



Scouts

East Grinstead

Annual Report 2022-2023



Our aim is to offer and promote quality Scouting in a caring friendly way to all our members

Registered Charity No 305849

www.egscouts.org.uk

District Executive Committee

(To be renamed Trustee Board from 2023 AGM)

Providing active support to the District Commissioner and the Group Executive Committees

As Scouting continues to recover from the effects of covid I am really please to our Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units are still able to put on exciting programmes providing new skills for our young people.

I would like to the Executive committees both Group and District for their tireless work in supporting the leader teams.



This year has seen many changes of personal. I would like to express my thanks to Marcus Williams who stood down as District Treasurer at the last AGM but continued to

support us from afar as an executive member to the end of the financial year. He will be missed by all. We are pleased to have found Andy Smith to take on this important role.

We are grateful to Gwyn Cheesmur for taking over the Wagg Centre lease agreement a role previously carried out by Marcus.

Due to moving out of the District our Chair Nick Hills stood down in November. Nick has done a very good job in ensuring we are compliant in all rules. Nick has a wealth of experience so I am pleased to say he agreed to stay on the Executive as a co-opted member.

We are also very pleased that Heather Furminger agreed to change her role from Acting to full District Commissioner. Our thanks to Heather for taking on this important role.

The appointments panel under the leadership of Tony Harvey has continued to do a good job in ensuring we offer new adults a warm welcome into Scouting. It is pleasing to see there is a suitable mix of ages on the panel meetings to ensure the new adults attending feel at ease.

As a District we are fortunate to be able to provide financial support to our young members. Due to “the cost-of-living crisis” at this year’s census we were able to reduce the amount the Sections needed to pay for the annual Scouting membership fees.

By the time you read this we will have 5 Explorer Scouts and 2 adults experiencing the once in a life time opportunity to attend the World Scout Jamboree. We have also supported some of our young people with the cost of their local camps.

As you will know Scouting will be going through many changes over the next few years. As with all new processes it will take some getting used to but with the right support, I am sure we all benefit and move forward just like we have done in the past.

Finally, I would like to thank every adult, Leaders, Executive members, Scout Active support and supporters for all the time you give to making Scouting in East Grinstead a success

David Matthews
Chair East Grinstead Scouts

SCOUTS Our Young People aged 10½ to 14

Troops have been running a wide spectrum of activities from indoor training sessions to outdoor hikes, kayaking, camps plus many other adventurous activities. These activities would not happen without the leader teams that are doing such a good job, which is much appreciated.

A big thank you to the Marathon Committee for running the event again



this year. It was good to see 14 Scout teams entering the event from 9 different Troops. And congratulations to 1st Turners Hill and Crawley Down for winning the Scout section.

Also a big thank you to Adrian and Sarah’s Kayaking team for getting the Scouts out onto the water again.

Congratulation to all leaders that have received awards this year, there are well deserved.

Andy Ruxton
Assistant District Commissioner – Scouts

EXPLORERS

Providing Scouting for the 14 -18 years old

Griffyn have had another successful, if slightly quiet year.

Nigel Williams our long-term Explorer Leader stepped down after nearly 30 years and moved onto SASU, and Brian Riches after 20 years has also taken a long-term sabbatical from weekly leadership. However, the Unit has been in Jonny Parrett able hands for the year albeit in a temporary caretaker role. We welcomed a new Tony to the Unit at the start of the year, but unfortunately, he was unable to stay. We were pleased that Andy Rose a former 7th EG Scout and Venture has now come on board as an Assistant Leader, and Rowan Carter has joined the team as a Sectional Assistant. We would very much welcome additional individuals who would like to join the Unit as members of the leader team to carry the Unit forwards.

The unit has been undertaking traditional scouting activities such as indoor pioneering, cooking and cultural evenings, as well as outdoor fire lighting, town trails, and we were also privileged to host



Miles Price Kings Scout report back and celebrate the achievement of receiving the award.

We were also pleased to assist with the District St

George's Day celebrations and undertake service work at Broadstone Warren Scout Camp. We also welcomed evenings from the Scout Network and our Youth Commissioner, both of whom are really important in our members Scouting journey and giving them a voice in the District.

We are incredibly proud to have 3 Unit members who are attending the World Scout Jamboree along with 1 former member who is going as a participant, and a 2nd former member (Rowan) who is attending as part of the IST (International Service Team).

Next year we are going to build on the past year, with camping and more activities and events to help support and develop our young people.

Brian Riches - Griffyn Explorer Scout Unit

Matterhorn have had a busy year, we had summer camp at Thriftwood scout camp last August taking part in their #intent camp, the Explorers were joined by Copthorne Ranger Guides and both sections had lots of fun which included a day out at Southend.

In May Copthorne Scouts did their Gang show which Matterhorn Explorers took part in.



Matterhorn current have 9 members in the unit with scouts due to come up soon.

The unit have done a joint evening with Rowfant ESU and Scout Network

We have also had joint evening with Copthorne Ranger Guides

Kelly Young - Matterhorn Explorer Scout Unit



Young people aged 14-18yr who provide active support to our Section Leaders form the District Young Leader Unit

The Young Leader section continues to thrive in the district, and it has been a pleasure, as ever, to work with the Young People in the Young Leaders section, I thank them for their continued enthusiasm and energy for helping the sections they volunteer in to help deliver fantastic scouting in the district.

