


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 2016
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; or2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
Signed	
Date	30 th June 2017
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WATFORD NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
(CHARITY No. 1017809)

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

INCOME	
Membership Subscriptions	41,271
Donations/Grants	1,187
Activities	42,917
Fund Raising	1,767
Jamboree	-
Bank Interest	8
Sundry	5,030
Total	£92,180

EXPENDITURE	
Membership Subscriptions	31,002
Donations	220
Activities	50,897
Jamboree	-
Fund Raising	1,674
District Team Expenses	1,872
Equipment	1,706
Training	200
AGM	193
Subscriptions	210
Insurances / Licences	227
Sundry	4,476
Transfer to Savings	2,000
Total	£94,677

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Trustees Report 2016

As we all have to face the uncertain times and tragedies throughout the world around us, it is heart-warming to see the strength of Scouting, the support given and received by all ages and creeds and the drive to succeed in so many ways. We have a District of which to be very proud.

The District has had another busy and successful year –

- celebrating the Cubs 100th Anniversary with, amongst other things, the Circus! The District subsidised this event and it was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- the Beavers were 30 years old!
- St George's Day was a lovely event and well supported and thank you to all involved in the organisation.
- the Curry Night! A great evening and a huge thank you as ever to Janet Sands for organising. Well attended, much enjoyed and of course a great fundraiser.

We have bought a Gazebo to advertise and promote Scouting in our District. As ever we are looking for more Adults to join the amazing numbers that already do fantastic work in leading and guiding our young people. It looks great and thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen.

Looking forwards we have the Jamboree in the USA on the horizon which will receive financial support from the District. Another great opportunity for those taking part.

The Lease difficulties that have been so prominent over the past few years are now getting resolved, thanks to the diligent work undertaken and thanks must go to Roger Sands in particular, who has left no stone unturned to keep the issues current and to make sure the very best outcome is achieved for each building.

We are working to secure Scouting in Bricket Wood as well as looking at ways to promote growth in the whole District. Huge thanks to David Collette as DC who works tirelessly for Scouting and for our District.

The District Executive has a strong Team and my thanks to everyone who gives their time and especially to Berniece Newlan and Andrew Reeve who keep us informed and financially organised.

The biggest thank you 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