



## **Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

**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 2022. 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.

### **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 as during the last financial year we were still experiencing the effects of the pandemic where many of the Scout Groups who had endeavoured to meet face-to-face, also had to meet virtually to undertake a variety of activities and meetings, when it became evident that the Omicron variant was circulating throughout the population. During this challenging period we have continued 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" that Scouting brings.

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 is really fortunate in having committed and passionate volunteers in our District who are selfless in providing their skills, experience and free time to benefit young people who are involved in Scouting. We thank them for their valuable support to providing the best Scouting experience for our young people. In addition, to the Leaders who work regularly with young people, we also have people who work "behind the scenes" so we would like to pay tribute to all of our dedicated volunteers for their work on behalf of young people in Blackpool.

We haven't been able to experience the excitement of utilising Mowbreck training campsite as much as possible, however, we are delighted that due to a donation from Blackpool District, development activities have happened at the site and following the kindness and generosity of an anonymous donor we have been able to improve the galley, undertaking necessary health and safety requirements. We have been fortunate in receiving Government grants whilst the site has been in lockdown, which has enabled us to refurbish the toilet block and providing much needed improvements to the facilities at the site. During the year we have also benefitted from the donation provided by Michael Loomes, from his brother's estate. In line with their wishes we have made improvements to the site entrance including a new retaining feature wall. We thank them for their continued support through financial donations. All of this work has been undertaken to benefit the young people who utilise the site from both within and

external to Scouting. Thanks to the new Mowbreck team and all the volunteers who have provided valuable support to upgrade the facilities at the site.

Training has continued virtually for all our volunteers, with the mandatory safety and safeguarding skills. The leaders of our young people have been undertaking training online to ensure they have the necessary skills to work with young people, including First Aid. For all who have been involved in the commissioning and administration of training activities we would like to thank you for ensuring that our Leaders are

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.

Personnel - We would like to pay tribute to elected and nominated officers to the Blackpool District Scout Council Executive Committee who have advised that they are standing down, namely Christine Fitton BEM JP, Geoff Platt and Reid Skipper. We would like to thank the District Commissioner, Victoria DaSilva, Stewart Swan and Heather Clegg for their counsel at Executive Committees. All of whom have provided extensive experience and counsel to guide the decisions at Executive Committee and we would like to thank them.

### **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 ongoing pandemic we have not had any income into the District, so have had to dip into our reserves and transfer funds into the accounts.

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, however, many of the major events have been curtailed due to the pandemic.

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). NB - we have only had two people put their names forward currently so have been unable to appoint more elected members.

#### 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 Blackpool District Scout Council 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)                                |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| ExOfficio                              |                                                |
| Vacant                                 | District President                             |
| 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                    |
| Liam Chow                              | District Network Advisor                       |
| Joanna Hacking                         | District Explorer Scout Commissioner           |
| Elected                                |                                                |
| Philip Wheatley                        | Joint SASU Manager                             |
| Diane Parkinson                        | District Training Administrator                |
| Stewart Swan (appointed July 2019) **  | Former ADC Scouts and District Advisor         |
| Heather Clegg (appointed July 2019) ** | Assistant Beaver Leader - 45 <sup>th</sup> Bpl |
| Nominated                              |                                                |
| Reid Skipper                           | District Adviser                               |
| Joan Swan                              | Deputy District Commissioner                   |
| Steve Williamson (deceased)            | District Advisor                               |
| Christine Fitton BEM JP                | Vice President                                 |
| Geoff Platt                            | Vice President                                 |

\*\* Stepped down at AGM 2022

## **Declarations**

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

### **Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature:** **Katherine O'Connor    Katherine O'Connor**

**Full name:** Katherine O'Connor

**Position:** Chair

**Date:** 1 July 2022

**Signature:** **Victoria DaSilva    Victoria DaSilva**

**Full name:** Victoria DaSilva

**Position:** District Commissioner

**Date:** 01.07.2022

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**Blackpool District Scout Council  
Receipts and Payments account  
Year Ending 31st March 2022**