One of the big changes that we have introduced this year is to allow the Young Leaders to complete the modules of the YL Award Scheme through online courses, this gives a lot of flexibility and allows self-service of the scheme, although that interaction that a face-to-face course gives is certainly lost. Module A, which is the only compulsory module in the scheme, is still delivered face to face and we are endeavouring to deliver this once a term.

We have approximately 35 Young Leaders registered in the district and this

year we have awarded a number of Yong Leader Belt Award, this is



an award that the Young Leaders should be proud of and gives them an exclusive belt buckle to wear to show their award.

Thank you for the assistance from the other leaders in the district who get roped into the delivery of the Modules locally and to the Young

Leaders for the time they give the sections, they are a very valuable addition to the leadership teams in the district and should be continued to be encouraged.

Mel Fletcher
District Explorer Scout Leader (Young Leaders)

network

Enabling 18-25s to continue their Scouting journey

The last year has been a challenging one for Network, with many people moving away or starting new jobs. Unfortunately, Adam had to step down as Network Commissioner when he moved away; I took on the role in June and am keen to grow the unit, since May we have gained 3 new members!

We have enjoyed a varied programme over the last year, including Kayaking, Climbing, Quiz nights, a monopoly run, Escape rooms, Bowling and Cooking challenges. We have also been pleased to be involved with events in the District, including helping with carparking at the Edenbridge & Oxted show (which we will be doing again this year!), marshalling at Cophthorne



Scouts' bonfire night, and evenings with Griffyn, Matterhorn & Rowfant ESU. A few of our members and ex-

members also travelled up to Coventry recently for Network Festival they had a great time and we are hoping to gather some more people for next year.

Lastly (but definitely not least) I am excited to be planning an activity day at Broadstone Warren for anyone network-aged! This will be open to anyone aged 18-25 in the District, as well as people not already in Scouts that would be interested in joining. There will also be an opportunity to discuss a programme for the new term; I look forward to welcoming some new members.

Rowan Saunders
District Scout Network Commissioner (DSNC)



#YouShape helping to get more Young People involved in the way their Scouting is run

Youth Shaped Scouting is important and I'm looking forward to the year ahead, planning some exciting opportunities to engage with young people and leaders within the district.

Reflecting on the past year we had a very exciting St George's day, taking on a different style to past years and we look forward to adapting this further to ensure we celebrate St George's day and engage with the young people within our district.



I would welcome any feedback and offer my support to any groups in the district who would like to hear more about youth shaped scouting.

Thank you

Lily Graham District Youth Commissioner (DYC)



Providing Support to East Grinstead District

We are very grateful to our Scout Active Support Units (SASU) for the help they provide

Meridian Scout Active Support Unit

I took over the Manager of the District Meridian Scout Active Support Unit in September last year, from Jeff Dyson. Thank you to Jeff for looking after us for so many years.

We currently have 19 members on our census but one of my aims is to encourage others to join us especially those who think they can no longer give up a regular meeting night but could help in a variety of ways throughout the District.



I introduced sending out a monthly newsletter to our members with the dates of activities that we have been asked to help with. One of the events was the Go-Beavers – this was a great day out and it was wonderful to see many of our District Colonies there enjoying themselves and our members being able to help in different ways. Since our first meeting in October, we re-set our Service Agreement with the District and have managed to clock up 207 hours of service in a

variety of ways, helping at events and supporting Groups, in addition to other roles that some of us hold within the District.

We have a big variety of skills between us, so please invite us to come to one of your section meetings to lend a hand or an extra pair of eyes if you are short of a Leader one week.

We also have a social diary when we invite partners to join us. This year we have had a bring and share afternoon tea, a Skittles match with a



Pub meal and by the time you read this we will have had our AGM and Annual BBQ.

How to make contact with us?

Just email me on Lynda.railton@egscouts.org.uk with your request for help and I will find you a willing helper.

Speak to you soon.

Lynda Railton



The Rover Scout Active Support Unit (Rover Crew)

We have been helping with a number of events this year, Poppy collection, Marathon hike for Scouts and Guides, Overland hike for Explorer Scouts, The District St

George's day celebration at Broadstone Warren as well as helping at troop evenings.

We are planning to run Operation Triangle the night navigation exercise for Explorer Scouts on the 18th - 19th November 2023, if you would like to help and haven't before, then please get in touch.



We have also had our usual mix of social events, backwoods cooking, BBQ's, evening walks and our annual pitch and putt competition.

Andy Ruxton - Rover Crew Mate



Providing opportunities for Adults and helpers to gain the information and support they need for their Role

I would like to start by thanking Sue Mangan who has had to stand down for family reason for the time she gave to the role of Local Training Manager for our District.

We are pleased to welcome Laura Carter to the District Team who has now taken on this important role at a time when training will be going through many changes as part of the Associations transformation

Once again, our young people have been able to gain valuable *#skills for life* thanks to our brilliant leader teams and new adult volunteers coming forward.



Face to face training run by West Sussex Scouts has continued at Lodge Hill with a few more new wood badges being completed this year.

Mandatory training (Safety, Safeguarding, 1st Aid) renewable every 3yrs has not always been completed in time but we are getting there.

We are very grateful to Paul Mortimer and John Railton who have continued to provide First Response training to our adults and young leaders. John has also visited the sections to help the younger members gain first aid experience and badges.

The Positive behaviour and Scouting for all Workshops: Led by Suzanne Few (Deputy County Commissioner Diversity) have been run with these popular Workshops helping both new and existing leaders with ways to combat some of the challenges they face in Scouting from both young people as well as adults.

