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Agenda

1. Welcome – Chair / DC
2. Opening Reflection – DC
3. Apologies for absence
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Review held on 16th June 2022
5. Receive and approve the Annual Reports of the District contained in the 2022/2023 Review Booklet
 - a) District Commissioner’s Report
 - b) Section and Activity Reports
 - c) Group Reports
6. District Treasurer – District Accounts for 2022/2023
7. Appointment of Auditor
– Resolution: To authorise the District Executive to appoint the Auditor
8. Elections for the Year 2023/2024
 - a) Approval of the District Commissioner’s nomination of District Chairman
– Lee Holman
 - b) Election of District Secretary
– there are no candidates at the time of going to print
 - c) Election of District Treasurer
– Mike Golston
 - d) Noting of the District Commissioner’s nominations to the District Executive Committee
– None
 - e) Election of Members to the District Executive Committee
–Alan Chilestone, Amanda Wade.
 - f) Election of District Representative to the Suffolk County Scout Council
– to be announced
9. Presentation of Awards.
10. County Commissioner: Howard Blackett (or his representative)

Vote of thanks and close of business

BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of The District Annual Review

16th June 2022 – Constable Cabin, Bradfield

1. Welcome – Chair / DC

Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Paul introduced Howard our new County Commissioner. Howard introduced himself, he has little scouting experience but is learning from everyone he meets. His first impression of Suffolk is very positive. Young People doing lots of activities and dedicated adults providing the activities. The Adults are important as they provide the scouting for the young people.

2. Opening Reflection

Paul's reflection was that today, what scouting provides has hit home. Paul's son moved out today, and Paul feels scouting has given him the skill sets to make his way in life.

Paul always talks about scouts, and what he does. Many people still have an outdated view of scouting, and we must change this perception by talking about scouting whenever we can. We all love scouting, so tell people how much you enjoy it, and hopefully you will attract the new adults.

He thanked all who contribute, whether scouters or lay members.

3. Apologies for Absence

49 apologies were received prior to the meeting – see separate list.

4. Approval of The Minutes of The Annual Review held on 1st July 2021

The minutes were agreed as accurate and approved. Proposed by Graham Mackie, seconded by Margaret Chilstone.

5. Receive and approve the Annual Reports of the District, contained in the 2020/2021 Review Booklet.

- a) District Commissioner's Report.
- b) Section and Activity Reports.
- c) Group Reports.

The reports in the book were noted by the meeting.

Graham Mackie was pleased to see how active groups were, particularly Brandon. Tony told the meeting how they re-engaged with the community, and made improvements to their HQ during Covid.

6. District Treasurer – District Accounts for 2021/2022

The District Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022 were presented by Mike Golston, District Treasurer and appear in the Annual Review booklet. They are currently with the auditor. Covid has had an effect on this accounting period, with less happening, However, it is starting to get busy again. Mike asked that money is submitted before the camps. Please advise Mike if you have paid by BACS.

He also reminded GSLs to get their treasurers to submit their accounts into him promptly.

Graham Mackie asked why the Britannia accounts had been closed down. These were reserves that Mike inherited from the previous treasurer. The Britannia asked us to close

them as they were “Too Small”. When the Barclays mandates are sorted, he will arrange for the funds to be placed in a suitable account.

Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Barbara Ruthven, seconded by Andy Webber. All were in favour.

7. Appointment of Auditor

Mike proposed we continue to use Lovewell Blake as auditors. This was seconded by Ruth Nunn and approved by the meeting.

8. Elections for the Year 2020/2021

- a) Approval of the District Commissioner’s nomination of District Chairman
The DC nominated Lee Holman. This was approved by the meeting.

- b) Election of District Secretary
There were no candidates.

- c) Election of District Treasurer
Mike Golston was proposed by Alan Chilestone, seconded by Gordon Biden and elected unanimously,

- d) Noting of the District Commissioner’s nominations to the District Executive Committee
No nominations by the D.C.

- e) Election of Members to the District Executive Committee
Barbara Ruthven, Alan Chilestone, John Pitcher and Amanda Wade agreed to stand for another year. This was proposed by Graham Mackie, seconded by Cat Williams. They were duly elected.

- f) Election of District Representative to the Suffolk County Scout Council
Lucy King, has agreed take on this role if she is available. Proposed by Keri John, seconded by Kevin Drane and duly elected.

9. Presentation of Awards, including The Lesley Biden Award for the year 2021/2022.

The D.C presented various awards to leaders.

The Lesley Biden Award has been awarded to 1st Brandon. The group stands out because not only has it changed County and districts, it has recovered and rebuilt from a low point, even before Covid, and is now flourishing.

10. The County Commissioner – Howard Blackett.

To add to his earlier comments, Howard encouraged GSLs to make sure that adults are keeping up with their mandatory training. He does not like having to suspend people for this reason, but will do so if it becomes necessary. Alan reminded GSL’s, that he sends out monthly reminders.

Howard is looking to make some new appointments, in particular a County Youth Commissioner. He would be pleased to talk to anyone who may be interested.

The National Skills for Life plan has been updated since Covid. This is a national strategy, and will work down to County and District Strategies. He aims to keep the County strategy brief and to the point.

The aim is to grow scouting to pre Covid levels. In Suffolk, we are doing well. There is an aim to get 50% of all section members achieving the appropriate Chief Scout awards, along with a big drive for inclusivity and diversity.

HQ want to make the volunteer experience more user friendly, with training easier to access.

Howard concluded by thanking members for all they do for Scouting in Bury St Edmunds.

11. Vote of thanks and close of business

Paul thanked all for attending.

Chris Richardson advised the meeting that Martin Brooks has taken over as booking secretary for Bradfield. He will soon be sending out any outstanding bills.

Chris also highlighted the improvements at the site, including a Cresta Run which is under construction.

Bradfield are also looking for Volunteers to help refurbish the toilets and building at Lunney Lodge.

Chris also reminded the meeting that the scout shop is looking for more volunteers to help serve.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

District Commissioner

Welcome all.

As I reach 17 months in the role of DC I ponder on what has worked well and what has not. As with all things in life, it's a mix of the good and the bad, the enjoyable and the less so. Much work happens behind the scenes of everyday Scouting and the past 17 months has certainly opened my eyes to the efforts that are made, largely unnoticed and unappreciated, to ensure those delivering Scouting at the frontline have the best opportunity to do so. My thanks go out to those people, the committee members, the grass cutters, the cooks on camp, the mum and dad taxi drivers, the wives and husbands with missing partners who are off on another weekend of Scouting. Thank you all for letting us Scout.

