



Annual Report 2023

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LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL
YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

Name of Charity: Leicestershire County Scout Council

Charity Registration No: 521780

Governing Document: Policy Organisation and Rules of
The Scout Association

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The members of the County Board of Trustees are the Charity Trustees of the Leicestershire Scout Council. During the year, the members were as follows:

Sub Committee Appointment

County Chair	Mr D Chimley	All	
County Commissioner	Mrs C Black	All	(retired 31/12/2022)
Acting County Commissioner	Mr N Fordyce	All	(01/01/2023 to 31/05/2023)
County Treasurer	Mr J Griffin	All	
County Secretary	Mr A Wray	All	

Other Members

County Commissioners Appointments

Mr P Wren	Risk Management
Mr J Chodynicky	Risk Management
Mr A Ross	Risk Management
Mr N Fordyce	Risk Management

Elected until 2023 AGM

Mrs E Wardle	Financial Resources, LE3/Staffing/Shop
Mr J Bloor	
Mr R Coppock	Financial Resources, Risk Management, LE3/Staffing/Shop
Ms L Mason	LE3/Staffing/Shop

Elected until 2024 AGM

Mr B Chatburn	Financial Resources
Mrs J McNulty-Green	LE3/Staffing/Shop
Mr J Barber	
Mr J Borzacchiello	

Ex-Officio Members

Mr B Gane	Youth Representative (Resigned)
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The County Commissioner is appointed Nationally, and they appoint the Chair of the Scout Council annually.

The County Treasurer are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All other members are elected for a two-year period.



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The County Secretary is appointed annually and is invited to attend all meetings of the County Board of Trustees in an advisory capacity.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT.

As another year passes, it's great to report that things have improved in the World enough for us to be able to get back to real Scouting and us being able to provide a fantastic Scouting experience for our young people.

It has been great to see how quickly we have been able to bounce back, this is especially shown in the census figures and the number of young people wanting to take part in the Scouting experience.

Going forwards the overwhelming requests from young people to join means that there is a real need, more than ever, to recruit more adults to help provide amazing programmes as part of our Leadership teams in our Dreys, Colonies, Packs, Troops and Units.

Weekly Section meetings means that there is lots of opportunities for our adults to engage with the families of their members and promote the opportunities available to them to get involved and help make a difference to the lives of young people in their community.

Over the next months transforming the volunteer journey and the way we volunteer is part of delivering the national Skills For Life strategy, the association is transforming the volunteering experience across the UK.

These new ways of working include:

1. A warmer welcome for everyone
2. A more engaging learning experience
3. Simplifying our roles and structures
4. More support to help get everyday things done

We are passionate about making sure that volunteering with Scouting in Leicester is 'hassle free'. To help deliver these changes and ensure that we have a Transformation team supported by Jack Barber, who work with our Districts to support the rollout of the new ways of working.

Absolutely everything we do, every decision we make, is shaped by our Youth Commissioners and the young people within Leicestershire Scouts to ensure that we are not only a youth focused organisation but are also a youth led organisation.

The County Youth Commissioners ensure that we listen to the input and feedback of our youth members when planning and running County led activities, events and competitions.

All of these things have been made possible by the dedication of thousands of incredible volunteers and young people across Leicestershire. Now more than ever, I feel so grateful that we have so many who are so passionate about Scouting and so willing to make this

movement the best it can be and who have supported me during my tenure as County Commissioner and in some really difficult and challenging times.

As a County, we have so much to look forward to in the coming years with our Legacy project developing Scouting further across Leicestershire.

I wish Bijal all best for her to take the County on its next journey.

Structure, Governance & Objectives

The Leicestershire Scout Council is part of the National Organisation of The Scout Association and operates within the Associations Policy, Organisation and Rules document (POR). The POR document contains details of the organisational structure and the means of governance for County, District and Groups.

Each Scout County has a Scout Council of elected, nominated and ex-officio members who must meet at least once a year at its Annual General Meeting and at other times by way of Extraordinary General Meeting if so called.

The Leicestershire Scout Council is the electoral body, which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the City of Leicester and the County of Leicestershire. It is the body from which the County Board of Trustees is elected.

The Scout Association is aware of the rights of young people and has made concerted efforts to encourage Scout Councils to involve young

people on all committees in a decision-making capacity. Leicestershire Scout Council has endeavoured to implement this.

The County Board of Trustees are accountable to the Scout Council and are responsible for the management of Scouting in the City of Leicester and the County of Leicestershire.

