



Annual Report for Pennine Scout District GM (2022 – 2023)

(Registered Charity No. 1175173)

Aims & Purposes

The Pennine Scout District is one of six districts within the Greater Manchester North Scout County, covering the geographical area of the Rochdale Metropolitan Borough and in particular the towns of Rochdale, Middleton, Heywood & Littleborough. The Pennine Scout district was created in 2014 following a comprehensive review of the former districts undertaken across the County and subsequent mergers. The Pennine Scout district was registered with the Charity Commission on 16 October 2017.

The Pennine District Scout Council (PDSC) is responsible for ensuring that opportunities exist for Scouting to be active in as many locations as possible across the borough, providing a service for young people from the age of 6 - 25 across five different sections – Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Network Members. Scouting is an inclusive movement and is available to all young people. At the present time there are 21 individual groups spread across the borough. Within the district there are several properties owned and managed directly by individual groups. Other groups meet in school buildings, community halls or church halls. One building (former Middleton district scout hut) is owned by the district but the day to day management of this is the subject of a service level agreement between the district and a group. The district is responsible for the management and maintenance of the Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite.

The Purpose of Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Values & Method

The PDSC is committed to enabling as many young people as possible to participate in Scouting activities.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

Vision

By 2025* we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

**Due to the impact of COVID-19, our Skills for Life strategy has been extended by 2 years until 2025.*

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The policies we follow are stated clearly in the Scout Associations Policy Organisation and Rules document (POR) covering the following topics:-

- The Religious Policy
- The Equal Opportunities Policy
- The Safety Policy
- The Safeguarding Policy
- The Vetting Policy
- The Youth Member Anti-Bullying Policy
- The Development Policy
- The Privacy and Data Protection Policy

Activities & Achievements

Throughout the year, there are a host of activities for the young people to access as part of their Scouting programme. Most of the activity takes place within individual sections belonging to groups and these planned activities provide a structure of badges and awards, which are progressive through the sections, and will actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society'.

Additional activities are arranged each year and run on a district basis for all Pennine groups, and there are a limited number of larger activities provided by the Greater Manchester North County and the Northwest region.

The Scouting programme provides a range of activities, challenges, and experiences that young people experience in Scouting, and it is based around three main themes:

- outdoor and adventure,
- world
- and skills.

This programme of activities is planned by the leadership team in partnership with young people, and incorporates elements from each theme, to offer young people the most interesting and diverse experience.

There is flexibility within Scouting which means that all young people, regardless of their learning and physical abilities, can enjoy and achieve. The Programme is flexible and has room to adapt and accommodate the needs of the individuals in the section, with the focus being on personal development.

Ashworth Valley

PDSC has responsibility for the ownership and management of the Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite.

Background

This is the largest single asset owned by the district. The 48-acre campsite is situated in countryside bordering the Pennines, but still within easy reach of Greater Manchester's motorway network. The site was previously owned by the former Rochdale & Heywood Scout districts and was a working farm until the mid-1990's; camping at that time only took place in the valley and on the 'bottom field'. The voluntary staff ran the campsite from wooden buildings around the camp centre.

More recently

When the tenant farmer retired it was decided to have the whole farm as a campsite. Some of the old wooden buildings were taken down and the new workshop erected.

Many of the old stone farm buildings were redeveloped as washrooms, toilets, shop, offices and stores. In addition to the camping fields the site benefits from two purpose built residential buildings which can accommodate 32 and 24 people dormitory style.

Present

Ashworth Valley is committed to investing into the future and developing the site for all. We have many ongoing projects which aim to move the site forward, both in terms of site amenities and activities

We offer a wide range of activities for all ages.

Climbing Wall, Indoor Air Rifle Range, Outdoor Archery Range, Outdoor Axe Throwing Range, Crossbow, Pedal Karts, Orienteering, Pioneering, Adventure Playground, Beaver Leaf and Bug Hunt, Backwoods Area, Nature Trail, Outdoor Games Pack, Low Ropes Course, Zip line and High Ropes Grass Sledges, Cave Bus, Soft Archery & Dipping pond

Following the successful installation and commissioning of a new sewerage treatment plant (at a cost of £60,000), other more routine maintenance projects have been the focus of development work more recently. Of course, this routine management and maintenance will only continue largely with the help provided by our wonderful team of volunteers who turn out every week to tend the grounds, repair minor breakages etc. Without them the task of keeping the site in tip top condition would not be possible. The uncertain times during lockdown dictated the speed of the future improvement programme, but we are pleased to say that we have now achieved a large

proportion of our goals, with lots of young people and their leaders able to continue enjoying a great time on the campsite.

The camping and building accommodation bookings are recovering well and we are nearly back to our pre-Covid levels this year.

Financial Review

The Pennine District account comprises two separate elements, covering the Ashworth Valley Scout campsite and the general account for all matters relating to the day to day running of the district. Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £105819 of which £5,100 was gained from renting out part of the former farmhouse.

The largest single transaction each year is the collection of membership subscriptions of behalf of the district. For each registered young person, we are required to collect a fee – this was £43.00 for the 2023 year. This subscription is collected and subsequently paid out to cover County and National Headquarters running costs and is subject to an annual review. At present, the district has not added any additional levy to this subscription. The account therefore shows £40,635 both as income and expenditure.

Full details of the account are included under the Financial Statements. The net result for the year was a deficit of receipts over payments of £9728.46. This is primarily as a result of expenditure on new district flags for each section as well as essential maintenance expenditure on the district headquarters building. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the financial year, the balances carried forward on 31 March 2023 on unrestricted funds totalled £89,357, excluding non-monetary assets.

Monies from the elements of the consolidated accounts are invested in banks, and the Scout Association Short Term Investment service – details of these are included in the Consolidated Receipts and Payments account.

Volunteers

Over 1000 young people experience fun and adventure every week in the 21 groups that comprise the Pennine Scout District. We have a wealth of Scouting experience in the 400+ adult volunteers and their dedication and value to the groups is tremendous. Without this commitment week on week we would not be able to provide the varied programme of activities and achieve the development potential in our young people. We are also lucky to have a group of volunteers providing the support 'behind the scenes' covering a variety of administration duties and supporting the groups and the sectional leaders.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of District Trustee Board Members is set out in Scouting's 'Policy Organisation and Rules' (POR). The district trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Pennine district including on how the funds of the district are spent.

The Trustee **Board** met every 2 months over the past year and the meetings were generally well attended. As ever we discussed a range of topics relating to all aspects of managing the district including, financial support to groups, GDPR, advising on Gift Aid, Growth & development, Risk Management, annual Census, and arrangements, including fund raising, for those attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023. In the past twelve months we welcomed approx. 30 new adult volunteers across the district. This number is still not up to our previous recruitment levels and demonstrates the need for continued recruitment to ensure all of the sections within our groups can continue to function.

One of the key development areas identified is the support that we can offer to groups across the district and particularly with their trustee responsibilities. This is something the District Trustee Board members will continue to assist with during the coming year. Some of our groups, with their own property, were fortunate enough to qualify for further grants under the Government's Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF) to help them manage their outgoings during the period of lockdown.

Administrative Information

The Pennine District is situated within the Borough of Rochdale, Greater Manchester and the correspondence address is: c/o District Secretary (Anne Williams), 14 Alresford Road, Middleton, Manchester, M24 1WU. Email: secretary@pennine.gmnscouts.org.uk

The current Trustee Board members who were elected at the AGM held on 12 July 2023 are as follows (several of these also served on the previous committee). Nominations for any new trustees were requested by 23 June 2023 with information sent out widely across the district. No new nominations were received by the declared closing date.

