



Scouts

**Greater Manchester
West**

COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

WELCOME BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

ANDY FARRELL

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Review and Report for Greater Manchester West County Scout Council from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

As you will read throughout, we have taken a slightly different stance on how we present this year's report, which has resulted in a somewhat shorter report. This is mainly due to the toll the pandemic took on programme, activities, and training.

That said, I wish to commend all our volunteers for keeping Scouting very much alive in Greater Manchester West throughout what was an unprecedented last twelve months.

COUNTY SILVER WOLF HOLDERS

The highest award made by The Scout Association "for services of the most exceptional character."



Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE

Mr Stanley Atkins

Mr John Billsborough

Mr David Copeland

Mrs Pamela Copeland

Mrs Sylvia Cornish

Mrs Vera Crossley

Mr Hugh Davies

Mrs Iris Emery

Mr Derek Freeman

Mrs Christine Gleaves

Mr Peter Hart

Mr Bob Haynes

Mr Alan Hayton

Mrs Joan Hayton

Mr Kenneth Ince

Mrs Sheila Ince

Mrs Eileen Johnson

Mr Keith Lang

Mr David Maltby

Mr Martin Maynard

Mr Brian Mouat

Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP

Mrs Ann Salt

Mr George Sharp

Mr Geoff Sides

Mrs Judith Summersgill

Mr Alex Waddington

Mr Haydn Worrall

OUR COUNTY TEAM

County President	Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
Vice Presidents	Mr Geoff Sides Mrs Vera Crossley Colonel Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LLD
Regional Commissioner	Mr Ian Hill
County Commissioner	Mr Andy Farrell
Deputy County Commissioners	Mr Greg Archer (People) Mr Jacob Bond (Programme and Communications)
County Youth Commissioner	To be advised
County Chairman	To be advised
County Secretary	Mrs Jean Archer
County Treasurer	Mr Roger Kettle
County Appointments Secretary	Mrs Lyndsay Pollard
Asst County Appts Secretary	Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE
County Appts Advisory Committee	Mr Graham Barrick (Chair), Mr Peter Marsh, Mr Greg Archer, Mr Lewis Foster, Mr Andy Atherall, Mrs Penny Rothwell Mason,
Assistant County Commissioners	
Beaver Scouts	Mr Tom Dutton
Cub Scouts	Mr Dave Finch
Scouts	Mr Bob Wilson
Explorer Scouts	Miss Jen Carline
Scout Network	Mr Oliver Horne
International	Mr Jeff Picton
Activities	Mr Chris Starkie
Inclusion	Mr Anthony Staunton-Unsworth
Campsite Manager BHSE	Mr Chris Hayes and Mr Martin Shaw
Campsite Manager Dunham	Mr David Hughes
Campsite Manager Hollinwood	Mr Ste Butterworth and Mr Mike Dunn

Managers / Advisers/Coordinators

County Training Manager	Mrs Gemma Higson
Communications Manager	Mrs Hayley Mullen
Media Dev Coordinator	Miss Amy Tomkins
Newsletter Coordinator	Mrs Michele Millington
Digital Project Coordinator	Mr Andy Brown
Digital Systems Coordinator	Mr Lewis Foster
Duke of Edinburgh Award Adviser	Mrs Debbie Pullen
Gang Show Adviser	Miss Sarah Goodstadt
Queen's Scout Award Coordinator	Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP
Safeguarding Adviser	Mr Greg Archer
Safety Adviser	Mr Mike Barrett

Scout Active Support Managers
(not listed elsewhere)

Mr Nick Anderson (Goodwood), Miss Susan Leonard
and Mr Phil Rigby (Hollinwood)

County Assessors

Climbing	Mr Andrew Bradley
Climbing and Abseiling	Mr Neil Gregory
Hill Walking	Mr David Smith, Mr Jim Akrill

County Administrator

Mrs Sue Ralph

County Training Team

Mr Greg Archer, Mr Jacob Bond, Mr Chris Hayes,
Mrs Gemma Higson, Mrs Lindsay Johnston, Mr Keith
Morris, Mr Neil Marks-Parker, Mrs Jane Riley, Mrs
Penny Rothwell Mason, Mr Chris Starkie,
Mr JP Yates.