I would like to express my thanks to the Appointments Advisory Committee led by Tony Harvey for ensuring new leaders have a better understanding of their role and the commitment to training they are making. It is good to see in line with Scouting guidelines that we are able to have an under 25yr member on the appointment panels

Nights Away events (or sleepovers & camping as most of us call it) are now getting back to normal and it is good to see that we have had more leaders over the past 12months taking out permits which will give more of our young people the chance to experience the new skills that these events provide.

David Matthews

APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Approving our new leaders suitability and helping them to understand their role

It has once again been a busy year for us largely as a result of the remarkable recruitment efforts undertaken by our Groups.

We have held 7 meetings during the year and supported and approved some significant appointments.

A new GSL (Group Scout Leader) at West Hoathly – a warm welcome to Des Henderson.

A new GSL at 1st Ardingly – thank you to Nigel Cheater for stepping up to the role following the standing down of Brian Sawyer after so so many years at the helm.

New DGSL (Deputy Group Scout Leader) roles at 1st Ardingly, 1st Turners Hill and Crawley Down, 1st Forest Row and at the 4th East Grinstead.

A new DSNC (District Scout Network Commissioner) – welcome to Rowan Saunders.

A new DTM (District Training Manger) – welcome to Laura Carter.

A new SASU (Scout Active Support Unit) unit manager for Meridian – thank you to Lynda Railton.

A new District Chair – David Matthews.

A new District Treasurer - Andy Smith.

A new Group chair at the 6th EG – Alison Poole and an interim Group chair at the 1st EG Martin Groat.

As well as section leaders, assistant section leaders and section assistants at the 4th East Grinstead Scouts, 6th EG Beavers and Cubs, 8th EG Scouts, 1st Ardingly Beavers, 1st EG Winnipeg Beavers, Walker Cubs, and at Griffin Explorer Scout Unit.

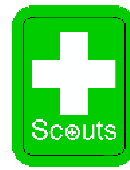
A thank you too to Lynda Railton, Barbara Groat, Allie Poole, Hannah Brown, Colin Robotham and Tina Robotham, and to Sophie Freeland and Jake Sheeran our younger representatives for their continued support and guidance to this committee.

Neither should we under estimate the contribution made by David, Laura and Denise for explaining the training requirements so thoroughly to all. We are looking forward to the new transition and to supporting those warmer welcome within the Group environment going forward.

And finally a huge thank you to the GSL and

Group administrators who already work hard to make the process of appointment and training easier for all. It does make a huge difference.

Tony Harvey – Appointment Chair



First Aid Response

To provide 1st Aid skills for adults and Young Leaders working with our Young People

Another year on, has seen First Response change yet again for Scouting. However the fundamentals of First Response and the latest methods of CPR are what Paul and I teach to the Leaders and young people in our District and beyond.

We did try to hold courses on a Saturday afternoon, /early evening for renewals only, but people still preferred to come for a full day on the Sunday. This year we have had 44 adults complete their First Response as well as some Explorer Young Leaders.

A slight change to our day, now, is that we do not serve a lunch but provide teas and coffees all day including cake in the afternoons.

This year during March, April and May I have been out more with the Annie and Practice AED, to all sections. The Beavers love having a go and those with Parent Helpers also like to take a turn. It is good that all the sections are working on their Emergency Aid Badges.

With the help of the District we have now



updated the spares for the AED and the District First Aid Kit for District Events. Thank you.

A little reminder to everyone, carry a Mask (if you are able to wear one) and gloves in your First Aid Kit and or pockets, and do not be afraid to stop and help someone in trouble. Remember the golden rule for CPRNO KISSING!!

I would like to say 'thank you' to Paul Mortimer our Registered Paramedic Tutor, David Matthews our District Chair for updating Compass and informing me of those who need to renew their tickets and to Lynda the admin and for making the teas and coffees.

JOHN RAILTON - DISTRICT FIRST AID ADVISER

WANT TO JOIN?

A system to help parents find Scouting in their area.

First introduced by Scout Association and adopted in our District in 2013.

Well, this year has been a busy year for young people from Beavers to Explorers wanting to join us. I get a lot of W2J's especially after District events; such as the St. Georges celebration day camp fire or camps. Most requests come via HQ a few through our own web site or quite frequently from parents on our designated telephone line 0845 475 5378. This not just for young people but I have had adults showing interest as well.

Again this year we have had a Ukrainian Beaver Scout in addition to the ones that joined us last year.

One question I get asked a lot by Parents, especially those that phone me, is how much are the Subs?

Once I have the information we need from the parent I can send it to the Leader of their choice.

All I ask is you have make contact with the family, then let me know, so that I can close my file, keeping within the GDPR guidelines.

All section Leaders are fantastic at responding to me and keeping me up to date with there waiting times or of any changes in meeting times. Thank you, to them, they know who they are. Under GDPR, I do not keep details once the young person has been placed on a waiting list by the group or offered a place this is why I need a response from the Leader or Group Secretary. Some new Parents do not understand we are all volunteers, they expect a place immediately. I do politely explain we are not a 'club' and we do have waiting lists some longer than others. I am working to the way that HQ expects; I try to respond to Parents within a 48-hour window. I would like to finish my report by saying **'thank you'** to those Leaders who really engage with W2J, you know who you are and long may you have full sections and long waiting lists.

Lynda Railton – Want to Join Co-ordinator

The Last word(s) (As always) comes from our District Commissioner

Well in a moment of madness, after much deliberation and having identified a successor in two years' time I said YES to accepting the full role so please do not let me regret it! It continues to be a real honour and privilege to have been entrusted to this role for yet another year and one I do not underestimate.

