

Watford North District Scout Council

Trustees Report 2019

A busy year as ever. Scouting is very much alive and proactive in Watford North!

Events took place throughout the year including the very popular Curry Night. Janet Sands has organised this event for the last time after many years. Our thanks to Janet for her hard work and dedication to ensure a successful night both in terms of fund raising and enjoyment for all those who attended.

Watopoly – Watford becomes the Monopoly board! – a great success again as well as the Scouts Night Hike Competition, Beavers Handicraft and Cubs Millennium Trophy. Peak Assault saw our Explorers and Network challenged and the Green Beret event took place at Leeswood. A weekend of activities, assault courses and a night event - all building life skills whilst having fun and gaining valuable experiences. Thanks go to all who made these events possible.

The District Camp at Leeswood was well attended with over 450 camping over two nights. An amazing event with busy days, lots of activities and huge enjoyment. Thanks to Jack Mawhinney and his Team for superb organisation and vision.

This year we were proud to see two Queens Scout Awards achieved and three Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Our young people strive to achieve gaining life skills that will be with them wherever they go.

We are still moving forwards with regard to the ownership and lease holding of Scout buildings in our District. Thanks to Roger Sands for his diligent and patient work in this regard.

Across all age groups, through all boundaries of culture, race and religions, Scouting offers skills for life and an opportunity to learn and develop in a safe, happy and well supported environment. Our District, so ably and passionately led by District Commissioner David Collette, offers more than 600 young people so many opportunities each week! Our numbers are stable and we have a waiting list of around 80! Adult recruitment always being a problem. Building essential skills such as teamwork, resilience and self-motivation, Scouts are found in all walks of life and in all professions.

The District Executive has a strong Team and my thanks to everyone who makes time to ensure that the District is connected and supported.

To ensure the future of Lees Wood and to guarantee a lasting legacy a Strategy Meeting has been set up. Involvement of anyone using the campsite was encouraged and received a good level of support the aim being to scrutinise all aspects of the Campsite, look for improvements, increase activities and availability and create short, medium and long term plans for the site.

The biggest thank you goes to each and every one of our Leaders who lead, prepare and guide the youngsters in their care, giving their time freely and with such enthusiasm and dedication.

Margaret F. Howard
Chairman

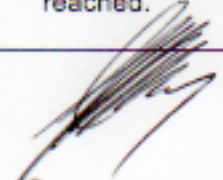
WATFORD NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
(CHARITY No. 1017809)

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

INCOME	
Membership Subscriptions	41,889.60
Donations/Grants	263.77
Activities	24,873.15
Fund Raising	4,313.01
Jamboree	4,040.00
Bank Interest	14.90
Sundry	360.00
Total	75,754.43

EXPENDITURE	
Membership Subscriptions	31,055.00
Donations	275.00
Activities	31,654.82
Jamboree	5,675.00
Fund Raising	2,328.26
District Team Expenses	1,260.75
Equipment	2,311.69
Training	164.61
AGM	299.34
Subscriptions	35.00
Insurances / Licences	249.45
Sundry	3,046.88
Transfer to Savings	0.00
Total	£78,355.80

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of	Watford North District Scout Council
Charity No	1017809
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2019
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual terms or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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.</p>
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; • 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	14 th October 2020
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