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Annual Report 2022/23

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Wellingborough District Scout Council Annual General Meeting 2023 Agenda

1. Welcome by District Chairman
 2. Apologies for Absence
 3. Minutes of AGM 2022
 4. Adoption of New District Constitution
 5. Adoption of Reports
 6. District Commissioner's Nomination of the District Chairman
 7. Election of District Scout Council Officers
 - a. District Secretary
 - b. District Treasurer
 8. Election of Elected Members to the District Trustee Board
 9. District Commissioner's Nominations to the District Trustee Board
(For Approval Only)
 10. Election of Members to the County Scout Council
 11. Nomination of the District Representative to the County Scout Trustee Board
Nominated from the elected members to the County Scout Council – (For Approval Only)
 12. Nomination of the auditor to the District Scout Council
 13. Date of the 2024 AGM
- This concludes the business of the Annual General Meeting
14. Speakers (if applicable)
 15. Vote of thanks

Wellingborough District Scout Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 2nd October 2022, 1pm at Irchester Village Hall

Welcome

Geoff Barden, District Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Tim Allebone District President, Dean Smith County Commissioner and Jonathan Ekins Mayor for the Town of Wellingborough. The Chairman of Earls Barton Parish Council was also present.

Apologies for absence and members present

Apologies were received from 6 members and 31 were present.

Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct Proposed by John Paton and seconded by Jonathan Marriott.

Adoption of Annual Reports

All reports were accepted as presented and accepted by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

A report of the accounts were circulated at the meeting. Thanks were expressed to Geoff Simmons for his hard work. Geoff is proposing the same auditor for now but may come back to the Executive Committee later in the year with another suggestion for consideration.

District Commissioner's nomination for the District Chairman

The Acting District Commissioner nominated Geoff Barden to be the District Chairman.

Election of District Officers:

District Secretary – Carol Haybyrne proposed by Geoff Barden, seconded by Emily O'Keeffe

District Treasurer – Geoff Simmons proposed by Geoff Barden, seconded by Barry Potter.

Election of Members to the Executive Committee

Tina Abraham, Scott Freeman, Iain Riley, Karen Nightingale, John Paton, Paul Palmer - proposed by Peter Morrall seconded by Geoff Simmons.

District Commissioner's Nominations to the District Executive Committee

Barry Potter, David Jones, Sarah Heafield, Mike Jennings, Adrian Jewell – Approved

Election of Members to the County Scout Council

Scott Freeman, Geoff Barden, Adrian Jewell, David Jones and Barry Potter. Proposed by Vincent Burgess and seconded by Sam Jennings.

Nomination to the County Scout Council Executive Committee

Nomination: Geoff Barden – for approval only

Nomination of Accounts Examiner to the District Scout Council

Bennewith 2018 Limited, 3 Wey Court, Mary Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4QU

This ended the business of the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council

The Mayor for the Town Of Wellingborough

Jonathan Ekins spoke of his delight at being present and of the importance and benefits of young people being part of the scouting organization and thanked leaders for their commitment.

Dean Smith, County Commissioner

Dean expressed his thanks to all the management team and the leaders and said how well everyone coped with the changes and challenges brought on by Covid and the aftermath. More change is on the way but we should not be worried as we will cope with it admirably.

Caroline Jewell, Acting District Commissioner

Long Service Awards presented to Sam Jennings, Kris Roberts, Joyce Allen and wood badges to Sarah Marriott and Adrian Jewell.

Jonathan Marriott presented Caroline Jewell with her 25 year award.

Dean Smith presented a wood badge to David Jones

Vote of Thanks

Was given by David Jones

AGM 2023

To be agreed

The meeting Closed at 13.11pm



District President

I wrote last year about moving 'steadily to more normal times', as Covid had curtailed so many events in our lives over the last couple of years. We do, thankfully, seem to be getting back to some semblance of normality now - and it's important to keep continuity going in the Scouting movement, otherwise momentum is so easily lost.

Our AGM was held at Irchester Village Hall, on 2nd October, 2022. It was well-attended (perhaps the excellent cakes might have helped!) and it was good to catch up with everyone face-to-face. Wellingborough's Town Mayor, Cllr. Jon Ekins, was also in attendance.