Ex Officio members

Gary Walczak - District Chair

Alan Sharkey - District Commissioner

Anne Williams – District Secretary

Ben Lee – District Treasurer

Mike Phillips – District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Jon Gillibrand - District Scout Network Commissioner

Nominated Members (by District Commissioner)

Susan Foex

Elected Member (re-elected at the AGM held on 12 July 2023)

John Salisbury

Donna Moriarty

Keith Williams

Norma Brandon

Co-opted Members

Sandra Roberts

Billy Pullan

Annual Reports to AGM, including Financial Statements

(see separate attachments, sent with this report)

Independent Examiner's/ Auditor's Report

(see separate attachment, sent with this report)

Anne Williams

District Secretary, Pennine District Scouts

September 2023

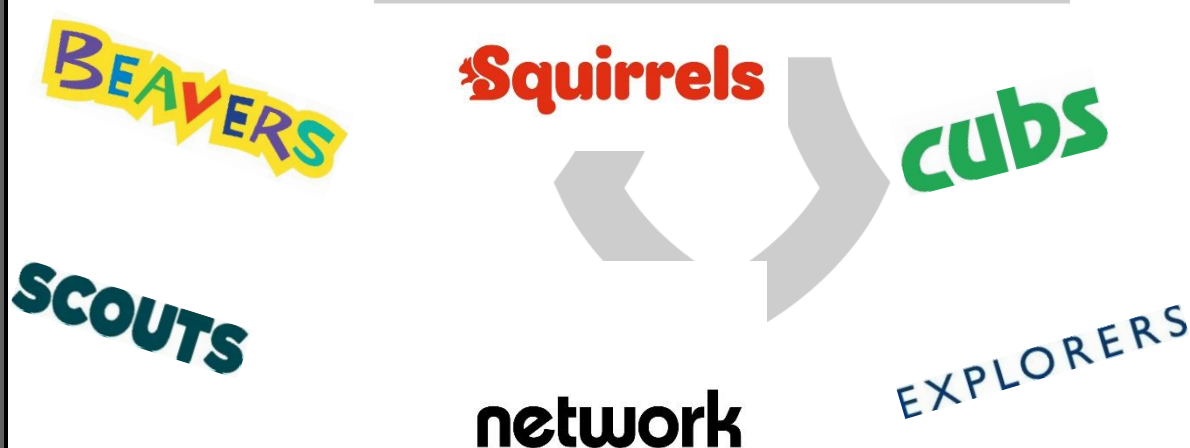


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PENNINE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNT 2022- 2023



Chair's Report

It is my pleasure to welcome you tonight to our annual general meeting. We are currently in a time of change, as most of you tonight will be aware. The new version of POR, formally adopted on 18th April 2023, details changes in protocol and structure as we transition towards 'Our volunteering Culture'.

Therefore, the immediate matter for our District council tonight is to formally re-adopt the new version of POR as our governing document (our constitution).

The world of technology is ever evolving and with that so is our national database, Compass. A new software program is on the horizon, expected in 2024. A database is only as good as the information it is provided with. Therefore, I encourage you all to check the accuracy of your own personal details and scouting history currently recorded on Compass before migration to the new software begins.

Before I continue further with matters of the District Scout Council, I feel it incumbent on me to recognize the sudden loss of our beloved treasurer Avril Redfern in September last year. You will all know of the long service she gave to scouting and we are all richer for having known her. I extend our condolences and good wishes to her family, who I am sure, like us are missing her.

Once again, we have had a tremendous response to the invitation to attend the World Scout Jamboree. The Pennine District will send 15 scouts, almost half of the county contingent, to South Korea this summer. Our leaders should feel proud that here in the Pennine District we are turning out such committed scouts.

Many of the Scouts attending the Jamboree will have enjoyed visiting our own campsite at Ashworth Valley. This continues to be a jewel in our crown under the efficient management of the Ashworth Valley committee, who work hard to maintain the excellent facility.

I encourage you all to support Ashworth Valley when you are planning future camps and events. The district committee is pleased to have been able to support the repairs to the Scout hut in Middleton. The hut was severely damaged by flood water which necessitated the closure. With the support of Jon Gillibrand and his team securing help of local business and funding from the district. Middleton Scout hut is equipped with a new kitchen and is nearly fully functioning once more.

In response to the current economic climate, the district Executive committee has established protocols for any individual who is struggling financially to engage in scouting activities. Details of this fund, and how to apply, will be available on the Pennine website in the next few weeks.

Many of you will have attended the inaugural St George's Day event which brought together all three townships of the Pennine Scout District together for the first time. This initiative inspired and lead by Mathew Rush encapsulated the true spirit of Scouting. In planning this event, Mathew and his team epitomized the new statement of our volunteering culture, providing a shared understanding and example of what we do and sat as volunteers in Scouts, supporting each other, following our values as role models for young people. Plans for the 2024 event, to be held in Heywood, are well underway. Thank you, Matthew.

Finally, thanks to you all for your time and contribution to the Pennine District over the last 12 months, for your continued energy and enthusiasm as we embrace the change that lies ahead of us.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the scouting moment and I look forward to what the next 12 months have in store for each of us.

Gary Walczak

District Commissioners Report

Hello everyone.

Isn't it nice not to be interrupted by lockdowns, major illnesses and worse. Yes, I think the Covid crisis is over and scouting in Pennine district is doing very well because of it.

All our groups are growing. I am personally involved with 3 of them and I am seeing increasing youth numbers in all sections there. And word is that the other groups are having a similar experience. Of course, leaders are always in short supply. But, with the help of the new Scout volunteer campaign, I am very hopeful that we can redress this situation.

In the last 12 months, we have started and grown 2 new Squirrels sections and they are doing well. So, congratulations to the 1st Heywood and the 7thA Spotland groups. Others may well follow and I look forward to more successes.

In June 2022, the 5th Pennine group restarted and has gone from strength to strength. They have recently opened a scout section and all sections are now full. You can't ask for much more than that.

All the above (and more) shows there is a real demand for scouting in the district and we are all doing very well to accommodate this.

On to other news.

And the big news at the moment is the World Scout Jamboree. GMN County are able to send 36 young people and 4 leaders to South Korea and I am very proud to say that 15 of those young people and 3 of the leaders are from Pennine. We also have two leaders going as part of the UK support team. What a fantastic effort. It has been a lot of hard work and effort from all those concerned (and their friends and family) to raise the necessary funds, but they have all done it and we look forward to hearing about all their efforts after they get back at the end of August.

We have had some very successful district events. Beavers and Cubs have been out and about and Scouts have a long list planned for this year and next. Explorers are doing well and I am delighted to see joint efforts between Explorer Units – indicating that we are working well as unified Pennine Explorers. Network Scouts are beginning to come together under the stewardship of Jon Gillibrand and I look forward to a successful restart here soon. You can read more about all of this from the other reports in this booklet.

We had a very successful unified St Georges Day event recently. We had representation from all three townships and I am confident that this is the way forward for such events. It is just more proof that Pennine, as a district is working well together.

We have had many awards during the past 12 months and I was proud to be able to present some of them at the recent St Georges Day event.

Some scouts and leaders were invited down to London for the Kings Coronation. They all said it was hard work but that they enjoyed it immensely.

