

**South East Berkshire  
District Scout Council**

District Registration No: 10213



The 42<sup>nd</sup>  
**Annual General  
Meeting**

**Braybrooke Community Hall**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022



## South East Berkshire District Scout Council

### 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start

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#### AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021
4. The District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in the South East Berkshire District
5. The District Treasurer's overview of the Accounts for the financial year 2021/22
6. To approve the Annual Report and the Statement of the Accounts of the Trustees
7. To approve the District Commissioner's Nomination of the District Chair
8. Election of the District Secretary
9. Election of the District Treasurer
10. Election of members to the District Executive Committee
11. To note the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee
12. To note intended co-options to the District Executive Committee
13. Confirmation of South East Berkshire District Scout Council's nominations as members of Berkshire County Scout Council
14. To appoint the Independent Examiner
15. Appointment of District Vice President(s)
16. Close of Meeting

### **3. Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting**

*held via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions.*

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 8.00pm**

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#### **1. Welcome:**

Steve Richards (District Commissioner) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending via Zoom. There is every hope that the next AGM in 2022 will be in person. Present: Tony Fulford (District Vice President, DASU Manager), Petra Hardie (District Secretary), Fiona Jones (GSL 1<sup>st</sup> South Ascot), Margaret Kemp (District Executive & Scout Shop Manager), Karan Mehra (District Treasurer), Derek Salter (ADC Support, AGSL 2<sup>nd</sup> Bracknell, Earleywood Management Board & District Vice President), Sam Winterson (District Executive & Earleywood Management Board), Steve Ricketts (District Executive), Jeff Wood (DASU), Steve Prower (GSL 2<sup>nd</sup> Bracknell & District Vice President).

#### **2. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from the following people: Nigel Bevan (County Commissioner), Sally Bangs (AGSL & BSL 2<sup>nd</sup> Bracknell), Peter Christmas (ESL 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield & DoE Adviser), Grant Wyatt (Group Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunningdale), Cathryn Joiner (DASU), Sharon Withy (DASU), John Burns (DASU), Shirley Burns (DASU), Irene Gallacher (Gang Show & DASU), Ann Nesfield (Secretary 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield), Ann Minchin (GSL 4<sup>th</sup> Bracknell), Hilary Crofton (GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Sunningdale), Judy Herridge (DASU), Graeme Thompson (DC, South Berks), Alex Sizeland (GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield).

#### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

The Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting with just one change. Tony Fulford's title is District Vice President as well as DASU Manager. With this amendment they were proposed by Jeff Wood and seconded by Tony Fulford. All attendees accepted the Minutes as a fair and accurate record via a show of hands.

#### **4. To receive the District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire District**

A copy of the District Commissioner's Review and all section reports are in the Annual Report. The impact of Covid was the main theme with the loss of some adults noted although this was not excessive and balanced by some new recruits within the District.

#### **5. The District Treasurer's overview of the accounts for the financial year and to Approve the Annual Report and statement of accounts of the Trustees**

A copy of the accounts for the financial year were circulated prior to the meeting to the Executive Committee. There were no questions. Karan noted that it had been a quiet year with some expenditure on fixed costs. District did not charge capitation this year and it had been agreed to ringfence £10,000 for the new Scout Shop refurbishment. The DC thanked Karan for his report.

#### **6. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman**

Dale Kipp, a member of the District Executive has agreed to stand as Chair and was nominated by the DC.

## **7. Election of District Secretary**

Petra Hardie agreed to stand again as District Secretary, there have been no other nominations. Steve Ricketts nominated, and Jeff Wood seconded, all were unanimously in favour. The DC thanked Petra for her efforts.

## **8. Election of District Treasurer**

Karan Mehra has been proposed by Margaret Kemp and seconded by Jeff Wood. There have been no other nominations. The Chairman asked for approval from the floor, and this was agreed by a unanimous show of hands. The DC thanked Karan for all of his hard work over the past year.

## **9. To elect persons to the District Executive Committee**

The following people were formally proposed and seconded by the due date:

- i. Margaret Kemp
- ii. Steve Prower
- iii. Alex Richards
- iv. Derek Salter
- v. Sam Winterson
- vi. Steve Ricketts

Steve Ricketts brings a wealth of experience with him to the Committee. They were proposed by Fiona Jones and seconded by Jeff Wood. All were approved by a show of hands to serve on the District Executive Committee.

## **10. To note the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee**

The District Commissioner has no nominations.

