

Annual Report & Financial Statements

2023 - 2024









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COUNTY COMMISSIONER/LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT.

It has been a busy year for all of us, although not quite as we expected. Last year we were cautiously looking forward to 'Transformation' and heartened by the promise of new digital tools to help us all with the ever-growing administration tasks that seem to be required. Unfortunately, things have not progressed as we had hoped, however all of our teams have been working very hard to prepare for the changes and move towards a more welcoming volunteer culture.

Despite all of this, we have still seen growth in our census figures – with more Young People have been able to benefit from the life-changing opportunities that Scouting offers.

We still have significant potential for growth and have lots of plans for the years ahead – both to recruit more adults and Young People. Along with a focus on regular volunteering to support weekly Section meetings, we are truly stepping up to offer 'flexible volunteering' to meet all the demands of modern life. I look forward to visiting and hearing all about the team's success.

As we continue to transform the volunteer journey and the way we volunteer whilst delivering the National 'skills for life' strategy, we are living Baden Powell's vision of a Scouting 'movement'. Sounds

radical and yet that was over a hundred years ago!

Karen Chamberlain continues to work with the District teams to support the rollout of 'Transformation'.

The County team have also had an initial transformation, moving in to new teams around Programme, Volunteer Development and Support, ably assisted by the Trustee Board. In the year ahead, this will continue further, to meet the needs of the Districts as they settle into their newly transformed teams. At the heart of all this are our Young People and so our Youth Commissioner, Lauren, continues to work alongside me to ensure that we continue to be a youth-led organisation. Our thanks also to Ellie Eagles for her time in role.

All of these things have been made possible by the dedications of thousands of volunteers and Young People across Leicestershire. I know that they will all continue to step up to the challenges ahead and turn them into wonderful opportunities to excel.

Bijal Bhagwan

County Commissioner/Lead Volunteer



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 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

Leicestershire Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflections and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and live out their Scout Promise.

Leicestershire Scout's Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities, and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people as individuals, as responsible citizens, as members of their local, national and international communities. We believe that we have met the Charity Commission public benefit criteria for both advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

Leicestershire Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

Our Vision for the future

In our Skills for Life Strategy, we aim to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme,

growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

1 Identifiable benefit

The way in which we help young people in the personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society.

2. Public Benefit

Leicestershire Scouts is a Countywide movement, open to young people ages 4-25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits are not constrained by a member's ability to pay. There are arrangements with Trust funds to help with costs for those that face financial hardship, so that young people are not excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstration throughout this report.

Review of the year

Our members

Census results for the year ending January 2024.

	2024	2023
Squirrels	279	133
Beaver Scouts	1998	2040
Cub Scouts	2418	2404
Scouts	2094	1953
Explorer Scouts	390	125
Young Leaders	239	246

Scout Network	92	121
	7510	7022
Adult Leaders	1307	1281
Management		
Roles	108	110
Governance Roles	442	415
Support Roles	470	448
	2327	2254
Total membership	9837	9276

With this in mind, no wonder Squirrels is proving to be more and more popular each day, with new Squirrel Drays opening across the County. Districts are planning some adventurous activities for their Squirrels which are showing to be a success.

Let's look to the future for many more adventures to come!

Programme Team

Squirrels

Squirrels may be young, but they are definitely mighty! They can achieve anything they set their minds to, from using power tools to creating a home for wildlife, climb to heights than many adults can only dream of and learning first aid to keep themselves and others safe – how incredible is that?

Squirrels is a perfect opportunity for your young people to learn new skills, explore the outdoors and meet new friends. It is also a perfect opportunity to develop their social and fine motor skills which will help them in their daily lives.

Many of our squirrels are able to achieve not only activity and challenge badges, but also their Chief Scout Acorn Award. This however would not be possible without the amazing support and dedication of the Squirrel Leaders and Helpers – a huge thank you to you all.

cubs

The Cubs enjoyed a fantastic day out at the Black Country Museum with 600 Cubs attendings from all over the County.

SCOUTS

2023 has at last settled us back into more normal activities, we are still searching for new leaders and are adjusting to the changes into the volunteer structure that has been introduced.

Scout & Explorers were again able to take part in County sailing trips out of Ipswich and as before, 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

The annual Splash camp was again filled by Scouts from groups across the County with its 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. We might perhaps investigate the possibility of using a venue such as Holme Pierrepont for a future event and open to other Scouts outside of Leicestershire.

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

In May 2023 Feitskamp24 was launched with 4 leaders from Leicestershire and Derbyshire Scouts running a Recce expedition to The Netherlands to check the possibilities for a Scout Cycle Camping Expedition in late May 2024. The recce took in Scout campsites in Rotterdam, Ede, Baarn, Zaandvort and Hook and a further campsite was checked in September at Pijnacker.

This has led to 47 Scouts and 15 leaders from Leicestershire & Derbyshire Scouts with help from the Derbyshire Cycle Team taking part in 4 selection and training camps along with many training ride days to get prepared for the trip.

These camps have been very successful and have seen Scouts & Explorers with an age range between 11 and 17 1/2 years become proficient at working, camping and cycling together.

Generally, across the section and County there is a need in many areas to increase adult participation in groups with several struggling for leaders.

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.

As we move into 2024/25 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. This includes the return of a County Explorer camp next year. 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.



