



WIMBLEDON & WANDLE
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER 2016

WIMBLEDON & WANDLE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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TRUSTEES: Ex Officio

Andy Edmonds	Chairman
Muriel Treagust	Secretary
Richard Marus	Treasurer
Joe Rogerson	District Commissioner (to 04/05/2016)
Deborah Carter	District Commissioner (from 04/05/2016)
Neil McLauchlan	Acting District Explorer Scout Commissioner

TRUSTEES: Elected

Jim Anning
Robert Brummell
Alan Green (resigned 28/06/2016)
Peter Treagust

TRUSTEES: Nominated

Jean Gould
Brian Whalebone

Bankers:

The District Bank Accounts are held at
CafBank Ltd.,
West Malling,
Kent, ME19 4JQ

The District Sections and the Explorer Units have accounts in their own names at various other banks.

Custodian Trustees – The Scout Trust Corporation

District Registration Number with the Scout Association: 14115

Registered Charity Number: 1036432

Contact Name and Address:

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Sutton,
SURREY SM1 3BA

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2016

How is the charity constituted:

The charity's 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.

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

Trustee selection methods:

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Additional governance issues:

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- Promoting the development of Scouting in the District;
- The raising of funds and administration of District finance and property;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing a District Appointments sub-committee;
- Appointing any other sub-committees that are or may be required;
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors, other than those who are elected;
- The presentation of an Annual Report and Accounts;

Risk and Internal Control:

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include two signatories for payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objects and Aims:

The objectives of the District are as a unit 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 potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Scouting uses a Method, which is young people, in partnership with adults:

Enjoying what they are doing; learning by doing; participating in varied and progressive activities; making choices for themselves; taking responsibility for their own actions; working in groups; taking increasing responsibilities for others; taking part in activities outdoors; sharing in prayer and worship and making and living out their promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects:

The activities and achievements of the District in the year follow those normally carried out by a Scout District and are detailed in the District Annual Report presented to the Annual General Meeting on the 14th June 2017.

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Public Benefit Statement:

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.

Charity's policy on reserves:

At the end of the period cash reserves amounted to £192,469 in funds held by the District, these and other funds used by the various sections and Units are shown in note 7 to the accounts.

The District's policy on reserves is to hold an amount, considered by the Trustees to be sufficient to provide support to the Groups as previously, in particular in the form of loans for capital expenditure, to cover expected maintenance costs on the District Headquarters and other properties.

In making decisions about Reserves the Executive tries to balance the history and legacy of the Funds now available and the needs today of Scouting in London Borough of Merton. Maybe the impossible "Win / Win"?

Atlasta Hall was the name of the former 25th Mitcham Group HQ in Collingwood Gardens, Colliers Wood. There was no paid labour on the building of the Hall, it was done by the Scouts and Rovers over weekends, holidays and most evenings if it was not a Scout night. It was all done under the guidance of Henry Ingall the Group Scout Master. The name of the Hall was decided by the boys of the Group; because it took seven years to build, they thought it was a good name so called it "At last a Hall". The Hall was opened in 1936.

After WW2 the Ingall family went to the bank to get the deeds and took them to Buckingham Palace Road (National Scout Headquarters) and signed them over and asked "*that they always be used for the Scouts*".

After the 25th Mitcham Group closed in the 1980s, the land and HQ reverted to District in accordance with Scout Association policies. The Hall was then rented to the Royal Naval Association and they enjoyed occupation until their numbers dwindled to such that by the mid 2000's, it was no longer viable for them to continue.

In the absence of any other viable proposition, the decision was taken to put the land up for sale. The property was sold without Planning Permission in 2008, but with the intention that a GP Practice / Dental surgery would be built on the site. The sale proceeds of £150,000 are what we have now called the "Atlasta Fund".

