

Watford North District Scout Council

Trustees Report 2020

2020 was an extraordinary year for us all.

North Watford has come through with flying colours...in my opinion.

Whilst Face to Face Scouting was not possible we very quickly galvanised and used technology to ensure that the District stayed alive, survived the tsunami of COVID-19 and looked forwards. This was necessary for us all not just to get through the difficult times but to ensure that all the work of years gone by was not in vain and that isolation did not take over.

District Executive meetings were run through Zoom and none were missed! A steep learning curve for many but everyone rose to the challenge. As a result, the members of this very hardworking and dedicated Team were able to support the Groups and their Leaders.

Meetings were held through Zoom on other levels too until Face to Face meetings could be resumed. Celebrations were marked in different ways but with innovative thought emphasising yet again the passion and commitment from everyone in the District. At such a time no one person should be highlighted because everyone tried really hard but thanks must go to David Collette our exceptional District Commissioner who was there for us all.

The District Executive has a strong Team and my thanks to everyone who makes time to ensure that the District is connected and supported. It was so important through 2020.

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. Our numbers have come back strongly and the District prospers - COVID-19 will become a historical landmark but hopefully soon a distant memory.

Margaret F. Howard
Chairman


WATFORD NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
(CHARITY No. 1017809)

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INCOME	
Membership Subscriptions	37,174.48
Donations/Grants	0.00
Activities	3,127.95
Fund Raising	1,973.83
Jamboree	0.00
Bank Interest	6.93
Sundry	5,423.36
Total	47,706.55

EXPENDITURE	
Membership Subscriptions	30,261.00
Donations	0.00
Activities	3,556.73
Jamboree	0.00
Fund Raising	690.83
District Team Expenses	476.70
Equipment	31.59
Training	79.59
AGM	0.00
Subscriptions	35.00
Insurances / Licences	275.26
Sundry	1,228.84
Transfer to Savings	4,580.52
Total	£41,216.06

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 2020
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> <p>1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <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 <p>2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>
Signed	
Date	18 th September 2021
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