In the last 23 months to 1st March 2024, Leicestershire Scouts had a total of 248 active young people participating in the D of E awards programme:

	2024	2023
Bronze	101	103
Silver	92	75
Gold	45	35

These include 183 newly registered:

- 88 Bronze
- 67 Silver
- 28 Gold

The team thanks Nicky & Graham for dealing with much of the paperwork and administration to manage the registrations.

Over the 12 months we have had the following complete their awards:

- 65 Bronze
- 24 Silver
- 3 Gold

As always, we all need to encourage young people to accelerate their participation, and adults to help with their support.

Many thanks to those leaders who have been continuing to give up their time and energy to help support the Explorer Scouts within DofE.



Throughout the past year, we have seen many more groups and young people achieving the YouShape Awards, further building the youth voice within our County. We have been invited to visit more groups and sections to assist with the YouShape Award as well as at some District events, which we love doing. The launch of the Squirrels YouShape Award has started to show around the County, with two groups being involved in the pilot scheme which was great to see! Hopefully next year we'll continue to see a great uptake around the County in achieving this award.

In summer 2023, we had the World Scout Jamboree for which Ellie and Lauren supported the County Unit 13 both in their preparations for the Jamboree and whilst out in Korea. Both, especially Ellie, supported the Unit in achieving their Jamboree YouShape Awards which the whole Unit worked to achieve.

In January, the County Youth Commissioners in our region came together and delivered a Youth Involvement Weekend at Drumhill. There was fantastic attendance with approximately 30 young adults attending (8 of which were from Leicestershire!). This was a fun and informative weekend allowing us and District Youth Commissioners to share ideas and knowledge from around the region as well as introduce the Youth Commissioner role to those unfamiliar. From this weekend Leicestershire gained a number of District Youth Commissioners and a few others eager to support the County's youth shaped activities which is always great!

As part of the Youth Involvement Weekend, we set ourselves goals for the next year, mine to lead another County Youth Forum. Applications are currently open for this youth forum and the event is running in October for Scouts and Explorers which I am looking forward to!

We hope to hold further regional events for District Youth Commissioners and other young adults passionate about youth shaped Scouting!



As mentioned above, Ellie Eagles has been an instrumental part of this year's success and I can't write about this year without thanking her for everything she did with me as Youth Commissioner, I wouldn't have been able to do it without her. All the best for the future and thank you!

ACTIVITIES TEAMS

Caving

The caving team organised 16 caving trips over the year. Of the 16 three were aimed at developing leader experience & competence.

For the first time we also ran three back-to-back caving trips for the explorer age group in an endeavour to develop those who had an interest in caving.

The total number of Scouts/explorers taken underground was 113 which was a significant reduction on the previous year due mainly to a lack of interest and take up in the County beginners day in November.

There has been no progress in leaders developing their national governing body award qualifications which should be rectified this year provided those involved have sufficient time. This still leaves the caving team with one fully qualified Cave Leader/assessor.

The team has thoroughly reviewed its procedures following the Great Orme tragedy and the repercussions from it which has resulted in some minor changes to coordinating the in touch procedure between the Leader of the team booking the

trip and the caving team. Going forwards team members will renew their first aid qualifications to a higher level. Historically team members were wilderness first-aid qualified but then renewed with either a first response, first aid at work or forestry first-aid qualification.

The team has applied successfully for a Forward5 grant to replace a number of helmets and lamps which whilst still serviceable have become time expired due to the manufacturer's recommended maximum life. Overall the group is in a sound financial position going forwards. The only risks seen going forwards are the limited number of cave/mine leader assessors available both in County and nationally."

Archery

The small team have been out and about during the year providing archery at Ashby & Coalville District Camp, County Splash Camp and Holwell & Willesley campsites along with visiting groups and we have provided archery sessions for over 395 young people.

We provide both soft archery for your younger sections as well as normal archery for the older section meetings, camps or events and we also run sessions to run Master at Arms badge.

Le-Toast

The LeToast team still remains a relatively small group for the amount of activities that we do and teach.

For example in the time frame of 01/03/2023 to 29/02/2024, we have instructed the

following amount of Young people and Leaders/helpers in:

- Tool Use (safe practice and use of) = 78
- Cordage (how to make cord/string from natural fibres) =188
- Tomahawks = 884
- Backwoods cooking (cooking over an open fire) = 135
- Kelly Kettles = 93
- Safe Knife use (including Knife law - legal/illegal) = 80
- Braiding (swing and disk) = 200
- Fire lighting (how too and different techniques) =268

As you can tell from these numbers, there has been a lot of interest in the more practical / basic skills set. This year is looking to follow in a similar pattern.

Sub Aqua

Like many groups we need more volunteers Below is a summary our activities in the last year:

Since the last AGM the unit has been on dive weekends to Fowey, Portland (Twice) and Skomer with a weekend in Plymouth having to be cancelled earlier this year due to weather however some members were able to have a good day diving at Capernwray inland dive site instead.

Last year we also held a week's diving based in Tarbet on the Mull of Kintyre. We also have dive trips planned for the rest of this season including a week diving in Oban and a week of more advanced diving in Scapa

Flow during the summer as well as a final weekend away planned for the Truro area.

As always we have also had a great number of dives at the Cove at the last year for both training and pleasure including the traditional Christmas tree decorating day.

