

**Lisburn and District Scout Council**  
**2023 Annual General Meeting**  
**Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church Hall**  
**Wednesday 30th August 2023 at 7.30pm**

## **District Commissioners Report**

### **District Membership:**

The membership of Lisburn District Scout Council for 2023 census was recorded as follows:

Squirrels – ~~129~~

Beavers – 169

Cubs – 198

Scouts – ~~239~~

Explorers (including young leaders) – 85

Network – 19

**Total Youth Membership – 839**

**Total Adult Membership - 279**

We are continually receiving enquiries for membership through the Scout NI website & local social media platforms and very hopeful our numbers will increase for the 2024 census. In some sections we have waiting list for joining which will be addressed.

All our youth members are continually achieving top awards in their sections which deserves great credit to the youth & their leaders, the following awards have been recorded on the census:

Squirrels Acorn – 2

Beavers Bronze Award – 23

Cubs Silver Award – ~~21~~

~~Scouts Gold Award – 17~~

Explorers DOE Bronze – 7

With regard to recruiting, Scout Headquarters through Vicky Flannigan is holding a recruitment roadshow at Tesco's Bentrin Road on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 2-4pm, this is a great opportunity for us to sell ourselves to the public & hopefully young people. I am hoping our district youth commissioner will be present, please also feel free to send available young leaders as well.

### **District Events:**

We held our annual St Georges Day parade at Hillhall, our first since covid which was well attended & during the service a new scout flag was dedicated by our Chaplain and will now form part of future parades.

We have had numerous district events throughout the year for each of the sections which will be detailed in my ADC reports to follow. This would be a good time to thank all my ADCs, without them the various district events would not have happened.

Our district woodlands are used continually by each section & also for district events.

Many of our leaders have undertaken & completed the tomahawk course which was run at the woodlands.

I would like to thank the on-going efforts of Phil Trimble, the Woodland Team and the support of the executive in the continuing improvements to the woodlands. I am certain that this asset can only help with scouting in the district and the wider Lisburn Community and at some stage also scouting outside our district.

It is intended to hold a full district event for all sections in the near future including a district overnight camp for scouts & explorers.

Lisburn District was represented at the Queens lying in state & we were also represented at the Kings Coronation, well done to all those that took part.

Lisburn was represented at the recent World Jamboree which unfortunately made the news headlines for the wrong reasons, I am not sure if they were just as poor as portrayed but hopefully we will be given more detailed information about the jamboree by our own representatives at some stage soon.

#### **Mandatory Training:**

Our noncompliance level for mandatory Safeguarding & Safety is continually monitored and in some periods of the year has reached unsatisfactory levels which is being addressed by our County Commissioner, GSLs, Janet & myself.

I received our latest district figures from headquarters yesterday and presently we have approximately 35 leaders who need to update their 1<sup>st</sup> Response or Safety or Safeguarding which is a good improvement, I would ask all leaders to please check on compass their own details.

We have to date held 4 No 1st response courses with another being held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September here in Harmony Hill, I think we have approx. 8 spaces left, if you wish to avail of a place please email Janet or myself.

#### **Leaders Long Service Presentations:**

Throughout the year many long service awards were presented as well as woodbeads & 2 Medals of Merit.

#### **Thankyous:**

As District Commissioner I wish to thank all leaders in the District for their time, effort and dedication to Scouting in Lisburn District without leaders we don't have scouting.

*Also thanks to the County Commissioner for his continued support members of all committees: Appointments Committee, Training and Nights Away Advisors, Bothy Committee, Woodland Team ; Executive Committee & my ADC Team.*

I also wish to thank my 3 wise men Harold, Len & Les they keep me hopefully in the right direction with their much valued advice.

A couple of other special thanks go to Audrey with her help as past DC and to Janet who has been on the team now for about 12 months and now starting to understand slightly about the "in & outs" of scouting, we do have some good conversations over the phone.

District Commissioner Colin Hewitt

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Hewitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

District Secretary Len Wilson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. L. Wilson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Date 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**CHARITY NUMBER 103868**

**LISBURN & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH  
2023**

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Lisburn and District Scout Council**

**I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on the following pages.**

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

**As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.**

**It is my responsibility to:**

- 1- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.**
- 2- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act**
- 3- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.**

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

**I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.**

**My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.**

**My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:**

- 1- that accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.**
- 2- that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records**
- 3- that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.**
- 4- that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.**

**Independent examiner's statement**

**I have compiled my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and. In connection with following the Directions of Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.**

**Ernest Reddick  
CMC Accounts (NI) Ltd  
Date 12 June 2023**

**211 Moira Road  
Lisburn BT28 2SN**

**LISBURN AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**


	<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2023</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Subscriptions &amp; Grants</b>	33,366	4,650	38,016	22,735
<b>Investment Income</b>	0	0	0	21
<b>Other Income</b>	1,924		1,924	441
<b>Woodland Project Grants</b>	49,197		49,197	90,185
	<u>84,487</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>89,137</u>	<u>113,382</u>
<b>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>				
<b>Grants</b>	250	0	250	0
<b>Capitation Fees</b>	30,411		30,411	27,352
<b>Woodland project</b>	12,007		12,007	114,260
<b>General Expenses</b>	5,561	282	5,843	3,204
	<u>47,979</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>48,261</u>	<u>144,816</u>
<b>Net For Year</b>	36,508	4,368	40,876	-31,434
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<u>201,952</u>	<u>9,120</u>	<u>211,072</u>	<u>242,506</u>
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<u><u>238,460</u></u>	<u><u>13,488</u></u>	<u><u>251,948</u></u>	<u><u>211,072</u></u>


**LISBURN AND DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Woodland project	185,652	185,652
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	2,656	4,304
Cash at Bank	<u>63,640</u>	<u>21,116</u>
	66,296	25,420
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	0	0
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>66,296</u>	<u>25,420</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>251,948</u>	<u>211,072</u>
<b>Funds Of the Charity</b>		
Restricted Income Funds	13,488	9,120
Unrestricted Income Funds	<u>238,460</u>	<u>201,952</u>
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>	<u>251,948</u>	<u>211,072</u>

Mr Harold Baird, (District Chairperson) Trustee Mr W L Lyness, (District Treasurer) Trustee



  
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