

District Annual Report for the Year 2022

It would be easy to make this a very gloomy report, but I will instead start with some bright news. In June we celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a District Event at Stanford which included a side show/entertainment from each Group, Arena competitions and demonstrations, a climbing wall, but unfortunately no bouncy castles as the weather on the day was too windy for them to be safe. The event attracted ~700+ leaders, parents, children and dignitaries on what was not a particularly nice day weather wise and concluded with a camp fire.

Across the District we have no assistant District Commissioners for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. In addition, of the eleven Scout Groups in the District, five have no full time Group Scout Leader. Since September 2021 we have been seeking a full time District Commissioner with no success, which is hardly surprising given the lack of assistance any potential candidate would be able to call on across the Sections to support them in the role

The January 23 Census reveals that overall youth numbers have decreased from the previous year by 5% from 814 in 2021 to 775 this year compared to a high of 917 in 2020. Some of this decrease is as a result of the closure of the Saturday (Muslim) sections at 2nd Crawley and Groups being more realistic about the numbers in each section now we have been back to normal regular meetings each week since mid 2022. Numbers have fallen across all sections roughly by the same amount although Explorers have increased by nearly 30% year on year.

The failure of the Saturday sections at 2nd Crawley should be taken as a salutary lesson should any Group consider or be pressured into starting a Squirrel section for the 4-6yr olds. I believe that it should only be considered by Groups which already have a strong leadership team backed up by a fully functioning Executive Committee, and the complete "buy in" from all the Group.

Adult numbers on the census are surprisingly, largely unchanged at 293, only a small drop from the 2020 high of 317. But there are too few adults who are prepared to step up from a Sectional Assistant Role to Leadership roles. This reluctance places a huge strain on the warranted leaders, at least one of whom must be present at every meeting.

Despite all of the above, all eleven Groups have survived and most are beginning to grow again. In part this has been due to other Groups and District personnel helping out the smaller Groups where possible. In particular Yvonne Seetayah who has been helping at 2nd Crawley Beavers as well as her primary role as ADC Cubs, and Chris Hobbs who has been mentoring 1st Langley Green, and Eddy Hills at 2nd Crawley, in addition to their primary roles as GSL of two of the stronger Groups.

Many Groups held group, sectional or family camps through last summer and the Explorer Units are flourishing (see separate report). Stanford has been well used by district groups and scout and youth groups from other parts of the South East all of whom are enthusiastic about the facilities and opportunities available on or near the site.

Crawley Archery Club have rented a field adjacent to our site (across the lane) and we hope to establish a good working relationship with them to both parties mutual benefit.

To end on a high note we are holding a District event at Stanford on May 7th along the lines of the Platinum Jubilee event entitled "Coronation Capers" and we hope to see as

many Groups, Sections and parents as possible on what we hope will be a warm sunny day.

Barry Jones
Chair
Crawley District Scouts

District Executive Report for 2022

The District Executive met five times in 2022.

Regular topics for discussion have been the Bunkhouse which is still mired in discussions with the Building Regulations Department which prevents us from moving forward although we are hopeful that progress will be made in the relatively near future.

We also regularly review the management of Stanford camp site and Lark Rise Scout HQ and have set up a Stanford management committee with its own budget to oversee the site.

Inevitably the problems of leadership at District and various Groups has also occupied a portion of each meeting, as has a financial update although fortunately, as the Treasurer reports, as a District we are in a comfortable position.

Change is coming and by the time you read this report all Leaders and Executives should have been offered the chance to attend a "transitions" meeting to hear how Scouts are to be organised in the future. This of course may have consequences for the District Executive, both its membership and role.

