



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT **for the year ending 31st March 2024**



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATION DETAILS - for the year ended 31st March 2024

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| Registered name: | Axe District Scout Council |
| Other names used: | Axe District Scouts, Axe Scout District |
| Charity registration number: | 305639 |
| Registered Office: | None |
| Joint Presidents of the Scout Association: | HRH The Princess of Wales and HRH The Duke of Kent |
| District President: | John Crockford-Hawley |
| District Vice-Presidents: | Ann Coombes, Barrie Taylor and Jenny Thorn |

Ex-Officio members – as per the Constitution of Axe Scout District

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| District Chair: | Jeremy Birkett (Appointed 14.3.2024, Trustee since 1.3.2003) *, ** |
| District Treasurer: | Jackie Simpson (Trustee since 24.9.2020) *, ** |

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| District Lead Volunteer(s): | Ali Kattana (Appointed 1.1.2018, Trustee since 14.5.2015) * |
| District Explorer Scout Commissioner: | Richard Hurst (Appointed 23.9.2022 (Trustee since 1.1.2018) * |
| District Scout Network Commissioner: | Gareth Thomas (Trustee and appointment from 16.3.2022) |
| District Youth Commissioner: | <i>Vacant</i> (Joe Hurst (Appointed 19. 1.2020, resigned 27.9.2023)) |

Elected members (elected by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Teresa Aldridge | (Trustee since 12.9.2017) ** |
| Jason Belcher | (Trustee since 10.11.2022) |
| Khalil Kattana | (Trustee since 01.9.2008) |
| Graham Meikle | (Trustee since 26.8.21) * also Deputy DC (Training & Compliance) |

Nominated members (nominated by the District Lead Volunteer and approved by Axe District Scout Council at its AGM)

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Elizabeth Vennall | (Trustee since 29.9.2022) |
| Jay Webb | (Trustee since 29.9.2022) |
| Paul Westwood | (Trustee since 12.11.2015) |

Co-opted Members (Appointed by the District Trustee Board during the reporting year)

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Vinod Bavabhai | (Trustee since 9.5.2024) |
| Matt Mellor | (Trustee since 9.5.2024) |

District Secretary: The trustees are grateful to Duncan Biddulph who has volunteered to take Trustee Board Minutes since May 2024 - in a non-trustee capacity

Independent Examiner of the District's Accounts

TaxAssist Accountants

96 Drove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3NW

The District Executive's bank accounts are held at:

National Westminster Bank, 89 High St, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HJ

* = Member of Finance sub-Committee

** = Member of District Appointments Advisory Committee

AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

Introduction

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association (POR). POR is a core document the main purpose of which is to describe how the Scouts is structured, organised, managed and governed - to help us all run Scouting. It is revised from time to time (see Notes at foot of this Report).

Axe District Scout Council is a separate unincorporated educational charity within the Scouts' federated structure established under these rules, which are common to all Scout Districts. It is registered with the charity regulator for England and Wales.

Constitution

At its AGM on 20th September 2023 this charity adopted in full the model constitution applicable to Scout Districts as stated described in POR (July 2023) chapter 5.4.

At its AGM on 19th September 2024, members of the District Scout Council will be asked to adopt in full a revised version the model constitution applicable to Scout Districts as stated described in POR (March/June 2024) chapter 5.5. *Local governance and finance of Districts*. This can be viewed by following the link: [Chapter 5: Local governance and finance of Groups, Districts, Counties | Policy, Organisation and Rules | Scouts](#)

Structure

Axe Scout District is led by one District Lead Volunteer assisted by two Deputy District Commissioners and supported by a District Team.

The charity is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'charity trustees' of the Scout District. 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. All trustees are volunteers who give their time most generously. The charity does not employ any paid staff.

