

HASTINGS RYE & DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY 2018 TO 31st DECEMBER 2018

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Hastings Rye and District Scout Council

Registered charity number 305856

Charity's principal address 157 Harold Road
Hastings
East Sussex
TN35 5NW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	
1	P Walker	Chairman	
2	Ms J A Pope	Secretary	
3	Mrs T Adams	District Commissioner	from January 2019
4	B Fox	Treasurer	
5	A Pope	District Commissioner	to December 2018
6	A Bishop	District Explorer	from April 2018
		Scout Commissioner	
7	J Goodsell	District Youth Commissioner	
8	Mrs K Pickering		to May 2018
9	M Jackson		
10	Miss L Kerby	District Youth Commissioner	to April 2018
11	Mrs S A Kerby		to June 2018
12	S Piper		
		District Appointments Advisory	
13	K Scott	Committee Chairman	
14	C Ward		

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	McPhersons CFG Ltd	23 St Leonards Road, Bexhill-on-Sea,

Bankers

Lloyds Banking Group	Barclays Bank plc	HSBC
17 Wellington Place	Leicester	4 Robertson Street
Hastings	LE87 2BB	Hastings
TN34 1NX		TN34 1HW
P.O. Box 3		
BX1 1LT		
180 High Street		
Uckfield		
TN22 1AX		

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Additional governance issues

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout District, which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the District Commissioner, District Explorer Scout Commissioner and District Network Scout Commissioner and elected, appointed and co-opted members. The Committee usually meets 5 times a year.

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of District property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- District public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors, other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The District Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed; these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to buildings, property and equipment. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District, through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. The District also has an extension policy with the Scout Association to pay set sums for personal accident and medical expenses for non-member helpers and supporters. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income. The District holds reserves to ensure the continuity of activities in the event of a major reduction in income. The Committee could introduce a District subscription to increase the income to the District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Groups that form the District are totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or a group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of a Group. The District has put in place policies to encourage new leaders to join the Groups.

Section B Structure, governance and management (continued)

Reduction or loss of members. The District provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or a group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of a Group.

Internal Control. The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of the Scout District, as part of the Scout Association, is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The District Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner and the Assistant District Commissioners held meetings with Leaders from Groups, to discuss proposed activities and events and to provide assistance to Groups in an endeavour to meet their needs and requirements.

The District has organised numerous activities, events, outings, camps and expeditions to assist the young people in achieving their full potential, at levels suitable for each age group. The two big public events, the St George's Day Parade and the District Gang Show again provided good publicity for the District.

Scout Active Support has provided support at a number of District events. Members have also helped in running Sections where the Leaders have been unable to be there.

The staging of the Gang Show each November is the largest single activity that the District organises. It involves many young people from different Groups and enables them, over their three-month commitment, to learn many new skills and disciplines.

The District Appointments Advisory Committee oversees adult appointments in the District to ensure that suitable adults are appointed and that they receive appropriate, ongoing, training.

Contribution made by volunteers

All adults within the District are volunteers and their valuable contribution to the success of the District is greatly appreciated.

Public Benefit Statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D Achievements and performance

The production of another successful Gang Show.

Successful events and activities, to enhance the Scouting provided to the young people.

Section E Financial review

Income for the year was £60063 (2017 - £115124), with expenditure of £83073 (2017 - £121121), leaving a net deficit of £23010 (2017 - £5997).

Reserves policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District, should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the district should hold a sum equivalent to at least 24 months running costs.

The District held cash reserves of approximately £131,000 at the year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses, but is being reduced by the expenditure of capital sums to assist Scouting in the District..

Investment policy

The District has adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only UK banks or building societies, the Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service or the Charities' Official Investment Fund.


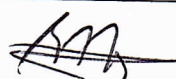
The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received, to ensure that the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the District Executive considers the possible cash flow requirements.

Section F Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

	
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Full Names

Peter Walker	Brian Fox
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Position

Chairman	Treasurer
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Date

28 / 10 / 2019

Hastings Rye and District Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2018

Statement of financial activities

		2018			2017
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Incoming resources	3				
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		2,431	-	-	2,431
Activities for generating funds		1,431	-	-	1,431
Investment income		91	-	-	91
Incoming resources from charitable activities		51,172	-	-	51,172
Other incoming resources		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		55,125	-	-	55,125
Resources expended	4- 8				
Costs of Generating Funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		82,814	-	-	82,814
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Other resources expended		-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		82,814	-	-	82,814
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(27,689)	0	0	(27,689)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		(27,689)	0	0	(27,689)
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(27,689)	-	-	(27,689)
Total funds brought forward		169,108	6,827	-	175,935
Total funds carried forward		141,419	6,827	-	148,246