Significant changes and events to mention just a few



We said a fond farewell to Peter Hartley – former Group Chair at West Hoathly, Jim Goodbrand – former Scout Leader at 1st EG Dolphin Troop, Peter Roberts – former GSL at the 4th EG, Keith Morris – former Cub Leader at 1st TH/CD.

We celebrated the marriage of Miles Price and Rebecca Hardcastle – apparently Miles proposed to Becca on a hike towards their Queen Scout award! – romantic?

We also celebrated the selection of our five Explorer contingent members to World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in South Korea – Cameron O'Brien, Ruby Doyle, Matthew Turner, Michael Murphy and Thomas Poole. Alongside Toby Robinson a leader from Rowfant Explorer unit and selected as a contingent leader for West Sussex Warriors and Rowan Saunders our new District Scout Network Commissioner on the International Service Team (IST). What an opportunity we wish you a fantastic time.



We also and more recently received the news that Finlay Weight-Thompson has been selected for Roverway 2024 in Norway.

Transformation of the Scout Association has started with Miles Price and David Matthews on the West Sussex team. 2 Group AGM's and 1 Scout Active Support Unit AGM have now taken place incorporating the changes to governance and trustee boards.

The changes to training are next and due to take place in October.

1st Copthorne Gang Show was back under the directorship of Lorraine Lecourtis, Jade Hawken a new Beaver Leader at the Group and Mollie Carse also a Beaver Leader at Copthorne. Fantastic show at The Hawth celebrating the real talent of all members of the Group a cast of some 160.

1st West Hoathly group also held a Show put on by the Leader team and Scout troop. It is great to see Scouting back in the village and welcomed by the community there. Again some very talented singers.

1st Turners Hill and Crawley Down have not had an easy year. The plan to split the Scout troops did not go ahead as designed and the Scouts were meeting every other week with the leaders who remained. Steve Bavin assisted by other leaders in the Group, the Rover SASU unit and ADC Scouts have worked hard to keep things going and as a result of teamwork have successfully got things back under control. The Group looks forward now to celebrating its 75th year (of 1st Turners Hill) and 50th year of incorporating Crawley Down) in 2024.



Kings and Queens Scout awards – in recent years we have not had these to celebrate but I am delighted to announce that both Miles Price and Rebecca Hardcastle have been awarded these this year. What is also pleasing is that there are three more in progress in the District.

Gold Chief Scout awards – 1st EG Tuesday Troop – have two to celebrate to Anthony Zahra and Kenzie Zahra. Both boys have worked against the odds to achieve these significant awards and have been hugely supported by the Tuesday Troop leaders who have show cased inclusivity at its very best.

Our young leaders have simply thrived under the leadership, guidance and training from Mel Fletcher.

There is some truly amazing work being done in all Sections across our district by these young leaders so please do value their contribution to your teams – they are after all the future.

Rowfant Explorer Unit and leaders from the District took part in the London Monopoly Run and had a great day.

St Georges Day celebration – thank you to the team who put forward and then executed this alternative event suggested by Marcus Bryant and James Cook at the 1st EG. Whether Broadstone would be ready, whether the campfire would be built or not – and the



answer is NO had it not been for the sterling efforts of Marcus and Angela Bryant as part of the service crew at Broadstone.

Lily Graham our District Youth Commissioner has volunteered to run the 2024 celebration and I know she would be delighted to hear from anyone who wishes to join her.

The Coronation – 4th EG – represented us in the very wet parade organised by the town council. Thank you.

The Lions May fair was again well supported by the Scouts. The 4th EG Scouts and Griffin Explorer Unit helped to sell the programmes and the 4th EG, 6th EG and the 8th EG proudly showcased Scouting at the main event.

Go Beavers – Open to All Beaver Scouts across West Sussex, once again many of the Scouters and service crew from East Grinstead stepped up and did us proud. The day was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by some 650 Beavers.

The annual Scout and Guide marathon hike was back bigger and better than ever under the stewardship of Tony Baulch GSL at the 6th EG. This event is all about the preparation – the word is “use the event to fill your spring and summer programmes” – do not enter them if they have never used a map and compass, have never cooked on whatever cooking device your Group uses, or have never pitched a tent. They simply will not enjoy it! (and will lose to the Guides!)



1st Forest Row – the DGSL Sarah inspired by the Marathon hike? went on to walk 42.4 miles from Forest Row to Eastbourne with former members of the leader team and group executive to raise funds towards the future

rebuilding of the Scout HQ at Forest Row. Next time Sarah chose a cooler day.

Camps and sleepovers have been enjoyed by all Groups and Units at a variety of sites, Bentley Copse, Blacklands, Broadstone, Thriftwood, Frylands Wood, Stanfords, Beacon Hill, Hillside, Bushy Wood, Edenbridge, and Yorkshire many of whom I have had the privilege of visiting. I am going to highlight the 4th EG as the showcase for Greenfield Camping (not for me I hasten to add). The enjoyment that these youngsters get from their camping is immeasurable, they enjoy pitching and striking their tents, digging their own fire and toilet pits, building their own camp gadgets and taking part in the competition element too. The leaders at the 4th EG are happy to share their skills set if you would like to know more.

District leavers during the year. Marcus Williams who served as our District Treasurer for 26 years and has recently been awarded his Long Service Award of 50 years. His contribution to governance at East Grinstead District Scouts cannot go without acknowledgement. We are Marcus so truly grateful for your years of service and look forward to seeing you perhaps as you continue volunteering with the adventure team at Broadstone Warren.

