

Scouts
Central Norfolk



CENTRAL NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUTS
ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS
AGM – 12TH OCTOBER 2022



DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

My first year in this role has proved to be more challenging than I would have expected. Obviously, the situation with Simon is a challenge but I will let the County Commissioner comment on this. All I will say is that I hope that he feels able to return to a role that he excels at; we cannot fault his dedication to scouting.

This year, I have a few new experiences. Tasting over 30 cakes at Nelson Rural's bake off. How my blood sugars fell the next day I still do not know. I have abseiled of the end of Bournemouth pier; great if you used to be rubbish at heights. Witnessed the true scouting spirit when the Explorers agreed to forego their camp secret Santa in favour of one of our Cubs who lost everything in a house fire.

Our social media feeds tell us that we are seeing a lot more normal activity in all of the sections, with many week-long summer camps, and this tells us that we are finally recovering from Covid.

At this AGM, we will be saying farewell to Lew Pearson as our District Treasurer. Lew has been involved in Scouting for over 50 years and has finally decided to retire. I would like to put on record my thanks to him for his efforts for all of my tenure on the District Executive over the last 12 years.

Richard Green
District Chairman

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

As you will know your District Commissioner, Simon Lonsdale, is taking a sabbatical from his role. Simon needs to recharge his batteries and, in the meantime and supported by the County team, I will act as your DC. I see this as a temporary measure, as I will reiterate my two key points from my meeting with your GSLs and District team last month:

- Simon has my full confidence as your substantive DC.
- There are no plans to break up Central Norfolk District.

To make Simon's return easier, we have a lot of work that we can do. For example, we have about 30 pre-provisional appointments where the members need to go before an appointments advisory committee. We are carrying too many vacancies across the District team. Improving the communications between section and Groups will make this easier to plan and take the burden of Simon's shoulders. To help this, we have started a series of section leader meetings to plan and agree District level events. I am told that in the past, these were successful and with Dragon Slayer planned for next month, I am hopeful for the future.

Thank you for all you are doing for scouting and for giving young people skills for life week in and week out and for the warm welcome I have received since becoming the interim DC.

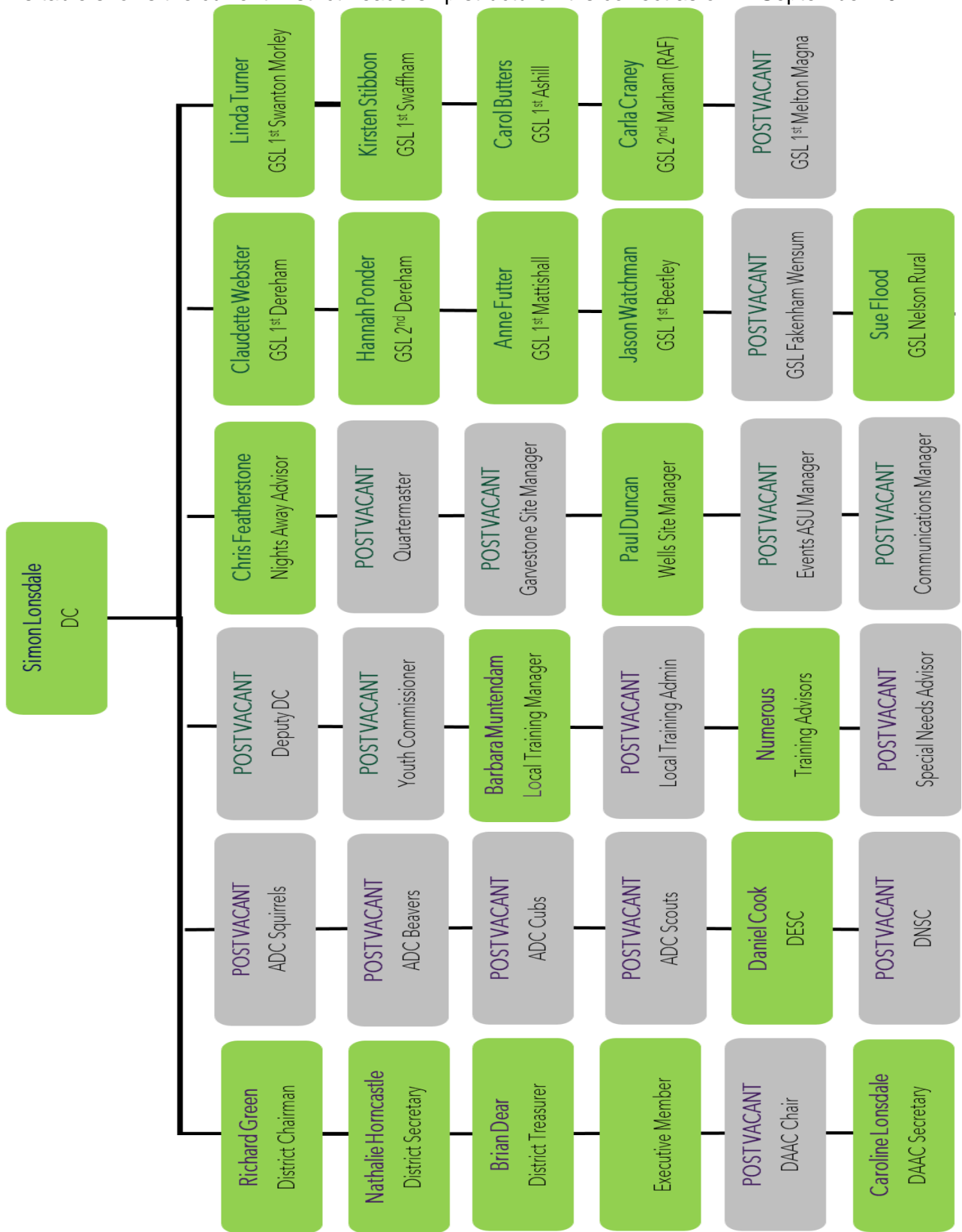
I will keep you informed about Simon's situation and hopefully he will return to his role in the near future.

