

Trustees Annual Report
Year Ended 31 March 2020

Charity Number: 1091301

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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#### **Status**

The Charity was first registered with the Charity Commission on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2002 under the Charity number 1091301.

The Charity is part of the Scout Association and has the District Registration number 16716.

#### **Trustees**

Steve Williams

Chair

Scott Stowell

**District Commissioner** 

Vacant

Treasurer

Theresa Coll

Secretary

Cathy Harding

**Deputy District Commissioner** 

Sam Beard

Assistant District Commissioner- Events

Gemma Francis Scully

District Explorer Leader

Nick Winter

District Explorer Scout Administrator

Gary Garland Turner

**District Scouter** 

Beth Haines James Wall Stephen Thomas District Youth Commissioner District Network Commissioner Executive Committee Member

Peter Keightley
Tony Rees

Executive Committee Member Executive Committee Member

Andy Morris

**Executive Committee Member** 

#### **Principal Address**

45 Whitecross Avenue, Bristol, BS14 9JF

#### **Bankers**

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#### **Bristol South District Email Address**

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### **Independent Financial Examiner**

Russell Smith

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#### Structure, Governance and Management

The District's governing documents are those of The Scout Association.

These consist of a Royal Charter, 1991, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

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

The District Executive Committee consists currently of 15 members, all of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout District, which is an educational charity, manages the District. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The District Executive Committee meets on average six times a year, and exists to support the District leadership team in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of District property
- · 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

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the District are as a unit 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.

#### **Public Benefit**

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. Bristol South Scout District covers the following postal code areas of South Bristol, though in some not exclusively BS1, BS3, BS4, BS13 and BS14.

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#### **Risk Assessment**

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe 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 the building, property and equipment.
  - The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and in the event of temporary loss would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups, as a short term solution.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.
  - The District through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy, and also has additional cover in place. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.
- · Reduction or loss of volunteers.
  - The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular area, discipline or as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation of activities or closure of parts of the District operations.

#### **Financial Review**

Due to the nature of the District funding not being guaranteed to be consistent from one year to another there is no formal reserves policy. However, funds held are regularly monitored to ensure that they do not become excessive and that are used to the widest possible benefit.

The District has adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in Lloyds Bank Accounts and a Virgin Money deposit account. The District is continuing to reduce cash holdings.

The District Executive 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. The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include either two signatories (Cheques) or 2 approvals (BACs transfers) for all payments.

#### **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the District.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the District and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis and follow best practice as set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities"

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#### **Achievements and Performance**

Bristol South has had a successful past 12 months. We have grown once again at a steady pace which shows that our adult leaders are delivering quality programmes to our young people to ensure that our previous growth in years gone by has been sustained.

We are continuing to search for new adult volunteers to not only support our young people but to also support the governance and financial. We unfortunately do not have a Treasurer in post this year but the sub finance committee has done a brilliant job at continuing to keep the accounts ticking over day to day and ensure the District is financially stable.

We have some very successful key events in the year including the District Gang Show, which the Board of Trustees has supported. Our key focus is to ensure that the events are value for money and that every young person gets the opportunity to participate in some way.

We have started to look at investing in our property, mainly in Eastwinds to upgrade and modernise the HQ.

We started a search for a new District commissioner after Scott decided to give notice of stepping down from the role after 5 and half years. The search is ongoing.

Very late in the year we have seen the suspension of face to face scouting, in the last 2 weeks of the financial year.

Thank you to everyone who has made the last 12 months a success.

#### Plans for the Coming Year

The plans for the coming year have had to change and develop at pace due to the impact of Covid-19 on scouting and every day normal life.

The District is committed to supporting our groups and units through this unprecedented time. We are working hard to risk assess not only financial risk but also operating risk once social distancing measures are lifted.

Our plans will be kept fluid and dynamic so that we can react to situations as they happen so that we can resume scouting, when the suspension is lifted and face any challenges we encounter at that time.

Contact with members and volunteers will be maintained by the extended use of social media and online meeting platforms. The district trustees have 'met' via on-line meetings and will continue to do so. Face to face meetings will only restart once clearance has been given by headquarters and local circumstances have been taken into account.

The District Commissioner search has been put on hold as Scott, our current District commissioner, has deciding to stay on to ensure stability through this difficult time. We will be looking to restart the process for his replacement at a more suitable time.

