



**Annual Report
and
Statement of Accounts**

for the year ended 31st March 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

MONDAY 24th JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM
HENGROVE SCOUT HQ, STATION CRESCENT, ASHFORD, TW15 3HN

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM of Spelthorne District Scout Council held on 25th June 2017.
4. Matters Arising
5. Annual Report of District Executive Committee
 - a. District Commissioner's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
6. Receive and Consider the Annual Report
7. Receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts
8. Approval of the District Commissioner's Nomination of District Chairman
9. Nomination and Election of District Secretary
10. Nomination and Election of District Treasurer
11. Nomination and Election of Members to the District Executive Committee
12. Approval of the District Commissioner's Nominations of Members to the District Executive Committee
13. Nomination and Election of Scouter to County Scout Council
14. Appointment of Independent Examiner
15. Presentation of Awards
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17. County Representative
18. The President of Spelthorne District Scouts
19. Vote of Thanks to Principal Guests

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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HELD ON
MONDAY 25th JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM
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1. Welcome and Prayer

Mike Taylor opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman welcomed our President Suzy P Webb, Joe Rogerson County Commissioner, Councillors John Boughtflower, Joanne Sexton & Denise Turner-Stewart, Leaders, Helpers and all present.

2. Apologies

The following sent their apologies:-

James Ayling, Roxanna Bostock, Peter Connolly, Lynn Dredge, Alan Jones, Greg Kendall, Audrey Thames, Gill Tomkins, Gary Waters and Richard Wheeler.

3. Minutes of the AGM of Spelthorne District Scout Council held on 26th June 2017

Darran Buttigieg proposed that the minutes be accepted, Stuart Richardson seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated that all were in agreement.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Annual Report of District Executive Committee

a. District Commissioner's Report

In addition to his printed report, Roger thanked everyone for coming tonight to hear about the activities within the District. It has been a fantastic year for all the leaders, helpers and youngsters. He thanked the District Team for all of their support, with a special thanks to Beth. He went on to congratulate 6th Staines on their 60th Anniversary. 8th Ashford have been granted planning permission for their new HQ and are now fundraising to be able to build it.

His highlights of the year was meeting the group who returned from Iceland back at Heathrow Terminal 3 with all their parents after the problems that occurred there.

Roger again thanked all in the District and Oliver Davies and Judy Taylor for all their work in the District now that they have decided to step down.

b. Treasurer's Report

In addition to the Report and Accounts included within this booklet, Oliver explained that the HQ lease expired 4 years ago and we are currently negotiating with the Council for a new lease.

We have been lucky enough to secure a grant from Spelthorne Council which has paid 50% towards the cost of some necessary works at Hengrove HQ.

We have had to increase the Jamboree Levy and there will be a yearly increase as the number the District are now supporting to send has increased from 4 to 6 at the next Jamboree in North America in 2019.

6. Receive and Consider the Annual Report – see item 7

7. Receive and Consider the Annual Statement of Accounts

The Annual report and Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 2018, was presented to the meeting. The report was approved and this was agreed by a show of hands.

8. Approval of District Commissioner's Nomination for District Chairman

Roger asked the meeting to approve his nomination of Judy Taylor as District Chairman. The nomination was approved.

9. Nomination and Election of District Secretary

Moira Hendry proposed that Denise Buttigieg be elected as District Secretary Karen Miller seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated all were in agreement.

10. Nomination and Election of District Treasurer

Rikki Rance proposed that Darran Buttigieg be elected as Treasurer Neil Gray seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated all were in agreement.

11. Nomination and Election of Members of the District Executive Committee

Mary Ayers proposed that Keith Brewer, Diana Brown, Moira Hendry, John Hillman and Siobhan O'Neill be elected to the Executive Committee. Roy Clough seconded the proposal and a show of hands indicated that all were in agreement.

12. Acceptance of the District Commissioner's Nominations of Members to the District Executive Committee

By a show of hands, the meeting approved of Roger's nominations of Sharon Holmes, Andrew Mizen and Janice Reid-Franczak to the District Executive Committee.

Geoff Sully and Karen Miller were thanked for the time they have given serving on the District Executive Committee since 2011.

13. Acceptance of Appointment of Scouter to the County Scout Council

The meeting approved by a show of hands the appointment of James Ayling, Scout ADC as Scouter to the County Scout Council.

14. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Linda Knights proposed that Peter Connolly be appointed as Independent Examiner to the District. Mike Taylor seconded and the meeting approved with a show of hands.

15. Presentation of Awards – Citations read and presented by Joe Rogerson, County Commissioner

Although not able to be here, the Award for Meritorious Conduct has been given to Tegan of 1st Stanwell. She has been blind since an operation; however, this has not stopped her taking advantage of all that Scouting can offer.

16. Any Other Business

Darran Buttigieg promoted the return of the Spelthorne Gangshow for 2019.

17. County Representative

Joe Rogerson told how Baden-Powell created Scouting to be a movement and not an organisation. As a movement it is moving forward rather than staying the same.

The purpose of scouting is to make the 'dependent' become 'independent'.