David Human MBE
County Commissioner



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ORGANISATIONAL CHART

This table shows the current District Leadership structure. It is correct as of 27 September 2022.



TREASURER'S REPORT

CENTRAL NORFOLK SCOUTS ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

INCOME			EXPENDITURE			
Capitation	2022	£23,296.00	£23,296.00	/Capitation	£20,562.00	
					£20,562.00	
Training				Training		
Archery		£50.00		Archery	£185.62	
Shooting		£99.90		Shooting	£30.88	
Axe Throwing		£80.00	£229.90	Stomp Rockets	£35.00	
Explorers				Leader	£684.00	
subs		£1,445.00		Explorers	£935.50	
Membership21		£1,158.00		Membership	£1,612.00	
Activities		£576.00		Activity	£674.53	
Camp Garvestne		£180.00		Camp Garvestne	£168.28	
Camp Wells		£180.00		Camp Wells	£202.36	
Summer Camp22		£1,248.00		Summer Camp22	£200.00	
Swiss Camp23		£1,350.00		Swiss Camp23	£750.00	
			£6,137.00		£3,607.17	
District				District		
Holiday Club		£3,680.00		Star Gazing	£50.00	
Donation		£203.51		Holiday Club	£3,680.00	
				Admin	£266.22	
				Website	£37.20	
				Coins	£3,342.00	
				Insurance	£42.00	
				DC Expenses	£85.90	
			£3,883.51		£7,503.32	
Cubs			£0.00	Cubs	£50.00	
				Star Gazing	£50.00	
Beavers			£0.00	Beavers	£-00	
Scouts			£0.00	Scouts	£-00	
Garvestone				Garvestone	Electric	£673.95
Grant	£	8,000.00		Building	£5,945.22	
Camps		£352.50		General	£373.07	
			£8,352.50	Ground	£300.00	
				Insurance	£252.71	
				Tents	£809.51	
Interest		£15.39	£15.39			
Total			£41,914.30		£41,012.45	
Opening Balance				Closing Balance		
Current			11,249.21	Current	9,546.82	
Explorer			691.77	Explorer	3,221.60	
Tracker			0	Tracker	0	
Epworth			35,228.59	Epworth	35,243.98	
Cash			0	Cash	0	
Activities			69.85	Activities	128.87	
Explorers Cash			0	Explorers Cash	0	
Total			£ 47,239.42	Total	48,141.27	
			£89,153.72		£89,153.72	
Treasurer			<i>Low Pearson</i>	Independent Examination	<i>Chasran</i>	



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Central Norfolk Scouts

I report on the accounts of Central Norfolk Scouts for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on page 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 next statement.

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 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

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GARVESTONE – OUR PROGRESS SO FAR

After last year's great progress, this year things have slowed down. For a large part this is due to Lee Anderton standing down as the Site Manager and Quartermaster.

Camping bookings have been minimal, but we are using the site for section activities. Air rifle, archery and axe throwing remain a popular use of the site.

If we can re-energise the District, Garvestone will remain a viable site where our young people will continue to experience nights away events on a small campsite. The signs of this are positive as we have a stocktaking weekend planned in October.

The biggest financial decision is whether to replace the existing toilet block with a new facility that would incorporate showers. Given the high cost, we have decided not to propose this budget at this AGM but will differ it until we are confident that we will be making the best use of our money.

Richard Green
District Chairman

WELLS SCOUT ACTIVITY CENTRE

You will see from the balance sheets that Wells has had a successful year financially. This year, we have continued to have high occupancy for booking at weekends and through the summer holidays.

The building will require some additional maintenance this year as it has suffered from under investment for a few years. We had plans for upgrading the electrics and heating, but these are having to be further reviewed owing to the surge in fuel costs. We are in a positive place as we can afford to do this work.

