissioner | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

➤ **Appointments Committee - Report**

We have had a total of 17 meetings of the Appointments Committee during the last 12 months. Direct discussions took place with 50 new volunteers willing to take on either Leader or Section Assistant role i.e., 1 for Section Leader, 25 for Assistant Leader, 20 for Section Assistant, and 2 each for Group Scout Leader and Deputy Scout Leader roles. All proved satisfactory for their respective roles,

The Committee also approved 32 changes of roles within the District plus 9 stepping down to Occasional Helpers. 7 individuals added a further role alongside their existing one.

Regrettably, we had to note the resignation and membership closure of 16 from Leader / Section Assistant roles.

Should anyone be interested in joining the Committee they would be made most welcome to discuss with us what the role involves.

Bryan Wilson

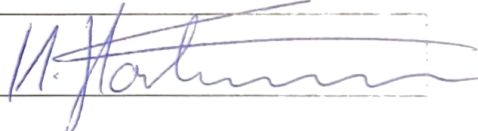
Appointment Advisory Committee Secretary | Harrogate and Nidderdale District Scouts

7. Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full Name

Jean Laight

Karsten Hartmann

Position (e.g. Chair)

District Chair

District Commissioner

Date

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Accounts

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ended 31 March 2022**

2020/21		91.86
£		£
52,925.35	Cash and Bank Balances at 31st March 2021	141,326.94
141,326.94	Current cash & bank balances	161,332.27
88,401.59	Movement	20,005.33
26,265.86	Surplus/(Deficit) from activities - Note 4	6,648.34
64,937.40	Total Capitalation Movement	13,064.90
-2,518.52	Movement on debtors	489.76
0.00	(Increase)/reduction in stocks	-117.67
0.00	Movement on creditors	-80.00
0.00	Winter Activity Camp net receipts/(payments)	0.00
0.00	Teko Tohunga 2019 net receipts/(payments)	0.00
-283.15	Monopoly 2020 net receipts/(payments)	0.00
0.00	Movement on William Claringbold Fund	0.00
0.00	Movement on Jamboree fund	0.00
0.00	Movement on Group Development Reserve	0.00
88,401.59	Total	20,005.33

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.3.22

31.3.21		31.3.22
£		£
141,326.94	Monetary Assets - Note 1	161,332.27
77,931.92	Investment Assets - Note 2	81,604.52
5,537.31	Stock	5,654.98
282,590.89	Land and Buildings - Note 3	282,590.89
-24,863.10	Capitation	-37,928.00
0.00	Winter Activity Day	0.00
0.00	Teko Tohunga 2019	0.00
0.00	Monopoly 2020	0.00
0.00	Jamboree 2019	0.00
2,518.52	Debtors	2,028.76
-345.49	Sundry Creditors	-265.49
484,696.99	These assets represent the following funds:	495,017.93
480,326.26	General Fund	490,647.20
1,135.73	Restricted Fund - William Claringbold Fund	1,135.73
	Designated Funds:	
0.00	Thornthwaite Development Reserve	0.00
0.00	Group Development Reserve	0.00
	Activity Fund (redesignated from Jamboree fund in 19/20)	
3,235.00		3,235.00
484,696.99	Total Funds	495,017.93

Note 1 **Monetary Assets**

31.3.21		31.3.22
£		£
27,840.42	HSBC Current Account	4,772.30
11,510.46	HSBC Deposit Account	13,987.30
768.86	HSBC Capitation Account	768.94
101,127.20	CAF Bank	141,723.73
80.00	Cash in Hand - Shop Floats	80.00
141,326.94	Total Monetary Assets	161,332.27

Investment Assets

£		£
27,285.70	J P Morgan Fleming Asset Management - UK Equity Income Units	27,285.70
23,194.82	Charinco/Charinshare - Income Units	23,194.82
27,451.40	Charifund Income Shares	31,124.00
77,931.92	Total Investment Assets	81,604.52

Land and Buildings

13,562.00	Culross House, Omega Street, Harrogate	13,562.00
269,028.89	Thornthwaite Activity Centre	269,028.89
0.00	Thornthwaite Development AUC	0.00
282,590.89	Total Land and Buildings	282,590.89