Our District is in a good position and are able to deal with anything that needs to be done. Joe congratulated Roger on the fantastic job he does as our District Commissioner.

18. The District President - Suzy P Webb

Suzy thanked everyone for their enthusiasm and hard work for Scouting especially the committee. She was sorry to hear that Oliver had now decided to retire.

Suzy visited the groups when they were on their Iceland trip as she was there at the same time. She accompanied them on the trip to the Golden Circle. She had been given the scarf, woggle and badge for the trip. It was the first badge that she has been given.

She has now received her 20 year certificate in the post.

She again asked that people invite her to their events as she loves to come along and take part.

Suzy was presented with flowers by Beth Jefferies

Suzy then presented a gift to Karen Miller, Geoff Sully and Oliver Davies for their work on the District Executive Committee.

A video montage prepared by Beth was then shown of the 2017/18 highlights.

19. Vote of Thanks to Principal Guests

John Hillman proposed a vote of thanks to our guests the Suzy Webb, Joe Rogerson, Tricia Griffin and the attending Councillors.

Also a thanks to the SASU for preparing the refreshments and all for coming.

Judy declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm and invited everyone to stay for refreshments



Spelthorne District Scout Council AGM, Monday, 24th June 2019 Chairman's Report

Dear Council Members and Guests

This is the Greatest Show

Did you get to the Gangshow this year? It was a fantastic night's entertainment where everyone who was taking part just shone on stage. What a great experience for the young people. Reports show how they all bonded well and formed new friendships.

During rehearsals, perhaps **Lights, Camera, Action** was heard more than once as everyone was preparing to put on the show.

'Lights, Camera, Action' could also be the battle cry for the District Executive.

Our leading lights are Roger and his District team with whom the District Executive works closely to deliver Scouting in Spelthorne. We have met 5 times this year watching from behind the camera, discussing how best to support and there is most definitely plenty of action at the meetings!

We have continued to maintain Hengrove with a working party here in March to spring clean the inside and outside. A year on and we are still negotiating the lease. Hopefully this will soon be near to completion as it will almost be time for discussions to begin again!

We have also discussed the General Data Compliance Regulations (GDPR) which came into force last year. Are you a *'just in case/it may be useful one day'* type of person? Unfortunately, where personal records are concerned, this can no longer be the case.

One of my last tasks as Chair is to encourage everyone to undertake the GDPR training. The Scout Association has a dedicated area on its website for e-learning for GDPR. It is mandatory training for all appointments and especially important if you keep personal data, to ensure that you maintain the records in the correct manner. Just as importantly in our technological age, it ensures that electronic data is correctly stored and used appropriately. If you also hold hard copy information, please ensure that this has been weeded and disposed of confidentially so that only up to date relevant information is held.

At the last AGM, I announced my intention to retire from this role by the end of 2018. I am pleased to say that Roger has found my successor. All will be revealed later this evening.

So my final thank you goes to everyone who has made this such a memorable journey and one that I have thoroughly enjoyed. A special thank you goes to my husband who has supported me throughout and must have dreaded every time I came in from a meeting and greeted him with the words 'Are we doing anything on.....?!'

Now back to my initial quote of the night. The Gangshow was entitled 'This is the Greatest Show' and I truly believe that for our young people, Scouting in Spelthorne really is the Greatest Show.

Sincerely Yours in Scouting
Judy Taylor, Spelthorne District Chairman

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

I cannot believe that yet another AGM has arrived which goes to prove that when you are busy time flies by. Spelthorne Scouts can once again hold its head up high as we have yet again enjoyed a year of first class Scouting. This is due to all the hard work put in by everybody involved, from the district team through to the those who help out only on an occasional basis. Every cog in the wheel ensures that our young people enjoy the best that our movement has to offer. To each and every one of you I give my sincere thanks you should be very proud of yourselves.

We have seen a few changes of personnel this year most notably a new Youth commissioner. Beth retired after a three year stint in which she led the way in Surrey with her personality and skills. It was no surprise at all the County stepped in to offer her the role of County YC. I know she is already making her mark in this new challenge. We appointed Hannah Peterkin in February and I know she is very much looking forward to continuing to build on the solid foundations left for her.

The Beavers have continued to thrive and we are struggling to provide places for all those who wish to join the adventure. The highlight of the district beaver year came in the form of a Fun Day at Paccar campsite. To say it was a wet day would be an understatement but this did not dampen the enthusiasm. Lynn has once again done a great job of getting all the leaders singing from the same sheet.

The Cub section goes from strength to strength with virtually all the packs getting involved in district events of which you will have read elsewhere in this review. Stuart, Karen and Richard have worked tirelessly to ensure the needs of this section have been met.

James and Seb continue to mastermind the Scout section at district level and now have all of the troops engaged in their impressive diary of events. Matt Thomas decided to step down from his role earlier this year and we thank him for the time and effort he gave to helping develop this sometimes challenging section. How pleasing it was to see a new Scout section start at 1st Sunbury and we look forward to seeing them grow and flourish in the future.