2022

|                                 | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u>          | <u>£</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>          |          |                   |          |
| Membership fees                 |          | 26559             |          |
| Interest and dividends received |          | 396               |          |
| Donations                       |          | 3296              |          |
| Grants                          |          | 500               |          |
| Dinner Dance                    |          | 692               |          |
| Loan Repayments                 |          | 800               |          |
| Swimming Gala                   |          | 0                 |          |
| District Camp                   |          | 3775              |          |
| Badge Receipts                  |          | 1523              |          |
| Awards Evening                  |          | 952               |          |
| Transfer from Mowbreck (Raynor) |          | 3000              |          |
| Miscellaneous                   |          | 290               |          |
|                                 |          | <hr/> 41782       |          |
| <b><u>Section Income</u></b>    |          |                   |          |
| Gang Show income                |          | 1073              |          |
| Beaver scout section income     |          | 0                 |          |
| Cub scout section income        |          | 8108              |          |
| Scout Section Income            |          | 683               |          |
| Explorer scout section income   |          | 8155              |          |
| Mowbreck income                 |          | 16091             |          |
| Mowbreck Beer Festival income   |          | 0                 |          |
| SASU income                     |          | 256               |          |
| Service Team Income             |          | 0                 |          |
|                                 |          | <hr/> 34366       |          |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>           |          | <hr/> <hr/> 76148 |          |



**Blackpool District Scout Council  
Receipts and Payments account  
Year Ending 31st March 2022**

**2022**

**£**

**Payments**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Membership Fees               | 19382 |
| Dinner Dance costs            | 388   |
| Insurances                    | 854   |
| Jamboree/Internationals       | 63    |
| Badge Payments*               | 3993  |
| St Georges Day/Founders Day   | 0     |
| Development                   | 0     |
| District Camp                 | 1435  |
| Training                      | 668   |
| AGM/Carol Service             | 0     |
| District Expenses             | 1267  |
| Storage costs                 | 320   |
| Swimming Gala                 | 0     |
| Media                         | 753   |
| Equipment                     | 919   |
| Transfer to Mowbreck (Raynor) | 3321  |
| Miscellaneous                 | 290   |
| Awards Evening                | 1431  |

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**Section Costs**

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Gang Show costs              | 1429 |
| Beaver scout section costs   | 344  |
| Cub scout section costs      | 4173 |
| Scout Section costs          | 53   |
| Explorer scout section costs | 8868 |
| SASU costs                   | 126  |
| Mowbreck costs               | 9348 |
| Mowbreck Beer Festival costs | 0    |
| Service Team costs           | 0    |

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**Total Payments**

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <b><u>Net Surplus/(Deficit)for the year</u></b> | 16724 |
| Less Advance 57th receipts                      | 0     |
| Plus Advance 57th payments                      | 0     |
| <b>Actual Net/Surplus(Deficit) for year</b>     | 16724 |

**Blackpool District Scout Council  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
Year Ending 31st March 2022**

|                                                      | <u>2022</u>  |               |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                                      | <u>£</u>     | <u>£</u>      | <u>£</u>     |
| <b><u>Assets</u></b>                                 |              |               |              |
| Monetary balances (cash and bank)                    |              | 123430        |              |
| <b><u>Investment assets</u></b>                      |              |               |              |
| Scout short term investment fund                     | 26851        |               | 26851        |
| Rayner funds: 668.6 units<br>in the Charities Office |              |               |              |
| Investment Fund at Valuation                         | <u>13020</u> |               | <u>11986</u> |
|                                                      |              | 39871         |              |
|                                                      |              | <u>163301</u> |              |
| <b><u>Non-monetary assets</u></b>                    |              |               |              |
| Mowbreck training centre at cost                     | 30000        |               | 883          |
| Stock of badges at cost                              | 5676         |               | 3642         |
| Office Equipment                                     | 610          |               | 610          |
| Trophies                                             | <u>10</u>    |               | <u>10</u>    |
|                                                      |              | 36296         |              |
|                                                      |              | <u>199597</u> |              |
| <b><u>Loans</u></b>                                  |              |               |              |
| To groups/individuals                                |              | <u>0</u>      |              |
|                                                      |              | 199597        |              |
| <b><u>Liabilities</u></b>                            |              |               |              |
| Advance payments                                     |              | 26038         |              |
|                                                      |              | <u>173560</u> |              |
| <b><u>Represented by</u></b>                         |              |               |              |
| Reserves brought forward                             |              | 142365        |              |
| Net surplus/(deficit) for the year                   |              | 16724         |              |
| Increase/(reduction) in value of investment funds    |              | 1034          |              |
| Increase/(reduction) in value of non monetary assets |              | 31151         |              |