The values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values: **Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities

- make and live by their Promise

We offer hundreds of activities, as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, staged performance, paragliding, and archery. There's something for every young person, whatever their physical ability.

Report of the Board of Trustees

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 4 - 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.

Scouting helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Scouts develop skills 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.

It is exciting being involved with us. We believe that through the everyday adventure of Scouting, young people and adult volunteers regularly experience new challenges that enrich their lives.

Week by week, our volunteers empower thousands of young people to learn new skills, make new friends and stand on their own two feet. They are our everyday heroes. They shape young people's lives for the better and find out

a whole lot about themselves in the process, too.

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During 2022/2023, the Scout Council has endeavoured to achieve this by providing enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by Adult Leadership.

The County Board of Trustees presents its report together with the financial statements for the year ended 28th February 2023

Review of the year

Our members

Census results for the year ending 31st January 2023.

- Squirrels 133
- Beaver Scouts 2040
- Cub Scouts 2404
- Scouts 1953
- Explorer Scouts 371
- Scout Network 121
- Adult Leaders 1281

- Young Leaders 246
- Management Roles 110
- Governance Roles 415
- Support Roles 448

Squirrels

YAY! Our second year of Squirrels has been a massive success!

Squirrels can achieve anything they set their minds to – and they have lots of fun along the way.

The one hour sessions are a brilliant opportunity for young people to take their first step into being part of Scouts, and they'll help everyone get ready for the adventure of school too.

Sessions are packed with outdoors activities, fun, games, badges, laughter, and so much more to help our youngest members learn the skills they need for life. Of course, none of it would be possible without the support of the amazing leaders who plan and deliver such an inspiring programme.

BEAVERS

Try new things. Make new friends. Joining Beavers is just the beginning of their big adventure and easily recognised by their distinctive turquoise sweatshirts, Beaver Scouts enjoy making

friends, playing games, going on visits and helping others.

Beaver Scouting is still very much alive and kicking in the County, we've seen growth in the Beaver Section across the County with Colonies going from strength to strength, most have long waiting lists as unable to take more in due to the need for more adult help

Last December saw over 800 Beavers from across the County take over the De Montfort Hall to see the annual Panto - Cinderella

cubs

A BIG THANK YOU to Kay Newland for her role as Assistant County Commissioner - Cubs and her support in the transition of the role to Scott McLaren who is slowly getting to know everyone.

The last year Cub Packs were invited to join at Christmas to collect toys for Toys on the Table, which was a great success with around 500 toys being donated for children who would not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

The first Cub Day Out since 2020 was arranged to visit Duxford Air Museum with over 500 participants.

SCOUTS

At last, Covid seems to be finally behind us and activities have started to return to a more normal basis.

We have still been suffering from some of the after effects of the lockdown culture especially in terms of some interpersonal behaviour and also in getting back a familiarity with running meetings and events with "real" people in actual contact, not socially distancing at last. As a result, we have been able to run the events listed below.

The Leicester Monopoly Run in May was attended by approximately 40 Scouts in 7 Teams from across the County visiting many city centre locations and completing the question sheets. In the end, 1st At Taqwa Scouts took first and third places with Loughborough 1st Nanpantan taking a close second place.

At long last, the planned 2020 sailing trip places have been completed and a further trip also filled in April and October with once again 16 Scouts and Explorers getting under sail on each occasion.

For those that took part there is the possibility of undertaking longer trips through Adventures Offshore or applying to become part of crew members used to service the ships and keep the venture running

240 Scouts attended the annual Splash camp in decent if overcast weather.

The normal range of mixed wet and dry activities were offered.

This camp always seems to be oversubscribed but it is difficult to see how it can be easily extended in size.

A PL/APL development camp was held at Melton District's Holwell campsite where an exciting and instructive weekend overseen by Claire and Lindsay was had by the 50 Scouts attending.

The purpose of the camp was to provide help in becoming effective Patrol and Assistant Patrol leaders and giving help in what was to be expected.

Activity camps and days were also provided by the County activity teams for Climbing and Caving.

EXPLORERS

Explorers across the County have had another great year. Groups have continued to grow, and they have been on camps as Groups and Sections as well as on County events such as Rambling Fox and the County Young leaders Weekend.

Our County's Explorers have also assisted with major events such as our late Queen Elizabeth's lying in state and King Charles's Coronation.