## **11. To note intended co-options to the District Executive Committee**

The District Executive Committee will at their next meeting, or at any future meeting, co-opt members onto the Executive. Currently there are none.

## **12. Confirmation of South East Berkshire District's nominations to Berkshire County Scout Council**

The following nominations have been received to act as representatives on Berkshire County Scout Council: Carolyne Brambley as adult representative, and Simon Quantrell as youth representative. Both were proposed by Derek Salter and seconded Margaret Kemp and were approved by a show of hands.

## **13. To appoint an Independent Examiner**

The Chairman thanked Mark Sayers who had examined the Accounts again this year. Mark has been nominated again, by Karan Mehra, and seconded by Margaret Kemp. This was unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

## **14. Presentations**

Presentations from all of the Groups are included in the Annual Report.

There have been a significant number of long & good service awards, some presented in person, others virtually. Peter Christmas has been awarded the Bar to the Award of Merit.

## **15. The County Commissioner**

Unfortunately, the County Commissioner was unable to attend at the last minute but sent his apologies and passed on his thanks to all for their incredible effort to keep Scouting going in the South East Berkshire District.

**16. Closing remarks**

Fiona Jones thanked the District Commissioner for all of his hard work and support over the previous 12 months in difficult circumstances and noted that it had been invaluable.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

#### **4. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE**

Although the situation has improved considerably in the two years since I said, 'To say that it has been an interesting year is probably an understatement!', the spectre of Covid-19 is still having an impact although, thankfully, we are getting back to something like the life we knew before it struck. Scouting in the District has continued, although with modified programmes to take account of the various restrictions we have been under over the past year.

The annual Scout census took place at the end of January with the number of young people going down from 593 in 2021 to 524 this year, a decrease of 13%. On a positive note, however, the number of adults in the District increased by 19% to 197, which is good news, as recruiting adult volunteers is never an easy task. I'm sure that now we are basically back to normal our young people numbers will increase.

As you will probably be aware, Peter Scurry sadly passed away last October. He was the first District Commissioner for South East Berkshire when the original District was split into South Berkshire and South East Berkshire in 1980. Peter was the South East Berkshire District Commissioner for just over 12 years and was a great stalwart for Scouting in general and the District in particular; he is greatly missed.

ALPS22, a county wide event, will be taking place this August, and we have 15 Explorers and six adults attending from SE Berks. Sadly, the World Scout Moot that should have taken place in Ireland this year was cancelled. We do however have five participants going to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next year; it will be a great experience for them all. There is still no news on when the next WINGS might take place.

This is my last review as District Commissioner, having been in role for just over eight years. It has been an interesting experience (especially the past two years!), but I feel the time has come for me to step aside. I'd like to thank everyone for the support you have given me over my time as DC, it has been much appreciated.

Yours in Scouting,

**Steve Richards**  
*District Commissioner*

## 5. THE DISTRICT TREASURERS OVERVIEW OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/ 22

### DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT

There has not been much activity over the last year due to the Covid restrictions. The increase in the District's funds is the grants received from the Council. The District has also decided to forgo the capitation from the annual subscription for 2022.

A significant event to report since the production of the Annual Report is the decision to close the Scout shop. This is because the leasing arrangements offered by the Council are not commercially viable. The stock is currently being sold off with a final closure planned for 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Karan Mehra**  
District Treasurer

#### District Executive Committee Trustees 2021/22

Chair	Dale Kipp
Deputy Chair	Steve Ricketts
Secretary	Petra Hardie
Treasurer	Karan Mehra

Ex Officio	
District Commissioner	Steve Richards
District Scout Network Commissioner	<i>vacant</i>
District Explorer Scout Leader	<i>vacant</i>
District Youth Commissioner	<i>vacant</i>
Elected	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Margaret Kemp</li><li>2. Steve Prower</li><li>3. Alex Richards</li><li>4. Derek Salter</li><li>5. Sam Winterson</li></ol>

Nominated	None
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Examiner of Accounts	Mark Sayers
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Bankers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Nat West Bank plc</li><li>(b) Virgin Money</li><li>(c) HSBC plc</li><li>(d) CAF Bank</li></ol>
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Charity Registration No.	1021253
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**Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

**Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary**

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<b><u>Receipts &amp; Payments Account</u></b>	<b><u>2021/2022</u></b>	<b><u>2020/2021</u></b>
Total Receipts for the year	£67,264.97	£50,370.79
Total Expenditure for the year	-£57,506.68	-£21,920.47
Net movement in funds	£9,758.29	£28,450.32
Cash & Bank brought forward	£119,169.46	£91,577.09
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and non cash items included above	-£2,882.30	-£857.95
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	<b>£126,045.45</b>	<b>£119,169.46</b>

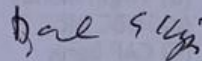
**Summary of Monetary Assets at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

	<b><u>2021/2022</u></b>	<b><u>2020/2021</u></b>
District Executive Account	£57,632.05	£46,395.95
Scout Shop Account	£30,202.48	£28,779.62
DASU Account	£6,656.72	£6,577.96
Earleywood	£31,554.20	£37,415.93
	<b>£126,045.45</b>	<b>£119,169.46</b>

*South East Berkshire Scout Fellowship and Earleywood Campsite, from the Charities Commission viewpoint come under the auspices of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council. However, the assets are not controlled directly by the South East Berkshire District Scout Council.*

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

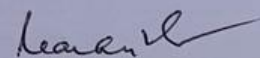
A signed copy available  
for inspection at the AGM



District Chairman



District Commissioner



Honorary District Treasurer  
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022			
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>			
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>			
		<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>
<b>District Executive Account</b>			
Nat West current account		£44,203.93	£32,985.63
Virgin Bank		£13,428.12	£13,410.32
		<b>£57,632.05</b>	<b>£46,395.95</b>
District Exec. movement in funds		£11,236.10	£22,046.08
<i><u>Represents</u></i>			
District Funds		£46,555.75	£27,939.85
Restricted Funds		£8,883.50	£16,358.30
International		£2,192.80	£2,097.80
		<b>£57,632.05</b>	<b>£46,395.95</b>
<b>Scout Shop Account</b>			
Nat West current account		£9,550.30	£8,154.76
Virgin Bank		£20,608.75	£20,557.52
Cash in hand		£43.43	£67.34
		<b>£30,202.48</b>	<b>£28,779.62</b>
Scout Shop movement in funds		£1,422.86	-£2,224.78
<b>District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)</b>			
Nat West current account		£1,341.21	£1,284.64
Virgin Money		£5,314.94	£5,292.75
Cash in hand		£0.57	£0.57
		<b>£6,656.72</b>	<b>£6,577.96</b>
DASU movement in funds		£78.76	-£59.93
<b>Earleywood Account</b>			
HSBC current account		£31,492.22	£39,437.55
Stripe Balance			£493.22
Cash in hand		£10.00	£10.00
Cheques outstanding		£51.98	
Cheques not cleared			-£2,524.84
		<b>£31,554.20</b>	<b>£37,415.93</b>
Earleywood movement in funds		-£5,861.73	£7,831.00
<i><u>Represents</u></i>			
Transfer from Berkshire County		£6,413.89	£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments			£1,250.25
Net Fixed Assets Adjustment			-£375.00
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure		£22,771.96	£25,751.39
Restricted reserves		£2,368.35	£4,375.40
		<b>£31,554.20</b>	<b>£37,415.93</b>
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<b>£126,045.45</b>	<b>£119,169.46</b>

<b>Consolidated Receipts</b>		
<b>For the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022</b>		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
	<b><u>2021/2022</u></b>	
Membership Subscriptions		
<b>District</b>		
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£17.80	
International Funds	£95.00	
Grants	£9,332.19	
Donations		
WSJ 2023	£1,045.20	
Alps22	£3,080.00	
Wings 2020 Refund		<u>£13,570.19</u>
<b>Scout Shop</b>		
Sales	£13,883.59	
Bank Interest	£27.32	<u>£13,910.91</u>
<b>District ASU</b>		
Subscriptions		
Scout Shop Dividend		
Interest	£22.19	
Donation (inc Gift Aid)		
Downshire Golf Club		
Gift Aid	£31.57	
Ascot Round Table	£300.00	
Annual subscription rebate		<u>£353.76</u>
<b>Earleywood</b>		
Site Fees including Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£31,256.15	
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£2,839.96	
Grants	£5,334.00	
Extraordinary income		<u>£39,430.11</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b><u>£67,264.97</u></b>