NOTE 4 - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM ACTIVITIES

2020/21 Total		2021/22 Total	2021/22 Analysed by Activity				
			Investment Income	District Activities	Thornthwaite Campsite	Scout Shops	Administration
£		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Receipts						
9828.2	Capitation Income	3,741.30		3,741.30			
2028.67	Investment Income	2,475.58	2475.58				
5.69	Bank Interest	1.34	1.34				
29431	Donations	860.00					860
	Thornthwaite Campsite:						
-1034	Thornthwaite Centre Hire/Camping	19,630.88			19,630.88		
0	Cratstacking	0.00			0.00		
0	Traversing Wall	130.00			130.00		
0	PPE Hire	0.00			0.00		
0	High Ropes	0.00			0.00		
0	Wobble Pole	0.00			0.00		
0	Kitchen Equipment Hire	0.00			0.00		
0	District Activities	0.00					
3122.48	Omega Street Scout Shop	16,686.28				16,686.28	
0	Thornthwaite Scout Shop	598.80				598.80	
0	Badge/pyography	12.50				12.5	
43,382.04	Total Receipts	44,136.68	2476.92	3741.3	19760.88	17297.58	860
	Payments						
	Administration Expenses:						
37.7	Printing and Stationery	265.62					265.62
0	Phones and Postages	120.81					120.81
0	Travelling	8.00					8
814.3	Miscellaneous	-42.59					-42.59
-1131.68	District Activity Expenses	91.20		91.20			
	Premises Costs:						
655.36	Rates	730.06			655.36		74.7
5695.14	Light/Heat	7,145.81			6,302.98		842.83
725.08	Building repairs	7,935.62			1,143.62		6792
1831.33	Ground repairs	1,948.97			1,948.97		
1354.29	Phones and Postages	1,331.79			566.33		765.46
0	Stationery	36.35			36.35		
57.6	Travelling	387.60			387.6		
152.1	Cleaning	70.00			0.00		70
599.96	Water	463.46			358.10		105.36
0	Marketing Costs	0.00					
4188.51	Insurance	4,671.59			3,660.57		1011.02
0	Miscellaneous - Development	0.00			0.00		
85.44	Miscellaneous	337.22			313.98		23.24
2051.05	Shop Purchases	11,986.83				11,986.83	
17,116.18	Total Payments	37,488.34	0.00	91.20	15,373.86	11,986.83	10,036.45
26,265.86	Net Receipts/(Payments)	6,648.34	2,476.92	3,650.10	4,387.02	5,310.75	-9,176.45

Harrogate & Nidderdale District Scout Council

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YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022

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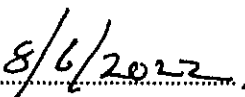
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TP Jones FCCA

Date:.....



Accounts

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM held on 21ST June 2021

@ 7.30pm via Scout Association Zoom

Opening Prayers

David Leonard, Deputy Chair, read the opening prayer. At this time we held in our thoughts Mike Higlett & Julia Mosley who are currently unwell.

Welcome

David welcomed everyone to the AGM zoom meeting.

Present were The Mayor of Harrogate Councillor Trevor Chapman, Mark Edwards, David Leonard, Ian Varnes, Alan Tucker, Wendy Lindley, Russ Hirst, C. Collins, Janis Heward, John Noe, Bryan and Brenda Wilson, Angela Jex, Hannah Cooke, Stuart McCahey, Caroline Wood, Paula Child, Alice MacFarlane, Jenifer Chamberlain, Iain Shaw, Debbie Roslin, Henry McBratney, Alistair How, James Porter, Louise Clarke, Paul, Luke Harrison, Helen & John Westmancoat, David E, Christine Turner, Trev, Petra Koristkova, Maria, Anne Winter, Andrew Wilson, Jim Ryder, Andrew Bielby and 1st Pannal Scouts

Apologies for Absence were received from Jack Tyler, Sarah Marsh, Charles Stones, Andrea Cayton, Helen Pidd, Simon Shaw, Luke Walsh, Alan Ross, Peter Romanec, Erica Spencer, Rosie Ehlen, Phil and Gill Pawson, Mike Higlett, Dave and Julia Mosley, Rachel Capstick, Jill Connors and Jean Laight

Minutes of the last AGM held on 14th September 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting. These were approved as a true record.

