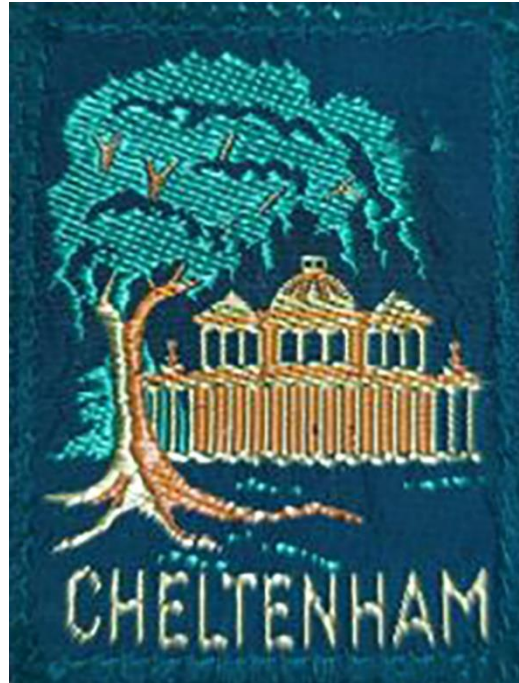


Cheltenham District Scout Council

Annual Report

2023-2024



Charity registration number: 1021577

Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2024

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Cheltenham District Scout Council
Registered charity number	1021577
Charity's principal contact address	<p>6 Sappercombe Lane Charlton Kings Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 8LY</p> <p>Tel: 01242224874 Email: secretary@cheltenham-Scouts.org.uk Website: www.cheltenham-Scouts.org.uk</p>

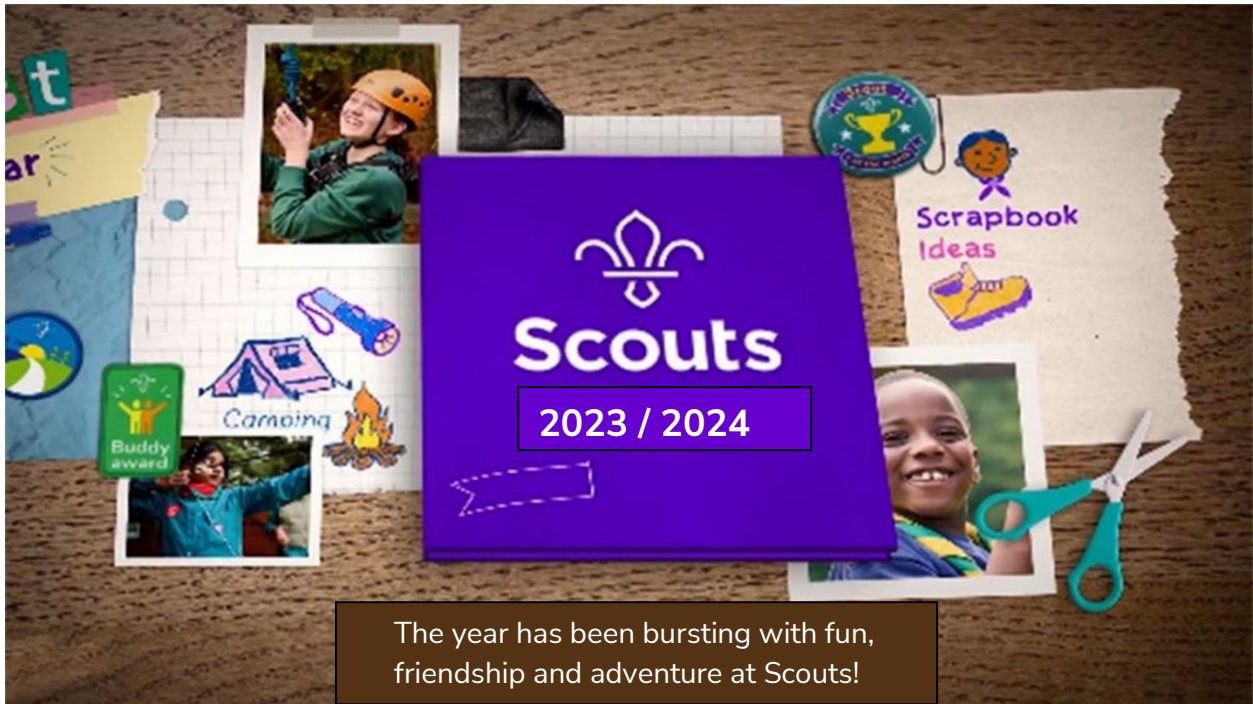
Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document (Royal Charter of 4 th January 1912)	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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	See achievements and performance below.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees have considered the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "public benefit running a charity" (PB2). The Trustees are of the view that, as all the activities of the Scout Council are directly or indirectly those of advancement of young people to give skills for life, they are therefore for the public benefit.

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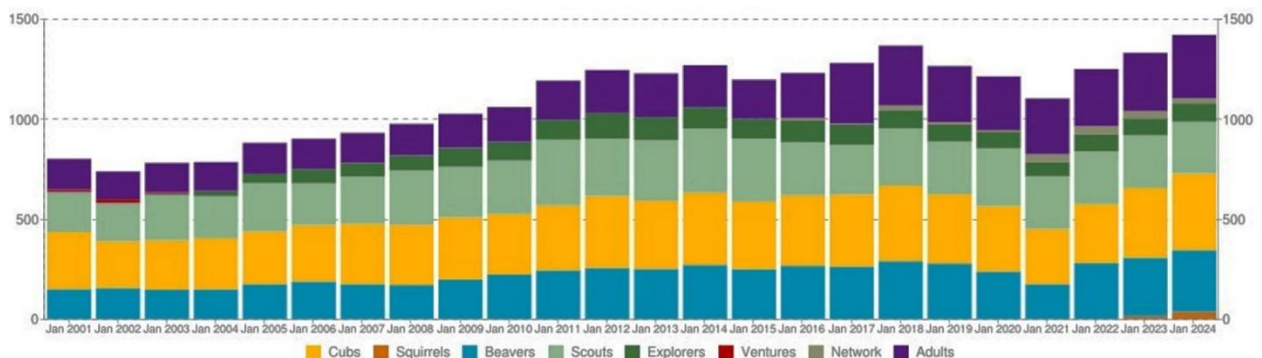


The year has been bursting with fun, friendship and adventure at Scouts!

But what of our year in Cheltenham?

Census

2024



I am pleased to report that I can once again, only say a huge thank you to Team Cheltenham for our Census 2024 results - we are not only growing but deepening our delivery of quality Programmes that make a real difference to both Young People and our Amazing Leadership Teams across virtually every area of Scouting in the District.

Yes, there remain some opportunities and areas that we could make further and meaningful developments on. I have identified three challenges going forward.

1. Compared to our 1980 Cub Pack base we have only 60% of the Young People we had back then and
2. In Scout Troops we now only muster 63% of those that were in that age group back then, and we have shrunk by several sections and overall numbers in the 10½ to 14 age group since only last year.

- It must also be recognised that in the 12 years between 2004 and 2016 Cheltenham District grew by a massive 56% overall (with Youth Numbers going up by 57.1% over that period, whereas since then we have only achieved a further 15.6% growth (with Youth numbers increasing by 9.9%). Given the many full sections and long waiting lists, with Squirrels reporting 2-year waits, we could do so much more if we continue to make strides into recruiting more adult leaders.

However overall, we have more Young People across a vastly widened age range and more Leaders involved in Scouting across the District than we have ever had since we opened our first Group back in 1908!

