



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

Stretford District AGM 2023



Annual Report 2022/23

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 Lead Volunteer's Report

With Covid-19 being declared to be no longer a global health emergency in May 2023, during 2022-2023 we saw some

resemblance of life returning to how things were pre-pandemic. Of course, there are some things that will have changed forever, but largely life now is as busy again as it ever was if not more. After a full year of un-interrupted face to face scouting we have been able to embrace new ways of doing things, grow in number and focus on delivering skills for life to our young people and adult volunteers.

This was seen with our 12.6% growth in numbers from 627 in January 2022 to 706 in January 2023 across our youth and adult members, a growing Network of 18-25 year olds and a recently appointed new Youth Commissioner. Whilst we did grow, we also recognised that some sections we invested effort in trying to get off the ground in Jan 2020 were not going to despite our best efforts. We formally ceased the Libya Cub & Scout Sections and Trafford Park Scout Group projects that we were working on. However new opportunities are always around the corner and our newest Saturday Beaver and Cub Sections at Longford are going from strength to strength with a possible scout troop in early discussions, musings of Stretford's first Squirrel Drey and a Sikh Scout Group there will always be opportunities to continue to grow.

During 2022-2023 Group's were able to get out camping, have encouraged new adult volunteers to join and started to think about how the structure of scouting will change over the coming year. We also were excited to have 4 young people and 3 adult volunteers from Stretford working towards attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and seeing their fundraising efforts was inspiring. The district attended Trafford's Annual Service of Remembrance, the Beavers had a Christmas Event, we held our Swimming Gala in March and continued to offer & fund face to face first aid training to satisfy this mandatory training requirement for certain adult volunteer roles. But with the district team remaining extremely small with many positions still vacant, priorities will remain on delivering mandatory tasks and the annual service of remembrance until such a time where the district team grows. The new team based volunteering structure of Scouting will provide the opportunity for us to look at what we want to do and who will be best placed to deliver this.

The Year Ahead



With the change to Trustee Boards from Executive Committees well underway, a new digital experience for adult member records and training about to be rolled out and a new district structure to be in place early in the new year of 2024, there are many opportunities to change the way we do things, so they are simpler, more efficient without compromising safety or safe guarding. Our first task will be to implement the Trustee Board and new district constitution and then support Groups in doing the same for their 2024 AGM's if not done so already.

Talking to all adult volunteers will also be extremely important to see what their future aspirations are and whether they are looking to take on new challenges in the new organisational structure being implemented. This will take place after the summer with all district volunteers, new roles agreed and a new district structure in place early in 2024. We also will have had an amazing internal opportunity with the World Scout Jamboree over the summer of 2023 and we hope that those attending will bring back and share their experiences, re-igniting an enthusiasm for more district international events and drive to achieve the Scouts Top Awards.

Changing our structure over 2023/2024 is a great opportunity to refresh what we do, how we do it and who does it. With simplified training and a better digital

experience on the horizon we hope to attract more adult volunteers into organisation, section, support, and trustee roles so that all groups and sections in Stretford can be the best that they can.

Matt Osborne

District Lead Volunteer, Stretford District Scout Council
Group Lead Volunteer, 17th Stretford (1st Lostock) QUEST Scout Group
International Service Team – 25WSJ Korea, UK Contingent

District Chair's Report

Tonight, we embark on a new era of Scout management. From today we will cease to be a District Executive Committee where everything appertaining to the district is discussed at the one meeting. We will become the District Trustee Board voted in by the District Scout Council with a specific agenda relating to the management of the district. This will bring us in line with the Charities Commission guidelines. We will be responsible for looking after the district money, safeguarding, legal requirements etc. The District Trustee Board will also be able to set up sub committees to look at other aspects of Scouting in the district. This is a new way of managing Scouting so let us embrace it and make Scouting work for the future of our young people.

Dave Maltby

Lead Trustee and Chair of the District Trustee Board

Financial Report 2022/2023

The following report provides additional explanation of funds flow and general state of finances for the District for the year ending 31st March 2023.

Lonsdale Explorer Scouts, subscriptions and activities flowing through the District account represents most of the transactional activity within the District accounts, highest value transactions however are for annual capitation fees.

Camps Archery and Swimming income of £3337 was all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers, expenditure was made up of £500 Cub Camp support and £74 for swimming gala trophy with the balance being Lonsdale Explorer.