Annual Reports for 2020

Reports were received from Margaret Johnson & Ian Varnes (previous Team DC), Campsite Report from Bryan Wilson and Leader Training Report from Pat Roberts. This report was circulated just prior to the meeting

Accounts and Appointment of Auditors

Accounts for year ending 31st March 2021 had been circulated just prior to the AGM. Caroline Wood, Treasurer, reported an increase in monetary assets of £88401.59 for the year to 31st March 2021. This total included Capitation (that went out soon after in April). Caroline wished to offer her thanks to groups that made prompt capitation payment this year. There was very little movement in our Assets and Liabilities between the two financial years of 2019/20 and 2020/21. Land and Buildings figure remains the same as last financial year. Donations received included Covid 19 Business Grants claimed for Thornthwaite and Omega Street.

Caroline offered her thanks to Jill who has successfully kept the Scout shop running which subsequently generated income.

The main expenses this year have been premises costs including insurance, rates and utility bills

Overall receipts for 2020/21 were £26265.86

Budget was not set last year due to Covid and instead it was agreed to record the income and expenditure. Thanks to Tim Jones for auditing the accounts.
The accounts were approved at the AGM along with the approval of Tim Jones to remain as auditor for the coming year.

Approval of DC's nomination of Chair

Mark Edwards nominated Jean Laight as our new District Chairperson, this was approved.

Election of Secretary

Wendy Lindley	Nominated by Mark Edwards	Seconded by David Leonard
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Election of Treasurer

Caroline Wood	Nominated by David Leonard	Seconded by Wendy Lindley
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Approval of DC's nomination of members to the District Executive

Bryan Wilson
Rachel Capstick
John Noe
Russ Hirst

All approved

Approval of elected members to the District Executive

Jill Connors	Nominated by David Leonard	Seconded by Brenda Wilson
David Leonard	Nominated by Brenda Wilson	Seconded by Jill Connors
Alistair How	Nominated by Andy Bielby	Seconded by Steve Lavans
Henry McBratney	Nominated by Mark Edwards	Seconded by James Porter
Hannah Cooke	Nominated by Wendy Lindley	Seconded by Alice MacFarlane

Ex Officio

Acting District Commissioner	Mark Edwards
District Secretary	Wendy Lindley
District Treasurer	Caroline Wood
Executive Chairperson	Jean Laight
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Ian Varnes
Network Commissioner	Alice MacFarlane
Youth Commissioner	Joe Sarmiento

Election of District nominee for County Scout Council

Helen Westmancoat volunteered and was duly elected

Address from the Mayor of Harrogate

The Mayor, Councillor Trevor Chapman gave a short address to the meeting. He informed us that he and his wife hold a long term interest in the scouting and guiding movement albeit

not in our District but in Northamptonshire, involving a scouting guard of honour on their wedding day!

On a more serious note Councillor Chapman praised all involved in scouting throughout the pandemic, in particular the effort undertaken to ensure scouting continued to be available. He stressed that scouting was invaluable to the health care of the young people within the district and our efforts are to be commended. He was enthusiastic about seeing Thornthwaite being used and was appreciative that local groups were functioning well under present restrictions.

Councillor Chapman ended his address wishing the district all the best for the future.

David thanked Councillor Chapman for his kind words.

County Commissioner talk

Mark effectively wore 'two hats' for the meeting... firstly as Acting District Commissioner then as County Commissioner!

Mark ADC began by saying thank you to all in the district for keeping HANDS going. There were a few issues coming out of the pandemic with some leaders lost but on a more positive note there were others interested in filling the vacant roles. Another positive was that GSL's have done brilliantly in getting teams up and running via zoom and their communication was excellent.

Mark thanked David Leonard as Deputy Chair for the amazing work he has done in keeping things ticking over. Thanks were also given to Caroline our treasurer and Wendy our secretary and to Ian Varnes and Margaret Johnson as Team DC for the previous two years help in developing the district.

Mark CC commented that the main focus was to carry on building the network. To keep up with training, this will be a priority within the Scout Association.