County Training Administrator

Mr Chris Hayes, Mrs Jackie Worswick, Miss Sam
Holloway

District Commissioners

Altrincham	Mr Kenneth Williams
Ellesmere	Mr Craig McKee
Lilford	Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP
Lowry	Mr Ryan Swailes
Sale	Mr Andy Atherall
Stretford	Mr Matt Osborne (Acting)
Urmston	Mr Chris Knowles
Wigan	Mr Jeff Picton



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester West County Scout Council
Held Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7.30 pm online via Zoom**

Present –

Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP, LLD, DLitt, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and County President
Dr Geoff Sides, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Andrew Farrell, County Commissioner
Mr Lewis Foster, County Youth Commissioner
Mrs Jean Archer, County Secretary
Mr Roger Kettle, County Treasurer
Mr Jacob Bond, Deputy County Commissioner Programme
Mr Greg Archer, Deputy County Commissioner Adult Support
Mrs Gemma Higson, County Training Manager
Mr Graham Barrick, County Appointments Chair, District Chair Urmston
Mr Tom Dutton, Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts
Mr Ken Williams, District Commissioner Altrincham
Mr Ryan Swailes, District Commissioner Lowry
Mr Andrew Atherall, District Commissioner Sale
Mr Haydn Worrall, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Jeff Picton, Assistant County Commissioner International, District Commissioner Wigan
Mrs Jacqui Aspinall MBE, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr David Copeland, District Chair Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Sue Leonard, County Scout Active Support Manager
Mr Ged Davies, District Chair Wigan
Mrs Iris Emery, County Executive, District Secretary Altrincham
Mrs Pamela Copeland, District Secretary Lilford, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Amy Atherall, District Secretary Sale
Mr Craig McKee, District Commissioner Ellesmere
Mrs Margaret Davies, County Scout Council member
Mr David Hughes, Campsite Manager Dunham Park Scout Camp
Mr Mike Dunn, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Camp Site
Mr Anthony Roberts, Local Training Manager Altrincham
Dr Anwar Halab, Local Training Manager Stretford

Miss Yasmin Lee, District Youth Commissioner Sale
Mr Josh Macdonald, District Youth Commissioner Lowry
Mr Solomon Cuthbertson, District Youth Commissioner Stretford
Mr Chris Varley, F.C.A. Cedar Solutions (Management) Ltd - Account Examiners
Mr John Paul Yates, County Training Advisor
Mr Ste Butterworth, Campsite Manager Hollinwood Scout Camp
Mr Andy Connellan, County Nights Away Advisor, County Training Advisor
Mr Simon Gould, District Chair Altrincham
Miss Georgina Morris, County Training Administrator
Mr Keith Lang, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Sylvia Cornish, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr John Bilborough, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Hayley Mullen, Comms Team
Miss Phoebe Aspinall, Scouter Lilford
Mrs Sue Ralph, County Administrator (Minutes)

Apologies -

Col Sir John Timmins KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LL.D, County Vice President
Mrs Vera Crossley, County Vice President, Silver Wolf Holder
Councillor Paul Wilson, District Chair Lowry
Mrs Joan Smith, District Treasurer Wigan
Mr Justin McDonnell, Local Training Manager Lowry
Mrs Deborah Forrest, District Secretary, County Scout Council member Ellesmere
Mrs Freda Clarke, County Scout Council member Altrincham
Mr Bob Haynes, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Marjorie Marsden, Award Holder Lilford
Mr Steve Ralph MBE JP, Queen's Scout Co-ordinator, Lilford District Commissioner
Mr Hugh Davies, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Ann Salt, Silver Wolf Holder
Miss Diana Gibbons, Queen's Scout
Mr George Sharp, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Ken Ince, Silver Wolf Holder
Mrs Sheila Ince, Silver Wolf Holder
Mr Chris Starkie, ACC Activities, County Nights Away Advisor
Mr Chris Knowles, District Commissioner Urmston
Mr Clive Winby, Sale District
Mr Matt Osborne, Stretford Acting District Commissioner
Mrs Sophie Rothwell Mason, County Scout Council member Lilford
Mr Ian McGeough, Sale District Chair
Mrs Lucy Nattrass, County Executive
Mrs Tina Winterbottom, County Executive and CSC member