As Covid becomes a regular part of life we find ourselves getting back to more normal activities over the past 12 months, and Scouting has been no different. Big camps like Suffolk Punch 2022 showed us the youngsters still had an appetite for proper Scouting. The census figures this year show we have more young people than ever involved in Scouting in our district and still we have waiting lists. The need for Scouting has never been greater with the young people in our society coming out of Covid years with reduced social skills and anxiousness driven by isolation being a real factor in their lives. Scouting can help these youngsters, we can make a real difference in their lives.

While the census shows some groups are indeed thriving, others are struggling just to continue to exist. Volunteers have evaporated over the past two years following Covid and the cost of living issues we all face. The District team is now in place and beginning to support these and all groups. The next 12 months will see a new district web site and online presence to attract people to our teams and support those already there. Gilwell are changing the training we need to do, simplifying it and reducing the burden it places on us all. As part of this change we will all get new role names aimed at making it easier for new volunteers to understand our structure. The main aim of these changes is to make it easier to volunteer in Scouting, easier to get involved and easier to make a difference in the lives of our young people today.

Paul Hunt
District Commissioner

District Beaver Scout Report

Beaver colonies have had a busy year for District events!

In September we held our postponed District Camp at Bradfield, 7 colonies and 65 Beavers had a great time taking part in activities such as archery, climbing wall, air rifle and the cave.

The end of November saw the start of our Christmas celebrations with a Beaveree held at Thurston New Green. 93 Beavers spent the afternoon making Christmas craft, playing xmas bingo and decorating food tins which were then donated to local food banks.

In January, colonies met at Bury Bowl over a 3-day period for our annual Bowling competition, well done to Thurston who won the trophy (again).

March saw the return of the Beaver sleepover at Hallowtree, where 74 Beavers enjoyed an overnight sleepover and took part in lots of activities such as assault course, cooking, grass sledges and tracking. The weather looked a little iffy a few days before but was kind to us on the day.

In May, 5 colonies met for a hike around Brandon Country Park. We walked 3.5 miles to complete a Hikes staged badge.

We are now preparing for our District Beaver camp which we are holding at Hallowtree. 9 colonies will take part and Beavers will enjoy a weekend of fun activities.

In July, we have a water activities day planned at Lackford lakes, This will give the beavers a chance to earn a Time on Water badge and learn about water safety whilst having fun.

We were pleased to see the return of 6th Bury Beavers who I am sure will enjoy taking part in lots of upcoming District events.

We have an exciting programme planned for 2023/2024 with lots of event already booked and confirmed, lets hope the weather is as good to us as it has been this year!

Thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who always amaze me with their energy and commitment to providing great opportunities for the Beaver in BSE.

Wendy Barnes
ADC (Beaver Scouts)

District Cub Scout Report

The Cub section is still increasing in numbers throughout all our groups. it is hard to think that writing this last year we were coming out of a global pandemic and how much scouting has gone back to the way it was before.

Our Cubs packs are providing great programs to all young people and taking on activities within their communities to showcase scouting, especially in this coronation year. Cubs from Mildenhall, Lakenheath, Red Lodge and Brandon took part in a Coronation Games, and Cubs from Ixworth, Thurston and Great Barton took part in a Joint Rounders Match.

We also seen groups run joint evenings together which is helping with our ever-increasing amount of silver awards being presented to the cubs. Last year we also had the Cubs water activity day with lovely sunshine with lots of laughing when they knocked me in to the water. This year we ran the Bowling competition, and this was won by Cubs from Lakenheath. We had the return of the District cub quiz which Great Barton won.

We are running a District camp this year at Two Mile bottom in Thetford where we will be joined by 8 cub packs out of our 11 for a weekend full of activities. And then the return of the Cubs water Activity Day this year.

And we look forward to more activities to comes throughout the year.

Ashley Thorne
ADC (Cub Scouts)

District Scouts Report

The Scouts' year of District events kicked off in April with a new event The monopoly Run, using various locations all over Bury, Scouts had to go from point to point, as in the game of monopoly certain points are worth more than others and so a fair distance was covered to get the best points score.

This was followed in May by the District Air Rifle and Archery camp, where nearly 100 Scouts descended upon Bradfield for a weekend of fierce but friendly competition, interspersed with bases running skills workshops and a variety of fun games.



The next major event was to be our Summer Camp in August to the counties Suffolk Punch camp at the Norfolk Show ground 11th till 15th August, attended by Scouts and Explores and Beavers and Cubs visiting over the weekend and a good time was had by one and all, the Scouts took part in Abseiling, Areal runway, Low ropes, crafts, clay pidgeon shooting, Archery and lots of other activity's enough to keep everyone extremely bust from dawn to dusk then .

In the evening, there was a disco and live music which was very well attended, and the acts were excellent.



Whilst all this was going on the Water Activities Team and CMAT had been training Scouts and in Kayaks, Hillwalking and climbing and over the year had reached a good standard, ready to take part in various adventures.

In October we held a beginner's camp at Bradfield, this was to enable those Scouts who were new to Scout camping to gain experience without the hustle and bussell of some of the bigger camps again this was well attended with about 25 Scout who seemed to have a great time.

The District Dodge Ball Challenge was held in November at Bury Leisure Centre and saw teams from across the district compete. Admittedly, some were more talented than others, but an afternoon of skill and sportsmanship ensued and good fun was had by all.

As the year ends and everyone's thoughts turn to Christmas the Scouts have their annual 10 pin bowling competition , which is always very well attended and great fun.

And into 2023

2023 started with the planning, organising and meetings with Culford School with the plan to start 1st Culford Scout Group in September, plans are well under way, Leaders have been recruited and the School Governors are fully onboard, all they need now is some Young People, and all will be good to go.

Our first event of the year in February was the Scouts and Explorer Quiz. Our very own DC Paul Hunt supplied the questions, whilst Thurston chippy produced a chip supper to round off the evening. Teams arrived from all over the district. We heard some strange answers to some of the questions and some even stranger team names, but everyone had a great time.

In March we had a Patrol camping competition, not one of our best attended events, but I except this to change of the years as Troops gain experience.

Several of these regular events now enjoy attendance approaching 100 Scouts and are growing year by year, which can be taken not only as a sign of the strength of Scouting in our District, but also as a testimony to the work and dedication of the leaders. It should be noted that this interesting and enjoyable programme would not be possible without the help of Scout leaders throughout the District, each of whom take responsibility for organising certain events and put in a great deal of time and effort into both their own projects and into bringing their Scouts to the other events.

Steve Williams
DDC

District Explorer Scouts Report

The District Sections are still going strong thanks to the commitment of the leaders and with just over 50 Explorers numbers have remained stable, and with many scouts are looking to move onto Explorer/Young Leader Sections soon we can look forward to building a stronger Explorer District.