- For the first time ever, we have a membership base that exceeds 1,400, with an overall number of 1,419.
- Youth Numbers above 1,100.
- More than three hundred Beavers for the first time ever; and
- Adult volunteers also above three hundred (adding in Occasional Helpers that means we have well over five hundred) people helping on a regular basis.

We need to be so grateful for Groups right across the board on their superb, sustained work and fantastic efforts throughout the past 20 years! However, we also need to recognise that some Groups and Sections which have struggled and continue to need support.

It is so worth it to deliver and make a difference, as these are our two core reasons for being a movement - The Programme and the Young People (and Leaders) that gain new Skills for Life through it!

Census is about so much more than just Membership, so also very well done on making a difference and putting us in an incredibly good place that will allow us to take the upcoming Transformation in how we deliver Scouting and Transitional Plans for moving to Digital Learning in our stride.



I am so incredibly grateful to each and every Leader and Young Person that has enabled this.

This is simply brilliant, and represents a lot of hard work and commitment, which we should celebrate and be truly thankful for.

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| 1. 2024: 1419 | 4. 2017: 1278 | 7. 2022: 1248 |
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Rankings of years by historic membership numbers

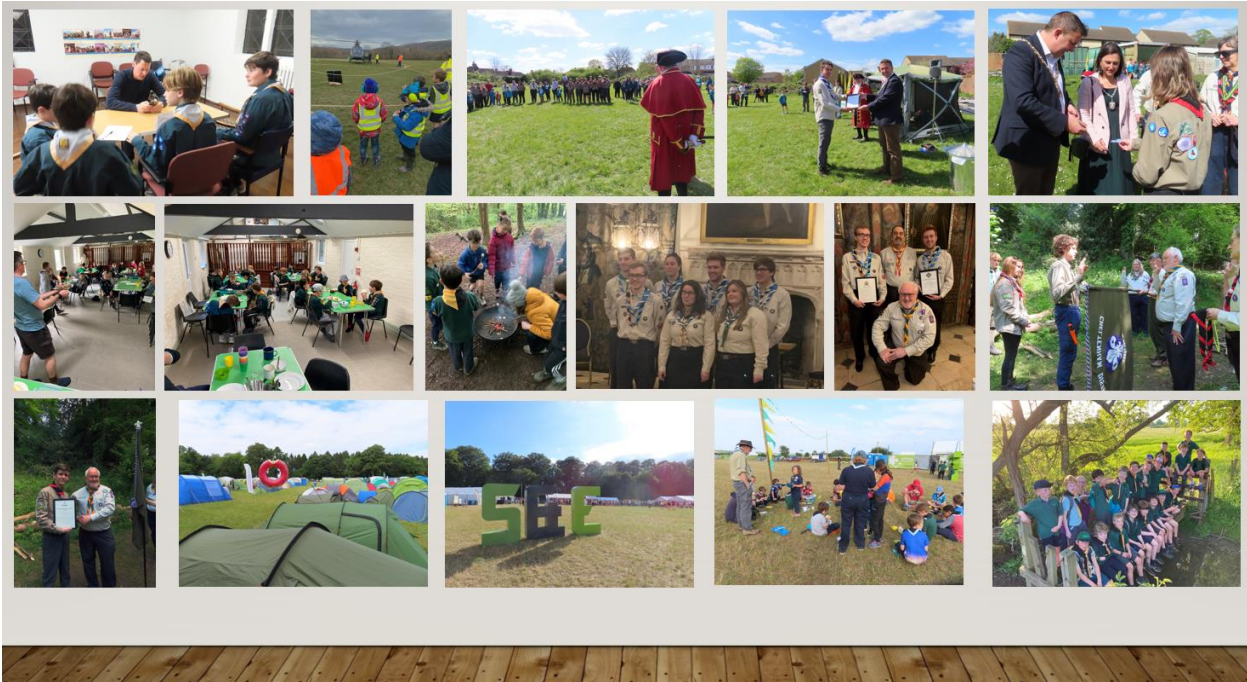
Of course, the work of recruiting and growing our numbers and delivering high quality and imaginative Programmes and Safer Scouting goes on! So, here's as ever to an even better year ahead and some brilliant adventures.

New Specialist Explorer Unit Born

Following on from last year's creation of Enigma ESU which has now celebrated its first anniversary as a full Explorer Scout Unit, this year saw the start of a third specialist Explorer Scout Unit which will concentrate on delivering Top Awards. Amongst other events here we see them enjoying an expedition to Dartmoor.



Youth Centred events have as ever been run, enjoyed and with so much more yet to come. Here's a flavour of a few from the past year: -



There was as ever a good turnout in brilliant sunshine for the 2023 Cheltenham Town Remembrance Parade.

The Explorers from Devil's Chimney once again 'did good' at this year's Cotswold Marathon gaining Fastest Junior Team in Gold and Fastest Team on the Silver Route collecting the Keith Aston Trophy and some younger Scouts from 41st Cheltenham were the Male Trophy winner for the Bronze Route.



Changes in the District Trustee Board

- The first and major change that took place in the past year is that we have adopted the new styling and as from May 2023 we have been operating as the District Trustee Board, following on from the changes in POR of that month which saw us moving away from the District Trustee Board Styling and to bring us in line with other charities.
- The September 2023 District Scout Council saw several changes in membership, with Neil Hatton standing down as DESC (an Ex Officio Position on the Trustee Board) being replaced by Phil Horsfield. We also welcomed on board Peter Aylott from 7th Cheltenham, and he



has been a sterling contributor to the Property and Equipment Sub-Committee and has also helped out on the Finance Sub-Committee. Neil moved to take over the lead role in Cotswold District, but also continues both with PiPs Llamas ESU and Enigma ESU.

- Pat Hopes has continued as Interim Chair of the Property and Equipment Sub-Committee.
- More recently Tom Bailey has stepped down to concentrate on helping to lead Enigma ESU. We thank him for all his contributions and insights.
- Group Lead Volunteer Meetings have been broadened out to include all Explorer Scout Leaders and have continued to be regularly held roughly every other month. They are designed to ensure that events and support can be provided at all levels and that there is a quality upskilling opportunity for all of our Leaders across the District.
- The Awards Sub-Committee has also once again been active with another excellent showing of Good Service Awards being confirmed for both Leaders and Trustee Board Members right across the District – A full list of awardees is below.
- Very well done and most thoroughly deserved to each and every one!!



Good Service Awards

And so, for the Good Service Awards: -

- Brendon Molony – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Callum Johnston – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Geoff Hall – Award for Merit
- Harry Butland – Award for Merit
- Jill Hetherington – Award for Merit
- John Cummins – Award for Merit
- Steve Reis – Award for Merit
- Dave Hall – Silver Wolf

So, here's to thanking One and All for all your hard work and for a bright future as we look to 2025 and beyond.



We were also most pleased to know that Mikey Jaynes BEM was recognised by King Charles III with a British Empire Medal: for services to young people and to the Cheltenham community - 1st Hatherley Scouts, Cheltenham and also prior to that with several other Youth Groups across Cheltenham.

A new District Youth Lead



January 2024 saw the appointment of our first ever District Youth Lead, David Cronk, this being the new title for the former role of District Youth Commissioner.

He has made an exceptionally good start and has been seen presenting awards including at the 41st Cheltenham Scout



Council (AGM) and elsewhere.

He was also a key player at the St. George's Renewal of Promises and Fun Day and is making good preparations for a public facing Demonstration of all things Scouting at Sandford Park planned for 8th September. I am sure he would appreciate a broad input of help with that from all of the Groups and Explorer Units!

