

**MID GLAMORGAN  
AREA SCOUT COUNCIL**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 515965**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**30<sup>th</sup>, April 2023**

PRESIDENT

Professor Peter Vaughan,  
QPM, CStJ,  
HM Lord Lieutenant

Vice President

Mr Rudi Plaut

**Trustee Details from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to the Approval of these Accounts**

Ex-Officio

Area Commissioner  
Chair  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Simon Dunstan  
Ken Hinton  
John Charles  
Ron Davies  
Ian Price

Elected

Geraint Davies

Nominated by Area Commissioner

Phil Hubbard  
Sue Bailey

**Bankers**

Barclays Bank  
36, Dunraven Place,  
Bridgend  
CF31 1HY

**Independent Examiner**

Rhiannon Pratchett

**Area Registration Number with the  
Scout Association**

10000139

**Charity Registration number**

515965

**Geographical Area**

County Boroughs of:  
Bridgend  
Caerphilly  
Merthyr Tydfil, and  
Rhondda, Cynon Tâf

**Contact Name and Address**

Ken Hinton  
Miskin Mill Scout Village  
Hensol Road  
Miskin  
CF72 8JJ

## **Report on the Accounts for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup>, April 2023**

The Area's overarching governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Area is administered and managed by an Area Trustee Management Committee, comprised of the trustees listed on page 2. The members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Area which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. Trustees are appointed from members of the Scout Association and of the public, who are willing to devote their time to further the aims of the Scout Association. The Committee meets a minimum of 4 times a year to decide and implement the policy of the Area and to review the works of its sub-committees.

The Area Scout Council meets annually to receive the report of the Area Trustee Management Committee.

### ***Statement of Trustees' responsibilities***

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the statement of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit for the period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent: and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The objects of the Area are to facilitate the objects of the Scout Association in the Mid Glamorgan Area, by providing a structure and organisation, by providing training for leaders and managing funds to be utilised to this end. The aim of the Scout Association is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

## ***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.

LEA and other grants are administered by the Area Trustee Management Committee. Grants are payable to fund training courses for leaders the purchase of equipment, capital payments towards building projects and some staff costs. Grants and/or donations are agreed from time to time by the Area Trustee Management Committee.

The Area Headquarters is based at Miskin Mill Scout Village, Hensol Road, Pontyclun, CF72 8JJ.

## **Activities**

During the year we welcomed Symon Dunstan as our new Area Commissioner, now referred to as Area Lead Volunteer, which as we would expect brought some change and new faces to the Area team. The appointment of Assistant Area Commissioners for both Adult Training and Activities has allowed the Trustees to provide generous budgets for these activities.

A development plan for the Trustee Board to support the Lead Volunteer has been produced and is in the process of being implemented.

Always alert to the cost of scouting the Trustees were able to keep the annual membership fee to a minimum. The World Scout Jamboree was held this year and the Trustees were more than happy to assist, financially, the 7 young people who attended, always a life changing experience.

In addition the Trustee Board has supported the Area Group Scout Leader and Group Chairs conference. Scouting was involved in the Kings Coronation with members assisting from Mid Glamorgan, the Trustee Board re-imbursed travelling costs for this team.

Unfortunately, agreement was reached that it was necessary to close the Area office and that resulted in having to make Margaret Hopkin redundant after 17 years of service. Margaret was a willing servant to the Area and I would take this opportunity to thank her publicly for her dedication to the job. Also, to Keith, her husband, whose DIY skills have come in very handy over the years!

Like all Areas in Wales, we are still recovering from the effects of the pandemic in relation to youth membership and leadership. However, numbers are growing which is encouraging.

Mid Glamorgan has two camp/activity sites Miskin Mill and Plas Dolygaer set in the Bannau Brycheiniog. Miskin Mill is maintained and run by volunteers while Plas Dolygaer has a volunteer maintenance team and 2 employees. I want to thank them for their hard and at times challenging work over the last 12 months, without them the sites would not be able to run.

This AGM sees some changes, although small, to the Agenda as we implement governance changes in line with the Scout Associations Transformation project to make volunteering easier, more enjoyable and rewarding.

## **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. As stated elsewhere in this report, the Trust's charitable activity work is clear evidence of both the identifiable benefit provided and the relation of this benefit to the charity's aims.

***Risk***

The Trustees continually examine the principal areas of the Trust's operations and regularly consider the major risks that may arise in each of these areas.

***Reserves Policy***

The Area has a reserves policy of 12 months reserves including Plas Dolygaer.

**Restricted Funds**

The Area currently has no restricted funds



Ken Hinton  
Chair

Date: 24th August, 2023



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/05/2022	To	Period end date 30/04/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Badge sales	465	-	-	465	385
Grants	-	-	-	-	10,928
Hire of Dolygaer	44,024	-	-	44,024	20,390
Membership fees	79,458	-	-	79,458	68,598
Miscellaneous	196	-	-	196	705
Sponsorship	1,129	-	-	1,129	-
Activities	1,605	-	-	1,605	-
Training	10	-	-	10	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>126,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,887</b>	<b>101,005</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>126,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,887</b>	<b>101,005</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
District Support	2,575	-	-	2,575	3,340
Employees	21,119	-	-	21,119	18,739
Membership	70,397	-	-	70,397	61,182
Miscellaneous	6,095	-	-	6,095	13,301
Overheads	4,186	-	-	4,186	3,918
Premises	2,352	-	-	2,352	6,344
Repayments	10,164	-	-	10,164	7,649
Technology	1,764	-	-	1,764	2,051
Training & Activities	1,248	-	-	1,248	1,354
Utilities	12,517	-	-	12,517	7,233
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>132,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,417</b>	<b>125,111</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>132,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,417</b>	<b>125,111</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 5,531</b>	<b>- 24,106</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>40,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,350</b>	<b>64,447</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>34,819</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,819</b>	<b>-</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays	17,339	-	-
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Lloyds	10,218	-	-
Scout Bank	7,262	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>34,819</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK	OK	OK
<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Freehold of Dolygaer Outdoor Centre	325,048	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Charity Bank Loan		35,050	21 July 2027
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

MID GLAMORGAN AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

30 APRIL 2023

Charity no (if any)

515965

Set out on pages

(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 30/04/2023

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

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:

R.M. Pratchett

Date:

10 DEC 2023

Name:

RUIANNON PRATCHETT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICAEW

(if any):

Address:

**Section B Disclosure**

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.