

# Watford North District Scout Council

## Trustees Report 2018

Another successful year with activities in all areas. Scouting is thriving and continuing to offer something for everyone of all ages.

In February all ages and representatives from all Groups in the District took part in the Swimming Gala.

Regular events such as St George's Day, Activity Days and Christmas Carols at Lees Wood along with many other Community events have been well supported and enjoyed by all, with thanks going to the organisers for making them all memorable occasions. Also - the Curry Night! A great evening and a huge thank you to Janet Sands for organising yet again. Well attended, much enjoyed and a great fundraiser.

The Cub District Camp took place at Lees Wood in June and was well attended and enjoyed by all.

In July many Beavers "spent their first night away" at camp and also attended *Beavers in Tents* run by County at Well End.

We are still moving forwards 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.

Watopoly! September was the first time for this activity – hopefully to become an annual event. Fun with the popular game Monopoly around Watford!

Explorers took part in the Peak Assault competition – orienteering in challenging country! Brecon Beacons was the location in October.

Scouts took part in the Green Beret event held at Tolmers in November. A weekend of activities, assault courses and a night event - all building life skills whilst having fun and gaining valuable experiences.

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 essential skills such as teamwork, resilience and self-motivation, Scouts are now 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 freely and especially to Berniece Newlan and Andrew Reeve who keep us informed and financially organised.

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.

Margaret F. Howard  
**Chairman**

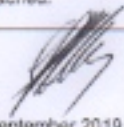
**WATFORD NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**  
**(CHARITY No. 1017809)**

**FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Membership Subscriptions	41,238.45
Donations/Grants	252.93
Activities	16,335.89
Fund Raising	3,904.83
Jamboree	6,360.00
Bank Interest	14.87
Sundry	404.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,510.97</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Membership Subscriptions	31,520.00
Donations	275.00
Activities	19,027.79
Jamboree	10,875.00
Fund Raising	2,778.62
District Team Expenses	897.79
Equipment	1,096.45
Training	69.10
AGM	368.76
Subscriptions	35.00
Insurances / Licences	244.50
Sundry	1,381.81
Transfer to Savings	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£68,569.82</b>

## 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 2018
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<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>
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<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>
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<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 2019
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