As we move into 2023/24 our young people's views are once again called upon both by groups for programme planning and our Youth Commissioners who have come up with some great activity and event ideas which we hope to take forward. We have seen a steady flow of Explorers attending our award presentation

evenings at the County HQ, which are giving us the opportunity to celebrate the Explorers' achievements.



This has been a post-COVID recovery year, with plenty of catch-up activities, predominantly Bronze and Silver, as many who would have moved up to gold have already turned 18 and moved on to other things.

We have also seen the start of a collaboration with Derbyshire Scouts, we have created and will run 2 combined gold teams this year, one over-18s, the other under-18s.

As of 2nd May 2023, and ignoring completed levels, we have 213 active DofE participants in Leicestershire across 35 Groups.

- 103 at Bronze
- 75 at Silver
- 35 at Gold

Over the 12 months to 1st March 2023, we had the following complete their awards:

- 25 young people at bronze level
- 22 completed Silver
- 3 completed Gold

We all need to encourage both young people to accelerate their participation, and indeed adults (Leaders, Outside Helpers and parents) to help with their support.

Many thanks to those leaders who have been continuing to help support Explorers within DofE.



This past year the County Youth Commissioners have successfully settled into their new roles and engaged with the County team and wider Scouting in Leicestershire.

They aimed to deliver the YouShape Award to as many Young People as possible and have visited both Section meetings and camps across many Districts. It's been great to see so many badges appearing on uniforms and the continued implementation of youth forums into every area of Scouting. This has been greatly supported by the efforts of our amazing District Youth Commissioners who continue to promote Youth Shaped Scouting within their Districts.

Last November, the County Youth Commissioners from the East Midlands Region led a successful DYC Day at LE3, enabling District Youth Commissioners from around the Region to get together, share ideas and learn from each other. Sessions were delivered by the County Youth Commissioners and provided learning opportunities on a range of topics. This was met with very positive feedback and as such a DYC weekend is being planned for this Autumn which should provide a great opportunity for further development within the role.

In March, a very successful Young Leader Weekend was organised which saw 30 young people from across the County come together to complete most of their Young Leader training modules. This enabled many Young Leaders to complete a crucial element of their Young Leader Belt Award which is invaluable to their development as Young People and is a great stepping stone into adult Scouting. The weekend was great fun and it was encouraging to see so many Young People who will no doubt be great future adult leaders.

The team hope to soon bring back the County Youth Forum to hear from Scouts and Explorers from across the County as these opportunities to hear from the Young People are so important to the continued growth of Scouting in Leicestershire.

YOUTH FUN DAYS

Youth Fun Days is a not-for-profit company selling discounted tickets to youth groups and providing Residential Experiences to top Merlin attractions across the UK and any surpluses are returned to local Scouting in Leicestershire.

Youth Fun Days are supported by a team of volunteers from across the County and the UK. During the year, Leicestershire Scout Council received funds of £44,000 from Youth Fun Days.

Youth Fun Days Limited, is an independent company in which the County Secretary, Mr A Wray, Mrs C Black and, Mrs L Rowe and Mr D Wray, Mrs L Edwards are Directors with Mr A

Wray being nominated the CEO. None of the Directors receive any recompense.

ACTIVITIES TEAMS

Caving

Caving as an activity during 2022/23 has picked up following the cessation of Covid19 restrictions. Overall, some 182 Scouts have had various trips mainly to Devonshire (the beginners cave)

During this year, the team has purchased 10 new helmets to replace older helmets, which are past their use by date. Over the next few years, further helmets will also need to be purchased to comply with safety guidance on maximum life. We have also taken the opportunity to purchase new emergency lights.

A change in manufacturer's guidance has also resulted in the scraping of two relatively new belay devices. Overall, the teams finances continue to be stable and it is expected that future purchases can be funded from receipts generated by the Caving Team.

There continue to be sufficient leaders within the County to satisfy current demand. However, the Team would like to try and recruit some younger cavers to ensure that there is continuity. To that end, the team is organising an intensive 4 trip programme for Explorers later this year.

There is still need for two members of the Caving Team to complete their local BCA local Cave Leaders mine award in order to increase the pool of assessors who can issue caving permits.

Hot Doggers

2022 was still a very busy year for Hot Doggers. We had over 740 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers on the water on Monday nights from April to the end of September. Pricing has been maintained at £6 per person, which has been the same for many years and gives good value for money.