Here, you can see Sasha standing in for the Queen 😊



Over the next 12 months, we are embarking on the scouts Transformation Program. This is a massive TSA led initiative to rework the scouting infrastructure to more meet the needs of todays scouting. You will hear a lot more about this over the next few months and we do ask that you embrace and support this program.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our great leaders. From the occasional helpers up to section leaders, GSLs and beyond; I see happy smiling faces and it is obvious that everyone involved enjoys being there and sees Scouting as something essential to our future. So, a very big **THANK YOU** from me to all of you. Without you all, we would not have Scouting in Pennine.

I'll close the report here and stop rambling on. I wish you all Happy Scouting for the future.

Alan Sharkey

District Commissioner.

Pennine District Beaver Section

Report to AGM 2023

Events

Santa Express in November saw 17 Squirrels join the beavers and in all we had 129 members on the train from 7 groups across the district. Santa saw everyone during their journey.

We had pizza and bowling in February. This went well for the children, although some booking issues were overcome with thanks to our Sudden leaders and with a small number of beavers undertaking laser quest. We had 99 children eating pizza, starters and mostly ice lollies.

Recently there has been a Mystery trip to The Forbidden Corner in Leyburn and if you haven't been I can highly recommend a visit (for beavers and cubs). It is fun and a quirky unique labyrinth of tunnels, chambers and follies. The children enjoyed the day and especially with it being a beautiful day. There were 12 adults helping and a young leader – thank you to them for giving up their Sunday.

County Events

There has been no County events for beavers again this year apart from the one that I organised and ran last year to Chester Zoo. We had three coaches go along and the weather was excellent.

On a sadder note

I am now stepping down as ADC. The role is changing and there will be no ADC as such in the new structure that the Scout Association is bringing in, so now seems to be the opportune time to step back. There are many reasons and as much as I would like to continue it is not viable anymore for me to do so.

Finally

On behalf of the children, I would like to thank all our beaver leaders, young leaders, district leader and all adult helpers of all the Districts Beaver sections for their hard work, time and efforts they have given freely over the last year and continue to give each week. Thank you too for the support from leaders to myself in my role as ADC. Big thank you all round.

Mole Wedgwood

ADC Beavers Pennine District

CUB SECTION REPORT

Thanks to all the Cub leaders across the district who have provided high quality programmes for the Cubs throughout the year.

Cub leaders have attended regular Seonee meetings to discuss and plan a programme of district events which support the programmes which they run in their pack meetings. This enables cubs to experience activities which may be challenging to run on a pack night, mix with other packs and appreciate the diversity of their district.

Cub leaders have chosen to focus on three large district events each year.

In April a Badge Day was held at Ashworth. The Cubs had the choice of completing either their Pioneer, DIY or Scientist activity badge. This proved to be a popular day with 170 Cubs from 13 packs taking part and all earning their badge.

In June District camp took place at Ashworth. The camp was well attended with 116 Cubs from 11 packs camping for the weekend. The Cubs had a great weekend taking part in a range of challenging and fun activities. The programme included wide games, a campfire, Skylight Circus, crate stacking, archery, cave bus, low ropes, pond dipping, pedal karts, grass sledges, outdoor games and team building activities.

In October, the ever popular, wide games, campfire and fireworks event was held at Ashworth. 235 Cubs from 16 packs attended. The Cubs enjoyed three wide games, a hot dog supper, a campfire, and a spectacular firework display.

Thanks to Len Tolan DCSL for his continued support and to all the Cub leaders who help plan and run District events. These events would not be possible without the dedication of the Cub Leaders, Young Leaders and the parents who support their packs.

Sandra Roberts (ADC Cubs)

ADC Scouts report

I was lucky enough to take on the role of ADC Scouts in April earlier this year. Since then, I have managed to make visits to almost half of the Scout Troops in Pennine. It is safe to say the Scouts in Pennine are all having fantastic programmes put on for them.

I joined the 41st Rochdale for paper mâché volcano building, the 17th Rochdale for pizza making for their chef's badge, the 1st Middleton for axe and saw safety skills, the 3rd/4th Heywood, 1st Heywood and 1st Milnrow were preparing for their joint expedition challenge, the 40th Rochdale had an evening of pioneering and soft archery, and I enjoyed joining the 5th Pennine for their group hike around Hollingworth Lake. I am thoroughly looking forward to visiting the other Scout Troops in Pennine.

We had a District Scout Leaders meeting, with a very encouraging turnout with 10 groups being represented. We put together a plan for district events for the next year which consists of a patrol leaders' day, night hike, indoor cooking competition, 5 a side football competition, challenge day, expedition challenge and a district camp.

My aim is, that by putting on events such as PLs Days and the Expedition Challenge, which groups with smaller numbers would struggle to put on, there will be an increase in the number of Chief Scout Gold Awards presented in Pennine.

We are also looking to hold a Leaders Skills Day. A day where leaders can share, learn, and improve their Scouting skills – look out for an email about it!

I would love to get a team of District Leaders together to support me in putting on a fantastic programme for the Scout Sections of Pennine. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please do get in touch!

My role, as ADC Scouts, is to support the Scout sections in Pennine, so if there is anything you need support with or if you have ideas for anything you would like to go on in the district then please let me know.

I am really looking forward to getting stuck into this role!

Billy Pullan

ADC Scouts

DESC Report for Pennine District Scout Council AGM, 2023.

Though I've been DESC for a couple of years now, I have had to step back from early 2022 to only recently, due to personal loss & health issues. I returned to the role in early April & I'm looking forward to getting around the District, to meet our leaders & Explorers.

We have eleven units in the District, with Milnrow planning to open a new Unit in September. I am aware that there are a number of Units with less than five Explorer Scouts. In an effort to ease this issue, we are encouraging cooperation between Units. For example, Spotland & WASP ESU's are holding joint meetings, at both Whitworth & Spotland. Additionally, two Explorers from Spotland are attending meetings at 37th Rochdale on a regular basis. Now we need to spread the word around the other Units.

Census this year shows a drop in Explorer membership across Pennine, falling from 104 in 2022, to only 86 this year. This appears to follow historical trends over a few years. The bigger Units suffering the greater losses. We do have, however, six Explorer Scouts not associated with a Unit. These are most likely Young Leaders, who remain with their parent Groups. At present, there is no Young Leader Unit in Pennine.

Pennine District will be well represented at the 25th World Scout Jamboree, being held in South Korea next month. We have Explorer Scouts from Heywood, Wardle, Spotland, 9th Heywood, 37th Rochdale & 1st Middleton ESU's taking part. We have also an Explorer from Oldham, who has transferred to Wardle, attending. A new Leader, from outside the area, being a contingent Leader with Staffordshire Scouts attending.

Weekly activities continue of course, along with a good number of Nights Away notices coming across my desk.

Headquarters are at present conducting a review of the Scouting Provision for the 14-24 age range, which includes Explorers & Network. Explorer Scouting has not reached the potential it was expecting. It will be a couple of years yet before we hear the outcome.