During the reporting year the Trustee Board has consisted of the Chair, Treasurer and up to 13 other Trustees (4 Ex Officio, 4 Elected, 3 Nominated and 2 co-opted Trustees) two of whom are under the age of 25. Trustees meet six times a year plus the AGM. The Board believes that this is sufficient to enable it to be effective whilst remaining flexible to hold additional meetings if the need arises.

This 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 give young people skills for life.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR.

From the 2024 AGM:

- Subject to approval of the District Scout Council the number of trustees overall will be reduced to 12 - to include all categories. This is in line with Scout HQ and Charity Commission best practice.
- The number of ex-officio trustees will reduce from 4 to 2 (District Lead Volunteer and District Youth Lead (although this latter role remains vacant for now)
- The remaining 10 trustee places will be filled either through Appointment by the District Scout Council at the AGM or by Co-option by the Trustee Board during the year. The constitution has restrictions on the number of trustees that can be co-opted based upon the number of trustees appointed at the AGM.

- The roles of District Chair and District Treasurer are included within the limit of 10 appointed trustees. Volunteers to fill these roles are to be recommended by the outgoing Trustee Board for appointment approval by the District Scout Council at the AGM.
- The role of District Secretary will no longer be a trustee role.

Each trustee is required to:

- hold a valid disclosure obtained through the Scout Association and issued by the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- make a statutory declaration that they are willing to act as a trustee for this charity and that they are not barred from holding a trustee role.
- complete five mandatory training modules (Scouting Essentials, Trustee Introduction, Data Protection, Safety and Safeguarding) within 5 months of appointment. The training for all current trustees is complete and up to date.

The length of service given by each trustee is to change:

- Currently, one trustee has given 21 years' continuous service, another has given 16 years' service and two others have given more than 9 years. Whilst these periods of service provide a balance of skills, experience, background and knowledge, the Scout Association is keen to ensure new people are able to become trustees bringing with them new skills and experience.
- With effect from the 2024 AGM each trustee may elect to be appointed for up to three years. At the end of that three years that trustee can be appointed for a maximum of two further three-year terms after which they must automatically stand-down for at least three years.

Sub-Committees

The District Trustee Board currently has two operational sub-Committees:

1. **Finance sub-Committee:** To ensure that proper financial planning and budgetary control is operated within the District in accordance with the rules of The Scout Association. It works to Terms of Reference approved by the Trustee Board. An Annual Operational Budget is prepared for agreement by the Trustee Board. This is then monitored throughout the year and progress reports are provided to trustees. There are five members. It meets one week before each Board meeting (to which it then provides an update) plus several times during the production of the District's Annual Consolidated Accounts.
2. **District Appointments Advisory Committee:** The appointments process is set out in POR Chapter 16 – Adult Roles. Appointments are managed by the District Appointments Advisory. During the year it held 21 Welcome Meetings (some face-to-face and others on-line) through which it supported the District Commissioner to meet and approve 76 new adult appointments, approve 38 changes of appointment, approve 2 additional roles, receive 11 five-year appointment reviews and note 54 resignations. The Committee also manages Scouting disclosures for more than 700 adults (leaders and helpers) in this District.

Towards the end of 2024 the way in which adult appointments are made and managed will change as part of the overall Scouting Transformation project. Detail of the processes continues to be awaited.

3. **Buildings and Property sub-Committee:** The Trustee Board is keen to establish a Buildings sub-Committee if volunteers with the right skills come forward and offer their help.

CHARITABLE OBJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The purpose of the Scouts is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. By being in Scouts, adults and young people develop skills for life through participation in a programme, underpinned by the Scouting method. Youth membership is open to young people between the ages of 4 and 24 predominantly living within the area known as Axe Scout District.