District Scout Network Commissioner – Our thanks go to Adam Rayner who has moved away (but still returns to assist at some of our Group events) for the great work he did within our Network section increasing the numbers significantly and the encouragement he gave to supporting our future leaders.

GSL – Brian Sawyer who stepped down after 35 years of service at 1st Ardingly Scout Group. Brian's Scouting knowledge is immense and he had a real positive influence on so many young people and leaders at the Group.

Local Training Manager (LTM) – David Matthews – who ensured that we all kept up to date with our training and now on a new challenge as District Chair. But do not worry he is still handling the census, the collation of the AGM reports, and challenging those Nights away forms - all I would say is do not be brave enough to submit on anything that is not the latest edition !

We welcome Laura Carter to the LTM role

Vacancies there are of course always a few – ADC (Assistant District Commissioner) Beaver, ADC Cubs, ADC events, DESC (District Explorer Scout Commissioner) Explorers, ESL Griffin, District Secretary – you will have to be quick though before we all become Team Leaders or Section team members under the transformation. Thank you – another great and memorable year. Let us make 2024 count too as we celebrate 50 years at the 8th East Grinstead, 70 years of 1st Copthorne and 75 years at 1st Turners Hill & Crawley Down.

Heather Furminger
District Commissioner

Awards for Length of Service

 50	 15
Gwyn CHEESMUR Marcus WILLIAMS	Nicholas HILLS Richard NICHOLLS
 30	 10
Richard BUNNING	Alison BENTLEY Angela VATER
 25	Allison ROYDS-JONES
John HITCHCOCK Melvin FLETCHER	Jonathan COATES Rachel SAVAGE Laura CARSE
 20	 5
Tracey WILLIAMS Brian RICHES Marcus BRYANT Simon PARRETT Alison POOLE Ian GRANTHAM James MILNE Kristina PARSONS Victoria TEESDALE	Aelwen LAVICTOIRE Jack IVES Jaime REED Nicholas SARGENT Thomas WHELAN William MEWIS Jennifer GRIGGS Simon HASAN Suzanne TAYLOR Judith RICHES Tracey POOLE Sarah WINN Terrie LOCHWOOD
Some 520 years between them – WHAT TREMENDOUS EFFORT and contributions to East Grinstead District Scouts – THANK YOU ALL	





East Grinstead District Scout Council

Registered Charity No. 305849

Scout Association Registration No.15514

Report and Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st March, 2023

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

0	1	0	4	2	2
---	---	---	---	---	---

 to end date

3	1	0	3	2	3
---	---	---	---	---	---

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

East Grinstead District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

EGDSC

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 5 8 4 9

Charity's principal address

c/o 5 Faraday Avenue

East Grinstead

West Sussex

Postcode

R H 1 9 4 A Y

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Heather Furminger	District Commissioner	Appointed 19/05/2023
Nicholas Hills	District Chairman	Resigned 19/07/2022
David Matthews	District Chairman	Appointed 8/11/2023
Marcus Williams	District Treasurer	Resigned 31/03/2023
Andy Smith	District Treasurer	Appointed 1/04/2023
Anthony Baulch		
Peter Smith		
Brian Riches		
Michael Barty		Resigned 19/07/2022
Tony Harvey		
Lily Graham	District Youth Commissioner	
Adam Rayner	District Network Liaison	Resigned 31/03/2023
Gwyn Cheesmur		Appointed 19/07/2022
Rowan Saunders	District Network Liaison	Appointed 1/04/2023

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Solicitor	Ms Cl Lumley LLB	Waugh's Solicitors, East Grinstead
Insurance	Unity Insurance Services	Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8UW
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc.	East Grinstead Branch
Property	Philip K A Baker FRICS	RH & RW Clutton LLP

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.

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

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

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 meets regularly during the year and consists of the District Chair and Treasurer, together with the District Commissioner and ex-officio representatives together with co-opted representatives.

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
- 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.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****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 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 Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C**Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, 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 Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, 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 District actively seeks to develop and grow Scouting in the area through the provision of training and recruitment for leaders and members, together with organising events to promote Scouting and raise the public awareness.

Section C Objectives and activities (continued)

During the year under review the District, along with all Scouting in the UK, was again impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and activities were significantly restricted which is reflected in the Income and Expenditure reported for the year.

Income from investments was also impacted as the District Executive took the decision to continue to support our tenant in the short term to secure the long term benefits of the lease on the Wagg Centre.

Section D Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £40k in any normal trading year.

The District held unrestricted reserves, excluding property revaluations, of approximately £148k, against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the inclusion of reserves in relation to District Explorer and Network funds included in this total. The Trustees have again committed to support young people from the District selected to attend the 2023 World Jamboree in Korea and monies have been designated in the accounts for this purpose.

