

LONG EATON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

Charity Registration Number 517911

District Registration Number with The Scout Association 11314

President Mr G Kirkbride

Vice President Mr R Gent

Ex-Officio Members

Chair Mr P Lees

Secretary Miss S Micklewright

Treasurer Mrs A Coles (retired 11th June 2023)
Mrs S Atkinson (appointed 11th June 2023)

District Commissioner Mrs C Halls-Jukes

District Youth Commissioner Mr H Atkinson

District Explorer Scout Commissioner Mr C Cartwright

District Scout Network Commissioner Mr M Micklewright

Bankers Barclays Bank plc, Long Eaton
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Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts

The District's 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 District is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scout Association units. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules and the District Constitution, adopted on 8th May 2022.

Additional governance issues

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with the legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and District Scout Network Commissioner together with elected, nominated and co-opted members.

Members of the Executive Committee are asked to complete the 'Trustee Induction' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District and District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of District property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment and appointment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees, including the District Appointments Advisory Committee and Trent Lock Scout Activity Centre Committee;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that has been identified is the merge of Long Eaton Scouts and Ilkeston Scouts (a neighbouring Scout District) to form the new Erewash Scouts as well as operations of Trent Lock Scout Activity Centre.

The formation of Erewash Scouts has extended the accounting year for Long Eaton Scouts to be Jan 2023 - Mar 2024. Going forward the accounting year for Erewash Scouts will be April/March

Damage to property and equipment - The District has sufficient contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members - The District, through subscriptions and reserves, contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are required by members to be undertaken before all activities. The responsibility is for the event leader and their line manager.

Reduced income from fundraising - 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 is developing a fundraising strategy to minimise future increases in member subscriptions as well as a reserves policy.

Reduction or loss of leaders - The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of adult volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the District as a whole then there would be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or group. In the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the group.

Reduction or loss of youth members - The District provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 24*. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or a group as a whole then there would be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or group. In the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the group would take place.

**Note: during this reporting period there was no provision within the District for the age group 4 – 6.*

Internal controls - The District 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 the comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that all insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the District set out in it's governing document

Long Eaton District Scout Council adopts the rules outlined in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules. A new constitution was adopted at the District AGM on 8th May 2022.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. 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.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

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

Investment Policy

The District Executive monitors the levels of bank balances, and the interest rates received to ensure that the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. The Executive have not invested in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. All funds are held in cash using mainstream banks.

Funding Policy

The District Executive has defined policies for funding the various activities of the District. This policy drives future budget planning and financial decision making.

Plans for future periods

During the year 2023/2024 Long Eaton Scouts has identified further development of the Executive Committee with governance and various sub committees and the focus for the next year is on the Adult Volunteers and

supporting them to continue to deliver to the young people. The following areas will be the focus for the District Team.

Erewhash Scouts will:

- Improve its governances
- Better manage risk associated with operations
- Share resources across the District: Adult Volunteers, Equipment, Experience, Programs
- Create a community of Scouting where adult volunteers are supported
- Ensure support and development of training is in place
- Seek opportunities for increasing the number of Adult Volunteers across all areas of the District. Ensure key roles are appointed within the District Team.

Declaration

The trustees approved the trustees' report above on 29th January 2025.

LONG EATON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL (Charity no.517911)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/01/2023	To	31/03/2024

Receipts and payments

	Notes	2024			2022
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions		49,669	-	-	23,727
Donations		1,484	-	-	61
Youth Activities	1	10,537	-	-	5,263
Badge & necker income		3,688	-	-	3,139
Compensation		-			108
Courses		140	-	-	-
Sub total		65,518	-	-	32,298
Grants					
Maintenence grant		-	-	-	-
Other grants	2	-	1,400	-	6,067
Sub total		-	1,400	-	6,067
Fundraising events (gross)					
Jamboree 2023		7,048			13,509
Tree planting - Sawley Park		400			100
Other fundraising activities	3	618	-	-	16
Sub total		8,066	-	-	13,624
Activity Centre income					
Camp & activity fees		15,940	-	-	13,347
Sub total		15,940	-	-	13,347
MiniBus Hire					
MiniBus Hire		1,630			
Sub total		1,630	-	-	
Investment income					
Bank interest		558	-	-	159
Account Closure		4	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-	-	11
Uncashed Cheques Written Off		300	-	-	-
Sub total		862	-	-	170
Total Gross Income		92,015	1,400	-	65,505
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		92,015	1,400	-	65,505

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Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		46,352	-	-	21,759
Youth programme and activities	1	13,137	-	-	7,260
Adult support and training		140	-	-	-
Premise expenses	4	4,188	-	-	6,021
Materials and equipment	5	6,788	-	-	3,608
Maintenance	6	4,526	-	-	-
Insurance		2,358	-	-	2,447
Catering		655	-	-	-
Admin expenses	7	808	-	-	541
Contribution to camp costs		-	-	-	-
Uniforms		1,598	-	-	-
Overstated Funds from Previous Year		86	-	-	-
Donations and gifts		-	-	-	250
Badge and Necker purchases		3,493	-	-	3,004
MiniBus		16	-	-	-
Sub total		84,146	-	-	44,889
Fundraising expenses					
Jamboree		9,799	-	-	12,057
Other fundraising costs		500	-	-	-
Sub total		10,299	-	-	12,057
Total Gross Expenditure		94,445	-	-	56,946
Asset and investment		-	-	-	-
Total payments		94,445	-	-	56,946
Net of receipts/(payments)		- 2,430	1,400	- 1,030	8,559
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end		101,856	1,956	103,812	95,253
Cash funds this year end		99,426	3,356	102,782	103,812

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		31/03/2024			Total funds £	31/12/2021
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £		Total funds £
		£	£	£		£
Cash funds	8					
Bank current account		39,932	-	-	39,932	39,424
Savings account		62,248	-	-	62,248	60,744
Building society account		-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-	-	-	2,834
Cash/Floats		601	-	-	601	810
Total cash funds		102,782	-	-	102,782	103,812
Other monetary assets						
Tax claim		-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets						
Investment property - detail		-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments		-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use						
Badge and Necker stock		1,800	-	-	1,800	2,801
Land and buildings		64,261	-	-	64,261	57,376
Activity centre boats		24,990	-	-	24,990	33,970
Activity centre contents and equipment		16,924	-	-	16,924	11,704
District scouting equipment		10,662	-	-	10,662	3,830
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		118,637	-	-	118,637	109,681
Liabilities						
Accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-	266
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid		-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail		-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	266
Total net assets		221,419	-	-	221,419	213,759

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	Print Name
	Chair
	Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

LONG EATON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

PERIOD 1-1-23 TO 31-3-24 Charity no (if any) 517911

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

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

18-9-24

Name:

STEPHEN PARKER

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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.