District events have continued with Suffolk Punch, a bowls evening, Monopoly run round Bury and the District Archery camp. Later this year I am hoping that we can get involved with JOTI (jamboree on the internet) and see what happens around the world.

The CMAT Scotland Expedition last summer was a success with over 50 scouts and explorers participating, CMAT continues to provide adventurous activities for the county.

In a few weeks five Explorers and a Leader will be attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, this has involved many preparation meetings and fund raising events, good luck and can't wait to hear stories of the adventure.

The county wide Duke of Edinburgh expedition option has been continued and a number of Silver and Bronze awards have been received and a number of Gold awards are now starting.

The Covid pause to normal Scouting has ended and units are starting to rediscover district events and get out and about more. But encouraging young people to get back into exploring all Scouting can offer will need the involvement and support of everyone.

Bob Butler
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

District Scout Active Support Unit

Barbara Ruthven has stepped down as Unit Manager, so no report is available. We thank Barbara for her work whilst she was manager.

She has been given an open invitation to visit any scouting event.

District Water Activities

WOW!!! What an exciting, productive and busy year we have had. First and most importantly I need to say thank you to Jon Mann and his family who left the district a sum of money in his will, of which Water Activities was very generously given £5000 to spend (it has now all been spent).

We have brought eight new Kayaks and airbags, new air bags for our other kayaks, replaced all of our old and worn Buoyancy aids, completely gutted and re-configured our storage container at Mildenhall to fit all the new kit and we now have an emergency kit made up for those hopefully long expeditions we have in the planning (hopefully it will never be used)

For us leaders it has been a busy year as well as quite a few of us needed permit renewal which was accomplished in the summer, and we had an Explorer, who at the age of 14 gained 3 permits last year, Bell Boating, Kayaking and Rafting, well done!!! We also had a Foundation, Safety and Rescue Course completed as well as some leaders working towards British Canoeing Coach Courses in Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Canoe and Kayak, and in May we had a British Canoeing Paddlesport Instructor Course running with an Explorers from our district completing.

As for our normal activities our Kayak course was again nearly full and a great deal of fun was had on the water over the summer by everyone, we even managed to get everyone down the big slide at Mildenhall which we were very surprised about, we must have had a lot of dare devils with us last year. The SUP taster sessions we ran were a great hit and were sold out very quick, we even had a waiting list, we have the same this year so are thinking we need to have this as a bigger event in the coming years, more to follow!!

At Lackford we had our usual Beaver and Cub Day which all went well and I think we had over a hundred beavers on the water and about 90 cubs, a great success, the weather was also good to us and as you can imagine everyone ended up soaking wet and with smiles on their faces, you couldn't ask for anything better.

The evenings were very busy as well, with the majority of groups and sections getting on the water at one time or the other, however this was awkward for the leaders due to other commitments and the popularity of it made some of us think we were living at Lackford and we did not know if we were coming or going, so this year we have limited the evenings to a Friday as this is the day when most of the leaders are free, and it makes us able to organise ourselves better.

We hope to see you all on the water soon, and can't wait to get you all wet.

The Water Activities Team
Bury District Scouts.

Appointments Secretary Report

Applications for Adult Appointments have been steady throughout the year, gradually increasing as the year progressed. There were a total of 293 applications made. This includes those new to our District, but also changes of role, cancellations and DBS renewals. Applications for new leadership roles have been greater than the number cancelled which is positive. This has been helped in part by the opening of the first Squirrel Dreys in the District. As last year, the number of OHs have dropped, in part as prior to the pandemic, several groups held family camps but have not restarted these events.

Net Change in membership				
Year	Leaders & Assistants	Occasional Helpers	Others (eg Exec/Admin)	Total
2018/19	1	55	-7	49
2019/20	9	42	4	55
2020/21	-18	-38	-5	-61
2021/22	27	-27	-7	-7
2022/23	12	-30	6	-12

The Appointments Panel meets every month, with extra meetings being added when required. We have continued to meet at The Scout Shop, which provides a less intimidating atmosphere for the candidate than the formal setting previously used. I have been trialing Hybrid meetings for those that have difficulty attending face to face, which have proved successful. The panel considered 10 Appointment Reviews, but there are still more outstanding and this backlog needs clearing.

Can I please remind you that any adult staying overnight, including parents, need to have a DBS clearance, so will need to apply for at least an OH role in good time. Ideally these applications should be with me two months before the event, as it can take that time to process the DBS. Leaving it until the last minute, a week before the camp, risks the disclosure not being issued and you losing the helper needed for camp. The same applies for parents at family camps. Some applications are taking longer to get through at the moment so please allow plenty of time.

I continue to send GSLs and Line managers monthly updates for those due an Appointment review or DBS renewal. This system seems to work well, but please keep an eye on the review dates. I also email GSLs annually (on a rolling basis) with a list of OHs in their group. I would also ask that when you receive this, you act on it and return to me as quickly as possible, so that I can cancel those no longer required. So far, in 2023, I have emailed 7 groups but only 3 have replied.

As always, please may I ask that you ensure all applications are correctly completed. Regular errors to watch out for, are not including middle names where full name is asked for, not recording all the characters of a driving licence number, bills out of date or they were in date when checked but out of date by the time I get them to process, only year of address or name change entered rather than month & year. The majority are on the correct form, but if unsure, check the District website, where you will find not only the forms, but our role descriptions. Please use these as they are in plain English and easier for a new leader to understand. All applications for leader roles, should be accompanied by a signed, Role Description. I would also ask that applications are sent to me as soon as possible. I have recently seen cases where the applicant has signed the form, and had the ID checked, but it takes another month or more to reach me.

To conclude, may I thank all the members of the Appointments Advisory Committee for the support they give to me, the D.C. and Scouting in Bury.

Alan Chilestone
Appointments Secretary

Local Training Report

Leader training is now recovering after the Pandemic. Face to Face training courses at County are now being provided again, along with Zoom sessions. Although the number of courses available are restricted, with more reliance being placed on workbooks. I will circulate course dates as soon as possible by email to those who I believe require them, but details will also be published on the DC Bury St Edmunds Facebook page.

I am indebted to Denise King, who continues to present Module 10A&B (First response) for the district. We have been holding courses not only at weekends but also over two evenings to provide more flexibility. We have now reached a point that there is a lull in leaders requiring renewal, as courses stopped for about 18 months during Covid. However, there will be a major logjam of renewals come November 2024, so I may be asking leaders to consider renewing early in order to spread the load. This is also a good time for new leaders to get their Module 10A/B completed.

