



Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

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 2021. 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. There is a formal Constitution of Blackpool District Scout Council which is in force.

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 work of the District has been challenging during the pandemic where many of the Scout Groups met virtually to undertake a variety of activities and meetings. Face to face meetings have been put on hold whilst we determine 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

We have some wonderful volunteers in Blackpool District and the time and commitment that our people provide so selflessly for the benefit of Scouting is very much appreciated. We have many volunteers who work directly with our young people and many who work behind the scenes, all of whom provide valuable support 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. We haven't been able to experience outdoor activities including camping, but we hope to get back to this in the future. Similarly members have not been able to experience the various international experiences that are usually available to our young people and Leaders.

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. This has been operated using online courses which have been completed by many whilst we have been in lockdown. 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 development activities and ongoing maintenance of the site for the benefit of those young people both within and outside of Scouting. The site has benefitted from the toilet block refurbishment which has involved installing a new accessible toilet and improved washing facilities. Thanks to the new Mowbreck team and all the volunteers who have provided valuable support to upgrade the facilities at the site.

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.

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 in the past has been garnered from a small levy on top of the annual Membership fee and the annual St George's Day Dinner Dance. Due to the pandemic our income has been greatly reduced as these funds have not been available to us.

Any income received is normally 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.

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. These reserves are at a low figure due to reduction in income due to the pandemic and will be reviewed in September 2021 to ensure that reserves are returned to their pre-Pandemic levels.
- 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 Blackpool District Scout Council 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 District Constitution and 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)
ExOfficio	
Councillor Lily Henderson MBE	District President (deceased)
Victoria DaSilva MBE	District Commissioner
Katherine O'Connor MBE	District Chair
Elizabeth Abbott	District Secretary
Janet Hardy	District Treasurer
Ellie Harrison	District Youth Commissioner
Gabrielle Howson Tax	District Youth Commissioner
Emily Jackson	District Network Advisor
Joanna Hacking	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Elected	
Philip Mather (appointed 2018) *	PR and Publicity Manager
Irene Wheatley (appointed 2018) *	Scout Active Support Unit Manager
Peter Rumley (appointed 2018) *	ADC International
Ted Cooper (appointed 2018) *	ADC Cubs - ACC Cubs
Stewart Swan (appointed July 2019) **	ADC Scouts
Heather Clegg (appointed July 2019) **	Assistant Beaver Leader - 45 th Bpl
Nominated	
Reid Skipper	District Adviser
Joan Swan	Deputy District Commissioner
Steve Williamson	District Advisor

Christine Fitton BEM JP	Vice President
Geoff Platt	Vice President
Laurance Hancock	

* Extended to AGM 2021 due to Executive not meeting as frequently in 2020/21 due to the Pandemic

** Extended to AGM 2022 due to Executive not meeting as frequently in 2020/21 due to the Pandemic.

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:

Signature: **Victoria DaSilva**

Full name: Victoria DaSilva

Position: District Commissioner

Date:

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**Blackpool District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2021**

	<u>£</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts</u>						
Membership fees received					28453	

Payments to County	<u>22596</u>	5857
	2988	
Membership fees	6	
Interest and dividends received	512	579
Donations	650	2740
Training	0	0
Badge Receipts	3039	3713
Dinner Dance	25	5453
Loan Repayments	550	780
Swimming Gala	0	133
District Camp	0	17325
Jamboree/International fund raising	0	617
Fundraising Bag	54	0
Pack	0	1659
Youth United Fund/Closure of 20th Bpl	0	1178
Sundry Income Advance	0	60
Membership/DDance	0	15684
57th Blackpool	<u>2858</u>	<u>1659</u>
	3757	
	4	57437
 <u>Section Income</u>		
Gang Show	395	16102

income		
Beaver scout section income	0	233
Cub scout section income	57	14885
Scout Section Income	0	2148
Explorer scout section income	1807	8294
	<u>2747</u>	
Mowbreck income	5	2927
Mowbreck Beer Festival income	0	6386
SASU income	241	370
Service Team Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	2997	
	5	51344
	<u>6754</u>	
Total Receipts	<u><u>9</u></u>	<u><u>108781</u></u>

**Blackpool District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments account
Year Ending 31st March 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Membership Fees	2380	
13	9	