The pool sessions on Friday nights at Newparks were also back in full swing with 20 sessions with various beavers and Cub Packs taking advantage. Pool sessions are still every other month at £70 for up to 14 in the pool for each session. That amounts to around 280 young people that have taken part in the pool sessions over 2022.

A massive thank you to all our volunteer coaches and helpers for their continued support without which these sessions wouldn't be possible to run. In particular, I would like to thank Jeremy Pole who has continued to manage the weekly sessions, appoint the various coaches and helpers to the sessions and lock up at the end of each Monday night. Thanks also goes to Richard South for his help running the pool sessions.

Hot Doggers also made a large contribution to enable a Splash for Scouts to run in September 2022. This was over a full weekend including camping for the 220 Scouts plus leaders. This meant that over 220 Scouts from 12 groups across Leicestershire enjoyed 4 activities each on either the Saturday or the Sunday.

With the pool sessions and Monday nights and Splash that equates to over a 1240 young

people on the water in 2022! Not bad for a bunch of volunteers 😊

Hot Doggers also replaced the two ageing Giant sups with two slightly smaller Jobe xl sups at a cost of £2,700 with no external grants or funding but from money in the water activities account that had grown over several years.

Going forward as a County team, we will need to continue to focus on training younger members to become the next coaches and volunteers and support the existing coaches to gain the next level of coach awards in their chosen discipline specific craft to help Hot Doggers continue and grow as a county team. There is a good pool of over 25 coaches and helpers that regularly turn up most Monday evenings.

As a result of attending a regional assessor day in Derbyshire we have approached two existing Hotdoggers coaches (Jeremy and Hayley) to become new County Assessors during 2023, one of these (Hayley) has importantly accepted to train to become a stand up paddle board coach/assessor which will replace myself as a sup assessor hopefully by the end of summer 2023 when the rules for sup assessor changes.

Breakout Canoe Club

The year to the end of February 2023 has very much been a period of recovery following the COVID pandemic. During the COVID period many of our regular participants became adults and moved away to attend university or follow careers elsewhere. Given that we were unable

to run courses to develop our young people to replace them, our numbers have dwindled considerably.

Courses and Introductory Sessions

We were able to run three beginners' courses in 2022. Around 20 of these beginners are now doing follow-on courses, and attending additional canoeing events. During Spring 2022, we offered a limited number of beginner and fun sessions at New Parks swimming pool, and then during the winter of 2022/23 we ran 15 indoor sessions at Lutterworth Swimming pool. Our focus was very much upon developing the paddlers who had attended the 2022 beginners' courses, and all made very good progress.

We continued to run competition training sessions across the winter on Monday evenings, although attendance was low when compared with previous years.

Canoe Slalom

We attended a limited number of canoe slalom competitions in 2022. These included events at Peterborough, Bedford, Stone and Matlock. We had around a dozen active, nationally ranked adults and young people in 2022 - down from around 30 pre-COVID. A highlight was Molly Sandercock's promotion to the Canoe Slalom top tier - the Premier Division - in the kayak class. Molly is the first Leicestershire Scout to achieve this standard in recent years.

Wildwater Racing

In Wildwater Racing we were runners-up at the East Midlands Championships. Elsewhere Molly Sandercock, and ASU Members Kerry

Christie and Emma Christie were all selected to the British team. Kerry became European Under-23 champion in the kayak class, and Kerry with sister Emma won a European silver medal in the canoe doubles class.

We also attended the six-race winter series at Barrow-upon-Soar, held on Saturday mornings.

Leaders, Coordinators and Training

We currently have 22 adult members listed on Compass. However, of these 4 are inactive. We have four coaches with the qualifications, availability and aptitude necessary to deliver courses, fun sessions and competition training on a regular basis. There are another 11 listed on Compass who support on the water on an ad-hoc basis.

Our coordinators are currently:

- Pete Thomas: Course Coordinator
- Nick Wolverson: Equipment Coordinator
- Julia Fletcher: Membership Coordinator

We do not currently have a Finance Coordinator and are looking for somebody to fill that role.

During the Autumn of 2022, we put 11 people, mainly young adults, through PaddleSport Instructor training. This was funded jointly by County Scouts, the Unit, British Canoeing, and the students. In February, we held a leaders trip on the River Derwent at Matlock.

Equipment and Premises

We continue to use the facilities maintained by Hinckley Water Activities Club at Hinckley Wharf. No new boats were purchased during the 2022/23 period. However, we have bought a dozen cagoules, and are looking to replace other equipment nearing end-of-life soon.