The current system of completing Getting Started has now settled in, and I have introduced new procedures to remind those who have not completed this in a timely manner. Getting Started MUST be completed within 5 months of the appointment start date shown on Compass. There is no leeway on this. We do not want to have to restrict the roles of new leaders, but if training is not complete, this is very likely.

We are keeping on top of mandatory Ongoing Learning, Safety and Safeguarding, which now is renewed every 3 years, and is completed online. All Leaders, SAS and Executive Members must keep these up to date. If they expire, the member risks being suspended. This is not an idle threat as one person in the District was suspended, and it can take a while to be reinstated. I have a system of reminding members when these are due, along with monthly updates to GSLs and line managers. We are again almost 100% compliant.

Congratulations to all who have achieved their Wood Badges this year. A total of 9 were awarded during the year. This was down on last year, but on a par with pre pandemic.

A major update to the training scheme is promised soon, but we are still awaiting confirmed details. As soon as I know, I will let GSLs, Line Managers and TAs know.

Can you give some time to help with training? We have a good, dedicated team of Training Advisers who are prepared to put themselves out to help new leaders achieve their Wood Badges. However, we desperately need to add to their number so as to spread the workload. So, if you hold a Wood Badge and feel you could offer your help, please contact me.

I would like to thank all who give up their time to support the training of adults in the District. Especially the trainers who have organised modules, my team of Training Advisers, without whom none of the validations could take place, wood badge holders who provide witness statements and last, but not least, Margaret, whose constant support enables me to continue enjoying scouting.

However, I feel the time has come for me to step back from the training role. I have been looking after The District in this respect for well over 10 years, so I think it is now a good time to pass the mantle on. This will allow me to concentrate on my other role as District Appointments Secretary. I have told Jenny Roe (CTM) who is my line manager for this role, that I hope to see the changes through, but as these keep being pushed back, that might not happen. This is a County Appointment but I am sure they would appreciate a willing volunteer. I will be on hand to guide any new LTM as they take over.

Alan Chilestone
(Local Training Manager)

1st Bury St Edmunds (Mayor's Own) Scout Group

Group. The past year we have had lots of fun both as a group and as sections. As a group we ran the first proper group camp we have had since losing most of the core members of the leadership team. The camp went well but did highlight a few issues, the need for a more communication between leaders also the need for a few more helpers on camps. This summer we are planning another group camp so hopefully we have learnt a lot since the last group camp, and it will be a greater success. We also went to see 'The Jungle Book' as a group after our cub section were invited by another group. All the children and adults had a great time The Theatre Royal were very accommodating, and we even got to meet one of the cast members as they were thrilled to see us sat in the audience.

As a group we held a fun day to celebrate the King's Coronation. The event went fantastically well, with all the families welcome, it was a great way to get to know the young members families.

Upcoming, we are booked to go to High Altitude trampoline for a sleepover where we can sleep on the trampolines. We have run this event before and it went very well. Everyone is looking forward to it.

Beavers. Beavers have had 3 nights away over the past year, 1 of which was a 1st Bury Christmas camp. The Beavers have been able to have a go at archery, axe throwing and air rifles as well as visiting a local vet and the fire station. We are also part of the Bury in Bloom project with crafty foxes for the 3rd time. Membership is full, with a waiting list.

Cubs. Cubs have been going well. We welcomed 2 new leaders this year unfortunately this has raised some leadership issues with the change in dynamic. I hope to have this issue sorted very soon. They held a camp that went well with the hope to do a couple more this year. The cubs did a great job litter picking around a local area, where they received lots of praise. 1st Bury cubs were invited to join 6th Bury for an evening of kite flying, which the cubs made the week before. They also enjoyed a night with the scouts doing pioneering. Numbers are increasing and they are retaining more members.

Scouts. The scout section is running well, however, we are running quite low on numbers, but with Cubs retaining more members this should increase over the next 6 months. We have been out on a few 1 night camps. We have completed a camp where the scouts hiked 11.5km to Bradfield before camping for the night. It went very well with all but 1 of the scouts completing the hike with no issues.

The scouts are also looking forward to the upcoming district event at 'The Playground'.

Executive committee. We have had lots of change in the committee over the last year or so, most recently with a change of treasurer. It has been a bit of a challenge for everyone to get to grips with their roles, but I think we are now all moving in the right direction.

Andrew Lambell
Group Scout Leader

6th Bury St Edmunds Scout Group

Since the last AGM the 6th Bury St Edmunds Scout Group has met the challenges of delivering a full program to all sections, which the leaders and the group executive have worked hard to support. I would like to extend my thanks to all the 6th Bury St Edmunds leaders and executive members who's hard work make it possible for the Group to run Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

In the last term we have been able to restart our Beaver section. Our strong recruitment campaign has resulted in us recruiting both Adult and young leaders for the section. The section is now growing rapidly and will soon be at capacity.

Our Cub Pack is currently full, and we now have small waiting list, this is a strong testament to the leaders who are delivering a varied and popular program. We have had some leader changes, but the section has remained stable.

The Scout section is growing rapidly and will continue to grow with the number of Cubs due to come up to the section. This will keep the troop running at or near capacity and for the first time we are having to consider a waiting list.

With all the strong growth in sections our biggest challenge is numbers of young people with all section heading to capacity we may have to start looking at running second sections to spread the numbers. To do this we would face the challenge of recruiting enough leaders to run all these new nights. Couple this with looking at starting a Squirrels section and we could be in for a very busy year.

We have continued to work on Hardwick to slowly improve the site. With the regular maintenance program in place we now use the site throughout the year. The site is available for use by other group please contact me for details.

Giles Lillistone
Assistant Group Scout Leader

1st Brandon Scout Group

At the Scout District AGM, 1st Brandon Scout Group were presented with the District (Bury St Edmunds) trophy 2022. This is for a Scout group that had shown great Scouting spirit, growth in both adults and young people for the past year.

This past year scouting 1st Brandon has continued to grow.

The HQ has continued to be upgraded with work to make the HQ Disable friendly. So new doors have been installed and ramps will follow.

We are currently still working on replacing our aging camping equipment and have replaced tents, cookware, tables, chairs, marquee and lots more.

Beavers are now up to consistently 20 with more on the books, Cubs have a base of 24 and the Scouts are now 16, having lost a number to the youth club and external forces.

Both the Beavers and Scouts have had camps within the Group's headquarters and the Beavers have managed a second away from the HQ.

Cubs have one in the planning stage which we hope to fit in before the summer break and intend to attend the district Camp. The scouts have had a camp at Bradfield and one at the HQ an expedition Greenfield camp is in the pipeline.