One of the high spots of the year for me was the restarting of Explorers. What a first year they have had with a full and active programme and with 30 plus attending on a regular basis they have gone from strength to strength. A young and vibrant leadership team (all of whom have at least one other role) have ensured we now have Explorers well and truly back in the district. A big thank you to Sam for taking on the role of DESC.

At the last AGM Judy Taylor very kindly agreed to remain as District Chair for a further six months and now that she has finished in this role I would like to place on record my sincere thanks for her help and support. It is important for the Chair and DC to work well together and this has been the case over the last five years.

I always like to pick out the highlights of my year and I have been lucky enough to have enjoyed many special moments. Attending the Poppy Parade in Ypres exactly 100 years after the end of World War 1 is high on the list as is the hosting of the County Gold Award presentation. However, the presentation of the Meritous Conduct award to Tegan of 1st Stanwell surpasses everything else. What a shining example to us all she is. Courageous and delightful are just two words I have heard to describe her.

The challenge going forward remains finding the resources to enable us to offer Scouting to all those who want to be involved. Barely a day passes without an enquiry to join hitting my inbox. We must find ways of attracting more adults to our ranks and retaining them.

My list of thanks is as always long.

Firstly to Keith my deputy who despite another traumatic year continues to be a rock of support, to all my district team and Denise, Darran and all the district exec. to Moira and Neil and the rest of the AAC, to Scout Active Support who do exactly what it says in the name and to Joe and Tricia who are always such visible supporters of all that we do. Not forgetting our wonderful President Suzy who flies the flag for Spelthorne in so many ways.

Finally a massive thanks to my wife Carole without whose unconditional help and support my job would not just be difficult it would be impossible.

It seems as if the powers that be have spent forever deciding if we are in or out. Well on the Scouting front I am most defiantly IN so bring on the next years challenges and adventures. I look forward to working with you all as we look to take Spelthorne to even greater heights.

Roger Dix
District Commissioner
June 2019

YOUTH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Beth Jefferies:

This year has seen more and more youth shaped events happening within the district and more young people are shaping the way that they scout. This is such a positive adaptation to scouting and this is and should be pushed within the district, which is amazing! As we continue to lead the way in Surrey with all our bright ideas and Youth Lead Activities.

Our social media platforms have also been very colourful, and full of great content, thank you James A for that! Any stories and photos from camps can be sent to spelthornedyc@gmail.com to be shared on the Spelthorne Scouts Facebook Page.

As you will know I have stepped down from the role of District Youth Commissioner, making the way for Hannah Peterkin, who is doing a great job so far! As I take on my new role as County Youth Commissioner I would like to say a huge THANK YOU!

I cannot express my thanks enough to everyone in Spelthorne Scouts, thank you all for giving me such great opportunities within my role as the District Youth Commissioner and helping me to develop the role. It has been a pleasure to “work” with each and every one of you!

Hannah Peterkin:

I hope to create a positive impact on the district by encouraging scouts to shape their own scouting experience through the guidance of leaders.

I also want to motivate young people to not only get involved in explorers but within district too. Volunteering or becoming a young leader will enhance responsibility, organisational skills and self-efficacy, allowing young people to grow as an individual and be inspired to stay within the organisation.

I plan to meet all the groups in the district, listening to ideas and views from both leaders and young people to shape and build the scouting experience for all.

I am super excited for what is to come!

BEAVER REPORT

Spelthorne Beavers have been very busy this year and have enjoyed many different experiences. On 6th October, 110 Beavers assembled at PACCAR scout camp ground in Chalfont St Peter to enjoy a District Beaver Fun Day. Nine groups took part along with leaders, parent helpers and members of the SASU. Our young people took part in wall climbing, crate stacking, tunnelling, archery, hiking and camp cooking. We were hoping to end the day with a camp fire and sing song but the only thing that could not be organised was the weather and this let us down badly. However, in true scouting style we overcame this with Rikki Rance orchestrating an indoor version of the camp fire, which the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed.

In November, many groups took part in the Santa parade in Staines, where they escorted Father Christmas to the Elmsleigh Centre. Each group taking part dressed as Christmas carols or song, there were many colourful costumes. Young people and Leaders certainly made a good impression with Santa and no doubt secured a place on the "good" list for Christmas.

The month of March found the Beavers starting rehearsals for the forthcoming Spelthorne Gangshow. Five groups were represented, 3rd Ashford, 8th Ashford, 1st Laleham, 6th Staines and 1st Stanwell, each young person showed resilience and perseverance by learning two songs and dance routines. They attended the dress rehearsal and were immaculately behaved when having to sit quietly for long periods of time. Nearly all of the Beavers attended both performances which shows how much they enjoyed the experience. Hopefully they will go on to become future Gang show stars.

Our most recent activity was held in May. Fifty young people took part in our District Beavers sports day. Each group attending organised a race, ranging from the traditional egg and spoon race, obstacle race, sack race and finishing with a water carrying race. The Beavers especially enjoyed being squirted at by giant water pistols, a lovely way to cool down on a sunny afternoon.

Throughout the year the Beaver Leaders have met and supported each other by encouraging and sharing ideas. We have welcomed new leaders to our meetings but in March we were extremely saddened to learn of the death of Sandra Brewer who was not only Beaver Leader at 1st Charlton but my assistant at District level. Sandra had a wealth of knowledge and was always eager to help. Spelthorne Beavers have benefitted by having Sandra in our scouting family and we will miss her.