After an absence of three years, the Gang Show made a welcome return this March to Wellingborough's Castle Theatre. I attended the Saturday matinee and was so pleased to see the show's return. It was heartening to see so many new young people involved in their very first show and, talking to some of them onstage afterwards, they'd really enjoyed the experience, despite the huge amount of work in learning songs and some quite complex choreography. My congratulations to all involved, as it is such a team effort, both on and off-stage.

Sadly, the St George's Day event on 24th April 2023 was cancelled due to a really poor weather forecast, although (yet again!) the forecasters had got it wrong and there was no rain on the day!

As I write in early August 2023, the 25th World Scout Jamboree is taking place at Saemangeum, North Jeolla, South Korea. Congratulations to the nine Scouts from our District selected to represent us, and I look forward to hearing about their experiences in due course. Despite the problems they have encountered, from flooding to heatstroke, it must be quite an experience - and an exhausting one at that! I trust our contingent returns relatively unscathed.

Finally, my thanks – as always – go to all those involved in keeping Scouting alive and thriving in our Wellingborough District. Without the Leaders, adults, helpers and volunteers, our young people simply would not get to experience the camaraderie, the fun - and also the life-skills that are, and will be, so important in later life. A big 'thank you' for all you do. Scouting in the Wellingborough District is in good hands – long may it continue!

Tim Allebone

District President

District Chairman

I look back on a year when Wellingborough has fully returned to face-to-face Scouting following the pandemic that now seems such a long time ago. We are now moving into a new period of change for Scouting with the transformation programme that will come into place in early 2024. This does look to be a positive move for The Scouts from re-enforcing the role of the Trustee Boards to the move to task-based teams that should encourage adult recruitment whilst continuing to provide excellent programmes for our young people.

The past year has seen a number of great events run by the team in Wellingborough including the re-arranged trip to Jersey, a well-supported District Camp and the welcome return of the Wellingborough District Gang Show. We also welcomed our first 4- and 5-year-olds in the District with the formation of our First Squirrel Dreys.

During the year we also had the sad news of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II but we were honoured that Caroline was able to represent us as part of the national Scout support for Operation Feather.

As I write this report, we are also about to send off 9 Explorers to Korea for the adventure of a lifetime at the World Scout Jamboree. The team have done a wonderful job raising the funds to be able to attend and we are looking forward to hearing from our Young People upon their return. We also have the benefit of supporting both the IST and our DC, Caroline, encouraging our young people as part of the UK CMT.

It was also very pleasing, despite the impact of COVID-19 that our programme continues to deliver with a number of young people receiving their Queen's Scout Awards. We have a very strong District team and this was further strengthened with the appointment of Caroline as the permanent District Commissioner during the year.

To close I would like to once again thank all of the adult volunteers in the District for their time and commitment that continues to provide such a valuable experience for our young people.

Geoff Barden

District Chair

Census Figures

	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Total young people 6-18	Network	Adults	Total
	14	142	186	187	69	598	15	272	885
Change from 2022	+14	+0	+13	-21	-13	+35	+11	-41	+5



District Commissioner

This year has been important in the history of the District.

It was the year when things started to return to a position similar to that before Covid. A great deal of time was spent by the District team to support Groups to be in a position where they could consolidate and make plans for moving forward. Jonathan Marriott stepped down as District Commissioner in June 2022, after 3 years, our thanks go to him for his guidance, especially through Covid.

We started the year 2022/23 by getting back together at our St George's Day celebration. It was fantastic to be able to get Groups back together after so long, and to be able to celebrate a great number of top awards for each section.

As you have read in the DDC reports, we were able to come back strongly to hold District events and support the programme. My thanks to those who joined us to review the District Development Plan. This had previously been written pre Covid, and there were some obvious revisions that needed to be made. We also await further news regarding the Transformation project, which has not happened as quickly as expected this year.

September saw the District stop, along with the rest of the Country to remember our late Queen. I was honoured to be asked to support the Scouts response to the national mourning by leading the

Welfare Team for Operation Feather. Locally many Groups took time from their usual meetings to reflect and to write letters of condolence.