So far this year the group has awarded Bronze Chief Scouts awards and hope to be awarding Silver and Gold in the not too distant future (At the AGM).

Young people are continuing to move up and are staying which is excellent. This surpasses all our expectations!!

We now have a core of adult leaders and section assistants who help at a single section or more.

Some of these have expressed an interest in becoming Full Leaders in the future and we will support them if they choose too. This past year we have said goodbye to some of the leaders and have managed to replace them and even add to our pool.

Thank you! Too all Parents for supporting us and allowing the group to develop to its full potential.

A big thank you to all the Leaders, Young People, Adults and of cause Exec members who have played a part in making 1st Brandon a success.

We have a long way to go still but the future will be Scouting at its best for 1st Brandon Scout Group.

Yours in Scouting
Wontolla (Tony Millburn)
Group Scout Leader

Great Barton Scout Group

We are now still only running 1 section for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and until we have more leaders we will not return to 2 sections for each.

Many Thanks to Ruth and Clare from Ixworth who have run Beavers all year while Debbie is recovering and hopefully now returning to lead Beavers.

We are planning an AGM BBQ one evening at the beginning of Scouts on 15th June and hopefully will recruit a few to the executive/trustee committee as we need a new Treasurer and Secretary along with several other trustees.

The plans for a new hut are almost ready to submit to planning. The existing hut is looking rather neglected and we have arranged a work party on Saturday 10th June.

Discovery Explorers are regularly meeting at the hut every other Friday and hopefully we will be able to work together.

John Pitcher
Group Scout Leader

1st Honington (RAF) Scout Group

Last AGM saw a fantastic response to our appeal to rebuild our Executive Committee, having lost all members of the executive committee, having thinned out over lockdown. A full complement, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were appointed along with 5 executive members. These are now heavily involved with improving group conditions and preparing a Funday for our AGM on June 24th.

All three sections continue to provide excellent scouting to both our local RAF community as well as surrounding villages. Using our funds, we have planned, and are planning additional events to our usual programme. This includes a trip to the Imperial War Museum in London for our scouts, with them travelling across London in patrols. To include a meal out and, obviously, the trip home again! Our Cubs are planning a possible trip to Duxford and Beavers are working on a plan.

Beavers have been attending District camps and had fun at the Coronation event. Cubs have been camping and hiking and had two entries into the bowling final. Scouts have also been camping and hiking whilst learning to navigate and also did the District night hike.

Our young leaders have been busy supporting all sections with one even running sessions on Air Activities for other groups (for a small donation of course!).

We continue to keep our ties to RAF Honington and once again have a good relationship with the new Station Commander. Whilst many of our contacts within the RAF moved on recently (as is frequently the case!), we are making new links and their support is greatly appreciated and we have been invited again to the annual Formal Reception which brings the local community together. A little awkward the first time we did this, eight years ago, but now we use it as a great way of networking new help within the RAF. It is also a great chance to get dressed up!

We are certainly looking forward to continued adventures and are Planning our next big adventure. Watch this space!

Martin Brooks
Group Scout Leader

1st Horringer Scout Group

Horringer are pretty much at full capacity in the Cubs and Scouts. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to find any additional leader support which means we still don't have a Beaver section up and running but we keep trying! We are about to embark on a big promotional effort to get some leaders on board in all sections as well as parents on board to get our ailing Exec running properly again too.

We took our Cubs and Scouts to Hautbois Activity Centre in Norwich for the second year in a row in the Autumn of last year. We go for 2 nights so the travel time to here makes it close enough to home that a weekend is doable. The Cubs and Scouts love the activities on offer - paddle boarding, sit-on kayaks, climbing and abseiling were the chosen ones this time – and of course we have the added bonus of our very own Akela Chil for the Saturday night campfire!



Despite being relatively new, our HQ has taken a hit courtesy of both lockdown and our general rural location. We've had Hornets and Rats to deal with including the fallout from their escapades – think nibbled pipes, rotten floors from the leaks and consequently no toilets or running water!! Add in failed heating and hot water tank and there you have it!! Honestly you couldn't make it up however we are nearly there with one toilet now fully functional. A new boiler for some hot water is next and hopefully some new heating before the next Winter!!

The Cubs plus about half of the Scouts attended Legoland in November '22, it's always a great day out and ours love it. We went on bonfire night so we could see the Legoland fireworks.

In November, the Group were all invited to attend a preview evening of the Ickworth Park Light Nights Trail within the estate. One of the many perks of being a NT tenant! I'm not sure having all Cubs and Scouts there at the same time was quite as relaxing as they hoped but at least we prepared them for the hoards due over the coming weeks!!

The Group was also invited to attend the Christmas Carol Service held in the church on the Ickworth Park Estate. The Cubs played a very active role in the service with readings, prayers and sketches. It's a beautiful setting.



SCOUTS

Scout numbers are good albeit young. We have one leader, one assistant leader, a sectional assistant and one young leader. Our Scout section are an outside Troop and having Ickworth Park on our doorstep definitely benefits us with regards to outside based activities. We have attended District Winter Camp and Patrol Camp already this year and, as I write this, are preparing for Archery and Air Rifle Camp this coming weekend. We also have a water activities evening planned at Lackford Lakes later this term.

CUBS

Cub numbers are also good despite the lack of a feed from Beavers. We have one leader, one assistant leader plus two other regular adults along with 3 Young Leaders and a temporary DofE helper too. The Cubs had to move out of the HQ to Hargrave Village Hall for half a term whilst we were without toilets so we were a little bit up in the air before Easter but we're all back to normal now! The Cubs also have an evening of water activities at Lackford coming up later this term.

Cat Williams
Group Scout Leader



1st Ixworth Scout Group

The year started with the group attending St George's Parade, the first one since Covid Lockdown. It was well attended & was lovely to see the public out watching the Parade.

Throughout the year, the 3 sections have had a busy time doing varied activities, ranging from crafts to learning about using axes & saws safely.

Over the past year, overall, all 3 sections have gained 36 challenge badges, 30 activity badges & 112 staged badges, with 2 Chief Scout Gold awards being gained. With several of the members very close in achieving bronze & silver awards. Well done to everyone who worked hard to achieve these badges.

The beavers had a camp at Bradfield Park campsite with Red Lodge & Honington in June. Apart from the terrific thunderstorm, as the beavers were settling down to sleep, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their first camp.

Our Sixer & Seconders, joined 1st & 3rd Stowmarket sixer & seconders to a camp in their Scout hut. They worked well together & the theme was Leadership. We are planning to repeat this again later in the year.

All sections have attended District events over the past year, ranging from Sleepovers, Bowling, Camps, water activities & a Beaverree.