Hill Walking

We held two permit assessment sessions in the year, both Terrain1.

4 Candidates attended the session in September, but unfortunately all had to be deferred – this was partly due to lack of understanding of the standards and competencies as set out in POR. The pre-assessment information given to candidates has since been improved and, when the second session is held in March with different candidates, all were successful.

If there is sufficient demand, it is planned to hold a Terrain 2 assessment in North Wales this September to include remote camping if possible.

The team continue to be available to offer advice and guidance on running walking activities by reviewing risk assessments, emergency plans and the like.

Risk Management

The risks involved with the administration of a charity are many. As Trustees, the County Board of Trustees is aware of these risks and their obligations to minimise or reduce them, and the established a Risk Management Committee, meeting quarterly to review new,

open and closed risks, highlighting concerns to the County Executive Committee and making recommendations on containment and/or closure.

Recent discussions have been to focus on Risks, and ensure Issues are contained and owned within the relevant Sub-Committee. This has enabled a reduction in risks to eight open risks. Five are under Monitor [amber] and three are Act [red]. Those under Act have steps in place to close out the Risk, before the becoming an Issue.

Safety

Having recently taken on the role, I am only just beginning to understand the requirements and deliverables.

However, The Scout Association has been delivering updates on Gas Safety, County Grants are available for those Units/ Sections needing support, as well as online videos for further guidance.

Key provision has been offering through training and compliance the Safety Module and Module 17 Risk Assessment.

Further strategies, and therefore tasks will be developed and defined in due course aligning across both County Executive, County Leadership, and District teams.

The County Board of Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Charity law requires the County Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial

activities during the year, and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the County Board of Trustees should follow best practice and have

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Stated whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The County Board of Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the charity has appropriate systems of control, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the County Board of Trustees.



Mr D Chimley
County Chair
July 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached accounts give full details of the financial position of the Leicestershire Scout Council at the 28 February 2023.

Funding and Reserves

The County Board of Trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets are sufficient and available to fulfil its current obligations.

The Board of Trustees and Finance Committee are aware of the need to balance holding funds in reserve and applying funds to benefit young people and this is a matter under regular review. We aim to hold reserves to enable us to keep operating in another lock down type event and you can see in the accounts that £140,000 is held as a working capital reserve. As noted last year we have committed over £440,000 to the five-year Forward5 programme, discussed below. That reserve now sits at £356,802 which includes loans that we have made within the County.

The General Fund (Free reserves) on 28 February 2023 is £134K, which is an appropriate level.

The level of reserves is set to ensure that it:

- Identifies and plans for the maintenance of essential services
- Reflects the risks of unplanned closure
- Provide funding to develop

Scouting across the County.

- Stand ready to assist Scouting entities with emergency funding.

Independent Examiners

As noted last year we took the decision to appoint UHY Hacker Young to conduct an independent examination of our accounts rather than an audit. We are pleased with their work and their appointment continues.

Forward5 Funding

We have completed the first year of our five-year plan to give awards of over £440,000 to help take Scouting forward after Covid.

There is more detail in a factsheet but in brief:

- Forward5 is a programme of grants and/or loans.
- Your project needs to strengthen and/or develop Scouting
- Amounts are flexible from £1 to £30,000.
- We may consider over £30,000 for a special case.

In year one we awarded grants of over £85,000 and loans of £33,000. We have started the year after these accounts with a grant of £30,000 which we hope will unlock the potential for £1.5m of grant funding for a new Scout HQ and community centre to be owned by Scouting.

Investments

Our investments continue to be managed by Cooper Parry Wealth and we are happy with their service. The County Board of Trustees are disappointed with the investment performance this year with a small loss having been suffered. However, we anticipated a rocky ride this year and knew that we needed to sit tight and wait for markets to recover. Overall, given the macro-economic conditions we are content with how the investments are positioned.

The investments are spread over several asset classes, such as equities, gilts, and property as well as various geographical markets. If you X-ray the funds we are invested in around 10,000 holdings providing diversification.

We operate an ethical investment policy using Cooper Parry Wealth's ESG portfolio so we can, for example, say that we are not exposed

to weapons/munitions business and only 0.02% to tobacco or similar.