The role of Site Manager will be crucial to this transformation, and we should look to develop a small ASU to manage the site and support those who book it.

We do have a challenge at Wells that relates to our relationship with Orchard Caravans who trade on the approach road to the site. We have right of access but an incident of vandalism by graffiti, allegations of leaving their security gates open and careless driving have not helped us. We will work to improve this important relationship so the site can be as productive as possible.

Richard Green
District Chairman



1ST WELLS SCOUT GROUP
Statement of Financial Activities 01/04/21 - 31/03/22

<u>Income</u>		£	£	<u>Expenditure</u>		£	£
Income	1st Dereham Scouts	170.10		Premises Expenses	Cleaner	820.00	
	1st Thorpe St Andrew	153.00			Drain	108.00	
	3rd Harpingden	441.00			Electric	1,073.09	
	5th Saffron Walden	279.00			Fire Extinguishers	48.00	
	7th Newark	31.50			Gas Inspection	314.88	
	Brownies	200.00			Grass Cutting	235.00	
	Central Explorers	63.00			Lamps	5.95	
	Duncan	15.00			Misc	261.00	
	Explorers	89.10			Plumbing	103.00	
	Fakenham Scouts	226.80			Rates	59.46	
	Hardwick	342.00			Septic Tank	100.00	
	Hurst	405.00			Water	88.54	3,216.92
	Pandorers Explorers	135.00		Insurance	Insurance	790.89	790.89
	R Young	126.00					
	Woodcraft Folk	630.00	3,306.50				
Grants	Grant Covid	9,016.02	9,016.02				
Interest	BPA	3.60	3.60				
Totals			12,326.12				4,007.81
Total Surplus/(Deficit)							8,318.31

1ST WELLS SCOUT GROUP
Balance Sheet - 31st March 2022

	£	£		£
	2022	2021	Balance	52,425.00
Current	12,174.25	23,909.54		
BPA	40,200.75	20,197.15	Designated Funds	
Cash	50.00	-		
Cheques	-	-		
TOTAL	52,425.00	44,106.69	Available funds	52,425.00
Balance b/f 2021	44,106.69			
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	8,318.31			
TOTALS	52,425.00			



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Wells Scout Group

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DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Explorers have been making full use of things getting back to normal. In short, they joined Marham at the pantomime, enjoyed use of a private box to watch the speedway at King's Lynn, planned and ran another fantastic St. George's Day, took part in a virtual BPA and enjoyed a enjoyable summer camp to Dorset where the hiked along the Jurassic coast, formed strong team work skills and went to Brownsea Island where I got the pleasure to invest a new member into scouting.

This year has also see Wolf Explorers at Fakenham back running, Nelson Explorers rebranded into Dragons and, just recently the new Bull Explorers formed at 2nd Dereham.

On the young leaders side, the District has seen their first ever multi module young leader training ran and two young leaders completing their young leader training and now have taken on adult leadership roles in the District.

Next year will see the Explorers and network going to Switzerland with the young people making great efforts running axe throwing at the Folk in a Field festival to raise funds whilst gaining skills in running the range. All in all the Explorer has seen great growth this past year in the future looks even better.

Daniel Cook
DESC

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

Last year, we adopted our new District Constitution. It documents how the District will manage and govern itself along with details of its financial standing orders.

When making the decision to adopt it, we agreed that it would be reviewed again this year to ensure that it is fit for purpose. I have reviewed the constitution and I am content that it does not need any amendments apart from adding the ever expanding Explorer Scout units.

I am proposing that we approve our constitution and set a review period of two years, or earlier if there are changes to POR or other statutory obligations we are bound by.

Richard Green
District Chairman



AGENDA OF CENTRAL NORFOLK DISTRICT SCOUTS

20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Fakenham Wensum Scout HQ on Wednesday 12 October 2022
at 1900hrs for 1930hrs

Item	Owner
1 Welcome and to receive apologies for absence	District Vice President
2 Renewal of our Scouting Promise	County Commissioner
3 To approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chairman	County Commissioner
4 To approve the Minutes of the 19 th Annual General Meeting held on 19 September 2020	District Chairman
5 To receive the District Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman's Comments • District Commissioner's Report • DESC's Report • Wells and Garvestone Reports 	District Chairman
6 To receive and approve the District Accounts	District Chairman
7 To elect the following officers of the Executive Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Treasurer • District Secretary • District Auditor 	District Chairman
8 To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee. (To include one GSL and 18-25 year old member)	County Commissioner
9 To elect and equivalent number of members to the District Executive Committee	District Chairman
10 To elect two nominations to the County Scout Council	District Chairman
11 To approve the District Constitution	District Chairman
12 To receive and approve any financial budgets over £5001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None submitted 	District Chairman
13 Any other business as previously notified to the District Secretary	District Secretary
14 Presentation of Awards	County Commissioner
15 Closure and notification of 21 st Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be held at a venue to be confirmed in September 2023 	District Chairman