Lynn Dredge
ADC Beavers
June 2019

CUB REPORT

What an amazing year- from blazing hot sun to freezing cold rain. We have been busy out and about this year doing lots of great things.

We started the year in June with the Active Support Challenge day. The event was popular and saw two heats taking place with 1st Stanwell taking first place. As always, the cubs loved the range of challenges they were set.

June also saw our district Athletics night. This brings together most of our packs for an event of fun and fitness at Matthew Arnold School. It is fantastic to see hundreds of cubs running, jumping and throwing at the same time. All the cubs who attended achieved their Athletics Badges.

July saw our district camp. This year we had a theme of 'terrific timelines' it was a walk through history. It was the hottest camp since the summer of '76! All the cubs and leaders were amazing in coping with the heat. We also had the added bonus of the England match on the Saturday, against Sweden. The cubs were challenged that if England scored we would all gather to do a massive conga around the main arena but if Sweden scored we would all have to freeze like a piece of Ikea flatpack. There was no flatpack but a couple of congas. Another amazing sight and a fantastic memory of camp.

August saw the end of the summer heat as we headed off on our new venture. We held our first summer camp. This was aimed at being a much smaller camp, for four nights and really focusing on traditional camping. 23 cubs and 5 leaders headed off to Broadstone Warren, in the rain. We had an amazing time: cooking on fires, hiking to the chip shop, crate stacking, camp fires, pitching tents, pioneering and much more. It was lovely to see cubs from nine packs gather together and just get on with it. The aim was to allow the cubs to have free time as well as activities and we certainly achieved this. All the leaders really enjoyed the camp and have signed up to do the same again this year at the seaside!

September saw Hathi's Hike. We went walking around Bushy Park and Hurst Park. It was another wet event but the teams managed to use grid references to plan their routes, which included a stop opposite Taggs Island for an activity and chocolate bar break. Our winning team was 1st Shepperton.

After the drama of the swimming gala last year, we managed to hold the whole event this year and had lots of packs taking part. The competition was tight and there was some amazing swimming in both the large and small pool. The winning team came from 5th Sunbury.

December saw our popular bi-annual trip to see Father Christmas. It was another cold and wet day as we headed off to Birmingham but no one minded as chocolate was on offer. The big man said all the cubs had been good and so had most of the leaders, so we all came away with lots of bars of chocolate.

The new year saw the annual pack, district and county quiz. The event works where each pack runs a set quiz- their winning team comes to the district quiz and our winner goes to the county final. There were some challenging questions this year. 1st Charlton were our winners and went onto the county final.

We held our district cooking competition where the teams were challenged to cook a curry and make a cheesecake. The food, as always, was amazing and our winning team came from Rudyard Pack.

The start of the year also saw the district team take over nights. As a district team, we offer to run a night for each pack to give the leaders a week off planning. This year, our theme was pioneering. We built zip wires for teddies. Hengrove was transformed into a teddy bears adventure park each session where hundreds of teddies went flying. The cubs learnt to tie clove hitches, bow lines, sheer lashing and diagonal lashings during the evening. All the teddies went home harnessed up and ready to zip some more!

This is just the district events on top of this all the packs have been busy doing all sorts of amazing activities. Lots of Silver Awards have been earned and the district team have been out and about presenting these and the special Spelthorne Silver Woggle! As always, I must thank all the leaders for everything they do. Not only do they run pack nights they come to district meetings (which are always well attended), reply to emails and keep on top of all the admin. We are a busy district, and this can only happen with the drive of the leaders.

I also need thank my team. Mowgli (Richard) is always great at sorting out my mad ideas. "Let's build a human table football from this pile of wood I borrowed from a group and some cut up pipe," which translate to Richard I have no ideas how to really do this but if I wonder off can you sort it and he does (with some help from Mark at 7th Ashford). "Let's tie bowlines round the teddies, you could do that," meaning- I can't tie a bow line to save my life but I'm sure you can and again it happens. Bagheera (Karen) is great at listening to me panicking when I've forgotten to do something or need to run an idea past her as well as authorising all my spending. It's always good to have a sounding board. Keego (Alfie) is young and gives us energy when we need it most. It was great to see him at summer camp leading activities and sharing the skills he has. Chil (Dorcas) and Claire also come back to help at camp keeping the shop running for all the cubs over the weekend. It is true you can never leave Scouting. Finally, a massive thank you to my family. On top of a busy year we have been busy getting ready to move (it is true how stressful it is) My mini ones both love scouting and help on most events and my wife, Sarah, manages to balance her Scouting to help me when I need it. Now I am finally settled in my new house I can start planning the next year of adventure!

Stuart Richardson (Hathi)
ADC Cubs
June 2019

SCOUT REPORT

Scouts have had a quieter year in terms of district run events with a focus on quality and supporting troops achieve #skillsforlife.