Point to note: Seconders* had confirmed in advance of the online meeting that they were happy to second the respective agenda items. Votes were gathered at the end of the meeting for agenda items 3, 7, 10, 11, 15 and 16 via an electronic poll function within Zoom.

01/21: Welcome by County Commissioner Andrew Farrell

The County Commissioner opened the meeting stating that the County President, Sir Warren, was unable to join the start of the meeting. A minute's silence was then held to remember those who had passed away.

He then welcomed everyone and hoped that this would be our last remote County AGM. Having recently been invited to some face-to-face meetings, including district AGM's, he was glad to have been able to meet people in person again and it had been a privilege and an honour to give out Awards.

02/21: Apologies for absence read by County Secretary, Jean Archer, as listed above.

03/21: Approval to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2020 which had been previously circulated to members of the County Scout Council.

The County Commissioner proposed acceptance of the minutes

Seconded by Ryan Swailes* All in favour

04/21: Presentation of the Annual Report by the County Commissioner

The County Commissioner pointed out that although the year has been quite different there has still been a lot of hard work and activity taking place. Lots happening at group level with County support, in particular the online programmes and badges at home etc. He asked everyone to take the time to read the report in detail.

05/21: Presentation of the Examined Accounts by County Treasurer, Roger Kettle

The County Treasurer announced that the accounts had been circulated and were self-explanatory. The main expenses this year being the purchase of sanitisers for all scout headquarters and the running of County Office.

The International account, shown as restricted funds, are only a holding/handling account for those going on expeditions. The account is dormant at the present time but will soon be active for the forthcoming 2023 Jamboree in South Korea.

The Poland trip was initially deferred and then cancelled. Roger gave thanks to the Unit leader, Mike Barrett, for claiming through insurance and supplying specific details so refunds to the young people and leaders could be made.

Roger asked if anybody has any questions. None were raised.

06/21: The County Commissioner proposed we accept the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts.

07/21: Seconding the move to Approve the Annual Report and adopt the Examined Accounts was Gemma Higson*

All in favour.

08/21: Nomination of the County Commissioner's appointment of the County Chair

The County Commissioner announced that there was still a vacancy for the role of County Chair and was in the process of speaking with several people. He hoped to fill the vacancy shortly.

He took the opportunity to thank the two previous Chair's, Haydn Worrall and Daniele Wiseman, who for different reasons had had to relinquish the role. He appreciated the support they had given both to himself and to the County Executive Committee.

09/21: Announcement of the County Levy

The County Treasurer read the statement from Headquarters, 'Protecting our finances to build a better future' "Following the challenges of the pandemic the UK HQ financial position for the year finished in a better position than we previously expected. This is largely due to funding received from Government and management of finances over the year and our decision to sell key assets. We now look ahead to a brighter future for the Movement..." This article confirms the HQ UK membership fee for 2022/23 which will be reduced from £36.00 to £34.50.

Roger was also pleased to announce that the County Executive committee had agreed not to add the usual 25 pence increase but to keep the County Levy at £9.50, making the total subscriptions £44.00 for each young person under 18 years of age.

10/21: Election of the County Secretary

The County Commissioner proposed that Jean Archer continue as County Secretary and appreciated all the great work she had done. Jean confirmed that she was happy to continue.