The purpose of Axe Scout District is to support and encourage the development of the 1500+ young people within the District. We do this by:

- supporting and developing adult volunteers (350+ leaders and 120+ trustees across the 19 Scout Groups and 7 Explorer Units in Axe District) to be able to run the Scout programme.
- providing opportunities for young people from the District to participate in developmental activities elsewhere within the United Kingdom, Europe and the rest of the World.
- managing and delivering a development programme for Young Leaders – many of whom go on to be young adult leaders.
- providing grants to help the development of young people inc. hardship grants to ensure no-one is disadvantaged.
- organising and delivering District-wide events for our young people.
- making funds available to loan to any Group in need of short-term help.
- managing our finances to ensure costs are kept to a minimum enabling us to keep the District element of the annual membership fee lower than it was back in 2012!

The Purpose of the Trustee Board is to ensure that the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit. We do this through good charity governance, by:

- working with Lead Volunteers to meet their charity aims
- ensuring the District follows the Scouts policies and relevant legislation – keeping young people safe
- effective financial management
- looking after buildings, insurance and property
- managing risks
- being confident that the Scouts has a positive image within our community
- delivering an AGM

The trustees are satisfied that Axe District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Annual Statement of Accounts and a full report will be provided to members of the Scout Council at the AGM - for noting. The charity's main source of income is from the District element of the annual membership fees. Occasionally it receives donations and grants but does not proactively seek such income.

Membership Fees

An annual membership fee is levied on all young people taking part in Scouting. In 2023 the combined District, County and Headquarters elements totalled £55 per person, in 2024 it is £57.00. Of this figure the District element in 2023 was £7.00 which remains unchanged in 2024. This sum is identified during the work undertaken by the Finance sub-Committee to prepare the charity's annual operational budget.

The combined fees must be collected by the District at the end of each financial year but the elements for County and HQ are only paid-on in the first days of the following financial year. This regularly distorts the balance of monies held by this charity as at the end of the financial year – making them look greater than they actually are.

Loans to Groups within Axe District

No requests for loans have been received during the reporting year and there are no loans outstanding as at 31st March 2024.

Reserves Policy

In the event of a reduction in youth membership then the District's fee income would be proportionately reduced putting at risk its ability to operate as planned.

Taking into account the purpose of the District's funds that are held as 'restricted' and 'unrestricted designated' the Trustees believe that in order to be able to continue to support the District's youth programme our policy is that the sum equivalent to 50% of the current year's agreed annual operational budget rounded up to the nearest £1000 should be kept in reserve for use in the following budget year. This will enable core activities to

be sustained whilst a recovery programme is put in place. On this basis, the figure to be held in reserve during 2023-2024 was set at £8,000 and will remain at this figure for 2024-2025.

This policy is reviewed annually. It will be monitored by the District's Finance sub-Committee and will be reported upon to the full District Executive Board of Trustees at its bi-monthly meetings.

The need to retain the *Pandemic reserve* has been reviewed and the trustees decided that this reserve is no longer required. The balance of £9,815 has been returned to 'available funds'.

Our 'unrestricted designated' funds explained

The Trustees hold money in the following unrestricted but designated funds (see page 8 of the Annual Accounts for the balances):

- *International Jamboree* (formerly World Scout Jamboree) fund – to hold accumulated monies formally committed by District Trustees to support individuals from Axe District who are selected to attend large scale international events - not just the WSJ.
- *AxeJam fund* – to help funding and preparation for District jamborees.
- *Hardship fund* - to enable Groups in our District to support families that have difficulty in affording any aspect of Scouting.
- *Ski Trip fund* – monies held in the District's main account to use for the District's Ski Trip. The next is in January 2025
- *District Activities fund* – The separate bank account was also closed in 2018. Access to the money remains available via this designated fund.
- *Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund* - Opened to hold monies gifted to Axe District by Winscombe Masonic Lodge upon its closure in June 2022. The fund is to be put "towards good use of young people in the area".
- *Gang Show (Meet the Gang) fund* - Opened September 2023 to hold Axe District's element of the Meet the Gang bank account upon its closure.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The trustees are grateful to TaxAssist Accountants in Weston-super-Mare for being able to receive, examine and return the District's accounts in such good time.

