



Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

Charity name: Blackpool District Scout Council
Charity registration number: 521534

The Trustees of the Charity present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Constitution

Blackpool District Scout Council ("BDSC") is registered as a Charity in England number 521534. The date of registration is 8 November 1966. The rules of the Charity are stipulated by the Policy, Organisation and Rules ("POR") of The Scout Association, itself a Charity registered in England (No. 306101) and incorporated by a Royal Charter dated 4 January 1912.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives - The aim of BDSC is that of The Scout Association; the purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. These benefits are available to all young people and are therefore considered to be a public benefit under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

The method of achieving the aim of the Scout Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, guided by adult leadership.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

The charity's main objective is to 'actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society'. Our goal is to continue to grow, become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to make a bigger impact in our communities.

The Trustees value the contribution made to the Charity by its volunteers and considers that good communications and relationships with its people and its members to be very important and makes relevant information available to all. The success of the Charity can only be put down to its people, uniformed and non-uniformed leaders, supporters and of course its young people.

Activities - The District came together to develop an action plan setting out our vision for developing Scouting and how we intend to achieve those ambitions. This work has been put on hold whilst we continue to meet virtually, however, we will continue to provide better futures for more of our young people which continues to be exciting and relevant and allows them to enjoy the "Everyday Adventure".

We will continue to focus on:

- providing a fun, enjoyable, high quality programme for our members.
- ensuring that Scouting is clearly understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a role in today's society.
- having more well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers
- providing good quality, practical locations to support our Scouting programme

Blackpool District would not be as successful as it is without all the voluntary help and time that is so freely given and we are so fortunate to have so many volunteers giving their time selflessly for the benefit of Scouting in Blackpool. Our volunteers help in a wide variety of ways and it is all very much appreciated. There is a team of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes alongside our "front line" operational volunteers to ensure that the young people in Blackpool get the best Scouting experience possible.

When people think about Scouting, camping is one of the first things that come to mind. Camps don't just happen and we must thank our many leaders and volunteers who spend a tremendous amount of time planning, organising and running camps in exciting places, both in this country and abroad, including our District Camp which happened at Bibby's Farm, Chorley in June 2019. Although the weather was not as warm and dry as we would have liked, all had an enjoyable time.

We have a comprehensive training scheme for all our members providing specific training for Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer Scout and Network leaders as well as training for all our trustees and adult volunteers.

We also support our leaders with first aid training, safety and safeguarding for all volunteers that are in contact with young people.

The Mowbreck camp site forms a key part of the Charity's activities and financial support has been provided by District for ongoing maintenance of the site for the benefit of those young people both within and outside of Scouting

We are fortunate that our members have the opportunity to take part in various international expeditions. This year there have been trips to many different countries with members visiting the Menin Gate, Nepal and Zimbabwe.

BDSC are also grateful for a number of contributions and kind bequests which will be used for the good of the District over the coming year and these are listed at the end of the financial section.

Social investments - Whilst no actual monetary financial investment has been made to non-scouting projects, the trustees would like to point out that the charity supports all young people, not just those in Scouting: and Mowbreck is used by a wide range of organisations which help and encourage young people from all sorts of backgrounds.

BDSC continues to adopt the clear Equal Opportunities Policy of The Scout Association in that no young person or person volunteering their service shall receive less favourable treatment on the basis of, nor suffer disadvantage by reason of: - ethnicity - gender - age - sexual orientation - additional needs - nationality – religion. BDSC continues to embrace the objectives set down in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

Financial Review

District income is mostly supported from a small levy on top of the annual Membership fee. One of our fund-raising activities is the annual St George's Day Dinner Dance and this has provided valuable funds to help in supporting other Scouting activity. We also worked with Tesco and Sainsbury's to undertake a "bag-pack" in November 2019 and all the funds were disbursed to the Groups that took part.

Any income received is utilised in the many charitable activities supporting the young people in annual events such as the Swimming Gala, Carol Service and St Georges Day events.

We also provide grant funding to Scout members to enable them to attend various international visits and each year allocate a sum in the accounts to meet future commitments to ensure that we can support young people on the International Jamboree and help with other International visits.

Our investments and the income they generate are included in the financial report. With interest rates at an all-time historic low and dividend yields likely to remain suppressed for some time BDSC will keep the investments under review.

NB - Included in the accounts is the ongoing receipts and payments for the 57th Blackpool (Unity) Scout Group and we are in the process of transferring this funding to a separate account operated by the Group.