Mike Phillips

DESC

District Scout Network Commissioner

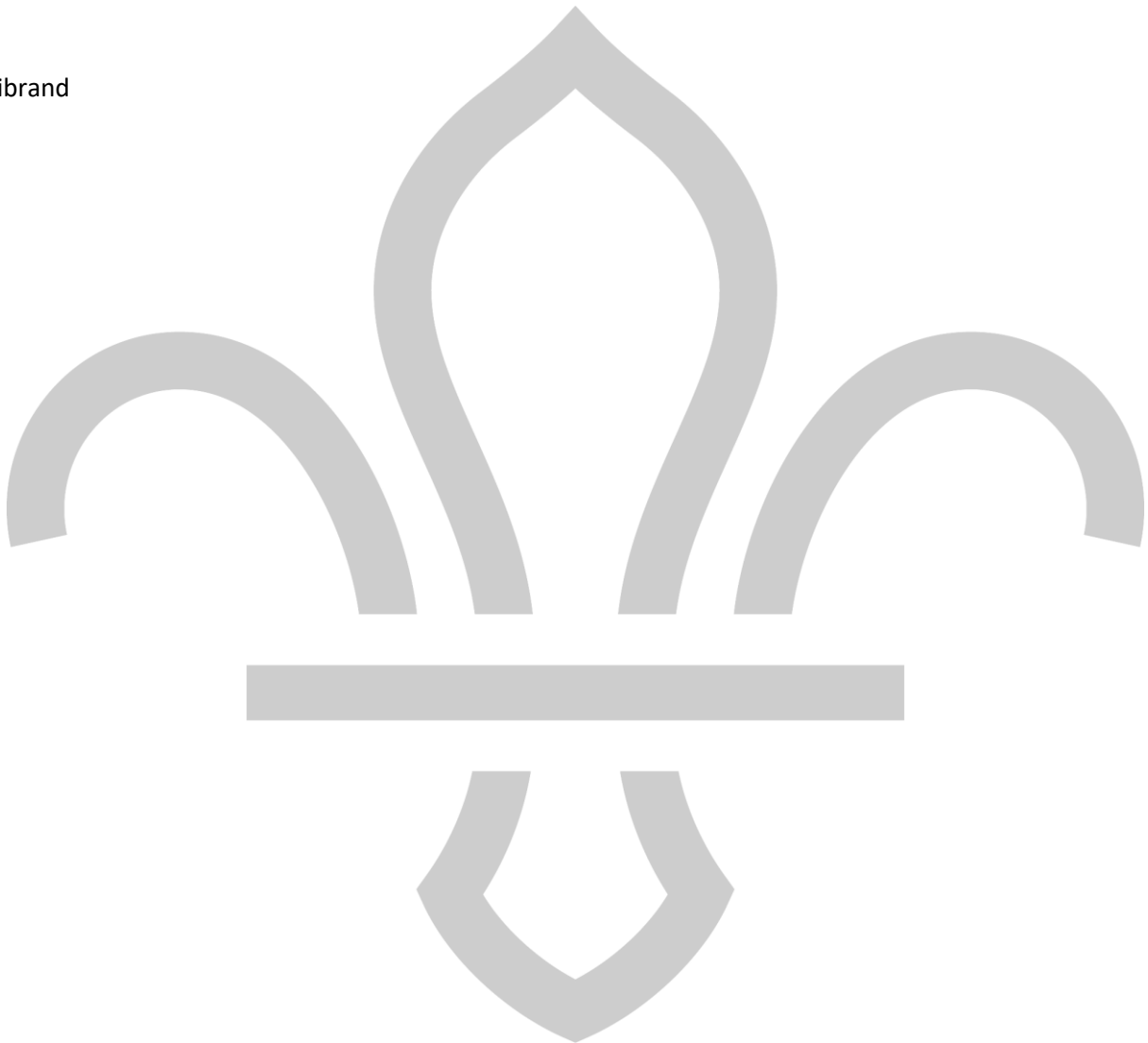
Hi all,

We are still recovering from the Covid and all the fallout from that. But we have a keen program available for any network member who wishes to join us. If you are interested, can you email me at network@penninescouts.org.uk and I will be in touch.

Regards

Jon Gillibrand

DSNC



District Secretary

The past year has seen a welcome change back to normality, after the pandemic problems of 2020 and 2021. From a governance perspective the Pennine District has complied with all its requirements under POR and the Charity Commission. We held our 2022 AGM at Heywood Cricket Club on 13 July 2022.

Thank you to all the Group Scout Leaders and Group Contacts once again for their speedy completion of the census process this year and for making my part of the process fairly stress free !

Pennine district is now the largest in Greater Manchester North County with 18% more youth members than the nearest district.

Within the Trustee Board meetings (formerly executive committee) we have covered many topics and concerns of the district, such as District finances, Support for groups, Hardship fund, Risk Management and associated Risk Assessments, Ashworth Valley updates, the Charity Commission annual report, Gift Aid, and support for the World Scout Jamboree 2023 contingent. Gary has been working hard over the past year to develop a draft Hardship policy. It is hoped that this will be approved for implementation very soon within the current year. A big thank you to Gary and others for the input to this.

If you have any issues that you or your group would like to be addressed by the Trustee Board, relating to Governance of the District, then let me know and I will add these to a future agenda.

Thanks must go to Doug Sutton, who has indicated his intention to step down as a trustee member (formerly executive committee member). In Doug's own words – *55 years as a trustee is long enough for anyone !* Your contributions to our meetings and the work associated with preparing accounts for Ashworth Valley, and the consolidated accounts, have been much appreciated.

Sadly, the past year saw the sad loss of our former District Treasurer, Avril Redfern. She was part of our District Scouting family, and our grateful thanks go to her for the service she gave to local Scouting over many years. Avril was awarded the Silver Acorn in August last year but sadly, she passed away before being aware or receiving her award.

Pennine District members have gained a number of Good Service awards and congratulations to all who have received one during the past 12 months, particularly for those who attended the recent Windsor St George's celebration on 23 April.

Silver Wolf Derek Redfern

Bar Silver Acorn Joan Oddie

Silver Acorn Avril Redfern (RIP), Jack Priestley

BAfM Emma Scantlebury, Mark Pickard, Les Griffiths, Richard Walthall, Stephanie Banks

AfM Joanne Griffin, Pauline Griffiths, Steve McNee, Victoria Rush

CSC Tony Phillips Amanda Catz Arthur Scantlebury Bernard Foex, Carol Scantlebury, Claire Kingslow, Clare Smith, Debra Cox, Gary Walczak, Helen Pearson, James Hogg, Julie Wellens, Kim Headley, Laura Cunningham, Martin Ranson, Matthew Rush, Rebecca Fletcher, Sarah Jackson, Sean Butler, Simon Buckley

Anne Williams

Pennine District Secretary – secretary@pennine.gmnscouts.org

Adult Training Report (soon to be known as Learning)

The past year has been one of catching up for many of our leaders, particularly those trying to complete Wood badge training disrupted during the pandemic period. I have been trying to validate modules, where possible based on experience, rather than actual courses. If anyone is still finding it hard to work out how to fill in the gaps, please let me know.

The Scout Association have changed quite a few elements of the training programme. The Getting Started course has been completely overhauled and is now fully available as online learning, like many online training methods used in the workplace and other organisations. Many of our new leaders will be very familiar with this method of updating their knowledge base. The Transformation project is indicating further changes, in the coming year, to the learning experience for our volunteers – we are all watching this space for full details

In the meantime all new appointments are required to complete 4 online modules - Safety, Safeguarding, Essential Information and GDPR. Anyone with a governance role is required to complete the online Trustee Introduction module. This is a good refresher course for existing members, too, to ensure they understand their responsibilities as a charity trustee. Leaders and Assistant Section Leaders must also complete the online Module 3 (Tools for the Role). Leaders, Managers and Supporters are required to hold a First Aid certificate (more about this below), but they can be validated for this training if they have an appropriate First Aid qualification through work or another recognised organisation.

