

**WATFORD NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**(CHARITY No. 1017809)**

**FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Membership Subscriptions	42,676.09
Donations/Grants	247.27
Activities	26,739.83
Fund Raising	2,793.49
Jamboree	1,065.00
Bank Interest	1.31
Sundry	2,088.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,610.99</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Membership Subscriptions	31,294.50
Donations	250.00
Activities	31,700.72
Jamboree	2,729.41
Fund Raising	2,149.84
District Team Expenses	1,881.79
Equipment	1,824.22
Training	220.07
AGM	142.18
Subscriptions	405.00
Insurances / Licences	238.34
Sundry	316.17
Transfer to Savings	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£75,152.24</b>

# Watford North District Scout Council

## Trustees Report 2017

We have a District of which to be very proud! Another successful year which has seen our numbers increase from 901 to 913 contributing the rise that is seen nationally. Scouting is thriving and continuing to offer something for everyone of all ages.

The District has had another busy and successful year – with notable highlights such as the number of Queens Scout Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards being achieved.

Regular events included St George's Day - well supported and enjoyed by all with thanks going to the organisers for making it a memorable event. Also - the Curry Night! A great evening and a huge thank you to Janet Sands for organising. Well attended, much enjoyed and a great fundraiser.

The number of Leaders who have completed their training has increased. This training allows them to register for the Institute of Leaders and also qualifies them for their Wood Badge.

Looking forwards we have the Jamboree in the USA, which will be another great opportunity for all those taking part. We have five young people attending, who will receive financial support from the District.

Great strides are being made 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! Building 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 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  
**Chairman**

# 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 <sup>st</sup> December 2017
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"><li>• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act</li><li>• 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</li><li>• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</li></ul>
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"><li>1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;</li><li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or</li></ul></li><li>2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li></ol>
Signed	
Date	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
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