

Scouts

Milton Keynes



**Annual Report
2019/2020**

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Introduction by the District Chairman

In these strange and difficult times many things have not run as they normally do and Scouting has been no exception. However the response from leaders to the absence of face to face meetings has been incredible with an amazing array of online activities for the young members. Congratulations to all of you who have planned and implemented these.

Safety of our young members and leaders is, of course, paramount and now that activities can resume, albeit subject to conditions and in reduced form, leaders have the challenge in complying with the restrictions. Groups are already submitting their risk assessments as part of the process to enable these to resume as safely as is possible. Hopefully with a combination of online and face to face activities our young members can be kept engaged during the difficult times that are still ahead.

In line with The Charity Commission guidance no Annual General Meeting will be held this year although the Report which follows is being sent to each member in the District. If anyone has any questions please email me at Bernard.Hancox@mkscouts.org.

Finally, many thanks to everyone involved in Scouting in the District in whatever capacity, both uniformed and non-uniformed, for their commitment over the past twelve months.

Bernard Hancox

District Chair

MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on the 19th September 2019 at The Cruck Barn, Bradwell Abbey at 7.30 pm

PRESENT : There were 52 persons present – list available on request

1.	Welcome and Opening remarks Bernard Hancox welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Explorer Scout member Jessie Griffin was asked to do the reflection.
2.	Apologies for absence Julia Upton, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Mel Dickson -Treasurer, Great Linford, Martyn Agar - Chair, Giffard Park, Sheila Beales - County Commissioner, Girl Guiding, Mick Nimmo – ADC (Scouts), Eric Swain – DESA, Ian House – ACSL, Great Linford, Tessa Ingram – ACC (Beaver Scouts), James Palin – County Commissioner, Ruth Staff – SAS, Gary Staff – SAS, Paul Munro – Executive Member, Great Linford, Adrian French – Chair, Langland, Dave Pollington – GSL, High Ash, Ian Revell – Community Foundation, Ricci Jenner – Chair, Wood End, Raymond Hedley – Treasurer, Olney, Elaine Watkins – AESL Vipers, Paul James – AESL Excalibur, Sara Whitney – DESA, Dawn Markwell – BSL Crownhill
3.	Presentation of Annual Report a) Minutes of the AGM held on the 19 th September 2018. b) Financial Report – Slight deficit on the year. Quarries is main income driver after membership subscriptions, with site fees, activities etc on par with previous years. Major refurbishment expense was for the upgrade to the kitchen of the Oswald Hamilton Centre. Thanks to Treasury team, Ian Boden, Iona Plain, Ashleigh Hilton, Glen Dersley and Paul Munro. Special thanks to Simon Gill of Keens Shay Keens who turns the various accounts into the accounts you see today. Continue to keep funds at £80000 or above. c) District Commissioner's Report – nothing further to report.
4.	Approval of District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman Stuart Bailey nominated Bernard Hancox to stand again and this was agreed by all.
5.	Election of District Secretary There was one nomination Pat Pankhurst. Proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Madeleine Munn. Agreed by all present.
6.	Election of District Treasurer Nomination received for Ashley Pankhurst who is willing to continue as Treasurer. Proposed by Bernard Hancox and seconded by Stuart Ball. Agreed by all present.
7.	Election of members to the District Executive Committee Received two nominations by the due date and these were Rosie Worrall proposed by Jason Raggett and seconded by Elisa McCarthy. Elisa McCarthy proposed by Rosie Worrall and seconded Madeleine Munn.
8.	Under 25 representative to the District Executive Committee Nomination Alex Gardner proposed by Kim Monro seconded Josh Norris Agreed by all.
9.	Approval of District Commissioner's nominations for members to the District Executive Committee Stuart Bailey's nomination was Madeleine Munn.
10.	Appointment of Auditors Ashley Pankhurst asked that the appointment of auditors be left for a later date.
11.	Address from County Representative

