



**We prepare young  
people with skills  
for life**

**Stretford District AGM 2022**



# Annual Report 2021/22

We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 4 to 25 year olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities. Scouts helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Our members gain valuable skills for life including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.



## District Commisionners Report

2021-2022 was a year of recovery, scouting was starting to find a sense of normality following the COVID lockdown but

there remain still, some difficulties due to living with COVID.

Face to Face scouting returned in April 21 after completion of formal risk assessments to limit the spread of COVID. Buildings and meeting areas needed to have extra control measures including signs and arrows to show flow and movement through the building, hand sanitiser etc were all included. These risk assessments demonstrated we were reducing the risk of spreading the virus, but as local spikes in Covid-19 resulted in local lockdowns, we were faced with implementing a red, amber and green approach to returning to F2F again. All this involved a lot of hard work and admin but eventually scouting started to return to regular and reliable in person meetings and events.

Census figures have been down as we did lose members throughout the 2-years of restricted meetings, but in January 2022 young people on the census was back up to 466 an increase of 2% from 2021, and adults up to 161, an increase of 3.2% from 2021. This gave a total of 627 members in the district which have been significantly boosted by two new sections we have created and established at 1<sup>st</sup> Stretford (Longford) Scout Group – meeting on a Saturday, Muslim Cub and Scouts were established during February 2022 following 6 months of leadership recruitment, training and onboarding. These 2 new sections provided a much welcome and needed boost to numbers although we are still down on pre pandemic figures in Jan 2020 of approximately 750, a decrease of 16%.

We are focusing on growing these numbers as we deliver scouting well in Stretford and do not struggle to attract children, it's the adult leaders and helpers we struggle with, with many members having multiple significant roles.

Changes in the future may drive a more flexible approach from section leaders to a more team-based approach and this may attract more adults to scouting.

We have 4 members from the district going to the Jamboree in Korea next year, we have provided some funds towards their costs and also have 2 adults from the district attending also.

New structures in the future will help with leadership issues, overall, there is a sense of change and more structure at District level. We have supported access to OSM to all groups and ensured First Aid Training is available to all who needs it.

Scout Network is now place led by Edna Holroyd but there as some struggles with Network and it needs extra support to get things running and off the ground. We continue to try and get the funds out of their dormant Network account so they can be transferred into and managed by the district account.

## The Year Ahead

We will be implementing a new structure across scouting designed to be more flexible and to help spread the activities, tasks and jobs that are needed to run successful groups and a district.

The adult joining experience will be simplified and be completely refigured to be easier, more welcoming and less administrative whilst keeping key elements to ensure young people are protected and safeguarding maintained.



Training will also be simplified and supported through a completely new and interactive digital experience, adult

membership system and new approaches to training insignia (the Wood Badge).

Over the coming year my focus will be to restructure the district in-line with the new roles, help implement new the new adult membership system, provide clarity around training needs and supporting those who may find these changes difficult and confusing.

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**We're recovering slowly from the pandemic and scouting is back meeting regularly face to face although some minor disruption remains. We have an opportunity to refresh how we deliver scouting locally across the district so that we can be more flexible and agile to attract new adult volunteers.**

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**Matt Osborne**

District Commissioner, Stretford Scout Council  
Group Scout Leader, 17<sup>th</sup> Stretford (1<sup>st</sup> Lostock) QUEST Scout Group  
Scout Leader (Acting) – 17<sup>th</sup> Stretford (1<sup>st</sup> Lostock) QUEST Scout Troop  
International Service Team – 25WSJ Korea, UK Contingent

**District Chair's Report**

It's been a difficult time again this year for us all. Hopefully we can get back to normal soon and forget about all the restrictions imposed on us due to covid-19. Again, we have had to have all the district exec meetings on zoom, although it's not ideal I think we have coped very well and hopefully we can get back to face to face meetings at some point where everyone can voice their opinions. It is important that we have as many reps at the meetings so we can have a wider representation.

As the district has no income stream the only way, we can generate money is through the district levy. It was decided that the existing levy of £2.00 was not enough to fund the district outgoings and support district scouting so the levy was increased to £5.00. We now have an international fund to support scouts going on events abroad. We are now able to pay 50% of the cost of OSM. We are now able to pay all the training costs for leaders etc.

Also, this year, a lot of effort has gone into safeguarding and the production of risk assessments which have to be approved by district, hopefully we are all clear about what is required. We had a number of notifiable incidents over the year which had to be investigated by HQ so it is important that we have the correct procedures in place. It is the district exec that is ultimately responsible for making sure we adhere to the correct procedure.

Over the coming year there are to be a lot of changes in scouting, no doubt more info will be forthcoming over the next few months and hopefully these changes will benefit us all.

Many thanks to you all for the effort you put into running your sections and groups and also to all the people in the background raising funds, sitting on exec committees and making sure your groups are financially and legally sound. Finally, thanks to Matt for not only being a GSL at Quest but also as district commissioner, running the district so ably under difficult circumstances.

**Dave Maltby**

District Chairperson

# Financial Report 2021/2022

Following the setting up of Lonsdale Explorer Scouts, subscriptions flowing through the District account this has led to a significant increase in activity whereby all their subscriptions and expenditure flow through the current account. This activity remains as the main reason for the flow of funds and there has been no other significant District funding activity other than capitation fees.

