



ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year: January 2022 - December 2022
Charity number 1102633

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Scouts

Combining challenging outdoor activities with navigation and teamwork, the Apex Challenge offers a unique adventure experience and is considered to be among the toughest such competition in the UK for Scouts aged 14-25.

MATT, JAMES & DAVE

The Apex Challenge Team



It has always been about the adventure, and there have been two decades of Apex Challenge events where thousands of us have got together to test and challenge ourselves in amazing locations.

However, after 20 years and 29 events, the core organising team members have jointly decided it's time to call it a day and move on to other things. We are immensely proud of what we have all achieved with the event.

From the first competition run out of a pub car park in the Peak District in

2002, to the huge spectacle of our 2022 weekend at Bramham Park, it has been an amazing journey and we are so proud of all of the Apex Challenge family of volunteers who have made it happen.

It was great to be able to conclude the Apex Challenge journey with such a great event at Bramham in 2022.

We, of course, wish all of our helpers, competitors and supporters the very best for their future adventures both inside and outside Scouting.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

In seeking to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical intellectual social and spiritual potentials, the Apex Challenge this year staged a large adventure competition for members of the Scout Association. The event provided opportunities for almost 400 young people to take part in a wide variety of activities that allow them to demonstrate their physical skills as well as promoting teamwork and social interaction. In organising these events, the charity has had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising its powers and duties.

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:** Lyndon Lodge, Taylor Lane, Barwick in Elmet, Leeds, LS15 4LX.
- **David Pape:** 23 Regent Road, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4NP.
- **James Webster:** 129 Brompton Drive, Apperley Bridge, Bradford, BD10 0DW. (Registered charity address.)

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.

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BRAMHAM PARK 2022



After two years without an Apex Challenge event, this one was always going to feel particularly special and from the moment teams arrived the sense of excitement was clear.

Teams were pitching tents, studying maps, planning strategies and getting ready for the weekend. Old Apex friends were reunited as music played across the bustling campsite.

400 keen adventurers packed into the marquee for the first of the weekend's briefings and straight after that the action began with a challenging sprint version of the main event. With just 70 minutes to hunt down 15 well-hidden control points strewn over the Bramham Park estate in the pitch darkness, it took great navigation skills, determination and endurance to succeed.

And teams weren't alone. An army of highly trained Apex Chasers out to hunt teams down and take their points away. As teams returned, soaked and exhausted, the marquee was plunged into red light whenever a team returned which had been chased and caught.

Saturday gave teams a full six hours to collect as many points as possible. Activities ranged from kayaking across an open lake, to mountain biking down sheer slopes and hurling axes – so teams needed to be adaptable to make the most of what was on offer.

And all the time, seconds were ticking away and it was those who used clever route planning with endurance and determination who came out on top.

The legendary giant Apex parrot was out throughout the event as teams tried to track him down to secure the substantial 75 point reward.

As teams gathered at Event Centre, they got the latest scores at the results update. It was also becoming clear

what was ahead on Sunday. But before all that it was Saturday Night Live. Competitors danced into the night to the sounds of "The Epics" playing two fantastic live sets on stage. Wild dancing and crowd surfing made for an unforgettable night.

This year brought us the toughest ever Apex Adventure Race. The 5km course took in woodland tracks, steep slopes, boggy swamps and thick forest, but dotted along the route were more than a dozen new obstacles. From crawls under 'barbed' wire to wet river crossings, water sprays, spiders' webs and intense muddy crawls this tested the endurance of event the fittest competitors.

All in all it was once again a fantastic weekend in a stunning location.

Some 2022 facts and figures

- **392 young people took part in the event.**
- **It was made possible because of the work of 74 dedicated volunteers.**
- **The Apex Adventure Race was actually 5.1 km long, with 66 metres of height gain.**
- **36 of the 98 teams managed to track down Paddy the Parrot.**
- **Incredibly, there were just 4 points separating the top two teams in the Explorers competition this year.**

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

Financial Year Ending December 2022

The Apex Challenge started the financial year in 2022 following several years of financial challenges. The charity last held an event in 2019, a year in which some unexpected financial expenses were incurred. During 2020 and 2021 the charity also had some ongoing annual costs to pay, without any income. It was important to address these financial issues during 2022.