	<p>Mark Rutland gave the County address on behalf of James Palin. Bucks has seen an increase in people involved in Scouting and membership now stands at 11,500. At County busy over the past year meeting, collaborating and advising other local organisations in Buckinghamshire who are not as successful at recruiting members as we are. Further initiatives with Thames Valley Air Ambulance and some other external organisations will be released later this and early next year.</p> <p>Over the last year Milton Keynes District has continued to grow, strengthen and building which is testimony to the fantastic leadership team in the District.</p> <p>As Scouting is a movement, we should expect change and look at positive and constructive recommendations to make ourselves and our provision better for our young people.</p> <p>Amazing Scouting family in Buckinghamshire and a special thanks go to the entire leadership team for contributing to the counties growth over the past year.</p> <p>Over the year as a Region, we have been asked to review our programme effectiveness, relevance and variety across the board, ensure our leaders Wood Badge training is completed with the specified 3 year time period and ensure we are 100% compliant with GDPR training.</p> <p>Financially, the County continues to be stable and we are making investment in both training (with a GSL conference in February) and development over the coming months.</p> <p>Continued thanks to Stuart, the District team and all of the Scouting trustees, supporters and volunteers who tirelessly support Scouting in Bucks.</p> <p>We are delighted that Buckinghamshire continues to be a strong Scouting county, providing fantastic adventures and experiences, and building Skills for Life for our young people.</p>
12	<p>Presentation by Milton Keynes Scout District Jamboree Contingent.</p> <p>Presentation of their visit by those that attended the World Scout Jamboree in America.</p> <p>Presentation by the Kandersteg Contingent.</p> <p>Stuart Bailey presented a thank you card on behalf of the District to representatives of the international trips.</p>
13.	Awards and Presentations – there were none
14.	<p>Refreshments.</p> <p>Bernard Hancox thanked the Executive for the last year and to those that had prepared and were serving the refreshments. He asked everyone to join in the refreshments after the presentations.</p>

The main business closed at 7.43 pm

District Treasurer's Report

Once again, I am pleased to report on the District's finances for the financial year ending 31st March 2020.

Once again, we are indebted to Simon Gill of Keen, Shay, Keen & McIntyre Hudson for his help in producing these consolidated accounts at no charge.

The accounts cover all aspects of the District's finances including the main District account, Gang Show, The Quarries and the Explorer Scout and Scout network sections. Additionally, the figure given includes funds held for the Damboree project.

Receipts

The accounts show a large increase in the Annual Membership Subscriptions collected. However, it should be noted that some of this amount is due to late payments from Groups for the financial year ending 2019.

The Scout Shop continued to perform well in a difficult climate, with The Quarries site fees showing a sizable increase. This is in part due to commercial income from outside of Scouting / Guiding.

Payments

Again, the accounts appear to show a collapse in the monies paid to Bucks Scout Council & The Scout Association for Membership Subscriptions (£69,966). This is due to their request not to pay the invoices until the beginning of April. This figure is therefore shown as a liability on Page 7 of the accounts.

Also shown as a liability is the refunds made for Quarries site bookings & European Jamboree places etc being cancelled following the national suspension of face-to-face Scouting in Mid-March.

These are some of the "highlights" amongst the figures. Of course, I am always quite willing to expand on any particular point or question that you may have.

I have always considered that part of my role is to assist Groups etc should they have any financial concerns or questions. Accordingly, I was pleased to be able to assist 3 Groups in successfully registering for, and claiming GiftAid. It is clear that this is far and away the best method of fund-raising for a Group and I would be delighted to assist others.

It is apparent that the effects of Covid-19 on the finances of Scouting, both locally and nationally are going to be felt for some time yet, and it is inevitable that

difficult decisions are going to have to be made regarding how we raise our income, and on what we spend those funds. Please be assured that I, together with the rest of the District Executive will continue to have the best interests of Scouting in Milton Keynes at the front of our thoughts when making those tough decisions.

Like all of us in Scouting, there's always more to do than there is time or ability. In addition to my main District Treasurer role, I am also caretaking the finances for some of the Explorer Scout Units. If anyone does want to assist with this, I would be most grateful for any offers.

Finally, I don't crunch the numbers by myself, and I am indebted to a great team who help me manage the various bank accounts & I would like to thank Ian Boden, Iona Plain, Paul Monro, Glen Dersley, Ashleigh Hilton and Louise Betley for their assistance over the last year.

Ashley Pankhurst

District Treasurer

Beaver Scout Report

After another busy year in Beaver Scouts, I have gained more confidence and experience in my role. I've visited groups held regular meetings sometimes in the pub as well as at the Quarries and rewarding Beavers with their Chief Scout Bronze award. Over the past year I have been on a train ride and did an investiture.

