



Dronfield District Scout Council

Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

President

E. Walton

Trustees: Officers

District Chairman	N. Marwood
District Secretary	B. Mason
District Treasurer	A. Marwood
District Commissioner	D. Godwin
District Network Commissioner	C. Kaye
District Explorer Commissioner	A. Shaw
District Youth Commissioner	Vacant

Trustees: Nominated/Elected

B. Parkin	E. Walton	R. Wilkinson	A. Shaw
E. Stenton	M Harrison	P. Edenborough	R. Roberts

District Representatives

County Scout Council	P. Millington
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Appointments Advisory Committee

Chairman	B. Mason
Secretary	T. Jennings

Administrators

Badge Secretary	A. Wilkinson
Wreakes Lane	J. Humpage

Custodial Trustees (Wreakes Lane HQ)

Scout Association Trust Corporation

Bank

The co-operative bank

Independent Examiner

T. Siddall

District registration numbers

Scout Association	11319
Charity Commission	515849
Scout Association Trust Corporation	T3217

Contact

District Secretary – B. Mason

Websitewww.dronfieldscouts.org.uk

The District is a trust established as part of the Scout Association and has adopted the constitution for a District as set out in its Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The Accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

During the last financial year of 2023/24, the district has provided leadership, advice, and support for five scout groups within its boundaries through leaders' meetings, the trustee board, training on scouting and support matters, and through the continuous support and assistance with the arrangement of a range of skill activities between groups and within sections. The District Lead Volunteers report incorporating the section activities is presented separately.

The January 2024 census shows that there was 88 Beaver Scouts (81 previous year), 126 Cub Scouts (124), 102 Scouts (132), and 63 Explorer Scouts (64), a total of 379 (401) young members. There are no unattached Young Leaders (0) and 137 other adult members (137) giving a total of 516 (538) for the district.

This year seems to have passed quickly; it really does not seem like 12-months since the last AGM. We have seen several challenges and changes that we have had to deal with, specifically the change from a District Executive Committee to the Trustee Board to bring the Scout Association in line with Charity Commission rules and guidelines. The transformation process is still in progress with the objective of making it easier for more and different people to volunteer with Scouts. Unfortunately, we have not seen any improvement in the recruitment of leadership members, and this continues to be a concern, there seems to be a reluctance from new members to take on a responsible role. We do need volunteers who can take on a leading role to assist in providing program management and sustained support for the sections, this does not need to be a major commitment as a couple of hours on a regular basis would help take some of the pressure of existing leaders.

The temporary portacabins at Wreakes Lane have primarily been used by 3rd Holmesfield during the last year and due to the limited space and function has restricted our ability to hire out the facilities and to receive enough income to cover the running costs of the building and site, so the site has continued to be a small drain on district finds. I would like to say a special thank you to Richard Wilkinson for his continued assistance and support with the on-going building and site maintenance, without his efforts the costs would have been considerably higher.

No real progress has been made to replace the temporary portacabins due to districts limited ability to fundraise and the sizable costs of building new premises. 3rd Holmesfield were suffering a similar problem with fund raising for their headquarters in Holmesfield and decided to discontinue the project as it was no longer viable, this led to an opportunity to develop a partnership between district and 3rd Holmesfield to use Wreakes Lane as their permanent home and to take over the replacement of the current temporary buildings. We look forward to supporting 3rd Holmesfield as they make Wreakes Lane their home and improve its usability over the coming months.

I would like to take this opportunity of saying a special thank you to Jenny Humpage and Terry Jennings who have now retired from scouting after dedicating a large percentage of their lives and personal time supporting scouting and the district over many, many, years. Their commitment and experience will be greatly missed, and I have personally appreciated their guidance and support during my short time as chairman.

The finances in the various sections remain stable, detailed accounts are available.

- The district account is the general operating account. The income is mainly from subscriptions, which is £3.00 per young member (frozen again since 2016/17). This is just the district levy and excludes Scout Association HQ and County levies). The balance on the account provides the necessary working capital to support the introduction of any new units or activities and minor unplanned costs.
- The Wreakes Lane account finances the running of the building and the field, these are a resource available to the district and all groups. Income from the site and building use has been minimal since the temporary accommodation was installed.
- To maximise income, the district's investments are held in short term deposit funds where the risk to capital is low and in funds covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Fund raising is still a critical function that needs to be developed at a district level, not just to support the use and maintenance of the Wreakes Lane site in its current form but to enable us to assist the group activities and provide the equipment and facilities to allow scouting to continue to be developed across the district.

The website (www.dronfieldscouts.org.uk) has been completely updated to give it a fresher and more interactive and current view of scouting across the district. I would like to thank Rachel Roberts and her partner for the time and effort they have put in to create a website that reflects the quality of activity and leadership across the different groups. The site is being constantly updated with scouting activities, so please have a look if you haven't already and send us any feedback and suggestions for additional content.