<b>Consolidated Expenditure</b>		
<b>For the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	
<b>District</b>		
Secretarial & Administration	£190.52	
AGM		
Subscriptions	£308.30	
Insurance (Inc shop rebate)	£95.27	
District Expenses		<u>£594.09</u>
<b>Beaver Scout Section</b>		
Badges & Medals		
Newton Coaches - Beavers Challenge		
Gilwell Funday		
<b>Cub Scout Section</b>		
WSJ 2019 Surplus		
Wings 2020 Surplis		
Cub Fun day		
<b>Scout Section</b>		
Wings 2020 Refund	£1,740.00	
Eurojam		
Earleywood Camping Day		
Badges & Certificates		
WSJ 2019 Surplus		<u>£1,740.00</u>
<b>Scout Shop</b>		
Stock Purchases	£11,978.01	
Insurance	£431.00	
Dividend		
Shop Expenses & Credit Card Charges	£79.04	
HQ Costs		
Electricity		<u>£12,488.05</u>
<b>District ASU</b>		
Meeting Expenses		
Devonshire Golf Club - Meals		
Scarves, Flags & Badges		
Cub Cake		
Donations	£275.00	<u>£275.00</u>
<b>Earleywood</b>		
Insurance	£2,785.11	
Utilities	£5,254.70	
Maintenance	£27,244.43	
Cleaning	£2,377.26	
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£4,073.49	
Miscellaneous Other	£299.55	
Depreciation	£375.00	
Extra-ordinary expenditure		<u>£42,409.54</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>£57,506.68</u>

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: **Mark Sayers**  
Chartered & Certified Financial Planner

Qualifications: Chartered Financial Planner FPFs, & Chartered MCSI Chartered Wealth Manager CFP<sup>TM</sup> Chartered MCSI, and ACIB,

Address: 6 Bedfordshire Down, Warfield Bracknell, Berkshire RG42 3UA.  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

<b>Membership 2022</b>	<b>Total Members</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>Cubs</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Active Support</b>
1st Ascot	61	12	16	15	18	
1st Binfield	103	20	29	31	23	
2nd Bracknell	125	30	42	14	36	3
4th Bracknell	68	14	16	18	20	
6th Bracknell	36	7	10	4	15	
1st South Ascot	65	13	20	12	20	
1st Sunningdale	82	19	21	23	19	
1st Warfield	39	8	15	6	10	
The Parks	41	12	15	2	12	
District Scouts Network	21					
Explorers	80					
District ASUs	21					
Officers	0					
Commissioners	1					
District Leaders	2					
Administrators	0					
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1</b>

## 7. Approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair

Dale Kipp

## 8. Election of the District Secretary

Petra Hardie

## 9. Election of the District Treasurer

Karan Mehra

## 10. Election of members to the District Executive Committee

Steve Prower  
 Alex Richards  
 Derek Salter  
 Sam Winterson  
 Steve Ricketts

**11. TO NOTE THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS NOMINCATIONS TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTUVE COMMITTEE**

None

**12. TO NOTE INTENDED CO-OPTIONS TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

None

**13. CONFIRMATION OF SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL'S NOMINATIONS AS MEMBERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL**

Carolyne Brambley  
Craig Barter

**14. TO APPOINT THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mark Sayers

**15. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT(S)**

**16. Comments by County Commissioner or their representative**

## **BEAVER SCOUT SECTION REVIEW 2021/2022**

It has been great getting back to 'normal' scouting this year, although the impact of Covid has been felt by the Beaver Colonies with reduced numbers of both adults and young people.

The Beavers have been busy this year, completing 62 external activities including cycling, Ice Skating, Farm Visits and Bowling. 12 camp/sleepovers were held this year with 202 nights away being awarded.

A total of 42 Chief Scout Bronze Awards were awarded during the year. Well done to the Beavers who achieved this.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Leaders and adults who have supported us over the last year.

Oliver Fisher  
*Assistant District Commissioner - Beaver Scouts*

## **CUB SCOUT SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

Cub numbers held up quite well between the censuses in January 2021 and January 2022, with the total number of Cubs in the District only decreasing by a total of 18. As would be expected, there were differences around the District, with two Packs increasing in size and four Packs only decreasing by one or two Cubs. Cub Leaders have been putting on varied activities and endeavouring to deliver an interesting programme to keep their Packs motivated and keen to continue with Scouting activities. Many packs have been taking advantage of having Earleywood close by, and making the most of climbing, crate stacking, fire lighting and cooking.