Training:

Since September 2023 the unit has...

- Completed training for 4 Ocean Diver students
- 3 Ocean diver student who continuing towards their Ocean Diver qualification.
- Continued 1 sports diver student's training
- Continued 1 dive leader student's training
- 2 Advanced Diver student have also continued towards their qualification (this was missed from my notes during the AGM)
- Has begun the BSAC Boat Handling Course for 4 students
- Begun the process of 1 instructor qualifying as a boat handling instructor - with the support and supervision of Simon Childs.

On Thursday evenings since September 2023, the unit has completed...

- 53 SCUBA Try Dives.
- 57 Try Snorkelling sessions.
- 20 Dolphin Snorkeller qualifications.

Hot Doggers

2023 was a very busy year for Hot Doggers, with over 800 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers on the water on Monday nights

from April to the beginning of October. Prices did increase by 50p per person to £6.50 per person which still gives good value for money.

The pool sessions on Friday nights at New Parks were also back in full swing with 18 sessions with various Beavers and Cub groups 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 250 young people that have taken part in the pool sessions over 2023.

I'd like to say 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 and 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 2023. This was over a full weekend including camping for the 237 Scouts plus Leaders. This meant that over 237 Scouts from 17 groups across Leicestershire enjoyed 4 activities each on the Saturday and 2 on Sunday.

With the pool sessions and Monday nights and Splash that equates to over a 1290 young people on the water in 2023! Not bad for a bunch of volunteers 😊

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 good pool of over 25 coaches and helpers that regularly turn up most Monday evenings.

We are also forging close links with Nottingham Scouts water team and started attending each other's permit assessments. 4 of their adult coaches and some of their explorer paddlers are joining us for Splash 2024 which is very much appreciated.

Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre (LOPC) continue to support the Scouts in kit storage and the mutually beneficial sharing of kit, I would like to thank Stuart and his team for their friendly faces and support over the years. Also, for allowing us to have the whole site each year for Splash Camp.

Breakout Canoe Club

A few words about our achievement for the period 01/03/2023 to 29/02/2024 follow.

Monday and Tuesday Evening Sessions

Competition training sessions were once again offered to Scouts throughout the year at our Hinckley base - on both Mondays and Tuesdays for much of the year. We had around 18 regular junior attendees.

During the period Easter to October, we offered a mix of beginners' courses and fun sessions. These comprised:



- 2 x Paddle Explore courses
- 3 x Paddle Discover courses
- 7 x fun sessions to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Attendees were drawn from both Hinckley and South Leicestershire District Groups.

Competitions

- Canoe slalom: Cardington (Bedford), Stone, Orton Mere (Peterborough) and Nene Whitewater Centre (Northampton)
- Canoe marathon: Soar Valley marathon at Leicester Outdoors Pursuits Centre
- Wild water Racing: A series of six entry-level competitions at Barrow-Upon-Soar

Weekend Sessions

In May we complete three Introduction to Moving Water sessions at Barrow-Upon-Soar, with six children attending each session. This was followed by two 'Introduction to Whitewater' sessions at Matlock over the summer. We also delivered a canal journey.

Swimming Pool Sessions

During the winter we held a series of swimming pool sessions at Lutterworth Leisure Centre, primarily for our 'improvers'

Social Events

In December we held a social evening for our adult supporters at the Red Admiral in Broughton Astley - 26 people attended for a game of skittles and buffet. In March, we held our first Awards Evening since lockdown, with a quiz, presentations, and food.

Achievements in Competition

We currently have three young adult members competing internationally in the sport of wild water racing. In the summer of 2023, they returned from the Under 23 World Championships with a total of eight medals - including three gold for Kerry Christie.

Coaches and Leaders

Our 2023 team comprised around 15 on-the-water instructors. Many had limited availability due to being away at university, but their support was invaluable when they were able to attend, and as can be seen above, enabled us to deliver an extensive programme of activities.

Jamie Christie won the Paddle UK 'Above and Beyond' award for his services to wild water racing. John Stoner was nominated for the canoe slalom 'Ed Ecclestone' award for volunteering.

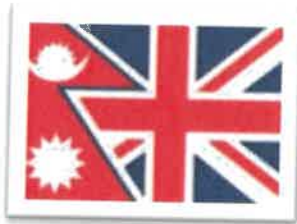
International Report April 2023 – March 2024

This report starts in April 2023, with the uncertainty of a post covid world travel still lingering, Scouts in Leicestershire had already started to consider international opportunities some twelve months prior.

Melton District

Leaders from around the County joined a core Leadership team from Melton District to participate in the **Spirit of Nepal, 2023**. I couldn't do justice to talk about this unique and very special International Opportunity, so this is in their own words.

On Thursday 12th October 2023 we left Leicestershire with 44 young people and 10 leaders to embark on the adventure of a lifetime. After 20 hours of travelling, we reached our destination of Kathmandu, Nepal. The next morning, we took a 10 hour bus journey to Pokhara, travelling through villages and settlements giving us a brief glimpse at the diverse lives of Nepali people.