Over the past year as District Beaver Scouts we have had varied activities, a hike to The Quarries a sleepover at Safari MK for 140 beavers plus leaders. We had a busy camp at Bromham camp site, this went really well with varied activities bases over the weekend.

In September we took over Gulliver's Theme Park for a day and lost count of how many times the leaders went on the same rides. We adventured



out for a day to Warwick Castle by coach and this was enjoyed by all and an investiture at the Castle.

A day trip to RAF museum at the end of March was postponed and we now have this to look forward to.

Over the next year there are plans for hikes, camps and sleepovers and the Beaver Scout leaders and myself work together as a team to see the Beaver Scouts gaining their awards and challenges and also supporting the leaders in completing their training.

I am looking forward to the challenges ahead in the coming year.

Barbara Smith (Assistant District Commissioner (Beaver Scouts) (Chatters))









Cub Scout Report

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The Cub Scout section have had a great year! We have welcomed a new District Cub Team to support the Cub Leaders in the District and the Team have been successful in supporting various groups and new leaders.

As a District we have supported the section with various events. I want to congratulate 3rd Newport Pagnell and 1st Walton Cub Sections for their win in Ready Steady Cook and Great Linford who won the Cub Quiz.

The Cub section, Scout Section and Young Leaders all participated in a Link-Up Camp too and lots of fun was had! A massive thank you to the team behind the camp and the leaders who put up with the mud and rain over the weekend. As Scouts we are always prepared, and we didn't let the rain stop us.

As we move into 2020, the Cub leaders are demonstrating fabulous resilience to the suspension of face-to-face meetings and continue to facilitate Scouting from home. As a District team we are proud of the determination of our Cub leaders and Cub Sections. We hope to continue supporting Cub leaders throughout the District and have lots of exciting plans for the next year.

Charlotte Spalding



Scout Report

SCOUTS

Scouts have had a busy year and it all started with our Ready Steady Cook Competition. This was the first activity of the year and this was won a 5th Newport Pagnell team.

Our fiercely fought Camping Competition which was won by Loughton.

The Young Leader Cub & Scout weekend in October had over 250 participants, who had a wonderful time, despite the wet weather, organised and delivered by the District Young Leaders, supported by small team of adult leaders.

The Annual Scout Quiz organised by Mitch Wheeler, Two Mile Ash, with participants from all over Milton Keynes, was won by Loughton. The Quiz also provided the opportunity for the District Commissioner, Stuart Bailey, to present Mitch with his Award of Merit for his Services to Scouting. I was also able to present Chris Yates (Crownhill) with his wood beads and Connie Davies (Olney) with her Chief Scout's Commendation.

We also visited Wolverton Scout Group and presented a Chief Scout Gold Award, as well as a Chief Scout's Commendation to Dean Smith.

Sadly, due to poor weather, we were unable to run the District Scout Night Hike, we'll be back next year..

District Patrol Leader Council meetings have continued, and we have also been attending the County Scout meetings and have also run District Leader meetings to continue to feed into a youth inspired programme..

My thanks go to everyone in this team for helping to give Scouting to the young people of the District and to you as leaders for all your help in ensuring these activities take place.

Mick Nimmo – Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

Explorer Scout & Young Leaders Report

EXPLORERS

What a year massive highs and COVID 19 at the end..

Summer 2019 was a massively busy year with lots of camping – over 1000 nights away in total by Explorer Scouts. Many of the young people international plans for the last 2 years came to fruition – raising funds for trips.

The Monopoly run (April) – we undertook the Monopoly run for Explorers, Network and Leaders from Scout Park in Bounds Green. It was great fun and the Explorers learnt transport planning skills and had fabulous fun.

Mission 00 Bucks (May) The Explorers loved the music at this camp and they do so love to sing.



Gilwell24 (July) –



The annual Gilwell Explorer only camp with a full 24 hours of activities – they loved it! Everything from Scouting skills to laser quest, 4x4 track, Segway driving, and plenty time to socialise with Explorers from across the UK.

