



## Wigan And District Scout Council AGM 2024

### Chairman's Annual Report 2023/2024

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and supporters, we have enjoyed another exciting and activity filled year. Read on for reports from our individual sections. From a governance perspective, we have continued to implement the changes introduced by Headquarters over the past twelve or eighteen months. We have moved from "Executive Committees" to "Trustee Boards." We have "Team Leaders" and "Lead Volunteers" rather than Commissioners, all intended to simplify roles and emphasise the volunteering aspect of Scouting. These changes also align us closer to the Charity Commissioner model. Basic scouting remains the same however, and we will continue to provide fun, friendship, new skills and adventure for the young people in our care.

Our finances are in good order with income from hiring out our building and from the shop profits more than adequately covering our expenditure. The building is well used in the evenings and at weekends and the Trustees are committed to regular maintenance and upkeep. Insurances and essential maintenance contracts are all kept up to date in order to provide a safe and comfortable environment. We have maintained sound relationships with Wigan Council and are grateful for financial assistance from our Central Ward Councillors. A number of individual groups have also received funding from their local Councillors through the Brighter Borough Fund.

This year's St. George's Day Parade was again well attended and supported by the Council Events Team who funded the essential road closures. However, there is some uncertainty over funding for next year's parade. We must also thank Greater Manchester Police for their invaluable assistance in ensuring the safety of all on parade and also our special guests, Greater Manchester Deputy Lieutenant Melanie Bryan OBE, Wigan Mayor Councillor Anderson with the Mayoress, and Councillors Davies and Hunt.

Sadly, we must report the loss of several Scouting stalwarts over the past year, Fred Green, Peter O'Neill, Steven Burgoyne and Mel Finch. Mel held a number of appointments including District Commissioner from 1990 to 1995 and President from 2015 to 2022 when he retired due to ill health. They all gave invaluable service to Wigan Scouting over many years, and we remember their passing with gratitude.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to say, "Thank you once again," to all our volunteer leaders and supporters.

**Gerard Davies**

**District Chairman**



## Receipts and Payments

April 2022 – March 2023 / April 2023 – March 2024

RECEIPTS	2022/2023	2023/2024
Membership fees	£41,900.00	£45,892.00
Grants/Donations	£ 3,690.00	£ 950.00
Scout shop sales	£13,824.91	£15,527.06
Rent	£ 6,149.00	£ 3,579.00
Camps, comps and trips	£ 3,160.03	£ 1,506.00
St. Georges Day 2022	£ 275.96	£ 200.00
Training (First Aid)	£ 960.00	£ 0.00
OSM	£ 548.10	£ 0.00
Gift Aid	£ 0.00	£ 220.00
Finalisation of Octopus Acc	£ 0.00	£ 119.87
TSA Grant for Riverside ESU	£ 0.00	£ 3,500.00
Repayment of loan from 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wigan	£ 0.00	£ 749.25
Closure of Bispham ESU	£ 0.00	£ 1,062.87
	<b><u>£70,778.00</u></b>	<b><u>£73,306.08</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Gas and electricity Octopus	£ 4,066.37	£ 196.83
Gas SSE	£ 0.00	£ 1,728.55
Electricity SSE	£ 0.00	£ 1,055.28
Water plus	£ 361.09	£ 366.28
Unity Insurance	£ 52.00	£ 52.00
Zurich Insurance	£ 565.57	£ 0.00
Headquarters maintenance	£ 473.75	£ 2,181.00
Headquarters refurbishment	£ 6,944.99	£ 349.11
Ground rent	£ 132.00	£ 132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£ 7,940.38	£10,974.94
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£ 1,934.28	£ 642.24
Accountancy fees	£ 252.00	£ 258.00
AGM	£ 269.72	£ 146.48
District website	£ 537.20	£ 280.00
Membership fees	£39,664.50	£42,389.00
Wreath	£ 20.00	£ 30.00
Training	£ 1,180.00	£ 120.63
Camps, comps and trips	£ 3,320.35	£ 875.00
St George 2022	£ 342.96	£ 0.00
St George 2023	£ 50.00	£ 500.00
St George 2024	£ 0.00	£ 50.00
Internet	£ 317.65	£ 306.27
OSM	£ 548.10	£ 0.00
Sanitary Bins	£ 337.87	£ 285.89
Gifts	£ 62.00	£ 320.75
Misc	£ 21.78	£ 0.00
On behalf of Riverside ESU	£ 0.00	£ 841.19
Donation to BB Band	£ 0.00	£ 100.00
Refund to Trefoil	£ 0.00	£ 100.00
Membership Refund	£ 0.00	£ 37.50
Closed ESU Funds to Premier Account	£ 0.00	£ 1,737.70
	<b><u>£69,001.60</u></b>	<b><u>£66,057.29</u></b>

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08 May 2024

**Wigan District Scout Council**  
**Accounts – Year Ending 31 March 2024**

Dear Joan,

Further to your request for CMA Accountancy Ltd to review the accounts for year ending 31 March 2024 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 2024, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Please find enclosed our invoice for completing such review.

Yours sincerely

Roanna Darby  
CMA Accountancy Ltd