In August, our scouts attended the County camp, Suffolk Punch, with the beavers & cubs joining in the activities for a day. It gave a chance for the young members to see how big Scouting is.

We have also joined in with our community in Ixworth. During half term, the cubs cleaned the War Memorial ready for Remembrance Sunday & the beavers cleaned inside the Church. We joined the villagers in the Parade to our Village Church, where we took up half of the Parade. The beavers & cubs made scarecrows for the Village trail. Raksha had a campsite on her front lawn!!!!

In December, we held our first Group Christingle Service in the Church. Parents & families were invited. Karen, our Vicar, dressed up as a Christingle & had everyone on tender hooks, as she kept getting close to the candles.

Our numbers have been up & down over the year. Scouts sent several up to Explorers, but these were replaced by cubs immediately. We have had a long waiting list for beavers but now that has gone down rapidly. I am sure the list will again grow!!!

I would like to congratulate Clare (Chil) & Craig for gaining their Wood Badge, which are to be presented to them. It was a lot of hard work & commitment, especially working towards the badge during Covid.

I would like to thank the Group Exec members for their support to the group, the leaders who do so much to give an exciting & active programme, our young leaders for helping at each week's meetings & parents for their support. Finally, a huge thank you to the beavers, cubs & scouts for their enthusiasm & enjoyment at our meetings.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Ruth Nunn
Group Scout Leader

1st Lakenheath Scout Group

GSL

I am proud to have some fantastic leaders at Lakenheath, we work as a 'well oiled cog' all happy to help each other in different sections when needed. This provides a consistent, well-rounded programme for all Scouts and makes the 'moving up' process so much smoother for the young people as they already know their new leaders.

The same is true for the scouts, who work amazingly well together when mixing sections. This is evident when we hold group activities such as the Activity Camp in October at Bradfield Campsite where the older Scouts were confident in assisting the younger Squirrel and Beaver sections and offering them moral support to try new activities.

We have at least 2 eager Young Leaders per section now, who also all do their best to assist in weekly meetings and offer support to the younger scouts.

In May, we celebrated the Coronation at a joint event with red Lodge, Mildenhall and Brandon for all sections, this was a wonderful day and an opportunity to meet other scouts.

Squirrel Scouts

In February, we celebrated our first birthday with a party. Our first year has been a great success with numbers increased to 17.

Squirrels have had so much fun meeting new friends, earning badges and learning new skills. This year we have started to learn the technique of Angel throws, visited the RSPB, learned some first aid and all about Diwalil.

In June, we are taking part in the 'Big Day Out' at Suffolk Owl Sanctuary

We have awarded our first Chief Acorn Badges to the Squirrels moving up to Beavers.

Beaver Scouts

This year Beavers have made Christmas cakes, took part in remembrance parade, completed hikes, nights away and first aid staged badges.

We have enjoyed lots of District events and was proud that one of our Beavers won the highest score award at Bowling.

We learned about Baden Powell and Fair Trade and are looking forward to District Camp.

12 Chief Scout awards have been handed out this year.

Cub Scouts

We were pleased to welcome a new ASCL who has been a great asset to our team, as well as 2 YL. Due to this we have been able to increase our members.

This year cubs have taken part in the Remembrance parade, Kings Coronation event and district events.

They have learned new skills such as pioneering, canoeing and air rifle and have been on overnight camps. They are looking forward to a visit to the local fire station and the RSPB.

Scouts

One of our old scouts came back as a section assistant this year and our scout numbers are increasing. We were pleased to have won the District Air Rifle & Archery competition, all our practise paid off.

Scouts have had a great time making box ovens, bug boxes and penny can stoves. We attended Suffolk Punch and District camps.

Now summer is here, we are looking forward to spending time on water in canoes and on SUP.

Wendy Barnes
Group Scout Leader

Mildenhall Scout Group

The Beaver colony has grown over the last year as we have had parents join as leaders enabling us to provide more spaces for Beavers. Our colony also now has a young leader who is a great asset. Since May last year the Beavers have enjoyed various activities on a Monday night including science experiments, building fires, roasting giant marshmallows, archery, making royal tiffin, catapults and taskmaster. PC Rich has paid us a visit and we all had our fingerprints taken. The Beavers made comic book costumes including masks and capes which they wore to a themed evening.

Beavers also attended Group Camp at Mildenhall and District Beaver Camp at Bradfield near Bury, which was very exciting for our first-time campers. We had a fabulous time at Lackford Lakes in July experiencing time on the water. The Beavers very much enjoyed the Pantomime they attended in Mildenhall in February.

The Cub pack has grown since the previous AGM now having 23 young people with 5 more due to move up from the Beaver section, and two new assistant leaders. We currently have one young leader who is an invaluable asset. One of our young leaders has now turned 18 (Baloo) and has just become a section assistant.

Since the last AGM 264 badges have been awarded, including 8 Chief Scout silver awards. Cubs and the leaders have had campfires, done backwards cooking, scavenger hunts, archery, air rifle shooting, tomahawk throwing, first aid, shelter building, rafting, the International badge which included newspaper modelling and food tasting, we made community Christmas cards for members of the community that help others receiving special thanks from the police and Mabbs Hall.

Outside of pack meetings, Cubs have completed a sleepover in the HQ with various activities being completed, water activities at Lackford Lake, trying out bell boats and stand-up paddle boarding on a mega SUP (paddling round the lake avoiding the crocodile!) The Cubs, working in their sixes, have been making plans for the activities they want to do in the year ahead.

The Scout Troop has 24 members, and the leadership team has just welcomed a new assistant leader. Throughout the year many of our older scouts have moved on, continuing with Explorers and returning to help as YLs in the younger sections. We now have a relatively young troop, which continues to grow and has a good mix of males and females. We are lucky with the facilities we have at our disposal, so can enjoy time out on the water in the warmer months. We offer archery, air rifles, axe throwing and catapults, and of course the firm favourites, cooking and campfires.

Working together in their patrols they have competed against one another in activities such as navigation, pioneering, wide games and den building. Mildenhall Scouts are always well represented at district events with high numbers attending the various camps and activities which is great and again shows the enthusiasm that our troop has for scouting.

Leigh Foster-Green
Group Scout Leader

1st Red Lodge Scout Group

The Group continues to be very active taking part in group activities, district activities as well as events in the community.