Dave started his role as DYL this year on 24th January and over the 6 months he has been in role he has achieved a number of key tasks: -

- Visiting as many groups and ESU's as possible currently at 9.
- Helping to run Young Leader Training in the District.
- Supporting our ADC Activities to organise and run St Georges day 2024.
- Starting up new social media accounts to promote Scouting from a Youth Perspective.
- Creating a plan to implement a Youth Forum.
- Starting to create a small youth team to support myself.

Dave modestly states that, "however, all of this is much less than I wanted to achieve. So, moving forward with help from Cheltenham District, I am going to be pushing more youth lead events, currently we have two large events in the planning stages. I am going to support our IT/web team to help develop the District website and social media, as well as starting up the long-awaited youth forum. There will be a very public large scale St Georges day in 2025 to promote to the public and hopefully recruit more volunteers. I or another member of the youth team will have visited the remaining groups and ESU's. And many more exciting projects that are lined up.

The main takeaway from my first 6 month is I am now in place and known around District, I have found my feet and can move forward developing and engaging Cheltenham District with the mind set of young people first".

Recruitment Across the District

All Groups, except for 49th Cheltenham, have a Group Lead Volunteer in place, though 48th Cheltenham would benefit in being linked up as a satellite of another Group.

More new sections have been opened during the Year. This has also come with excellent leader growth across many but not all of the Groups.

Young people and Leader Recruitment

There has again been an exceptionally high level of enquiries across all sections with at least 200 enquires for Young People places being channelled centrally and no doubt many others besides across the Groups and also several leader enquiries over the past few months which is a most healthy sign!

Mandatory and Ongoing Training

I am pleased to report that across Cheltenham District that once again, we remain at 100% compliance across the areas of Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR, First Response and where necessary Trustee Training. We of course do however need to keep on top of this as many continually need to renew their Safety, Safeguarding and First Response Modules.

Called Home



It is my sad duty to report on a Scouter who has been called home in the past year, but there's much to give thanks for his life and he has left the world in a better place.

John Blackwell (7th Cheltenham) 1943 – 28th April 2023

John Blackwell died, aged 80, on Friday 28th April, after a considerable time in hospital with heart problems. John was Group Scout Leader at Charlton Kings for many years and gave over 25 years of service from April 1978 to May 2003.

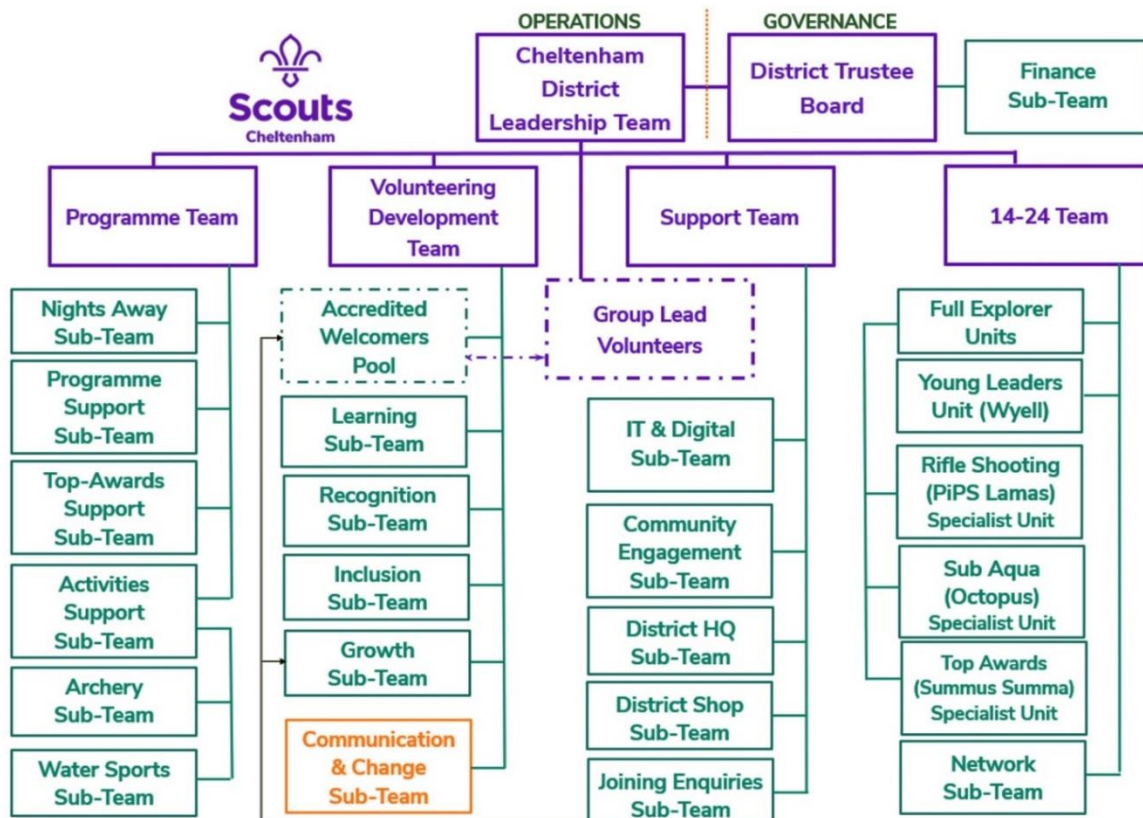
Upcoming Changes

We have been preparing hard for the much-promised Transformation of Scouts that will go alongside a new Digital Learning Programme.

For the Young People things will stay much as they know them but, in the background, significant improvements are being put in place for the Leaders to allow them to concentrate of delivering even better programmes without much of the administrative encumbrances of the old systems.

Essentially, we are moving from a role-based movement to one in which everyone will be able to take on tasks within new Teams. This will also make us more attractive to recruiting and then retaining volunteers as well as bring us into line with similar charity-based organisations.

For Cheltenham, our Organisational Structure will be as follows: -



Similar organisational charts are being developed by each of our Groups and those will be led by their Group Lead Volunteers.

More details of this including an overview of the plan to create a great volunteer experience can be found at the [Scout Testing Hub](#).

I must also thank as always Sarah Hick without whose careful consideration of all things Governance wise, we would not be in such a strong position, in spite of all that's been thrown at us during the various lockdowns and need for virtual meetings!

Godfrey Tarling

District Lead Volunteer - Cheltenham District Scouts

Diversity and Inclusion Report

Inclusion and Diversity is an odd sort of label to have. It includes so many diverse options it is difficult to know where to start.

Religious and Ethnic Diversity are more easily quantified than neuro-diversity as that should be coming in the group annual reports for headquarters. A quick glance around any District Event shows that our ethnic diversity is increasing slowly, which is a good thing, and from my own group I think we are dealing with an increase in neuro-diversity amongst the young people although it is a bit difficult to tell when we have very few diagnoses to help us.



One achievement this year is to produce some adult recruitment posters, all the same in content but all with one part being translated into another language. We have Polish, Arabic, Gujerati and Bangla. They are available on a shared drive so that all groups can print them out and get them displayed around the District. Other languages can be done if needed; just let us know.



Looking to the future, I would like to recruit a small team of people to help in a variety of ways e.g. I would like someone from the LGBTQ+ community to sort out a District presence at the annual Pride march. Maybe have a group of leaders from the LGBTQ+ community meet for mutual support and encouragement.

I have had a request for a District Polish-speaking meeting once a month (which would need a lot of sharing on OSM) but would be possible. We can start Scout groups along religious and/or ethnic groupings if the need is there, and they can produce the leaders.

Any other ideas please do feed them back to me. I can't do everything myself but am more than willing to co-opt people onto a team – the more there are, the less each person will need to do to bring an idea fruition.

We pride ourselves on our inclusivity and we do our best to make sure all our members can take part. There's a lot of flexibility within the Scouts programme to meet individual needs whatever they may be.