We ended the year of 2018 with our annual Bivouacking event which for the first time was joined by our District Explorers Scott Unit. This event saw all bar three troops attend with over 100 Scouts on site. The weather was very kind to us this year with very mild temperatures, no snow (or even rain!) and lots of wood for cooking fires.

February started with our Master of Arms event moving from a competition to a skills experience with an overall troop leading for its score in Skill. This was an extremely well attended event with more slots added this year to accommodate more entrees. Well done to 8th Ashford Team A in 1st place, 6th Staines in 2nd and 3rd Ashford Team A in 3rd place.

May 2019 saw the re-introduction of an old favourite the 5-A-Side competition with a difference being played on 4G. All teams did incredibly well with the support from our 5th Sunbury SL Sam as the referee for the day. The weather held out with victory being taken in a tense final penalty shoot out and success from 3rd Staines.

Moving ahead into this month we see our tri-annual district camp. This will be our largest district event ever with all bar two troops attending and 250 Scouts Participating wow!! This is double the numbers! Keep up to date on our district facebook page!! Scoutabout next!!

District events for the Scout ages are becoming harder to get up and running; as we grow a younger leadership base across the district more troops are holding activities/camps which are more adventurous than they would have held in the past. Troops also have wider access to facilities that they wouldn't have had previously. Therefore our strategy is changing to larger scale events that will rotate over the years to gain maximum buy-in and Scout participation.

Having been in the role as ADC Scouts for five years now, it has been pleasing to see where Scouts have moved forward in terms of participation in events, programmes developing, and leadership numbers grow. There has been a large focus on youth led activities which is pleasing to see come to fruition.

I would like to pass my thanks onto Matt Thomas who has ably supported me the past four years in running events. Matt stepped down this year from DSL to support other roles which I wish him every success with. Lastly, I would like to pass my thanks onto Seb Potts for his continued drive to regenerate our events and challenge me when I'm a tad too ambitious. Without the help this role would not be possible. So here is to another great year ahead in Scouting in Spelthorne.

James Ayling
ADC Scouts
June 2019

EXPLORER SCOUT REPORT

Explorers are on the up.

It has been an exciting last 12 months. Explorers have achieved a lot and have grown as a Unit in both size and ability. Our biggest achievement as a Unit has been the presentation of 2 Chief Scout Diamond and 5 Chief Scout Platinum awards. These were presented by the County Commissioner who was very impressed with our Unit and praised it highly. We are now working towards achieving more by the end of this year.

Explorers have participated in many different activities including; Silly Olympics, taster sessions in martial arts, a scavenger hunt, Paperclip challenge, a hidden night hike and Liquid Leisure to name a few. The feedback from all these activities has been very good with Explorers requesting to do past activities again.

We have also been active in our local community. We had some Explorers help with the Chief Scout Gold award presentation and we have undertaken site service at Walton Firs. As we progress with this year we will be looking to tidy up a tow path in Staines.

We have completed 4 camps in the last year, each one surpassing the previous. The Explorers thoroughly enjoy camping, almost as much as our leaders. Attendance for camps continues to rise and the feedback after is always excellent. As we look to the future we are planning a week camp to Norway next year.

Finally I would like to say a massive thank you to Steph Moore, Chris Moore, Alan Jones, Seb Potts and James Ayling. Without these fantastic Leaders, Explorers would be nowhere near as successful. Here is to next year, bigger and better.

Sam Cumber
District Explorer Scout Commissioner
June 2019

APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

After the AGM in 2018 I agreed to take on the role of AAC Chairman, this allowed Moira to concentrate on the secretarial role and the setting up of appointment evenings.

During the year we have met with:

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Section Assistants	3
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Section Leaders	8
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We have considered:

Change of role	19
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We have seen:

Adult reviews	only	3
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Adult Reviews. As you will realise there are still many outstanding. Please consider this a priority to get them up to date.

GDPR. There are still members who have not completed or had the training validated.

Change of Role. Please remember that each change of role creates a new appointment and a new PLP that needs to be completed.

A huge thank you to the committee who supported these interviews and reviews we have completed. We will continue to keep a check on DBS renewals and GDPR validation.

If anybody is interested in joining the AAC then please contact Roger Dix or Neil Gray.

Neil Gray
Chairman Appointments Advisory Committee
June 2019

SPELTHORNE DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT

The District Active Support Unit has helped at the following District and County events:

District Cub Camp; Beaver Fun Day; Remembrance Sunday at various services throughout Spelthorne, Cub Swimming Gala; Scout Master at Arms competition, Cub Cooking Competition; Scott Explorers Presentation Evening; Chief Scout Gold Awards; Spelthorne Gang Show, Cub Challenge Day.

Community Events

Santa Collections with Ashford Rotary Club; Civic Awards and Penrose Day.

Social Events

Annual Meeting; New Years Luncheon; County Quiz (We Won); Bank Holiday Monday picnic.

Sadly we have lost 2 of our members in the last year – Brenda Smith and Sandra Brewer.

Finally our thanks go to Diana Brown who resigned last December as Joint Active Support Manager to run the Beaver Colony at 6th Staines

Mike Taylor
Active Support Manager
June 2019

TRAINING REPORT

The team have continued to put on Getting started, First Response, Safeguarding, Safety and Executive training throughout the year.