Our current numbers in all sections are high, a testament again to the leadership teams and the planning of fun programmes each week. We have considerable waiting lists for the 2 younger sections and a few for Cubs and Scouts too. Young members are successfully transferring onto the next sections at the appropriate age. Following the Group's AGM last year when we spoke about the desire to develop a Squirrel Scout section for 4 – 6 year olds. 2 parents volunteered to be leaders for the new section and in October last year the Drey officially opened with 8 Squirrels. This increased to 10 by November. Having recruited a 3rd adult, we increased numbers to 15 in January and with the possibility of a 4th volunteer we can maybe go to a maximum of 20 in the near future. We look forward to some of the older Squirrels moving on to Beavers when they are 6 this autumn.

It's good to see sections working together from time to time. In December, Beavers and Cubs held a joint Christmas sleepover, a great success. There have been several events when the group has been altogether for activities, Litter picking in the village, the village Remembrance Service and Parade, the Group camp fire and more recently the Coronation fun games with 3 other local groups. It is very rewarding to see the sections working together and even more so seeing the Squirrels joining in with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for some events.

Unfortunately, due to the extra bank holiday in May and other events already planned, we were unable to hold our annual family camp this year, but we vow to make next year's bigger and even better.

Our most pressing problem throughout the group in the last 12 months has been to recruit new adult volunteers particularly for Beavers and Scouts. With just 3 adults in the Beaver section until recently, we have had to rely on the parent rota to be able to have the correct ratio of adults for activities. Not only have we been asking parents to become regular volunteers, but have also advertised within the community, unfortunately with minimum success. Our activities at the recent Coronation Fun day in the village were targeted at attracting adult volunteering and we are hoping we have had some degree of success and will hopefully be appointing at least 2 more adults. BUT this will only just fill a few gaps.

Unfortunately we are no further forward with our quest to secure a piece of land within the village for Scouting, where we can safely meet and do traditional outdoor activities, such as fire lighting, cooking on fires, saw and axe skills etc. Currently we can only do this if we travel to a Scout site elsewhere. The local landowner has shown us a piece of land on the edge of the boundary of the village development plan, he thinks may be suitable for our use. But things move very slowly with regards to planning permission within the proposed village development plan. The Group Trustee Board continue to lobby for success.

My thanks to everyone involved in the Group, Leaders whatever their role, Young Leaders, Group Trustees and Parents for all their support and help throughout the year. And most importantly of all, our Squirrels, Cubs and Scouts whose enjoyment and development make everything so worthwhile.

Margaret Chilstone
Group Scout Leader

1st Thurston Scout Group

We currently have 80 members and are very close to pre-Covid levels - a few spaces currently remain in Scouts. We currently have no-one on our Want-to-Join/Missing Out List for Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, however as families with children already in Scouting move into the village they will take priority over those brand-new to Scouting. We are unable to manage a Squirrels Drey at present. We also currently have 5 Young Leaders (14-18 year olds) working across the Group. It is lovely to know that our young people don't want to leave us when they reach 14.

During the year May 2022 – April 2023 we awarded nearly 1,000 badges across the Group.

Group events:

In Summer Term 2022 we attended the first Woolpit Steam Rally since Covid. We managed to remember how to pitch our tents and had 29 youth members camping for and 8 Beavers helping on the gate on the Sunday. It was a busy weekend and we were rewarded with a donation of £1,000 from the Woolpit Steam Committee.

We held our End of Term Family BBQ on the hottest day of the year. The sweltering temperatures meant that we stayed out of the sun within the New Green Centre.

Family Archery & Air Rifles sessions were held during the summer holidays. Without Steve Taylor, Ian Taylor, John Johnson & Keith Hutchens giving their time this would not have been possible.

'Suffolk Punch' happened in August. Two parents took out Occasional Helper roles and were then able to come along to help at the Fun Day for Cubs. We were able to try out new activities – the Tomahawk throwing went down a storm! The Scouts and Explorers camped there for 5 days, as part of BSE District. They tried Scuba diving and Clay Pigeon Shooting for the first time.

Autumn Term started with our Church-to-Church Sponsored Walk which had been organised for the weekend after HM The Queen sadly passed away. We decided to still go ahead with this event and walked from St Peter's Church in Thurston to Holy Innocents Church in Great Barton wearing black ribbons to show our respect. We raised £781 which was split 50/50 between our funds and the Brain Tumour Charity (a Charity close to our hearts for whom we had been raising funds throughout the year). We shall be doing the return journey this year!

We held a Family Beetle Night Fundraiser in October half term.

Remembrance Sunday arrived. I was unfortunately admitted to Hospital on the Friday and therefore unable to run this event. Many thanks to John Johnson & Keith Hutchens for stepping in and managing this event in my absence. I was able to watch the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on the TV for the very first time. I stood beside my Hospital bed for the two minutes silence just as the Consultant arrived – she had to wait!

Our Family Christingle Service was well attended and we were able to donate a cheque for £754.01 to The Brain Tumour Charity. We also donated some toiletries and pre-loved children's games to those in temporary accommodation and in need, displayed a 'Pantomime' themed Christmas Tree in St Peter's Church and helped to 'flood' Thurston and the surrounding villages with Angels.

Spring Term ended at Planet Laser with our End of Term Group Event. All our members had the opportunity of having 2 sessions running around the maze with laser guns, followed by the moving up ceremonies. 74 Members (& some Leaders) entered the maze for a bit of end of term fun during the course of the evening.

On St George's Day, Thurston met as a Group at New Green Centre and renewed our promises there, where we also gave parents some information regarding our planned Summer Camp. We also recently helped the Church during the Coronation Weekend by providing and running a teddy bear zip line from the tower, raising funds for their Children's Corner and the Youth Prayer Space.

Summer term has now started – At the time of writing this report I am finalising and looking forward to Woolpit Steam Rally (our main Group fundraiser) in June, an End of Term Group BBQ in July, Family Archery and Air Rifles sessions during the summer holidays and our 2-night Family Camp at the beginning of September. We will also be 'hosting' 2 children coming from Texas to stay with their grandparents for 3 months.

Finances:

On setting the Membership Fees for 2023, the Executive Committee decided not to increase them. In fact, we took the unprecedented decision to reduce the annual fees by £15 due to the current economic climate.

We received nearly £1,000 in grant monies in order to purchase several new tents (some of which have replaced some damaged tents) and we have now increased the number of tents that we have within the Group. We also received £10,000 of a Legacy to help towards a Scout Hut of our own – we currently have 2 potential plots of land in our sights.

Thank you to our Treasurer Lorna Freeman for looking after our finances for us and reminding me when I have forgotten to pass my receipts over!

Leadership

In September we gained Kate Parnum, who took on the role of Beaver Leader. This enabled Phil Hellier to stand down as acting Section Leader – however Phil continued in the background and provided handover and advice. Kate has grabbed the role with both hands and is doing a marvellous job with the Beaver Programme utilising the guidance/advice from other Thurston Leaders as well as the other Beaver Leaders within the BSE District.