Camp Income of £3376 and expenditure of £3562 is exclusively in respect of Lonsdale Explorers of which £2760 income and £3115 expenditure related to Chamboree held in August 22.

Bank/GoCardless fees of £237.24 are all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers subs.

Badge income and expenditure has increased significantly due to Scouting badgework activity increasing as the impact of Covid has lessened. This is reflected in an increase of over £2600 in expenditure over the previous year with total spend of £3482.35 against badge sales income of £3128.18

Capitation fees paid out to County office totalled £20504 against charges to section totalling £22834 thus providing £2330 funding to District. The accounts declared income this year differs by £3332 due to a payment of £2009 falling into 2022/23 and £1323 being Lonsdale Explorers capitation which is effectively within the District account.

The donation of £1000 is in respect of the District funding support for our 4 participants to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea next year.

As already noted, Lonsdale District Explorers finances all flow through the District current account. The Explorers income and expenditure is in respect of various Scouting activities and fees against subs income of £3972.00. It should be noted that the income includes the late release of subscriptions from GoCardless collected in respect of 2020/21 attendances. The £650 explorers income is for DofE registrations which was immediately passed on the County office within the expenditure line of £1010.90

As the Lonsdale Explorers funding flows through the District current account, it should be noted that the current account balance of £9428.50 includes a balance of £1271.54

The District Network account remains dormant. There have been no meetings or events held and no funds have flowed in or out of accounts thus balances remain static.

**Brian Thorpe**  
District Treasure

# Financial Statement 2021/2022

Stretford District Scout Council BALANCE SHEET 2021/22			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/21	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/22	£
Cash in Hand	26.58	Cash in Hand	26.58
Current Account	8997.94	Current Account	9428.50
Scout Investment Account	10000.00	Scout Investment Account	10000.00
District Network	657.09	District Network	657.09
Badge Account Cash	526.04	Badge Account Cash	171.87
Surplus on Year		Surplus on Year	-76.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 20,207.65</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 20,207.65</u></b>

<b>Badge Account</b>		£
Cash at 01/04/21		526.04
Expenditure		3,482.35
Donate to Main Account		0.00
Expenses		0.00
Sales		3,128.18
 Cash at 31/03/22		 171.87
 <b>Stock</b>		
Stock at 01/04/21		1,564.61
Stock at 31/03/22		2,046.73
<b>N.B. Stock has no net realisable value as an asset for reporting in Balance Sheet</b>		

Stretford District Network Scouts BALANCE SHEET 2021/22			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/21	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/22	£
Cash in Hand	120.94	Cash in Hand	120.94
Current Account	536.15	Current Account	536.15
 Surplus on Year	 0.00	Deficit on Year	 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£657.09</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£657.09</u></b>

**Stretford District Scout Council**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDING 31/03/2022**

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>EXPEND</b>	<b>NETT</b>
	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2020/21</b>		<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
	£	£		£	£	£
1 District Service & Parades	-	0.00	1 District Service & Parades	18.50	0.00	-18.50
2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	3,376.00	0.00	2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	3,562.20	301.12	-186.20
3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	0.00
4 Bank/Gocardless fees	-	0.00	4 Bank/Gocardless fees	237.24	0.00	-237.24
5 Postage, Printing etc	-	0.00	5 Postage, Printing etc	24.00	146.28	-24.00
6 Annual General Meeting	-	0.00	6 Annual General Meeting	-	0.00	0.00
7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	0.00	7 Badge Secretary's Expenses	-	0.00	0.00
8 Badges	3,128.18	1,029.70	8 Badges	3,482.35	841.64	-354.17
9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	-	0.00	9 Commissioner & Officer Exp	-	0.00	0.00
10 Equipment	-	0.00	10 Equipment	-	0.00	0.00
11 Capitation	19,502.00	19,974.50	11 Capitation	20,504.00	20,566.00	-1,002.00
12 Insurance	-	0.00	12 Insurance	310.07	352.07	-310.07
13 Interest	12.47	58.37	13 Interest	-	0.00	12.47
14 Donation	-	0.00	14 Donation	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
15 Training	-	0.00	15 Training	415.00	0.00	-415.00
16 Activities	-	0.00	16 Activities	-	0.00	0.00
17 Big Lottery Fund	-	0.00	17 Big Lottery Fund	-	0.00	0.00
18 Fund Raising Activity	-	0.00	18 Fund Raising Activity	-	0.00	0.00
19 District Explorers	650.00	0.00	19 District Explorers	1,010.90	593.12	-360.90
20 District Explorer Subs	3,972.00	0.00	20 District Explorer Subs	-	0.00	3,972.00
21 District Network	-	0.00	21 District Network	-	0.00	0.00
Deficit for Year		1,737.66	Surplus for Year	76.39	0.00	-76.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 30,640.65</b>	<b>£ 22,800.23</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 30,640.65</b>	<b>£ 22,800.23</b>	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
STRETFORD DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31ST MARCH 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

521675

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 31 / 03 / 2022

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:

Date:

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Name:

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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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.