Section E Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Date 2 3

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

Address:

Date: 2023

East Grinstead District Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2023

Statement of financial activities

Note	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	£	£
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Voluntary income	1,427	0	0	1,427	1,328
Activities for generating funds	14,449	0	0	14,449	1,050
Investment income	12,521	0	0	12,521	11,129
Incoming resources from charitable activities	9,770	0	0	9,770	9,924
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	38,167	0	0	38,167	23,431
Resources expended					
Costs of Generating Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Costs of generating voluntary income	4,561	0	0	4,561	4,619
Fundraising trading costs	0	0	0	0	0
Investment management costs	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	40,325	0	0	40,325	11,507
Governance costs	(84)	0	0	(84)	(196)
Other resources expended	0	0	0	0	(90)
Total resources expended	44,802	0	0	44,802	15,840
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	(6,635)	0	0	(6,635)	7,591
Gross transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	(6,635)	0	0	(6,635)	7,591
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0
Gains and losses on investment assets	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	(6,635)	0	0	(6,635)	7,591
Total funds brought forward	336,233	0	3,454	339,687	332,096
Total funds carried forward	329,598	0	3,454	333,052	339,687

East Grinstead District Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2023

Balance sheet

		31st March 2023			31st March 2022	
Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £	Total £	
Fixed assets						
	Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	-
	Other fixed assets		-	-	-	-
	Investments	10	187,500	-	-	187,500
	Total fixed assets		187,500	-	-	187,500
Current assets						
	Stock and work in progress		1,200	-	-	1,588
	Debtors	11	8,702	-	-	12,427
	(Short term) investments	12	82,561	-	-	82,405
	Cash at bank and in hand	13	64,324	-	-	59,510
	Total current assets		156,787	-	-	155,930
	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	11,235	-	-	3,743
	Net current assets/(liabilities)		145,552	-	-	152,187
	Total assets less current liabilities		333,052	-	-	339,687
	Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	14	-	-	-	-
	Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-
	Net assets		333,052	-	-	339,687
Funds of the Charity						
	Unrestricted funds		329,598	-	-	336,233
	Restricted income funds	15	-	-	-	-
	Endowment funds	15	-	-	3,454	3,454
	Total funds		329,598	-	3,454	339,687

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Note 2 Accounting policies**INCOMING RESOURCES**

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 subscription are in effect held as agents before being paid out.
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.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
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 accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND 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	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £X. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Analysis		2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	34,155	32,204
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to HQ/County	(32,728)	(30,876)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	1,427	1,328
	Total	1,427	1,328
Activities for generating funds	Jamboree Income	13,950	1,050
	Others	499	0
	Total	14,449	1,050
Investment income	Bank Interest	157	8
	Property Rents	12,364	11,121
	Total	12,521	11,129
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Badge and Shop Sales	1,901	2,197
	Youth programme and activities	7,854	7,727
	Training	15	0
	Total	9,770	9,924
Total		38,167	23,431

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Costs of generating voluntary income	Support costs	4,221	4,405
	Training costs	340	214
	Total	4,561	4,619
Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	9,031	6,312
	Badge and Shop Costs	4,877	2,994
	Jamboree Expenses	19,200	2,201
	Miscellaneous	7,217	0
	Total	40,325	11,507
Governance costs	Trustees Expenses	0	0
	Movement in Stock Provision	(84)	(196)
	Total	(84)	(196)
	Total	44,802	15,930

Note 5 Support Costs

Support costs have been analysed as follows:

	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Administrative Support Costs	-	4,221	-	4,221
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	4,221	-	4,221

Note 6 Expenses and fees**6.1 Trustee expenses**

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2022/23	2021/22
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0	0
Nature of the expenses	Reimbursement for expenses directly incurred in relation to fulfilling the role of Trustees of the Charity	
Total amount paid	£0	£0

6.2 Auditor/Independent Examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the auditor/independent examiner:

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Auditors'/Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	NIL	NIL
Other fees - advice, consultancy, accountancy services	NIL	NIL

Note 7 **Paid employees**

7.1 Staff Costs

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	-	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
Total staff costs	NIL	NIL

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2022/23	2021/22
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	-	-
Total	NIL	NIL

7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme

Brief details of the scheme

N/A

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	NIL	NIL
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	NIL	NIL
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end	NIL	NIL

Note 8 Grantmaking

The charity made the following material grants and donations during the year

8.1 Total value of grants

Purpose for which grants made	Grants to institutions Total amount £	Grants to individuals Total amount £
Support for youth activities	-	776
Other	6,441	-
Total	6,441	776

8.2 Grants made to institutions

The charity made the following material grants to institutions.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
Groups within East Grinstead District	Cost of living support grants/rebate on Capitation	6,441
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions		6,441

Note 9 Tangible fixed assets**9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment	Scouting Equipment etc	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Depreciation is provided on the above assets at the following rates:

Basis	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Straight Line/Reducing Balance
Rate	0%	25%	25%	25%

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment	Scouting Equipment etc	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-

9.4 Revaluation

--

Note 10 Investment assets**10.1 Fixed assets investments**

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	85,000
Add: additions to investments at cost	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	102,500
Carrying (market) value at end of year	187,500

Analysis of investments**Investment properties**

Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes

Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies

Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange

Cash held as part of the investment portfolio

Other investments

	10.2 Market value at year end £	10.3 Income from investments for the year £
Investment properties	187,500	12,364
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	-	-
Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies	-	-
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	-	-
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	187,500	12,364

10.4 Material investment holdings

Material Investments (more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity's total investments) were:

Investment held

Portland Hall, Portland Road, East Grinstead

Market Value

The last formal valuation of the property was undertaken in 2019 where a freehold value of £187,500 was placed thereon, and a Property Revaluation Reserve of £181,000 established. The Trustees are of the opinion that, given the continual maintenance undertaken by the Tenant, the value has not diminished since that date.

