

Dorking District Scout Council

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Administrative details

The Dorking District Scout Council is registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for England and Wales as charity number 291556. It is also registered with The Scout Association as number 15405. The following people served as trustees of the charity during the year and remain in office unless otherwise stated:

V Barnett (resigned 25 January 2024)
D Barrett
M Bent (resigned 26 September 2023)
J Bulloch (appointed 25 January 2024)
A Fairbrother
J Harman (appointed 30 July 2023, resigned 1 October 2023)
P Johnson
R Jones
J Kielstra
C Pike
M Pike
A Street

Structure, governance and management

The objectives of the District Council are as a unit of the Scout Association responsible for the Dorking District. The aim of the Scout Association is to promote 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. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The specific aims of the District Council are to:

- help to maintain financially healthy and therefore viable scout groups in the Dorking District;
- help each such group to achieve the aims and objectives of its development programme;
- provide and encourage appropriate training programmes for leaders and helpers;
- manage the District budget;
- hold regular meetings to manage the District;
- hold an annual general meeting;
- produce annual accounts.

The District Council is a trust established under the rules which are common to all scout groups.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of The Scout Association.

Subscriptions are charged by the District Council to scout groups within the district to cover the immediate running costs of the District and are set at a level such that they do not unduly restrict membership.

Financial Review

A financial review of the year is given in the treasurer's report.

Funds held on behalf of others

The District Council holds no funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

Public Benefit Statement

Two key principles demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit and that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits provided by Scouting activities far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than to those as a beneficiary.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Paulman Kielstra". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J Kielstra, District Commissioner, 9 May 2024

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Treasurer's report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Subscription income receivable by the District (excluding the allocation to the Jamboree Fund) was 5% lower at £15,020 whilst youth headcount (the start of the year figure which is the basis for capitation) decreased from 365 to 358 (a decrease of 2%) The full net subscription charged by District remained at £6.00 and that passed on to County (including UK Headquarters) remained at £43.75. Broadly speaking, the costs of the District are expected to be covered by the income from Pixham and Ranmore, with the bulk of the District subscription paying for the Jamboree costs which are borne two-thirds by District and one third by the individual. After the payment to County, we made a small deficit on subscriptions of £464 (approximately the Explorers capitation) compared with a deficit of £480 the previous year.

Income excluding activities and the transfer of funds from 3rd Dorking was down from £6,769 to £5,000 but this was mainly due to the cessation of donations from a lady in Dorking. Pixham made a surplus of £225 and Ranmore a surplus of £832. We spent £454 on St George's Day (2023) £302 on new trophies and badges and £726 on training. We made a donation of £200 to the Belong Charity from our St George's Day service.

Overall, premises made a surplus of £1,057 compared with a surplus before major refurbishment costs of £975 the previous year. We have still not had a rent demand from The Forestry Commission for Ranmore but are expecting a charge backdated to 2000 of about £7,000. We have also not been charged rent for Pixham pending our lease renewal (expected to be about £350). When the two rents work their way through the system, our properties will no longer generate cash. We are also currently running the Charlwood Hut. This is no longer used for scouting and makes a small loss so we are planning to sell it and use the money elsewhere.

Administration costs were lower at £908 and included £774 (£774 last year) for Online Youth Manager for the whole District and £75 for website hosting.

Apart from a small amount of interest received, there has been no movement on restricted and designated funds except an allocation of £2,305 from subscriptions and expenditure of £900 in the Jamboree fund and a payment of £243 from the hardship fund. We have created a new fund to hold the money from 3rd Dorking (Pixham) which is currently not operating.

Overall, we made a deficit of £696 on general funds and a surplus of £1,340 (excluding the transfer from 3rd Dorking) on designated and restricted funds. We closed the year with general funds of £33,230 and total funds of £63,859 compared with £59,732 the previous year.

The gross District subscription for 2024/2025 was increased to £6.50 and will probably have to be increased to £7.00 next year.