Wendy Binks

District Inclusion Lead

Squirrel Scout Report

At 1st Prestbury Squirrels we have had a great year filled with fun and adventures. In October we opened our second Squirrel drey which has been a great success...

But enough from the grown-ups, here's what the Squirrels think:

"I love squirrels because it has a big field and there's so much to do. I liked putting up the big tents and camping and getting badges. And I love we play so many games." - W

"Camping is the best part and I'm really looking forward to more. Having biscuits with stories and roasting marshmallows in campfire are my favourites" - S

"I really love crafting at Squirrels, especially when we use things we've collected from outside and paints from those big wooden boxes" - W

"Cat and mouse is my favourite game; I love camps and colouring". - C

"Outdoor games, camps and being a helper" - M

"My favourite thing has been camping at squirrels. I have also really enjoyed going to the fire station, cooking the marshmallows, painting the fairy doors, and coming to the scout hut every week being excited and happy that I'm going to have so much fun with everyone" - N

"Squirrels has made me braver and more confident, I love the camping" - T

"I love camping outside and the camp at the scout hut with no parents, the Teddy bears picnic was fun" - A

Between them, the Squirrels have earned 39 nights away stages in less than a year!

Chris Whisker

Section Leader – Squirrel Scouts, 1st Presbury



Beaver Scout Report



A snapshot of what one of our Beavers sections got up to this year (from 45th Cheltenham (Bethesda) Thursday Beavers.

We have had another busy year having fun indoors and out. Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer have seen us out and about. Parents have learnt quickly that a little rain doesn't stop Beaver activities and doesn't do anyone any harm as long as they have a coat, and emails are watched in case it makes it unsafe and therefore will be meeting in the hall.

To name but a few – Leckhampton Quarry putting together kit planes and flying.

Wide games at Crickley & Daisybank, Christmas Quiz in town ending at Charlies' chippy. Annual Sunday afternoon walk over the hills.

We have visited Pets @ Home, Fire Station and the theatre for the Panto.

Sleepovers this year have been Christmas themed at Cranham and St George at Cowley between them including – Fire lighting, marshmallows, campfire, carving, grass sledging and tunnels.

Beavers wore their uniforms to school on Founders Day and this sparked conversations on the different kneckers in the District. We were also invited to two different churches for Remembrance Sunday, Harvest and Mothering Sunday.

Several badges have been completed – watching Beavers work on their Teamwork Challenge was like watching a group of adults when everyone new best! One of our most recent badges this year was money matters, and they are still on the lookout for the new notes with King Charles on it.



Some Beavers have also tried water sports at AZTEC and climbing at 270.

With the Beavers having fun and working hard we have managed to award 8 Bronze Awards.

Tufty

Section Leader – 45th Cheltenham (Bethesda) Thursday Beavers

Cub Scout Report

A snapshot of what one of our Cub sections got up to this year (from 45th Cheltenham (Bethesda) Cubs). They enjoyed several visits and trips this term: -



- Chi Wai Family Martial Arts Centre
- Night Hike from Birdlip
- Bus Trip to Gloucester McDonalds
- Slot Car racing at Dowty Social Club
- Walking across the south Cheltenham fields
- Climbing wall at the Ladies College

They worked towards many badges

- Communicator
- Local Knowledge
- Astronomer
- International evening
- Environmental Conservation



The highlights have included: Fundraising and foodbank shopping at Morrisons, our annual night hike with sleepover, a Pack Holiday to Cranham Scout Centre to cover Chef and Scientist badges, and a Summer Camp to Biblins on the River Wye.

They have found time to light fires, roast marshmallows, cook pancakes over tealights, and play some of our favourite Wide Games like kick the log, capture the flag, and the post-box game.

Their core leadership team is supported by a supportive parent rota, and access to county resources like the Climbing team.



The majority of their Cubs have managed to achieve challenge awards and the Silver Chief Scout Award where appropriate.

Could you help at a Section like this?

Will Jenkins

Section Leader –45th Cheltenham (Bethesda) Cubs

Scouts Report

SCOUTS

This past year has been filled with excitement and adventure for Cheltenham Scouts with a varied array of camps and activities showcasing the incredible opportunities available. Here's a month-by-month glimpse of some of the highlights:



May: Survival Skills Weekend: Over the bank holiday weekend, Scouts from the 1st Swindon Village, 10th Cheltenham, and 1st Hatherley groups spent three days in glorious sunshine mastering survival basics. They learned how to skin a deer, prepare and cook squirrels and fish, signal with mirrors, eat raw nettles, bake bread on rocks - experiences seldom found in typical scout camps!

June: Strategy & Evolution Camp: Scouts from 15th Cheltenham and 41st Cheltenham enjoyed an action-packed Strategy weekend in Cirencester Park with over 3,000 other Scouts. They competed in challenges and enjoying craft stalls, fairs, cinema and other entertainment.

July/August: Haarlem Jamborette: Scouts from the 1st Hatherley and 1st Swindon Village Groups had an unforgettable experience at the Haarlem Jamborette near Amsterdam. Joining 3,500 international Scouts, they spent twelve days immersed in a whirlwind of Scouting activities, cultural exchanges, festive celebrations, making friends from around the world and gaining cultural insights.



September: Scout Air Camp at Vale of White Gliding Centre: Scouts from 1st Swindon Village, 15th Cheltenham, and 1st Cheltenham took to the skies at the Vale of White Gliding Centre. This event provided a rare chance to learn about navigation and aerodynamics, experience flight firsthand, and appreciate the beauty of the Gloucestershire landscape from above.

October: Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) and Jamboree On The Air (JOTA): Scouts from Leckhampton joined the JOTI & JOTA, the largest digital and radio Scouting event worldwide. They communicated with Scouts across the globe and were introduced to antennas and VHF radio bands, setting them on a path to earning their amateur radio licences.

November: Try Dive: An Introduction to Scuba Diving: The 1st Swindon Village and 15th Cheltenham groups explored the underwater world with introductory scuba diving sessions. The Try Dive sessions allowed Scouts to learn the basics of scuba diving in a safe and controlled environment. Their next steps are to work towards gaining their Open Water Scuba Diver qualification, which one Scout from Swindon Village achieved in the summer of 2023, going down 12 metres at the dive site at Cromhall.

December /January /February Cotswold Marathon: With practice hikes in December and to hone their navigation skills, Scouts were well-prepared February's Cotswold Marathon, a challenging 10-mile night hike. Scouts from 41st Cheltenham (winners of the Male Trophy Award), 15th Cheltenham, and 1st Cheltenham groups successfully navigated through the dark, demonstrating resilience and teamwork to complete the course.



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March: Badge Course Weekend: In early March, Scouts from across Cheltenham come together for a Badge Course Weekend at Cranham, where they earned badges in Electronics, Science, and Forestry. Activities ranged from building trebuchets and buzzer circuits to coppicing and making charcoal.

From essential survival skills to diving into new hobbies and from local hikes to international jamborees, Scouting in Cheltenham offers something for everyone, made possible by our dedicated team of volunteer leaders, a huge thank you!

Louise Slee and Shane Gough

Co-Assistant District Lead Volunteers (Scouts)

Explorer Scouts Report



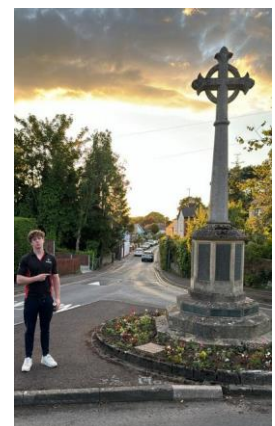
brings its own style to every event, while Devil's Chimney ESU were raving to The Beast's Roman Disco in their Hawaiian shirts, No Name ESU are pictured here chilling in their mess tent. They say a dog often reflects the personality of their owner; I wonder if the same is true of Explorer Scouts & Leaders?

