



Middlesbrough District Scout Council

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31st December 2020

Registered charity no. 1014923

Accounts for period 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2020

Reference and administration details

Charity name: Middlesbrough District Scout Council

Charity no: 1014923

Scout Association registration no: 15606

Contact details: Middlesbrough District Scout Council
District Headquarters
Tollesby Road
Middlesbrough
TS5 7PJ

Charity trustees

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates served if not whole year
Paul Belmont	Chair	
James Bowen		From 11th May 2020.
Joanne Carr		To 11th May 2020.
Peter Chaney	District Commissioner	
Edward Clynch		From 11th May 2020.
Susan Corbin		
Sheila Dawson	Treasurer	
Judith Hewling		To 11th May 2020
Peter Hewling		To 11th May 2020
Ryan Hubbard	Deputy District Commissioner	From 11 th May 2020
Derek Lewis		To 11th May 2020
Janet Merrick	Secretary	
Lesley Micklewright		
Steve Micklewright		
Matthew Mitchell		
Sam Mitchell		
Alan Skaife		
June Wheeler		To 11th May 2020

Bankers: Yorkshire Bank PLC,
7 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough. TS1 1RF

Investment account The Scout Association,
Gilwell Park, London, E4 7QW

Independent Examiner Paul Steeples
5 Hollies Drive, Edwalton, Nottingham. NG12 4BZ

Structure and Governance

Type of governing document:

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.

How the charity is constituted:

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods:

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to

the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, the Deputy District Commissioner nominated, elected and co-opted members and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of District property;
The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
District public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing District

Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

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

Objectives and activities

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:

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 District has been successful in meeting the objectives laid down by the Scout Association. In a year dominated by Covid restrictions, the District has encouraged Scouting to continue for their members by facilitating Groups to meet within restrictions both face to face and remotely. A range of activities were also provided such as an online camp. Young People were encouraged to live by their promise by donating to a local food bank appeal.

Public benefit statement:

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

Achievements and performance

2020 was a very difficult year for Scouting, as for much of the year usual meetings and activities were severally

restricted. Despite this, Scouting was able to continue in new ways with online meetings, challenges and activities which could be undertaken at home. When restrictions were eased, the District worked hard to enable Sections to meet safely within government and Scouting rules.

The District benefitted from a £20,000 Covid grant from Middlesbrough Council. This made it possible to make a number of repairs and upgrades to the Headquarter building. The building certainly looks better from the considerable time and effort from a few volunteers. This will improve our offer to Scouting and encourage community use.

Financial review

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £35,000

The Group held reserves of approximately £64,484 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by reduced spending during the pandemic

as the premises were closed for large parts of the year and a lack of District events. The Executive Committee took the decision that the situation coming out of the pandemic would be unknown, with potential wide loss of membership and volunteers. Therefore it would be prudent to hold funding to support Groups struggling with low numbers and to recruit and retain new members and volunteers. Further money is being held for essential maintenance and improvements to our headquarters building.

Investment policy and objectives

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Middlesbrough District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Middlesbrough District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Middlesbrough 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 Middlesbrough District Scout Council 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 Middlesbrough 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: **Paul Steeples**

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

Address: **5 Hollies Drive, Edwalton, Nottingham NG12 4BZ**

Date: **26th September 2021**

Middlesbrough District Scout Council (Consolidated)
(Charity reg. no. 1014923)

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020
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Receipts and payments

	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	15,187	0	15,187	14,642
Add: Membership subscriptions refunded from County	0	0	0	
Less: Membership subscriptions refunded to Groups	0	0	0	0
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to County		0		
Net membership subscriptions retained	1,936	0	1,936	1,927
Bus Donations	730	0	730	8,318
Gang show donations	2,528	0	2,528	120
Donations for use of premises	8,175	0	8,175	11,609
Other donations	334	0	334	205
Closed 25th Group	774	0	774	0
Donations towards Pie & Pea	0	0	0	85
Sub total	14,477	0	14,477	23,264
Grants				
Middlesbrough Council	20,000	0	20,000	0
Sub total	20,000	0	20,000	0
Fundraising (gross)				
Gang show income	11,426	0	11,426	0
Scout Shop sales	2,524	0	2,524	6,234
St George's Day collection	0	0	0	230
Carol Service collection	0	0	0	200
S.A.S.				280
Activities & socials	95	0	95	925
Sub total	14,045	0	14,045	7,869
Investment income				
Bank interest	0	0	0	0
Charity Deposit account	99	0	99	105
Sub total	99	0	99	105
Total Gross Income	48,621	0	48,621	31,238
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	48,621	0	48,621	31,238

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Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Headquarters:				
Running expenses	7,063	0	7,063	8,284
Repairs & equipment	4,879	0	4,879	2,176
Insurance	3,425	0	3,425	3,393
	15,367	0	15,367	13,853
Youth programme and activities	0	0	0	0
Adult support and training	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0
Stationery and postage	4	0	4	111
Donations/presentations	220	0	220	519
Badges	0	0	0	0
AGM and Trustee expenses	0	0	0	0
Bus expenditure	0	0	0	2,049
Pie & Pea expenditure	0	0	0	355
Bus	633	0	633	12,995
Sundries	1,213	0	1,213	47
Sub total	17,437	0	17,437	29,929
Fundraising expenses				
St George's Day collection	0	0	0	230
St George's Day expenses	0	0	0	115
Carol Service collection	0	0	0	200
Activities & socials	0	0	0	488
Purchases for stock	2,365	0	2,365	5,293
Gang show costs	10,241	0	10,241	2,049
Other fundraising costs	0	0	0	0
Sub total	12,606	0	12,606	8,375
Total Gross Expenditure	30,043	0	30,043	38,304
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	600	0	600	0
Total payments	30,643	0	30,643	38,304
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,978	0	17,978	
Cash funds last year end	48,506	0	48,506	53,572
Cash funds this year end	64,484	0	64,484	48,506

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Statement	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	46,582	0	46,582	28,270
Charity Deposit account	17,000	0	17,000	17,784
Cash/Post	42	0	42	66
Other monetary assets				
Scout shop debtors	313	0	313	300
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Premises	200,000	0	200,000	200,000
Equipment	8,500	0	8,500	8,500
Scout shop stock	1,200	0	1,200	1,200
Gang show costumes, props etc	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Fixtures & Fittings	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Sub total	231,085	0	231,085	233,860
	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on xx March 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by


S.A. Dawson


P.A. Belmont Chair
S.A. Dawson Treasurer