All training courses are advertised on the County calendar and individuals are able to book themselves on to a course, and remember all training is free. gmnscoutstraining.org

First Aid - There are two units to complete 10A – Theory, and 10B – Practical. The First Aid certificate must be valid at the issue of the Wood Badge and for appointment renewals. This should be monitored by the line manager at the point of appointment review, at least every three years.

Blended Model - you complete an e-learning package. Once complete you will then attend a 3-hour face to face course at County HQ.

The e-learning can be found by following the below link

<https://hampshire-scouts.thinkific.com/courses/firstresponse>

If you have completed the E-Learning and require the face to face, confirmation of your completion will be sent to the courseadministrator@gmnscouts.org.uk. Once received you will be contacted with available dates for the face to face 3-hour course.

Finally, thank you to all those that have completed or renewed training in any area over the past year, adding to the time you already offer in your role as a valued volunteer.

Keith Williams – Local Training Manager ltm@pennine.gmnscouts.org.uk

AGM REPORT FROM PENNINE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The recruitment of new leaders has continued at a pace during this year and as a result the appointments committee have been kept busy meeting on 10 different occasions in the reporting year. We have continued to use ZOOM to conduct the meetings and have found it a very effective way of meeting the new applicants. It has proved beneficial in reducing the amount of travelling, saving of time, reducing fuel costs, avoiding the need for childcare in some cases. We propose to continue using ZOOM until such times as new organisational changes take place, when the position can be reviewed.

During this year we have invited 51 new applicants to the appointments panel meeting, a significant increase on the previous year. Unfortunately, a few do fail to turn up at the meeting, despite previously confirming their availability and receiving reminders, which is frustrating for the panel members as it is a complete waste of the panels time.

I would just like to ask all Group Scout Leaders to ensure that the new applicants have had a chance to discuss the roles, values and policies as per POR 16.1.2 before they come to the appointments meeting.

We will be continuing to undertake appointments meetings in the current format for the time being but as you will probably have read by now in the Transitional guidance, changes in the appointments system are proposed. We will wait to see what the full proposals are and what changes will need to be implemented.

Colin Tunncliffe

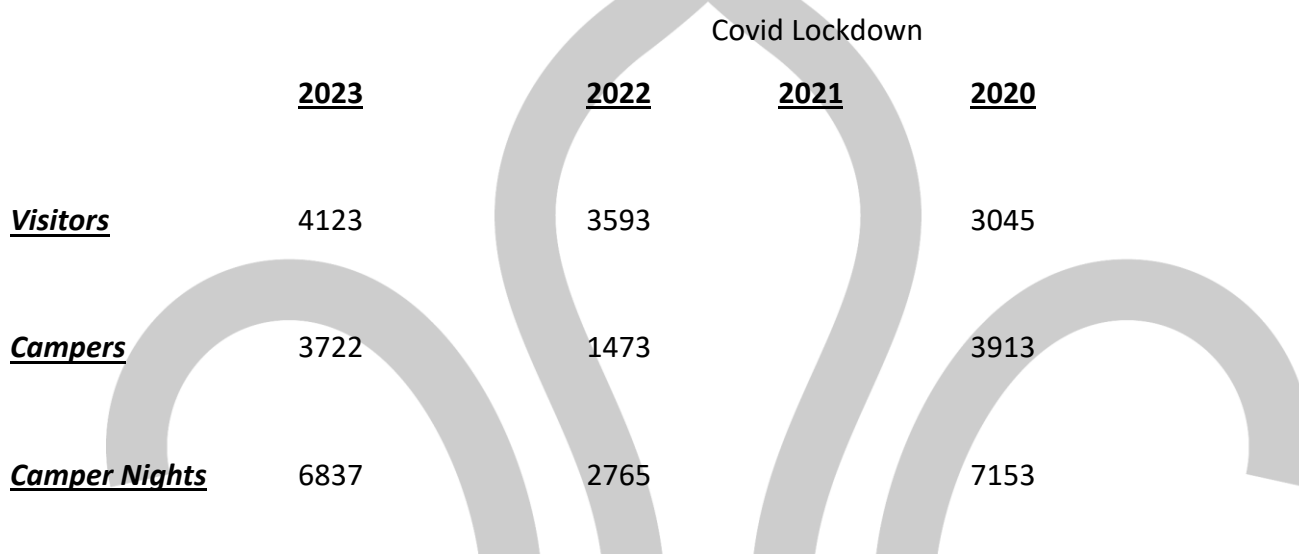
Pennine Appointments Secretary

Ashworth Valley Annual Report 2022

I am pleased to report that we are recovering well from the devastating effect, over the past few years, of the Covid Pandemic.

We continue to receive midweek bookings from local schools who have finally realised that their local Scout Campsite can provide safe activities for their students, at an extremely competitive cost, compared to other profit-making organisations. Also, evening bookings from Scout Groups have increased.

It is difficult to give an accurate comparison of the year-to-year figures due to the restrictions of the Pandemic and the cautious recovery of the Scout Groups, schools and other youth organisations that use the Campsite.



The bookings for the Pack Holiday Centre and the Ranch House are returning to their pre-Covid levels but there are still one or two weekends open.

We have a number of projects ongoing as well as some scheduled for the near future. None of these improvement projects would be possible without the L.O.G.S assistant Wardens, Instructors and administrative staff who are all working hard to make sure that all visitors have a good experience and want to return. Their dedication, time and expertise are invaluable.

If you would like to join our team of volunteers at Ashworth, please contact me or any other member of the team. Or pop up for a chat, any weekend.

We Hope that you will continue to use, and enjoy, your Campsite for many more camps, visits, and activities, in the Future.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Scouting

John Salisbury

Campsite Warden

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/members of Pennine Scout District

I report on the accounts of the district for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the district's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion, the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Richard Gahan FCCA



Date: 20 June 2023



Richard Gahan FCCA
7 Kingsbury Close, Bury BL8 1WA
23 May 2022

Pennine District Scouts

Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account

Year start
date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Receipts and payments

2022/23

2021/22

Unrestricted
funds

Restricted
funds

Endowment
funds

Total funds

Total funds

£

£

£

£

£

Receipts

Membership Subscriptions 2022	38,958.00			38,958.00	36,237.00
Membership Subscriptions O/S 2021	1,890.00			1,890.00	
Less Membership Subscriptions Paid	(40,635.00)			(40,635.00)	(38,136.00)
Net Membership Subscription received	213.00	0.00	0.00	213.00	(1,899.00)
DISTRICT SECTIONAL SUPPORT (See separate accounts for details)					
Beaver Scouts	5,449.00			5,449.00	2,203.20
Cub Scouts	4,605.00			4,605.00	1,302.00
Scouts				0.00	100.00
Explorer Scouts				0.00	
Combined				0.00	
ASHWORTH VALLEY SCOUT CAMP					
Receipts (See separate accounts for details)	77,462.28			77,462.28	35,978.42

Sub total	87,729.28	0.00	0.00	87,729.28	37,684.62
Grants & Donations				0.00	
Pennine District				0.00	250.00
Ashworth Valley Scout Camp					
Donations				0.00	2,077.29
Grants	3,546.52			3,546.52	10,667.00
Sub total	3,546.52	0.00	0.00	3,546.52	12,994.29
Fund Raising Gross					
Pennine District Shop Sales Sale of stock to County				0.00	
AVSC Tuck Shop Sales	9,203.43			9,203.43	3,487.90
Donation				0.00	
Sub total	9,203.43	0.00	0.00	9,203.43	3,487.90
Miscellaneous					
Pennine Badge Sales	52.00			52.00	325.00
				0.00	
				0.00	
	52.00			52.00	325.00
Investment Income					
Bank Interest	37.59			37.59	280.41
The Scout Association Short term Investment Service	97.82			97.82	18.34
Ashworth Valley Scout Camp				0.00	
Interest	2.54			2.54	
Property Income AVSC)	5,100.00			5,100.00	5,084.00
Bank Compensation re error	50.00			50.00	