Note 11 Debtors and prepayments**Analysis of debtors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	594	9,830	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	8,108	2,597	-	-
Total	8,702	12,427	NIL	NIL

Note 12 Short term investments**Analysis of deposits**

	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account	100	100.0
Other deposits	82,461	82,305
Total	82,561	82,405

Note 13 Cash at bank and in hand**Analysis of deposits**

	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
Bank current accounts	64,324	59,512
Cash in hand	-	-
Total	64,324	59,512

Note 14 Creditors and accruals**14.1 Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
Subscriptions (Capitation)	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	11,235	3,743	-	-
Total	11,235	3,743	NIL	NIL

14.2 Security over assets

<i>None.</i>

Note 15 Endowment and restricted funds**15.1 Funds held**

The charity held the following funds at the year end

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Darren Jackson Fund	EE	The fund is to be used to provide additional funding to individual Network members and Explorer Scouts of East Grinstead District when undertaking International Expeditions, other than World Jamborees, in particular Queen's Scout, Duke of Edinburgh Award and Explorer Belt Expeditions.

15.2 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Darren Jackson Fund	3,454	-	-	-	-	3,454
Total Funds	3,454	-	-	-	-	3,454

15.3 Transfers between funds

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
			NIL

Note 16 Transactions with related parties**16.1 Remuneration and benefits**

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		2022/23 £	2021/22 £
		N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A

16.2 Loans

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Due to trustees and related parties			N/A	N/A
Due from trustees and related parties			N/A	N/A

16.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A

Note 17 Additional Disclosures

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts.

None.



East Grinstead District Scout Council

Registered Charity No. 305849

Scout Association Registration No.15514

Report and Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st March, 2023

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

0	1	0	4	2	2
---	---	---	---	---	---

 to end date

3	1	0	3	2	3
---	---	---	---	---	---

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

East Grinstead District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

EGDSC

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 5 8 4 9

Charity's principal address

c/o 5 Faraday Avenue

East Grinstead

West Sussex

Postcode

R H 1 9 4 A Y

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Heather Furminger	District Commissioner	Appointed 19/05/2023
Nicholas Hills	District Chairman	Resigned 19/07/2022
David Matthews	District Chairman	Appointed 8/11/2023
Marcus Williams	District Treasurer	Resigned 31/03/2023
Andy Smith	District Treasurer	Appointed 1/04/2023
Anthony Baulch		
Peter Smith		
Brian Riches		
Michael Barty		Resigned 19/07/2022
Tony Harvey		
Lily Graham	District Youth Commissioner	
Adam Rayner	District Network Liaison	Resigned 31/03/2023
Gwyn Cheesmur		Appointed 19/07/2022
Rowan Saunders	District Network Liaison	Appointed 1/04/2023

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Solicitor	Ms Cl Lumley LLB	Waughs Solicitors, East Grinstead
Insurance	Unity Insurance Services	Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8UW
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc.	East Grinstead Branch
Property	Philip K A Baker FRICS	RH & RW Clutton LLP

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.

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

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

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 meets regularly during the year and consists of the District Chair and Treasurer, together with the District Commissioner and ex-officio representatives together with co-opted representatives.

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
- 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.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****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 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 Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C**Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, 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 Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, 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 District actively seeks to develop and grow Scouting in the area through the provision of training and recruitment for leaders and members, together with organising events to promote Scouting and raise the public awareness.

Section C Objectives and activities (continued)

During the year under review the District, along with all Scouting in the UK, was again impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and activities were significantly restricted which is reflected in the Income and Expenditure reported for the year.

Income from investments was also impacted as the District Executive took the decision to continue to support our tenant in the short term to secure the long term benefits of the lease on the Wagg Centre.

Section D Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £40k in any normal trading year.

The District held unrestricted reserves, excluding property revaluations, of approximately £148k, against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the inclusion of reserves in relation to District Explorer and Network funds included in this total. The Trustees have again committed to support young people from the District selected to attend the 2023 World Jamboree in Korea and monies have been designated in the accounts for this purpose.

Section E Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Date 2 3

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

Address:

Date: 2023

East Grinstead District Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2023

Statement of financial activities

Note	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	£	£
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Voluntary income	1,427	0	0	1,427	1,328
Activities for generating funds	14,449	0	0	14,449	1,050
Investment income	12,521	0	0	12,521	11,129
Incoming resources from charitable activities	9,770	0	0	9,770	9,924
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	38,167	0	0	38,167	23,431
Resources expended					
Costs of Generating Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Costs of generating voluntary income	4,561	0	0	4,561	4,619
Fundraising trading costs	0	0	0	0	0
Investment management costs	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	40,325	0	0	40,325	11,507
Governance costs	(84)	0	0	(84)	(196)
Other resources expended	0	0	0	0	(90)
Total resources expended	44,802	0	0	44,802	15,840
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	(6,635)	0	0	(6,635)	7,591
Gross transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	(6,635)	0	0	(6,635)	7,591
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0
Gains and losses on investment assets	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	(6,635)	0	0	(6,635)	7,591
Total funds brought forward	336,233	0	3,454	339,687	332,096
Total funds carried forward	329,598	0	3,454	333,052	339,687

East Grinstead District Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2023

Balance sheet

		31st March 2023			31st March 2022	
Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £	Total £	
Fixed assets						
	Tangible assets	9	-	-	-	-
	Other fixed assets		-	-	-	-
	Investments	10	187,500	-	-	187,500
	Total fixed assets		187,500	-	-	187,500
Current assets						
	Stock and work in progress		1,200	-	-	1,588
	Debtors	11	8,702	-	-	12,427
	(Short term) investments	12	82,561	-	-	82,405
	Cash at bank and in hand	13	64,324	-	-	59,510
	Total current assets		156,787	-	-	155,930
	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	11,235	-	-	3,743
	Net current assets/(liabilities)		145,552	-	-	152,187
	Total assets less current liabilities		333,052	-	-	339,687
	Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	14	-	-	-	-
	Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-
	Net assets		333,052	-	-	339,687
Funds of the Charity						
	Unrestricted funds		329,598	-	-	336,233
	Restricted income funds	15	-	-	-	-
	Endowment funds	15	-	-	3,454	3,454
	Total funds		329,598	-	3,454	339,687