It was also a time of reflection in November when we were able to join the communities across the District for Remembrance Sunday. As in previous years we complimented this with our own tribute at Dale End, and in some villages.

It was also a delight to open the first Squirrel Drey in the District at Wollaston, closely followed by Earls Barton. If you have not yet had the pleasure of joining Squirrels for a meeting, I would urge you to do so. You cannot fail to be buoyed by their enthusiasm and sheer joy.

It was also wonderful to be able to join together in the Gang Show, my congratulations to the Gang Show cast and committee and everyone who worked so tirelessly to bring the first show in the County back to the stage at the Castle. It may have been a smaller show than previously, but the pure joy showed by the young people on stage made it worthwhile.

A large focus of the year has been to ensure that compliance in adult training is improved. My thanks go to those who have worked to reduce the non-compliance to almost zero. This is an ongoing project, and we encourage anyone taking on new roles to complete training as soon as possible. We had a great increase in the number of people completing their wood badges too, my thanks to the District Team who supported leaders to achieve this. Through the careful management of Groups and the District, both remain in a good position financially. Our Scout shop continues to be able to provide the uniform and badge requirements of the District and those surrounding us, despite not insignificant stock difficulties nationally.

The year has not been without its challenges, despite regular enquiries from members of the public to join all sections, the increase in young people was not as great as we had hoped. There are some groups who do not currently have active Trustee Boards, and the governance of Scout Groups remains an ongoing focus.

My thanks go to all the parents, leaders and most of all the young people who are Wellingborough District Scouts. As our motto goes- Forward over all obstacles!

Caroline Jewell

District Commissioner



Deputy District Commissioner (Development)

The focus for the year ending March 2023 was to support the groups in their efforts to increase section sizes and volunteers as they got back to face to face scouting.

This was achieved by extensive social media coverage encouraging both young people and adults to join us. We also submitted, and had published, articles in the Evening Telegraph, as well as Radio interviews too.

These methods were key, as most of the big local community events had not yet been reestablished post covid and this limited the number of opportunities to use the recruitment stand.

It has been wonderful to see the start of Squirrels in the District. This has certainly increased the number of enquiries that we received for all sections. A great focus of the work for the upcoming year is to ensure that new enquiries result in an increase shown at Census.

The District Exec has agreed the funding of a large amount of Development materials which are available to all Scout Groups to use at local events to support local Scouting.

Adrian Jewell

Deputy District Commissioner (Development)



Deputy District Commissioner (Adult Support)

With the delay in the National Transformation project, Adult Support has focussed on advising leaders on how Family Camps can help recruit new volunteers from parents, to the usual advising on how to validate modules needed for roles.

We've still started work on moving the District forward with work on Trustee Boards (formerly known as Executive Committees) and Sub Committees and by the time you read this sentence, the sub committees associated with the District Trustee Board will be ready to start work for this new Scouting year, and we can then start to support Group Trustee Boards.

The training scheme continues in its current form as I write this, so please continue to work through module learning and validation. Don't forget to check and complete those Mandatory On-Going Learning modules.

Thank you to you all for the work so far in completing these important modules. The number of adults needing a nudge is coming down month by month so please continue to check when you need to complete them.

In the meantime, my thanks go to every adult across every group in Wellingborough District for the work you do in Scouting – be it running weekly section meetings through to gaining instructor qualifications (from bell boats to tomahawks) to "just" sitting on a committee, each and every role is enabling us to make a difference and help develop our young people.

But special thanks on behalf of the district to Mike and Keith for their time and effort in keeping the District Appointment Committee as Secretary and Chair in addition to their other roles. The time and effort involved entering DBSs, arranging panel members, scheduling meetings and inviting new volunteers is much appreciated.

So as we move into the new scouting year:

Continue to keep Compass up to date with contact details to be kept up to date with news and reminders;

Continue completing training and validation to ensure we provide our young people with a programme allowing them opportunities to develop;

Continue to encourage those due to complete DBSs, referee's, confirm attendance at DAC meetings to do so;

Continue to check and ask if unsure or want advice – there's no such thing as a stupid question.