The Fund has since existed to enable money to be loaned efficiently and effectively to Groups within the District for HQ improvements. Loans are interest free with repayment terms up to 15 years. The intention being that by funding immediate property improvement, income is then created by wider community use of our buildings. Approaching half of the "Atlasta" Funds has been lent to develop Scout owned buildings in Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon. All Groups are repaying on the terms originally agreed.

By March 2026, the District has to review the future of another inherited building (Hall, let in 2006 for 20 years), 3 bed flat, storage and garages; named Kenneth Black Hall in Worple Road, Wimbledon. This is and remains; the sole source of our income; being from rent of the ex-Scout Hall to Wimbledon Bridge Club and the recently refurbished Flat; let since 2016 on an annual Assured Short hold Tenancy.

The building was erected as a memorial to Kenneth Black on land gifted to District by his elder brother Sir Cyril Black. Sir Cyril was a local philanthropist, former Kings College scholar, local MP and Mayor of Wimbledon who died in 1991. The hall was opened in 1957.

Kenneth Black was District Scout Master and was tragically lost at sea in 1950; rowing back from Calais along with a crew of Scouts from the 1st Mortlake Group. It seems improbable these days that a crew of young men would set out to row in an open boat to France, via the Thames and across the channel! It remains unclear whether they checked the weather forecast for the return, but weather intervened and none saw home again. The bodies that were found are buried in northern Germany and Netherlands. Kenneth's body was not returned by the sea and the building stands as his memorial.

The building needs major renovation, which will include replacement of the concrete gutters; removal of the original grey asbestos roofing and the later built over metal sheeted roof. There is also potential to build modern storage and to demolish existing garages and maximize financial opportunities from car parking space at the rear of the property.

Charities Commission Rules require us to then survey and value the then opportunities and take legal advice. Opportunities may then include: Selling the land for development; develop the land for ourselves or spending "Atlasta" funds to retain the asset for the longer term (see Chairman's Report May 2016).

The greater part of remaining Reserve Funds will be required for upkeep of Kenneth Black Hall until 2026. The gutters will continue to leak and the costs of replacement are prohibitive and uneconomic, until such time as we can decide whether to renew the Hall lease, demolish and start again or sell the land.

In the meantime, the balance of Reserves is set aside to complete the renovation of our leased District Headquarters in Morden Hall Park. These are expected to be finalized in 2018. Use of this building and the surrounding land, provided free to Groups (most that do not have access to their own green space), has increased 10 fold since the works commenced in 2012.

The District is blessed with a financial "oasis", it is important that this is managed so as it can continue to provide our sustenance. As Trustees, our priority and drive is to ensure that these funds are allocated in a way that best provides for the needs of (and develops) young people in all parts of LB Merton, in the short, medium and long term.

Investment Policy:

The District does not have sufficient funds to invest in long term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies and such accounts are regularly monitored to ensure the maximum value and income from such arrangements.

Future plans:

The future plans are as contained in the District Development Plan for 2014-2018 (as amended in February 2016) and in the 3 Year Financial Plan (updated February 2017); both of which have been circulated to all members and are available on the District website.

Volunteer Help:

The value of the help and time given by over 400 Leaders, Helpers and Lay Officials who work tirelessly for the District and Groups cannot be evaluated and is not therefore shown in the accounts presented with this report. However it is hereby acknowledged with gratitude.

Declaration:

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees by

Signature:

A. W. Edmonds Esq.
Chairman

Dated: - 10th May 2017

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Wimbledon and Wandle District Scout Council**

Charity Number 1036432

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2016 which are set out on pages 6 to 9 and which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, The Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner:

The charity's 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:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act,
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's 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 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".

