

Watford North District Scout Council

Trustee's Report 2022

Another year has passed and Watford North is doing as well as ever. The District continues to thrive under the capable hands of District Commissioner David Collette and supported by the strong and supportive volunteers working alongside him in our Groups and on the Executive Committee.

Numbers within Watford North are fairly stable and have risen steadily over the past three years but still not quite back to pre-Covid levels. Adult volunteers continue to be the challenge and recruitment is the main task in the coming years.

Expanding downwards - in age - we have had enquiries about opening Squirrel Dray's and this is something to plan for in 2023.

"Transformation" is something that will start to grow in importance. The overall aim is to simplify how Scouting is managed, organised and supported. Whilst the changes may be complex the end product should provide a simpler approach and administration. There will be planning to do in 2023 in this regard.

The District has been busy regarding activities - as always on all levels; Beaver construction, the Millennium Trophy, a trip to the Science Museum, Green Beret, WATOPOLY, Herts Peak Assault, ...and much more. The World Scout Jamboree in South Korea will see representatives attending from Watford North.

Lees Wood, our amazing campsite, has come back to life after the disruptions of COVID. The Strategy Committee planning is taking shape and improvements are being implemented in small and lasting ways as well as the bigger plans being moved forwards.

So overall we are in a strong position. Thanks must be extended to everyone who works so hard to ensure that our young people are stimulated and offered exciting Scouting! My personal thanks to the Executive Committee members for their support and diligence. In particular to Berniece Newlan and Andrew Reeve for their work in support of the Committee and ensuring we have Minutes recording what has happened and how much it has cost!

Our District Commissioner David Collette always deserves a special thank you. He works tirelessly and with a true, unwavering passion for Scouting. The District is richer as a result of his work and he is much appreciated.

Watford North is continuing to do very well and, in my opinion, delivering Scouting at its best.

Margaret F. Howard

WATFORD NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
(CHARITY No. 1017809)

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022


INCOME

Membership Subscriptions	42,510.17
Donations/Grants	13,145.00
Activities	23,379.82
Fund Raising	716.00
Jamboree	9,843.20
Bank Interest	14.50
Sundry	2,509.71
Total	92,118.40

EXPENDITURE

Membership Subscriptions	30,631.50
Donations	440.38
Activities	30,204.39
Jamboree	16,186.65
Fund Raising	579.00
District Team Expenses	1,047.95
Equipment	1,339.65
Training	136.24
AGM	158.21
Subscriptions	77.17
Insurances / Licences	342.09
Sundry	3,329.37
Transfer to Savings	1,558.77
Total	£86,031.37

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 2022
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	8 th June 2023
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