We began our trek led by Dawa, who is the Managing Director of Adventure Thamserku. The first day's trekking took us to Landruk and over the next 3 days we trekked, a little bit up and a little bit down, over bridges spanning deep ravines and steps cutting into the mountainside, to Ghorepani ready for a very early start to summit Poon Hill at sunrise. This was one of the many highlights of the trip as we were able to watch the scenery around us change as the sun rose, the mountains were dark and then for a moment seemed to glimmer like gold before showing their full beauty as morning broke



Another key moment was dancing with villagers during an evening's entertainment after which we had a collection for the village to use towards a hydro-electric plant. We then descended over the next couple of days to Birethanti ready to fly back to Kathmandu!

When back in Kathmandu, the adventure continued with a trip to the Monkey Temple, Boudhanath Stupa and visiting the Nepal Scout Headquarters where we were able to play a game of 5-a-side football with Nepali Scouts.



Our last day was particularly special as we went on a flight which took us into the Everest region and we were able to see Mount Everest. The final afternoon was spent exploring the streets of Thamel where many of the young people honed their bartering skills and came away with bargains to take home as mementos and gifts for their friends and family!

*Improved her physical
and mental well being
in such a huge way*

Out of this world

Scouts coming together to party and then dig deep in their pockets to support the local community'

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Trip of a lifetime

Just wow!

Amazing and humbling

Amazing group of young people who embraced all Nepal had to offer

Will enrich her life and will help her be the person she is and continue wants to be

Amazing and humbling



have already started the extensive planning and recruitment process for another Spirit of Nepal adventure in 2025. This next expedition promises to be even more exciting and enriching, as they aim to offer another group of young people the opportunity to explore the beauty and culture of Nepal.



Mad Hatters Explorer Scout Unit
(Harborough District Explorers)

Howard and Sarah Ball from the 4th Livingstone, Melton District masterminded the adventure, supported by a dedicated team of leaders. These leaders not only took part in the trip, but also worked together to prepare the young participants (and themselves) for the challenging 4,562-mile journey across to Kathmandu and the thrilling adventure that awaited them there.

The trip was a tremendous success, with all involved gaining invaluable experiences and memories. Building on this success, Howard, Sarah, and team

Travelling closer to home while still seeking unique adventures, the Mad Hatters Explorer Scout Unit (ventured to Scout Centre Rotterdam in July 2023). Led by the enthusiastic Tina Taylor, the group comprised seven dedicated leaders, fourteen eager Explorer Scouts, and two young Cub Scouts. They crossed the channel and settled at Scout Centre Rotterdam, which is conveniently just a 25-minute bike ride from the heart of the city. This picturesque location proved to be an ideal destination for Scouts and outdoor enthusiasts, offering an exciting and unforgettable experience.

Scout Centre Rotterdam served as a fantastic base for exploring the vibrant city and participating in a range of diverse onsite



and offsite activities and cultural experiences. The Mad Hatters were so inspired by their adventure that upon returning to the UK, they immediately began planning their next international experience for Summer 2024. Come back next year for more details on their upcoming journey!

Ashford Explorers (Ashby and Coalville District Explorers)

In August 2023, a group of fifteen Explorer Scouts and seven leaders embarked on an exciting repeat of their successful 2018 trip to France. They journeyed down to the south coast to cross the channel by ferry, before arriving in the charming town of Bayeux. Their chosen campsite, Camping des Bords de l'Aure was situated right on the outskirts of Bayeux and featured all necessary amenities including an inviting indoor/outdoor swimming pool, and served as an ideal base for a truly cultural experience.

Each day the explorers took the short riverside walk from the campsite into town to fetch breakfast and food for the day's activities/trip. The beautiful medieval town centre, was well explored and included the Notre-Dame Cathedral and various military museums, one of which houses the renowned Bayeux Tapestry.

In addition, Leader Colin Stephens and his team planned a range of engaging activities, such as exploring some of the historic D-Day beaches, enjoying a day of discovery in Cherbourg and a visit to the town of Sainte-Mère-Église where Private John Steele

landed on the roof of the church, when his parachute became snagged on the spire.

The trip offered a perfect blend of activities, culture, and education, which was well received by the young people. The experience was so overwhelmingly positive that they already have a waiting list for their eagerly anticipated revisit in 2025.

The 25th World Scout Jamboree South Korea.

Last summer, a group of four leaders guided Unit 13 from Leicestershire to the World Scout Jamboree in SaeManGeum, Jeollabuk-do, Republic of Korea. The unit was led by Louise Bailey, with support from Rachel Smith, Gareth Lewis, and Kristy Eagles. This leadership team began their journey by organizing recruitment events in the snow and undertaking the challenging task of selecting just 36 young people from over 130 equally deserving candidates.

The leadership team provided over 18 months of support, including structured learning, upskilling, creative and educational activities, expeditions, and camps. They also provided the necessary resources to prepare the young people and their parents/carers for the Jamboree experience—or so they thought.

Attending a World Scout Jamboree is often described as a "unique experience." This was certainly true for the over 4,500 Scouts, Guides, leaders, International Support Team, and Contingent Team from across the UK. The Leicestershire unit faced a



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series of tough challenges, including extreme heat, adverse conditions, and a Jamboree campsite that failed to meet expected standards.

The leadership team demonstrated exceptional skills, supporting, and uplifting the Scouts in the face of these challenging conditions and changing venues. They ensured that the Scouts under their care gained lasting memories and learned the values of Scouting in a global context. Their outstanding performance before, during, and after the event created a supportive environment that enabled the Scouts to develop new skills, broaden their horizons, and form lifelong friendships, all while contributing to a sense of unity, friendship, and global understanding.