Sub total	5,287.95	0.00	0.00	5,287.95	5,382.75
Total Gross Income	105,819.18	0.00	0.00	105,819.18	59,874.56
Total receipts	105,819.18	0.00	0.00	105,819.18	59,874.56

Pennine District Scouts Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023

Receipts and payments

2022/23

2021/22

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

Total funds

Total funds

£

£

£

£

£

Payments

Charitable payments	3,332.58			3,332.58	4,639.86
Pennine District Scouts (see separate accounts for details)					
Sectional; Support				0.00	
Beaver Scouts	6,057.05			6,057.05	1,786.35
Cub Scouts	5,088.07			5,088.07	
Scouts				0.00	
Explorer Scouts	30.00			30.00	

Combined	947.63			947.63	619.64
New Group Support	500.00			500.00	
Ashworth Valley Scout Camp (See separate accounts for details)	90,804.58			90,804.58	37,911.60
Sub total	106,759.91	0.00	0.00	106,759.91	44,957.45
Fundraising expenses					
AVSC Tuck Shp Purchases	8,787.73			8,787.73	1,238.97
AVSC Tuck Shop donation to AVSC from cash surplus				0.00	100.00
Sub total	8,787.73	0.00	0.00	8,787.73	1,338.97
Total Gross Expenditure	115,547.64	0.00	0.00	115,547.64	46,296.42
Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
New Sewage Treatment Plant at Ashworth Valley Scout Camp				0.00	
Total payments	115,547.64	0.00	0.00	115,547.64	46,296.42
Net of receipts/(payments)	(9,728.46)	0.00	0.00	(9,728.46)	13,578.14
Transfers between funds					
Cash funds last year end	99,085.34			99,085.34	85,507.20
Cash funds this year end	89,356.88	0.00	0.00	89,356.88	99,085.34

Pennine District Scouts

Consolidated Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

31/03/2023

31/03/2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds "Pennine District"					
Bank current account	6,998.18			6,998.18	12,511.60
Bank deposit account	25,012.50			25,012.50	
Building society account				0.00	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	15,000.00			15,000.00	40,000.00
Cash/Floats				0.00	
Cash Funds Pennine District Scout Shop					
Bank Current Account				0.00	
Cash/Floats				0.00	
Cash Funds "Ashworth Valley Scout Camp"					
Bank current account	8,047.81			8,047.81	8,296.52
Bank deposit account	1,805.98			1,805.98	1,805.28
Scottish Widows	32,003.39			32,003.39	34,001.55
Cash/Floats	84.70			84.70	35.48
BACS Fees & Deposits Account	50.00			50.00	2,080.59
AVSC Tuck Shop cash in hand	354.32			354.32	354.32
Total cash funds	89,356.88	0.00	0.00	89,356.88	99,085.34
Other monetary assets					
Scout Shop Stock at cost				0.00	
less Stock Revaluation/Write off				0.00	
AVSC Tuck Shop Stock at cost	3,358.09			3,358.09	1,241.67
District Badges				0.00	166.40
Sub total	3,358.09	0.00	0.00	3,358.09	1,408.07
Investment assets					

Investment property - detail				0.00	
Quoted investments				0.00	
Other investments - detail				0.00	
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
AVSC Land at Revaluation	60,000.00			60,000.00	60,000.00
AVSC Buildings at Revaluation	350,000.00			350,000.00	350,000.00
AVSC Buildings at Cost	11,076.00			11,076.00	11,076.00
Motor Vehicles Cost (fully depreciated)				0.00	
Equipment at Cost (Sewage Plant after depreciation)	47,287.84			47,287.84	50,290.24
District equipment, furniture after depreciation				0.00	
Other				0.00	
Sub total	468,363.84	0.00	0.00	468,363.84	471,366.24
Total Sum Received into the District Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st June 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Gary Walczak