The attendance has been low for some of the sessions, so the team is looking at ways of moving forward with the training. Following a GSL meeting the decision has been made to add a few extra training sessions and to investigate using an online booking system.

So, going forward the action plan is as follows:

- Add additional sessions:
 - Getting started – over two evenings
 - Promoting Positive Behaviour (module 15)
 - Programme Planning (module 12b)
 - Working with Adults (module 9)
- An on-line booking system
- A training page on the Spelthorne website

I would like to say thank you to Carol and Oliver Davies for their support for the administration side of the training. Also thank you to the people have be delivering training the district – John Hillman, Benita Middleton and Tricia Griffin.

Roxanna Bostock
Local Training Manager
June 2019

SCOUT AWARDS 2019

Chief Scout's Gold

Harry Adams
Yannis Akporh-Mensah
Olivia Alwinapper
Yogadhveep Arora
Alice Bateman
Freya Betts
Luke Bright
Kieran Buttigieg
Oliver Dadzie
Adam Daniel
David Fraser
Lucy Fuller
Shauna Goddard
Liam Gutcher
Katie Harwood
Thomas Hawthorn
Issy Hodge
Kayden Jeffery
Zac Kirkham
Ross Kluth
Kento Lacerda-Machado
Joshua Lines
Mya Liu
Jack MacLennan
Matthew McLoughlin
Adam Muckian
George Nugent
Isabel Nugent
Eoin O'Connor
Liam Oakley
Danny Previllion
Roy Rice
Sebastian Sparkes
Rebecca Steel
Oscar Theophilus
Sammie Thomson
Toby Tucker
Samson Turner-Stewart
Rebecca Warman

Chief Scout's Platinum

Joel Evans
Matt Fuller
Zac Kirkham
Charlotte Lawrence
Jess Salamone
Oscar Theophilus
Samson Turner-Stewart
Jack Wells

Chief Scout's Diamond

Katie Holford
James Pepall

Trustees' Annual Report



For the period

From

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Spelthorne District Scout Council

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 7 8 6 8 5

Charity's principal address

61 Queens Walk

Ashford

Middlesex

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mr Roger Dix	District Commissioner	
Mr Keith Brewer	Deputy District Commissioner	
Mrs Judy Taylor	District Chairman	To 31 Dec '18
Vacant	District Chairman	From 1 Jan '19
Mrs Denise Buttigieg	District Secretary	
Mr Oliver Davies	District Treasurer	To 25 Jun '18
Mr Darran Buttigieg	District Treasurer	From 26 Jun '18
Mr Samuel Cumber	District Explorer Scout Commissioner	From 28 Jan '19
Miss Beth Jefferies	District Youth Commissioner	To 31 Jan '19
Miss Hannah Peterkin	District Youth Commissioner	From 1 Feb '19
Mrs Diana Brown	Scout Active Support Joint Manager	To 27 Jan '19
Mr Michael Taylor	Scout Active Support Joint Manager	From 28 Jan '19
Mrs Moira Hendry	Chair of Appointments Advisory Com'tee	To 15 Jul '18
Mr Neil Gray	Chair of Appointments Advisory Com'tee	From 16 Jul '18
Ms Siobhan Grimwood		
Mr John Hillman		
Mrs Sharon Holmes		
Mrs Karen Miller		To 25 Jun '18
Mrs Janice Reid-Franczak		From 26 Jun '18
Mr Geoff Sully		To 25 Jun '18
Mr Andrew Mizen		From 26 Jun '18

Section A**Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Peter Connolly	33 Carlyle Road, Staines, TW18 2PU
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd	25 Kings Hill Av., West Malling, ME19 4JQ
	COIF Charity Deposit Fund	85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
	National Westminster Bank Plc	67, High Street, Staines TW18 4PU
	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc	10 Station Approach, Ashford, TW15 2QN
	Barclays Bank Plc	71 High Street, Staines, TW18 4PS
	Barclays Bank Plc	39 Church Road, Ashford, TW15 2QF
	Virgin Money Plc	Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle, NE3 4PL

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws and the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Additional governance issues

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District Scout Council which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and a number of elected, nominated, and co-opted members. Meetings take place four times a year.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of the District HQ building and equipment;
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and internal control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which it believes the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to property and equipment. The District has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to Leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees, contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund raising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The District Executive Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Leaders. The District Executive Committee is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of Leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

Reduction or loss of members. The District supports activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular Group or Unit then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a Group or Unit. In the worst case scenario the complete closure or amalgamation of the District.

The District has in place systems of **internal controls** that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objective of the District is to support 13 Groups, 1 Explorer Scout Unit, and 1 Scout Active Support Unit with activities that are in accord with the aims of The Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the District and these do not unduly restrict membership. The District follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions.

Two key principles demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit.