Hastings Rye & District Scout Council

Financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2018

Balance sheet

		31st December 2018			31st December 2017
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9	5,710	-	-	5,710
Other fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Investments	10	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		5,710	-	-	5,710
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress		1,234	-	-	1,234
Debtors	11	26,656	-	-	26,656
(Short term) investments	12	102,150	6,827	-	108,977
Cash at bank and in hand	13	17,250	-	-	17,250
Total current assets		147,290	6,827	-	154,117
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	11,581	-	-	11,581
Net current assets/(liabilities)		135,709	6,827	-	142,536
Total assets less current liabilities		141,419	6,827	-	148,246
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	14	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-
Net assets		141,419	6,827	-	148,246
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	15	141,419	-	-	141,419
Restricted income funds	15	-	6,827	-	6,827
Endowment funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds		141,419	6,827	-	148,246

The financial statements were approved and signed by:

Signature	Print Name	
	P Walker	Chairman
	B Fox	Treasurer

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2006);
- and with Accounting Standards
- and with the Charities Act 2011

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Notes to the accounts

Note 2 Basis of Preparation

Note 2

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Memberships subscription collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscription are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Notes to the accounts

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Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	2018 £	2017 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	27,566	28,985
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(26,910)	(27,835)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	656	1,150
	Grants & Donations Received	1,415	5,305
	Legacy	-	1,000
	Rental Income	360	745
	Total	2,431	8,200
Activities for generating funds	Bag packing and other fundraising activities	1,258	6,783
	Badges	173	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	1,431	6,783
Investment income	Bank Deposit Interest	60	42
	CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund	31	43
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	91	85
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
	General Fund	51,172	100,056
		-	-
	Total	51,172	100,056

Notes to the accounts

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Note 4

Analysis of resources expended

		2018 £	2017 £
Costs of generating voluntary income	Fund-raising Expenses	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Support costs	-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Support costs	-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities	57,590	115,236
	Adult support and training	6	225
	Development of scouting	5,671	4,642
	Support and services to the movement	84	60
	Grants and Donations	19,000	300
	Governance costs	658	658
	Total	83,009	121,121

Notes to the accounts

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Note 5 Support Costs

Support costs have been analysed as follows:

	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
	-			-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Note 6 Expenses and fees

6.1 Trustee expenses

The total amount of payments or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees was as follows:

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

2018	2017
0	0
£0.00	£0.00

Total amount paid

6.2 Auditor/Independent Examiner fees

The following fees were paid for the statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by the auditor/independent examiner:

Auditors'/Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts
Other fees - advice, consultancy, accountancy services

2018 £	2017 £
560	550

Note 7 Paid Employees

There were no paid employees

Note 8

Grantmaking

The charity made the following material grants and donations during the year

8.1 Total value of grants

Purpose for which grants made	Grants to institutions Total amount £	Grants to individuals Total amount £
Building works	15,000	-
Participation in World Scout Jamboree		4,000
		-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
<i>Total</i>	15,000	4,000

8.2 Grants made to institutions

The charity made the following material grants to institutions.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
1st Brede Scout Group	Building extension	13,000
24th Hastings Scout Group	Building improvements	2,000
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
<i>Total grants to institutions</i>		15,000

Notes to the accounts

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Note 9

Tangible fixed assets

9.1 Cost or valuation

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	4,327	-	5,518	-	9,845
Additions	-	-	1,018	-	1,018
Revaluations	-	-	1,149	-	1,149
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	4,327	-	5,387	-	9,714

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Depreciation is provided on the above assets at the following rates:

Basis	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Straight Line/Reducing Balance	Reducing Balance	Reducing Balance
Rate			25%	25%

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment	Scouting Equipment etc	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	4,572	-	4,572
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	461	-	461
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	1,029	-	1,029
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	4,004	-	4,004

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	4,327	-	946	-	5,273
Carried forward	4,327	-	1,383	-	5,710

9.4 Revaluation

Note 10

Investment assets

10.1 Fixed assets investments

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year
 Add: additions to investments at cost
 Less: disposals at carrying value
 Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation
 Carrying (market) value at end of year

£
-
-
-
-
-

Analysis of investments

Investment properties

Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes

Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies

Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange

Cash held as part of the investment portfolio

Other investments

10.2 Market value at year end £	10.3 Income from investments for the year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
Total	-

10.4 Material investment holdings

Material Investments (more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity's total investments) were:

Investment held

Market Value

Notes to the accounts

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Note 11

Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group

Other debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Total

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
31st December 2018 £	31st December 2017 £	31st December 2018 £	31st December 2017 £
24,344	25,405	-	-
-	-	-	-
651	13,185	-	-
1,661	1,065	-	-
26,656	39,655	-	-

Note 12

Short term investments

Analysis of deposits

The Scout Association short term investment service

Other deposits

Total

31st December 2018 £	31st December 2017 £
-	-
108,977	136,344
108,977	136,344

Note 13

Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

Bank current accounts

Building society accounts

Cash in hand

Total

31st December 2018 £	31st December 2017 £
8,345	7,364
-	-
8,905	2,416
17,250	9,780