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 2011 Act and
 - 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) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by: K. E. Angliss Esq.
Chartered Accountant

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Address: 5, Burleigh Park, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 2DU
Date: 10th May 2017

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
OPENING BALANCES as at 1/1/16		191,654	815	192,469	188,215
RECEIPTS					
Donations, Grants etc.					
Membership Subscriptions		33,777	-	33,777	40,943
Less: paid over	-	37,665	-	37,665	41,923
Subscriptions retained	-	3,888	-	3,888	980
Other Subscriptions		7,927	-	7,927	4,267
Donations	1	18,950	-	18,950	10,770
Grants	2	779	2,250	3,029	2,000
Sub total		23,768	2,250	26,018	16,057
Badge and Store Sales		13,818	-	13,818	14,692
Investment Income					
Loan Repayments		5,750	-	5,750	2,500
Bank Interest		385	-	385	549
Rental Income	3	33,888	-	33,888	29,406
Sub total		40,023	-	40,023	32,455
Activities		38,389	-	38,389	55,940
TOTAL RECEIPTS		115,998	2,250	118,248	119,144
Total Receipts and Opening Balance		307,652	3,065	310,717	307,359
PAYMENTS					
Rental, Admin and Loans					
Rentals		2,500	-	2,500	4,181
Admin		1,299	-	1,299	1,626
Loans/Grants to Groups/Units		-	-	-	-
Donations		19,220	-	19,220	10,359
Sub total		23,019	-	23,019	16,166
Activities and Training					
Youth Training		46,992	2,531	49,523	62,676
Leader Training		7,660	-	7,660	6,292
Other Costs		3,695	-	3,695	2,619
Sub total		58,347	2,531	60,878	71,587
Badge/ Store Purchases & Profit Shares		12,770	-	12,770	13,500
Premises					
Repairs	4	32,283	-	32,283	8,506
Utilities	5	1,566	-	1,566	1,969
Insurances & Legal	6	3,409	-	3,409	3,070
Sub total		37,258	-	37,258	13,545
Asset Purchases		3,041	-	3,041	92
TOTAL PAYMENTS		134,435	2,531	136,966	114,890
CLOSING BALANCES as at 31/12/16	7	£ 173,217	£ 534	£ 173,751	£ 192,469

The notes on pages 8 & 9 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2016

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2015 £
Note 1	Donations received with thanks:-			
	18,650	-	18,650	10,450
	300	-	300	320
	18,950	-	18,950	10,770
Note 2	Grants received:-			
	Jack Petchey Foundation:-			
	Throughout these accounts all amounts relating to the Foundation appear as restricted funds in accordance with their terms			
	-	2,250	2,250	2,000
	779	-	779	-
	779	2,250	3,029	2,000
Note 3	Rental Income			
	20,062	-	20,062	17,866
	12,346	-	12,346	11,000
	1,310	-	1,310	540
	170	-	170	-
	33,888	-	33,888	29,406
Note 4	Premises repairs:-			
	26,047	-	26,047	521
	-	-	-	32
	6,236	-	6,236	7,953
	-	-	-	-
	32,283	-	32,283	8,506
Note 5	Premises Utilities			
	1,172	-	1,172	1,506
	-	-	-	105
	394	-	394	357
	1,566	-	1,566	1,968

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Note 6				
Insurance & Legal				
Wandle HQ and all equipment	2,491	-	2,491	2,451
Kenneth Black Hall (share)	560	-	560	537
Kenneth Black Flat	193		193	
Personal accident (helpers)	165	-	165	82
	3,409	-	3,409	3,070
Note 7				
Cash and Bank balances:-				
District Accounts	132,569	-	132,569	160,550
Cub Account	435	-	435	777
Scout Account	4,118	-	4,118	4,234
Network & Explorer Accounts	28,660	534	29,194	21,298
SAS Account	557	-	557	280
Band Account	946	-	946	446
Badge Account	3,427	-	3,427	2,893
Store Account	2,505	-	2,505	1,991
	173,217	534	173,751	192,469
Note 8				
Land and Buildings:-				
No historical costs are available, Properties are shown at the value assessed by insurers at the last renewal date:-				
Kenneth Black Hall (freehold)	976,774	-	976,774	952,951
Wandle HQ built on land leased from the National Trust	67,210	-	67,210	64,031
	1,043,984	-	1,043,984	1,016,982