Accounting Principles –

- BDSC is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid.
- The charity raises funds from the public but does not work with professional fundraisers or commercial participators.
- The charity does not have trading facilities.
- No trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity.
- The charity owns a training campsite and the land is freehold. It is not depreciated.
- The Trustees ensure that the reserves are sufficient, reviewed regularly and are in line with Charity Commission recommendations.
- Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational structure

The management of Operational Scouting within Blackpool is vested in the District Commissioner, supported by the District Team comprising the Deputy District Commissioners, Assistant District Commissioners, Group Scout Leaders, Adult and Young Leaders.

The management of the business of BDSC is vested in the Trustees of the Charity who make up the District Executive who consist of-

Ex-officio Members

- District Chair, nominated annually by the DC, at the AGM.
- District President
- District Commissioner
- District Youth Commissioner
- District Scout Network Commissioner
- District Explorer Scout Commissioner.
- District Treasurer, elected at each District AGM
- District Secretary, elected at each District AGM

Nominated members: -

- Persons nominated annually by the District Commissioner, in consultation with the District Chair, and approved by the District AGM

Elected members: -

- Six elected by the members of the Scout Council, such that each serves a maximum of two years (with three retiring each year having completed their term of office).

Co-opted members: -

- Additionally, the Executive Committee has powers to co-opt additional members (who will have particular skills needed).

The District Executive is accountable to the BDSC which is established in accordance with the Scout Association's POR and meets annually at the AGM.

The District Executive meets at least four times a year. Reports are presented from key representatives to highlight key items of business and when required, Executive approval.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Victoria DaSilva MBE	District Commissioner		County Commissioner – ex officio
Katherine O'Connor	District Chair		District Commissioner – ex officio
Elizabeth Abbott	District Secretary		BDSC – Ex officio
Brian Paley	Acting District Treasurer		BDSC – Ex officio
Joan Swan	Deputy District Commissioner		District Commissioner
Steve Williamson	District Advisor		District Commissioner
Philip Mather	PR and Publicity Manager		BDSC
Joanna Hacking	District Explorer Scout Commissioner		District Commissioner – ex officio
Irene Wheatley	Scout Active Support Unit Manager		BDSC
Peter Rumley	ADC International		BDSC
Christine Fitton BEM JP	Vice President		District Commissioner
Geoff Platt	Vice President		District Commissioner
Ted Cooper	ADC Cubs		BDSC
Heather Clegg	Assistant Beaver Leader – 45 th Bpl	4 July 2019	BDSC
Janet Hardy	District Treasurer	26 September 2019	District Commissioner – ex officio
Reid Skipper	District Adviser	4 July 2019	District Commissioner
Laurance Hancock		4 July 2019	District Commissioner
Stewart Swan	ADC Scouts	4 July 2019	BDSC
Jordan Shuck	District Youth Commissioner		District Commissioner – ex officio

Blackpool District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2020

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Membership fees received	28453		28071	
Payments to County	22596		23085	
		5857		4986
Interest and Dividends received		579		526
Donations		2740		500
St Georges Day/Founders Day				7706
Training				185
Badge Receipts		3713		-319
Dinner Dance Receipts		5453		4666
Loan Repayments		780		
Swimming Gala		133		140
District Camp		17325		
Jamboree/International fund raising		617		6375
Grants received				2492
Bag Pack		1659		
Youth United/Closure of 20 th Bpl		1178		
Sundry Income		60		
Advance Membership/Dinner		15684		
Dance				
57 th Blackpool		1659		
		<u>57437</u>		<u>27256</u>
 <u>Section Income</u>				
Gang Show Income		16102		14859
Beaver Scout Section Income		233		3218
Cub Scout Section Income		14885		24212
Scout Section Income		2148		2403
Explorer Scout Section Income		8294		7276
Mowbreck Campsite Income		2927		4568
Mowbreck Beer Festival Income		6386		4833
SASU Income		370		294
Service Team Income		0		50
		<u>51344</u>		<u>61711</u>
Total Receipts		<u>108781</u>		<u>88967</u>

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Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2020