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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees by:

Steve Williams - Chairman

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Scott Stowell - District Commissioner

Date: 1st June 2020

## Bristol South Scout District Board Of Trustees Annual Accounts 2019 - 2020

**Registered Charity** 

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Supernova Explorer Scout Unit

Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit

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**Ravens Band** 

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	Accounts Summaries	i		B/F	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Α	Board of Trustees - L	loyds Account	£	55699.11	72379.92	68740.82	59338.21
В	Board of Trustees - V			41663.67	313.06		****
С	<b>District Gang Show</b>	,		1591.46	5583.34		3267.51
D	District Jamboree			4317.96	0.00		
E	<b>Eastwinds Manager</b>			1354.23	45.00	450.23	949.00
F	<b>District Explorers</b>			1796.63	880.00	1350.65	1325.98
G	<b>District Network</b>			461.21	0.00	0.00	461.21
Н	Spinnaker ESU			1432.83	8485.77	9248.03	670.57
I	Supernova ESU	(revised opening balance	see commentary)	866.96	4566.20	4413.94	1019.22
J	Pegasus ESU			1454.57	2436.00	3384.47	506.10
K	Cash Floats	(accounting balances wri	tten off)	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
L	<b>District Badge Secret</b>	ary (cash in hand at end o	of year)	0.00	95.04	0.00	95.04
M	Ravens Band			2056.70	1601.60	1999.02	1659.28
	<b>Grand Totals</b>		£	112895.33	96385.93	93694.45	115586.81
	Non-monetary Asset	<u>s</u>					
				2019-20		2018-19	
	<b>Eastwinds Building</b>			276485.00		268444.00	(a)
	<b>Eastwinds Contents</b>			13695.00		13433.00	(a)
	The Den Contents			6279.00		6253.00	(a)
	District Badge Stock			2840.89		2946.23	(b)
	Ravens Band Instrum			5000.00	Not recorded (c)		181 8
	Valuations based on (a) NFU Insurance (b) District Badge Secretary annual report (c) Band Leader estimate.				stimate.		
	Total Non-monetary	<u>assets</u>	£	304299.89		291076.23	
	Total Asset Value, M	oney Buildings etc	£	419886.70		403971.56	
n Dietrie	"Notional" BOT Fund		naad fay anaaifia	End 2019-20		End 2018-19	
DISTIN	ct has no 'restricted fu	nus formally ringre	ncea for specific	use by Deed (	or Gift/Trust	or similar legal (	condition.
	General Day To Day			2239.94		2295.28	
	District Property (Dea	n & Eastwinds)		1500.00		1000.00	
	Development & Grou	ıp Assistance incl. A	dditional Needs	10000.00		7500.00	
	Land or Building Rem	ediation		16000.00		16000.00	
	<b>District Explorers</b>			0.00		0.00	
	District Network			0.00		0.00	
	District Activities (no	n Jamboree)		3000.00		4000.00	
	Unrestricted & Unallo	ocated Reserves		20000.00		20000.00	
	Membership 2020			48575.00		46567.50	
	TOTALS			101314.94		97362.78	

**Charity No: 191301** 

Α	<b>Board of Trustees - Lloyds account</b>	2019-20	2018-19
	Balance brought forward	55699.11	55511.91
	Income		
	Annual Membership Fees From Groups	55154.75	
	Eastwinds Income - Forest School	5070.00	
	Eastwinds Income - Scout use	1700.00	
	WSJ19 Contributions/Donations	3090.00	
	Payments Received In Error	172.00	
	Grant to Pegasus ESU from Charities Trust	600.00	
	Donations	34.50	
	Badge Income	5618.67	
	District Cub Event Entries	600.00	
	Course Fees	340.00	
	Total Income	72379.92	73254.63
	Balance B/F + Income	128079.03	128766.54
	Expenditure		
	District Cub Event Expenses	224.99	
	Adult Support & Training	987.50	
	Payment Errors to correct accounts	672.00	
	Insurance - Den & Helpers	224.56	
	District Loans to Group/Sections	760.00	
	Materials & Equipment	1135.54	
	WSJ19 Participant Refunds	1141.98	
	WSJ19 Payments to County	3590.00	
	District Grants to Groups	1376.00	
	AGM & Trustees expenses	89.00	
	Badge payment to Scout Shops	5491.14	
	ADC/DC expenses	450.53	
	Eastwinds - Utilities	2767.44	
	Eastwinds - Insurance & Fire Equipment	2006.11	
	Eastwinds - Rates	328.55	
	District Website	105.14	
	Membership Payment to County 2019	46567.50	
	District Celebration Event	472.84	
	Transfer to Pegasus ESU - Charities Trust	350.00	
	Total Expenditure	68740.82	73067.43
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	59338.21	55699.11