RISK MANAGEMENT and COMPLIANCE

Risk Management

Risk is an everyday part of our charitable activity. The Trustee Board recognises that managing it effectively is essential if we are to achieve our key objectives and safeguard the charity's funds and assets. The Trustees review areas of risk at each Board meeting. The Trustee Board continues to develop a detailed Risk Register to use as a management tool at Trustee Board meetings.

At each trustee meeting the District Lead Volunteer keeps trustees updated with all live and recently closed health, safety and safeguarding issues throughout the District.

An Insurances and Licences Register is in place to ensure that trustees understand and can monitor the myriad of insurance and licence requirements necessary to deliver safe Scouting, and ensure that premiums are paid up to date.

Data Protection

The District takes its data protection responsibilities seriously and with the introduction of the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) on 25th May 2018 as a charity we have observed additional requirements to demonstrate our transparency and safeguarding of information as a data processor. The work to ensure compliance is on-going. The Board of Trustees is pleased to report that no breaches of the requirements have been advised or reported during the past year.

Compliance

At each trustee meeting the Deputy District Commissioner (Learning & Compliance) keeps the trustees updated as to leader compliance with completing mandatory learning, people without disclosures and data protection issues. In line with Scout HQ policy this District is moving towards zero-tolerance for leaders who do not hold valid 1st Aid, Safety and Safeguarding certification or who do not hold a valid disclosure. Sadly, this has led to suspensions and role cancellations.

DECLARATION

The District Trustees are satisfied that:

- this charity is well managed, carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and is managing the charity's resources responsibly
- this charity is operating compliant with POR and the Charity Commission
- young people are meaningfully involved in decision making
- the District has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the District

This Annual Report was approved by the Trustees on 29th August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Ali Kattana
District Commissioner



Jeremy Birkett
District Chair

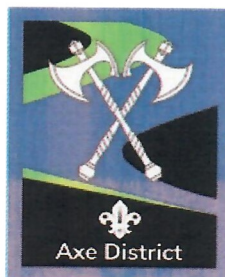
| POR version control: | Revision date |
|--|--------------------------------|
| At start of the reporting year – 1 st April 2022 | January 2022 |
| Revised | October 2022 |
| Revised and remained valid to the end of the reporting year – 31 st March 2023 | January 2023 |
| Revised | April 2023 |
| Revised - version valid as at the date of the 2023 AGM | July 2023 (pre-transformation) |
| Revised - version valid as at the date of the 2024 AGM | March 2024 (updated June 2024) |



AXE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered charity no. 305639

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS **for the year ending 31st March 2024**



Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024

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.



Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

Address: TaxAssist Accountants, 96 Drove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3NW

Date: 13th August 2024

Axe District Scout Council (Registered Charity no. 305639)

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

| | Note | As at 31.3.2024 | As at 31.3.2023 |
|---|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Total receipts for the year (see page 4) | | 183,037 | 140,420 |
| Total payments for the year (see page 5) | | - 179,752 | - 131,723 |
| Net receipts/(payments) for the year | | 3,285 | 8,697 |
| Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward | | 181,260 | 172,563 |
| Cash, bank and similar funds held at year end | 1 & 12 | <u>184,545</u> | <u>181,260</u> |
| Represented by: | | | |
| Unrestricted general funds | | 57,564 | 62,337 |
| Unrestricted designated funds | | 61,211 | 57,789 |
| Total Unrestricted funds | | <u>118,775</u> | <u>120,126</u> |
| Restricted funds | | 65,770 | 61,134 |
| Endowment funds | | 0 | 0 |
| Total cash funds | | <u>184,545</u> | <u>181,260</u> |

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the

Trustees on 17th October 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:



District Lead Volunteer
Trustee



District Chair
Trustee

Axe District Scout Council

RECEIPTS for the year ended 31st March 2024

| | Note | 31.3.2024 | 31.3.2023 |
|---|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Membership subscriptions | 2 | 106,807 | 97,325 |
| Less: Paid-on to County and HQ | | - 79,541 | - 71,504 |
| Net membership subscriptions retained | | <u>27,266</u> | <u>25,821</u> |
| Investment income received: | | | |
| Bank interest | | 249 | 84 |
| Building Society interest | | - | - |
| The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | | - | - |
| Dividends | | - | - |
| | | <u>249</u> | <u>84</u> |
| Grants received | 3 | - | 5,500 |
| Activities | 4 | 113,961 | 82,664 |
| Fundraising (gross) | 5 | 6,909 | 4,562 |
| Other income (inc. donations): | 6 | 26,034 | 11,933 |
| Loan repayments received from units | 7 | - | - |
| Sale of Government Stock | | - | - |
| Badge receipts (sales) | | 8,618 | 9,855 |
| Total receipts for the year | | <u><u>183,037</u></u> | <u><u>140,420</u></u> |

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PAYMENTS for the year ended 31st March 2024

| | Note | 31.3.2024 | 31.3.2023 |
|--|------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Premises | | 0 | 0 |
| Grants made | 8 | 1,181 | 0 |
| Activities | 9 | 137,441 | 104,619 |
| Fundraising expenses | 10 | 4,688 | 1,325 |
| Administration/establishments expenses | 11 | 27,793 | 17,433 |
| Trustee expenses | | 0 | 0 |
| Sundries | | 0 | 0 |
| Purchase of capital equipment | | 0 | 0 |
| Purchase of badges | | 8,650 | 8,347 |
| Sundry payments | | 0 | 0 |
| Loans made to units | | 0 | 0 |
| Total payments for the year | | <u>179,752</u> | <u>131,723</u> |

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STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES for the year ending 31st March 2024

| | Note | 31.3.2024 | 31.3.2023 |
|---|--------|----------------|----------------|
| MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds | | £ | £ |
| Bank current account(s) | | 184,447 | 181,162 |
| Bank deposit account(s) | | 0 | 0 |
| Bank term deposit(s) | | 0 | 0 |
| Building society account(s) | | 0 | 0 |
| The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | | 0 | 0 |
| Funds held on Pre-Payment Card | | 0 | 94 |
| Cash in hand | | 97 | 4 |
| | 1 & 12 | <u>184,545</u> | <u>181,260</u> |
| OTHER MONETARY ASSETS | | | |
| Tax claim | | 0 | 0 |
| Debts due (overdue receipts from Groups) | | 0 | 248 |
| INVESTMENT ASSETS | | | |
| Government Stocks at market value | | | |
| Other quoted securities at market value | | | |
| Other investments | | | |
| Property held for investment purposes | | | |
| NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for charity's own use | | | |
| Badge secretary's stock | | 4,104 | 3,790 |
| Shop stock | | | |
| Land and buildings | | | |
| Motor vehicles | | | |
| Scouting equipment, furniture etc. | | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>188,649</u> | <u>185,297</u> |
| LIABILITIES Those due within one year | | | |
| Accounts not yet paid | | 0 | 0 |
| Expenses incurred not yet invoiced | | 0 | 0 |
| Subscriptions not yet paid | | 0 | 0 |
| Other | | 0 | 0 |
| | | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| LIABILITIES Those payable after one year | | | |
| Loan | | 0 | 0 |
| Hire purchase owing | | 0 | 0 |
| Leasing payments outstanding | | 0 | 0 |
| Other long term liabilities | | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES | | <u>188,649</u> | <u>185,297</u> |
| CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS | | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