It is also noteworthy to acknowledge the selfless contribution of the International Support Team and Contingent Team from Leicestershire, whose dedication and often individual support made a significant difference to the experiences of thousands of young people from around the world.

Notwithstanding the support and guidance of the leadership team, the young people themselves demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and care for each other and others throughout the experience, and it is perhaps best to let some of them tell you about their experiences.

"The 25th World Scout Jamboree was interesting to say the least; it was an amazing experience where you had to expect the unexpected. Being with 50,000

other Scouting members of the Scouting community caused a friendly, lively atmosphere even when we were struggling with the heat and conditions of Korea".

"The Jamboree was not just the three weeks in Korea but all the camps and pre-events beforehand, from the selection events and the get togethers we had as both a patrol and a unit. This group of people within the unit became my second family; on each camp we became closer to the other members and i can say from the bottom of my heart that these people will become friends for life".

"Our Jamboree experience was not what we were expecting, but we would not change it for the world. The sense of community that developed as part of this adversity was incredible and the unit benefitted from this in a strange way; the residents were apologising for what had happened, even though they had no association with the Scouting association. Some people also paid for meals in restaurants for the Scouts, which was such accommodating."

The leaders did a great job at damage control throughout the Jamboree, from organising activities in Seoul to keeping the young participants happy and healthy across the three weeks away".

"The Jamboree was like a roller coaster; it had its ups and downs throughout the three weeks. However, at the end of it we realised we grew as a unit and persisted during the tough times. We worked together, which built confidence and teamwork skills".



The 25th World Scout Jamboree was, for all the reasons mentioned, a truly "unique experience." Future hosts of a World Scout Jamboree will likely face more scrutiny and oversight to ensure that young people receive the right kind of unique experience in the future. However, for these young people and their leaders, the Jamboree created unforgettable memories.

A special thank you goes to those who provided both direct and indirect support to make these international experiences happen, and to the behind-the-scenes helpers and parents who selflessly assist with fundraising, training, administrative tasks, and more. International experiences for 2024 are already underway, and I look forward to the next review.

Richard Coppock

Special Projects

Work has continued throughout the year to liaise with TSA and establish how the Ash Legacy can be best distributed across Leicestershire to have a lasting impact on as many young people as possible and make a real difference to the development of Scouting in Leicestershire. At the end of the reporting year, a final agreement was being approached, which will see around 45% of funds used to boost the Forward 5 funds, and the remainder used to employ Local Growth Officers to join the TSA's existing Growth and Communities team, working

exclusively to support growth of both young people and adults across the Leicestershire.

The volunteer lead for this project will be Jack Barber, with a Steering Group chaired by Paul Wren to help scrutinise this work and establish the Sections most in need of support. Work has already begun to identify these Sections and offer initial support, including trying to set up welcoming environments for new volunteers to join, identifying opportunities to recruit both young people and volunteers and offering support to help grow Sections. This work will continue as we hope to get started on this project later in 2024.

Risk Management

The risks involved with the administration of a charity are many. As Trustees, the County Board of Trustee 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.

Safety

Doing things safely is fundamental to everything we do in Scouting. The Safety training ensures that you understand your responsibilities for keeping everyone in



Scouts safe and how to assess and manage risk.

YOUTHFUNDAIS

Youth Fun Days is a not-for-profit company selling discounted tickets to youth groups 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 £20,000 from Youth Fun Days. The various Scout campsites across the County also benefited from £1,500 each to use towards activity provision.

Youth Fun Days Limited is an independent company in which Mr A Wray, Mrs C Black, Mrs L: Rowe, Mr D Wray and Mrs L Edwards are Directors with Mr A Wray being nominated the CEO. None of the Directors receive recompense.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached accounts give full details of the financial position of the Leicestershire Scout Council at the 29 February 2024.

The financial position has improved, and we are seeing a return to pre Covid numbers with memberships fees increasing, although we have held the fee level stable, and higher lettings income. We show a deficit of £24,265 but that is after Forward5 grants of £75,957, money that has been working in the County to take Scouting forward.

Our balance sheet remains solid with net assets of £1,178,650 which includes property valued at £499,759.

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. We have committed over £440,000 to the five-year Forward5 programme and that reserve now sits at £280,845, which includes loans that we have made within the County.

The General Fund (Free reserves) on 29 February 2024 is £196,387, 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

UHY Hacker Young conduct an independent examination of our accounts. We are pleased with their work and their appointment continues.

Forward5 Funding

We have completed the first two years of our five-year plan to give awards of over £440,000 to help take Scouting forward after Covid. Given the addition of Ash funding, discussed below, we are extending the plan for several more years to enable considered and effective application of the funding.

In the first two years we have awarded £170,000 of grants and made loans of £5,000. We wish to continue with this and increase the rate, especially for loans. To date in the current year, we have awarded £121,000 of grants and £45,000 of loans with a strong pipeline of other applications.

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 £45,000.
- We may consider over £45,000 for a special case.

We have now signed the Ash legacy agreements which will from the current year give us additional funding of £111,000 per annum for four years.