Dinner Dance costs	292	3180
Insurances	811	959
Jamboree/Internationals	1450	1958
Badge Payments*	1930	5110
St Georges Day/Founders Day	74	239
	1500	
Development	0	642
District Camp	0	19176
Training	286	3592
AGM/Carol Service	0	545
District Expenses	1359	1306
Storage costs	0	312
Swimming Gala	602	725
Bag Pack	0	1797
Web Storage/Hosting	0	426
Hardship Grant	0	85
Distribution of YUF Funds	0	1428
Donations	0	240
Advance Ddance	0	713
57th Blackpool	4230	2789
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	3	45221
Section Costs		
Gang Show costs	1183	15923
Beaver scout section costs	90	484
Cub scout section costs	3391	16164
Scout Section	103	2191

costs		
Explorer scout section costs	2731	6435
SASU costs	0	134
Mowbreck costs	7042	4232
Mowbreck Beer Festival costs	0	6574
Service Team costs	0	0
	1454	
	0	
	<u>6438</u>	<u>52137</u>
Total Payments	3	97358
Net Surplus/(Deficit)for the year	<u>3166</u>	<u>11423</u>
Less Advance M'ship/Ddance/57th receipts	2858	17343
Plus Advance Ddance/57th payments	4230	3502
Actual Net/Surplus(Deficit) for year	4538	-2419

**Blackpool District Scout Council
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ending 31st March 2021**

	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£
Assets					

Monetary balances (cash and bank)		1068		
		31		103704
<u>Investment assets</u>				
Scout short term investment fund	2685		26650	
	1			
Rayner funds: 668.6 units in the Charities Office Investment Fund at Valuation	1198			
	<u>6</u>		<u>9933</u>	
		3883		
		6		36583
		<u>1456</u>		
		67		140287
<u>Non-monetary assets</u>				
Mowbreck training centre at cost	883		883	
Stock of badges at cost	3642		3335	
Office Equipment	610		610	
Trophies	<u>10</u>		<u>10</u>	
		5145		4838
		<u>1508</u>		
		12		145126
<u>Loans</u>				
To groups/individuals		800		1596
		<u>1516</u>		
		12		146722
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Advance payments 21/22		1343		15047
Due to groups		2		1372
		<u>0</u>		
		1381		
		<u>80</u>		<u>130303</u>

Represented by

Reserves brought forward	1346	
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	50	137612
Increase/(reduction) in value of investment funds	3166	11423
Increase/(reduction) in value of non monetary assets	2053	-222
increase/(reduction) in loans	307	-333
Less increase/(reduction) in liabilities	-796	-863
	<u>-2987</u>	<u>12967</u>
	1423	
	<u>65</u>	<u>134650</u>

Reserves carried forward**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 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 3

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 Section144(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 section145 of the 2011 act
- 2 to follow the procedureslaid down in the general diections 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 recordskept by the Districtand a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual itms or disclosures in the 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:

- a) 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
- b) which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mike Heed
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Signature: AMHeed
Date: 17.06.2021

**Blackpool District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
Year Ending 31st March 2021**

Note 1

Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Exec accounts		
Caf bank current account	16711	14370
Caf bank gold account	39129	51144
Raynor account		2594
Jamboree Account		200
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	55839	68308
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**Section
Accounts**

Explore rs	3205	3899
Mowbreck	22155	1722
Beer Festival	5059	5059
Gang Show	12861	13718
Cubs	3302	6637
Beaver s	2048	2138
Scouts	476	580
SASU	1456	1215
Service Team	429	429
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	50991	35397
Total	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	106831	103704

**Blackpool District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
continued
Year Ending 31st March 2021**

Note 2

Analysis of Reserves

	2021	2020
Total Reserves	142365	134650
less:		
Non monetary assets+ loans and liabilities	19377	22853
<u>Restricted Funds</u>		

Rayner Bequest	14950	12527
Butterworth Bequest	15378	15378
<u>Designated Funds</u>		
Jamboree and Internationals	5231	4681
Mowbreck	22155	1722
Beer Festival	5059	5059
Explore		
rs	3205	1811
Gang Show	12862	13718
SASU	1456	1215
Service Team	429	429
Future events	0	1265
Greathead Fund	2249	1749
Youth Commissioner Fund	88	88
Membership Fees	30000	30000
Free Reserves	9927	22155

Reserves Policy

The District mainly raises its running costs from its members and has limited capacity for other fund raising, 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
We also continue to benefit from the legacy of Mrs Patricia Butterworth and F G Rayner