Steve Richards  
*District Commissioner*

## **SCOUT SECTION REVIEW 2021/22**

The after-effects of Covid-19 have definitely had an effect on Scout numbers since January 2021; at the time of the Annual Census in January 2022, the number of Scouts in the District had decreased from 170 to 125. Although quite a large decrease, not all Troops were impacted, with one Troop increasing in numbers, one staying the same and two Troops only decreasing by a couple of Scouts. Some of the decrease was also due to Scouts having moved to Explorers, but Cubs not yet being of Scout age. We are hopeful that our numbers will increase as the year progresses.

Last year, most Troops from the District should have been attending WINGS, postponed from 2020. Sadly, along with various other events, WINGS was cancelled completely. A new date has not yet been set, but it is unlikely to be before 2024. I know that one Group are attending the Kent International Jamboree (KIJ) this year, they will no doubt have a great time.

It has also been nice to see a steady number for activity/ nights away permits coming through. This is a good sign that leaders are filling them in and that Scout groups are on the way to resuming activity and camping as before the pandemic.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Leaders and adults who have supported our Scout Troops over the last year, especially over such a difficult time, let's hope that moving forward our Scout Troops are able to get back to a completely normal routine.

**Alex Richards**

*Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)*

## **EXPLORER SCOUT REVIEW 2021/22**

There are now seven Groups in South East Berkshire that have an active Explorer Unit attached to them; 1<sup>st</sup> Ascot (All Saints), 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunningdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bracknell, 4<sup>th</sup> Bracknell, 6<sup>th</sup> Bracknell and 1<sup>st</sup> South Ascot. In normal circumstances, they would all hold weekly meetings during term-time; however, this has obviously been somewhat restricted over the past year. Thankfully, things are now looking up, and I am sure all our Explorers are looking forward to getting back to regular meetings. The good news is that the number of Explorers in SE Berks has increased significantly over the past year, with a total of 54 being recorded on the 2021 census, which was up to 80 on this year's census.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, WINGS ended up being cancelled completely; currently, there is no news as to when the next WINGS might take place. However, County have organised Alps22 this summer, and 15 Explorers from SE Berks (representing five different Units), accompanied by three Leaders are taking part, it will be a wonderful experience for them. Next year's World Scout Jamboree is taking place in South Korea, and five Explorers from the District have been selected to take part, congratulations to them all. Again, it will be a great experience, and I know that they have been hard at work fund-raising.

I'd like to thank all the District Explorer Leaders, and other adults, for all you have been doing for the Explorers in SE Berkshire, and we look forward to lots of activities and camps in the future.

**Steve Richards**

*District Commissioner*

## **SCOUT NETWORK REVIEW 2021/22**

As I've reported in the past, Network is a difficult Section to work with compared to other Sections. Many members of the Unit are away most of the year at university or college which means numbers and interest in taking part in activities is low. However, although Network are less active than other Sections, being a Network member does at least keep people in touch with Scouting, they are away from the area, and they will hopefully return to a more active Scouting role at some point in the future

**Steve Richards**

*District Commissioner*

## **APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW 2021/22**

The biggest change this year is that the Appointments Advisory Committee panel meetings have moved to Zoom instead of face to face.

The panel members and Leader's feedback is very positive as everyone asked after their meeting have said the format is far more efficient and less daunting than having to find a location and sit outside nervously waiting to be called in.

Since January 2022 we have held eight online panel meetings and managed to see four Leaders each time within a two-hour session; this is definitely the way forward and I cannot see the panel meetings being face to face again.

The panel members have changed over the past year with some having stepped down, however we have successfully recruited another panel member and now with our five active panel members manage to co-ordinate the panel meetings between us.

We are always looking for more panel members, so feel free to contact me to discuss this opportunity.

My thanks go out to my fellow panel members Alex, Karan, Gerald and Shelagh for successfully running the online meetings and keeping to the tight timetable.

Derek Salter

*Appointments Advisory Committee – Panel member*

## **DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT REVIEW 2021/22**

When Judy started her review of 2021, she began with “There is nothing to report”!! I now find myself in a similar predicament. This last year as an ASU we have not been able to help at any District events or activities because once again there have not been any. All our usual activities both Scouting and non-Scouting did not take place with the exception of the Ascot Fireworks and at this we did assist.

However, ASU members continued to help with the Scout Shop, albeit under very different circumstances, and also at Earleywood. The work that these members have done has been greatly appreciated both in SE Berks and S Berks Districts.

We have been able to hold our regular meetings either by Zoom or face-to-face though attendance has been on the low side at times.

