



MID GLAMORGAN AREA SCOUT COUNCIL
Trustees' Annual Report
For the period 1/5/2024 to 30/4/2025

Registered charity number 515965

PRESIDENT

Professor Peter Vaughan,
QPM, CSTJ,
HM Lord Lieutenant

Vice Presidents

Mr Rudi Plaut
Mr Philip Hubbard

Trustee Details from 1st May 2024 to the Approval of these Accounts

Trustee Name	Office (if any)
Jon Williams	Area Lead Volunteer (Carmarthenshire)
Sue Bailey	Chair
Ian Price	Treasurer
Ron Davies	
Ken Hinton	
John Charles	
Helen Higgs	
Ken Long	Deputy Area Lead Volunteer
Cerys Nicholas	Area Youth Lead Volunteer

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 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

Our Area Lead Volunteer stood down from 30th June 2024. We were unable to recruit a replacement Area Lead Volunteer but have been grateful for the support provided by the Area Lead Volunteer for Carmarthenshire, Jon Williams, in the interim.

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 maintain the Area element of the annual membership fee in the 2024/25 year without an increase in cost to members 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:

- International Camp
- Explorer Belt Expedition

The annual census return saw small changes in the number of Young People across Districts and sections and we continue to support development and growth across the Area.

Following discussion with Mid Glamorgan Board and Gwent Board along with the support from CRAI Board, it has been agreed that a change of geographical boundary will see CRAI District move into the Gwent Area with effect from 1st September 2025. We wish all the volunteers and Trustees well for the future,

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.

Plas Dolygaer has seen a steady rise in its use and income. The site is ideally situated for Young People to access the mountains both for the experience and for those working

towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Staff and the maintenance team continue to provide a venue of excellent quality.

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 3 years and will continue to have an adverse impact until we can re-use the entire site. We have received some compensation funds to date and 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, and that reinstatement of the facilities is underway. We would like to thank the Miskin Mill Management Committee and the volunteers at Miskin Mill for their ongoing commitment and resilience.

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	Ian Price
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	15/09/2024	15/09/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/05/2024	To	Period end date 30/04/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Badge Sales	171	-	-	171	85
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Hire of Dolygaer	57,814	-	-	57,814	41,605
Membership Fees	85,362	-	-	85,362	83,055
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	1,036
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	-
Training	20	-	-	20	338
Activities	80	-	-	80	10,397
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	143,447	-	-	143,447	136,515
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	143,447	-	-	143,447	136,515
A3 Payments					
Activities	-	-	-	-	9,921
District Support	-	-	-	-	121
Employees	16,523	-	-	16,523	16,407
Membership	79,810	-	-	79,810	77,175
Miscellaneous	16,356	-	-	16,356	1,989
Overheads	485	-	-	485	2,493
Premises	2,314	-	-	2,314	3,357
Repayments	10,164	-	-	10,164	10,164
Technology	1,536	-	-	1,536	1,343
Training	600	-	-	600	2,424
Utilities	11,612	-	-	11,612	9,527
Sponsorship	2,540	-	-	2,540	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	141,939	-	-	141,939	134,921
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	141,939	-	-	141,939	134,921
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,508	-	-	1,508	1,594
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,414	-	-	36,414	34,819
Cash funds this year end	37,922	-	-	37,922	36,413

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

B1 Cash funds

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Area Bank Account	26,588	-	-
Dolygaer Bank account	9,778	-	-
Activities Account	1,556	-	-
Total cash funds	37,922	-	-

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

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Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

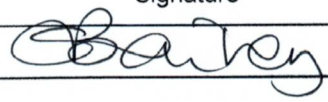
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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		21 July 2027
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SUSAN BAILEY	27/8/2025

Rep
23/11/2025



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 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

515965

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2025**.

**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; 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.

Signed:

R. H. Pratchett

Date:

23 Oct 2025

Name:

R M Pratchett

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

ICAEW

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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.

Rep
23/10/2025