As we discover information about the transition in terms of the new structures / roles, as a District we will be looking to support the County plans. This will include local training modules to mop up any remaining training and providing workshops to inform people of the changes and their impact.

David Jones

Deputy District Commissioner (Adult Support)

Deputy District Commissioner (Programme)

This year we were able to start running some events that had been postponed, or cancelled during the previous Covid affected years.

It was fantastic to be able to start the year with getting together at our St George's Day event. This was kept deliberately low key, as it was the first time we had joined together for some 2 years.

We were treated to some fabulous weather in June for our All Sections camp; at Bromham. It was a real treat to see so many young people just enjoying being out in the fresh air. A real highlight was the Colour Run to end the camp, which was a riot of colour.

It was great to see so many Groups get back out camping again, and we know that some leaders, young people and parents were nervous about taking this step.

Our postponed District Trip to Jersey took place in August, where again the beautiful weather provided a perfect backdrop for our beach and water activities. It was heartening to see so many groups represented in the party of 50 young people and adults.

The programmes provided by leaders on a weekly basis, backed up by larger events, have meant that a great number of Chief Scout Awards have been presented. We are delighted to see not only Gold, Diamond and Platinum awards being presented in our older sections, but also Beonze and Silver in Beavers and Cubs, and soon we hope in Squirrels too.

The cost of living has certainly had an impact on the larger events that we are able to offer, and it was disappointing that only 2 packs from the District took part in the County Cub Camp held in June 2023. The cost of the event was a deciding factor for many.

We are currently reviewing the support offered by the District for programme, and would welcome any support that you may be able to give to review this. Bookings have been made for an all section visit to Ypres in February 2024, a whole District Camp in June and a return to Jersey in 2025. The Beavers are planning a visit to Gulliver's Land for Christmas. What else would you and your young people like to see?

My role as Deputy District Commissioner for Programme is not only about offering District events, I am also here as a source of support for programme ideas and to support leaders in all aspects of delivering a quality programme. A reminder, please, that all activities that take place away from your normal venue, and at a different time, should be notified to myself. All activities need a written risk assessment. The easiest way to let me know is by adding your programme to OSM, and giving me access to it.

My thanks to all adults who work weekly to provide high quality programmes to all sections.

Barry Potter

Deputy District Commissioner (Programme)



Wellingborough Matrix Network Commissioner

Network continue to meet regularly and run their own activities using and developing the planning skills that many of them use in the group based Scouting.

We have this year seen a number of Gold DofE awarded to young people in a district which is fantastic to hear also I would like to congratulate Oscar McDermott who achieved his Queens Scout award in December 22, which will be the last Queens Scout Award we will have for a little while with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. With a new King the Queens Scout award changes to the Kings Scout award and I would like to congratulate Sarah Heafield on being the first in the County to achieve this award under its new title. Both Sarah and Oscar put a lot of hard work into their awards and I hope they are both incredibly proud of this achievement. I look forward to seeing more young people achieving their senior awards in the future.

Sam Jennings

District Scout Network Commissioner



District Explorer Scout Commissioner

We started the year with the Units combining together at All Sections District camp. Alongside the work by members of the District Team, they put in a number of hours to plan two evening activities for the whole camp and despite the weather and a few hiccups pulled it off really well. As a reward for this hard work, they were treated to watersports at Box End which was enjoyed by young people and leaders alike. I would like to thank all leaders who made sure the young people were looked after during this camp, especially while I was otherwise engaged.

This year the individual Units have worked to share many events with the other Units, resulting in the young people building new friendships across the District. We have had paintball, summer social, games nights, Monopoly run and camps to name a few. I would like to again thank all leaders who have organised and supported each event. The excitement we see when the young people get together has really shown how important these events have been.

A large number of our Explorers have been working closely with our Groups as young leaders and the increased need for Module As is showing these numbers are only growing. Alongside Module

A's we have ran a number of the other modules both as separate evenings and in Explorer times. A huge thank you as always to Alan Cundell for commitment to young leaders. The young leaders have always shown lots of enthusiasm during these meetings and been willing to get stuck in. We have been lucky to award a number of Young Leader belts over the past 12 months and look forward to this continuing.