|                                          |                      |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| increase/(reduction) in loans            | -800                 |
| Less increase/(reduction) in liabilities | 12606                |
| <b><u>Reserves carried forward</u></b>   | <b><u>177869</u></b> |

## 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 2022 which are set out on page

### **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 the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures used 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 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  
6 Hexham Ave  
Thornton Cleveleys  
FY5 2NP

Signed:



Date:

13.5.22

**Blackpool District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**Year Ending 31st March 2022**

Note 1

**Cash at bank and in hand**

|                          | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Exec accounts</b>     | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Caf bank current account | 26868       | 16711       |
| Caf bank gold account    | 35671       | 39129       |
|                          | 62539       | 55839       |
| <b>Section Accounts</b>  |             |             |
| Explorers                | 2482        | 3205        |
| Mowbreck                 | 28898       | 22155       |
| Beer Festival            | 5059        | 5059        |
| Gang Show                | 12505       | 12861       |
| Cubs                     | 7237        | 3302        |
| Beavers                  | 1704        | 2048        |
| Scouts                   | 683         | 476         |
| SASU                     | 1586        | 1456        |
| Service Team             | 429         | 429         |
| Scout Car Races          | 309         | 0           |
|                          | 60892       | 50991       |
| <b>Total</b>             | 123430      | 106831      |

**Blackpool District Scout Council**  
**Notes to the Accounts continued**  
**Year Ending 31st March 2022**

Note 2

**Analysis of Reserves**

|                                               | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Reserves                                | 177869      | 142365      |
| less:                                         |             |             |
| Non monetary assets+<br>loans and liabilities | 62334       | 19377       |
| <u>Restricted Funds</u>                       |             |             |
| Rayner Bequest                                | 13020       | 14950       |
| Butterworth Bequest                           | 12873       | 15378       |
| <u>Designated Funds</u>                       |             |             |
| Jamboree and Internationals                   | 4466        | 5231        |
| Mowbreck                                      | 28898       | 22155       |
| Beer Festival                                 | 5059        | 5059        |
| Explorers                                     | 2482        | 3205        |
| Gang Show                                     | 12505       | 12862       |
| SASU                                          | 1586        | 1456        |
| Service Team                                  | 429         | 429         |
| Recruitment/Media                             | 247         | 0           |
| Greathead Fund                                | 0           | 2249        |
| Youth Commissioner Fund                       | 88          | 88          |
| Scout Car Races                               | 309         | 0           |
| Membership Fees                               | 30000       | 30000       |
| <br>                                          |             |             |
| <b>Free Reserves</b>                          | <b>3573</b> | <b>9927</b> |

**Reserves Policy**

The District mainly raises its running costs from its members and has limited capacity for raising, therefore the trustees exercise a prudent approach to their free reserves policy: they will initiate additional fund raising when free reserves fall to below the equivalent of 2 years 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, in memory of Paul Marshall, North Fylde Lodge, the Estate of Keith Gledhill, the RDC Foundation  
 We also continue to benefit from the legacy of Mrs Patricia Butterworth and F G Rayner

**2021**

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