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Scouts

CRAWLEY DISTRICT

SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2022

CRAWLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 December 2022

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Previous Year Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year	34,009.43	16,961.64	58,197.02	109,168.09	45,583.98
Total payments for the year	(17,640.51)	(24,103.61)	(52,767.19)	(94,511.31)	(21,223.46)
Net receipts (payments) for year	16,368.92	(7,141.97)	5,429.83	14,656.78	24,360.52
Movement between funds	12,839.15	11,669.44	9,164.58	33,673.17	5,017.75
	29,208.07	4,527.47	14,594.41	48,329.95	29,378.27
Cash, bank & similar funds brought forward	52,021.02	17,751.55	32,770.63	102,543.20	73,164.93
Cash, bank & similar funds carried forward	81,229.09	22,279.02	47,365.04	150,873.15	102,543.20

Account approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 15 February 2023, subject to review by the Independent Examiner

CRAWLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

<u>Receipts for year ended</u>	This year	This year	This year	This year	Previous
31 December 2022	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	year Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>MEMBERSHIP SUBS</u>					
Subscriptions 2022	13,294.00		38,316.00	51,610.00	45,110.00
				0.00	0.00
HQ & County			-38,316.00	-38,316.00	-34,006.00
	13,294.00	0.00	0.00	13,294.00	11,104.00
<u>STANFORD CAMP SITE</u>					
Camping Fees & Pennant Sales	9,209.68			9,209.68	3,163.50
Lottery Grant			9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	84.05			84.05	0.00
Electr. Meter	3.00			3.00	0.00
Stanford 100 Club	1,690.00			1,690.00	1,815.00
COVID-19 Support	2,667.00			2,667.00	17,431.00
Archery	20.00			20.00	0.00
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>					
Bank interest	54.04			54.04	4.64
Scout Assoc. Charity Account	93.97			93.97	34.56
<u>DONATIONS / GRANTS</u>					
District Scout Shop	1,000.00			1,000.00	2,000.00
Misc Donations	1,662.21			1,662.21	490.01
Grants		470.00	6,230.00	6,700.00	2,733.90
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>					
Chief Scouts Award Events				0.00	0.00
St George's Day				0.00	0.00
AGM				0.00	0.00
Explorer Units			42,967.02	42,967.02	0.00
Network				0.00	0.00
District Events/Activities	2,346.20			2,346.20	0.00
International		8,160.84		8,160.84	463.50
<u>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</u>					
Oak Road				0.00	0.00
Lark Rise		2,748.00		2,748.00	2,673.00
Miscellaneous	345.46	54.00		399.46	0.00
Gift Aid (Net)	39.82			39.82	0.00
Debt Repayments	1500.00			1,500.00	0.00
<u>Training</u>					
Archery				0.00	0.00
Young Leaders				0.00	0.00
<u>SALE OF BADGES</u>					
All Badge sales		5,528.80		5,528.80	3,670.87
Totals	34,009.43	16,961.64	58,197.02	109,168.09	45,583.98

CRAWLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Payments for year ended	This year	This year	This year	This year	Previous
31 December 2022	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	year Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>STANFORD CAMPSITE</u>					
100 Club [Prizes]	1,255.00			1,255.00	1,145.00
Cess Pit Emptying	265.00			265.00	0.00
Equipment; Purchase	4,950.85		9,000.00	13,950.85	991.22
Equipment; Rental	250.00			250.00	0.00
Equipment; Repairs & Maintenance	625.63			625.63	399.76
Equipment; Fuel	232.02			232.02	0.00
Fire Prevention	62.40			62.40	242.40
Gas/Electric [Light & Heat]	1,091.00			1,091.00	1,366.74
Insurance	3,164.29			3,164.29	3,041.57
Licenses	126.88			126.88	156.00
Misc	151.50			151.50	12.45
Rent	565.75			565.75	559.00
Telephone & Broadband	706.27			706.27	570.78
Water rate	56.51			56.51	135.25
Working Parties	103.50			103.50	66.73
<u>Bunk House Project</u>					
Planning Permission	1,500.00			1,500.00	0.00
Installation	0.00			0.00	0.00
<u>Lark Rise</u>					
Rent		1,528.16		1,528.16	1,884.99
Cleaning		745.00		745.00	524.75
Water rate		78.70		78.70	222.26
Gas/Electric [Light & heat]		444.00		444.00	642.00
Repairs, maintenance & equipment		4,582.11		4,582.11	1,325.30
Internet		910.36		910.36	817.56
Insurance		0.00		0.00	2,100.45
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>					
Explorers		364.36	2,000.00	2,364.36	4.48
Explorer Units			41,767.19	41,767.19	0.00
Network		153.43		153.43	0.00
District Events/Activities	1,355.65			1,355.65	0.00
Chief Scout's Award Ceremonies	514.22			514.22	162.54
International		9,306.80		9,306.80	84.77
<u>ADMIN / ESTABLISHMENT</u>					
<u>District General Expenses</u>					
District administration				0.00	0.00
AGM	131.55			131.55	0.00
Hardship Payments		105.00		105.00	0.00
Insurance	84.00			84.00	84.00
Meetings/Hospitality/Refreshments				0.00	16.80
Miscellaneous	155.54			155.54	602.59
Uniforms	58.50			58.50	39.75
<u>Training</u>					
First Aid	89.89			89.89	0.00
General	94.86			94.86	0.00
Young Leaders	49.70			49.70	41.20
<u>PURCHASE OF BADGES</u>					
Badge Purchases (all)		5,885.69		5,885.69	3,983.12
Totals	17,640.51	24,103.61	52,767.19	94,511.31	21,223.46

CRAWLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

31 December 2022

	This year General Funds £	This year Designated Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This year Total £	Previous year Total £
Monetary Assets Cash, Bank and similar funds					
Bank Current Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	566.43			566.43	1,265.67
Bank Current Account - Barclays	13,643.25			13,643.25	42,142.56
Barclays Savings Account	17,388.81	19,258.87	13,394.58	50,042.26	-
Barclays Int'l fund [Note 1]		3,020.15		3,020.15	2,287.90
Campsite Barclays Account [Note 2]	13,274.22			13,274.22	21,992.17
PayPal Campsite Account [Note 2]	5.00			5.00	-
Stanford's float (Cash & Equals) [Note 2]	291.51			291.51	329.27
Barclays Stanford 100 Club [Note 2]	2,190.00			2,190.00	1,755.00
The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account	33,673.17			33,673.17	-
Cash on Hand	196.70			196.70	-
Explorer Bank Accounts [Note 4]			33,616.80	33,616.80	32,064.26
Explorer Petty Cash [Note 4]			353.66	353.66	706.37
	81,229.09	22,279.02	47,365.04	150,873.15	102,543.20
Investment Assets					
<u>The Scout Association Short Term Investment Fund</u> (This fund is now closed)					33,579.20
<u>CAF UK Equity Growth Fund [Note 3]</u>					
The movement on this fund is represented by:					
Opening Balance	4,912.38				
Div. income re-invested	-				
Sale of Shares	-				
Return of Capital	-				
Unrealised capital gain/(loss)	(161.74)				
Total	4,750.64			4,750.64	4,912.38
	85,979.73	22,279.02	47,365.04	155,623.79	141,034.78
Other Monetary Assets					
Sundry Debtors [Note 6]					3,281.50
	85,979.73	22,279.02	47,365.04	155,623.79	144,316.28
Non-Monetary Assets					
Badge Stock Valuation [Note 7]		4,307.51		4,307.51	4,545.25
Crawley District Scout Shop [Note 5]			3,775.15	3,775.15	3,511.82
	85,979.73	26,586.53	51,140.19	163,706.45	152,373.35
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
Receipts in advance					
	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets					
	85,979.73	26,586.53	51,140.19	163,706.45	152,373.35

Stanford camp site:- hut, toilet and shower block, equipment containers, on leasehold land, insured for £543,495 including contents

CRAWLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST. DECEMBER 2022

Analysis of Funds

Note 1

General Funds

Royal Bank of Scotland Bank Account	£	566.43	
Barclays Bank Accounts	£	31,032.06	
Scout Ass'n Charity Account	£	33,673.17	
CAF UK Equity Growth Fund	£	4,750.64	(see note 3)
Cash on Hand	£	196.70	
		<u>£</u>	<u>70,219.00</u>