HANDS safeguarding compliance is very high and there is also a 1st Aid Training program now in place.

Wood beads – Leaders will be required to get their training up to date by this September.

No district events have been planned as yet, priority is to get back to face to face scouting.

Larger scale County events – Looking at 2022 as a possibility

Mark gave thanks to Hannah for her sterling work as Youth Commissioner over the last 4/5 years. Joe Sarmiento will now take the role as District Youth Commissioner with Dan Young being Deputy Youth Commissioner.

Update was provided on the launch of Squirrels into the scouting movement. This is for young people aged 4-6 years old and will launch in the Autumn term. There are a couple of groups expressing an interest.

Mark ended his talk with a thank you to the Mayor for attending our AGM

Any other Business & date for next AGM

Date of the next AGM is Monday 13th June 2022

David thanked all for attending. No other business. **Meeting ended 8.05pm**

Harrogate & Nidderdale District Scout Council

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TP Jones FCCA

Date: 18/6/2021

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ended 31 March 2021

2019/20 £		2020/21 £
120,829.39	Cash and Bank Balances at 31st March 2020	52,925.35
52,925.35	Current cash & bank balances	141,326.94
-67,904.04	Movement	88,401.59
19,007.81	Surplus/(Deficit) from activities - Note 4	26,265.86
-86,609.30	Total Capitation Movement	64,937.40
-572.44	Jamboree 2019 Movement	0.00
0.00	(Increase)/reduction in stocks	0.00
0.00	Movement on creditors	0.00
0.00	Movement on debtors	-2,518.52
-126.53	Winter Activity Camp net receipts/(payments)	0.00
-28.40	Teko Tohunga 2019 net receipts/(payments)	0.00
424.82	Monopoly 2020 net receipts/(payments)	-283.15
0.00	Movement on William Claringbold Fund	0.00
0.00	Movement on Jamboree fund	0.00
0.00	Movement on Group Development Reserve	0.00
-67,904.04	Total	88,401.59
		0.00

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.3.21

31.3.20	£		31.3.21	£
52,925.35		Monetary Assets - Note 1	141,326.94	
74,389.92		Investment Assets - Note 2	77,931.92	
5,537.31		Stock	5,537.31	
282,590.89		Land and Buildings - Note 3	282,590.89	
40,074.30		Capitation	-24,863.10	2021 capitation payments received (County payment made in April)
0.00		Winter Activity Day	0.00	
0.00		Teko Tohunga 2019	0.00	
-283.15		Monopoly 2020	0.00	
0.00		Jamboree 2019	0.00	
0.00		Debtors	2,518.52	
-345.49		Sundry Creditors	-345.49	
454,889.13		These assets represent the following funds:	484,696.99	
450,518.40		General Fund	480,326.26	
1,135.73		Restricted Fund - William Claringbold Fund	1,135.73	
		Designated Funds:		
0.00		Thornthwaite Development Reserve	0.00	
0.00		Group Development Reserve	0.00	
3,235.00		Activity Fund (redesignated from Jamboree fund in 19/20)	3,235.00	
454,889.13		Total Funds	484,696.99	
			0.00	

Note 1 **Monetary Assets**

31.3.20		31.3.21
£		£
32,600.39	HSBC Current Account	27,840.42
9,476.52	HSBC Deposit Account	11,510.46
768.44	HSBC Capitalation Account	768.86
10,000.00	CAF Bank	101,127.20
80.00	Cash in Hand - Shop Floats	80.00

52,925.35 **Total Monetary Assets** **141,326.94**

Investment Assets

£		£
27,285.70	J P Morgan Fleming Asset Management - UK Equity Income Units	27,285.70
23,194.82	Charinco/Charinshare - Income Units	23,194.82
23,909.40	Charifund Income Shares	27,451.40

74,389.92 **Total Investment Assets** **77,931.92**

Land and Buildings

13,562.00	Culross House, Omega Street, Harrogate	13,562.00
269,028.89	Thornthwaite Activity Centre	269,028.89
0.00	Thornthwaite Development AUC	0.00