Axe District Scout Council
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

| | 31.3.2024 | 31.3.2023 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 1.a Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - by fund (also see note 12) | | |
| Restricted funds | | |
| District Board of Trustees | 65,770.15 | 61134.16 |
| Sections/Units funds | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total Restricted funds | <u>65,770.15</u> | <u>61134.16</u> |
| Unrestricted Designated Funds | | |
| District Board of Trustees | 13,374.80 | 11660.48 |
| Sections/Units | <u>47,835.90</u> | <u>46128.42</u> |
| Total Unrestricted Designated funds | <u>61,210.70</u> | <u>57788.9</u> |
| Unrestricted General Funds | | |
| District Board of Trustees | 57,564.35 | 62337.06 |
| Sections/Units | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total Unrestricted General funds | <u>57,564.35</u> | <u>62337.06</u> |
| Total funds held by the Charity | <u><u>184,545.20</u></u> | <u><u>181260.12</u></u> |
| 1.b Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward - Summary (also see note 12) | | |
| District Executive/Board of Trustees | 136,709 | 135,132 |
| Sections/Units | <u>47,836</u> | <u>46,128</u> |
| | <u><u>184,545</u></u> | <u><u>181,260</u></u> |
| 2. Receipts: Membership subscriptions | | |
| | Gross | 97,325 |
| | 106,807 | - |
| | Less: Paid-on to County and HQ | 71,504 |
| | - | <u>25,821</u> |
| Net Membership subscriptions retained within Axe District: | <u><u>27,266</u></u> | <u><u>25,821</u></u> |
| 3. Receipts: Grants | - | 5,500 |
| 4. Receipts: Activities | | |
| District Beaver Scouts | 6,479 | 2,995 |
| District Cub Scouts | 0 | - |
| District Scouts | 3,967 | 4,449 |
| District Explorer Scouts | 2,826 | - |
| District Scout Network | 456 | 660 |
| Axe-Jammers | - | - |
| Expedition (Ten Tors) account | 8,678 | 6,270 |
| Cardinals ESU | 805 | 400 |
| Maniaxe ESU | 820 | 1,080 |
| Pioneers ESU | 2,697 | 1,179 |
| Saracens ESU | 3,571 | 7,854 |
| Spartans ESU | 9,355 | 4,056 |
| Yeo ESU | 64,746 | 32,164 |
| Training | - | - |
| World Jamboree | - | 6,731 |
| Jamborees (exc. World Jamboree) | - | - |
| Pantomime trip | 8,811 | 13,046 |
| District Ski Trip | - | - |
| Sundries | 321 | 1,780 |
| West Mendip Way Walk | 429 | - |
| | <u>113,961</u> | <u>82,664</u> |
| 5. Receipts: Fundraising | | |
| Fundraising for benefit of units | 3,994 | 2,766 |
| Funds raised to pay-on to 3rd party (e.g. St Georges Day) | <u>2,916</u> | <u>1,796</u> |
| | <u>6,909</u> | <u>4,562</u> |
| 6. Receipts: Other Income | | |
| Donations received | 16,353 | 3,507 |
| Legacies received | - | - |
| Income Tax recovered via Gift Aid (on subscriptions and donations) | 1,890 | 1,641 |
| World Jamboree | - | - |
| Golden Woggle | - | - |
| Other Income | 334 | 526 |
| Leader 1st Aid Training | 360 | 1,340 |
| Sundries | 305 | 257 |
| Funds transfer from District/Group/Unit | <u>6,792</u> | <u>4,663</u> |
| | <u>26,034</u> | <u>11,933</u> |
| Received from Sections | | |
| Badge Account | - | - |
| | <u>26,034</u> | <u>11,933</u> |
| 7. Receipts: Loan repayments received from units | - | - |
| 8. Payments: Grants made | | |
| Start up Grants | - | - |
| Other grants | <u>1,181</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>1,181</u> | <u>-</u> |

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Notes to the accounts to 31st March 2024 (continued)