Seconded by Iris Emery* All in favour

11/21: Election of the County Treasurer

The County Commissioner proposed Roger to continue as County Treasurer, as he had done an amazing job in this role over the years. Roger confirmed that he was happy to continue.

Seconded by Andy Atherall* Majority in favour

12/21: Announcement of elected members to the County Executive committee as notified to the County Secretary :-

Salford Metro:- To be advised

Trafford Metro: (South) Mr Clive Winby, (North) Mr Solomon Cuthbertson

Wigan Metro: Mr Lewis Foster

13/21: Announcement of the County Commissioner's nominations to the County Executive Committee, as follows:-

Mr David Copeland and Mrs Iris Emery

14/21: Announcement of members to the County Scout Council as notified to the County Secretary elected by each District Scout Council :-

Altrincham Mrs Freda Clarke

Ellesmere Mrs Deborah Forrest

Lilford Mrs Sophie Rothwell Mason

Lowry	To be advised
Sale	Mr Mike Harding
Stretford	Mr Matt Osborne
Urmston	To be advised
Wigan	Mrs Margaret Davies

15/20: Appointment to the Committee of The Association

The County Commissioner proposed his representative for adult and youth member:- Lewis Foster

Seconded by Greg Archer* Majority in favour

16/20: Appointment of Account Examiners

The County Treasurer proposed that Chris Varley from Cedar Solutions continue as Examiner/Auditor.

Seconded by Jeff Picton* All in favour

17/20: Member Recognition

The County Commissioner gave Lewis Foster, Youth Commissioner, the opportunity to say a few words.

Lewis said that as his Youth Commissioner role was coming to an end so would his membership of the County Executive. However, as he had just been nominated as Wigan Metro's representative this meant he would be remaining on the Executive Committee.

He asked everyone to encourage members aged 18 to 25 years, to apply for the forthcoming Youth Commissioner vacancy. A fantastic role, where you get a lot of visibility of the amazing things going on in the County. A great opportunity to make the role their own.

The YouShape Award was being launched shortly and he asked everyone to encourage their young people to take part pointing out there are plenty of resources online. Details can be found on

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award>.

Lewis gave genuine thanks to everyone who embraced and supported him in his role, including the County Commissioner, the County Executive and the Senior Leadership Team, saying it had been an absolute pleasure.

The County Commissioner then passed on his personal thanks congratulating Lewis on being our first Youth Commissioner and one of the first to be appointed nationally as well as being the longest serving. Lewis had been an exceptional ambassador for GMW and wished him well in whatever he did next.

Final Comments by the County Commissioner

Andy pointed out that it had been a hectic 12 months and felt that we were getting back on track. The focus for the coming months would be mandatory training, including first aid.

The Jamboree selection process for the Unit leaders had been taking place and thanks were given to Jeff Picton and his team for pulling it all together. The Jamboree process continues and next will be the selection of the young people. It was great news that we will be taking a full Unit. Raising awareness and fundraising would now follow and he encouraged everyone to get involved.

Our three campsites are now back in operation and would welcome bookings from groups and districts. Anyone with any spare time please get in touch with the campsites as they are looking for volunteers.

Although a loss in membership had been anticipated over the last year it was felt that we had the tools and the right people to get it back to where it should be. Andy gave a huge thank you, on behalf of himself, the Senior Leadership Team and the County Executive Committee, to all the adult volunteers, young people and their parents.

18/20: Final Address by County President

Sir Warren apologised for missing the start of the meeting due to a technical problem. He congratulated everyone for remaining in Scouting through the pandemic period through varying challenges. Keeping people together and their interest alive has been an important activity; perhaps one of the most critical moments for the Scout Association as well as other Youth organisations.

Mental health problems in young people have risen over the last year, many have lost touch, no longer socialise, have no fun or focus in their lives. The County President could not think of a better organisation than the Scouts for encouraging young people to have fun and enjoyment.

