

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Blackdown District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Tangier Scout and Guide Centre

Castle Street

Taunton, Somerset

Postcode

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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 if not for whole year
1	Shawn Rutter	Chair	Appointed 23 May 23
2	Richard Smith	District Youth Lead	Appointed 23 May 23
3	David Lumbard		
4	Thomas Hold		
5	Mark Cummings		
6	Christopher Pinguenet		
7	Nadia Atherton	District Lead Volunteer	
8	Sarah Milsted		
9	Phillip Bayles		
10	Andrew Milsted		
11	David Johnson	Treasurer	
12	John Lewis		
13	Marian Scott		
14	Tricia Sedgbeer		
15	Shaun Dale	Chair	Until 23 May 23
16	Laura Willets		Until 23 May 23
17	Scarlett Atherton		Until 5th September 23
18	Michael Bowditch		From 5th September 23
19	Anwar Watson		From 8th November 23

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The District's governing documents are those of the 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.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Blackdown District Scout Council is managed by the District Trustee Board, 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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

The District Trustee Board has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>See the Blackdown District Annual Review 2023.</p> <p>We provide advice and assistance to groups, to support volunteers and enrich the Scouting experience of our young people. We enhance the great work and activities of the groups by supporting and running additional district activities.</p>
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:	<p>Assist with the cost of relevant training for adults, and make grants to young people for international expeditions and events.</p> <p>The Huish Woods campsite and activity centre we own is a major land & building asset, for which the Trustees are responsible with the assistance of a volunteer operational management team.</p>
Public benefit statement	<p>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.</p>

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

See also the Blackdown District Annual Review 2023 attached.

Supplementing the great work and activities of the groups, we have further enhanced experiences for our young people by supporting and running the following:

- Supporting the opening of 3 new Explorer units.
- Leading the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award programme
- Running a St Georges Day parade through the County Town.
- Supporting the Gang Show.
- Running District events at Huish Woods for Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs.
- Running Brompton Ralph activity events for Scouts and Explorers.
- Running a raft race for Scouts and Explorers
- Running a Beavers fun and craft days.
- Running an archery competition for Scouts.
- Supporting and running the training for Ten Tors for both District and County Explorer participants.
- Operating Huish Woods.
- Financial assistance with the cost of training for adults.
- Grants for young people for international expeditions and events.

Membership continued to grow through 2023, and as at the Annual Census on 31st January 2024 we had 1466 Young People as members, adding over 100 new members and making us the quickest growing District in Somerset for 2023.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately 12 months unrestricted expenditure.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

n/a

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Accounts

See the statutory accounts prepared for the year ended 31 December 2023. There was total income of £150,755 which is similar to 2022, although expenditure was greater at £170,921, which led to a deficit on the year of £20,166. This can be explained mainly by additional maintenance works at Huish Woods including tree safety works of c£17k. The deficit reduces the overall funds shown on the balance sheet to £605,906, and note that only £92k of this was held in bank accounts.

When contemplating future capital improvements to Huish Woods we have the benefit of the development fund of £170k, for which projects are currently in planning.

The reserves policy states that reserves will be held to cover 12 months unrestricted expenditure so this also needs to be taken into account when looking at future costs. Although, if income is lower at Huish Woods then expenditure by way of running costs will also be much reduced.

As owners of Huish Woods we have a responsibility to invest in the infrastructure of this great asset of ours that all benefit from, i.e. buildings and activities, and so continue to do this. The current volunteer management team are working hard to improve activity infrastructure and equipment. For 2024 the Trustees have agreed a break even budget for Huish Woods.

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Principal sources of funds

The District's principal sources of funds are:

1. District membership subscriptions.
2. Huish Woods membership subscriptions and charged activities.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

How expenditure has supported our objectives

Expenditure enables us to operate so we can:

- provide the district support and governance structure required of by the Scout Association
- enrich the experiences for young people to support group activities and run district activities i.e. events & parades, provide adult training grants, young people expedition grants.
- maintain & operate Huish Woods for the long term benefit of all our members.

- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The Council does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)



Support the opening of 3 new Explorer Units opening in 2024
Support the opening of a new Squirrel drey.
Run New Cub lego day competition event.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Shawn Rutter	David Johnson
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 305633

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

for

Blackdown District Scout Council

Blackdown District Scout Council
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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

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

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

Mr Kevin Parsons FCCA
Cooper Associates Accountants Ltd
40 St James Buildings
St James Street
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 1JR

Date: 23 April 2024

Blackdown District Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	12,985	-	12,985	28,940
Charitable activities					
Explorer Scouts		16,610	-	16,610	5,351
District events		10,170	-	10,170	5,905
Huish woods		20,177	-	20,177	18,871
Other trading activities	3	18,049	-	18,049	20,790
Investment income	4	<u>72,764</u>	-	<u>72,764</u>	<u>69,789</u>
Total		<u>150,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,755</u>	<u>149,646</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	105,710	-	105,710	65,761
Charitable activities					
Explorer Scouts	6	10,678	-	10,678	5,686
District events & training		8,837	-	8,837	4,696
Huish Instructors		3,873	-	3,873	-
World Jamboree grants		2,650	-	2,650	1,350
Support Costs		39,173	-	39,173	8,486
Total		<u>170,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,921</u>	<u>109,601</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(20,166)	-	(20,166)	40,045
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		437,092	188,980	626,072	586,027
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>416,926</u>	<u>188,980</u>	<u>605,906</u>	<u>626,072</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Blackdown District Scout Council

Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	312,318	16,000	328,318	335,518
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	13,426	-	13,426	12,668
Debtors	12	6,164	170,540	176,704	174,958
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>90,027</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>92,467</u>	<u>107,715</u>
		109,617	172,980	282,597	295,341
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(5,009)	-	(5,009)	(4,787)
		<u>104,608</u>	<u>172,980</u>	<u>277,588</u>	<u>290,554</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		416,926	188,980	605,906	626,072
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>416,926</u>	<u>188,980</u>	<u>605,906</u>	<u>626,072</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>416,926</u>	<u>188,980</u>	<u>605,906</u>	<u>626,072</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				416,926	437,092
Restricted funds				<u>188,980</u>	<u>188,980</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>605,906</u>	<u>626,072</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Shawn Rutter - Trustee

David Johnson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Blackdown District Scout Council
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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 their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-	Straight line over 50 years
Plant and machinery	-	25% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	1,114	5,675
Legacies	-	11,059
Membership fees	79,071	76,238
Membership fees payable	<u>(67,200)</u>	<u>(64,032)</u>
	<u>12,985</u>	<u>28,940</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Tangier shop income	11,552	11,759
Huish Woods shop income	<u>6,497</u>	<u>9,031</u>
	<u>18,049</u>	<u>20,790</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Camping & hall hire	70,860	69,258
Deposit account interest	<u>1,904</u>	<u>531</u>
	<u>72,764</u>	<u>69,789</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rates and water	476	2,655
Insurance	4,571	4,167
Light and heat	22,833	10,705
Sundries	1,518	2,626
Repairs & maintenance	31,966	20,918
Depreciation	<u>7,696</u>	<u>8,263</u>
	<u>69,060</u>	<u>49,334</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. RAISING FUNDS - continued

Other trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening stock	12,668	12,286
Purchases	14,769	15,549
Closing stock	(13,426)	(12,668)
Rent	4,651	1,260
Huish Woods Trees	<u>17,988</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>36,650</u>	<u>16,427</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>105,710</u>	<u>65,761</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Explorer Scouts	10,678	-	10,678
District events & training	8,837	-	8,837
World Jamboree grants	2,650	-	2,650
Huish Instructors	3,873	-	3,873
Huish wages and cleaning	-	30,436	30,436
Other management costs	<u>-</u>	<u>8,737</u>	<u>8,737</u>
	<u>26,038</u>	<u>39,173</u>	<u>65,211</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Campsite staff	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. LEGACY

Huish Woods was named as a beneficiary of a Will in 2020 which states that funds are 'to be used for the benefit of the development of Huish Woods'. An amount of £190,000 was paid to Headquarters in 2020 and funds will be released if HQ are satisfied that the proposed projects meet the terms of the Will. The improvements to Tone Cabin and laundry room have been funded to date.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2023	460,987	50,541	511,528
Additions	-	496	496
At 31 December 2023	<u>460,987</u>	<u>51,037</u>	<u>512,024</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	126,382	49,628	176,010
Charge for year	<u>7,115</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>7,696</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>133,497</u>	<u>50,209</u>	<u>183,706</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u>327,490</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>328,318</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>334,605</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>335,518</u>

Freehold cost includes £249,795 spent on the construction of a toilet block in 2009, £105,942 on a further block in 2011 and £17,020 on improvements of Tone Cabin in 2020.