Whether raving, chilling, or fulfilling our duty at the more formal occasions, representation is what counts, and all District units have made an excellent effort. This last year was no different, with all units maintaining their commitment to step up when required. Remembrance Parade as always was well attended by Explorers who also played their part in order of service distribution.

EXPLORERS

Explorers in the District have been busy this last year; learning new skills, making new friends, achieving great things, sharing their experience.

New into the role of District Explorer Scout Commissioner last Autumn, it has been a great pleasure to catch up with each District Unit and meet the explorers. I have observed how each unit



Food seems to feature heavily across all the units, this suggests that the Explorers are maintaining a strong input towards their programme direction – “Youth Led”. While the explorers attempt to disguise their appetite as “ready-steady-cook”, “MasterChef” or even “Morse signalling”, some of the consumption is more blatant – how else do you obfuscate pancake night? Although, these explorer leaders, Luke & Jess (pictured), were not shy about combining syrup with Biscoff.



However much the Explorers try to incorporate food into their programmes, the Explorer Leaders across the District certainly doing an excellent job of putting the carrots on sticks. As a DESC fully on board with the Explorers’ desire for consumption, I have been delighted to sample many creations at each unit and inspired by ESLs ensuring a healthy skills transfer.

Some of what I have sampled:



No Name: Pizzas on an open fire, pictured.

Enigma: Mince Pies and something mulled

Top Awards: Trangia ‘chocolate and oat mush’

Adders Tongue ESU: Satellite Dish Sausages

Devil’s Chimney ESU: A BBQ!

Black Sheep ESU: I think the hamsters were eating all the food, luckily, I arrived with some chips.

All units are well attended, and we would welcome more adult leaders to make sure that all Scouts have an Explorer Unit to move to. ENIGMA ESU had its first birthday in the year. It started with 6 members in 2023 and by March 2024 had 17 members.



Phil Horsfield

District Explorer Scout Commissioner

PiPs Llamas Explorer Shooting

During the last year PiPs has continued to support shooting both within the District and also throughout the County. At our regular Thursday evening sessions at Prestbury we have had a good attendance with Explorers and older Scouts from as far afield as Churchdown and Bishops Cleeve.

We were also able to support Wooton-under-Edge Scouts. Entering the postal first stage of the competition just for the experience they found themselves in the Shoulder-to-Shoulder final of a National Schools Competition held in Cannock. To further their skills and experience I coached them at Wycliffe College, and they attended both a PiPs evening and had a private visit to Prestbury just before the Final.



Shooting sessions were held at Enigma ESU and Black Sheep ESU. All the range equipment was transported to Leckhampton on one occasion to allow all the 30 Scouts shoot as part of their normal weekly program. Similarly, Woodmancote Scouts Came to Prestbury for a dedicated evening where 32 Scouts were able to shoot. Hard work for the instructors in a 2-hour session.

Within PiPs two of our instructors, Neil Hatton and Andrew Butcher, have gained Pistol Instructor qualifications by attending a one-day conversion course at Kinver. Of our regular attendees at PiPs, Sam T, Rhys W, and Lana M are being coached by the national squad instructors. Sam and Rhys soon to turn 18 are intending to join network to continue shooting at PiPs and are considering becoming instructors.

During the next year we hope to expand our offering to include 3 position shooting. To do this will be seeking Grant aid to buy extra equipment for Slings, mitts, hand stops and other small items of equipment.

Neil Hatton

County Shooting Advisor

Wyll Young Leaders Unit

The Wyell Unit continues to be well attended by Explorer Scouts from Cheltenham and other Districts where they don't provide Young Leader Training. There have been six Young Leader Awards presented during the year as well as the first three BTEC Diplomas. The County is looking to extend the BTEC programme in the coming year to offer this nationally recognised qualification to all Young Leaders and Explorer Scouts who are in Year 12 or 13 (or the equivalent at College or in an Apprenticeship).



We have published a full programme of Modules for the coming year, and I ask anyone who has Explorer Scouts helping as Young Leaders to encourage them to attend these training sessions.

I am very grateful to Ryan Watkins and to David Cronk for their excellent support at our Wyell meetings.

I am also most grateful to Derek Newman who has moved on to take up a County Role after leading Wyell for many years. He laid good foundations and saw many a Young Leader learn and achieve their aims and be set up for taking their turn at giving back to others!

Chris Brewster

ESL Young Leaders

Training Report

Once again, we have seen many new leaders join Cheltenham Scouts and again this has kept the Training Team busy with validations and support.



As usual the County Training Team has held a variety of modules either face to face or online. 6-hour First Response sessions have been held in many parts of the County with several being held here in Cheltenham.

Validation Session information has been sent to all leaders and this has seen some success with the drop-in system. Training Advisers have also met with new leaders during their Section sessions, and this has proved quite popular.

Many leaders have completed Modules 1 -3 and Safeguarding, Safety and GDPR thus completing "Getting Started". We have also seen a good number of leaders gaining their Wood Badge. At this time, we are still offering to meet with leaders for validation either face-to-face or on Zoom.

Change is coming and Training will become Digital Learning and the system we know now will no longer be the same. For those having gained the Wood Badge and completed Getting Started there will be no change. Those part way through training will need to look at the new system to see how they can continue with Learning.

It just remains for me to thank the Training Advisers for all the time they give to meet with and validate new leaders.

Pat Hopes

District Local Training Manager

Appointments Committee Report

We continue to see some good work from the proactive GLVs in the District in ensuring their new volunteers are up to speed and inducted well.

A steady stream of new adult volunteers continues to come through the appointments process.

We continue to offer in-person welcome conversations at District HQ and Bethesda Church, in addition to online Zoom meetings for greater flexibility.

The Advisory Appointments Panels Team is still small, but we are pleased to welcome a further member who is in an active scouting role, which should help the transition to the new process, when GLVs will take the lead to organise the welcome conversation supported by another adult in a similar role in the local area.

Generally new adults seem to welcome the chance to meet with folk outside their immediate setting - to hear about broader topics in Scouting in the District and be reassured with regards to commitments and procedures. Our in-person events enable a separate conversation with a training manager/advisor which also seems welcome to navigate the complexity of adult training.

Will Jenkins

Chair of District Appointments Committee

Cheltenham Network Report

Whilst we have been searching all year for District Network Scout Commissioners to support all our Network Young People and join the District Team, this task is due under Transformation to be brought into one Team for the 14 – 25-Year-old Provisions and is therefore set to be picked up by the current DESC, whose responsibilities will be accordingly widened.

District Scout Active Support Report

Whilst we have been searching for a replacement District Active Support Manager to join the District Team this area of Scouting is set to be brought into the mainstream and all Active Support Members will be automatically moved to new Tasks or reappointed to new responsibilities as detailed in the new District Organogram.



Property and Equipment Sub-Committee Report

We are still in negotiation with Cheltenham Borough Council for a Lease of the District Headquarters in Brooklyn Road. This will, once it is in place, give the District a tenancy for ten years.

Once this has been finalised, we are going to have a programme of improvements to the premises both inside and outside.

Pat Hopes

Chair Property and Equipment Sub-Committee

District Stores Report

The Cheltenham District Quartermaster is proud of the progress made in the past year. A key focus has been on enhancing equipment accessibility, supporting local groups, and contributing to wider Scouting activities.



By implementing innovative systems, supporting major events, and expanding equipment resources, a significant impact has been made on the Scouting experience for District members. The aim is to continue providing high-quality equipment and services that empower groups to deliver exceptional youth activities beyond their regular meetings.

