

Trustees Annual Report **For the financial year ending 31st March 2023**

Charity Name: Maidstone East District Scout Council
Charity Number 1022013

The District Trustee Board

District Chair	Pam Mead
District Commissioner	Linda Waring
District Treasurer	Patrick Mayo
District Secretary	Ian Wickenden
DECS	Mark Price
District Youth Commissioner	Vacant
District Network Commissioner	Ben Homewood
Trustee	Julie McGowan
Trustee	Jane Griffiths
Trustee	Matthew Paramor
Trustee	Victoria Bagley

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

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

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

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board. The members of which are the charity trustees of the 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 board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the individual section leader Explorer Units and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Essential Information, Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and Trustee Introduction training within the first 5 months of joining the Board.

The District Trustee Board exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of property, if applicable
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment, where appropriate
- The administration of District finance
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required

- Appointing Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected

Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and where comprehensive insurance cover is provided by the Scout Association.

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 – 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

Maidstone East District encourages both young people and adults to challenge themselves to explore new and exciting activities within their sections and overseas. Where appropriate the district will make a financial contribution.

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.

Recent changes in management of the District is a continuing process as appropriate

Financial Review

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District to support its member Groups should anything happen to require such support.

Income and Expenditure is monitored regularly, reconciled monthly and reported to every meeting of the Trustee Board.

The Trustee Board ensured that the Districts HQ was fit for purpose which incurred extra expense in this financial year. This enable the building to be used for more activities plus more units using the facilities on a weekly basis.

Future plans are to increase usage of the HQ. Growth in the district will increase in 2023/24 having opened 3 new sections called Drey's for 4-6 years old in February 2023 and a further 2 will be opened in September 2023. As well as reducing waiting lists by recruiting new leaders

The Trust continues to keep up to date with the governance in the district for the young people and leaders.

Pamela Mead

Chair
Trustee Board

24 August 2023

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1/4/2022	T o	31/3/2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
District membership subscriptions	34,062	30,312
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	31,525	29,156
Net membership subscriptions retained by District	2,536	1,156
Donations	10,309	16,722
Gift Aid		
World Jamboree 2023	12,528	5,516
Explorer Unit Subscriptions	8,145	
Other similar income	3,883	8,503
Sub total	37,401	31,897
Grants		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants	3,465	20
Sub total	3,465	20
Fundraising (gross)		
Detail 2 - Gang show	14,217	1,526
Detail 3- Camp fees & sundry receipts	15,053	7,748
Other fundraising activities	3,776	9,411
Sub total	33,046	18,685
Investment income		
Bank Interest		
Building Society interest	95	1
The scout Association Short-Term Investment Service	909	156
Property Rent income	1,455	750
Other investment income		
Sub total	2,459	907
Total Gross Income	76,371	51,509
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	76,371	51,509

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	5,080	4,020
Adult support and training		2,681
Explorer Unit Subscriptions	2,912	
Rent	675	218
Water and Sewerage	1,046	874
Electricity and Gas	3,977	1,833
Insurance + Administration	5,781	4,695
Repairs and Renewals	18,973	10,562
Site Security	383	-
Materials and equipment	1,167	306
World Jamboree 2023	15,500	2,660
Eurojam Refunds	80	784
Donations	546	2,550
AGM and trustee expenses	214	702
Other costs detail 1 - Badges purchase / Network scarves	2,784	2,973
Other costs detail 2 - St. George's Day	387	5,155
Other costs detail 3 - Change of deposits receive/allocated	1,410	
Sub total	60,915	40,013
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1 - Camps	462	
Detail 2 - Gang show	13,155	2,822
Detail 3		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	13,617	2,822
Total Gross Expenditure	74,532	42,835
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	74,532	42,835
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,839	8,674
Cash funds last year end	118,741	110,067
Cash funds this year end	120,580	118,741

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank Current account	51,838	65,173
Bank deposit account	5,020	26,495
Building society account	17,996	7,550
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	45,481	19,076
Cash/Floats	193	447
Total cash funds	120,528	118,741
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim		-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-
Insurance claim		-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property		-
Quoted investments		-
Other investments		-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	2,984	
Shop stock	225	225
Other Stock		
Land and Buildings	170,000	170,000
Motor vehicles	500	500
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	11,000	11,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	184,709	181,725
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	153	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		
Subscriptions not yet paid		
Deposits held for 2023-2024	575	
Loan - detail		
Other liabilities		1,935
Sub total	728	1,935

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

Signature

<i>P J Mead</i>
<i>P M Mayo</i>

Print Name

P J MEAD	Chair
P M MAYO	Treasurer

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

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Maidstone East 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 Maidstone East 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 Maidstone East 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: NICHOLAS BAILEY.

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

Address: 48 OXFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE ME15 8DS.

Date: 31/8/2023.