



Scouts
Mid Glamorgan

MID GLAMORGAN AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1/5/2023 to 30/4/2024

Registered charity number 515965

PRESIDENT Professor Peter Vaughan,
QPM, CStJ,
HM Lord Lieutenant

Vice President Mr Rudi Plaut

Trustee Details from 1st May 2023 to the Approval of these Accounts

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| Ex-Officio | Area Lead Volunteer | Symon Dunstan |
| | Chair | Ken Hinton (1/5/23 – 31/10/23) Sue Bailey (1/11/23 – present) |
| | Vice Chair | John Charles |
| | Secretary | Ron Davies |
| | Treasurer | Ian Price |

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| Nominated by Area Commissioner | | Phil Hubbard |
| | | Sue Bailey (1/5/23 – 31/10/23) Ken Hinton (1/11/23 – present) |
| | Deputy Area Lead Volunteer | Ken Long |
| | Area Youth Lead Volunteer | Cerys Nicholas |

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

Sue Bailey
Miskin Mill Scout Village
Hensol Road
Miskin
CF72 8JJ

Structure, governance and management

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 Area is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Area is administered and managed by the Area Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Area Scout Council 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.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. 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 Board meets a minimum of four times per year to decide and implement the policy of the Area and to review the works of its subcommittees.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

The Area Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

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

Risk and Internal Control

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.

These risks have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them.

Objectives and activities

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.

Public benefit statement

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

Achievements and performance

During the year, we welcomed Sue Bailey as our new area Chair. The Trustees thank Ken Hinton for his sterling work with the Board over the years and are pleased to note that he is to remain as a Trustee.

The Trustee Board has actively recruited a new Trustee and we look forward to welcoming Helen Higgs to the Board. The Trustees note and acknowledge the support given by Phil Hubbard who has stepped down from the Board this year.

Our Area Lead Volunteer, Symon Dunstan, stood down from 30th June 2024. The Trustees thank Symon for his support and wish him luck as he takes up the role of District Lead Volunteer in CRAI. Buzz Burrows (Training) and Dave Cook (Activities) also stepped back from their roles this year. Our thanks to them for their hard work in the Area. Active recruitment for a new Area Lead Volunteer is underway who will rebuild the Area Leadership Team.

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

Careful budgeting and good financial control had enabled the Trustees to reduce the Area element of the annual membership fee in the 2023/24 year. The Area element will not increase in 2024/25 and further review is ongoing to reduce the fee if possible.

The Trustee Board was delighted to support Young People to attend, by sponsorship, the following activities:

- Area Monopoly Run
- Progfest 2023
- Roverway 2024
- Explorer Belt Expedition

The annual census return for 2024 was encouraging. The Area saw a 5.31% growth in Young People, largely in the Squirrel and Beaver sections, and a 6.66% growth in Adult Leader Volunteers. This is encouraging and we look forward to supporting the growth in sections and groups.

Congratulations are extended to Tomas Moron from Merthyr who was the Area's first King Scout. It is good to see a number of Young People registered for 'top awards' and we look forward to hearing of future successes.

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 whilst Plas Dolygaer has a volunteer maintenance team and 1 employee.

Since the pandemic bookings at Plas Dolygaer have seen a steady rise in its use. It continues to be a centre for Young People accessing the mountains and those working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Both staff and the maintenance team do a sterling job in dealing with visitors and maintaining the property.

Dŵr Cymru's Ely Valley Trunk Sewer runs through the grounds of Miskin Mill Scout Village. A leak of effluent was detected on the surface initially in November 2022; the number of leaks increased over the ensuing months.

Following surveys and similar issues upstream of our site, Dŵr Cymru commissioned detailed designs for repair/replacement of the sewer.

The loss of space, odours, etc., has greatly reduced our letting income over the past 20 months and will continue to have an adverse impact until we can re-use the entire site. We have received some compensation funds to date. Once construction starts our Land Agent will engage with Dŵr Cymru's Estate Surveyor to agree further monies to cover our loss and expense.