During the year Judy said she wished to stand down as our Administrator Coordinator after many years in the role. I have been very grateful to Judy for all the reliable support and friendship she has given me over these years and for which I thank her very much.

With Judy standing down this then left me with the problem of finding a replacement. Fortunately, all was not lost - Irene Gallacher came to the rescue and took on this role and I am very grateful to her for doing so.

Unfortunately, the year has not been without its sadness. In October a very good friend of our ASU and the District - Peter Scurry - died. With many of the Covid restrictions being removed several of our ASU and other Scouting friends were able to attend his funeral.

Looking forward we have one date in our diaries - the Parent and Child Camp at Earleywood in September and hopefully we will be able to add other events in the not-too-distant future.

Tony Fulford

Manager South East Berks Active Support Unit

## **Scout Shop - Annual Report 2021/22**

Sales have been very good this year nearly £1400.00 considering Alan and I have been running from our homes on a collection only basis. I won't deny it has been very difficult having to invoice every customer.

Unfortunately, a decision has been made to close the Scout shop, and we will cease trading at the end of the summer term.

I would like to thank everyone that has supported the shop during my time as manager, nearly 35 years Alan has been badge secretary for 15 years and Alison has over 10 years' service. Jason has helped when he could since he was a venture scout.

During that time, we have supported the groups in both South and South East Berks Districts paying out a dividend every year and giving parents discount on uniform. Also helping Explorers earn their Duke of Edinburgh award by volunteering at the shop.

Margaret Kemp  
Scout Shop Manager

## **GANG SHOW REVIEW 2021/22**

Permission was applied to hold a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gang Show in February 2023. South Executive Committee gave temporary permission until the Gang Show Management Committee could report on project costs and uptake of Cast and Volunteer numbers.

Auditions for 10 July 2022 will take place and Rehearsals for September 2022 have been circulated to all local Districts.

The Producer and Production Team have put in place a show schedule for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show.

We would like to see a good response to the auditions, and we hope to have a favourable decision after the next South Executive Committee Meeting.

Irene Gallacher  
Chairperson S.E. Berks Gang Show

## **EARLEYWOOD REVIEW 2021/22**

- Sadly, like many other wooded areas we had significant damage from the storms!! Over 15 trees came down, which has been quite costly to the site to manage and remove. This was on top of a number of trees that had already been approved for removal by Windsor & Maidenhead Council's tree team due to their condition. As part of our plan to maintain the site we also planted over 100 trees that were gifted to Earleywood by the Woodland Trust. These have been planted at strategic points around the site as well as a new major tree line along the front perimeter.
- We are delighted that our site has a great new High Ropes course which we purchased from the Wings team. We have cleared an unused area of the site and removed the weeds. We are aiming to have permit holders trained this month and the facility up and running in July.

- We've had a number of successful Working Party groups; from normal volunteers, Explorers (inc Alps), Duke of Edinburgh and Corporate groups. This work is so important to keep the campsite in good condition.
- Our beloved Flumper the Dumper has been sold on as this vintage truck was not suitable for the site. Instead, we have replaced her with a more suitable smaller vehicle.
- Another recent purchase was a Parachute which has been put up to provide an additional area and shelter which looks fab!
- We have invested in a Climbing Beam which will enable new activities for disabled users as well as bringing Crate Stacking within the climbing area.
- One thing we heard from visitors was a desire to enable leaders to charge their mobile phones overnight. So, we have created a charging station available to leaders.
- Another new activity launched this year is soft archery. This is a great way of introducing young people to archery.
- Over the Spring we have made a significant investment in our outside toilets to make them better for users and easier to clean.
- Financially the site is stable in the short term and can cover our annual running costs of £17,500 a year. We have also been able to invest in many great new features and improvements. But we still struggle with the long-term improvements that the site needs as both buildings really need replacing and our current income does not allow any reserves to be dedicated to such a big need. This will have to be set up as a separate project with significant fundraising requirements.
- Lastly, I want to thank the amazing team of volunteers who make Earleywood the success that it is. They are the real unsung heroes of the site who give up so much of their time to ensure our young people have so much fun! This includes our team of Hosts, Climbing Instructors, Rifle Shooting Instructors, Archery Instructors and my peers on our Management Board.
- This year our long-standing Activities Director Andy Pevy has stepped down from his role on our Board. I'd like to thank Andy for all that he has done over the years to ensure the success of Earleywood. He passes the baton on to Ben Shrivill, who is already embracing this new role.
- I'd also like to thank Hilary Crofton for supporting us in the critical role of managing our bookings. At a time when we needed help, she has continued to not only support us, but also looked into improving some of our processes.
- Our site is only as good as the volunteers who run it and support us. We have a number of open roles: Marketing, Fundraising, Hosting, Bookings Coordination, Activities. So, if you or anyone you know can help us with just a few hours a month, then please do contact me.