В	Board of Trustees - Virgin Money Balance brought forward Transfers In & Interest Received	<b>2019-20</b> 41663.67	<b>2018-19</b> 41430.37
	Transfers from Lloyds Current Account Account interest	0.00 313.06	0.00 233.30
	Total Transfers In/Interest	313.06	233.30
	Balance B/F + Deposits	41976.73	41663.67
	Transfers Out		
	Transfer to Lloyds Current Account	0.00	0.00
	Total Transfers Out		
	Deposits less Withdraws to C/F	41976.73	41663.67
С	District Gang Show	2019-20	2018-19
	Balance brought forward Income	1591.46	2728.15
	Ticket Sales	3817.65	
	Refreshment Sales	348.00	
	Raffle Income	230.00	
	Cast/Crew Uniform/Badge Contributions	628.41	
	Programme Donations	53.13	
	Deposit Returned	150.00	
	Performance Charity Collection 'Fun Club'	356.15	
	Total Income	5583.34	4255.43
	Balance B/F + Income	7174.80	6983.58
	Expenditure		
	Equipment & Prop Hire	2876.36	
	Props & Costumes	403.88	
	Printing & Photocopying	18.29	
	Refreshment Costs	76.21	
	Publicity/Advertising	30.68	
	Uniforms & Badges	501.87	
	Total Expenditure	3907.29	5392.12
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	3267.51	1591.46

D	District Jamboree	2019-20	2018-19
	Balance brought forward	4317.96	7167.46
	Income	0.00	12122.00
	Total Income	0.00	12122.00
	Balance B/F + Income	4317.96	19289.46
	Expenditure	0.00	14971.50
	Total Expenditure	0.00	14971.50
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	4317.96	4317.96
E	Eastwinds (Held by Eastwinds Manager) Balance brought forward Income	<b>2019-20</b> 1354.23	<b>2018-19</b> 2107.30
	Hire - Non Regular Users	45.00	290.00
	Balance B/F + Income	1399.23	2397.30
	Expenditure		
	Heating	234.96	
	Electrical Testing	25.00	
	Cleaning	6.44	
	Materials & Tools	104.82	
	Spares & Repairs	77.01	
	Admin	2.00	
	Total Expenditure	450.23	1043.07
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	949.00	1354.23

F	<u>District Explorers</u> (Including Young Leaders & DofE)	2019-20	2018-19
	Balance brought forward	1796.63	1896.84
	Income		
	Subscriptions	840.00	
	Camp Surplus	40.00	
	Total Income	880.00	568.84
	Balance B/F + Income	2676.63	2465.68
	Expenditure		
	Membership To District	962.50	
	Uniform & Badges	83.15	
	Young Leader Training	80.97	
	Online Scout Manager	36.00	
	Programme & Activities	168.62	
	Refunds	8.85	
	Go Cardless Fees	10.56	
	Total Expenditure	1350.65	669.05
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	1325.98	1796.63
G	District Network	2019-20	2018-19
	Balance brought forward	461.21	585.00
	Income	0.00	540.00
	Total Income	0.00	540.00
	Balance B/F + Income	461.21	1125.00
	Expenditure	0.00	663.79
	Total Expenditure	0.00	663.79
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	461.21	461.21

Н	Spinnaker ESU	2019-20	2018-19
	Balance brought forward	1432.83	15030.83
	Income		
	Subscriptions	2310.00	
	Camp Fees	2259.99	
	Activities Contributions	2182.00	
	Donations	43.78	
	Refund Received	80.00	
	Equipment Grant From District	850.00	
	Equipment Collected via GoCardless	760.00	
	Total Income	8485.77	14950.71
	Balance B/F + Income	9918.60	29981.54
	Expenditure		
	Youth Programme & Activities	3276.93	
	Camps	2926.74	
	Rent	500.00	
	Uniform & Badges	229.29	
	National, County & District Membership	736.50	
	GoCardless Transaction Fees	62.83	
	Equipment Insurance	91.56	
	Materials & Equipment	1424.18	
	Total Expenditure	9248.03	28548.71
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	670.57	1432.83

Supernova ESU	2019-20	2018-19
Balance brought forward	866.96	1259.90
Income		
Subscriptions	2860.00	1650.00
Camp Contributions	771.00	n/a
Activity, Events, Visits Contributions	834.90	609.72
Asset Sale (Minibus)	n/a	600.00
Uniform & Badge Contributions	100.30	n/a
Total Income	4566.20	2859.72
Balance B/F + Income	5433.16	4119.62
Expenditure		
National, County & District Membership	1091.00	765.50
Programme, Activities, Events, Visits	1180.46	1483.74
Camp Costs	997.53	n/a
Rent	400.00	420.00
Equipment, Repairs & Materials	635.68	83.42
Minibus Repayment	n/a	500.00
Uniforms & Badges	109.27	n/a
Total Expenditure	4413.94	3252.66
Income less Expenditure to C/F	1019.22	866.96