Young Leader District Cub and Scout Camp (October) – This district camp to help Cubs move on to Scouts was a chance for the Explorer Scout Young Leaders (ESYL) to plan the activities and practise and show their skills with the help of a small adult team. Many thanks to Charlotte Spalding and Chris Yates. 290 Young people attended from 15 groups across the district. All activities were run by the Young leaders and some super leaders who shared their specialist skills – thanks to Steve and the Bletchley crew, Dave and Pete from Loughton teaching knots, Eric, Louise and Mick doing map reading basics. The weather was awful and the ESYL's had to move to the wet weather plan and tweak all over to make this a fantastic experience for the attendees. The Campfire had over 300+ people all together. Feedback was great for their skills and we should be very proud of these young people.



It was a very, very busy summer. MK Explorer Scouts had ten Explorers go to the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and Canada for 3 weeks, 6 Explorers go to Kandestag in Switzerland and 17 go to the Harleem Jamborette in the Netherlands. The UK alternative was at Tolmers campsite.



Scarefest 2019

We were asked to support a brand new ESU from Loughborough – The Quantum Potatoes. We had great fun and took more than 50 MK Explorers to this fun event. The Potatoes – loved camping and we shared their first experience of camping. It was great to see the young people interacting. The ‘world famous’ Chubbies catering team based in MK retired at Scarefest and the explorers asked for their sign which we would love to put on our container. A really reminder of many great times at Gilwell.



Wintercamp 2020 – This year supported Crownhill and Loughton scouts and made it a joint trip to Wintercamp. Whilst the Young people were off doing bushcraft, fishing, Whitewater rafting, horse riding and many more activities the leaders had time to spend time together.



D of E – During the year we ran skills sessions for all signed up. Then expeditions for Silver in April and Gold practice and expedition in July and August.



Endurance80 (March)– with super support from Neil Williams our fantastic team entered the Buckinghamshire. Neil and Callum Betley finished the whole 80km. Well done guys it was extremely impressive.



Fundraising and community support went ahead throughout the year carparking at MK Museum, The bag store at MK Marathon and work at Bradwell Abbey. We are looking at more of this for the year ahead.

When Lockdown began we swung into action and have run two virtual zoom meetings a week since March 19. We even made it to the ITV local news 4 minutes and 10 seconds in <https://www.facebook.com/itvanglia/videos/210599333525964/?v=210599333525964>

We have worked as a district explorer team and although its not face2face we are scouting together. We could not have done this without a great adult team and wider support from the groups and district. Thank you – you know who you are.

Bev Delaney – District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Scout Network

Since the last AGM Network:MK has a newly appointed Scout Network Commissioner and a Committee who are working together in gaining members for the section. This includes linking with the Explorer Scout Units and running activities with District to show who we are. We are hoping to make connections with the Explorer Scout Units and with District stronger. We have gone from having a few members within Scout Network to having 11 regularly turning up and those who turn up to the meetings as when they can. There are also those Explorer Scouts who are starting their link up to Scout Network.



The committee members have started their roles and are already doing an excellent job. The committee roles will last a year. The roles will run from September to September allowing other members within the Scout Network Unit to gain skills and experience of helping run the Unit one way or another.

Before the lockdown a few of the members were going to Gilwell events to volunteer, as well as going into a few Explorer Scout Units to run/ help sessions. We have been getting plans together to run activities and events for everyone within District, such as the Easter bingo. We have also had a tie dying evening, ghost walks, quiz nights as well as making connections with other Scout Network Units, and recently we were invited to a movie night and hike with Madhatter Scout Network Unit who are located in Luton.

We as Scout Network are planning on improving and changing the way we run, so instead of running the activities we are comfortable running and doing, we are starting to go out the comfort zone. This will help gain the 'Skills for Life' as well as breaking the barriers of where we are as a Unit and where we would like to be as a well. We have a few ideas on different camps we would like to attend as well as looking into doing the same camps we do each year. We are thinking of going to Hexham and too Baarle-Hertog as an international trip. As well as going to local places for camps and doing activities.



Scout Network have started to do virtual meetings, to keep meetings going during the lockdown. So far, we have planned quizzes for anyone within the district to join in on. (These will be publicized before each event). We are currently planning to do more activities via the virtual meetings. This will include running district quiz nights and linking in with the Explorer Scout Units and running evenings for us to gain the awards we can get within the section, e.g. Queens Scout Award.