1. Through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential.

2. There is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting.

The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits of Scouting activities provided far outweigh the risks.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

All sections take part in regular camping activities, nights away, and outings. There are various programmes of fund raising across the Groups for both the Group itself and local and Scouting charities. The Sectional Leadership teams ensure that balanced programmes are planned to provide a suitable balance of activities.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

The District is not a grant making organisation and therefore has no such policy. The contribution made by volunteers cannot be overemphasised. The District relies entirely on volunteer Leaders and helpers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The total membership of the District as at 31st January 2019 was 1,325, a decrease of 43 compared to 2018. Youth numbers are 961 compared to 998 in 2018. The Leaders and helpers involved continue to provide a progressive and challenging programme of events and activities. Fund raising including Gift-Aid has continued to provide valuable finance for the District's activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months operating costs, about £45,000.

The District held reserves of £56,000 against this at the year end. This is sufficient to cover operating costs for approximately 15 months.

Investment policy

The District has investments in the FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Income, which aims to provide an income for the District and a small increase in capital. All other funds are held in cash using banks or the COIF Charity Funds.

The District Executive Committee regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn; before doing so the District Executive Committee considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F**Other optional information**



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Section G**Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signatures

	
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Full names

Roger Dix	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA
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Positions

District Commissioner	Treasurer
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Date

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Spelthorne District Scout Council

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2018	To	31st March 2019
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Receipts

	2018/19			2017/18
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Subscriptions	36,415	-	-	36,415
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to Surrey County	34,866	-	-	34,866
Net membership subscriptions retained	1,549	-	-	1,549
Donations and Grants	-	-	-	-
Other similar income - Grants	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,549	-	-	1,549
Fundraising (gross)				
Santa street collection	246	-	-	246
Sub total	246	-	-	246
Investment income				
Bank interest - Virgin Money	157	-	-	157
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	336	-	-	336
COIF account interest	22	-	-	22
Sub total	515	-	-	515
Program and activities (as listed on pages 10/11)				
District	415	-	-	415
Beaver Scout Section	2,056	0	0	2,056
Cub Scout Section	15,790	0	0	15,790
Scout Section	687	0	0	687
Explorer Scout Section	8,717	0	0	8,717
District Scout Active Support Unit	524	0	0	524
District Water Activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,188	-	-	28,188
Other income				
Jamboree contributions	9,724	-	-	9,724
Spelthorne Gangshow	1,031	-	-	1,031
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	-
Badge sales	2,693	-	-	2,693
Rent of premises	50	-	-	50
Sub total	13,499	-	-	13,499
Sundry receipts				
Membership subs rebate	499	-	-	499
Other	292	-	-	292
Sub total	791	-	-	791
Total receipts	44,788	-	-	44,788
				42,535

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Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2018	To	31st March 2019
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Payments

	2018/19			2017/18
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Premises - Hengrove Scout HQ				
Building insurance	1,192	-	-	1,192
Electricity	561	-	-	561
Rent	360	-	-	360
Repairs and maintenance	19	-	-	19
Sub total	2,133	-	-	2,133
Equipment				
Purchase of equipment	-	-	-	-
Equipment insurance	715	-	-	715
Sub total	715	-	-	715
Programme and activities (as listed on pages 11/12)				
District	338	-	-	338
Beaver Scout Section	862	-	-	862
Cub Scout Section	15,977	-	-	15,977
Scout Section	1,034	-	-	1,034
Explorer Scout Section	7,789	-	-	7,789
District Scout Active Support Unit	699	-	-	699
District Water Activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,699	-	-	26,699
Other costs				
Badge purchases	2,145	-	-	2,145
AGM and admin expenses	271	-	-	271
Printing of Spelbound magazine	-	-	-	-
Jamboree payments to County	11,160	-	-	11,160
Gift Aid refund to Explorer Scouts	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid refund to SASU	-	-	-	-
Personal accident insurance	452	-	-	452
Sub total	14,028	-	-	14,028
Sundry payments				
Subscription rebate to Groups	499	-	-	499
Website costs	400	-	-	400
Spelthorne Gangshow	262	-	-	262
Other sundry payments	627	-	-	627
Sub total	1,789	-	-	1,789
Fundraising expenses				
Santa street collection expenses	82	-	-	82
Sub total	82	-	-	82
Donations and Grants	4,000	-	-	4,000
Total payments	49,445	-	-	49,445

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Spelthorne District Scout Council

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Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2018	To	31st March 2019
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Summary

	2018/19			2017/18
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Total receipts	44,788	-	-	44,788
Total payments	49,445	-	-	49,445
Net of receipts/(payments)	(4,657)	-	-	(4,657)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	60,733	-	-	60,733
Cash funds this year end	56,076	-	-	56,076

Programme and activities - Receipts

	2018/19			2017/18
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
District				
Training courses	415	-	-	415
Sub total	415	-	-	415
Beaver Scout Section				
Activities	2,056	-	-	2,056
Sub total	2,056	-	-	2,056
Cub Scout Section				
PGL Camp	-	-	-	-
Camps - Summer/ District	9,346	-	-	9,346
Outing	5,917	-	-	5,917
Swimming	260	-	-	260
County	-	-	-	-
Other activities	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Sundry receipts	266	-	-	266
Sub total	15,790	-	-	15,790
Scout Section				
District camp	-	-	-	-
Bivouac night	612	-	-	612
Sundry receipts	75	-	-	75
Sub total	687	-	-	687
Explorer Scout Section				
Activities	700	-	-	700
Camping/expeditions	3,896	-	-	3,896
Fundraising	1,410	-	-	1,410
Membership subscriptions	2,705	-	-	2,705
Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Sundry receipts	6	-	-	6
Sub total	8,717	-	-	8,717