Print Name

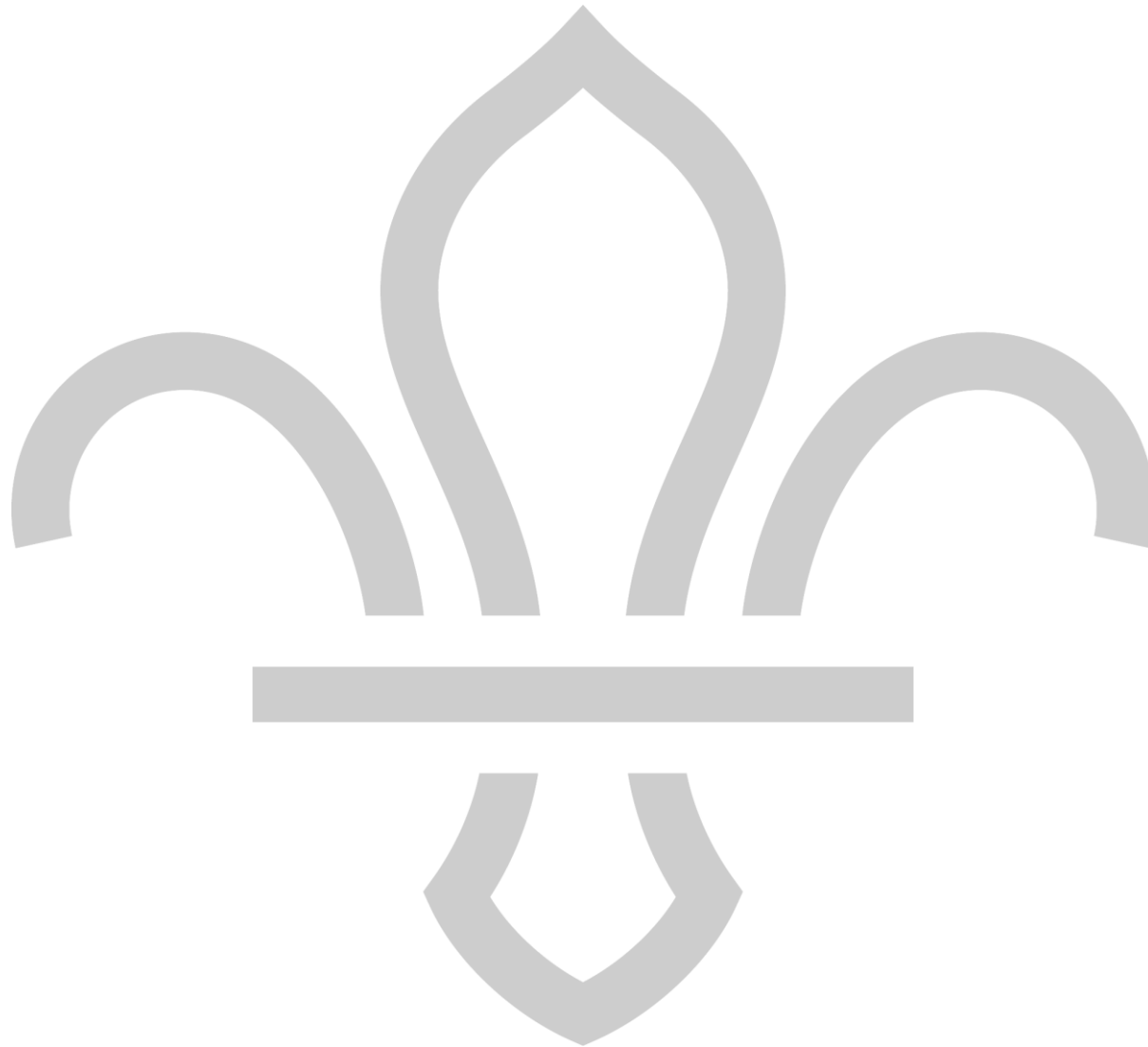
Gary Walczak

Chair

Ben lee

Ben Lee

Treasurer



Pennine District Scout Council

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023

Receipts and payments

	2022/23			2021/2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions 2023	38,958.00			36,237.00
Membership Subscriptions O/S 2022	1,890.00			
Less membership Subscriptions Paid	- 40,635.00			- 38,136.00
Net membership Subscription Received	213.00			- 1,899.00
SECTIONAL SUPPORT				
Beaver Scouts				
Cinema/Meal				1988.20
Football				215.00
Fun Day	870.00			
Santa Train	2695.00			
Bowling	1884.00			
Cub Scouts				
Annual camp	3450.00			
Badge Day				1302.00

Bonfire Event	1155.00			1,155.00	
Scouts					
Caving Refund				-	100.00
Explorer Scouts					
None				-	
Miscellaneous					
None				-	
Combined					
Pennine Badges	52.00			52.00	325.00
Sub total	10,319.00	-	-	10,319.00	2,031.20
Grants					
None				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising (gross)					
Donation				-	250.00
Other fundraising activities				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	250.00
Investment income					
Bank interest	12.50			12.50	277.26
Bank Savings Interest	25.09			25.09	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service }	97.82			97.82	18.34
Sub total	135.41	-	-	135.41	295.60
Total Gross Income	10,454.41	-	-	10,454.41	2,576.80
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts

10,454.41

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10,454.41

2,576.80

Pennine District Scout Council Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end
date

For the
year from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Receipts and payments

2022/23

2021/2022

Unrestricted
funds

Restricted
funds

Endowment
funds

Total
funds

Total
funds

£

£

£

£

£

Payments

Charitable Payments					
District Insurance				-	42.00
Defib Macjine				-	4195.20
Lottery Licence				-	40.00
Popcorn Machine				-	94.99
Gilwell neckerchieves				-	105.00
Poppy Wreaths	27.50			27.50	20.00
Presentation Day at Ashworth				-	56.48
DC District Calendar	110.10			110.10	86.19
First Aid Kit update	59.14			59.14	
Unity Non-Member/lunteer Insurance	52.00			52.00	

District HQ Costs	3083.84			3,083.84	
	3,332.58			3,332.58	4,639.86
Miscellaneous					
None				-	
	-			-	-
Sectional Support					
Beaver Scouts					
Cinema/Meal				-	1586.35
Football				-	200.00
Fun Day	1042.13			1,042.13	
Santa Train	2620.08			2,620.08	
Bowling/Pizza	1844.84			1,844.84	
Forbidden Corner	550.00			550.00	
	6,057.05	-	-	6,057.05	1,786.35
Cub Scouts				-	
Annual camp (2022)	3276.55			3,276.55	
Fireworks	1064.38			1,064.38	
Badge Day	647.14			647.14	
Annual camp (2023)	100.00			100.00	
	5,088.07	-	-	5,088.07	-
Scouts				-	
None				-	
	-	-	-	-	-

Explorer Scouts				-	
Jamboree Troop Race Night Sponsor	30.00			30.00	
	30.00	-	-	30.00	-
Group Support					
12th Heywood/Heady Hill Storage	500.00			500.00	
	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
Combined					
DC Expenses	101.69			101.69	8.64
MPLC	445.44			445.44	384.00
St Georges Day 2023	270.50			270.50	
Pennine Badges				-	25.00
Kimlaw Trust Refund				-	202.00
AGM Expenses	130.00			130.00	
Sub total	947.63	-	-	947.63	619.64
Fundraising expenses					
None				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	15,955.33	-	-	15,955.33	7,045.85
Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,955.33	-	-	15,955.33	7,045.85

Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
	5,500.92	-	-	5,500.92	4,469.05
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	52,511.60	-	-	52,511.60	56,980.65
Cash funds this year end	47,010.68	-	-	47,010.68	52,511.60

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

31st March 2023

31st Mar
2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	6,998.18			6,998.18	12,511.60
Bank deposit account	25,012.50			25,012.50	25,000.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00
Cash/Floats				-	
Total cash funds	47,010.68	-	-	47,010.68	52,511.60
Other monetary assets					
District Badges				-	166.40
Sub total	-	-	-	-	166.40
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail				-	

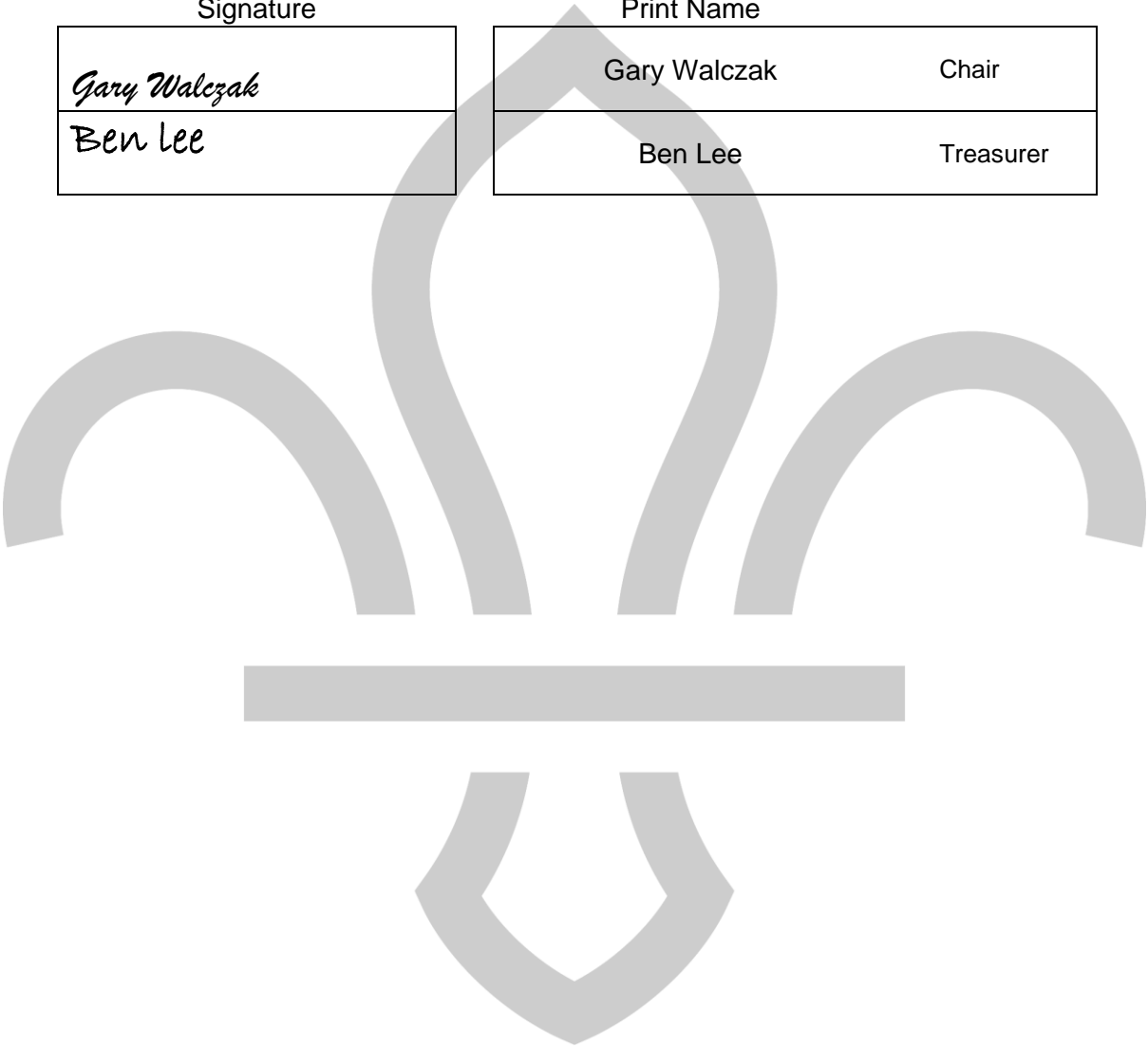
Quoted investments				-	
Other investments - detail				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock				-	
Shop stock				-	
Other stock				-	
Land and buildings	0.00			0.00	
Motor vehicles				-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc				-	
Other				-	
Sub total	0.00	-	-	0.00	-
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid				-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced				-	
Subscriptions not yet paid				-	
Loan - detail				-	
Other liabilities				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