Over the next year we are going to put Networks name out into the world of MK scouts to show, who we are, what we do. We want to make the link between Explorer Scouts and Network stronger, as well helping anyone within District and Group.

Network:MK are showing a keen interest in gaining awards within the unit. We all want to do the Queens Scout Award, Gold DOFE and the Explorer belt. So, we are hoping over the next year that we have either gained these awards or working towards them. We are also hoping to get our logo changed, to show a fresh start to the Unit. As a Network we are also going to work on gaining more members for the unit and getting rid of the stigma, that we are more than a group of people who like to make giant Jaffa cakes and play card games.

Danni Smith - Network:MK Commissioner

Damboree Active Support Unit



As I write this in 2020 Scouting will face a challenge around camping this a year as CoronaVirus starts to impact us, and our Damboree plans for 2020.

2019 was another fab year of getting #EveryoneInTents, we raised over £400 for DePaul Homeless Charity and Toilet Twinning, because the Damboree Team feels very strongly about young people having a safe place to go.

For more information on where our Damboree Twinned Toilets are located, please follow the link below:

<https://www.damboree.camp/damboree-twinned-toilets/>

2019 saw us include Cubs in the Damboree Programme, and we had over 2,000 Cub participants alongside ~4,500 Beavers. Which fills us with pride.

84 leaders received their Nights Away Campsite Permit as part of the 2019 Damboree cycle, hopefully they will get to use them again soon.

We have planned to include Scouts this year, and all the 2020 badges have arrived.

Spearhead Active Support Unit

Spearhead looks after the District IT, Information Security and software licensing. We are responsible for the District website infrastructure, managing Office365 and a number of IT projects that the District Executive send in our direction.

We offer services to Groups, such as web-hosting, and Wordpress patching management, and backups to our Azure-based Cloud.

We also support adaptive IT requirements for adult volunteers.

Media & Communications

Wow yet another year has passed since I was sat here writing my report for the AGM and I had to look at the date to make sure I wasn't dreaming it.

As most of you know by now my name is Jason and I look after the Media and Communication here in Milton Keynes. So yes, I'm the one that sends all those emails out and posts all those wonderful things on social media, but I can only do this with the help and support from the groups and the team around me. It is the hard work that you put in that makes my job enjoyable and I wanted to start by saying a thank you to every single one of you for the great activities and adventures you have been doing this year.

So many amazing activities and adventures have happened this year across the District from the World Scout Jamboree, Kandersteg and Haarlem to lots of camps and sleepovers and great local visits and memories have been made to treasure and look back on. I even managed to get stuck on the tiger slide at the Beaver sleepover.

I have been working extremely hard this year to try and get more public facing media using local press and also powers of social media. I am privileged enough to be able to sit on most if not all of the Facebook Groups around the groups and please if I am not on yours feel free to add me. I understand that there are pages out there that are just for parents which is fine and completely understand the rules behind these. I just like to keep up to date with all the 'Skills for Life' you are providing.

My aim for 2020/2021 is to build a team of Media Representatives around the groups to aid me in making sure we have media coverage across all areas of the district. The main tasks for this role will be to send me great media articles from your groups that we can share in local press and also seek ways in the local area to promote scouting and what we do.

If you know of anyone in your groups that might be interested in helping me in my mission, please let me know.

I see media as a shop window, and we need to make sure that window is clean and fresh and holds all the items that people want to see.

Another part of my role is Station Manager at Bucks Scout Radio and I hope that you have been able to pick up a leaflet at tonight's AGM. We are a Scouting Radio Station here in the heart of Buckinghamshire and we broadcast 24-7 – 365 Days a year and this has been setup to aid communication in Bucks Scouting. Not only that this is a station for the young people and Volunteers to get involved in. Some of you will have seen us at Mission 00 Camp and also, we have visited groups and units here in Milton Keynes.

We offer a fantastic opportunity for young people and Volunteers to broadcast their very own show live on air via the internet. Also, able to offer packages to work towards Communication and Media relation Badges. If you would like to know more about this please visit our website www.buckscoutradio.co.uk and get in touch.

Are you following us?

Here in MK we have lots of ways for you to keep up to speed with what is happening.