Bank/Gocardless fees of £248.47 are all in respect of Lonsdale Explorers subs.

Printing Postage etc is in respect of OSM and Website hosting fees.

Badges income and expenditure over the period remains broadly in line with the prior years value, reflecting the continued activity of Scouting in the District.

Capitation fees paid out to County office totalled £24691 against income from groups totalling £27346. The accounts reflect a different income figure due to phasing of payments from groups and Lonsdale explorers payment effectively being within this District account. In real terms after these adjustments, the District levy for the year is £2655 towards funding District operations.

As already noted, Lonsdale District Explorers finances all flow through the District current account. The Explorers income is £922 for charged activities and £3026 subs, against which expenditure is £1195 in respect of various Scouting activities and fees.

It should be noted that the current account balance of £11006.89 includes a balance of £1892.91 earmarked for Lonsdale Explorers. The total surplus for the current year of £1768.11 consists of £621.37 Lonsdale Explorers and £1147.74 District.

The £10,000.00 balance held on deposit with headquarters is due to be returned next year, this will need to be held on a notice deposit account locally with a view to earning interest.

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

Brian Thorpe
District Treasurer

Financial Statement 2022/2023

Stretford District Scout Council			
BALANCE SHEET 2022/23			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/22	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/23	£
Cash in Hand	26.58	Cash in Hand	26.58
Current Account	9428.50	Current Account	11006.89
Scout Investment Account	10000.00	Scout Investment Account	10000.00
District Network	657.09	District Network	657.09
Badge Account Cash	171.87	Badge Account Cash	361.59
Surplus on Year	1,768.11	Deficit on Year	
TOTAL	<u>£ 22,052.15</u>	TOTAL	<u>£ 22,052.15</u>

Badge Account	
	£
Cash at 01/04/22	171.87
Expenditure	2,769.14
Donate to Main Account	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Sales	2,958.86
Cash at 31/03/23	361.59
Stock	
Stock at 01/04/22	2,046.73
Stock at 31/03/23	1,934.97
N.B. Stock has no net realisable value as an asset for reporting in Balance Sheet	

Stretford District Network Scouts			
BALANCE SHEET 2022/23			
		REG. CHARITY No. 521675	
ASSETS AS AT 01/04/23	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/23	£
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
TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>	TOTAL	<u>£657.09</u>

Stretford District Scout Council
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31/03/2023

	INCOME 2022/23	INCOME 2021/22		EXPEND 2022/23	EXPEND 2021/22	NETT 2022/23
	£	£		£	£	£
1 District Service & Parades	-	0.00	1 District Service & Parades	-	18.50	0.00
2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	3,337.14	3,376.00	2 Camps, Archery & Swimming	4,324.19	3,562.20	-987.05
3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	3 Badge Receipts	-	0.00	0.00
4 Bank/Gocardless fees	-	0.00	4 Bank/Gocardless fees	248.47	237.24	-248.47
5 Postage, Printing etc	-	0.00	5 Postage, Printing etc	337.94	24.00	-337.94
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	2,958.86	3,128.18	8 Badges	2,852.57	3,482.35	106.29
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	25,750.50	19,502.00	11 Capitation	24,691.50	20,504.00	1,059.00
12 Insurance	-	0.00	12 Insurance	310.07	310.07	-310.07
13 Interest	42.12	12.47	13 Interest	-	0.00	42.12
14 Donation	-	0.00	14 Donation	-	1,000.00	0.00
15 Training	-	0.00	15 Training	309.00	415.00	-309.00
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	922.50	650.00	19 District Explorers	1,195.27	1,010.90	-272.77
20 District Explorer Subs	3,026.00	3,972.00	20 District Explorer Subs	-	0.00	3,026.00
21 District Network	-	0.00	21 District Network	-	0.00	0.00
Deficit for Year			Surplus for Year	1,768.11	76.39	-1,768.11
TOTAL	£ 36,037.12	£ 30,640.65	TOTAL	£ 36,037.12	£ 30,640.65	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: STRETTON DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended

31/3/2023

Charity no (if any)

521675

Set out on pages

1 AND 2.

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

Stephen F. Wood

Date:

1/9/2023

Name:

STEPHEN FRANK WOOD

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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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