



**Ayrshire East District Scout Council**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements**

**for the**

**Year ended 31 March 2016**

**Charity No SC042761**

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council  
Trustees' Annual Report  
Year ended 31 March 2016**

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 2016

**Name & Address**

The District's name is the Ayrshire East District Scout Council and it may be contacted at [dc@aescouts.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Review of Financial Year**

The receipts and payments account at page 4 of the accounts shows an excess of receipts over payments of £2,327 (2015: excess payments £2,608).

**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.

**Trustees Responsibilities**

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the constitution and within the framework of the relevant charity legislation. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the charity's financial position, and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable requirements of the following:

- Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

The trustees have the responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the District Executive Committee on 29/09/2016 and signed on its behalf by :-



**District Commissioner**



**Chairman**

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council  
Independent Examiner's Report  
Year ended 31 March 2016**

**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 2016 which are set out on pages 3 to 6

**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 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 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 Regulation 11 of the 2006 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 section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations 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.



**Gillian Morton  
Chartered Accountant (ICAS)  
17 Portree Avenue  
Kilmarnock, KA3 2GA**

**29 September 2016**

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council**  
**Receipts & Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31 March 2016**

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Voluntary Income	3	21,168	17,999
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		-	-
NSI Investment income		163	163
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>21,331</b>	<b>18,161</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
District Activities	4	1,532	3,948
Membership Payments	3	17,329	16,043
Management & Administration Costs	5	144	779
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>19,004</b>	<b>20,769</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for year</b>		<b>2,327 -</b>	<b>2,608</b>

The notes on page 6 form an integral part of these accounts.

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council**  
**Statement of Balances**  
**Year ended 31 March 2016**

	NOTES	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances (Unrestricted)</b>			
Balance as at 01/04		11,137	13,745
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		2,327 -	2,608
Balance as at 31/03		<u>13,541</u>	<u>11,137</u>
Bank Current Account	6	13,541	11,137
Cash in Hand		-	-
NSI Bonds	7	13,000	13,000
		<u>26,541</u>	<u>24,137</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>			
Nil		-	-

**Liabilities**

The District has no liabilities

**All funds are unrestricted.**

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Approved by the District Executive Committee at the AGM on 29/09/2016 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 2016**

**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 of expenses during the current or prior financial years.

	2016 £	2015 £
<b>3 Income</b>		
From Groups / Units of the district	18,307	15,685
Blair Athol Camp fees	-	400
Culzean Camp Fees	-	300
Craigengillan Camp Fees	-	295
Grants	200	-
Unclassified	690	-
Donations	500	761
Sale of Logan Hall	250	-
Badge Sales	155	175
Adult Training	568	383
S/W Rebate / Abatement	498	-
	<b>21,168</b>	<b>17,999</b>
Less: Paid to Region (Scout Headquarters) Capitation	<b>17,329</b>	<b>16,043</b>
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<b>4 District Activities</b>		
Adult Training	932	599
Camp Costs	-	3,072
Archery	-	77
Blair Athol	600	-
Donation	-	200
	<b>1,532</b>	<b>3,948</b>
<b>5 Management &amp; Administration Costs</b>		
Travel Expenses	-	773
Postage	44	6
Paid to or on behalf of the 106th Ayrshire	100	-
	<b>144</b>	<b>779</b>
<b>6 Bank Current Account</b>		
Comprises:		
Ayrshire East Scout Council	2,839	549
Held in Trust for 16th Ayrshire Scout Group	10,602	10,602
Held in Trust for 35th Ayrshire Scout Group	-	1,084
Held in Trust for 106th Ayrshire Scout Group	100	-
	<b>13,541</b>	<b>11,137</b>
<b>7 NSI Bonds</b>		

A shortfall of £2,000 was found when investments of £2,000 were cashed in during the 2014 year. Previous Annual Reports had stated that Investments valued at £17,000 were held, however the statement received from NSI after taking £2,000 showed that only £13,000 of Investments remained. This has been queried with NSI. It is thought that the difference arose during the merger of the Districts during 2005 and no statements are available from this time. Further investigation into this matter is ongoing.