Our network of websites www.mkscouts.org also has numerous resources available to members, volunteers and the world+at+large.

Facebook – We have a public page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/mkscoutdistrict>) which we use to share content with social media.

I started with a 'thank you' and I want to echo that, I have had a wonderful year and I often sit and look back through the memories that I have made, and I am sure I am not the only one that does this. We have a great team here in MK and that is from our parent helpers right through to the DC however we are bound together by one thing and that is Scouting.

If you need any support with Media in your groups please contact me.

Jason Raggett

ADC Media and Communications

Awards

AWARD OF MERIT

Ann Murtagh – 1st Olney – Scout Leader

Mitchell Wheeler – Two Mile Ash & Great Holm – Group Chair



CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

Gary Chapman – 5th Newport Pagnell

Alexander James – 5th Newport Pagnell

Alison Hobbs – 5th Newport Pagnell

Giles Plumb – 5th Newport Pagnell

Ian Short – 5th Newport Pagnell

Peter Thomas – 5th Newport Pagnell

Alison Clarke – Two Mile Ash & Great Holm

Michelle Matthews – Loughton

Phillip Emerson – 1st Bletchley

Ronald Spalding – Milton Keynes Scout District – Scout Active Support, County Adviser - Archery

Ruth Staff – Milton Keynes Scout District - Scout Active Support Member

Tomasz Herbasz – District Explorer Scout Leader

Christopher Barnes – 1st Olney

Connie Davies – 1st Olney

Dean Smith – 1st Wolverton

Emily Yates – 1st Walton

Christopher Yates – 1st Crownhill



Trustees Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts

Milton Keynes District Scout Council
Year ended 31 March 2020

MILTON KEYNES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
TRUSTEES REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1150177
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Registration Number: 1150177

Trustees:	Bernard Hancox	District Chair
	Stuart Bailey	District Commissioner
	Pat Pankhurst	Secretary
	Ashley Pankhurst	Treasurer
	Beverley Delaney	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
	Danielle Smith	District Scout Network Commissioner (from 20 th January 2020)
	Madeleine Munn	
	Rosemary Worrall	
	Elisa McCarthy	
	Alexander Garner	

Principal Address: 51 Carey Way
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Bankers

Milton Keynes District Scout Council

Lloyds Bank PLC
NatWest Bank PLC
Barclays PLC

Milton Keynes Gang Show
Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
The Quarries Scout Campsite
Damboree

Lloyds Bank PLC

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Structure, Governance and Management

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

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of The Scout Association.

The Milton Keynes District Scout Council includes the following groups :

1. Milton Keynes District Explorer Scouts
2. The Quarries Scout Camp Site
3. Milton Keynes Gang Show

Additionally, funds are held on behalf of the Damboree Active Support Unit – a national initiative to promote camping.

The trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity is exposed. They have established systems to mitigate these, hold regular liaison meetings and are continually monitoring the individual finances of each group.

Objectives and Activities

To promote and support successful scouting throughout the Milton Keynes District. In planning activities for the year, the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. There are five different groups covering ages 6 to 25 and all young people are welcome to join regardless of personal background, faith or personal circumstances. Members benefit greatly in developing their self-confidence and social skills as well as learning new practical and life skills.

Achievements and performance

The charity continues to collect and administer subscriptions from the Scout Groups within its District. There have been a number of successful events, camps and activities throughout the year. Support has been provided to both the uniformed and executive teams within the Scout Groups.

Financial review

At the end of the year total bank funds amounted to £220,365.

Reserves policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income fall short.

The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to 10 months running costs, circa £80,000.

In addition, the District Executive Committee continues to build a fund for the future replacement of buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite.

Investment policy

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

Public benefit

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.

Plans for future periods

Milton Keynes Scout District intends to continue developing opportunities for young people to experience scouting. It also intends, to increase the participation of young people in decision-making at all levels.

It is intended that there will be additional support for Trustees of Scout Groups.

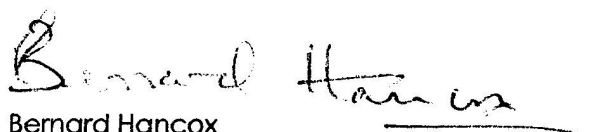
The buildings at The Quarries Scout Campsite will be refurbished / replaced as necessary.