Gang Show saw some of the Explorers on the big stage and behind the scenes. Having been at a couple of rehearsals and at the Castle for the show week, I was immensely proud of the Explorers who took part. Many had a big part on the stage but also, so many were incredibly helpful and supportive backstage and certainly did themselves and their Units proud.

As I write this we have 9 Young People at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Having helped with the selection process and witnessed many of them in both their Units and in the wider District I am sure they are all representing the District well and I can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return.

Explorer numbers are still recovering from post-covid. We held a Scout to Explorer information evening in October 2022 which gained a mixed response of people attending. We are getting more questions about Units and we are seeing young people seem to be moving from Scouts to Explorers across the District which is only a good thing. I know the Explorer leadership teams we have across the District are very enthusiastic and want the best for their Young People. It isn't always easy but they are providing fantastic opportunities and programmes so I want to take this chance to say thank you and I look forward to working with you next year.

Emily O'Keeffe

Wellingborough District Explorer Scout Commissioner



Wellingborough District Scout Shop

Another good year despite problems with getting stock from Scouts Shops, who had a big problem with getting stock from China.

There were times when it felt that they would like District Scout shops to all close down and go away, following a meeting with a few Scout shop managers, from a group that I belong to, we were assured that was not the case, things are getting better but deliveries are still causing some problems, as China is still having problems following covid.

We have a great SASU who run the shop, but we could do with few more people to help us, if you would like to help please contact me. Duties are normally once a month or more if you wish.

We open Wednesday 6.30pm to 8.00pm and Saturday 9.30am to 4.00pm

I would like to give a big thanks to all the team for their hard work over the last year. All surplus income goes to help with funding in the District so please buy from us and not online as your group will benefit too.

Peter Morrall

Wellingborough Scout Shop Manager

Opening Hours

Wednesdays

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Saturdays

9:30am - 4:00pm

Term time only

Badges

Books

Posters

Camping Equipment

Uniforms

Support your local shop and earn commission for your group

Trustee Board

Wellingborough District Scout Council is a Registered Charity under the provisions of the Charities Act, registration number 1024361. Ex-Officio, Elected and Nominated members of the District Trustee Board are the charity trustees for the District and the charity trustees for 2022/2023 are listed below.

No person disqualified from being a charity trustee shall serve as a member of the executive committee and the appointment of any such person, whether ex-officio, by nomination, or by co-option shall be void. It is the responsibility of each person to ensure they are not disqualified [see POR rule 93]

The trustees have a responsibility to keep proper accounts that disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the district. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee Board of the District Scout Council **2022/2023**

Hollie Abraham	Tina Abraham	Geoff Barden	Scott Freeman
Carol Haybyrne	Sarah Heafield	Mike Jennings	Samuel Jennings
Adrian Jewell	Caroline Jewell	David Jones	Peter Morrall
Karen Nightingale	Emily O'Keeffe	Paul Palmer	John Paton
Barry Potter from 2 nd October 2022	Iain Riley	Piotr Shefchick	Geoff Simmons
Anna Swann resigned October 2022	Jonathan Marriott resigned June 2022		

District Scout Council Accounts and the approval of the accounts by the Charity Trustees

For the year ending 31st March 2023 the financial results of the Wellingborough District Scout Council have been consolidated into one balance sheet, but still fully disclosing the individual funds, which are the responsibility of the District.

In preparing these accounts the Charity trustees are required to:-

- [i] Select suitable accounting practices and apply these policies consistently
- [ii] Make judgements that are reasonable and prudent
- [iii] Prepare the accounts on the ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the District Scout Council will continue in operation.
- [iv] Prepare the accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the District Scout Council and the surplus of the District for that year.