Sir Warren thanked those members of the Scouts who had been supporting the Queen's Green Canopy, a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people and organisations from across the UK to plant a tree for the Jubilee. If anyone needs any help they can contact the LL's office where there is a delegated deputy looking at the supply of trees. Encouragement was given to everyone to show Her Majesty The Queen how much we think about her by supporting this legacy. Further information can be found at <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Congratulations were given to all those working on the Hollinwood Project, an exciting project but also an expensive one and a lot of money will need to be raised.

Sir Warren felt that the Scout Movement nationally is not as respected or appreciated by the wider community as it should be. More contacts need to be made within the business community, the press and opinion makers to show the Scout Movement is important for young people and resources are needed that cannot always be gained from within the Movement itself. An important message to get across that the Scout Movement is contributing not only to young people's lives now but to how those young people will develop in the future.

Concluding Sir Warren gave sincere thanks for the work done.

The County Commissioner thanked Sir Warren and reiterated thanks from himself and on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Senior Leadership Team. The meeting was then closed.

THE AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD HOLDERS



SILVER WOLF

Joan Hayton – Greater Manchester West (1.5.22)

Alan Hayton – Greater Manchester West (1.5.22)



SILVER ACORN

Ellen McCaig – Greater Manchester West

Jeff Picton – Greater Manchester West (1.5.22)



BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT

Frank Fisher – Wigan District (1.5.22)



AWARD FOR MERIT

Jamie Hodgkinson – Lilford District

Laura Pridding – Lilford District

Lee Aspin – Lilford District

Paul Grimshaw – Lilford District

Keith Fordham – Stretford District

Raymond Robinson – Urmston & District

Julie Binks – Urmston & District

Michael Ellis – Urmston & District

Kevin Smith – Wigan District

Simon Ellis – Wigan District

Sandra High – Greater Manchester West

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Andy Farrell

I think it's safe to say we all learnt something from the last twelve months – social distancing, support bubbles, various tiers and traffic light systems amongst the dozens of other restrictions which have prevented us from doing what we do best – Scouting. Whilst we are all aware that the Covid-19 global pandemic is still with us, it is certainly a relief that we can meet face-to-face once again; it feels as though normal service is resumed.

The fact that in January 2022, the County saw an increase in membership in Beavers and Explorers is testament to its adult volunteers and the programme they provide. We aim to continue to grow all other sections in the same manner.

This year we saw the introduction of Squirrels, with several dreys opening across Greater Manchester West. They are a welcome addition to our family, and we are hopeful that this new section will attract more adult volunteers who will accompany the young people on their journey through Scouting.

Now that we are back to 'green' readiness level it has been so rewarding to see young people enjoying County events and also to welcome leaders back to training weekends. We rely so heavily on skills, experience and hospitality of our campsites in order to host such events. We are fortunate to have three campsites in the County, each with something different to offer – I would encourage you all to camp locally, to use and support our campsites.

Looking ahead, we are about to embark on an enhanced period of change. You will start to see a shift in structure, learning, culture, vision and brand. There will be opportunity to help shape this change to help the County get where it needs to be for generations to come and your input will be welcome.

Knowing that sadly some charities didn't make it through lockdown(s) and seeing how we have survived, makes me very proud to be a volunteer in Greater Manchester West. To the District Commissioners, the Senior Leadership Team, the Executive Trustees, to all adult volunteers and of course our young people – THANK YOU!

DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROGRAMME – Jacob Bond

PROGRAMME AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Programme

The year started with local restrictions which included meeting outdoors and no residential activities. This resulted in a number of our big events being cancelled, including the Scout Lord Derby, Goodwood Weekender, Celebration of Excellence Day and Cardboard Canoe Race. The planned Beaver and Cub Joint Camp had to be postponed.

Our first event of the year was an adapted version of the Scout Camping and Backwoods Competition, a day event with social distancing and lots of hand sanitiser! The event was attended by 14 teams with representation from all Districts which was a great number for the first programme event held since early 2020.

