



Wigan And District Scout Council AGM 2023

Chairman's Annual Report 2022/2023

I am happy to report a very satisfactory years progress for Scouting in Wigan District. After the inevitable fall during Covid we are now seeing a modest but significant increase in numbers and with the introduction of the new Squirrel section, I am sure that this growth will continue.

The District Team has worked well over the year organising events and supporting groups. Their individual section reports follow later in this document.

Two of our long-serving and well-known members are to be congratulated on receiving National Awards in the King's Birthday Honours. Our joint President, Peter Hart, received the MBE and Norman Brown, of 3rd Hindley Group was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Adult members will be aware of a number of changes in the pipeline which concern how we run our affairs. Executive Committees will become Trustee Boards at both Group and District Levels. There will be new titles for several of our volunteer roles. However, these changes will in no way change our fundamental values and purpose.

Our finances are in good order thanks to the work of our Treasurer and volunteers who man the shop on Saturday mornings. We are also fortunate to have several non-scout organisations who rent the District HQ on a regular basis. The income that is raised helps to keep the building in a welcoming and orderly state worthy of our movement. The re-decoration programme has been completed this year and plans include improvements to the car park and some remedial work on the roof. We are grateful to John Bilsborough for regularly cutting the grass and keeping the outside of the building tidy.

Our annual St. George's Day Parade went ahead again in April. Owing to the demolition work in Market Street we had to change our assembly point and route, meeting for the first time in Mesnes Park and then marching along Mesnes Street as in past years. We are grateful for the assistance we received from the Mayor, Chief Superintendent Higham of Greater Manchester Police and the Council Events Team in organising the road closures and the necessary safety issues. Without their help the Parade would not have been possible. Guests included Deputy Lieutenant Mike Walmsley, Mayor Marie Morgan, Wigan MP Lisa Nandy, and several Council Members. Having their support is a tremendous honour and we thank them for giving up their valuable time.

May I, in conclusion, thank all our volunteers and supporters who have helped to provide fun and adventure for the young people in our care.

Gerard Davies

District Chairman



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Receipts and Payments 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

CASH FUNDS

Nat West bank (incl interest)	£99.11
Barclays bank-Community account (incl interest)	£36,704.65
Barclays bank-Active Saver account (Incl interest)	£55,974.87
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop float)	£40.00
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop cash-not banked)	£51.00

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Scout Shop stock	£7,291.09
Headquarters building (insurance value)	£646,129.48
Headquarters contents (insurance value)	£46,000.00

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by Trustees on 12th June 2022 and signed on their behalf

Signature	Print name
	Chairman

Signature	Print name



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Accounts – Year Ending 31 March 2023

Dear Joan,

Further to your request for CMA Accountancy Ltd to review the accounts for year ending 31 March 2023 I can confirm the following. It is your responsibility as a council to prepare the financial statements, and the accountant's responsibility to carry out a review and form an opinion on these statements.

Basis of opinion

The review includes examination of the evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the financial activities of the Council. Information and explanations have been provided which give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material error.

Accountants opinion

Subject to the caveat above, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention which would show that in any no material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met. I therefore conclude that the financial statements have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Wigan District Scout Council as at 31 March 2023, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Please find enclosed our invoice for completing such review. If you could please call the office to arrange a date for the files to be collected in the near future, that would be great.

Yours sincerely

Roanna Darby
CMA Accountancy Ltd