Wellingborough District Scout Council Trustee Board

District Commissioner's Nomination for District Chairman

For Approval | Geoff Barden

Election of District Officers:

	Proposed	Seconded
District Secretary		
District Treasurer		

Nominations for the Elected Members to the District Trustee Board:

Nominations	Proposed	Seconded

District Commissioner's Nominations to the District Trustee Board [For approval only]:

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Election of Members to the County Scout Council:

Nomination	Proposed	Seconded

Nomination to the County Scout Council Trustee Board [For approval only]:

Geoff Barden

Nomination of Accounts Examiner to the District Scout Council:

A J Bennewith



Wellingborough District Scout Council

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Trustee's Annual Report Financial Statements
for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Section B Reference and administration details

Registered charity number 1024361

The Scout Association registration number 14510

Charity's principal postal address c/o 103 Station Road
Cogenhoe
Northampton
NN7 1NG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted from if not for whole year	Dates acted from if not for whole year
1 Hollie Abraham	<i>District Youth Commissioner</i>		
2 Tina Abraham			
3 Geoffrey Barden	<i>Chairman</i>		
4 Scott Freeman			
5 Carol Haybyrne	<i>Secretary</i>		
6 Sarah Heafield			
7 Michael Jennings			
8 Samuel Jennings	<i>District Scout Network Commissioner</i>		
9 Adrian Jewell			
10 Caroline Jewell	<i>District Commissioner</i>		
11 David Jones			
12 Jonathan Marriott		1st April 2022	June 25th 2022
13 Peter Morrall			
14 Karen Nightingale			
15 Emily O'Keeffe	<i>District Explorer Scout Commissioner</i>		
16 Paul Palmer			
17 John Paton			
18 Barry Potter		From 2nd October 2022	
19 Iain Riley			
20 Piotr Shefchick			
21 Geoffrey Simmons	<i>Treasurer</i>		
23 Anna Swann		1st April 2022	2nd October 2022
24			

Bankers HSBC Bank PLC
NatWest Bank PLC
The Scout Association - Charity Deposit Account

Independent Examiner A J Bennewith FCA, FCPA, FFA, FFTA, FIPA, DChA, FRSA.
3 Wey Court
Mary Road
GUILFORD
Surrey
GU1 4QU

Section C

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Charity'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.

Additional governance issues

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, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the remaining Trustees.

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.

Risk and internal control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Districts. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 years to 25 years. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the District.

Section D 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.

these objects

The Charity normally holds a number of events to compliment the programmes provided by individual Scout Groups. Unfortunately, this year the Covid 19 pandemic has meant that there have been no physical District events. The District has maintained a Social Media presence and has continued to generate interest and joining enquiries. For the second year running the District commemorated Remembrance Day with a display of Poppies at Dale End (District Headquarters) The District owns the Scout Shop which was able to reopen this year under Covid Restrictions. The District Gang Show has not been able to be held this year.

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.

Section E Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the year.

This year was the first full year following the end of Covid restrictions. Much work was completed in order to consolidate Groups and ensure that support was given to them to get programmes up and running. A number of members of the District Team have been working with local Groups to support where there have been a lack of leaders. We were very pleased to be able to start the year with our St George's Day event. This was the first time that members of the District had been able to meet since March 2020. We followed this with a very successful Back to Basics camp for all sections in June. In August 50 members of the District visited Jersey, for our now traditional week of beach and water activities. In October we were delighted to be able to begin rehearsals for our first District Gang Show, since preparations for the 2020 were halted by Covid. The show was warmly received when presented on stage at the end of the year. We supported the local Remembrance services in both the town and surrounding villages. We complemented this with our display of poppies at the District headquarters, which continues to received positive comments. All enquiries for places were dealt with by the Deputy District Commissioner for Development. We saw a huge increase in the number of enquiries received, which resulted in an increase in numbers of young people at the year end.

Section F Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves and investments

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the need for reserves and derived a policy of working towards a level of reserves, which will eventually equate to one year's running costs. This level is to ensure sustainability through potential cash flow problems.

Investment Policy

The Charity does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. It has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or The Scout Association's Charity Deposit account.

