

It has been a great year for Scouting in Kennet District with our volunteers going above and beyond to deliver an amazing programme to our young people. In a year of success, 58 Beavers achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Awards; 42 Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Awards; and 22 Scouts were awarded their Chief Scout Gold Award. On top of this, 8 Young Leaders achieved their belts, 2 Queen Scout awards were earned, the highest award for a young person in Scouting and the first ever Scout of the World award in Berkshire went to Eleanor Rollinson of Wash Common, a massive well done!

The annual census for 2023 saw the District continue its fantastic growth. Kennet saw the 3rd highest growth in young people across the County, with 3 new sections opening their doors and 68 new members joining the movement. Since the census, we've also gained 2 new Squirrel Dreys, at 1<sup>st</sup> Newbury and 1<sup>st</sup> Wash Common. This wouldn't have been possible without our incredible volunteers, and it's been brilliant to welcome 32 new volunteers to groups across the District. Since we last gathered for an AGM, 347 activities have taken place away from regular meeting places and 42 nights' away events have also been possible with a total of 2,242 nights away, that's a lot of camping!

	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	YP 4-18	Total adults	Total
Totals	25	267	296	222	75	885	264	1149
Change from previous year	-18	+40	0	+34	+12	+68	+34	+75
% Change from previous year	-42%	+18%	0%	+18%	+19%	+8%	+3%	+7%
Change from 2018 (5 years)	+25	+75	+76	+36	-21	+191	+65	+256
% Change from 2018	-	+39%	+35%	+19%	-22%	+28%	+33%	+29%

Kennet District was once again reunited this year for our annual District St. George's Day celebration. It was a great celebration of everything good about Scouting, with a fantastic sketch, activities from across the District and of course some great food with muffins the size of your head. It was also the perfect occasion to recognise MO for her unbelievable 40 years of Scouting

Angels Corner has undergone a great deal of work over the last year thanks to the hard work of a number of our volunteers. 50 trees have been planted this year, with the majority being donated by The Greenham Trust to mark their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Alan reliably informs me there are now 11 species of tree on site, see if you can spot them when you are next at Angel's Corner. The site is an excellent resource for our District, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to Alan Askey, Ivan Osborne, and Laurence Parker who have led much of the work this year.

The District adventure fund has had its second full year of operation, increasing the accessibility of Scouting with grants distributed to participants attending the Alps22 Jamboree in the mountains, 25<sup>th</sup> WSJ and individuals involved with section and group camps. The scheme is proving popular to date, supporting several dozen young people and adults across the district.

The minibus continues to also be an incredibly valuable District asset and has been widely used by groups returning to day trips and nights away. I would like to thank both Gerard O'Neill and Ian Robinson for their help in maintaining and organising the minibus.

We are proud of all adult volunteers, and are pleased that a number of them have been recognised through the Awards for Good Service. We were fortunate to have been able to host a thank you event in March 2020 before Covid-19 restrictions began, and we look forward to another as soon as is possible.

**Commissioner's Commendation:** for local recognition of contribution to Scouting:

Andrew White  
Brian Conlon  
Dan Creasey  
Emma Odwell  
Fiona Kennedy  
Gordon Ridgard  
Ian Robinson  
Kerry Pasucci  
Leigh Ruddock  
Lynne Valentine  
Mike Goddard  
Oliver Gomez  
Rebecca Hunt  
Richard Pethybridge  
Rob Daniels  
Tim Wood

**Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service:** in recognition of good service to Scouting:

Aidan O'Neill  
Andrew White  
Angus Purcell  
Giles Brooks  
Joanne Bassett  
John Wharry  
Lindsey Fraser  
Michael Morecroft  
Michael Pyne  
Nicola James  
Paul Farrant  
Peter Perry  
Stephen Alderson  
Suchibrata Kar  
Yvonne Soulby

**Award for Merit:** in recognition of outstanding service to Scouting:

Jan Large

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to both Tim Sandford and Hilary Kelly who are both stepping down from the Trustee Board at the AGM. Alan Askey has kindly volunteered to step in to the Chair role on a temporary basis to help in the search for a more permanent replacement to Tim. We also welcome Charlotte Swanson to the role of District Youth Lead and Tracy Pyne to the role of District Diversity & Inclusion Lead.

## Kennet District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	31st March 2023

### Receipts and payments

		2022/23		2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>				
Membership subscriptions	45,497	-	45,497	33,341
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 42,618	-	- 42,618	31,850
Net membership subscriptions retained	2,879	-	2,879	1,491
Subscription - Explorers/District	8,454		8,454	11,936
Donations	600		600	-
Grants	-	-	-	10,992
Gift Aid	1,675	-	1,675	1,239
Equipment Hire	890		890	460
Other income Angels Corner	1,353	-	1,353	1,234
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,851</b>	<b>27,352</b>
<b>Youth activities</b>				
Explorers	26,531	-	26,531	39,675
District	7,912	-	7,912	1,830
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>34,443</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,443</b>	<b>41,505</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>				
Explorer fundraising	-	-	-	-
Clothing and other income	-	-	-	-
Loan	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Building Society interest	1	-	1	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>50,295</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,295</b>	<b>68,857</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>50,295</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,295</b>	<b>68,857</b>