J	Pegasus ESU	2019-20	2018-19
	Balance brought forward	1454.57	1259.55
	Income		
	Grants Received	350.00	
	Subscriptions	744.00	
	Camp Contributions	1270.00	
	Refunds Received	72.00	
	Total Income	2436.00	2772.00
	Balance B/F + Income	3890.57	4031.55
	Expenditure		
	Youth Programme & Activities	345.95	
	Camps	2000.00	
	Materials & equipment	51.95	
	Uniform & Badges	6.24	
	Rent	525.00	
	National, County & District Membership	347.50	
	Refreshments	7.41	
	Online Scout Manager Charges	18.00	
	Duplicated Payment Returned	72.00	
	Unidentified Expenditure	10.42	
		20.12	
	Total Expenditure	3384.47	2576.98
	Income less Expenditure to C/F	506.10	1454.57
М	Ravens Band (Held by The Band)	2019-20	2017-18
	Balance brought forward	2056.70	0.00
	Income		
	Subscriptions	325.00	
	Donations	1276.60	The Band Account
		1270100	was started part
	Total Income	1601.60	way through the
		1001.00	year and was
	Balance B/F + Income	3658.30	not previously
		3030.00	reported.
	Expenditure		Торогсой
	Instruments	669.00	
	Camp Fees	410.00	
	40th Anniv Celebration	556.22	
	Polo Shirts	157.20	
	Minibus Costs	99.50	
	Uniform Costs	107.10	
		107.10	
	Total Expenditure	1999.02	
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	Income less Expenditure to C/F	1659.28	2056.70

### **Declaration**

Approved by the District Trustees at the Executive Committee meeting on 19th May 2020, in accordance with POR Rule 4:25 f ii point 15 and are signed on their behalf.

Steve Williams

Chairman

**Board of Trustees** 

Scott Stowell

**District Commissioner** 

**Bristol South Scouts** 

**Tony Rees** 

Finance Sub Committee

**Board of Trustees** 

#### These accounts are:

- \* Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol South District Scout Council
- \* Uploaded to The Charity Commission portal as part of the annual charity report
- \* Forwarded to Avon County Scouts for information
- \* Uploaded to the Bristol South Website enabling public access

#### Commentary:

As in previous years the apparent 'cash rich' position at the end of the year must be balanced by the payment of the membership fees of some £48575 falling due early in the next financial year.

You will notice that the Supernova account for the previous year 2018-19 is shown in full, this is because of a few instances of transaction omission and incorrect value entry which effected the overall balance. Advise on more frequent cross balance checking and validation has been offered to prevent future occurrences. Pegasus ESU also has one unallocated payment which cannot be traced due to leaders leaving.

The district continued to act as banker for the collection of World Scout Jamboree payments from participants which also increased the perceived cash flow. This year also sees the inclusion of the account for Ravens Marching Band, the first full year of formal accounting as a district body.

We are pleased to be able to report that due to prompt payments to district throughout the year it has not been necessary to transfer funds from the Virgin Money account, which continues to gain interest. Whilst interest rates continue to be low, unless you are willing to lock away funds, Virgin is quickly accessible should circumstances dictate.

The value of badge stocks has fallen although prices increased. The Badge Secretary keeps stock under review.

The Cash Floats have been on the accounts for several years, these have not been replenished for some considerable time and with those that these were initially allocated to leaving the movement it was decided to write off these amounts.

Expenditures relating to Eastwinds have decreased although the manager continues with the programme of uprating and investment on behalf of the district. The regular use of Eastwinds continues to provide a useful income stream, although it must be noted that this cannot be guaranteed for the future and utilities costs continue to rise annually above inflation.

There were no transactions in The District Jamboree Fund, attendees at the (rescheduled) Avon Jamboree will be subsidised to effectively use the balance. Previously approved by the Bord of Trustees.

The Gang Show production team raised concerns regarding the finances of the 2020 show based on the increased expenditures of the pantomime style performance in 2019, however, this did not materialise, income exceeded costs so there is a sound basis for future shows.

Although there was little movement on the district Network and Jamboree accounts, it is anticipated that Network will be more active and the Jamboree fund used to subsidise attendance at AvJ20, now in 2021.

Right at the closure of the accounting period the first implications of the effects of Covid19 were starting to be identified and assessment of these started. The emerging situation did not impact the financial year under review (2019-2020) as the vast majority of transactions had been completed. Income streams were not effected, planned regular expenditures were all completed, no material changes to assets, all anticipated funding had been received and the only major liability, the payment of the Annual Membership Fees to County had been set up for payment in early 2020-21 as per historic convention.

Sincere thanks to all who have kept accounts in good order over the past year making the Finance sub committee's duties less onerous and time consuming sorting anomalies.

#### **Independent Examiners Report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol South District Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

#### **Independent Examiner's statement**

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

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; 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.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Russell Smith**

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

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