

South East Berkshire District Scout Council

District Registration No: 10213

1021253



The 43rd Annual General Meeting

Earleywood Scout Campsite
Tuesday 11th July 2023

Annual Report of the District Trustee Board
including the
Annual Statement of the Accounts



Scouts

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District Commissioners Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire

2022-2023 has been a year of transition for Scouting in South East Berkshire, on many fronts.

During the year Steve Richards decided to step down as District Commissioner after an 8-year tenure which, along with many highlights, included the difficult task of navigating the District through the Covid-19 pandemic. It is testament to him that it has taken two people to succeed him! The District would like to thank Steve for his service and his enormous contribution to Scouting during his tenure.

We began the year with both District and our 9 Groups continuing to restart activities that paused during the Covid-19 pandemic and are pleased to note that some degree of normality has returned to Scouting in the District.

With a welcome return to unrestricted camping during this year we participated in 42 Nights Away events, with young people totalling 1764 nights away! This was evenly spread across the sections with an average of 3 nights away per member. In addition, groups took part in 196 activities away from their usual meeting places; many of which were at Earleywood Scout Campsite which continues to be a big asset to the South and South East Districts.

International activities also resumed this year, with 15 Young people and 6 adults from SE Berks taking part in the very successful County ALPS22 event, and 5 young people taking part in World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in Summer 2023. We have a significant attendance expected for Project Africa in 2024 and WINGS is now confirmed for 2026.

Demand for Scouting in the District remains very high and this year we have increased our membership over the year by 7.5% to 689 members, which is a new record, with increases in the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections. We also opened our first two Squirrel Dreys, providing Scouting for 4 to 6 year olds, at The Parks and 1st South Ascot this year. There are over 400 young people on waiting lists and we are formulating plans to provide additional capacity as we move into 2023-24.

Sadly however, after 35 years, the District Scout Shop closed this year. The District would like to thank Margaret Kemp, Allan Coles and the team for their service to the District in this, and their many other roles over the years. The funds held by the shop have been passed to the District and will be used to further develop Scouting for all members of the District.

After the appointment of Hilary Crofton and Alex Sizeland as joint DCs it was decided that, with the support of the County Commissioner, the District would immediately begin the transition to the new volunteer-focused Scouting structure that will roll-out nationally from November 2023. Moving from a section-based to a team structure has encouraged new people to join the District team and we would like to thank and welcome them.

As we move into 2023-24 and beyond the District team are building our plans for how we best support the groups and build a plan of activities accordingly. This will begin with the first Squirrel picnic in July 2023 and Parent Child Camp in September. More to follow!

Thank You to all our volunteers and trustees for everything that you do and to the Berkshire County team for their help and guidance.

Yours In Scouting
Hilary Crofton and Alex Sizeland
Joint District Commissioners, SE Berkshire

DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT

This has been a very busy year financially with the financial management of the Alps22 Jamboree and the forthcoming Worlds Scouts Jamboree in Korea. The District Scouts Shop closed at the end of September 2022, part of the surplus funds were distributed to the Scouts Group as a thankyou for all their support. The remaining funds are in the process of being consolidated into the District. The District has also decided to forego the capitation from the annual subscription for 2023.

Karan Mehra
District Treasurer



District Executive Committee Trustees 2022/2023

Chairperson
Secretary
Honorary Treasurer



Ex Officio

District Commissioner
DES Commissioner



Nominated

Elected



Co-opted

Examiner of Accounts

Mark G Sayers

Bankers

- a) Nat West Bank Plc
- b) Virgin Money

District Registration No.

10213

Charity Registration No.

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Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2023

Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary

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<u>Receipts & Payments Account</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
Total Receipts for the year	£42,648.54	£67,538.68
Total Expenditure for the year	-£46,086.50	-£59,787.44
Net movement in funds	-£3,437.96	£7,751.24
Cash & Bank brought forward	£126,045.45	£119,169.46
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and other non cash items included above	-£0.00	-£875.25
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	£122,607.49	£126,045.45

Summary of Monetary Assets at 31st March 2023

	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
District Executive Account	£51,579.36	£57,632.05
Scout Shop Account	£22,530.61	£30,202.48
DASU Account	£6,715.95	£6,656.72
Earleywood	£41,781.57	£31,554.20
	£122,607.49	£126,045.45

South East Berkshire Scout Fellowship and Earleywood Campsite, from the Charities Commission viewpoint come under the auspices of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council. However, the assets are not controlled directly by the South East Berkshire District Scout Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A signed copy available
for inspection at the AGM

District Chairman



District Commissioner



Honorary District Treasurer
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS

	2022/2023	2021/2022
District Executive Account		
Nat West current account (Exc Scouts Shop)	£38,115.93	£44,203.93
Virgin Bank	£13,463.43	£13,428.12
	<u>£51,579.36</u>	<u>£57,632.05</u>
District Exec. movement in funds	-£6,052.69	£11,236.10
<u>Represents</u>		
District Funds	£45,329.74	£46,555.75
Restricted Funds	£4,938.30	£8,883.50
International	£1,311.32	£2,192.80
	<u>£51,579.36</u>	<u>£57,632.05</u>
Scout Shop Account		
Nat West current account	£1,867.68	£9,550.30
Virgin Bank	£20,662.93	£20,608.75
Cash in hand		£43.43
	<u>£22,530.61</u>	<u>£30,202.48</u>
Scout Shop movement in funds	-£7,671.87	£1,422.86
District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)		
Nat West current account	£1,382.66	£1,341.21
Virgin Money	£5,332.72	£5,314.94
Cash in hand	£0.57	£0.57
	<u>£6,715.95</u>	<u>£6,656.72</u>
DASU movement in funds	£59.23	£78.76
Earleywood Account		
HSBC current account	£41,771.57	£31,492.22
Stripe Balance		
Cash in hand	£10.00	£10.00
Cheques outstanding		£51.98
Cheques not cleared		
	<u>£41,781.57</u>	<u>£31,554.20</u>
Earleywood movement in funds	<u>£10,227.37</u>	-£5,861.73
<u>Represents</u>		
Transfer from Berkshire County	£6,413.89	£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments		
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure	£32,199.33	£22,771.96
Restricted reserves	£3,168.35	£2,368.35
	<u>£41,781.57</u>	<u>£31,554.20</u>
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£122,607.49</u>	<u>£126,045.45</u>

Consolidated Receipts

For the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

RECEIPTS

	<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>	
District				
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£35.31		£17.80	
International Funds			£95.00	
Grants			£9,332.19	
Scouts Shop Closing Sale	£300.66			
WSJ 2023 (Net Fund Movement)	-£865.20		£1,045.20	
Alps22 (Net Fund Movement)	-£3,080.00	-£3,609.23	£3,080.00	£13,570.19
Scout Shop				
Sales	£7,192.64		£13,883.59	
Bank Interest	£54.18	£7,246.82	£27.32	£13,910.91
District ASU				
Subscriptions				
Scout Shop Dividend	£73.28			
Interest	£17.78		£22.19	
Gift Aid			£31.57	
Ascot Round Table	£300.00		£300.00	
Annual subscription rebate		£391.06		£353.76
Earleywood				
Site Fees including Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£32,424.90		£31,256.15	
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£4,644.99		£2,839.96	
Grants	£750.00		£5,334.00	
Extraordinary income	£800.00	£38,619.89	£273.71	£39,703.82
Total Receipts		£42,648.54		£67,538.68

Consolidated Expenditure

For the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>	
District				
Secretarial & Administration	£316.20		£190.52	
AGM	£333.37			
Subscriptions			£308.30	
Contribution to Alps22 (Net)	£881.48			
MPLC Licence	£211.44			
Insurance (Inc shop rebate)	£56.52		£95.27	
District Expenses	£644.45	<u>£2,443.46</u>		<u>£594.09</u>
Scout Section				
Wings 2020 Refund			£1,740.00	<u>£1,740.00</u>
Scout Shop				
Stock Purchases	£2,059.72		£11,978.01	
Insurance	£160.64		£431.00	
Dividend	£12,250.00			
Shop Expenses & Credit Card Charges	£448.33		£79.04	
HQ Costs				
Electricity		<u>£14,918.69</u>		<u>£12,488.05</u>
District ASU				
BBQ Earleywood	£81.83			
Donations	£250.00	<u>£331.83</u>	£275.00	<u>£275.00</u>
Earleywood				
Insurance	£3,480.32		£2,785.11	
Utilities	£5,342.90		£5,254.70	
Maintenance	£15,029.55		£27,244.43	
Cleaning	£2,385.39		£2,377.26	
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£2,154.36		£4,073.49	
Miscellaneous Other			£299.55	
Depreciation			£375.00	
Extra-ordinary expenditure		<u>£28,392.52</u>	2280.76	<u>£44,690.30</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>£46,086.50</u>		<u>£59,787.44</u>

Scrutineers Report: Earleywood Scout Campsite Accounts

**Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the
Earleywood Scout Campsite Scout Council**

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended31st March 2023.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages1..... to1.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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20 MAY 2023

Independent Examiners Report: South East Berkshire District Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South East Berkshire District for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the South East Berkshire 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 South East Berkshire 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 South East Berkshire 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: **Mark Sayers**
Chartered & Certified Financial Planner
FCA Reg No MGS00032.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
Chartered Financial Planner FPFS, & Chartered MCSI Chartered Wealth Manager
CFPTM Chartered MCSI, and ACIB.

Address: 6 Bedfordshire Down, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 3UA.

Date: 3rd June 2023