

DC REPORT

DISTRICT AGM 21st MARCH 2024

The last 12 months in Boston district has been as id expect. Exciting and full of fun, adventures and activity.

Each section has taken part in many amazing opportunities.

The annual St Georges day parade was well attended as always from all 10 scout groups. With awards presented to young people and adults.

In March Patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders attended the county PL & APL camp at Sudbrooke park for weekend activity camp. In December Scouts took part in the first Boston Monopoly run which saw scouts and leaders dressed up finding locations all over town. This included two volunteers dressed as a christmas tree and a dinosaur.

May saw the annual district scout camp at Woodhall spa with 68 scouts in attendance, with a team of Explorer scouts helping us as always.

Squirrel scouts now have two small drays. One at 5th Boston and the other at 2nd Boston. The squirrels have been learning a lot and we have now presented our first chief scouts acorn awards. 5th Boston Squirrels have a new leader. Their first district event is this weekend.

Beaver Scouts had an Easter fun day in April, they made smores, played games and did Easter crafts. In July they enjoyed district camp at Woodhall. They also enjoyed the annual highlight, Santas sleepover and was visited by the big man himself!

Cub Scouts have had a varied district program with Jayne and her team. March was the Stump clues hike around town. In May the cubs had a new adventure, when district cub camp was held inside the stump. In June Cubs attended Lincub, county cub camp and in October had their campfire challenge. These are just a few highlights.

Explorer scouts gave out record numbers of Diamond and Platinum awards this year. Enjoyed a summer camp in Scotland. We now have three unit's with Wyberton being the newest. In February Tash got her nights away permit and they have new volunteers.

Network is now meeting regularly with 6 members, and are designing a new necker to mark their reforming.

The district sections are remarkable and not only take part in the district events but also many of their own section events. We are an incredibly busy district with remarkable volunteers.

We simply could not operate without them. Which brings me to the team that backs us and hidden in the background often overlooked. Boston has some remarkable trustee teams who are always working hard for the groups they represent so thank you to all of you.

This year as always the team of trustees on the district team have worked remarkably hard to support the running of the district. Woodhall Spa Scout campsite has been a big focus and we will be investing in securing the campsite further with gates and fences following recent issues with dog walkers. Sadly however all good things come to an end and this is the last year we will have Steve as our chair. He has been in this role for 14 years this year. His decision to make this his final year leaves a huge hole at the chair position and he will be greatly missed, Steve your dedication and support has been amazing and I personally like to thank you for all you do and will no doubt do in your final year.

Sadly we will also be losing Lesley our treasurer. Lesley has only been with us a short time but has had a huge impact on the running of the finances and we are incredibly grateful to you. Thank you

But the news does not stop. Our secretary Beth is also looking to retire after many many years in the role. Beth has been a wonderful secretary and will be greatly missed when a new secretary is found.

I am always incredibly grateful for the support the trustees give to me and will always be. Thankfully I have them for a while longer and I know in handing over these roles they will ensure the smoothest transition happens. The remaining members of the trustee committee I know will continue to support the district and for this I thank you all.

Boston has been my home in Scouting for 25 years now and I have never been prouder of what we all achieve. Our annual census was down on the previous year but I am not upset or disappointed, because I am aware of the current hardships people are facing and I also know all of our groups are providing the best possible experiences for our young people. So thank you all.

As 2024 roles on we have a lot more to look forward too with camps and activities. But we are also in the midst of change in Scouting. Transformation is being rolled out. There will be new names and new projects and eventually a new online system to replace Compass. Scouting has been in the news a lot lately following the case of the Scout who tragically lost his life. Here in Boston we pride ourselves in offering the safest and most enjoyable adventures and have only our dedicated

volunteers to thank for this. These volunteers work tirelessly to ensure safety is priority and everything happens in a controlled and enjoyable way.

We are introducing new teams into Boston, working along the new transformation guidance and will be working with all the groups to encourage them to begin the transformation journey with us. The first changes will be our role title.