A big thank you goes to all members of the Trustee Board, specifically Andrew in his role as Treasurer, Brian for his continued guidance and support as secretary and to David who has worked tirelessly to support the district and continues to provide me with the confidence and feedback needed to continue in my role as chairman. This will be David's last year in his role of District Lead Volunteer, and early next year we will start the process for his replacement. Once again, we must record our thanks to the many people (and of course to their families) who give up their time to support the district and its groups in their work for young people in scouting.

Accounts approved by the trustees on 2nd July 2024 and signed on their behalf by Nick Marwood Chairman

DRONFIELD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts & Payments Account - Summary for the year ending 31 March 2024

	This year - to March 2024	Previous Year
	Designated Funds. £.pp	Designated Funds. £.pp
District and Badge Receipts	2,637.00	10,700.40
Wreakes Lane Receipts	780.37	498.61
Scout Active Support	0.00	16.40
Section Receipts	6,213.28	2,164.06
Total Receipts for the year.	<u>9,630.65</u>	<u>13,379.47</u>
District and Badge Payments	1,887.13	10,682.70
Wreakes Lane Payments	1,554.32	27,272.96
Scout Active Support	0.00	0.00
Section Payments	2,795.60	1,637.57
Total Payments for the year.	<u>6,237.05</u>	<u>39,593.23</u>
Net Receipts/Payments for the year.	<u><u>3,393.60</u></u>	<u><u>-26,213.76</u></u>

	This Year	Previous Year
Cash, Bank and similar funds - Brought Forward		
District and Badges	2,636.66	2,618.96
Wreakes Lane	4,490.46	31,264.80
Scout Active Support	0.00	-16.40
District Treasurer - Sub Total	<u>7,127.11</u>	<u>33,867.36</u>
District Beaver Account	532.94	532.94
District Forge Explorers	419.61	-45.02
District Forge Network	215.69	215.69
District SAS	61.86	0.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	<u>8,357.21</u>	<u>34,570.97</u>

	This Year	Previous Year
Cash, Bank and similar funds - Carried Forward		
District and Badges	3,386.53	2,636.66
Wreakes Lane	3,716.50	4,490.46
Scout Active Support	0.00	0.00
District Treasurer - Sub Total	<u>7,103.03</u>	<u>7,127.11</u>
District Beaver Account	532.94	532.94
District Forge Explorers	3,899.15	419.61
District Forge Network	215.69	215.69
District SAS	0.00	61.86
DISTRICT TOTALS	<u>11,750.81</u>	<u>8,357.21</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on02/07/24and signed on their behalf by

.....N.A.MarwoodChairman

DRONFIELD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the year ending 31 March 2024

This year - April 2023 to March 2024

Previous Year

	General		General
	District & Badges £.pp	Wreakes Lane £.pp	Totals £.pp
<u>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>			
Subscriptions (2023/2024)	19,047.50		17,376.00
Less "Paid to County"	-17,844.50		-16,308.50
Totals	<u>1,203.00</u>		<u>1,067.50</u>
<u>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</u>			
Bank Interest		18.68	138.21
Totals		<u>18.68</u>	<u>138.21</u>
<u>DONATIONS RECEIVED</u>			
Donation of Expenses (D.C. & Chairman)	0.00	0.00	67.00
Gift Aid (HMRC)		0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	562.19	0.00
Totals	<u>0.00</u>	<u>562.19</u>	<u>67.00</u>
<u>ACTIVITY RECEIPTS</u>			
AGM	0.00		0.00
St. George's Day	0.00		0.00
Remembrance Day	0.00		0.00
Beavers	0.00		0.00
Cubs	0.00		0.00
Scouts	0.00		68.00
Explorers	0.00		865.00
Youth Council	0.00		0.00
Scout Active Support	0.00		16.40
Totals	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>949.40</u>
<u>FUND RAISING RECEIPTS</u>			
Use of Building		199.50	326.90
Garage Rental		0.00	0.00
Totals		<u>199.50</u>	<u>326.90</u>
<u>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</u>			
Badge Receipts	12.00		114.00
World Scout Jamboree	1,422.00		8,547.00
Others, Refunds, Misc	0.00		5.40
Totals	<u>1,434.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,666.40</u>
District Treasurer - Sub Totals	<u>2,637.00</u>	<u>780.37</u>	<u>11,215.41</u>
District Treasurer - Total		<u>3,417.37</u>	<u>11,215.41</u>
<u>DISTRICT SECTION ACCOUNTS</u>			
Beavers		0.00	0.00
Forge Explorers		6,213.28	2,010.10
Forge Network		0.00	0.00
SAS		0.00	153.96
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THIS YEAR</u>		<u>9,630.65</u>	<u>13,379.47</u>