282,590.89 **Total Land and Buildings** **282,590.89**

NOTE 4 - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM ACTIVITIES

2019/20	2020/21	2020/21 Analysed by Activity				
Total	Total	Investment Income	District Activities	Thornthwaite Campsite	Scout Shops	Administration
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
8777	Capitation Income	9,828.20	9,828.20			
3143.03	Investment Income	2,028.67	2028.67			
16.94	Bank Interest	5.69	5.69			
3750	Donations	29,431.00				29431
	Thornthwaite Campsite:					
37293	Thornthwaite Centre Hire/Camping	-1,034.00		-1,034.00		
90	Cratestacking	0.00		0.00		
130	Traversing Wall	0.00		0.00		
0	PPE Hire	0.00		0.00		
30	High Ropes	0.00		0.00		
15	Wobble Pole	0.00		0.00		
0	Kitchen Equipment Hire	0.00		0.00		
0	District Activities	0.00				
14910.06	Omega Street Scout Shop	3,122.48			3,122.48	
1106.8	Thornthwaite Scout Shop	0.00			0.00	
15	Badge/pyography	0.00			0	
69,276.83	Total Receipts	43,382.04	2034.36	9828.2	-1034	3122.48
						29431
Payments						
	Administration Expenses:					
214.37	Printing and Stationery	37.70				37.7
237.96	Phones and Postages	0.00				0
75.6	Travelling	0.00				0
1278.76	Miscellaneous	814.30				814.3
485.18	District Activity Expenses	-1,131.68	-1,131.68			
	Premises Costs:					
829.08	Rates	655.36		655.36		0
11855.94	Light/Heat	5,695.14		4,556.87		1138.27
1893.26	Building repairs	725.08		675.28		49.8
3186.78	Ground repairs	1,831.33		1,831.33		
1134.99	Phones and Postages	1,354.29		736.6		617.69
123.28	Stationery	0.00		0		
1106.8	Travelling	57.60		57.6		
168.76	Cleaning	152.10		0.00		152.1
761.61	Water	599.96		558.54		41.42
0	Marketing Costs	0.00				
4092.67	Insurance	4,188.51		3,282.04		906.47
9107.8	Miscellaneous - Development	0.00		0.00		
334.59	Miscellaneous	85.44		85.44		0
13381.59	Shop Purchases	2,051.05				2,051.05
50,269.02	Total Payments	17,116.18	0.00	-1,131.68	12,439.06	2,051.05
						3,757.75
19,007.81	Net Receipts/(Payments)	26,265.86	2,034.36	10,959.88	-13,473.06	1,071.43
						25,673.25

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

March 2021 Statement of Financial Activity (receipts and payment basis)

	31 March 2021	Annual Budget	March Budget
	£	£	£
General Income			
Capitation Income (net)	9,828.20		0.00
Investment Income	2,028.67		0.00
Bank Interest	5.69		0.00
Donations	29,431.00		0.00
	<u>41,293.56</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Specific Income			
Thornthwaite			
Thornthwaite Centre Receipts	-1,140.00		0.00
Thornthwaite Camping	106.00		0.00
Cratestacking	0.00		0.00
Traversing Wall	0.00		0.00
PPE Hire	0.00		0.00
High Ropes	0.00		0.00
Wobble Pole	0.00		0.00
Kitchen Equipment Hire	0.00		0.00
	<u>-1,034.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
less operating costs			
Rates	665.36		0.00
Light/Heat	4,566.87		0.00
Centre repairs	675.28		0.00
Ground repairs	1,831.33		0.00
Phones and Postages	736.60		0.00
Stationery	0.00		0.00
Travelling	67.60		0.00
Cleaning	0.00		0.00
Water	568.54		0.00
Marketing Costs			0.00
Development Cost	0.00		0.00
Insurance	3,282.04		0.00
Miscellaneous	65.44		0.00
	<u>12,439.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Thornthwaite Receipts and (Payments)	-13,473.06	0.00	0.00
Shops			
Omega Street Shop			
Sales	3,122.48		
Purchases	2,051.05		
Net Sales/(Purchases)	1,071.43		0.00
Campsite Shop			
Sales	0.00		
Purchases			
Net Sales/(Purchases)	0.00		
Net Income/(Payments) before Omega Street and District Costs	28,891.93	0.00	0.00
Property Costs - Omega Street			
Rates	0.00		0.00
Light and Heat	1,138.27		0.00
Phones and Postages	617.69		0.00
Cleaning	152.10		0.00
Water	41.42		0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00
Insurance	906.47		0.00
Repairs and renewals	49.80		0.00
Total Property Costs	2,905.75	0.00	0.00
Central District Costs			
Beaver Scouts	0.00		
Cub Scouts	0.00		
Scouts	-1,131.68		0.00
Young Leader Training	0		
Training Costs	0.00		
Total	-1,131.68	0.00	0.00
Printing and Stationery	37.70		0.00
Phones and Postages	0.00		0.00
Travelling	0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous (includes St Georges day costs)	814.30		0.00
	<u>852.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Receipts/(Payments) for the period	26,265.86	0.00	0.00