Designated

District Development Fund	£	7,982.27	
District Event Fund	£	1,610.69	
Explorer Activities	£	1,509.34	
Hardship Fund	£	1,805.00	
International Fund	£	3,020.15	
Lark Rise Building Management	£	-	
Network Activities	£	351.57	
Stanford Relief Fund	£	6,000.00	
		<u>£</u>	<u>22,279.02</u>

Restricted

Grant Holding Fund	£	3,036.56	
Grant Holding Fund; Stanford Projects	£	6,598.02	
Grant Holding Fund: S/Ford Bunkhouse	£	3,760.00	
District Explorer Units	£	33,970.46	(See Note 4)
		<u>£</u>	<u>47,365.04</u>

Note 2

Stanford Campsite Total Cash Asset

Bank Balance - Barclays	£	13,274.22	
Bank Balance - Stanford 100 Club	£	2,190.00	
Paypal	£	5.00	
Equals Card - Kevin Ives	£	91.51	
Equals Card - Eddy Hills	£	100.00	
Cash Float	£	100.00	
		<u>£</u>	<u>15,760.73</u>

Total

£ 155,623.79

Note 3

CAF UK Equity Growth Fund

The Fund consists of 2,313.7756 units valued £ 4,750.64

Note 4

Crawley Explorer Units

Since the introduction of Explorer Scouts(14 to 18 yr olds) their units have been officially designated as part of the Scout District and not independent charities or parts of Groups. For this reason their monetary assets are included as as Assets of the District.

The Units in Crawley are:

(i) Drake Unit

B/F Dec 2021	£	12,521.55
Net movement	£	3,043.45
Error b/f		(3,365.19)
C/F Dec 2022	£	12,199.81

Bank	£	7,400.69	Barclays
Bank	£	4,799.12	Santander
Cash	£	-	
		<u>£</u>	<u>12,199.81</u>

(ii) James Cook

B/F Dec 2021	£	-
Net movement	£	£0.00
C/F Dec 2022	£	-

Bank	£	-	
Bank	£	-	
Cash	£	-	
		<u>£</u>	<u>-</u>

(iii) Neil Armstrong Unit

B/F Dec 2021	£	3,491.19
Net movement	£	(549.45)
C/F Dec 2022	£	2,941.74

Bank	£	2,720.98	Barclays
Bank	£	-	Santander
Cash	£	220.76	
		<u>£</u>	<u>2,941.74</u>

(iv) Sir Ranulf Feines Unit

B/F Dec 2021 £ 8,201.58

Net movement £1,321.46

C/F Dec 2022 £ 9,523.04

Bank	£	9,390.14	Barclays
Bank	£	-	Santander
Cash	£	132.90	
	£	9,523.04	

(v) Shackleton Unit

B/F Dec 2021 £ 8,556.31

Net movement £ 749.56

C/F Dec 2022 £ 9,305.87

Bank	£	9,305.87	Barclays
Bank	£	-	Santander
Cash	£	-	
	£	9,305.87	

Total Bank £ 33,616.80

Total Cash £ 353.66

Total Funds £ 33,970.46**Note 5****Crawley District Scout Shop**

This is a joint venture with 1st Southgate Scout Group which has been trading since 27th November 2004. The District has a 50% interest in the net worth with a value as at 31st December 2022 of £3,775.15

Note 6**Sundry Debtors**B/F Dec 2021 **£ 3,281.50**

2nd Crawley Payment

(1,500.00)

Written Off

(1,781.50)**C/F Dec 2022 £ -****Note 7****Badge Stock Valuation**

Badges £4,186.51

District Badges £121.00

Total Stock £ 4,307.51**B/F Dec 2021 £ 4,545.25**

Purchases 5,885.69

Sales **(5,528.80)**Stock Gain/(Loss) **(594.63)****C/F Dec 2022 £ 4,307.51**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CRAWLEY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
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- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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 Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

Bank Current Account - Royal Bank of Scotland

Name & Signature: M. B. YEARWOOD 

Qualification: FCCA

Address:
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Date: 18th March 2023

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