



Ayrshire East District Scout Council

Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the

Year ended 31 March 2014

Charity No SC042761

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 March 2014**

The Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2014

Name & Address

The District's name is the Ayrshire East District Scout Council and it may be contacted at dc@aescouts.org.uk or 07968 260228

The postal address is: 8 Sloan Street, Ayr. KA8 9RA (This is a Trustees home address)

Constitution & Purpose

The District is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter.

The governing document of the district is entitled The Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association along with the Scottish Variations to these.

The District is a registered Scottish Charity - No SC042761

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

Trustees

Stuart Dunsmuir	District Commissioner
Brian Goldie	Chairman
Alan Sime	Treasurer
Suzanne Brdie	Secretary

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association.

Activities & Achievements

During the year the various sections within the district have carried out a number of events including the district camps, fun days and assisted at the royal opening of the Tamar Manoukian Outdoor Centre at Dumfries House.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that around two months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure.

Approved by the District Executive Committee on 11/06/14 and signed on its behalf by :-



District Commissioner



Chairman

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council
Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 31 March 2014**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ayrshire East District Scout Council

I report on the financial statements of Ayrshire East District Scout Council ("the District") for the year ended 31 March 2014 which are set out on pages 3 to 5

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations"). The District's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Unit and a comparison of the accounts presented with the those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the Regulationshave 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.



(name) Andrew More
(qualifications) Business Banking Manager
(address) Royal Bank of Scotland
John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock
(date) 06/05/13

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council
Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31 March 2014**

	Note	2013/14	2012/13
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income	3	18,892.50	21,386.85
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00
NSI Investment income		201.97	217.01
Total Receipts		19,094.47	21,603.86
 PAYMENTS			
District Activities	4	225.28	2,551.30
Membership Payments	3	16,605.00	16,897.50
Management & Administration Costs	6	454.41	375.09
Total Payments		17,284.69	19,823.89
 Surplus/(Deficit) for year		 1,809.78	 1,779.97

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council
Statement of Balances
Year ended 31 March 2014**

	NOTES	2013/14	2012/13
Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted)			
Balance as at 01/04		13,578.37	11,688.55
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>1,809.78</u>	<u>1,779.97</u>
Balance as at 31/03		<u>13,745.92</u>	<u>13,578.37</u>
Bank Current Account		13,745.92	13,578.37
Cash in Hand		0.00	0.00
NSI Bonds	7	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>
		<u>26,745.92</u>	<u>30,578.37</u>
Comprising			
Ayrshire East Scout Council		2,059.93	347.38
Held in trust for 16th Ayrshire Scout Group		10,601.62	12,146.62
Held in trust for 35th Ayrshire Scout Group		1,084.37	1,084.37
Other Assets			

Liabilities

The District has no liabilities

The Notes on Page 5 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Approved by the District Executive Committee at the AGM on 11/06/2014 and signed on its behalf by:-



**Stuart Dunsmuir
District Commissioner**



**Brian Goldie
Chairman**

Ayrshire East District Scout Council
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2014

2013/14 2012/13

1 Funds

The District maintains a single undesignated general fund for all its financial transactions. The District uses The Bank of Scotland as for its banking.

2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (12/13: Nil) **0.00** 0.00
 1 Trustee(s) received expenses totalling £500.81 during the year (12/13:Nil) **500.81** 0.00

3 Income

From Groups / Units of the district	15,457.50	16,066.80
Blair Athol 2014 Camp fees	420.00	0.00
Donations	432.00	0.00
Sale of Catrine Hall	0.00	2,000.00
Badge Sales	200.00	400.00
Alpha Thistle Startup grant from SHQ	0.00	985.00
Adult Training Grant	383.00	383.00
Transfer from NS&I Bonds	2,000.00	0.00
S/W Rebate / Abatement	0.00	585.55
Late S/W Rebate 2011/12	0.00	306.50
Late Dues	0.00	660.00
	18,892.50	21,386.85