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Date: 18/6/2021

HARROGATE AND NIDDERDALE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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2019/20 £	2020/21 £
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52,925.35	141,326.94
-67,904.04	88,401.59
	Movement
19,007.81	26,265.86
-86,609.30	64,937.40
-572.44	0.00
0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00
0.00	-2,518.52
-126.53	0.00
-28.40	0.00
424.82	-283.15
0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00
-67,904.04	88,401.59
	Total
	0.00

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.3.21

31.3.20		31.3.21
£		£
52,925.35	Monetary Assets - Note 1	141,326.94
74,389.92	Investment Assets - Note 2	77,931.92
5,537.31	Stock	5,537.31
282,590.89	Land and Buildings - Note 3	282,590.89
40,074.30	Capitation	-24,863.10 2021 capitation payments received (County payment made in April)
0.00	Winter Activity Day	0.00
0.00	Teko Tohunga 2019	0.00
-283.15	Monopoly 2020	0.00
0.00	Jamboree 2019	0.00
0.00	Debtors	2,518.52
-345.49	Sundry Creditors	-345.49
454,889.13	These assets represent the following funds:	484,696.99
450,518.40	General Fund	480,326.26
1,135.73	Restricted Fund - William Claringbold Fund	1,135.73
	Designated Funds:	
0.00	Thornthwaite Development Reserve	0.00
0.00	Group Development Reserve	0.00
3,235.00	Activity Fund (redesignated from Jamboree fund in 19/20)	3,235.00
454,889.13	Total Funds	484,696.99
		0.00

Note 1

Monetary Assets

	31.3.20		31.3.21
	£		£
	32,600.39	HSBC Current Account	27,840.42
	9,476.52	HSBC Deposit Account	11,510.46
	768.44	HSBC Capitalation Account	768.86
	10,000.00	CAF Bank	101,127.20
	80.00	Cash in Hand - Shop Floats	80.00

52,925.35	Total Monetary Assets	141,326.94
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Investment Assets

£		£
27,285.70	J P Morgan Fleming Asset Management - UK Equity Income Units	27,285.70
23,194.82	Charinco/Charinshare - Income Units	23,194.82
23,909.40	Charifund Income Shares	27,451.40
74,389.92	Total Investment Assets	77,931.92

Land and Buildings

13,562.00	Culross House, Omega Street, Harrogate	13,562.00
269,028.89	Thornthwaite Activity Centre	269,028.89
0.00	Thornthwaite Development AUC	0.00
282,590.89	Total Land and Buildings	282,590.89