We then returned to some normality in September when restrictions were lifted and we were placed in the 'green' readiness level. During the autumn we held several events, including the Scout and Explorer Football and the Cub Cooking Competition. The standout event of the term was the Scout Patrol Leader Training Day which had over 60 young people in youth leadership roles within the Scout section attending. Throughout the day they learned skills of leadership and how to effectively work together as a team. It was great to end 2021 with lots of well attended events!

In October 2021 the Youth Shaped Award was launched encouraging young people to take the lead in shaping their own Scouting. So far we've seen hundreds of young people in all sections work towards their award. I would like to thank District Youth Teams for their hard work in encouraging the Youth Shaped Award and to section leaders for embedding the awards into section programmes.

During the autumn and winter months we started the process to select our Unit Leaders and participants for the 25th World Scout Jamboree taking place in South Korea in Summer 2023. Our Unit Leader selection was held across two weekends with a whole range of tasks including presentations, discussions, team building challenges and some site service at Dunham Park Scout Camp Site. The calibre of candidates applying for the four roles was excellent and we were delighted to appoint Emma Hambelton as our Unit Leader, supported by Issy Brett, Richard Gould and Adam Richardson. Following their appointment the Unit Leaders worked tirelessly delivering information roadshows, both face-to-face and virtually, to advertise this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to young people across our County. These roadshows were followed by a selection event for young people with a whole range of activities to help find our Jamboree Unit with 80 applicants to fill 36 spaces. Since the event our Jamboree Unit have been holding events to help fundraise their £4,000 fees and to get to know each other. Already we are starting to see the impact on the personal development of our young people since joining the Unit. I have also been lucky enough to be selected as a member of the International Support Team (IST) for the Jamboree. I would like to thank the County Executive Committee, districts and groups for supporting our Jamboree Unit, Leaders and IST whether that be with financial contributions or arranging fundraising opportunities.

In 2022, we kick started the year with a Programme Support Day attended by over 50 volunteers. There was a whole range of sessions which were decided by consulting with volunteers across the County, these workshops included practical skills, section forums, ideas for games, recruiting volunteers and social media. It was great to hold an event with input from the Programme, People and Communications Teams collectively. We hope to offer more support days in the future.

In March, we were invited by RHS Bridgewater to provide activities and showcase Scouting at their event celebrating Middlewood Scout Camp. The former campsite stood on the grounds of the gardens for over 70 years prior to the RHS gardens creation.

The yearly 'Day of Celebration and Achievement' at Windsor Castle which includes the Queen's Scout Parade, did not take place in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. For Michael Reid from Stretford District it had been a very long wait for him to attend, having received his Queen's Scout Award in November 2017. We are pleased that he finally got to attend together with many other Queen's Scouts and Award holders. Although there are no new Queen's Scouts in this reporting year, many young people in Greater Manchester West are working hard towards the highest youth award achievable in Scouting.

The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme continues to offer excitement and challenges for our young people and from April 2021 to March 2022 there were 28 Bronze, 4 Silver and 5 Gold Awards issued across the County. Thank you to all the leaders and districts who provide DofE locally.

Communications

Throughout the past year we have continued to grow our Communications Team with a number of key appointments. Hayley Mullen became our Communications Manager, Andy Brown joined the team to lead on our website and digital systems and since stepping down as Youth Commissioner, Lewis Foster has joined to focus on digital projects and support with communications at County events.

Our website has undergone a number of improvements including a new look calendar, easy navigate menus and a facility to book onto our events online. We are continuing to develop our website and other digital systems to make them more accessible and easier to access for our volunteers and community. We have continued to develop our communication with members by introducing more regular member updates with them being sent at least monthly, and more interaction with volunteers online too.

Over the past year, engagement with both members and the public on our social media platforms has massively increased. This is due to the hard work of our social media team in creating engaging and posting more regular content, sharing relevant posts from other parts of The Scouts and sharing all the wonderful events and opportunities on offer. If you haven't yet, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join the team – please get in touch if you are interested by emailing comms@gmwscouts.org.uk.