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	£	£	£	£
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments</b>				
Activities Explorers	40,411	-	40,411	33,958
Activities District	7,666	-	7,666	6,330
Purchase of badges, uniform, books and training	336	-	336	678
Insurance	1,058	-	1,058	905
Administration expenses	-	-	-	-
AGM & Trustees expenses	-	-	-	-
Independent Examiners Fees	216	-	216	150
Mini Bus - net	1,106	-	1,106	2
Sundries	-	-	-	-
Angels Corner	8,858	-	8,858	13,176
Rent	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>57,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,439</b>	<b>55,195</b>
<b>Donations and Grants</b>				
Donations	5,007	-	5,007	3,610
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,007</b>	<b>3,610</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>62,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,446</b>	<b>58,805</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,446</b>	<b>58,805</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 12,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 12,151</b>	<b>10,052</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	56,100	-	56,100	46,048
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>43,949</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,949</b>	<b>56,100</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023			31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank current account - KDSC	24,545	-	24,545	31,271
Bank current account - KDE	18,961	-	18,961	24,387
Building society account	123	-	123	122
Cash/Floats	320	-	320	320
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>43,949</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,949</b>	<b>56,100</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Tax claim		-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>				
Land & Buildings	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	16,420	-	16,420	16,420
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>46,420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,420</b>	<b>46,420</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Greenham Scouts funds		-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not paid		-	-	-
Loan - Angels Corner 10 year loan	-	5,000	5,000	7,500
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>7,500</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on ~~14th May 2022~~ and signed on their behalf by

7th June 2023.

Signature	Print Name
	Conor O'Neill - Chairman
	Brian Souby - Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Kennet District Scout Council

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

308095

Set out on pages

1 of the Consolidated Receipts and Payments accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15/05/23

Name:

Paul Greenan

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants (membership number 261255)

Address:

35 Bartholomew Street

Newbury

RG14 5LL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

The receipts and payments of Stockcross and Welford Schools have been included within the consolidated figures; however, the closing funds were not under the control of signatories approved by the charity. Bank statements have not been provided because these funds are held within general bank accounts controlled by the schools. This creates a greater risk of misappropriation of funds. In addition, due to the figures being maintained on a spreadsheet, there is a risk of errors being made, which indeed was the case in the preliminary figures provided.

My recommendation is that the Stockcross and Welford Schools are asked to operate a separate bank account for scouting activities.

The Consolidated Receipts and Payments accounts show an overall deficit for the year of £23,443.64. The closing funds totalled £43,506.16, including the balance held by Stockcross and Welford Schools. Due to much of the funds being designated for specific purposes, it is recommended that robust projections are put in place to ensure on-going costs can be met. The charity does not currently have a Reserves Policy and a further recommendation is that the Trustees discuss and agree a suitable policy.

The Annual Report for year ending 31/03/23 has not been reviewed.

Finally, I recommend reviewing the charity's internal controls at least annually using the Charities Commission Internal Financial Controls Checklist.

Income	Welford and			Combined	
	District	Explorers	Stockcross		
DofE	-	309.00	-	309.00	
Angels Corner	1,351.90	-	-	1,351.90	
Donation	500.00	100.00	-	600.00	
Equipment Hire	890.00	-	-	890.00	
Events - Explorers	-	24,036.23	-	24,036.23	
Events - Cubs	1,300.00	-	-	1,300.00	
Events - District	528.50	-	-	528.50	
Fundraising	-	400.00	-	400.00	
Gift Aid	-	1,675.15	-	1,675.15	
Jamboree	6,800.00	-	-	6,800.00	
Meetings - Explorers	-	10.00	-	10.00	
Membership - Explorers	-	8,453.77	-	8,453.77	
Membership Fees	41,225.70	-	4,272.00	45,497.70	
Minibus	2,370.00	-	-	2,370.00	
Transfer	79.70	-	980.00	1,059.70	
	<u>55,045.80</u>	<u>34,984.15</u>	<u>5,252.00</u>	<u>95,281.95</u>	95,281.95

Admin	1,057.93	-	-	1,057.93
Angels Corner	8,857.66	-	-	8,857.66
Auditor	216.00	-	-	216.00
Activity Equipment	-	183.95	-	183.95
Admin	-	74.00	-	74.00
Badges	253.00	-	82.80	335.80
Bank Fees	-	47.27	-	47.27
Camping Equipment	-	564.05	-	564.05
DofE	-	389.00	-	389.00
Events - Explorers	-	32,600.53	-	32,600.53
Equipment Hire	1,018.53	-	-	1,018.53
Events	-	-	-	-
Events - Cubs	1,549.02	-	-	1,549.02
Events - District	2,284.64	-	-	2,284.64
Events - Welford and Stockcross	-	-	25.00	25.00
Grants	5,007.00	-	-	5,007.00
IT	25.00	-	-	25.00
Jamboree	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
Meetings - Explorers	-	2,664.28	-	2,664.28
Meetings - Scouts	104.85	-	-	104.85
Membership Costs	41,912.10	3,420.90	8,579.40	53,912.40
Minibus	1,263.98	-	-	1,263.98
Rent	-	375.00	-	375.00
Training	-	90.00	-	90.00
Transfer	79.70	-	-	79.70
	<u>69,629.41</u>	<u>40,408.98</u>	<u>8,687.20</u>	<u>118,725.59</u>

Surplus/(Deficit) - 14,583.61 - 5,424.83 - 3,435.20 - 23,443.64 - 23,443.64

#### Bank Account balances

Lloyds - 309089-55222268	17,365.73		
Lloyds - Explorers		18,961.16	
Welford and Stockcross			7,179.27

#### Summary

Account balance brought forward	31,949.34	24,385.99	10,614.47	66,949.80
Total income	55,045.80	34,984.15	5,252.00	95,281.95
Total expenditure	69,629.41	40,408.98	8,687.20	118,725.59
Net income	- 14,583.61	- 5,424.83	- 3,435.20	- 23,443.64
Account balance carried forward	17,365.73	18,961.16	7,179.27	43,506.16

Surplus/(Deficit) - 14,583.61 - 5,424.83 - 3,435.20 - 23,443.64

Months of expenditure 2.99 5.63 9.92 4.40

*Paul Greener*

15/05/23