The County recognises its responsibility to society and the following principles apply:

- To operate ethically and take account of social, environmental, and ethical considerations.
- To seek investment opportunities which demonstrate a positive approach to individuals, communities, environmental protection, pollution control, conservation and recycling, safety and security and ethical employment practices.
- To not knowingly invest in businesses whose activities and practices pose a risk of serious harm to individuals or groups, or whose activities are inconsistent with our values. It is acknowledged that this is a complicated area and that some companies invested in will have a modest level of activities of which we disapprove.

**Leicestershire County Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 28 February 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	1	17,500	20,000	37,500	20,521
Charitable activities	2	245,903	-	245,903	192,780
Other trading activities	3	26,414	-	26,414	14,641
Investment income	4	4,295	-	4,295	6,532
Other income	5	-	-	-	20,907
		<u>294,112</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>314,112</u>	<u>255,381</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs	6	237,946	-	237,946	161,566
Support costs	7	114,869	-	114,869	121,128
Total expenditure		<u>352,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>352,815</u>	<u>282,694</u>
Net expenditure before investment gains and exceptional items		(58,703)	20,000	(38,703)	(27,313)
(Net losses)/net gains on investments	9	(21,347)	-	(21,347)	18,929
Net expenditure and movement in funds		<u>(80,050)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(60,050)</u>	<u>(8,384)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at 1 March 2022		1,262,965	-	1,262,965	1,263,349
Reach! grant prior year correction		-	-	-	8,000
Total funds at 28 February 2023	18	<u>1,182,915</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>	<u>1,262,965</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

All funds in 2022 are considered to be unrestricted.

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

**Leicestershire County Scout Council
Balance Sheet
as at 28 February 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	501,853	-	501,853	515,910
Investments	9	362,869	-	362,869	385,873
		<u>864,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>864,722</u>	<u>901,783</u>
Current assets					
Equipment department stocks		13,903	-	13,903	14,325
Debtors and prepayments	10	180,490	-	180,490	111,086
Short term deposits		36,903	-	36,903	35,930
Cash at bank and in hand		245,326	20,000	265,326	260,784
		<u>476,622</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>496,622</u>	<u>422,125</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(158,429)	-	(158,429)	(60,943)
Net current assets		<u>318,193</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>338,193</u>	<u>361,182</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,182,915</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>	<u>1,262,965</u>
Net assets		<u>1,182,915</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>	<u>1,262,965</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted		1,182,915	-	1,182,915	1,262,965
Restricted		-	20,000	20,000	-
Total funds	12	<u>1,182,915</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>	<u>1,262,965</u>

These financial statements were approved by the County Board of Trustees on 26 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


Mr D Chimley
County Chair


Mr A Wray
County Secretary

**Leicestershire County Scout Council
Accounting Policies
for the year ended 28 February 2023**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Leicestershire County Scout Council constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Council and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and support costs. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Support costs are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Direct taxation

The Council is a registered charity and therefore is generally not liable to direct taxation on income arising from its charitable activities as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	2% straight line on buildings only.
Fixtures and equipment	20% straight line
Activities equipment and facilities	33% straight line

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Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received. A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

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1	Income from Donations and grants	2023	2022
		£	£
	General donations	2,500	10,521
	Youth Fun Days Limited - unrestricted donation	15,000	10,000
	Youth Fun Days Limited - restricted donation	20,000	-
		<u>37,500</u>	<u>20,521</u>
2	Income from Charitable Activities	2023	2022
		£	£
	Membership subscriptions	226,907	256,846
	Less: paid to The Scout Association	(155,875)	(201,888)
		<u>71,032</u>	<u>54,958</u>
	Training	3,855	1,300
	Duke of Edinburgh training	3,053	2,747
	County Cubs	8,240	187
	Water activities	24,079	15,249
	Jamboree	15	442
	Sub-aqua	2,823	7,161
	Beavers	8,318	-
	Mountain bikes	1	750
	Climbing	1,532	2,375
	Shooting	1,990	1,848
	Breakout	5,321	1,132
	Caving	2,039	875
	Sailing (excluding grant)	5,694	4,041
	Offshore Sailing Cruise	2,380	7,180
	Fencing	1,210	933
	Bushcraft	2,144	200
	Sundry activity income	13	-
	Equipment department takings	102,164	91,402
		<u>245,903</u>	<u>192,780</u>
3	Income from Trading Activities	2023	2022
		£	£
	Lettings	17,314	3,545
	Youth Fun Days Limited	9,000	9,000
	Sale / hire of star tents	100	1,488
	Other income	-	608
		<u>26,414</u>	<u>14,641</u>