A New Era in Kit Management - The introduction of the CQMS online booking platform has transformed kit management within the District. This system has streamlined the requisition, allocation, and return of equipment, ensuring efficient resource utilization. CQMS has significantly improved kit availability for groups, providing greater flexibility and control over equipment needs.

Support of major events - The District's commitment to supporting Scouting events is exemplified by contributions to Haarlem Jamborette 2023 and the Cotswold Marathon 2024. Kit was provided to equip 70 participants for Haarlem Jamborette, demonstrating the ability to support large-scale international events. For the Cotswold Marathon, essential water carriers and supplies were supplied to bases along the course, ensuring the event's smooth operation.



A strategy of equipment acquisition and expansion has yielded impressive results. At Strategy and Evolution 2024, a record-breaking number of over 10 tents of various sizes, ranging from 2-man to 6-man, were hired out. This demonstrates the District's growing ability

to support large-scale camping activities. Furthermore, a strong network of contacts, developed over the past three years, has facilitated kit transfers between Cheltenham and



other Scout groups, such as Roverway 2024 and Essex International 2024. This collaborative approach maximizes resource utilization and strengthens inter-district relationships.

If your group has any specific kit requirements for upcoming activities please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Quartermaster at quartermaster@cheltenham-scouts.org.uk. We are always looking for ways to improve our equipment inventory to better serve the needs of our Scouting community.

Jamie Davies

District Quartermaster

Finance Report as of 31st March 2024

The financial statements represent the accounts of the District Central Funds and those of the Explorer Scout Units as required by POR and the Charities Commission



Other than the usual utility expenses, expenditure has been kept to the minimum. The District has once again paid for Online Scout Manager so that all Groups and Units can benefit from using it. This helps with the Group and Unit administration and the sharing of information and events.

We have again insured the watercraft in March 2024 however, as the watercraft responsibility has been taken over by a specialist group within the District this will be refunded to the extent that the craft are let out to Groups and Units over the 2024 “wet” season.

Many thanks to Elaine for keeping the District supplied with uniforms and badges. The shop is open every Thursday evening and the first Saturday in the month during term time. The Scout shop has continued to be well used, although not to the same extent as last year possibly reflecting that there is more availability of uniform and badges online. There has been a further clearance of old stock and badges and, with careful stocking by Elaine, stock turnover has again improved. Despite the lower sales, we have increased the profitability.

We have been in negotiation with Cheltenham Borough Council for the lease of the District Headquarters which ended in September 2022. We have enjoyed a peppercorn rent for the land since the HQ was built in the early 60's. Sadly, this peppercorn rent is unlikely to be enjoyed going forward and therefore there will be a cost which we have estimated and reflected in the last two years membership fees. We will of course closely monitor all expenses and hope to keep costs as low as possible. Once the lease negotiations have concluded, we are looking at making improvements to the fabric of the HQ, which will make it more appealing to be used for Group/Unit, District and County events.

With the increased membership fee in 2023 (reflected in these accounts), the District has returned to profitability, albeit small – our aim is to break even and so will be able to hold the District portion of the membership fee for March 2025 at the March 2024 level.

From a finance team point of view, we are now seeking new members of the finance team to move forward in the new financial year, we would love to see some of our younger members and volunteers from the Groups and Units to join us in guiding the District through the hurdles of managing its finances. As a volunteer for the team, you do not have to be an accountant or even a bookkeeper, what we would like is people that can think outside of the box, are a team player and want to see Scouting in Cheltenham prosper.

Pat Hopes
Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of Charity's Trusts:	Cheltenham District Scout Council is a Registered Charity, Charity Number 1021577
Type of Governing Document	<p>The Scout Association exists by authority of a Royal Charter, granted by King George V in 1912 and supplemented by further Charters granted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.</p> <p>These Charters give authority to the Bye Laws of the Association, which are approved by His Majesty's Privy Council.</p> <p>The Bye Laws, in turn, authorise the making of rules for the regulation of the Association's affairs, and thereby give authority for the Rules printed in Policy, Organisation and Rules.</p>
Patron of Scouts UK	His Majesty King Charles III is the Patron of The Scout Association.
How is the charity constituted?	The Cheltenham District Scout Council works within the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association with local application set out in its own constitution, the latest dated June 2024.
Trustee selection methods including details of any Constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Trustee Board exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment. • Members of the District Trustee Board must act collectively as charity trustees of the Scout District, and in the best interests of its members to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. • protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by 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 via the Operations Team appropriate fundraising activities. • ensure effective Governance of Explorer Scouts and Scout Network in the District. • promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area. • manage and implement the Safety and Safeguarding Policies locally. • ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the Local Community. • appoint and manage the administration of any sub-Committees, including appointing Chairs to lead each 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, and Scout Network in the District as necessary.
- appoint and manage the operation of a District Appointments Committee and its Advisory Appointment Panels, including appointing an Appointments Chair to lead it (noting that after Transformation this will change to a new 'Welcoming Conversations' Procedure).
- supervising the Governance of Groups, particularly in relation to Finance and the Trusteeship of property.

The District Trustee Board must also:

- appoint Administrators, Advisers, and Co-opted members to the District Trustee Board.
- prepare and approve the Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts after the examination of the accounts by an appropriate auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer.
- present the approved Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the District Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting; file a copy with the County District Trustee Board; and if a registered charity, to submit them to the appropriate charity regulator.
- maintain confidentiality with regard to appropriate District Trustee Board business.
- where staff are employed, act as a responsible employer in accordance with Scouting's values and relevant legislation.
- ensure line management responsibilities for employed staff are clearly established and communicated.

In the year, the District Trustee Board consisted of: -

Ex officio members

- The District Lead Volunteer
- The District Youth Lead

Elected members

- The District Chair
- The District Treasurer
- Further Persons Approved at the District Annual Scout Council (Annual General Meeting).
- The further persons elected must not exceed four in number.
- May be approved at each District Annual Scout Council but may not serve more than 9 consecutive years as members of the District Trustee Board.

	<p>Co-opted members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons co-opted annually by the District Trustee Board. The number of co-opted members must not exceed the number of members that are elected. • Co-opted members shall serve until the Annual General Meeting next after their co-option. • A co-opted member shall be eligible for re-co-option. <p>From 1st April 2024, Trustee Boards are making changes to their membership. These include how Trustees are appointed, term limits, who can be a Trustee and how many Trustees they have.</p> <p>Trustee appointments - Trustee Boards will agree on an open selection process to recruit new Trustees. The Chair, Treasurer and Trustees are all appointed at Annual General Meetings (AGMs) by the Scout Council, based on the outcome of this selection process.</p> <p>Ex officio Trustees - Ex officio Trustees are automatically members of Trustee Boards because of their roles in Scouts. The ex officio Trustee roles are District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Lead.</p> <p>Co-opted Trustees - Trustee Boards can also co-opt members throughout the year. Co-opted Trustees may be chosen to do a particular task, or to bring new skills to the mix. There can't be more co-opted Trustees than appointed Trustees (excluding the Chair and Treasurer).</p> <p>Trustee Board size. - Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 members. This allows for a variety of viewpoints without making decision-making difficult. It also follows the Charity Governance Code's recommendation.</p> <p>Trustee term limits - Trustee Board membership will refresh as of the 2024 AGMs. New term limits won't include any previous service as a Trustee: current Trustees, regardless of how long they have been a member of a District Trustee Board already, will start a new term (of up to 9 years) at the next AGM in 2024.</p> <p>Appointed Trustees are appointed for up to three years and can be re-appointed (by approval of the Scout Council at the AGM).</p> <p>Co-opted Trustees are appointed for an initial period of one year (by the Trustee Board). They can stay on longer if agreed by the Trustee Board, but it's a good idea for co-opted Trustees to move onto being appointed Trustees at the next AGM.</p>
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	<p>Trustees may only be on the same Trustee Board for a maximum of nine years, before taking a break of at least three years. This applies to any role, but not ex officio Trustees (Lead Volunteer or Youth Lead).</p> <p>To bring Scouts in line with Charity sector good practice, the Trustee role of Secretary as the administrator will cease.</p>
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Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year
Peter J Aylott	Elected Member	Appointed 19 th September 2023
Wendy Binks	Elected Member	
David F Cronk	District Youth Lead	Appointed 24 th January 2024
David G Hall	Elected Member	
Ann BD Haseler	Secretary	
Sarah A Hick	Chairman	
Neil A Hatton	DESC	Left 15 th September 2023
Patricia (Pat) A Hopes	Treasurer	
Phil A Horsfield	DESC	Appointed 15 th September 2023
Godfrey Tarling	District Lead Volunteer	