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Year start date

Year end date

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Programme and activities - Receipts

	2018/19			2017/18
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Scout Active Support Unit				
Activities	500	-	-	500
Donation from Ashford Rotary	-	-	-	-
Sale of Polo Shirts	-	-	-	-
Sundry receipts	24	-	-	24
Sub total	524	-	-	524
District Water Activities				
Training courses	-	-	-	-
Kayaking	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total activity receipts	28,188	-	-	28,188

Programme and activities - Payments

	2018/19			2017/18
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
District				
Training resources	79	-	-	79
Training courses	-	-	-	-
St George's day costs	259	-	-	259
Scout Gold Award evening	-	-	-	-
Sub total	338	-	-	338
Beaver Scout Section				
Activities	862	-	-	862
Sub total	862	-	-	862
Cub Scout Section				
Adventure camp	-	-	-	-
Camp	8,800	-	-	8,800
Outing	6,506	-	-	6,506
Swimmer	178	-	-	178
County	-	-	-	-
Other activities	58	-	-	58
Equipment	152	-	-	152
Sundry receipts	283	-	-	283
Sub total	15,977	-	-	15,977
Scout Section				
District camp	-	-	-	-
Scoutabout	-	-	-	-
Bivouac night	493	-	-	493
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	541	-	-	541
Sub total	1,034	-	-	1,034

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Year start date

Year end date

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Programme and activities - Payments

	2018/19			2017/18	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Explorer Scout Section					
Activities	1,342	-	-	1,342	198
Camps/expeditions	2,692	-	-	2,692	823
Equipment	736	-	-	736	352
Fundraising expenses	60	-	-	60	-
Subscriptions paid to District	1,428	-	-	1,428	-
Rent & Minibus	890	-	-	890	-
Donations to Jamboree reps.	401	-	-	401	370
Sundry payments	240	-	-	240	73
Sub total	7,789	-	-	7,789	1,816
Scout Active Support Unit					
Activities	529	-	-	529	1,046
Equipment purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Polo Shirts	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	170	-	-	170	368
Sub total	699	-	-	699	1,414
District Water Activities					
Training courses	-	-	-	-	-
Instructor training	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	37
Sundries	-	-	-	-	126
Sub total	-	-	-	-	163
Total activity payments	26,699	-	-	26,699	27,888

Spelthorne District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Additional information

	31st March 2019			31st March 2018
	Current Account £	Deposit Account £	Cash in Hand £	Total funds £
Cash funds				
Beaver Scout Section	2,263	-	10	2,273
Cub Scout Section	92	-	3	96
Scout Section	737	-		737
Explorer Scout Section	10,874	1,116	39	12,028
SASU	5,771	-	52	5,823
Water Activities	-	-	21	21
District Executive	5,099	28,000		33,099
Sub total	24,835	29,116	126	54,077
COIF Charity funds	2,000	-	-	2,000
The Scout Association (STIS)	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	26,835	29,116	126	56,077

				2018/19	2017/18
Jamboree account					
Balance b/f as at 1st April				7,688	11,478
Add - Contributions from Groups				1,559	1,697
Add - Grant and donations				8,128	633
Less - Grant paid to reps				-	-
Sub total				17,375	13,808
Less - Payments of fees				11,160	6,120
Balance as at 31st March				6,215	7,688
Designated funds as at 31st March					
Jamboree account				6,215	7,688
Manor Mead accessibility grant	-			-	4,000
Gangshow				1,480	1,480
Water Activities account					2,802
Scout Active Support deposit A/c				5,157	5,157
Total				12,852	21,127

Spelthorne District Scout Council

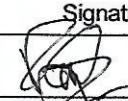

Receipts and Payments Account

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2019			31st March 2018	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	24,835		-	24,835	18,611
Bank deposit account	29,116	-	-	29,116	29,115
COIF Charity funds	2,000	-	-	2,000	12,791
Cash funds	126	-	-	126	216
Total cash funds	56,077	-	-	56,077	60,733
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
FP CAF Fixed Interest Fund B Inc	15,119	-	-	15,119	15,327
Sub total	15,119	-	-	15,119	15,327
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge secretary's stock	3,083	-	-	3,083	3,083
Land and buildings - Portacabin	3,562	-	-	3,562	3,562
- Container	3,156	-	-	3,156	3,156
Land and buildings - Hengrove Scout HQ	365,728	-	-	365,728	365,728
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	50,875	-	-	50,875	50,875
Sub total	426,404	-	-	426,404	426,404
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid by Groups for badges	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 4th June 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name
	Roger Dix - District Commissioner
	Darran Buttigieg, ACMA - Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Spelthorne District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31st March 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes set out on pages 8 to 14.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed :



Date : 9 June 2019

Peter Connolly
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