NOTE 4 - SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM ACTIVITIES

2019/20	2020/21	2020/21 Analysed by Activity				
Total	Total	Investment Income	District Activities	Thornthwaite Campsite	Scout Shops	Administration
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
8777	Capitation Income	9,828.20	9,828.20			
3143.03	Investment Income	2,028.67	2028.67			
16.94	Bank Interest	5.69	5.69			
3750	Donations	29,431.00				29431
	Thornthwaite Campsite:					
37293	Thornthwaite Centre Hire/Camping	-1,034.00		-1,034.00		
90	Cratestacking	0.00		0.00		
130	Traversing Wall	0.00		0.00		
0	PPE Hire	0.00		0.00		
30	High Ropes	0.00		0.00		
15	Wobble Pole	0.00		0.00		
0	Kitchen Equipment Hire	0.00		0.00		
0	District Activities	0.00				
14910.06	Omega Street Scout Shop	3,122.48			3,122.48	
1106.8	Thornthwaite Scout Shop	0.00			0.00	
15	Badge/pyography	0.00			0	
69,276.83	Total Receipts	43,382.04	2034.36	9828.2	-1034	3122.48
						29431
Payments						
	Administration Expenses:					
214.37	Printing and Stationery	37.70				37.7
237.96	Phones and Postages	0.00				0
75.6	Travelling	0.00				0
1278.76	Miscellaneous	814.30				814.3
485.18	District Activity Expenses	-1,131.68	-1,131.68			
	Premises Costs:					
829.08	Rates	655.36		655.36		0
11855.94	Light/Heat	5,695.14		4,556.87		1138.27
1893.26	Building repairs	725.08		675.28		49.8
3186.78	Ground repairs	1,831.33		1,831.33		
1134.99	Phones and Postages	1,354.29		736.6		617.69
123.28	Stationery	0.00		0		
1106.8	Travelling	57.60		57.6		
168.76	Cleaning	152.10		0.00		152.1
761.61	Water	599.96		558.54		41.42
0	Marketing Costs	0.00				
4092.67	Insurance	4,188.51		3,282.04		906.47
9107.8	Miscellaneous - Development	0.00		0.00		
334.59	Miscellaneous	85.44		85.44		0
13381.59	Shop Purchases	2,051.05				2,051.05
50,269.02	Total Payments	17,116.18	0.00	-1,131.68	12,439.06	2,051.05
						3,757.75
19,007.81	Net Receipts/(Payments)	26,265.86	2,034.36	10,959.88	-13,473.06	1,071.43
						25,673.25

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March 2021 Statement of Financial Activity (receipts and payment basis)

	31 March 2021	Annual Budget	March Budget
	£	£	£
General Income			
Capital Income (net)	9,828.20		0.00
Investment Income	2,028.67		0.00
Bank Interest	5.69		0.00
Donations	29,431.00		0.00
	<u>41,293.56</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Specific Income			
Thornthwaite			
Thornthwaite Centre Receipts	-1,140.00		0.00
Thornthwaite Camping	106.00		0.00
Crates/stacking	0.00		0.00
Traversing Wall	0.00		0.00
PPE Hire	0.00		0.00
High Ropes	0.00		0.00
Wobble Pole	0.00		0.00
Kitchen Equipment Hire	0.00		0.00
	<u>-1,034.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
less operating costs			
Rates	665.36		0.00
Light/Heat	4,566.87		0.00
Centre repairs	675.28		0.00
Ground repairs	1,831.33		0.00
Phones and Postages	736.60		0.00
Stationery	0.00		0.00
Travelling	67.60		0.00
Cleaning	0.00		0.00
Water	568.54		0.00
Marketing Costs			0.00
Development Cost	0.00		0.00
Insurance	3,282.04		0.00
Miscellaneous	65.44		0.00
	<u>12,439.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>-13,473.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Thornthwaite Receipts and (Payments)			
Shops			
Omega Street Shop			
Sales	3,122.48		
Purchases	2,051.05		
Net Sales/(Purchases)	<u>1,071.43</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Campsite Shop			
Sales	0.00		
Purchases	0.00		
Net Sales/(Purchases)	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Net Income/(Payments) before Omega Street and District Costs	<u>28,891.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Property Costs - Omega Street			
Rates	0.00		0.00
Light and Heat	1,138.27		0.00
Phones and Postages	617.69		0.00
Cleaning	152.10		0.00
Water	41.42		0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00
Insurance	906.47		0.00
Repairs and renewals	49.80		0.00
Total Property Costs	<u>2,905.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Central District Costs			
Beaver Scouts	0.00		
Cub Scouts	0.00		
Scouts	-1,131.68		0.00
Young Leader Training	0		
Training Costs	0.00		
Total	<u>-1,131.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Printing and Stationery	37.70		0.00
Phones and Postages	0.00		0.00
Travelling	0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous (includes St Georges day costs)	814.30		0.00
	<u>852.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Receipts/(Payments) for the period	<u>26,265.86</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>