Investments

Our investments continue to be managed by Cooper Parry Wealth and we are happy with their service. The County Board of Trustees are pleased with the investment performance this year as we see signs of more stability in the markets, and we achieved a gain of 5.3%. In the formal investment review year, we achieved a gain of 7.87% to 13th May 2024 which compared well to the benchmarks that we use.

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.

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



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- 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
August 2024



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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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Leicester
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LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL
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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	
Acting County Commissioner	Mr N Fordyce	All	(01/01/2023 to 31/05/2023)
County Commissioner	Ms B Bhagwan	All	(appointed 01/06/2024)
County Treasurer	Mr J Griffin	All	
County Secretary	Mr A Wray	All	

Other Members

County Commissioners Appointments

Miss L Cowell
Mr S Arnold
Ms L Mason
Mr P Wren

Elected until 2025 AGM

Mrs E Wardle Financial Resources,
LE3/Staffing/Shop
Mr R Coppock Financial Resources, Risk Management,
LE3/Staffing/Shop
Mrs C Black Financial Resources
LE3/Staffing
Mr J Chodynicky

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

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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Leicestershire County Scout Council
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 29 February 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	1	22,000	-	22,000	37,500
Charitable activities	2	411,010	-	411,010	245,903
Other trading activities	3	33,145	-	33,145	26,414
Investment income	4	5,347	-	5,347	4,295
		<u>471,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>471,502</u>	<u>314,112</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Direct costs	5	397,395	8,341	405,736	237,946
Support costs	6	110,919	-	110,919	114,869
Total expenditure		<u>508,314</u>	<u>8,341</u>	<u>516,655</u>	<u>352,815</u>
Net expenditure before investment gains and exceptional items		(36,812)	(8,341)	(45,153)	(38,703)
Net gains/(net losses) on investments	8	20,888	-	20,888	(21,347)
Net expenditure and movement in funds		<u>(15,924)</u>	<u>(8,341)</u>	<u>(24,265)</u>	<u>(60,050)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds at 1 March 2023		1,182,915	20,000	1,202,915	1,262,965
Total funds at 29 February 2024	18	<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

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

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Statement of Financial Activities
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Prior Year Analysis	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
Income from:				
Donations and grants	1	17,500	20,000	37,500
Charitable activities	2	245,903	-	245,903
Other trading activities	3	26,414	-	26,414
Investment income	4	4,295	-	4,295
		<u>294,112</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>314,112</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Direct costs	5	237,946	-	237,946
Support costs	6	114,869	-	114,869
Total expenditure		<u>352,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>352,815</u>
Net expenditure before investment gains and exceptional items		(58,703)	20,000	(38,703)
Net losses on investments	8	(21,347)	-	(21,347)
Net expenditure and movement in funds		<u>(80,050)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(60,050)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds at 1 March 2022		1,262,965	-	1,262,965
Total funds at 28 February 2023	18	<u>1,182,915</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>

All prior year activities relate to continuing operations.

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Leicestershire County Scout Council
Balance Sheet
as at 29 February 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	499,759	-	499,759	501,853
Investments	8	382,212	-	382,212	362,869
		<u>881,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>881,971</u>	<u>864,722</u>
Current assets					
Equipment department stocks		11,926	-	11,926	13,903
Debtors and prepayments	9	98,999	-	98,999	180,490
Short term deposits		38,612	-	38,612	36,903
Cash at bank and in hand		286,382	11,659	298,041	265,326
		<u>435,919</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>447,578</u>	<u>496,622</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(150,899)	-	(150,899)	(158,429)
Net current assets		<u>285,020</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>296,679</u>	<u>338,193</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>
Net assets		<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted		1,166,991	-	1,166,991	1,182,915
Restricted		-	11,659	11,659	20,000
Total funds	11	<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>	<u>1,202,915</u>

These financial statements were approved by the County Board of Trustees on 5 August 2024 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 29 February 2024**

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.

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1 Income from Donations and grants	2024	2023
	£	£
General donations	2,000	2,500
Youth Fun Days Limited - unrestricted donation	20,000	15,000
Youth Fun Days Limited - restricted donation	-	20,000
	<u>22,000</u>	<u>37,500</u>
2 Income from Charitable Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	330,906	226,907
Less: paid to The Scout Association	(253,719)	(155,875)
	<u>77,187</u>	<u>71,032</u>
Training	1,470	3,855
Duke of Edinburgh training	4,575	3,053
County Cubs	13,861	8,240
Water activities	19,678	24,079
Jamboree	158,923	15
Sub-aqua	9,671	2,823
Beavers	-	8,318
Mountain bikes	276	1
Climbing	1,462	1,532
Shooting	3,799	1,990
Breakout	5,582	5,321
Caving	2,360	2,039
Sailing (excluding grant)	9,011	5,694
Offshore Sailing Cruise	3,240	2,380
Fencing	758	1,210
Bushcraft	5,250	2,144
Sundry activity income	50	13
Equipment department takings	93,857	102,164
	<u>411,010</u>	<u>245,903</u>
3 Income from Trading Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Lettings	24,145	17,314
Youth Fun Days Limited	9,000	9,000
Sale / hire of star tents	-	100
	<u>33,145</u>	<u>26,414</u>

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4 Investment Income	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends received	4,146	3,949
Bank interest received	1,201	346
	<u>5,347</u>	<u>4,295</u>