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4 Investment Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Dividends received	3,949	6,515
Bank interest received	346	17
	<u>4,295</u>	<u>6,532</u>
5 Other Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Job retention scheme	-	12,907
Council rates grant	-	8,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,907</u>
6 Costs of Charitable Activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Direct costs		
Training including activities	6,547	7,351
County Cubs	5,710	1,541
Sailing and water activities	21,857	16,138
Offshore sailing expenditure	3,027	4,586
Sub-aqua	4,056	9,109
Fencing	1,739	574
Climbing	2,562	104
Caving	1,431	945
Bushcraft	730	-
Shooting	1,126	1,730
Breakout	6,568	900
Jamboree	-	(446)
Beavers	8,033	-
Depreciation on activities equipment	8,598	10,812
Sundry activity expenses	-	50
Mountain bikes	156	(395)
Reach! Grants (external)	-	24,430
Forward 5 Grants (external)	75,673	-
Duke of Edinburgh training expense	2,233	4,836
You Shape	-	365
Equipment department:		
Purchases (stock adjusted)	74,971	69,162
Agency commission	342	737
Postage and stationery	3,095	4,286
Computer and website costs	2,673	1,234
Bank and credit card charges	1,473	1,701
Sundry expenses	289	424
Letting expenses	5,057	1,392
	<u>237,946</u>	<u>161,566</u>

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7 Costs of Charitable Activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Support costs		
Cleaning and caretaking costs	10,767	16,693
Light and heat	4,580	4,137
Rates, licences etc.	2,593	1,169
Repairs and maintenance	2,423	2,314
Depreciation on land and buildings	9,231	9,231
Depreciation on fixtures and equipment	4,423	4,206
Staff costs	34,914	43,547
Awards	4,407	475
Travelling costs	1,116	945
Insurance	2,928	5,778
Postage, stationery and office expenses	7,653	4,323
Equipment	1,383	1,064
Telephone	812	1,123
IT expenses	10,668	11,452
Bank charges	287	413
Sundry expenses	2,327	1,801
Governance - Independent Examiners' remuneration	6,075	5,425
County executive committee expenses	3,607	1,988
Legal fees	4,675	5,044
	<u>114,869</u>	<u>121,128</u>

Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated in a basis consistent with the use of resources.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and equipment	Activities equipment and facilities	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 March 2022	561,556	101,637	136,823	800,016
Additions	-	8,195	-	8,195
Disposals	-	(1,856)	-	(1,856)
At 28 February 2023	<u>561,556</u>	<u>107,976</u>	<u>136,823</u>	<u>806,355</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 March 2022	69,470	92,473	122,163	284,106
Charge for the year	9,231	4,423	8,598	22,252
On disposals	-	(1,856)	-	(1,856)
At 28 February 2023	<u>78,701</u>	<u>95,040</u>	<u>130,761</u>	<u>304,502</u>
Net book value				
At 28 February 2023	<u>482,855</u>	<u>12,936</u>	<u>6,062</u>	<u>501,853</u>
At 28 February 2022	<u>492,086</u>	<u>9,164</u>	<u>14,660</u>	<u>515,910</u>

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9 Fixed asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fair value		
At 1 March 2022	385,873	366,294
Additions	64,713	73,313
Net investment (losses) / gains	(21,347)	18,929
Net movement in cash and short term deposits	(140)	(338)
Disposal proceeds	(66,230)	(72,325)
	<u>362,869</u>	<u>385,873</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>362,869</u>	<u>385,873</u>
Historical cost at 28 February 2023	<u>366,455</u>	<u>362,320</u>
Investments are represented by:		
Managed funds and unit trusts	358,601	381,465
Cash	4,268	4,408
	<u>362,869</u>	<u>385,873</u>
Fair value at 28 February 2023	<u>362,869</u>	<u>385,873</u>

The fixed asset investments were valued by a leading investment manager at 28 February 2023, who are deemed to be a competent third party.

10 Debtors and prepayments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	16,018	12,075
Other debtors	118,269	38,853
Other taxes and social security costs	1,757	-
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	44,446	60,158
	<u>180,490</u>	<u>111,086</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,425	6,743
Amounts due to trusts with similar objectives:		
Rudkin Rutland Trust	15,097	15,211
J C Brooks Trust Fund	8,637	11,632
Other taxes and social security costs	-	277
Other creditors	121,520	16,420
Accruals	5,750	10,660
	<u>158,429</u>	<u>60,943</u>

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12 Analysis of Net Assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	501,853	-	501,853
Fixed asset investments	362,869	-	362,869
Net current assets	318,193	20,000	338,193
	<u>1,182,915</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>

13 Employees emoluments

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	40,250	39,644
Social security costs	2,843	3,030
Pension costs	733	815
	<u>43,826</u>	<u>43,489</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2022 - 2). There are no employees receiving remuneration of £60,000 or above.