9. Payments: Activity Expenses

| | 31.3.2024 | 31.3.2023 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Axe Jammers | - | - |
| District Beaver Scouts | 5,584 | 4,207 |
| District Cub Scouts | 45 | - |
| District Scouts | 4,000 | 3,953 |
| District Explorer Scouts | 2,698 | - |
| District Scout Network | 578 | 517 |
| District Expeditions (inc Ten Tors) | 8,792 | 6,399 |
| District Activities (Jamborees & District Events) | - | 1,643 |
| World Jamboree | - | 10,536 |
| Pantomime | 8,580 | 12,844 |
| Cardinals ESU | 927 | 862 |
| Maniaxe ESU | 3,150 | 1,362 |
| Pioneers ESU | 4,862 | 4,757 |
| Saracens ESU | 5,977 | 11,754 |
| Spartans ESU | 10,781 | 5,616 |
| Yeo ESU | 80,797 | 39,033 |
| St. George's Day Celebration: costs | 210 | 424 |
| Golden Woggles event | 259 | - |
| Adult Support and Training | - | 712 |
| New Equipment | - | - |
| District Ski Trip | - | - |
| West Mendip Way Walk | 200 | - |
| | <u>137,441</u> | <u>104,619</u> |

10. Payments: Fundraising expenses

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Incurred as a result of fundraising activities | - | - |
| Funds raised and paid-on to a 3rd Party | 4,688 | 1,325 |
| | <u>4,688</u> | <u>1,325</u> |

11. Payments: Administration/establishment expenses

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Petrol, telephone & postage expenses | 514 | 1,042 |
| Group Support | 2,916 | 2,672 |
| New Group Support - 1st Burrington Village | 6,185 | 1,967 |
| Leader 1st Aid Training | 450 | 1,764 |
| Resources | 218 | 462 |
| Meeting Costs | 2,598 | 2,114 |
| Bank charges and accounting software fee | 279 | 269 |
| Accountancy and examination of accounts | 414 | 785 |
| Insurances | 476 | 299 |
| Licences | 578 | 529 |
| Recruitment | - | - |
| Transfer of funds upon closure of Group/Unit | 278 | 2,189 |
| Storage container | 1,378 | 879 |
| Equipment purchased | 8,693 | 755 |
| Other expenses | 2,814 | 1,706 |
| | <u>27,793</u> | <u>17,433</u> |

12. Breakdown of cash, bank and similar funds

District Executive funds

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Restricted: HQ and County membership fees to pay-on | 64,870 | 59,520 |
| Restricted: World Scout Jamboree | - | 714 |
| Restricted: TSA Grant - Nights Away Advisors for Squirrels | 500 | 500 |
| Restricted: New Scout Group support | 400 | 400 |
| Total Restricted Funds | <u>65,770</u> | <u>61,134</u> |

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Designated: World Jamboree | 1,250 | 840 |
| Designated: Axe Jam | 1,013 | 1,013 |
| Designated: District Hardship fund | 5,704 | 5,759 |
| Designated: District Scout Network | - | - |
| Designated: District Explorer Scouts | - | 278 |
| Designated: District Activities | 1,719 | 1,644 |
| Designated: Winscombe Masonic Lodge fund | 2,075 | 2,075 |
| Designated: District Scouts | 1,563 | - |
| Designated: Ski Trip fund | 50 | 50 |
| Total Unrestricted Designated funds | <u>13,375</u> | <u>11,660</u> |
| Total Unrestricted General funds | <u>57,564</u> | <u>62,337</u> |
| Total District Executive funds | <u>136,709</u> | <u>135,132</u> |

Funds held by Sections/Units

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Total Restricted Funds | - | - |
| Total Unrestricted Designated funds | <u>47,836</u> | <u>46,128</u> |
| Total District consolidated funds | <u>184,545</u> | <u>181,260</u> |

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Axe District Scouts

Charity Number: 305639

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024

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.



Name: Catherine Saunders

Relevant professional qualification if any: CTA MAAT ATT

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Date: 13th August 2024