Land includes the Huish Woods campsite at its cost of £450 and Beacon Field at its cost (less donations) of £18,304. It also includes £49,232 spent in 2015 on concrete gabions to strengthen the banks of the access road to the Huish Woods campsite. No depreciation is charged as the market value of the land is in excess of its book value.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

11. STOCKS		2023	2022
		£	£
Stocks		<u>13,426</u>	<u>12,668</u>
12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2023	2022
		£	£
Trade debtors		2,059	220
Other debtors		170,540	170,855
Prepayments and accrued income		<u>4,105</u>	<u>3,883</u>
		<u>176,704</u>	<u>174,958</u>
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		2023	2022
		£	£
Trade creditors		1,114	2,519
Accruals and deferred income		<u>3,895</u>	<u>2,268</u>
		<u>5,009</u>	<u>4,787</u>
14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Net	
	At 1.1.23	movement	At
	£	in funds	31.12.23
		£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	437,092	(20,166)	416,926
Restricted funds			
Huish Woods development reserve	188,980	-	188,980
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>626,072</u>	<u>(20,166)</u>	<u>605,906</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	150,755	(170,921)	(20,166)
Restricted funds			
Huish Woods development reserve	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>150,755</u>	<u>(170,921)</u>	<u>(20,166)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	396,707	20,219	416,926
Restricted funds			
Huish Woods development reserve	189,320	(340)	188,980
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>586,027</u>	<u>19,879</u>	<u>605,906</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,646	(109,261)	40,385
Restricted funds			
Huish Woods development reserve	-	(340)	(340)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>149,646</u>	<u>(109,601)</u>	<u>40,045</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	396,707	20,219	416,926
Restricted funds			
Huish Woods development reserve	189,320	(340)	188,980
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>586,027</u>	<u>19,879</u>	<u>605,906</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	300,401	(280,182)	20,219
Restricted funds			
Huish Woods development reserve	-	(340)	(340)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>300,401</u>	<u>(280,522)</u>	<u>19,879</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Blackdown District Scout Council

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,114	5,675
Legacies	-	11,059
Membership fees	79,071	76,238
Membership fees payable	<u>(67,200)</u>	<u>(64,032)</u>
	12,985	28,940
Other trading activities		
Tangier shop income	11,552	11,759
Huish Woods shop income	<u>6,497</u>	<u>9,031</u>
	18,049	20,790
Investment income		
Camping & hall hire	70,860	69,258
Deposit account interest	<u>1,904</u>	<u>531</u>
	72,764	69,789
Charitable activities		
Explorer Scouts	11,103	2,726
District events	10,170	5,905
Huish Woods	20,177	18,871
Ten Tors	<u>5,507</u>	<u>2,625</u>
	<u>46,957</u>	<u>30,127</u>
Total incoming resources	150,755	149,646
EXPENDITURE		
Raising funds		
Rates and water	476	2,655
Insurance	4,571	4,167
Light and heat	22,833	10,705
Carried forward	27,880	17,527

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Blackdown District Scout Council

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Raising funds		
Brought forward	27,880	17,527
Sundries	1,518	2,626
Repairs & maintenance	31,966	20,918
Freehold property - depreciation	7,115	7,455
Plant & machinery - depreciation	<u>581</u>	<u>808</u>
	69,060	49,334
Other trading activities		
Opening stock	12,668	12,286
Purchases - Tangier shop	10,433	9,814
Purchases - Huish Woods shop	4,336	5,735
Rent	4,651	1,260
Huish Woods-Tree management	17,988	-
Closing stock	<u>(13,426)</u>	<u>(12,668)</u>
	36,650	16,427
Charitable activities		
World Jamboree	2,650	1,350
Explorer Scouts	7,899	3,281
District events & training	8,837	4,696
Huish Instructors	3,873	-
Ten Tors	<u>2,779</u>	<u>2,405</u>
	26,038	11,732
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	1,832	1,550
Postage and stationery	1,392	1,153
Website and computer costs	862	2,090
Accountancy fees	1,950	1,950
Training	-	1,321
Cleaning	22,108	16,443
Bad Debts	2,219	-
Admin wages and pension costs	8,328	7,179
Bank interest	<u>482</u>	<u>422</u>
	39,173	32,108

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Blackdown District Scout Council

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total resources expended	<u>170,921</u>	<u>109,601</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>(20,166)</u></u>	<u><u>40,405</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Blackdown District Scout Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 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: 23 April 2024