The Trustees are pleased to note that work started in September 2024. We would like to thank the Miskin Mill Management Committee and the volunteers at Miskin Mill for their ongoing commitment and resilience.

The AGM sees some changes this year in line with the Scout Association Transformation project. This includes the revision of the Area Constitution which has been shared with you.

Our sincere thanks go to all the Volunteer Leaders and Trustees across the Area for their ongoing commitment and support.

Financial Review

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.

LEA and other grants are administered by the Area Trustee Board. 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 Board.

The Area has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Reserves Policy

The Area's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Area should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Area Trustee Board considers that the Area should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs.

Investment Policy

The Area's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Area has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Area Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Area obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

Restricted Funds

The Area currently has no restricted funds.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Susan Bailey

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Date

15/09/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/05/23 | To | Period end date 30/04/24 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|

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 £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Badge Sales | 85 | - | - | 85 | 465 |
| Grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hire of Dolygaer | 41,605 | - | - | 41,605 | 44,024 |
| Membership Fees | 83,055 | - | - | 83,055 | 79,458 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,036 | - | - | 1,036 | 196 |
| Sponsorship | - | - | - | - | 1,129 |
| Training | 338 | - | - | 338 | 10 |
| Activities | 10,397 | - | - | 10,397 | 1,605 |
| Sub total(Gross income for AR) | 136,515 | - | - | 136,515 | 126,887 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 136,515 | - | - | 136,515 | 126,887 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Activities | 9,921 | - | - | 9,921 | 669 |
| District Support | 121 | - | - | 121 | 2,575 |
| Employees | 16,407 | - | - | 16,407 | 21,119 |
| Membership | 77,175 | - | - | 77,175 | 70,397 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,989 | - | - | 1,989 | 6,095 |
| Overheads | 2,493 | - | - | 2,493 | 4,186 |
| Premises | 3,357 | - | - | 3,357 | 2,352 |
| Repayments | 10,164 | - | - | 10,164 | 10,164 |
| Technology | 1,343 | - | - | 1,343 | 1,764 |
| Training | 2,424 | - | - | 2,424 | 579 |
| Utilities | 9,527 | - | - | 9,527 | 12,517 |
| | | | | | |
| Sub total | 134,921 | - | - | 134,921 | 132,417 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 134,921 | - | - | 134,921 | 132,417 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 1,594 | - | - | 1,594 | - 5,530 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 34,819 | - | - | 34,819 | 34,819 |
| Cash funds this year end | 36,413 | - | - | 36,413 | 29,289 |

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 £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | | | | |
| | Area Bank Account | 25,125 | - | - |
| | Dolygaer Bank account | 9,812 | - | - |
| | Activities Account | 1,476 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 36,413 | - | - |

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

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B2 Other monetary assets

| Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
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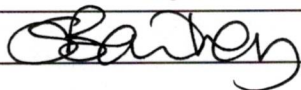
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Freehold Property - Dolygaer Outdoor Centre | Property | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Charity Bank Loan - Dolygaer Outdoor Centre | Property | 18,267 | 21 July 2027 |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |

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

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|------------|------------------|
|  | S. BAILEY | 15.09.24 |
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Mid Glamorgan Area Scout Council

Notes to accompany the Receipts & Payments Accounts
for the year 1/5/23 – 30/4/24

These notes expand on the financial statement

- 1 Receipts and Payments Accounts have been drawn up using the Charity Commission template. It was not considered that Accruals based accounts were needed.
- 2 Although both the Area activities and those of the Dolygaer Outdoor Centre are included in these accounts, for day to day purposes they are run as two separate units.
- 3 In terms of membership fees, the Area Scout Council acts as collector for Scouts Cymru. In this period, £77,175 was collected on behalf of Scouts Cymru and passed to them. The Area collected £5880 in respect of membership fees.
- 4 There were 2 part-time employees in the year at Dolygaer.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Mid Glamorgan Area Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 April 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

515965

Set out on pages

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(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 **30/04/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R.M. Pratchett

Date: 10 Feb 2025

Name: R M Pratchett

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

ICAEW

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Bridgend

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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