DAVID PAPE

Treasurer

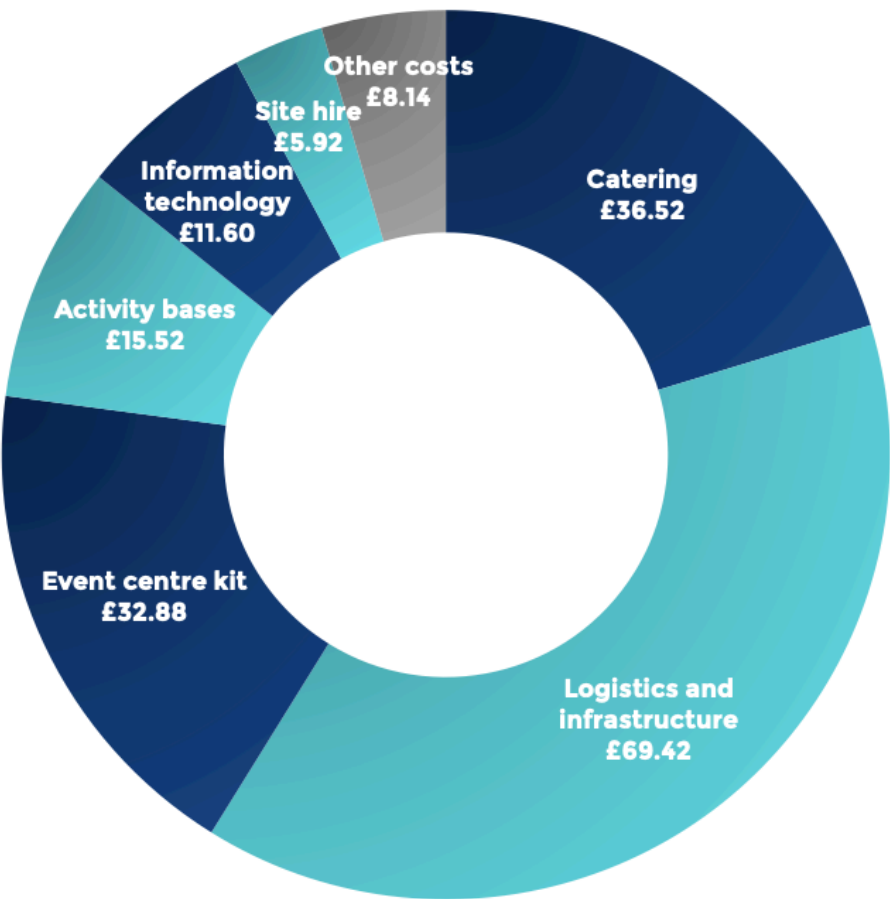
A full event has enabled us to make a profit of £1930 on a total event cost of £21,648.

£600 of site hire fees were paid in 2020 and carried over as a deposit for this year’s site hire. We also received a donation of £600. This means the profit accounted for is more than the reality of the situation.

Because this is the final Apex Challenge event, the remaining bank balance will be transferred to South Yorkshire County Scouts and the bank account closed.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over an amazing 20 years.

Every Apex Challenge has varying income and costs. The graph below gives an indication, based on this year’s accounts, of how the £180 of each team’s entry fee is spent:



We always try to spend money within Scouting where possible to keep funds within the Movement. Of our total expenditure this year, the amount remaining in Scouting was:

£3475

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

Section A: Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds this year (2022)	Restricted funds this year (2022)	Unrestricted funds last year (2021)	Restricted funds last year (2021)
Receipts				
Entry fees	£ 18000	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
T-shirt sales	£ 3790	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Other merchandise sales	£ 798	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Income from third party events	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Sponsorship donations	£ 600	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Miscellaneous income	£ 401	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Sub-total	£ 23589	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Assets and investment sales				
	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Total receipts	£ 23589	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0

Payments				
Activity bases	£ 1573	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Catering	£ 3701	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Communications and first aid	£ 71	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Event centre kit	£ 3332	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Information technology	£ 1176	£ 0	£ 302	£ 0
Logistics and infrastructure	£ 7035	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Merchandise	£ 3417	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Prizes	£ 88	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Site hire	£ 600	£ 0	£ 600	£ 0
Stationery and printing	£ 666	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Training	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Sub-total	£ 21659	£ 0	£ 302	£ 0
Assets and investment purchases				
	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Total payments	£ 21659	£ 0	£ 302	£ 0
Net of receipts/payments	£ 1930	£ 0	£ -302	£ 0
Cheques written but expired				
	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Cheques received but expired				
	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0	£ 0
Cash funds last year end				
	£ 2057	£ 0	£ 2360	£ 0
Cash funds this year end	£ 3988	£ 0	£ 2057	£ 0

NOTES
A full list of receipts and payments, from which this summary has been prepared, is available on request. Column totals may not sum correctly due to rounding. All amounts are shown to the nearest pound.