No County Executive Committee member, or person with a family or business connection with a County Executive Committee member, received remuneration in the year, directly or indirectly, from the charity.

14 County Executive Committee Members expenses

The aggregate amount reimbursed to 3 (2022 - 3) County Executive Committee members during the year in respect of travel and other expenses was £3,607 (2022 - £1,988).

15 General donations received

	2023 £	2022 £
Florence Turner Trust	2,000	1,500
J R Corah Foundation	500	500
Charnwood District Scout Council	-	3,521
Next Plc	-	5,000
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>10,521</u>

16 Other financial commitments

	2023 £	2022 £
Total future minimum payments under non-cancellable operating leases	<u>2,406</u>	<u>3,609</u>

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17 Related party transactions

During the year Youth Fun Days Limited, a company in which C Black, L Rowe, D Wray and A Wray are directors, paid a donation of £15,000 (2022 - £10,000) and administration charges of £9,000 (2022 - £9,000) to Leicestershire County Scout Council.

An additional sum of £20,000 for the development of the County Campsites was also donated by Youth Fun Days Limited during the year.

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There were no outstanding amounts at the year end (2022 - £nil)

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18 Statement of Funds

	At 1 March 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 28 February 2023
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds					
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Headquarters	492,086	-	-	9,767	501,853
Capital	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Forward 5 (Est 28 February 2022)	442,075	-	(85,273)	-	356,802
Working Capital	140,000	-	-	-	140,000
	<u>1,124,161</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(85,273)</u>	<u>9,767</u>	<u>1,048,655</u>
General fund	138,804	272,765	(267,542)	(9,767)	134,260
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,262,965</u>	<u>272,765</u>	<u>(352,815)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,182,915</u>
Restricted fund					
County Campsites - Youth Fun Days Limited	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Total funds	<u>1,262,965</u>	<u>292,765</u>	<u>(352,815)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>

The funds were set up for the following purposes:

Headquarters	To establish and maintain premises
Capital	To meet future capital expenditure
Forward 5	To development scouting across the country
Working Capital	To meet future working capital needs
County Campsites	For the development of County Campsites, particularly in relation to kitchen/catering facilities.

Transfers have been made between the funds to maintain the balances required as follows :

Headquarters	To maintain a fund value equivalent to the current net book value
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Statement of Funds - comparative

	At 1 March 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Prior year transfers	Transfers	At 28 February 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
<u>Designated funds</u>						
Headquarters Capital	550,000	-	-	-	(57,914)	492,086
Reach! (Ceased 28 February 2022)	94,261	-	-	-	(44,261)	50,000
Forward 5 (Est 28 February 2022)	140,155	-	(24,430)	(3,650)	(112,075)	-
Working Capital	-	-	-	-	442,075	442,075
	-	-	-	-	140,000	140,000
	<u>784,416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,430)</u>	<u>(3,650)</u>	<u>367,825</u>	<u>1,124,161</u>
General fund	478,933	274,310	(258,264)	11,650	(367,825)	138,804
Total funds	<u>1,263,349</u>	<u>274,310</u>	<u>(282,694)</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,262,965</u>

Designated funds

The funds were set up for the following purposes:

Headquarters	To establish and maintain premises
Capital	To meet future capital expenditure
Reach! / Forward 5	To development scouting across the country
Working Capital	To meet future working capital needs

Transfers were made between the funds to maintain the balances required as follows :

Headquarters	To maintain a fund value equivalent to the current net book value
Capital	To maintain a fund considered necessary for future capital spend
Reach! / Forward 5	A fund agreed for a 5 year period for future enhancements into scouting ventures and needs
Working Capital	To maintain a fund considered necessary for future working capital spend

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

I report to the Board of Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leicestershire County Scout Council ('the Charity') for the year ended 28 February 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts of the Charity in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Charity are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts. I have carried out my examination under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the consolidated accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records, with respect to the Charity, were not kept as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act and were not kept as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Roger Merchant FCA

Address: 14 Park Row, Nottingham, NG1 6GR

Date:1 July 2023.....