Less: Paid to Region (Scout Headquarters)
 Capitation

16,605.00 16,897.50
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4 District Activities

Adult Training	0.00	1,183.10
YL Training (Certificates, Badges etc)	24.40	0.00
Alpha Thistle Startup Grant	0.00	985.00
District Cub Camp	0.00	100.00
Hall Hire	0.00	30.00
Flowers / Wreaths/ Gifts	47.00	0.00
Dumfries House Opening	153.88	0.00
Badge Machine Hire	0.00	153.20
Blair Athol Jamborette	0.00	100.00
	225.28	2,551.30

6 Management & Administration Costs

Administration		109.85
Travel Expenses	357.75	
Website / Email Hosting	57.31	
Postage	25.83	
Tea, Coffee, Milk etc	13.52	
	454.41	109.85
92nd Ayrshire Hall upkeep		
Insurance	0.00	44.63
Electricity	0.00	110.76
	454.41	375.09

Paid to or on behalf of the 16th Ayrshire* (inc. £405 loaned to VH ESU) **1,905.00** 0.00

7 NS&I Bonds

A shortfall of £2000.00 was found when we cashed in £2000.00 worth of bonds during this financial year. Previous Annual Reports that we have available have shown that we held £17000 worth of bonds. The statement upon return when we cashed in was the balance was £13000. We queried this with NS&I who provided proof that there was only ever £15000 worth of bonds in our account. It is not known where the £17000 figure came from. It is suspected that it was during the merger of the 2 districts around 2005, however no statements are available for this time. We are currently still investigating this with our bank and any previous annual reports we have to hand.

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council
Reports
Year ended 31 March 2014**

DC Report

I would like to start by thanking everyone for all their time during the year.

We have also lost a number of friends that had been involved in the organisation and would like to pause for a moment to remember those no longer with us.

There have been new additions to the district team, namely Patricia & Peter banner, Ron Lunn & Stephen Hyslop taking the roles of ADC Beavers, ADC Beavers, DESC & DESA respectively.

I am also glad to say that during the year we were able to name TA's for every group and unit within the district and a couple of meetings have taken place to track how things had progressed with validation etc.

The sections have been busy during the year and I'm sure you'll hear about them in the following reports; however I would like to mention a couple - there has been 2 Beaver fun days, both being very well attended, the district cub camp seems to go from strength to strength and the scout & explorers from Dalmellington & New Cumnock were involved in the Royal opening of the outdoor centre at Dumfries House.

I have also attended the open day at Craigengillan (Fort Carrick) as well as the regional development day in which each district listed their 5 main development plans so the region could put their plan in place to work with the districts.

There has also been YL training taken place within the district, the district run the compulsory module A which every YL need to attend. The regional team also ran a YL training weekend in which a large number for Ayrshire East took part in, this is very encouraging and I'm led to believe that the YL's from the different groups & districts bonded really well.

The sectional leaders, from all sections, have been meeting and have a comprehensive plan of events over the next year, which I'm looking forward to attending.

The number of permits in the district has increased dramatically during the year and I'm glad to see this.

Brian & I have been attending group AGM's. I would like to point out again groups should be informing the district of dates for their group Executive meetings and AGM's as the DC is an ex-officio member of these therefore should get copies of minutes etc. I also note that there are only a few groups who submit nights away notifications, these should be submitted for every event that has an overnight stay, whether it be in a hall, a scout campsite or as part of an expedition, home or abroad.

Finally, some groups / sections are great at communicating what they are doing while others seem to keep their events, camps etc secret. I would again urge groups to let the district know what is happening so that we can plan events accordingly, for example the scout section planned the district camp only to find that the regional fun day was the same weekend and that 2 groups were doing their own thing, none of these had been intimated to the district therefore the support for the camp was now diminished. Any event that we are informed about is on the district calendar from group coffee mornings to district meetings and national events.