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities in respect of the Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the trust for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees confirm that:

- selects suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- makes judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- states whether the recommendations of the SORP FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- states whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepares the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable trust's website.

The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable trust's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sarah Hick	Godfrey Tarling
	District Chairman	District Lead Volunteer
	13 August 2024	

Independent Examiner's Report

CHELTENHAM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st March 2024

I report on the accounts of Cheltenham District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages [26] to [34].

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the regulations made under section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable trust and the charity's trustees, as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of institute of chartered accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charitable trust is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1)(a) of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the statement of recommended practice: accounting and reporting by Charities.
- have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ben Hall FCA

millhall consultants limited,
Chartered Accountants
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13 August 2024

Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	2024	2024	2024 Total	2023	2023	2023 Total
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	funds £
Incoming resources							
Income from:							
Membership fees	3	10,280		10,280	7,388		7,388
Donations and grants	3	109		109	198		198
Covid grant	3	-		-	-		-
Charitable activities:							
Explorer Scout Units	4	19,199		19,199	17,235		17,235
Youth programme and activities	4	1,384		1,384	-		-
Adult support and training	4	-		-	-		-
Trading activities	4	8,545		8,545	10,196		10,196
Investment income	3	349		349	188		188
Rental income	3	1,765		1,765	2,195		2,195
Total		41,631	-	41,631	37,400	-	37,400
Resources expended							
Expenditure on:							
Trading activities	4	6,115		6,115	8,864		8,864
Charitable activities:							
Explorer Scout Units	4	17,024		17,024	17,917		17,917
Youth programme and activities	4	3,225		3,225	3,410		3,410
Adult support and training	4	-		-	245		245
Donations made	5	19		19	28		28
Support and services to the movement	5	430		430	542		542
District HQ expenses	5	10,085		10,085	9,233		9,233
Governance costs	5	458		458	501		501
Total		37,356	-	37,356	40,740	-	40,740
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds							
		4,275	-	4,275	(3,340)	-	(3,340)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward	12	98,013	648	98,661	101,353	648	102,001
Total funds carried forward	12	102,288	648	102,936	98,013	648	98,661

Balance sheet

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	9,247	-	9,247	10,977	-	10,977
Total fixed assets	9,247	-	9,247	10,977	-	10,977
Current assets						
Stocks	3,392	-	3,392	2,974	-	2,974
Debtors	11,352	-	11,352	5,800	-	5,800
Cash at bank and in hand	161,595	1,348	162,943	142,457	1,348	143,805
Total current assets	176,339	1,348	177,687	151,231	1,348	152,579
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	83,998	-	83,998	64,895	-	64,895
Net current assets/(liabilities)	92,341	1,348	93,689	86,336	1,348	87,684
Total net assets or liabilities	101,588	1,348	102,936	97,313	1,348	98,661
Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds		1,348	1,348		1,348	1,348
Designated funds	69,639		69,639	69,305		69,305
General funds	31,949		31,949	28,008		28,008
Total funds	101,588	1,348	102,936	97,313	1,348	98,661

Signed on behalf of all the trustees on 13 August 2024

Sarah Hick
District Chairman



Godfrey Tarling
District Lead Volunteer



Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1 January 2019
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Note 2 Accounting policies

Recognition of income These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- District Chairman**
- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
 - it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
 - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 to 5.19 FRS 102 SORP).

Contractual income and Donated goods This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

Support costs Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from membership subscriptions Membership subscriptions are recognised in the year to which they relate. Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Creditors The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for liabilities A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Basic financial instruments

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost.

The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 7.

Stocks and work in progress Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.

Debtors Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Current asset investments The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 3 Analysis of income		2024	2024	2024 Total	2023	2023	2023 Total
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	funds
Analysis		£			£		
Voluntary income:	Donations and grants	109	-	109	198	-	198
	Total	109	-	109	198	-	198
Membership income:	Membership subscriptions						
	Group	60,668	-	60,668	53,076	-	53,076
	County	(50,388)	-	(50,388)	(45,688)	-	(45,688)
Total	10,280	-	10,280	7,388	-	7,388	
Income from investments:	Interest income	349	-	349	188	-	188
	Total	349	-	349	188	-	188
Separate material item of income:	Rental income	1,765	-	1,765	2,195	-	2,195
	Covid grants	-	-	0	0	-	0
	Total	1,765	-	1,765	2,195	-	2,195

Note 4 Analysis of activities and programmes		2024 surplus/ (deficit)	2024 Income	2024 Expenditure	2023 surplus/ (deficit)	2023 Income	2023 Expenditure
Analysis							
Explorer Scout Units:	ESU Octopus*	210	3,000	2,790	195	2,273	2,078
	ESU Shooting Group*	(93)	671	764	60	823	763
	ESU Black Sheep	(421)	2,383	2,804	(287)	3,245	3,532
	ESU Devil's Chimney	608	5,245	4,637	1,647	6,711	5,064
	ESU Adders Tongue	435	3,393	2,958	875	2,148	1,273
	ESU Adders Tongue - membership fees not collected	-	-	-	(920)	-	920
	ESU Enigma	1,436	4,507	3,071	1,136	2,030	894
	ESU Bob's Dinosaurs (closed unit)	-	-	-	(3,388)	5	3,393
	Total	2,175	19,199	17,024	(682)	17,235	17,917
Youth programme and activities:	Explorer Scouts general	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Young Leaders	(68)	-	68	(40)	-	40
	Top Awards	-	700	700	-	-	-
	Waters Sports	(1,772)	625	2,397	-	-	-
	World Scout Jamboree	-	-	-	(1,410)	-	1,410
	St Georges Day	59	59	-	-	-	-
	Big Help Out	(60)	-	60	-	-	-
	Water equipment insurance	-	-	-	(1,534)	-	1,534
District activities	-	-	-	(426)	-	426	
Total	(1,841)	1,384	3,225	(3,410)	-	3,410	
Adult support and	Training	-	-	-	(245)	-	245
	Total	-	-	-	(245)	-	245
Trading activities:	Scout Shop	2,430	8,545	6,115	1,332	10,196	8,864
	Total	2,430	8,545	6,115	1,332	10,196	8,864

* Membership of a full Scout Explorer Unit or Scout Unit is required

Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 5 Analysis of expenditure

	2024 Unrestricted funds	2023 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Analysis of donations made		
Poppy Wreath Appeal	19	28
Total	19	28

Support and services to the movement

Printing, postage and stationery	-	-
Other expenses	241	319
Depreciation district equipment	189	223
Total	430	542

