

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

- Charity Name:** Chorley District Scout Council
- Registered Charity No:** 1024746
- District Registration No:** The Scout Association: 12910
- Governing instrument:** The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association by authority of a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912.
- Aim and Values of Scouting:** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 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.

Legal & Administrative Information

Bankers:

- Main bankers - TSB (Chorley Branch)
Chorley District Scout Council,
Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2SE
- Other bankers - HSBC (Chorley Branch)
26 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4HE
National Westminster Bank (Chorley Branch)
46 Market Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 2RZ

Investment: The Scout Association,
Short Term Investment Service,
Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW

Independent Examiner: Mr. Ian Wilkin

Contact Name & Address: Jim Banks
54 Westhoughton Road, Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 4ET

President: The Rt. Honourable, Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP

Vice Presidents: Alan Fishwick
Jim Banks

Trustees - Ex-Officio:	Stephen Morton	District Chair
	Jim Banks	District Secretary
	Mike Grayson	District Treasurer
	Andrew Lewis	District Commissioner
	Philip Fairclough	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	Ellie Baker	District Network Commissioner
Trustees - Elected:	George Lewis	District Youth Commissioner
	Amy Calderbank	District Executive Committee Member
	Lisa Lewis	District Executive Committee Member
	Peter Sturgess	District Executive Committee Member
Trustees – Nominated:	Peter Beesley	District Executive Committee Member
	Kerry Houghton	District Group Scout Leader Representative
	Paul Smith	Chair Chorley Risk Assessment Group

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Introduction

The legal and administrative information as set out forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Articles of Association and Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

a. Trustees Interests

No Trustee had a personal interest in any assets of the Chorley District Scout Council.

b. The District Scouting Governance and Finance (fully set out in POR chapter 5)

The Scout District is led by a District Commissioner and managed by a District Trustee Board. They are accountable to the District Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the district.

The District Scout Council is the body which has charity governance responsibility for Scouting in the District. The District Trustee Board is accountable to the District Scout Council.

2. Aims and Objectives

The aim of Chorley District Scout Council ("CDSC") is that of The Scout Association; the purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. These benefits are available to all young people and are therefore considered to be a public benefit under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

We welcome young people and volunteers from all backgrounds, and with us, they learn and share skills, enjoy an engaged and varied programme of activities, honour the Scout values and become active citizens of a connected community. We produce happier, more resilient citizens who work together towards greater social cohesion and an undeniable better world.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

Chorley District Scout Council is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association, which are common to all Scout Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation & Rules (Chpt 5) of the Scout Association.

3. Financials

Appendix 1 - Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31st March 2023 including headline figures for year opening and end of year general reserves.

Appendix 2 - Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Chorley District Scout Council

The policy of the district is to have adequate strategic financial reserves in order to provide the requisite level of support to the Scout Groups within the district for a minimum period of two years and to retain sufficient resources for the adequate maintenance of the properties that are held in the name of Chorley District Scout Council. The various sections of the district also maintain their own resources to support the activities in which they are involved.

The district remains in strong financial health having total cash reserves in excess of £133k at the year end.

There has been a net outflow of funds during the year of c£50k. Of this £25k related to the purchase of the new camping field with the remainder disbursed to further the district's objective of supporting the post Covid growth of Scouting.

There is a change in format to this year's accounts in that the standard Charities Commission layout has been adopted and approved by the Executive committee. There have been no material changes to accounting conventions.

During the year there was a change of Treasurer with Alan Venn stepping down after many years of dedicated service. The district owes a large debt of gratitude for his considerable efforts in controlling the district's finances and leaving the district in a strong financial position.

We have continued to invest in the adult training programmes for basic outdoor Scouting skills, first aid and other Scout training requirements.

With the longer term strategic aims of investing in the growth of the district, providing further support for international Scouting events and providing adult training either free of charge to the adult or subsidised for externally accredited skills, it was approved by the Trustees Board to fully implement the district element of the Scout membership fee for 2022/23. The district element was approved by the District Scout Council at the AGM in July 2022. However an early payment discount was agreed by the Trustee Board, of £2 per head resulting in £2257 being re-invested back into grass roots scouting in the district.

Investment in the long term future strategic development of the district was significantly enhanced by the purchase of 2.5 acres of land at Birkacre, Chorley. The purchase cost was £23000 plus a further £1600 in legal and HM Land Registry Fees with funding coming from the George Platt legacy fund specifically set up for investments in the future of scouting in Chorley. The land is dedicated to greenfield activities for the whole of Chorley District Scout Council. Efforts are now concentrating on improving the overall accessibility and eradication of areas of significant weed infestation.

4. Overall Performance and Achievements

In 2022/23 we started the return to more normal Scouting activities both indoors and outdoors. Some of the highlights were a 'Bounce Back Camp' for all groups and sections, paid from district central funds and attended by 700 members of Chorley District, participation in the 'Red Rose' International Camp held in Cumbria, various Cub, Scout and Explorer camps at district and Scout County levels, first face-to-face St. George's Day parade held since the Covid-19 lockdown with representation from every Scout Group in Chorley District and the return to face-to face meetings for all group and district trustee boards.