Note 14

Creditors and accruals

14.1 Analysis of creditors

Loans and overdrafts

Trade creditors

Subscriptions

Debts due to the County/Area/District/Group

Taxation and social security

Other creditors

Accruals & Deferred Income

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
31st December 2018 £	31st December 2017 £	31st December 2018 £	31st December 2017 £
-	-	-	-
9,593	8,654	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	195	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	6,468	-	-
1,988	550	-	-
11,581	15,867	-	-

Notes to the accounts

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Note 15 Endowment and restricted funds

15.1 Funds held

The charity held the following funds at the year end

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Moon Trust Fund	R	To be used for camping/expedition related purposes

15.2 Movements of major funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Moon Trust Fund	6,827	-	-		-	6,827
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	6,827	-	-	-	-	6,827

15.3 Transfers between funds

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount

Note 16

Transactions with related parties

16.1 Remuneration and benefits

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		2018 £	2017 £
		0	0

16.2 Loans

Due to trustees and related parties

Due from trustees and related parties

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
		2018 £	2017 £
B FOX		0	250

16.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	2018 £	2017 £

Note 17

Additional Disclosures

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR 2018

Hi all,

2018, Another tremendous year for Scouting in Hastings, Rye and District saw a lot of adventure as well as change for the District.

As part of my agenda to raise our public profile and make some of the District events more "youth focussed" we held our two main events outside. With a change from tradition, we held the St George's Day celebrations on the sea front and the renewal of promises on the pier. We held the Chief Scout's awards at the bandstand in Alexandra Park, having marched from the war memorial. We received great feedback on both events and numerous positive comments from members of the public, who hadn't realised that Scouting was still going on in the town. We even had past Scouts, now adults, join in and renew their promise.

Across the sections we had a multitude of events; to highlight a few; the Beavers' sports day took place on a very hot day in mid-summer, there was a Legoland trip, District cub camp and the day trip to Amberley museum, PGL for all sections on a traditionally chilly February weekend, the overland hike, Explorer camp, numerous Mallidams weekends and, of course, the Gang Show at the end of the year. We also saw the launch of the new District website.

Unfortunately, we saw the closure of two groups this year; the 1st Northiam and the 11th Hastings. Both groups ran out of leader options. I am pleased to say that we managed to hang on to most of the leaders and young members, who moved to other groups, which has helped to bolster their numbers. I was even more delighted to see that, despite the closure of these groups, the census showed that our numbers have increased again this year. There remains real demand from the young people and fulfilling that is only limited by the number of adult volunteers we can attract.

I would like to thank all the groups, all the leaders and everyone involved in making it happen across the District. You continue to make a real difference to the young members of our community; please keep doing what you do really well, and that is to provide opportunities that otherwise our young people just wouldn't have.

This will be my last DC's report; I would like to thank the Exec and the District Team, who supported the District and me, as DC. As we move into 2019, Trudi Adams has taken on the role; I wish her all the very best and I know that Scouting is in great hands going forward.

Many thanks

Andy

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2018

Well another year has gone by and not without lots of events to keep us on our toes!

The 11th Hastings closed as did 1st Northiam but fortunately not to the detriment of our total membership. The 3rd decided to move into the 11th's meeting place which it is hoped will be their final home since a forced move some years ago. The HQ at Northiam is now occupied by the local library, until repairs are made to their usual home, so is being looked after very well. We have also been able to store equipment from the 11th there. We own the freehold at Northiam including a good size plot of land with woodland and a stream running through it, so watch this space for future developments.

It was sad that Andy Pope decided to resign as District Commissioner late in the year, particularly after all the hard work he had done to help the District. He left it on a high and will be missed in that role. I am pleased to say that Andy is to continue in various ways to help the District and in particular has helped Trudi Adams as she took over the job.

I have much appreciated the help of Brian Fox once more, with his wealth of knowledge about all things Scouting and the District in particular. I am pleased to say that he has offered to continue in the role of District Treasurer, a post he has held since 1978!

I also would like to thank Julie Pope for being District Secretary this last couple of years. Julie finishes at this year's AGM and I thank her for stepping in to see us through a difficult time.

I would like to mention "The Boathouse", our District HQ. A much underused facility in terms of overnight stays and a base for activities. Full details are on our District Website for terms and conditions of use, which I think are very reasonable, and I would hope more use is made of it in the future. Thank you to Keith Rose, who looks after the building for us, also to Andy Bishop and his Explorer Scouts for the BBQ here tonight.

Finally thank you to all the team who run the Gang Show! By far the biggest event in the District, certainly in terms of the number of Scouts and Leaders who are involved. Hastings Gang Show is the only one in East Sussex now, long may it continue!!

Peter Walker.
District Chair.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hastings Rye & District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2018, which are set out on pages 7 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 items 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 present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - 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.



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