

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Walsall North Scout District														
Registered charity number (if any)	1 1 7 3 6 6 2														
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)
1	James Hodson	District Commissioner
2	Edwin Daniel	District Chair
3	Jake Durbin	District Youth Lead

Section B Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	<p>The District's governing documents are those of the 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.</p>
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	<p>The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.</p>
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	<p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.</p>
Additional governance issues	<p>The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, 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.</p> <p>The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer (ex-officio)</p>

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer (vacant) and nominated trustees.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This District Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group 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 equipment. The District has sufficient contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The district does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the district on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The district is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or a group as whole then there District activities would need to be reviewed

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or a group as whole then there District activities would need to be reviewed.

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 a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development,

empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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.

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.

Public benefit statement

The Group 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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year Overall, the District grew since 2023 and we are en route to recovering to pre-2020 numbers.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The District does not currently have huge outgoings as it owns no property. The main outgoings are subscriptions for groups which are paid in annually. It is therefore important that the District has funds to pay these upwards in case a group cannot afford to pay. We therefore have £10,000 as our reserve as this is the top quarter of highest subscription groups. The District held reserves of approximately £15000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *Dan Phillips* *David Rowley*

Full name(s) Dan Phillips David Rowley

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) Acting District Lead Volunteer Trustee

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