

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from

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to

3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5

Section A

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name

Barnsley District Scouts

Other names known by

Barnsley Scouts
Barnsley District Scout Council
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough District Scout Council

Registered Charity number

5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 4

Scout registration number

0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1

Charity's principal address

c/o Mr. S. P. Alliott	
1.04 Digital media Centre	
County Way	
Barnsley	
Postcode	S 7 0 2 J W

Names of charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office held (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Adrian Eggleston	District Chairman	
2	Diana Greaves	District Treasurer	
3	George Akid	District Lead Volunteer	
4	Harriett Duffey	Youth Lead Volunteer	
5	Melvyn Lunn	Treasurer (Camp Site)	
6	Simon Peter Alliott		
7	Simone Foster-Jowett		
8	Amelia L Eggleston		
9	Judith Doxey		
10	Neil Leatherland		
11	John Robert Lack	Youth Member	To 31 st January 2025
12	Keirah Fretwell	Youth Member	
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Names and Addresses of Advisors

Type of Advisor	Name	Address
None		

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, first granted January 1912 and Supplemental Charters, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance issues	<p>The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are all volunteers who act collectively as Charity Trustees of the Scout District, an educational charity. This Trustee Board exists to support the District Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of that appointment and ensuring that there is good Governance practiced throughout the District. As such they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. They also ensure compliance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.</p> <p>The Board consists of 2 independent representatives, Chairman and Treasurer together with the District Lead Volunteer and members elected, nominated and co-opted at the Annual General Meeting of the District Scout Council. They meet every second month (commencing February). Members complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.</p> <p>Collectively they operate in the best interests of the District and its members to provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The provision and maintenance of District property and equipment; * The raising of funds together with the management and administration of District finance; * The insurance of persons, property and equipment; * Promote and support the development of Scouting within the district; * Manage and implement the various policies of the Scout Association; * Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; * Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-Committees that may be required, including appointing Chairmen to lead such sub-Committees; * Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than any who are elected; * Open, close and amalgamate Groups, Sections and Units within the District as necessary and supervise their administration, particularly in relation to finance and the trusteeship of property. <p>The Board also;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Approves the Annual Report and Annual Accounts after their examination by an appropriate auditor, examiner or scrutineer as appropriate; * Presents the Annual Report together with the Annual Accounts to the District Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting; files a copy with the County Scout Trustee Board and submits them to the Charity Commission; * Maintains confidentiality with regard to appropriate Board business.

Section B Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Structure

Barnsley District Scouts operate within that area of South Yorkshire which is co-terminus with the local authority boundary of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Within the District are thirteen Scout Groups, each of which is an independent educational charity in its own right, the majority of which are registered as such with the Charity Commission. The District is responsible for the supervision and support of these Groups within the provisions of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of Scouting as set out by the Scout Association,

The District is also responsible for the provision, supervision and support of Explorer Scouting.

The District enjoys ownership of the Silverwood Scout Camp Site at Barnsley Road, Silkstone, Barnsley S75 4LE

The District enjoys ownership of the Scout Headquarters building at Tinker Lane, Hoyland Common, Barnsley S74 0EP and the Scout Headquarters building at rear of 39 Dearne Hall Road, Barugh, Barnsley S75 1LU.

Risk and Internal Control

The Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these are regularly reviewed and have systems established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring Scout Districts, and local Scout Groups. 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 membership subscriptions fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 24 through a series of thirteen Scout Groups, comprising age-related Sections and Units. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or group as a whole then there would have to be consideration of contraction, consolidation or closure as appropriate.

Finance. The District conducts its financial affairs in accordance with the rules and guidance detailed in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

Supporting the Groups, Units and Camp Site in the delivery of quality programmes, development opportunities and such other support as and when required

Provision of District wide activities and events.

The Board acknowledges the vast amount of time and effort expended by the Warranted Leaders, Helpers, Administrators and Supporters working within the District, its thirteen Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Unit..

Similarly the Board acknowledges the massive contribution provided by the administrators and members of both the Appointments Advisory Sub-Committee and also the Silverwood Scout Camp Sub-Committee, especially the physical contribution of the 'Dads Army' maintenance crew.

Public benefit statement

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

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The thirteen constituent Scout Groups within the District, each produce their own annual reports and annual financial balance sheets commensurate with their own financial year end and include the achievements of their individual group sections and members. Copies of those reports and returns are deposited each year with the District Trust Board.

The report of the District Lead Volunteer is appended hereto.

Section E Financial Review

Financial Operations

For ease of fiscal operation, the district's general financial dealings are maintained and reported separately from those affecting the operation of the district camp site and the District Explorer Scout provision. All are included in this report.

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the activities of the District should income and fundraising fall short. The District Trust Board considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to a minimum of twelve months operating costs.

The District held reserves of approximately £ 115,393 against this at year end. This comprised £ 19,315 in respect of the general accounts, £ 74,161 in respect of the camp site accounts and £21,917 in respect of the Explorer Scout section accounts. These are commensurate with the levels required for operating expenses.

Investment Policy

The District has a small consolidated investment of a historical nature, otherwise does not have sufficient funds to increase the level of investment longer term. The Board has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds which are otherwise held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F Other Optional Information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature(s)	<i>A Eggleston</i>	<i>G Akid</i>
Full names(s)	Adrian Eggleston	George Akid
Position held	Chairman	District Commissioner
Date	1 9 0 8 2 5	

Barnsley Central Scout Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year	2024	To	2025
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	50,032	51264
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	50,032	51264
Net membership subscriptions retained	-	-
SYCSC I Census rebates	424	401
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	50,456	51,665
Grants		
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		
St Georges Day Camp	8331	-
Gullvers	1600	-
Chester Zoo		3529
Cyclo Cross		215
Go Fund income		79
Alton Towers	-	3520
	9,931	7342
Investment income		
Bank interest	57	133
Sub total	57	133
Total Gross Income	60,444	59140
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	60,444	59140

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For the year	2024	To	2025
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Capitation	44,944	46458
Events Food	-	121
AGM/Awards Evening	706	1174
Wreath Donation	0	67
Advertisig/Marketing	-	340
IT	301	429
Printing and photocopying	452	98
Uniforms	223	976
Gullivers Kingdom	1807	-
St Georges	7289	255
Misc Expenses	641	-
Sub total	56,363	49916
Fundraising expenses		
Chester zoo		4405
Alton Towers	-	3541
Cyclocross	-	214
Sub total	0	8160
 Total Gross Expenditure	 56,363	 58076
 Asset and investment purchases,	 -	 -
Total payments	56,363	58076
Net of receipts/(payments)	4081	1064
Cash funds last year end	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4081	1064

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2024	31/03/2025
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Deposit Account	5,095	15228
Activity Account	0	0
Current Account	18,025	4087
Cash/Floats	206	206
Total cash funds	23,326	19522
Other monetary assets		
Capitation (Silkstone, Donfield, Barugh, Huddersfield, Mark, Bretton)	11,417	14582
Census rebate paid in april	424	401
Sub Chqs not banked	0	0
Hoyland insurance		1340
Barugh Yorkshire Water		180
Magna Deposit re Oct 25		619
Big Day out		200
Subs not rec'd 2020	0	0
Sub total	11,841	17322
Investment assets	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's		
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Liabilities		
Space Camp Cubs)	122	122
Future Events	-	377
St Georges day badges	-	255
Explorers Closing Balance	1323	1303
Other liabilities	0	0
Sub total	1445	2057

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Diana Greaves

Print Name

Chair
Treasurer