<u>Payments</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Dinner Dance costs	3180	3796
Insurances	959	959
Jamboree/Internationals	1958	9638
Badge Payments*	5110	
St Georges Day/Founders Day	239	7959
Development activities	642	916
District Camp	19176	570
Training	3592	2862
AGM/Carol Service	545	542
District Expenses	1306	1018
Storage costs	312	260
Swimming Gala	725	591
Bag Pack	1797	
District Football		100
Awards Evening		350
Web Storage/Hosting	426	
Other Activities and events		55
Hardship Grant	85	
Distribution of YUF Funds	1428	
Donations	240	
Advance Dinner Dance	713	
57th Blackpool	2789	
	45221	29617
<u>Section Costs</u>		
Gang Show costs	15923	16464
Beaver scout section costs	484	1906
Cub scout section costs	16164	21684
Scout Section costs	2191	2031
Explorer scout section costs	6435	6640
SASU costs	134	332
Mowbreck costs	4232	6302
Scout Car costs	0	0
Mowbreck Beer Festival costs	6574	4998
Service Team costs	0	0
	52137	60356
Total Payments	97358	89973
<u>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</u>	11423	-1006
Less Advance Membership/ Dinner Dance/57th receipts	17343	
Plus Advance Dinner Dance/57th payments	3502	
Actual Net/Surplus(Deficit) for year	-2419	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ending 31st March 2020

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Assets</u>				
Monetary balances (cash and bank)		103724		93176
<u>Investment assets</u>				
Scout short term investment fund	26650		26650	
Rayner funds: 668.6 units in the Charities Office Investment Fund at Valuation	9933		10155	
		36583		36805
		140307		129982
<u>Non-monetary assets</u>				
Mowbreck training centre at cost	883		883	
Stock of badges at cost	3335		3668	
Office equipment	610		610	
Trophies	10		10	
		4838		5171
		145146		135153
<u>Loans</u>				
To groups		1596		2459
		146742		137611
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Advance payments 20/21		15047		
Due to groups		1372		3451
		130323		134160
<u>Represented by</u>				
Reserves brought forward		137612		139016
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		11423		-1006
Increase/(reduction) in value of investment funds		-222		647
Increase/(reduction) in value of non-monetary assets		-333		47
Increase/(reduction) in loans		-863		2359
Less increase/(reduction) in liabilities		12967		3451
<u>Reserves carried forward</u>		134650		137612

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Blackpool District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Districts trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- 1) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act ;
- 2) to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b)of the 2011 act; and
- 3) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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.

Independent examiners statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirement to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) 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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Blackpool District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
Year Ending 31st March 2020

Note 1

Cash at bank and in hand

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Executive accounts		
CAF bank current account	14370	1839
CAF bank gold account	51144	51742
Raynor account	2594	2311
Jamboree Account	200	198
	<u>68308</u>	<u>56090</u>
 Section Accounts		
Explorers	3899	2324
Mowbreck	1722	3027
Beer Festival	5059	5247
Gang Show	13718	13836
Cubs	6637	7916
Beavers	2158	2390
Scouts	580	623
SASU	1215	978
Service Team	429	429
Scout Car Races	0	317
	<u>35417</u>	<u>37086</u>
 Total	<u>103724</u>	<u>93176</u>

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Notes to the Accounts continued
Year Ending 31st March 2020

Note 2

Analysis of Reserves

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total Reserves	134651	137612
less:		
Non-monetary assets, loans and liabilities	22853	11081
<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
Raynor Bequest	12527	12466
Butterworth Bequest	15378	15378
<u>Designated Funds</u>		
Jamboree and Internationals	4681	4023
Mowbreck	1722	3027
Beer Festival	5059	5247
Explorers	1811	2324
Gang Show	13718	13836
SASU	1215	978
Service Team	429	429
Scout Cars	0	317
Future events	1265	3147
Greathead Fund	1749	
Youth Commissioner Fund	88	
Membership Fees	30000	23000
Free Reserves	<u>22156</u>	<u>42359</u>

Reserves Policy

The District mainly raises its running costs from its members and has limited capacity for other fundraising, therefore the trustees exercise a prudent approach to their free reserves policy: the trustees will initiate additional fund raising when free reserves fall to below the equivalent of 2 years annual costs measured against the latest Executive Income and Expenditure account or the forward budget plan.

Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the following generous contributors to our fund raising this year: Peter Greathead, Michael Loomes, the estate of Keith Gledhill, Tesco and Sainsbury's stores
 We also continue to benefit from the legacy of Mrs Patricia Butterworth and F G Raynor.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Katherine O'Connor

Full name:

Katherine O'Connor

Position:

Chair

Date:

14 September 2020

Signature:

Victoria DaSilva

Full name:

Victoria DaSilva

Position:

District Commissioner

Date:

14 September 2020

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