We also saw the welcome return of the biennial, joint Chorley Scout and Guide show, 'Chorley Capers' after its cancellation in 2021 due to Covid 19.

The January 2023 Scout Association census figures show a marked increase of 8.5 %, in the numbers of young people (4 to 18 year olds) taking part in Scouting across Chorley District, since the 2022 census, with 1272 young members.

The number of 16-18 year old Explorer Scouts taking on roles as Young Leaders went up to 59 which is not only an increase over the 2022 census figures but is also higher than the 2020 pre-Covid lock down number. A magnificent achievement by these Explorer Scouts and all the adult leaders supporting them.

During the same period the total number of adult volunteers including Scout Network (18 to 24 year olds) rose by 4% to 355.

In addition, we saw the launch of the first Squirrel Dray for 4-6 year old young members at Eccleston Scout group. This launch is already bearing fruit with a further 5 groups declaring positive interest in opening Squirrel Drays.

The Trustees Board maintained a constant review of costs during this period and monitoring increased costs in building insurance, content insurance, utility charges, mandatory HSE safety checks and maintenance for property owned by Chorley District Scout Council.

5. Awards

Members Awards

Top Awards achieved: -

Beavers Bronze Chief Scout Award – 82

Cubs Silver Chief Scout Award – 103

Scouts Gold Chief Scouts Award – 37
Explorer Scouts Palatium Chief Scouts Award – 8
Explorer Scouts Diamond Award - 2
Explorer Scouts Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – 5
Explorer Scouts Young Leader Belt Buckle - 1

Adult Volunteer Awards

Commissioner's Commendation – 6
Award for Merit -3
Bar to the Award for Merit - 2

6. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires that the Trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charity during that year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

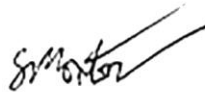
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained 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 proper 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 Charity Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention, and detection, of fraud and other irregularities.

7. Independent Examiner:

A resolution will be proposed at the 2023 Annual General Meeting that the district's Board of Trustees appoint a suitable person as the Independent Examiner for the coming year on a retained fee basis.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 12th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustees 1. Stephen Morton



Chair, Chorley District Scout Council

Trustee 2. Andrew Lewis



District Commissioner



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Chorley District Scout Council

No (if any)
1024746

Receipts and payments accounts

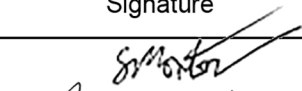
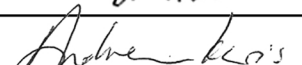
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For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2022	To	Period end date 31st March 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	57,950	-	-	57,950	57,688
District Activity Income from Members	37,959	-	-	37,959	15,988
Explorer Unit Member Contributions		26,235	-	26,235	
Sales	7,885	-	-	7,885	5,423
Donations	639	-	-	639	-
Interest	168	-	-	168	615
Gift Aid		2,761	-	2,761	2,425
Property Rental	1,949	-	-	1,949	2,098
Other Income	1,073	-	-	1,073	21,916
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	107,623	28,996	-	136,619	106,153
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	107,623	28,996	-	136,619	106,153
A3 Payments					
District Activity Costs	67,879	-	-	67,879	6,732
Explorer Unit Activity Costs		23,183	-	23,183	20,216
Headquarters Membership fees	40,142	5,650	-	45,792	41,020
Leader Training	2,837	-	-	2,837	-
Stock Purchases	6,100	-	-	6,100	8,891
Property Costs	8,743	-	-	8,743	11,439
IT Costs	2,709	-	-	2,709	-
Equipment Purchases	560	-	-	560	-
Other Overheads	3,278	-	-	3,278	13,395
Sub total	132,248	28,833	-	161,081	101,693
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Platt Field Campsite	25,317	-	-	25,317	Nil
Sub total	25,317	-	-	25,317	-
Total payments	157,565	28,833	-	186,398	101,693
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 49,942	163	-	- 49,779	4,460
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	172,024	11,483	-	183,507	183,441
Cash funds this year end	122,082	11,646	-	133,728	187,901

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Bank Accounts	114,449	-	-
	Explorer Unit Accounts		11,646	-
	Chorley Capers Account	4,153	-	-
	JMC Property Management Account	3,480	-	-
	Total cash funds	122,082	11,646	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Shop Stock	3,084	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Headquarters Building (70% Ownership)	General	-	64,500
	All Saints Building	General	-	30,000
	Platt Field Campsite	General	21,000	21,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Final Payments for International camps	General	6,698	01 August 2023
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Stephen Morton	31/07/2023	
		Andrew Lewis	31/07/2023	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Chorley District Scout Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1024746

Set out on pages

1 and 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

18th August 2023

Name:

Ian Wilkin

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Senior Officer, Lancashire County Council

Address:

168 Brodick Drive

Bolton

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A