Sam Winterson

*Chair, Earleywood Management Board/Manager, Earleywood ASU*

## LONG AND GOOD SERVICE AWARDS 2021/2022 (appointments as of date of award)

### 5 Years

Tracy Boyd	Group Treasurer	6 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
David Brittain	Group Executive	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Penny Fox	LTM	South East Berks
John Freeme	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Ascot
Chris Gunton	Group Chair	6 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
Tony Jenkyn	SL	1 <sup>st</sup> Warfield
Damon McCarthy	Group Executive	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Euan Murray	CSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Alex Poole	Group Executive	1 <sup>st</sup> Ascot
Alan Prior	ACSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Jackie Rawes	CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Irene Stow	Group Treasurer	1 <sup>st</sup> Warfield

### 10 Years

Chris Adkins	AGSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Nigel Carter	Group Secretary	6 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
Dennis Clay	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Jon Dye	SL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Jenny Kemp	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> Ascot
Christian Leigh	ESL	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Mike Maughan	Skills Instructor	South East Berks
Bev O'Connell	Group Treasurer	4 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
Daniel Parker	AESL	4 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
Mary Shields	Nights Away Adviser	South East Berks

### 15 Years

Gavin Cox	AGSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Ascot
Duncan Hullis	Group Chair	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Steve Richards	DC	South East Berks
Derek Salter	AGSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Matt Wallace	Group Treasurer	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Ian Wooster	Group Executive	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell

### 20 Years

Jason Dale	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Warfield
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### 25 Years

### 30 Years

Peter Christmas	DSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
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### 50 Years

John Burns	DASU	South East Berks
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### Commissioners Commendation

Charlie Brewer	OH	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Nicole Brown-Calvet	Scout	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Allan Coles	Badge Secretary	South East Berks
John Connelly	A friend & supporter of	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Joel Gabb	Scout	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Lucas Gibbs	Scout	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot

Maisy Gibbs	Explorer Scout	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Ralph Gibbs	Scout	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Lauren Harage	Explorer Scout	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Toby Jones	Cub Scout	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
William Jones	Scout	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Margaret Kemp	Scout Shop Manager	South East Berks
Matt Newall	Group Secretary	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Anna Silveira	Group Administrator	The Parks
Linda Wood	OH	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale

#### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Chris Adkins	BSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Tracy Boyd	Group treasurer	6 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
Patrick Doherty	CSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Liam Fricker	CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Nick Garrick	BSL/Administrator	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell/SE Berks
Chris Gunton	Group Chair	6 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
Petra Hardie	District Secretary	South East Berks
Andrew Moss	CSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Euan Murray	CSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Alan Prior	ACSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Jackie Rawes	CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Paul Richardson	Group Supporter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Sarah Targett	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Grant Wyatt	Group Treasurer	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale

#### Award for Merit

David Ferrington	SL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Sandy Keen	ASL	4 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell
Karen Woolls	ACSL	4 <sup>th</sup> Bracknell

#### Bar to the Award for Merit

Peter Christmas	DSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
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#### WOOD BADGES AWARDED 2021/2022

Carly Anderson	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Sally Bangs	AGSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Iain Bell	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Greg Borthwick	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
James Brown	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Thierry Catheya	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Hilary Crofton	GSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Patrick Doherty	CSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Alastair Doodson	CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
David Fennell	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Kelly Fricker	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Liam Fricker	CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Nick Garrick	BSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Nicky Jones	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Christian Leigh	ESL	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Andrew Moss	CSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Euan Murray	CSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell
Elaine Newall	ABSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunningdale
Alan Prior	ACSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell

Jackie Rawes	CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Jenny Smyth	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot
Derek Salter	AGSL/ADC Support	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bracknell/South East Berks
Alex Sizeland	GSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield
Jenny Smyth	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> South Ascot

**Many congratulations to all those named above**

We in South East Berkshire are very grateful to all those who have given their time and effort to contribute to the Aims of the Scout Association.