Paul Johnson, 9 May 2024

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Note</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
INCOME						
Membership Subscriptions		15,020	-	-	15,020	15,794
Less paid		(15,484)	-	-	(15,484)	(16,274)
		(464)	-	-	(464)	(480)
Premises income	1	3,317	-	-	3,317	3,420
Activities	3	22	2,305	-	2,327	6,252
Other income	5	(315)	-	-	(315)	1,933
		3,024	2,305	-	5,329	11,605
Donations and grants received	4	-	3,482	-	3,482	753
Interest		2,194	-	268	2,462	1,143
Income tax		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		4,754	5,787	268	10,809	13,021
EXPENDITURE						
Premises	2	2,260	-	-	2,260	36,739
Activities	3	2,182	990	-	3,172	12,849
Other expenditure	5	-	-	-	-	-
		4,442	990	-	5,432	49,588
Administration	6	907	-	-	907	1,186
Donations and grants made		100	243	-	343	28
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		5,449	1,233	-	6,682	50,802
RESERVE TRANSFERS		-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME		(695)	4,554	268	4,127	(37,781)
Funds brought forward		33,925	20,286	5,521	59,732	97,513
Net income		(695)	4,554	268	4,127	(37,781)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		33,230	24,840	5,789	63,859	59,732
Bank		7,288	-	-	7,288	5,609
Deposits		25,942	24,840	5,789	56,571	54,123
		33,230	24,840	5,789	63,859	59,732
Non-monetary assets and liabilities of District Scout Shop:						
Stock		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		-	-	-	-	-
Creditors		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

The above accounts were approved by the Trustees on 9 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Rob Jones
Chairman



Paul Johnson
Treasurer



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Notes to the accounts

	2024	2023	
1 Premises income			
Pixham - scouts	66	99	
Pixham - other	1,602	2,308	
Ranmore - scouts	1,625	1,013	
Ranmore - other	24	-	
	3,317	3,420	
 2 Premises expenditure			
Pixham			
Rent	-	374	
Insurance	47	-	
Running expenses	1,286	1,147	
Repairs	110	34,360	
	1,443	35,881	
 Ranmore			
Rent	-	-	
Insurance	-	-	
Running expenses	556	858	
Repairs	261	-	
	817	858	
 Total premises	2,260	36,739	
 3 Activities			
2024:	Income	Expenditure	
		Net	
Beavers	-	96	(96)
Cubs	-	-	-
Scouts	-	-	-
Explorers	-	49	(49)
Other	-	534	(534)
St George's Day	22	476	(454)
Training	-	726	(726)
Insurance	-	301	(301)
Jamboree (note 8)	2,305	990	1,315
	2,327	3,172	(845)
 2023:	Income	Expenditure	
			Net
Beavers	156	127	29
Cubs	-	-	-
Scouts	1,800	1,800	-
Explorers	-	-	-
Other	-	3,918	(3,918)
St George's Day	194	565	(371)
Training	-	265	(265)
Insurance	-	274	(274)
Jamboree	4,102	5,900	(1,798)
	6,252	12,849	(6,597)
 4 Donations and grants received			
General	-		753
Pixham	-		-
Ranmore	-		-
	-		753
 5 Other income			
2024:	Income	Expenditure	Net
Scout shop	(315)	-	(315)
Equipment hire	-	-	-
Fund raising	-	-	-
	(315)	-	(315)
 2023:	Income	Expenditure	Net

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	2024		2023
Scout shop	60	-	60
Equipment hire	-	-	-
Fund raising	1,873	-	1,873
	1,933	-	1,933

6 Administration

Printing, postage and stationery	-		3
Publicity	849		1,078
AGM	-		-
Bank charges	60		73
Sundry	(2)		32
	907		1,186

7 General Funds

District	33,231		33,925
Explorers	-		-
	33,231		33,925

8 Designated Funds

	<u>3rd Pixham</u>	<u>Hardship</u>	<u>Jamboree</u>	<u>Pixham</u>	<u>Ranmore</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening balance	-	9,300	986	5,000	5,000	20,286
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income	3,482	-	2,305	-	-	5,787
Expenditure	-	(243)	(990)	-	-	(1,233)
Closing balance	3,482	9,057	2,301	5,000	5,000	24,840

9 Restricted Funds

	<u>Pixham</u>	<u>Ranmore disabled</u>	<u>Bradshaw memorial</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening balance	3,089	1,163	1,269	5,521
Income	-	-	-	-
Interest	150	56	62	268
Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	3,239	1,219	1,331	5,789

10 Trustees' expenses

A total of £1,733.02 (2023: £641.21) was reimbursed to seven of the Trustees in respect of amounts paid out on behalf of the District. None of the Trustees has received any remuneration for work done for the District.

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Dorking District Scout Council for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- To examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act);
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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:

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Dorking District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act, or
- (ii) 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:



Ann-Marie Vinnicombe, ACMA, MBA
10 June 2024