Covid-19

The Trustees believe that the existing reserves and cost management measures will mitigate against the impact of closing The Quarries and the Scout Shop and the consequent loss of income during the epidemic, thus reducing the financial risk to the District Scout Council. The Trustees will also seek to take advantage of any Government grants etc. Allowance has been made in the Annual Accounts for refunds for cancelled Quarries site bookings, the postponement of the Eurojam and Explorer Scout events."

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Bernard Hancox
DISTRICT CHAIR

19 Oct 2020
(date)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 5-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the Charities Act and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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 accounts 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;
- 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.



S J Gill FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

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28/10/2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
Total receipts for the year	244,201	-	244,201	195,300
Total payments for the year	139,423	-	139,423	195,977
	<u>104,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,778</u>	<u>(677)</u>
<u>Cash, bank and funds</u>				
B/Fwd	96,003	19,584	115,587	116,264
Transfer	19,584	(19,584)	-	-
	<u>220,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220,365</u>	<u>115,587</u>
C/Fwd				

Unrestricted funds are those which the Trustees are free to spend in accordance with the constitution.

Restricted funds are those where the Trustees are bound by conditions which have been imposed by the donor or by the terms of an appeal and therefore can only be spent on specific areas.

Approved by the Trustees on 7 October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Bernard Hancox

Trustee and District Chair

Milton Keynes District Scout Council
Year ended 31 March 2020

RECEIPTS

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
Membership subscriptions	107,696	-	107,696	88,435
Site fees : The Quarries	35,998	-	35,998	28,426
Sale of clothing and badges	22,535	-	22,535	24,236
Camps and activities	42,917	-	42,917	21,828
Donations and Gift Aid	2,420	-	2,420	5,409
Other receipts	4,330	-	4,330	2,199
Fundraising	8,967	-	8,967	3,762
Bank interest	-	-	-	20
Jamboree/Damboree	13,524	-	13,524	15,017
Gang Show (main)	5,814	-	5,814	5,968
Total receipts for the year	<u>244,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,201</u>	<u>195,300</u>

PAYMENTS

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
Membership subscriptions paid to HQ	4,292	-	4,292	69,030
Stock purchases	17,825	-	17,825	19,731
Camps, activities etc	29,197	-	29,197	25,115
Gang show production expenses	8,065	-	8,065	5,987
Purchase of equipment	4,360	-	4,360	2,280
Insurance	7,617	-	7,617	7,724
Utilities	8,871	-	8,871	7,909
Administration expenses and development	12,607	-	12,607	8,022
Use of premises	679	-	679	929
Printing and stationery	300	-	300	360
Sundry expenses	8,067	-	8,067	4,765
Building maintenance	3,541	-	3,541	14,459
Site maintenance	7,341	-	7,341	8,752
Trustee and leader expenses	2,206	-	2,206	2,165
Donations	-	-	-	1
Jamboree/Damboree/Special projects	24,455	-	24,455	18,749
Total payments for the year	139,423	-	139,423	195,977

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT
31 MARCH 2020**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2019
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank current accounts	165,797	-	165,797	75,257
Bank deposit accounts	54,374	-	54,374	40,203
Cash in hand	194	-	194	127
	<hr/> 220,365	<hr/> -	<hr/> 220,365	<hr/> 115,587
Other monetary assets				
Insurance prepayment	995	-	995	855
Badge stock	9,271	-	9,271	8,673
Scout shop stock and fixtures	8,295	-	8,295	8,779
Quarries tuck shop stock	123	-	123	508
Quarries activity equipment and machinery	17,212	-	17,212	13,635
Quarries land and buildings	420,000	-	420,000	420,000
Other equipment	2,932	-	2,932	818
Other liabilities				
Annual membership subscription	(69,966)	-	(69,966)	-
Refunds	<hr/> (5,718)	<hr/> -	<hr/> (5,718)	<hr/> -
	<hr/> <hr/> 603,509	<hr/> <hr/> -	<hr/> <hr/> 603,509	<hr/> <hr/> 568,855

Analysis of funds

	£
General funds	503,509
Designated funds – Development fund	100,000
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	603,509
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The Designated funds - Development fund has been earmarked by the Trustees mainly for future capital expenditure.