DRONFIELD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the year ending 31 March 2024

	This year - April 2023 to March 2024		Previous Year
	General		General
	District & Badges £.pp	Wreakes Lane £.pp	Totals £.pp
<u>PAYMENTS FOR PREMISES</u>			
Rent and Rates		66.15	118.92
Electricity		124.00	208.00
Water		138.07	80.27
Insurance & Use	110.16	440.62	1,021.86
Site Maintenance		460.75	234.76
Repairs and Renewals/Cleaning		324.73	470.22
Scout Hut Demolition		0.00	25,309.80
	Totals	<u>1,554.32</u>	<u>27,443.83</u>
<u>DONATIONS MADE</u>			
Donations	0.00		1,030.00
Grants	0.00		0.00
	Totals	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,030.00</u>
<u>ACTIVITY PAYMENTS</u>			
AGM	0.00		0.00
St. George's Day	0.00		0.00
Remembrance Day	25.00		25.00
Beavers	0.00		0.00
Cubs	0.00		0.00
Scouts	28.45		102.64
Explorers	0.00		627.52
Youth Council	0.00		22.52
Scout Active Support	0.00		0.00
Training	0.00		30.00
	Totals	<u>53.45</u>	<u>807.68</u>
<u>ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS</u>			
Chairman & D.C.	0.00		0.00
Secretary & Treasurer	0.00		0.00
	Totals	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>TRUSTEE'S EXPENSES</u>			
Chairman	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>67.00</u>
<u>BADGE PAYMENTS</u>			
Badge Purchases	19.00		23.00
	Totals	<u>19.00</u>	<u>23.00</u>
<u>SUNDRY PAYMENTS</u>			
Leaving Gifts	0.00		0.00
World Scout Jamboree	1,485.00		8,484.00
Others, Website, Flags	219.52		100.15
	Totals	<u>1,704.52</u>	<u>8,584.15</u>
District Treasurer - Sub Totals	<u>1,887.13</u>	<u>1,554.32</u>	<u>37,955.66</u>
District Treasurer - Total		<u>3,441.45</u>	<u>37,955.66</u>
<u>DISTRICT SECTION ACCOUNTS</u>			
Beavers		0.00	0.00
Forge Explorers		2,733.74	1,545.47
Forge Network		0.00	0.00
SAS		61.86	92.10
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THIS YEAR		<u>6,237.05</u>	<u>39,593.23</u>

DRONFIELD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2024

	This year 2023/2024 £.pp	Previous Year 2022/2023 £.pp
<u>MONETARY ASSETS. (Bank and Cash Funds)</u>		
Mansfield Building Society	977.63	638.21
HSBC Current Account.	0.00	0.00
Co-Operative Community Account	11,362.41	7,952.70
Cash in Hand - Treasurer	0.00	0.00
District Treasurer	12,340.04	8,590.91
<u>Totals.</u>	<u>12,340.04</u>	<u>8,590.91</u>
<u>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Interest Accrued at Mansfield B.S.	18.68	34.55
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Garage Rental	25.00	20.00
Remembrance Day	0.00	0.00
<u>Totals</u>	<u>43.68</u>	<u>54.55</u>
<u>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Buildings. (Insured Value)	14,000.00	14,000.00
Scouting Equipment etc. (Insured Value)	32,250.00	32,250.00
Badge Secretary's Stock (at cost)	421.40	440.20
<u>Totals</u>	<u>46,671.40</u>	<u>46,690.20</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Electricity Debit Balance (April 2024)	95.50	-161.20
Outstanding Water Bill	0.31	6.99
<u>Totals</u>	<u>95.81</u>	<u>-154.21</u>

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES and FUTURE OBLIGATIONS

Rent Payable at £5.00 per annum for remaining years of 99 years lease (from September 1984) on Wreakes Lane.
 Building and Contents Insurance (Ecclesiastical Insurance) x8 payments of £47.65 (£381.20)
 District Beavers account balance; £532.94 (monies held in CO-OP account)
 District Forge Explorers balance; £3899.15 (monies held in CO-OP account)
 Forge Network account balance; £215.69 (monies held in CO-OP account)

Auxiliary accounts for group Explorer sections; 3rd Holmesfield Explorers, Samurai & Boscage Explorers are managed by 3rd Holmesfield, 7th Dronfield and 6th Eckington Groups respectively.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Dronfield District Scout Council

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

515849

Set out on pages

1 to 4

(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 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.
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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:

G.A. Siddall

Date:

9.8.24

Name:

GEORGE ANTHONY SIDDALL

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

Address:

NESFIELD HOUSE
BARLOW
DRONFIELD S18 7TB

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.