5 Costs of Charitable Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
Training including activities	5,709	6,547
EM Region expenses	73	-
County Cubs	11,602	5,710
Sailing and water activities	28,076	21,857
Offshore sailing expenditure	3,100	3,027
Sub-aqua	4,556	4,056
Fencing	894	1,739
Climbing	1,836	2,562
Caving	921	1,431
Bushcraft	1,885	730
Shooting	2,712	1,126
Breakout	5,039	6,568
Jamboree	156,375	-
Beavers	-	8,033
Depreciation on activities equipment	3,636	8,598
Sundry activity expenses	906	-
Mountain bikes	375	156
Forward 5 Grants (external)	75,957	75,673
County Campsites Grants (restricted)	8,341	-
Duke of Edinburgh training expense	5,533	2,233
Equipment department:		
Purchases (stock adjusted)	69,119	74,971
Staff costs	3,465	-
Agency commission	419	342
Postage and stationery	3,716	3,095
Computer and website costs	3,052	2,673
Bank and credit card charges	868	1,473
Sundry expenses	-	289
Letting expenses	7,571	5,057
	<u>405,736</u>	<u>237,946</u>

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6 Costs of Charitable Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Support costs		
Cleaning and caretaking costs	16,322	10,767
Light and heat	7,795	4,580
Rates	5,264	2,409
Office licences	1,039	343
Repairs and maintenance	3,304	2,423
Depreciation on land and buildings	9,517	9,231
Depreciation on fixtures and equipment	4,266	4,423
Staff costs	22,127	34,914
Awards	4,424	4,407
Travelling costs	229	1,116
Insurance	4,487	2,928
Postage, stationery and office expenses	1,848	7,494
Equipment	1,243	1,383
Telephone	869	812
IT expenses	11,304	10,668
Bank charges	830	287
Sundry expenses	2,115	2,327
Governance - Independent Examiners' remuneration	5,688	6,075
County executive committee expenses	2,158	3,607
Legal fees	6,090	4,675
	<u>110,919</u>	<u>114,869</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.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and equipment	Activities equipment and facilities	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 March 2023	561,556	107,976	136,823	806,355
Additions	14,277	1,048	-	15,325
At 29 February 2024	<u>575,833</u>	<u>109,024</u>	<u>136,823</u>	<u>821,680</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 March 2023	78,701	95,040	130,761	304,502
Charge for the year	9,517	4,266	3,636	17,419
At 29 February 2024	<u>88,218</u>	<u>99,306</u>	<u>134,397</u>	<u>321,921</u>
Net book value				
At 29 February 2024	<u>487,615</u>	<u>9,718</u>	<u>2,426</u>	<u>499,759</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>482,855</u>	<u>12,936</u>	<u>6,062</u>	<u>501,853</u>

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8 Fixed asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fair value		
At 1 March 2023	362,869	385,873
Additions	10,135	64,713
Net investment (losses) / gains	20,888	(21,347)
Net movement in cash and short term deposits	(312)	(140)
Disposal proceeds	(11,368)	(66,230)
	<u>382,212</u>	<u>362,869</u>
At 29 February 2024	382,212	362,869
Historical cost at 29 February 2024	<u>366,101</u>	<u>366,455</u>
Investments are represented by:		
Managed funds and unit trusts	378,256	358,601
Cash	3,956	4,268
	<u>382,212</u>	<u>362,869</u>
Fair value at 29 February 2024	382,212	362,869

The fixed asset investments were valued by a leading investment manager at 29 February 2024, who are deemed to be a competent third party.

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	20,047	16,018
Other debtors	41,444	118,269
Other taxes and social security costs	-	1,757
Amounts due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	37,508	44,446
	<u>98,999</u>	<u>180,490</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,959	7,425
Amounts due to trusts with similar objectives:		
Rudkin Rutland Trust	12,461	15,097
J C Brooks Trust Fund	23,637	8,637
Other taxes and social security costs	13	-
Other creditors	103,114	121,520
Accruals	6,715	5,750
	<u>150,899</u>	<u>158,429</u>

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11 Analysis of Net Assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	499,759	-	499,759
Fixed asset investments	382,212	-	382,212
Net current assets	285,020	11,659	296,679
	<u>1,166,991</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>1,178,650</u>

Analysis of Net Assets between funds - Prior Year

	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>

12 Employees emoluments

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	40,983	40,250
Social security costs	3,145	2,843
Pension costs	855	733
	<u>44,983</u>	<u>43,826</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2023 - 3). 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.

13 County Executive Committee Members expenses

The aggregate amount reimbursed to 6 (2023 - 3) County Executive Committee members during the year in respect of travel and other expenses was £2,158 (2023 - £3,607).

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14 General donations received	2024	2023
	£	£
Florence Turner Trust	1,000	2,000
J R Corah Foundation	500	500
The Grand Charity	500	-
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>

15 Other financial commitments	2024	2023
	£	£
Total future minimum payments under non-cancellable operating leases	<u>1,203</u>	<u>2,406</u>

16 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 £20,000 (2023 - £15,000) and administration charges of £9,000 (2023 - £9,000) to Leicestershire County Scout Council.

There were no outstanding amounts at the year end (2023 - £nil).

