



ANNUAL REPORT

Financial year: January 2020 - December 2020
Charity number 1102633

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The Apex Challenge is considered to be among the toughest of all the UK's adventure competitions with events each year for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members aged 14-25.

Combining challenging outdoor activities with navigation and teamwork, our events offer a unique adventure experience. Our dedicated team of volunteers is working to modernise and energise the whole Scouting movement with dynamic events and activities.



Matt Richards - Event Director

No-one could have predicted quite how this year was going to pan out. The Covid-19 pandemic has made life difficult for almost everyone in the country and sadly it inevitably led to the cancellation of our 2020 event.

However, after consulting extensively with our team, South Yorkshire Scout County, the landowners and our equipment suppliers, we were able to make an early decision on this which meant the financial impact of cancellation was very limited. Almost all of our costs were able to be transferred over to the following year.

We have continued to keep our competitors updated throughout the year via the website and social media - and we are very much committed to bringing the event back as soon as it is safe and responsible to do so.

We once again thank everyone involved with the Apex Challenge for all their help and support. We can't wait to see you all again soon!

Statement of public benefit

It is with regret that due to coronavirus restrictions, this year the Apex Challenge was unable to stage its usual large adventure competition for members of the Scout Association so during 2020 was prevented from carrying out any work for public benefit.

Legal information

The Apex Challenge became a registered charity in 2004 and is governed by its own declaration of trust. The charity operates throughout England and Wales. It is also part of the Scout Association and operates under its rules and guidelines. Its aims are '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 the local, national and international communities particularly by the provision of specialised outdoor activities'.

- The Apex Challenge currently has three trustees. These first trustees are permanent appointments:
- Matthew Richards: The Barn, 3 Cherry Tree Court, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds, North Yorkshire, LS25 6PZ. (Registered charity address.)
 - David Pape: 45 Old Road, Stanningley, Pudsey, LS28 6BG.
 - James Webster: 45 Old Road, Stanningley, Pudsey, LS28 6BG.

New trustees may be appointed by the existing trustees for a term of one year by a resolution passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the Apex Challenge declaration of trust.

If you would like further copies of this annual report, please write to Apex Challenge, 45 Old Road, Stanningley, Pudsey, LS28 6BG. A small charge to cover printing, postage and packing will be required.

Accounts summary

Section A: Statement of receipts and payments

A full list of receipts and payments, from which this summary has been prepared, is available on request.

	Unrestricted funds this year (2020)	Restricted funds this year (2020)	Unrestricted funds last year (2018-2019)	Restricted funds last year (2018-2019)
Receipts				
Entry fees	£ 0	£ 0	£ 15360	£ 0
T-shirt sales	£ 0	£ 0	£ 2464	£ 0
Other merchandise sales	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1305	£ 0
Income from third party events	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Sponsorship donations	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Miscellaneous income (incl interest)	£ 0	£ 0	£ 321	£ 0
Sub-total	£ 0	£ 0	£ 19129	£ 0
Assets and investment sales	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Total receipts	£ 0	£ 0	£ 19129	£ 0

Payments				
Activity bases	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1837	£ 0
Catering	£ 0	£ 0	£ 5999	£ 0
Communications and first aid	£ 0	£ 0	£ 60	£ 0
Event centre kit	£ 0	£ 0	£ 2225	£ 0
Information technology	£ 732	£ 0	£ 1340	£ 0
Logistics and infrastructure	£ 0	£ 0	£ 5895	£ 0
Merchandise	£ 0	£ 0	£ 2548	£ 0
Prizes	£ 0	£ 0	£ 64	£ 0
Site hire	£ 600	£ 0	£ 1000	£ 0
Stationery and printing	£ 0	£ 0	£ 971	£ 0
Training	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Sub-total	£ -1332	£ 0	£ 21937	£ 0
Assets and investment purchases	£ 0	£ 0	£ 1222	£ 0
Total payments	£ 0	£ 0	£ 23059	£ 0
Net of receipts/payments	£ -1332	£ 0	£ -3931	£ 0
Cheques written but now expired	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Cheques received but now expired	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Cash funds last year end	£ 3692	£ 0	£ 7623	£ 0
Cash funds this year end	£ 2360	£ 0	£ 3692	£ 0

NOTES
Column totals may not sum correctly due to rounding. All amounts are shown to the nearest pound.
The charity's financial year has recently changed. The 2020 accounts are for the 12 month period from January 2020 to December 2020. The previous financial year covered the 14 month period from November 2018 to December 2019.
The charity received a grant for the 2020 event, which could not take place, which was repaid to the grant-making organisation on the understanding that it will be re-awarded when the charity is next able to hold an event.

Section B: Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of this period

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
Cash in hand	£ 0	£ 0
Bank account balance (as at 31 Dec 2020)	£ 2360	£ 0
Sub-total	£ 2360	£ 0
Less cheques written but not cashed	£ 0	£ 0
Total cash funds this year end	£ 2360	£ 0

Newly purchased assets retained for the charity's own use	Fund	Purchase cost
	Unrestricted	£
	Unrestricted	£

Liabilities	Fund	Amount due
The charity had no financial liabilities at the end of the financial year		£

Declaration

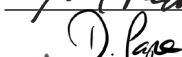
This annual report and summary of accounts is signed to certify it is a true and accurate record of the Apex Challenge's activities for 2020. To the best of our knowledge all details contained within this document are correct and no essential details have been deliberately omitted.

Matthew Richards (Trustee)



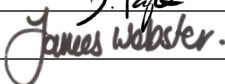
Signed electronically on date: 09/08/2021

David Pape (Trustee)



Signed electronically on date: 09/08/2021

James Webster (Trustee)



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Independent Examiner's report

I report on the accounts of Apex Challenge for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the 'Statement of receipts and payments' set out on page 5 of the annual report.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Apex Challenge trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- 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 Apex Challenge 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 the 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 and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 (Independent examiner)



Signed electronically on date: 18/10/2021

Sarah Harris - Solicitor of England & Wales (Non-practising),
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