Following this AGM my role will no longer be District Commissioner. I will now be known as District Lead Volunteer.

All team members have been asked now to begin transformation and will also start using new titles. Group Scout leaders will now be Lead volunteer followed by the group name. as an example Lead volunteer 1st Boston Scout group.

I know we face challenges as we move forward but I also know every volunteer in the district will be giving 100% to their roles 100% of the time.

Thank you all and here is to a great year ahead.

Rob Johnson

District Lead Volunteer.



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Receipts to 31st December2023

	Current Year
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	
Subscriptions Received	24522.00
	24522.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED	
Bank Interest	176.83
Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service	21.28
	<u>198.11</u>
OTHER INCOME	
Woodhall Campsite	1746.50
	<u>1746.50</u>
SECTION INCOME	
Squirrels	0.00
Beavers	1460.00
Cubs	55.00
Scouts	1987.00
Explorers	5030.00
Network	0.00
	<u>8532.00</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	
Unknow Receipt	368.25
Loan Repayments 1st Boston	252.00
2nd Boston MiniBus repayments	1050.00
Section Grants Received	500.00
Contra 5th Boston payment	725.00
Badges	232.70
10th Boston Bequest	5000.00
	<u>8127.95</u>
OTHER RECEIPTS	
HSBC Income	27.62
SA Charity Deposit Account	500.00
	<u>527.62</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>43654.18</u></u>

Previous Year

25200.00

25200.00

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2826.90

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190.00

1576.00

2736.00

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32665.40

Payments up to 31st December 2023

BUDGET 2024

This Year 2023

MEMBERSHIP FEES PAID

22231.00

WOODHALL EXPENSES

100.00	Rent	100.00
52.00	Rates	42.57
300.00	Light, Heat & Water	192.04
2500.00	Insurance	0.00
2500.00	Repairs & Renewals	2329.44
<u>5452.00</u>		<u>2664.05</u>

SECTION EXPENSES

200.00	Squirrels	72.00
200.00	Beavers	502.99
200.00	Cubs	542.36
200.00	Scouts	422.16
200.00	Explorers	2600.90
	Network	0.00
<u>1000.00</u>		<u>4140.41</u>

500.00	TRAINING	<u>640.00</u>
		640.00

2500.00	TRUSTEES/ADMIN CHARGES	<u>2559.78</u>
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OTHER EXPENSES

600.00	Badges	398.44
	Scout Equipment & Renewals	0.00
	Bequest Tfr to 10th Boston	5000.00
500.00	Development	0.00
448.00	Sundry Expenses	156.00
<u>1548.00</u>		<u>5554.44</u>

	Equal Cards Payments	5742.01
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	OTHER EXPENDITURE - Minibus	<u>3000.00</u>
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11000.00	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>46531.69</u></u>
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Last Year 2022

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Boston District Scout Association

Charity No: 508364

Receipts & Payments Account Summary up to 31st December 2023

Current Year

£

Total receipts to date

43654.18

Total payments to date

46531.69

Net receipts to 31st December 2023

£ -2877.51 £

Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward

£ 30571.52 £

Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward

£ 27694.01 £

Lloyds Bank Account

27517.18

Virgin Money Charity Savings Account

£ 21506.21

HSBC Bank

0.00

TOTAL

49023.39

Equal Debit Cards Account Total

£ 836.06

Total Funds at 31st December 2023

£ 49859.45

Previous Year

£

32665.40

38871.11

-6205.71

36777.23

30571.52

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21329.38

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boston District Scout Association for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Boston District Scout Association 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 Boston District Scout Association 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.

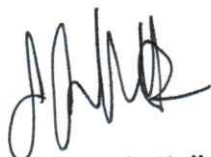
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Boston District Scout Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: **James Justin Holland**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): **FCCA**

Address: **C/O Dexter & Sharpe, The Old Vicarage, Church Close, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE21 6NA**

Date: **19th March 2024**

