

The York Joint Scout Trust

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Registration Number with the Charity Commissioners	524835
Registration Number with the Scout Association	T2055
Charity's Principal Address	48 Ashley Park Crescent YORK YO31 1HH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustees

Lars Kramm
Graeme Taylor
Nigel White
Jill Errington
David Hatliff
Simon Errington

Bankers HSBC, 13 Parliament Street, York YO1 8SG
Charities Aid Foundation Bank

Custodian Trustees Scout Association Trust Corporation
(in respect of Snowball Plantation)

Other Advisers Burns & Co (Solicitors)
Martin Ramsden (Quantity Surveyor)
P B Curran & Co (Insurance Brokers)
Unity Insurance Services
D E Ford Insurance
(all in respect of Snowball Plantation)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The Trust'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.

How the Charity is constituted

The Trust is established under The Scout Association's rules which are common to all Scout Bodies. As a registered charity the Trust confirms that its Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in determining its activities.

Trustee selection methods

Because the Trust represents the interests of the York Ebor and York Minster Scout Districts, those Districts each nominate three individuals to act as Trustees.

Trust management

The Trust is managed by its nominated Trustees, who 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.

Trust functions

This Trust exists to co-ordinate the activities of York Ebor and York Minster Scout Districts in respect of::

The management and maintenance of jointly owned property, including land and property at Stockton-on-the-Forest known as Snowball Plantation, for which the Principal Trustee is the Scout Association Trustee Corporation

The raising of funds and the administration of joint finance

The insurance of persons, property and equipment

The management of scouting events and activities in the City of York

Trust controls

The Trust has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, including dual signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

No serious incidents that should have been reported to the Charity Commission have occurred.

The Trust delegates responsibilities as follows:

For the management and maintenance of property at Snowball Plantation, to the Snowball Plantation Management Committee and for the administration of York Active Support to the York Active Support Committee, each through a mandate granted by the Trust and with accounts consolidated into those of the Trust.

The York Scout & Guide Gang Show is an independent body, representing the two York Scout Districts and Girlguiding North Yorkshire South, but holds a mandate from the Trust, through which it is registered; its accounts are consolidated into those of the Trust.

Reserves

The Trust's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue its activities at Snowball Plantation and across the City of York. The Trustees continue to be aware of the need to maximise the level of usage at Snowball Plantation and to budget for realistic income and expenditure, and to prepare and monitor realistic budgets for all other activities.

Section C Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Trust are those of a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Trust meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Work has started on refurbishing a hut on the site but the coronavirus epidemic has brought all development work to a close for the time being. This closure has impacted on the finances of Snowball Plantation as the site has been closed for most of the year. The service team, who are all volunteers, and who give freely of their time, have continued to work when circumstances have allowed. The annual St George's Day parade and Chief Scout Awards presentation evening had to be cancelled.

Section D Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Full Name	Lars Kramm
Position	Chairman
Date	01/06/2021