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Year ended 31 March 2016**

**District Chairman's Report**

This will be a short report from me. As many of you know I have had a few personal problems over the last year or so and therefore have not been able to commit as much of my time and effort to scouting as I would have liked. I have been there most of the time keeping an eye from a far and helping out where I could. Stuart will mention in his report the LDO project that has now finished. This has left us with a new group and a rejuvenated one. Although the project has finished in as far as Nikki has moved on. There is still work to be done within these groups. Particularly, the 106th, where we still have the challenge of appointing a GSL and getting an executive committee set up. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those leaders from within the District who have supported the group so far. I know there have been challenges and a fair amount of frustration at times. But if we all work together nothing is insurmountable and we will get there in time. Remember, as long as the kids are happy we are doing alright! Special mention must also go to Jason and his team here at the 29th. Since they got back up and running I think they must be one of the most active groups in the District. Finally, I would like to thank all of you here, and the rest of the leaders, helper and everyone within the District for the time, effort and enthusiasm that they put into Scouting in whatever form, that benefits the young people in East Ayrshire.

Brian Goldie  
District Chairman

**Network Report September 2016**

Unfortunately, the Network has not had a very successful year, almost everything that has been planned has fallen flat on its face or had very little uptake. This is largely due to the fact that all our active members are very busy with work, university or college work and other scouting commitments, all of which are more important.

I think it's worth pointing out that SHQs idea of automatically making everyone who is 18-25 a member of the network looks good on paper, but does not give an accurate account of active network members in the district.

Moving forward I am planning to have at least one event per season, with the 1st on taking place before Christmas. I feel that even if there is still little uptake to begin with it will be better to do something with the few than nothing with the many.

David Tumulty  
DSNC

**Ayrshire East District Scout Council**  
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**DC Report – District AGM 09/06/15**

During the last reporting year, I have had the pleasure & privilege of representing the district at the following events;

- Visits to
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Ayrshire (Crosshouse Hospital) Group
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Ayrshire Group Exec meeting
  - Opening of 33<sup>rd</sup> Ayrshire hall renovation
  - Jesters ESU x2
  - Alpha Thistles ESU x3
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Scouts
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Beaver Investitures
  - 91<sup>st</sup> Ayrshire Cubs
  - 37<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Group Exec meeting
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Cub Investitures
  - 106<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire (Hillside) Group Investitures
  - Active Support Meeting
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire x7 times (still to find out when they meet!!)
  - Alpha Thistles ESU Burns Supper
  - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ayrshire Burns Supper
  - Founders Day Service at Dalmellington
- Chief Scout Award Presentations to
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Ayrshire Scouts
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Beavers
- Assisted with the Adult Training residential weekend
- Presented Explorer Belts to Connor Docherty & Glen Higgins
- Made a presentation to the board of Scouts Scotland regarding the LDO project
- Assisted at the publicity stall during the Scottish Air Show
- Attending the 29<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Halloween fundraiser as well as the 37<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Christmas dinner
- Was in attendance at the Remembrance day service at the Cenotaph
- Attended a day with OSCR regarding the works of OSCR and changes being made
- as well as the following AGMs; 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, SW Region & Scottish HQ.

During the reporting year there have been 11 Bronze, 2 Silver & 4 Gold Chief Scout Awards presented, congratulations to the 20<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Beavers & Scouts as well as the 21<sup>st</sup> Cubs & Scouts for gaining these awards. Considering we have 14 groups, (43 sections) and 4 explorer scout units I feel the number should be greater than this and would ask each section to help the young people gain their top awards. The change in programme may have been a reason why the numbers are low, so I hope that this year will see an increase in top awards presented.

We have also had the assistance of our new LDO, Nikki Sully, who continued to work with the 106<sup>th</sup> and started working with the 29<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire. Nikki's time with us is now finished and a report upon the 2 LDO projects has just been published.

Also during the last reporting year, we have provided our youth members with 104 nights away opportunities, although this is up on last year's 75, there are still groups / units who take young people away overnight without informing the DC as required in POR.

I have also had the pleasure in issuing 10 permits during the year, 6 Nights Away, 1 Hill walking & 3 Archery. This increases the skill set within the district and I would like to express my thanks to those who received the permits for the additional time they gave & give in respect of those activities.

Whilst not necessarily representing the district, I have been part of a national working group at SHQ specifically looking at adults in Scouting; from their introduction, through the induction & appointments process to also looking at the review / exiting stage. Although the group have met on a number of occasions during the research stage, we have now made our proposals to Scouts Scotland PRS committee who have agreed with all of our proposals. The first of these will be the appointments process and the training of the committee members, it has been noted that it should only take a maximum of 6 weeks from application to full appointment, in reality it is taking as much as 2 years in some cases. We are running a workshop specifically for appointments committee members at this year's SHQ AGM.

Finally, I would once again like to thank each and every volunteer, whither in uniform or not, my deepest thanks for all the time, effort & hard work that you all put into Scouting at section, group, district, region or national level.