Previous grant received from RMBC of £1,004.00 which must be used for a St George's Day event in Heywood.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by email, by a majority the Trustees on 30 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
<i>Gary Walczak</i>	Gary Walczak	Chair
<i>Ben lee</i>	Ben Lee	Treasurer



Ashworth Valley Scout Camp

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start
date

Year end
date

For the year from	01/04/202 2	To	31/03/202 3
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Receipts and payments

		2022/2023			2021/202 2
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Camp Fees and Deposits	55,981.00	-	-	55,981.00	25,015.50
Meters		-	-	-	1,244.51
Activities	21,391.50	-	-	21,391.50	9,138.00
Donations, legacies and similar income		-	-	-	2,077.29
Christmas Meal		-	-	-	
Wayleave	5.75	-	-	5.75	5.75
Small Refunds	84.03			84.03	574.66
Sub total	77,462.28	-	-	77,462.28	38,055.71
Grants					
Maintenence grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants - Covid support	3,546.52	-	-	3,546.52	10,667.00

	Sub total	3,546.52	-	-	3,546.52	10,667.00
Fundraising (gross)						
Tuck Shop Sales	9,203.43	-	-	9,203.43	3,487.90	
Tuck Shop Bank Surplus		-	-	-		
Tuck Shop - Increase in cash from previous year		-	-	-		
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sub total	9,203.43	-	-	9,203.43	3,487.90
Investment income						
Bank compensation re error	50.00	-	-	50.00	-	
Building Society interest	2.54	-	-	2.54	3.15	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-	-	-	
Property Rent income	5,100.00	-	-	5,100.00	5,084.00	
Other investment income		-	-	-		
	Sub total	5,152.54	-	-	5,152.54	5,087.15
Total Gross Income						
		95,364.77	-	-	95,364.77	57,297.76
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts						
		95,364.77	-	-	95,364.77	57,297.76

Ashworth Valley Scout Camp Receipts and Payments Account

Year start
date

Year end
date

For the year from	01/04/202 2	To	31/03/202 3
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Receipts and payments

	2022/2023			2021/202 2
	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restrict ed funds £	Endowme nt funds £	Total funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Telephone	1,735.65	-	-	1,735.65
Activities (Inspections)	1,050.00	-	-	1,050.00
Cave Bus Rental	1,891.25	-	-	1,891.25
New Activity Development				-
Maintainance of Activities	15,188.93			15,188.93
Activity Instructor Costs	2,108.00			2,108.00
General Maintainance and Refurbishments	29,932.27			29,932.27
Cottage Refurbishments	3,291.57	-	-	3,291.57
Site Inspections	337.56			337.56
Water	1,438.02			1,438.02
Council Tax	465.92			465.92
Cleaning	1,385.54			1,385.54
Electricity (Top Site)	4,830.00	-	-	4,830.00
Electricity (Bottom Site)	3,254.77	-	-	3,254.77
Calor Gas	3,258.43	-	-	3,258.43

Stationery & Postage	271.75	-	-	271.75	155.56
Internet	869.16	-	-	869.16	691.52
Insurance	6,251.69	-	-	6,251.69	5,695.01
Sanitary Ware	3,585.54	-	-	3,585.54	3,093.70
Rubbish Removal	3,713.71	-	-	3,713.71	1,440.00
Refund of deposits - Coronavirus	50.00	-	-	50.00	
Licences (TV & DVD)	680.79	-	-	680.79	655.85
Staff Expenses & Training	2,917.07	-	-	2,917.07	391.49
ASGC Subscriptions		-	-	-	
Deisel Oil	655.71	-	-	655.71	
Health & Safety	1,187.65	-	-	1,187.65	29.98
Miscellaneous	453.60	-	-	453.60	544.70
Sub total	90,804.58	-	-	90,804.58	37,911.60
Fundraising expenses					
Tuck Shop Purchases	8,787.73	-	-	8,787.73	1,238.97
Tuck Shop - Reduction in cash from previous year		-	-	-	100.00
Sub total	8,787.73	-	-	8,787.73	1,338.97
Total Gross Expenditure	99,592.31	-	-	99,592.31	39,250.57
Asset and investment purchases, etc.					
New Sewage Treatment Plant				-	

	Total payments	99,592.31	-	-	99,592.31	39,250.57
	Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,227.54	-	-	- 4,227.54	18,047.19
Transfers between funds				-	-	
Cash funds last year end		46,573.74	-	-	46,573.74	28,526.55
	Cash funds this year end	42,346.20	-	-	42,346.20	46,573.74

ASHWORTH VALLEY SCOUT CAMP STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023				31st Mar 2022
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	8,047.81		-	8,047.81	8,296.52
Bank deposit account	1,805.98		-	1,805.98	1,805.28
Scottish Widows	32,003.39		-	32,003.39	34,001.55
Cash/Floats	84.70	-	-	84.70	35.48
BACS Fees & Deposits Account	50.00	-	-	50.00	2,080.59
Tuck Shop Cash in Hand	354.32	-	-	354.32	354.32

Total cash funds	42,346.20	-	-	42,346.20	46,573.74
Other Currant Assets					
Tuck Shop Stock at cost	3,358.09	-	-	3,358.09	1,241.67
Sub total	3,358.09	-	-	3,358.09	1,241.67
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Land at Revaluation	60,000.00	-	-	60,000.00	60,000.00
Buildings at Revaluation	350,000.00	-	-	350,000.00	350,000.00
Buildings at Cost	11,076.00	-	-	11,076.00	11,076.00
Motor vehicles (fully depreciated)		-	-	-	-
Equipment (after depreciation)	47,287.84	-	-	47,287.84	50,290.24
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	468,363.84	-	-	468,363.84	471,366.24
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-

Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

During the year the Tuck Shop Bank A/c was merged with the Camp Bank A/c. The old A/c is now used solely for the receipt of BACs payments for deposits and fees

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Management Committee on 11th May 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

<i>John Carney</i>
<i>S Birtles</i>

Print Name

John Carney	Chair
Susan Birtles	Treasurer