District HQ expenses

Maintenance	2,114	650
Rent	2,000	2,000
Insurance	1,106	1,469
Electricity	1,058	949
Water rates	368	518
Council tax	63	120
Depreciation HQ fixtures and fittings	128	142
MP Licence	329	299
WiFi	403	403
Online Scout Manager	2,516	2,683
Total	10,085	9,233

Governance expenses

Independent examiner fee	425	425
AGM and other governance expenses	33	76
Total	458	501

Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure

Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024 Unrestricted funds	2023 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees Current year	425	425

Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation

	Leasehold land & buildings	HQ fixtures and fittings	District equipment	Water sports equipment	ESU Shooting Group equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 31 March 2023	-	5,120	8,782	28,441	3,250	45,593
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	0	5,120	8,782	28,441	3,250	45,593

Depreciation

Basis	Reducing balance	Reducing balance	Reducing balance	Straight line		
Rate	10%	15%	15%	10-20%		
At 31 March 2023	-	3,841	7,520	20,210	3,045	34,616
Depreciation	-	128	189	1,358	55	1,730
On disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	3,969	7,709	21,568	3,100	36,346

Net book value

At 31 March 2023	-	1,279	1,262	8,231	205	10,977
At 31 March 2024	-	1,151	1,073	6,873	150	9,247

The building was commissioned by 16th Cheltenham Scout Group and passed to the Cheltenham Scout Council on the closure of that Group in 2004/05. The land was leased from the St Marks and Hesters Way Community Centre and the lease runs consecutively with a lease the Community Centre have granted to them by Cheltenham Borough Council. This lease expired in September 2022. The District is currently negotiating a lease directly with Cheltenham Borough Council.

It has been decided not to incur professional fees to ascertain the leasehold market value. The current insurance value is £207,200 (2023: £185,000)

Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 8 Shop

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Sales	8,545	10,196
Cost of sales		
Opening shop stock	2,974	3,395
Purchases	6,145	8,031
Closing shop stock	(3,392)	(2,974)
	5,727	8,452
Gross profit	2,818	1,744
Other shop costs	388	412
Net profit/(loss) from shop	2,430	1,332

Note 9 Debtors and prepayments

	2024+B57:B67 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Membership fees	-	-
ESU prepayments	5,935	1,660
Other debtors and prepayments	5,417	4,140
	11,352	5,800

Note 10 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Current account	137,577	118,632
Savings accounts	10,650	15,735
Cash on hand - Scout shop	25	25
Explorer Shooting Group account	2,766	3,099
ESU Black Sheep	1,287	1,723
ESU Devil's Chimney	1,955	2,587
ESU Adders Tongue	3,718	868
ESU Bob's Dinosaurs	-	-
ESU Enigma	4,965	1,136
Total	162,943	143,805

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

Amounts falling due within one year

Analysis of creditors and deferred income

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Membership subscriptions in advance - Groups	65,744	57,195
Accruals - HQ	8,821	5,216
Accruals - ESU	9,010	1,971
Course fees in advance - ESU Octopus	423	513
Total	83,998	64,895

Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 12 Charity funds
Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances 31 March 2023 £	Surplus/ (deficit) £	Transfers £	Fund balances 31 March 2024 £
General funds:					
General fund		14,964	3,941		18,905
ESU general		13,044			13,044
		28,008	3,941	0	31,949
Designated funds:					
Renovation fund	Property renovation	41,183	-	-	41,183
Active support fund	Active support and fellowship	2,455	-	-	2,455
Fete and fun day	Fete and fund day	1,709	-	-	1,709
ESU Octopus	Scuba diving courses	433	210		643
ESU Shooting Group	ESU	2,902	(93)		2,809
ESU Black Sheep	ESU	1,724	(421)		1,303
ESU Devil's Chimney	ESU	2,676	608		3,284
ESU Adders Tongue	ESU	868	435		1,303
ESU Bob's Dinosaurs (Closed unit)	ESU	-	-		0
ESU Enigma	ESU	1,136	1,436		2,572
ESU Top Awards	ESU	-	-		0
Watersports SASU	SASU	-	1,772		(1,772)
Sun Run/Malvern Challenge	District activities	14,219	(69)		14,150
		69,305	334	0	69,639
Restricted funds:					
ESU training	Provision of training course for ESU	500	-	-	500
St George's Bursary	Provision of uniform etc	648	-	-	648
Mental health training	Provision of mental health training courses for volunteers	200	-	-	200
		1,348	-	-	1,348
Total Funds		98,661	4,275	-	102,936

Transfers:

Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 12 Charity funds

Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances	Surplus/	Transfers	Fund balances
		31 March 2022	(deficit)		31 March 2023
		£	£	£	£
General funds:					
General fund		16,411	(3,777)	2,330	14,964
ESU general		(4,344)	-	17,388	13,044
		12,067	(3,777)	19,718	28,008
Designated funds:					
Renovation fund	Property renovation	41,183	-	-	41,183
Active support fund	Active support and fellowship	2,455	-	-	2,455
Fete and fun day	Fete and fund day	1,709	-	-	1,709
ESU Octopus	Scuba diving courses	239	194	-	433
ESU Shooting Group	ESU	2,842	60	-	2,902
ESU Black Sheep	ESU	2,011	(287)	-	1,724
ESU Devil's Chimney	ESU	1,029	1,647	-	2,676
ESU Adders Tongue	ESU	(6)	874	-	868
ESU Bob's Dinosaurs (Closed unit)	ESU	21,495	(3,187)	(18,308)	0
ESU Enigma	ESU	0	1,136	-	1,136
Sun Run/Malvern Challenge	District activities	15,629	-	(1,410)	14,219
		88,586	437	(19,718)	69,305
Restricted funds:					
ESU training	Provision of training course for ESU	500	-	-	500
St George's Bursary	Provision of uniform etc	648	-	-	648
Mental health training	Provision of mental health training courses for volunteers	200	-	-	200
		1,348	-	-	1,348
Total Funds		102,001	(3,340)	-	98,661

Transfers:

Allocate World Scout Jamboree sponsorship from Sun Run/Malvern Challenge Move ESU Bob's Dinosaurs reserves to ESU General as a closed unit Take ESU unpaid membership fees from ESU general reserve

1,410
18,308
920

Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 12 Charity funds

Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Purpose and Restrictions

Fund names		Fund balances 31-Mar-21 £	Surplus/ (deficit) £	Transfers £	Fund balances 31-Mar-22 £
General funds:					
General fund		22,014	5,064	-10,667	16,411
ESU general		-4,344	-	-	-4,344
		17,670	5,064	-10,667	12,067
Designated funds:					
Renovation fund	Property renovation	30,516	-	10,667	41,183
Active support fund	Active support and fellowship	2,091	-	-	2,091
Fete and fun day	Fete and fund day	1,709	-	-	1,709
Active support	Active support and fellowship	364	-	-	364
ESU Octopus	Scuba diving courses	724	-485	-	239
ESU Shooting Group	ESU	2,836	6	-	2,842
ESU Black Sheep	ESU	2,128	-117	-	2,011
ESU Devil's Chimney	ESU	1,210	-181	-	1,029
ESU Adders Tongue	ESU	-158	152	-	-6
ESU Bob's Dinosaurs	ESU	23,650	-2,155	-	21,495
Sun Run/Malvern Challenge	District activities	15,629	-	-	15,629
		80,699	-2,780	10,667	88,586
Restricted funds:					
ESU training	Provision of training course for ESU	500	-	-	500
St George's Bursary	Provision of uniform etc	0	648	-	648
Mental health training		200	-	-	200
		700	648	-	1,348
Total Funds		99,069	2,932	-	102,001

Transfers:

Covid grants to the renovation fund for future property improvements

10,667