Trustee Training

Trustees' attention is drawn to the responsibilities of Trustees and on the job training given on an ongoing basis. Trustees are encouraged to avail themselves of The Scout Association's training modules designed to assist them in their understanding

Section G

Financial Review

The nett (outgoing) / incoming resources for the year amounted to (£12220) (2022 (£4549)) At 31st March 2023 free reserves held were £120075 plus £515 (2022 £140295 less £1686) held on behalf of the 15th Wellingborough Scout Group for which the Charity's Treasurer is still attempting to open a bank account but is being frustrated by his ill health.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- * make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- * state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Section H

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources

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

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources, and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Membership Subscriptions

Memberships subscription collected on behalf of other parts of The Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agent for Northamptonshire County Scout Council and The Scout Association before being paid to them

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the financial statements but is described in the trustees' annual report

Investment income

This is included in the financial statements when receivable.

EXPENDITURE & LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

These include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory financial statements, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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Section I	Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	See Note on page 9	£	£
Incoming resources			
<i>Incoming resources from generating funds:</i>			
Donations	12	2413.00	0.00
Gift Aid	13	0.00	0.00
Voluntary income	6	24806.92	1519.45
Fundraising activity income	9	33883.61	27976.22
Investment income	10	631.90	12.85
Charitable activities	7	6473.56	224.15
Total incoming resources		68208.99	29732.67
Resources expended			
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>			
Voluntary income		808.25	0.00
Donations	12	199.00	0.00
Fundraising activity costs	9	32195.67	22120.07
Charitable activities	7	44120.32	10561.64
Governance costs	8	2106.00	1600.00
Total resources expended		79429.24	34281.71
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(11220.25)	(4549.04)
Total Fund balances at 31st March 2022 (2021)		140295.29	144844.33
Total Fund balances at 31st March 2023 (2022)		129075.04	140295.29

Section J	Balance Sheet	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	See Note on page 10	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	3769.00	3769.00
Current assets			
Stock	3	24800.00	25675.00
Debtors	2	37792.60	17953.00
Cash at bank and in hand	1	94616.09	123025.00
Total current assets		157208.68	166653.00
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(32112.84)	(30126.00)
Net current assets		125095.84	136527.00
Total assets less current liabilities			
The funds of the charity		128864.84	140296.00
Total funds as SoFA in H above		129075.04	140295.29

These examined financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

(210.20)

Trustee

Section K

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Wellingborough District Scout Council**

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wellingborough District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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Date:

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Section L		Notes to SoFA on page 7 - Further analysis			
<u>TOTAL EXCLUDING SHOP & GANG SHOW</u>					
		31st March 2023		31st March 2022	
		Income	Expend	Income	Expend
Banking		0.00	100.17	0.00	36.60
Special Projects for the benefit of Scout Groups in the district		20800.71	25753.64	0.00	0.00
In respect of the Charity's H Q @ Dale End Park		2125.00	5413.71	1405.00	5698.30
Fund Raising		0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00
In respect of activities put on for the benefit of Scout Groups in the district		0.00	126.32	35.00	(220.00)
In respect of activities put on for the benefit of Age group sections in the district in the district		546.00	1297.12	0.00	69.50
Development of Scouting in the Charity's district		0.00	166.50	0.00	1604.24
ICT		0.00	0.00	0.00	2417.00
Insurance		0.00	0.00	0.00	501.00
Miscellaneous		108.21	1342.21	79.45	106.00
Note 6 Voluntary Income		23579.92	34199.67	1519.45	10267.64
Membership Subscriptions	Total receivable	26225.11	0.00	24690.20	0.00
	Total receivable as agents of Northamptonshire County Scout Council & The Scout Association	(26357.55)	0.00	(24466.05)	0.00
Note 7 Charitable Activities	Nett Retained	(132.44)	0.00	224.15	0.00
Note 12 Donations		2413.00	199.00	2413.00	2413.00
		2280.56	199.00	2637.15	2413.00
Note 11 Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Note 8 Governance (Incl. Independent Examiner's Fee)		0.00	2106.00	0.00	1600.00
Note 10 Interest		631.90	0.00	9.85	0.00
TOTAL EXCLUDING SHOP & GANG SHOW		26492.38	36504.67	4166.45	14280.64
<u>DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP</u>					
Note 12 Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Note 11 Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Note 10 Interest		0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
Note 9 Fund Raising		31592.38	29908.92	27976.22	22119.94
TOTAL DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP		31592.38	29908.92	27979.22	22119.94
<u>GANG SHOW</u>					
Note 12 Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Note 11 Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Note 10 Interest & Other investment Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Note 9 Fund Raising		2291.23	2286.75	0.00	0.00
Note 7 Charitable Activities		6606.00	9920.65	0.00	294.00
Note 8 Governance Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Note 6 Voluntary Income		1227.00	808.25	0.00	0.00
TOTAL: GANG SHOW		10124.23	13015.65	0.00	294.00
Grand total		68208.99	79429.24	32145.67	36694.58
Nett Total		Gain/(Deficit)		(11220.25)	(4548.91)