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Note 2 Accounting policies**INCOMING RESOURCES**

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 subscription are in effect held as agents before being paid out.
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.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
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 accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND 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	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £X. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Analysis		2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	34,155	32,204
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to HQ/County	(32,728)	(30,876)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	1,427	1,328
	Total	1,427	1,328
Activities for generating funds	Jamboree Income	13,950	1,050
	Others	499	0
	Total	14,449	1,050
Investment income	Bank Interest	157	8
	Property Rents	12,364	11,121
	Total	12,521	11,129
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Badge and Shop Sales	1,901	2,197
	Youth programme and activities	7,854	7,727
	Training	15	0
	Total	9,770	9,924
Total		38,167	23,431

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

		2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Costs of generating voluntary income	Support costs	4,221	4,405
	Training costs	340	214
	Total	4,561	4,619
Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	9,031	6,312
	Badge and Shop Costs	4,877	2,994
	Jamboree Expenses	19,200	2,201
	Miscellaneous	7,217	0
	Total	40,325	11,507
Governance costs	Trustees Expenses	0	0
	Movement in Stock Provision	(84)	(196)
	Total	(84)	(196)
	Total	44,802	15,930

Note 5 Support Costs

Support costs have been analysed as follows:

	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Administrative Support Costs	-	4,221	-	4,221
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	4,221	-	4,221

Note 6 Expenses and fees**6.1 Trustee expenses**

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

	2022/23	2021/22
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0	0
Nature of the expenses	Reimbursement for expenses directly incurred in relation to fulfilling the role of Trustees of the Charity	
Total amount paid	£0	£0

6.2 Auditor/Independent Examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the auditor/independent examiner:

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Auditors'/Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	NIL	NIL
Other fees - advice, consultancy, accountancy services	NIL	NIL

Note 7 **Paid employees**

7.1 Staff Costs

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	-	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
Total staff costs	NIL	NIL

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	2022/23	2021/22
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	-	-
Total	NIL	NIL

7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme

Brief details of the scheme

N/A

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	NIL	NIL
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	NIL	NIL
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end	NIL	NIL

Note 8 Grantmaking

The charity made the following material grants and donations during the year

8.1 Total value of grants

Purpose for which grants made	Grants to institutions Total amount £	Grants to individuals Total amount £
Support for youth activities	-	776
Other	6,441	-
Total	6,441	776

8.2 Grants made to institutions

The charity made the following material grants to institutions.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
Groups within East Grinstead District	Cost of living support grants/rebate on Capitation	6,441
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions		6,441

Note 9 Tangible fixed assets**9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment	Scouting Equipment etc	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Depreciation is provided on the above assets at the following rates:

Basis	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Straight Line/Reducing Balance
Rate	0%	25%	25%	25%

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment	Scouting Equipment etc	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-

9.4 Revaluation

--

Note 10 Investment assets**10.1 Fixed assets investments**

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	85,000
Add: additions to investments at cost	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	102,500
Carrying (market) value at end of year	187,500

Analysis of investments**Investment properties**

Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes

Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies

Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange

Cash held as part of the investment portfolio

Other investments

	10.2 Market value at year end £	10.3 Income from investments for the year £
Investment properties	187,500	12,364
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	-	-
Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies	-	-
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	-	-
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	187,500	12,364

10.4 Material investment holdings

Material Investments (more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity's total investments) were:

Investment held

Portland Hall, Portland Road, East Grinstead

Market Value

The last formal valuation of the property was undertaken in 2019 where a freehold value of £187,500 was placed thereon, and a Property Revaluation Reserve of £181,000 established. The Trustees are of the opinion that, given the continual maintenance undertaken by the Tenant, the value has not diminished since that date.

Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	594	9,830	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	8,108	2,597	-	-
Total	8,702	12,427	NIL	NIL

Note 12 Short term investments

Analysis of deposits

	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account	100	100.0
Other deposits	82,461	82,305
Total	82,561	82,405

Note 13 Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
Bank current accounts	64,324	59,512
Cash in hand	-	-
Total	64,324	59,512

Note 14 Creditors and accruals

14.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £	31st March 2023 £	31st March 2022 £
Subscriptions (Capitation)	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	11,235	3,743	-	-
Total	11,235	3,743	NIL	NIL

14.2 Security over assets

None.

Note 15 Endowment and restricted funds**15.1 Funds held**

The charity held the following funds at the year end

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Darren Jackson Fund	EE	The fund is to be used to provide additional funding to individual Network members and Explorer Scouts of East Grinstead District when undertaking International Expeditions, other than World Jamborees, in particular Queen's Scout, Duke of Edinburgh Award and Explorer Belt Expeditions.

15.2 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Darren Jackson Fund	3,454	-	-	-	-	3,454
Total Funds	3,454	-	-	-	-	3,454

15.3 Transfers between funds

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount
			NIL

Note 16 Transactions with related parties**16.1 Remuneration and benefits**

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		2022/23 £	2021/22 £
		N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A

16.2 Loans

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			2022/23 £	2021/22 £
Due to trustees and related parties			N/A	N/A
Due from trustees and related parties			N/A	N/A

16.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A

Note 17 Additional Disclosures

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts.

None.