

Faversham District Scout Council

Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2022

Registered Charity Number: 284893



LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Registered Charity Number: 284893

Scout Association Registration Number: 10001184

Hon President: Cllr A Hook

Charity Trustees

Cllr T J Martin - District Chair

Mr S P Moore - District Secretary

Ms J L Greenwell - District Treasurer

Mr A A D Johnson - District Commissioner

Mr P J White (resigned 31 December 2021, reappointed 2nd February 2022)

Mr D Kirsch-Mills - District Deputy Chair

Mr J Winslade (resigned 7th April 2021)

Mr A J White

Mr A B Soffe

Mr D P Darby

Mrs S F Beale

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The Rev'd S D Rowlands

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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The District Executive Committee (the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the District) have the privilege of presenting their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2022

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

Main Activities and Objectives

The District is responsible for supporting the growth and development of Scouting in Faversham and its surrounding villages. It does this primarily by providing support and encouragement to the four scout groups in the town. It has a particular responsibility for providing scouting directly to young people between the ages of 14 and 25 through its Explorer Scout Units and Scout Network. The District also runs certain large events for its members as well as supporting participation in County, National and International events.

The District owns and operates Shepherd Park Scout Activity Centre in Sheldwich which provides the District with some additional income to support the whole range of scouting activities.

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Main activities and objectives (continued)

It also owns two other freehold properties and one leasehold property within the District which are used for scouting activities.

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.

Structure, Governance and Management

The District'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.

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

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible to the wider District Scout Council for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists (when fully staffed) of 15 Members. The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and 8 other members are nominated or elected at the AGM. These members are joined by the District Commissioner and three members of his team who hold their trustee roles *Ex Officio*. The Executive Committee has the authority to co-opt up to four additional members during the year if necessary. The County Commissioner and County Chair both have the right to attend meetings of the Committee should they wish to do so.

Members of the Executive Committee complete Scouting Training modules, including a Trustee Induction, within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment

Its responsibilities include:

- The maintenance of District property
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment

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Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

- District public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The District Executive Committee is responsible, together with the District Commissioner, for ensuring that all adults volunteering in the district are fit and proper persons to carry out the tasks given to them. Responsibility for carrying out this responsibility on a day to day basis falls to the District Executive's Appointments Advisory Sub-Committee the members of which are specially trained to carry out this role.

Finally, the District Executive Committee has a general duty to ensure that Scout Groups within the District are managed and governed in a way consistent with law and with *POR*. Where Groups fall short of the expected standards, the district will assist and support them in achieving those standards.

The Members of the District Executive Committee are aware of the major risks to which the District is exposed and have sought to take steps to mitigate these as far as possible.

The District Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, both those on the front line and those contributions perhaps go unseen by many, who give up enormous amounts of time to provide quality scouting to so many young people in our town.

Achievements and Performance

The District has continued to support the operation of four Scout Groups around Faversham providing scouting to over 300 young people. Despite taking a hit to Young Person numbers due to the pandemic, the district has recovered well since the easing of lockdown.

The District has direct responsibility for the provision of scouting to young people in the Explorer Scout and Scout Network sections. Both Explorer Units have now returned to face to face scouting on a weekly basis, and have conduct camps and participated in national events. The later part of the year was an inflection moment for Faversham Network with the retirement of Pete White as Network Commissioner after 11 years. Unfortunately the District Challenge was not held this year, but it is hoped that it will return in future.

The priority of the District Team this year has been to support the Groups to ensure that Scouting has been able to continue during the pandemic as far as possible.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

During the year the District Executive sought to apply for any and all grants available for organisations effected by the Covid-19 restrictions. The Executive have worked with groups with responsibility for maintaining our buildings to ensure that these funds are being appropriately applied towards the maintenance of scouting property. The Executive have also reorganised the management structure for Shepherd Park, which will ensure that a dedicated member of the Executive will be responsible for the site going forward.

The District Executive wishes to record its grateful thanks to all the leaders (both Young and old), committee members, helpers who have continued to work to make scouting work in Faversham as we have emerged from the difficult period of the pandemic. We are confident that thanks to your efforts, and your resilience, scouting in Faversham continues to have a bright and dynamic future regardless of any further challenges that may be thrown our way.

Financial Review

The District Executive report a cash surplus for the year of £7,884 (2021 £5,762). The District's investment reserves stood at £177,458 (2021 £168,326) at the year end. The full annual accounts for the year ended the 31st March 2022 are appended to this report.

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the district should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive is satisfied that there is currently sufficient resources available to weather most risks that could be encountered.

Investment Policy


The District is in a very fortunate position to have been the recipient of several very significant legacies over the years. The District's Investment Capital is managed by St James's Place. The District Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that the District Executive is aware of any major event effecting the value of the District's Investments and the District Executive keeps this under review as necessary.

It is District Policy to avoid using this capital for day to day purposes, instead reserving it for key projects such as the development of Shepherd Park. Funds will not be deposited into or withdrawn from the Investment Account without the approval of the District Executive.

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The District Executive Committee approved the above report on 18th September 2022.

Signed on behalf of the District Executive Committee



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Trevor Martin
District Chair



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Ash Johnson
District Commissioner