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Section M	Notes to Balance Sheet on page 7 - Further analysis			
Note 1 CASH & BANK	<u>As @ 31st March 2023</u>	<u>As @ 31st March 2022</u>		
Cash / cheques				
Treasurer	0.00	0.00		
Dale End / Shop Maintenance	298.10	94.76		
Scout Shop	62.49	55.40		
World Scout Jamboree	327.07	0.00		
Gang Show	1006.16	21.65		
Sub Total Cash & Uncleared Cheques	1693.82	171.82		
Current Accounts				
Nat West Current To be closed 1st Grendon Account	1807.84	1807.98		
HSBC Treasurer Acc To be closed Main Account	2822.62	3207.94		
HSBC Treasurer Acc To be closed DDC's Special Projects	0.00	(5.00)		
HSBC Treasurer Acc To be closed Scout Shop Acc	1670.92	12251.08		
HSBC Treasurer Acc To be closed Gang Show	0.00	11957.94		
Sub Total Current Accounts	6301.38	29219.94		
Interest bearing Accounts				
Nat West Business Reserve Acc To be closed 1st Grendon Account	2930.32	2930.32		
HSBC BMM Acc To be closed Main Account	14987.83	32195.42		
HSBC BMM Acc To be closed Scout Shop Acc	35513.64	25318.70		
Scout Short Term Investment Service	33189.10	33189.10		
Sub-total Investment Accounts	86620.89	93633.54		
Sub Total Liquid Assets	94616.09	123025.29		
Note 2 Debtors & Prepayments (payments made in advance)				
Special Projects	27036.46	1135.00		
15th Wellingborough start up pending opening of bank account	515.47	0.00		
Main Acc	3279.64	10711.00		
Scout Shop	4228.93	6057.00		
Gang Show	2732.10	50.00		
Sub Total Debtors	37792.60	17953.00		
Note 3 Stock				
Scout Shop	24800.00	25675.00		
Current Assets	157208.68	43628.00		
Note 4 Creditors & Accruals OR Payments received in advance Due in less than one Year				
1st Grendon Sea Scouts Closed C To be held pending repayment if group reopened before 1/2/2027	(4738.16)	(4738.16)		
2nd Bozeat (St. Mary's) Closed G1 To be held pending repayment if group reopened before 1/2/2028	(2314.07)	(2314.07)		
15th Wellingborough start up pending opening of bank account	0.00	(1651.03)		
Special Projects	(17556.71)	(11232.71)		
Main Acc	(2255.20)	(1685.63)		
Scout Shop	(3668.19)	(8499.70)		
Gang Show	(1580.52)	(5.00)		
Sub Total Creditors	(32112.84)	(30126.30)		
Sub Total Current Liabilities	125095.84	13501.70		
Total NETT CURRENT ASSETS	128864.84	140295.99		
Note 5 FIXED ASSETS				
Dale End Buildings NETT Original cost lost in the mists of time	0.00	0.00		
Dale End Land Cost No Depreciation	3769.00	3769.00		
Scout Shop Cost	14671.00	14671.00		
Scout Shop Cumulative Depreciation	(14671.00)	(14671.00)		
Nett	0.00	0.00		
Total NETT FIXED ASSETS	3769.00	3769.00		
TOTAL NETT ASSETS	128864.84	140295.99		