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18 Statement of Funds

	At 1 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 29 February 2024
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds					
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Headquarters Capital	501,853	-	-	(2,094)	499,759
Forward 5 (Est 28 February 2022)	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Working Capital	356,802	-	(75,957)	-	280,845
	140,000	-	-	-	140,000
	<u>1,048,655</u>	-	<u>(75,957)</u>	<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>970,604</u>
General fund	134,260	492,390	(432,357)	2,094	196,387
Total Unrestricted funds	1,182,915	492,390	(508,314)	-	1,166,991
Restricted fund					
County Campsites - Youth Fun Days Limited	20,000	-	(8,341)	-	11,659
Total funds	1,202,915	492,390	(516,655)	-	1,178,650

The funds were set up for the following purposes:

Headquarters	-
Capital	To establish and maintain premises
Forward 5	To meet future capital expenditure
Working Capital	To development scouting across the country
County Campsites	To meet future working capital needs
	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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18 (Continued)

Statement of Funds - comparative

	At 1 March 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 28 February 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Headquarters Capital	492,086	-	-	9,767	501,853
Reach! (Ceased 28 February 2022)	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Forward 5 (Est 28 February 2022)	-	-	(85,273)	-	-
Working Capital	442,075	-	-	-	356,802
	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 Capital	To establish and maintain premises To meet future capital expenditure
Forward 5 Working Capital	To development scouting across the country 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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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 29 February 2024.

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 financial statements 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).

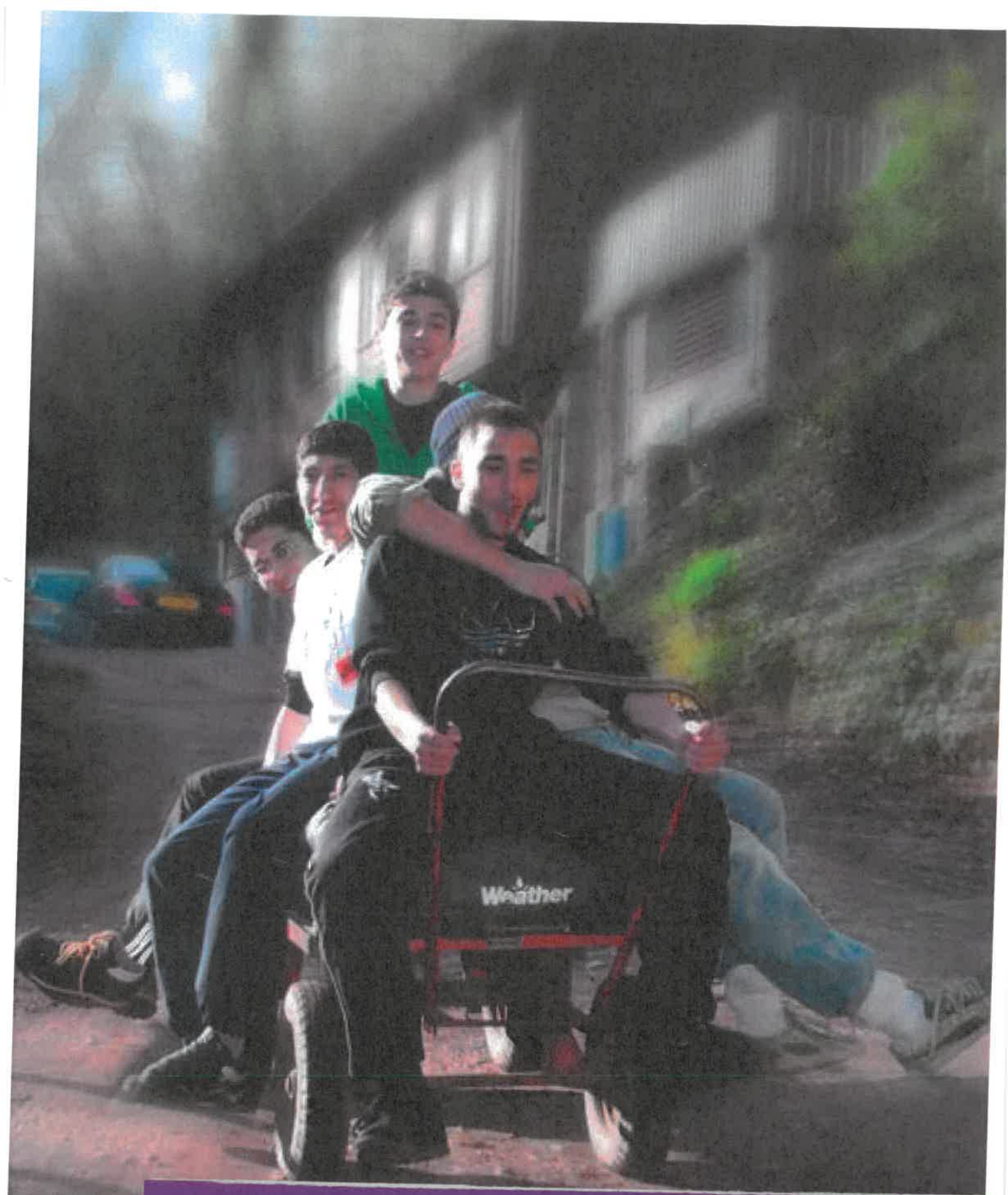
I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Chris McKain

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Address: 14 Park Row, Nottingham, NG1 6GR

Date: ~~4 November 2024~~



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