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

Section B: Statement of assets and liabilities

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
Cash in hand	£ 0	£ 0
Bank account balance (as at 31 Dec 2022)	£ 3988	£ 0
Sub-total	£ 3988	£ 0
Less cheques written but not cashed	£ 0	£ 0
Total cash funds this year end	£ 3988	£ 0

Newly purchased assets for the charity's own use	Fund	Purchase cost
The charity purchased no new assets this year		

Liabilities	Fund	Amount due
None		

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 2022. To the best of our knowledge all details contained are correct and no essential details have been deliberately omitted.


Matt Richards (Trustee)


David Pape (Trustee)


James Webster (Trustee)

Signed electronically on 16/10/2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of Apex Challenge for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the 'Statement of receipts and payments' set out on page 3 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 Examiners' 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:

- which gives my 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
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Sarah Harris (Independent Examiner) - Signed electronically on 18/10/2023
Solicitor of England & Wales (Non-practising)
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2022 HALL OF FAME

Explorers
Competition
Winners



Shut Up Reuben

Anvil ESU
South Yorkshire

Network
Competition
Winners



Dinner Ladies
Assault Force
Top Bun

Cromwell Network
Cambridgeshire

JCH
Award
Winners



The Spicy Girls

Westwood ESU
Humberside

Thank you to all who have made the Apex Challenge possible...

Ben Abell, Lloyd Acornley, Aaron Adams, Scott Adgar, Joanne Alflat, Alex Atkin, Fiona Atkin, Matt Atkinson, Sheenagh Austin, Ashley Baker, Debbie Baker, Matthew Barnes, Rob Batley, Martin Bennett, Phil Bennett, Sam Bennett, Neil Benson, Andrew Billington, Ian Bradshaw, Sean Brady, Michelle Bragg, Ian Brannan, Rachel Breen, Abby Brown, Graham Brown, James Brown, Kevin Bumby, Darren Burgess, Lawrence Butcher, Stewart Butler, Jake Carpenter, Tony Casson, Faye Catton-Norton, Charles Cave, Sarah Cave, Julia Charlesworth, Joe Christian, James Clarke, Brad Cole, Tom Conroy, Ian Cook, David Cooper, Harry Curtis, Jake D'Souza Kelly, Alex Detalia Riley, James Dobson, James Downs, Matt Downs, Rachel Edwards, Alex Ellis, Sam Farnsworth, Mike Fawcett, Joseph Flint, Rosie Flint, Paul Fox, Richard Galliford, James Garrett, Richard Garrett, Fran Glew, James Godfrey, Rob Godfrey, Kerrie Gosney, Tim Hague, Tom Hague, Steve Hall, Elinor Hamilton, Tom Hamilton, Sarah Harris, Simon Harrison, Guy Harrison, Tom Harrison, Graham Harrop, Sarah Henell, Irene Hewitt, Ian Hill, Lucy Hobbs, Richard Hollingworth, Gaz Hopkins, Janet Horner, Alex Hummel, Josh Hunsley, Hannah Hurt, David Ingledew, Adam Jacklin, Andy Jackson, Barrie Jenkinson, Marcus Jenkinson, Karl Jones, John Kessel, Sarah Kessel, George King, Alison Lamb, Dale Lawrence, Sue Lawrence, Danny Levick, Kristian Lucas, Jack Machan, Daniel Maude, Neil McKay, Andrew Melleney, Jack Mellors, Adam Mitchell, Jon Mitchell, Derek Mollan, Andy Moore, Lynn Moore, Dave Mott, David Needham, Charlie Newton, Phillip Norton, Andy Pagett, David Pape, Joanna Parker, Gordon Parkinson, John Parkinson, Marion Parkinson, Simon Peers, Andrew Phipps, Becca Phipps, Nicky Phipps, Thomas Phipps, Amy Piggott, David Platts, Jeanette Plumb, Andrew Plummer, Lee Plummer, Lynne Plummer, Sara Plummer, Claire Probert, James Purdy, John Putland, Joanne Rayner, Hayley Richardson, Tony Richardson, Matt Richards, Nigel Redfern, Brian Robinson, Danny Rogers, Bev Rothery, Mark Rothery, Dave Scott, Amy Sears, Mike Sharp, Dom Sharpe, Tim Shiles, Lewis Simpson, John Smallwood, Tom Smith, Mike Snaith, Chris Spencer, Jonathan Spencer, Mike Squires, Ben Stevenson, Jason Stubbs, Molly Stubbs, Ian Thompson, David Thorp, Daniel Tinker, Phil Todd, Haley Toseland, David Towner, James Tucker, Sam Turnbull, Julia Voyse, David Ward, Matt Ward, Tom Ward, Edward Watchorn, James Webster, Jim Wild, Susan Wragg.



20 YEARS OF ADVENTURE



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