We also gained two fully trained Assistant Scout Leaders: Charlie Rutter, who had taken a break from his previous Scout Group after moving away and decided to restart his Scouting journey with us, and Michelle Fountain who has moved into the village and will be transferring from Red Lodge Group.

A massive **THANK YOU** to all of Thurston's Leaders and Executive Committee (current & past) for all of their support throughout the year. I couldn't have done it without them.

Melanie Johnson
Group Scout Leader

No report was received from the following Group:

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BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

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BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

BUDGET		2023	2022
		£	£
	Membership subscription	40131	29070
	Less (Paid out)	31980	20857
5940		8151	8213
DONATIONS			
	Scout shop	0	0
OTHER INCOME			
600	Capitation refund	390	257
	CAF Dodation	250	0
	Legacy from estate of John Mann		102923
	Less paid to groups		75000
6540		27923	0
		36714	8470
CAMP/ACTIVITY ACCOUNT			
	District Camps	4874	0
	District Events/Activities	2717	0
	Suffolk Punch '22	5840	0
	Water Activities	6660	1585
		20091	1585
INVESTMENT INCOME			
	Building Society (Accounts Closed)	0	7
	Scout Association Investment	4	7
		4	14
TOTAL INCOME		56805	10069

BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

BUDGET	2023	2022
	£	£
1180 Trustees Expenses	447	481
1370 Section Expenses	120	382
 OTHER EXPENSES		
1200 St George's Day	1972	0
500 Training	105	90
140 General Insurance & Water Activity Equipment	710	293
300 Hire of Rooms	40	60
Capitation Rebates	0	610
1000 General Expenses	167	87
Independent Examination fee	450	390
Donations - Bradfield Park Campsite	0	1000
DC's retirement gift	0	214
Grants for World Jamboree	2000	0
6540	6011	3607
 CAMP ACCOUNT		
District Camps	4816	50
District Events/Activities	1850	10
Water Activities	7802	300
Suffolk Punch '22	5187	0
Summer Camp '23 Deposit	1150	0
	20805	360
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 26816	 3967
 0 Income over Expenses	 29989	 6102

BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCES AT THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

BARCLAY GENERAL ACCOUNT	2023	2022
Receipts	36714	8470
Payments	6011	3607
	30703	4863
BARCLAY CAMP ACCOUNT		
Receipts	20091	1585
Payments	20805	360
	-714	1225
BRITANNIA GENERAL ACCOUNT - Account Closed - Interest	0	3
BRITANNIA EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT - Account Closed - Interest	0	4
SCOUT ASSOCIATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT -Interest	4	7
	29993	1185
TOTAL		
CASH AT BANK & OTHER FUNDS B/F	71271	65169
CASH AT BANK & OTHER FUNDS C/F	101264	71271
MONETARY ASSETS		
Barclay Community Account	70854	40150
Barclay Camp Account	29432	30152
Scout Association Investment Account	973	969
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The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved on behalf of the Trustees on2023

Signed P.Hunt
District Commissioner

M.J.Golston
District Treasurer

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BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		0
Current Assets - Cash at Bank	101264	71271
Liabilities - Storage Creditor	1600	1600
Accruals		432
Deferred Income	12816	6750

Note: The Accounts are currently with the Auditors for checking

Bury St Edmunds District Scout Council

31 March 2023

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Bury St Edmunds District Scout Council

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bury St Edmunds District Scout Council

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than 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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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Bury St Edmunds District Scout Council

31 March 2023

BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Executive Committee and Trustees

District Commissioner
District Chairman
District Treasurer
Committee

P Hunt
L Holman
M Golston
A Chilestone
R Butler
J Pitcher
B Ruthven
A Wade

Bankers

Barclays
Buttermarket
Bury St Edmunds

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Registered Charity Number

305673

BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

BUDGET		2023	2022
		£	£
Membership subscription		40131	29070
Less (Paid out)		31980	20857
5940		8151	8213
DONATIONS			
Scout shop		0	0
OTHER INCOME			
600	Capitation refund	390	257
	CAF Donation	250	0
	Legacy from estate of John Mann		102923
	Less paid to groups		75000
6540		27923	0
		36714	8470
CAMP/ACTIVITY ACCOUNT			
	District Camps	4874	0
	District Events/Activities	2717	0
	Suffolk Punch '22	5840	0
	Water Activities	6660	1585
		20091	1585
INVESTMENT INCOME			
	Building Society (Accounts Closed)	0	7
	Scout Association Investment	4	7
		4	14
TOTAL INCOME		56809	10069

BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

BUDGET	2023	2022
	£	£
1180 Trustees Expenses	447	481
1370 Section Expenses	120	382
 OTHER EXPENSES		
1200 St George's Day	1972	0
500 Training	105	90
140 General Insurance & Water Activity Equipment	710	293
300 Hire of Rooms	40	60
Capitation Rebates	0	610
1000 General Expenses	167	87
Independent Examination fee	450	390
Donations - Bradfield Park Campsite	0	1000
DC's retirement gift	0	214
Grants for World Jamboree	2000	0
6540	6011	3607
 CAMP ACCOUNT		
District Camps	4816	50
District Events/Activities	1850	10
Water Activities	7802	300
Suffolk Punch '22	5187	0
Summer Camp '23 Deposit	1150	0
	20805	360
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 26816	 3967
 0 Income over Expenses	 29993	 6102

BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
BALANCES AT THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

BARCLAY GENERAL ACCOUNT	2023	2022
Receipts	36714	8470
Payments	6011	3607
	30703	4863
 BARCLAY CAMP ACCOUNT		
Receipts	20091	1585
Payments	20805	360
	-714	1225
 BRITANNIA GENERAL ACCOUNT - Account Closed - Interest	0	3
 BRITANNIA EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT - Account Closed - Interest	0	4
 SCOUT ASSOCIATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT -Interest	4	7
	29993	1185
 TOTAL		
CASH AT BANK & OTHER FUNDS B/F	71271	65169
CASH AT BANK & OTHER FUNDS C/F	101264	71271
 MONETARY ASSETS		
Barclay Community Account	70854	40150
Barclay Camp Account	29437	30152
Scout Association Investment Account	973	969
	101264	71271

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved on behalf of the Trustees on 15th June 2023

Signed P.Hunt
District Commissioner

M.J.Golston
District Treasurer




BURY ST EDMUNDS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Assets - Cash at Bank	101264	71271
Liabilities - Storage Creditor	1600	1600
Accruals	570	432
Deferred Income	12816	6750

Bury St Edmunds District Scout Council

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bury St Edmunds District Scout Council

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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