Thank you to the whole communications team for their hard work through some challenging times!

DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER 'PEOPLE' – Greg Archer

It's a good job we are Prepared!

We have lived with Covid now for a year and it has shaped lives in a way no one ever thought it would. We have overcome, adapted and hopefully with the vaccine started to get back to a 'new normal'. Behind the scenes the Training Team were busy in readiness for our return to Scouting.

Mandatory training was still at the forefront of Scouting and I want to thank County Training Manager Gemma Higson and all the Local Training Managers for their efforts in pushing this forwards, ensuring that more leaders got to complete their training. This of course will continue as we are constantly pushing to get all our leaders fully trained.

Alongside the mandatory training the Team continued to plan courses and react to the current COVID situation. Courses planned for March and June 2021 unfortunately could not go ahead. However, later in the year we could all enjoy getting back to face-to-face Scouting, catching up on those lost months and starting to enjoy the summer.

October 2021 brought our first face-to-face training course. How good it was to meet up and see everyone again, any apprehensions soon gone with the excitement of seeing our leaders back training and networking.

In March 2022, following on from last year's decision to bring 'Management' training back 'in house', we held our first course and it was great to see so many booked on. We look forward to continuing to offer these courses in the future.

During this year Chris Starkie, in his role as ACC Activities, continued to work with his team and offer assessments where required. His team can offer assessments on hill walking, climbing and water activities and he can be contacted for advice and assessments through the County Website.

Alongside the great work that has been going on, on a personal level it has been great assisting the County Team in planning for the future and working alongside the Senior Leadership Team and the County Executive Committee. There are exciting times ahead with new strategies and visions, looking forwards, which will shape Scouting for future years.

It has been strange finding a way back to Scouting for the team as much as it has been for everyone else. Questions asked as to whether 'Zoom' training is the way forward and what we can do differently to make sure that you our leaders feel like your time given to volunteering is worthwhile. We do know we can make it better; we do know your 'volunteer journey' is important, and as a team we will continue to make being a leader in Greater Manchester West the best we can offer. We are always on the lookout for people to join our Team and this year is no exception, so if you would like to join us please let me know.

As always, my role isn't possible without certain people who make my role look easy; Andy Farrell for all his support - when we plan our vision for the year he is always there to offer assistance when needed, and the members of the County Executive for continuing to offer their support in keeping all your training and courses free of charge.

My personal thanks to all the Team (you know who you are!). They continue to give up their time alongside their other roles to assist in making sure assessments and training are offered. Special thanks to Gemma Higson as County Training Manger working tirelessly alongside LTM's to bring mandatory training up to date, working alongside the planning and the running of the residential courses on offer.

Chris Starkie for his work in bringing the Assessors together and working with them and continuing to make assessments more accessible for you all.

What does the next year hold? One thing I can guarantee is whatever is asked of us we will endeavour to do it to the best of our ability and provide the very best that we can offer.

BISPHAM HALL SCOUT ESTATE

Martin Shaw & Chris Hayes - Campsite Managers

2021 started very differently with the Country still locked down and COVID impacting on the lives of so many across the Country, sadly, over lockdown our team lost several retired members, one being the past Warden Ian Woods and past Assistant Warden Ken Shaw.

Ian was Warden from the mid 1980's until around 2000, unfortunately due to the restrictions we were not able to attend his funeral, however, when the time was right, we held a small memorial celebration in our chapel with Ian's close family and friends.

Ken was Assistant Warden from the late 80's until the mid 90's and then latterly as a Scout Active support member attending most days to assist with ongoing maintenance of the Scout Estate. A guard of honour was held at the site by his friends in his memory.

Once lock down had eased we started to allow staff onto site to undertake some well needed maintenance work. Our 'Monday Club' worked exceptionally hard tidying up, cutting hedges and thinning out trees around the camping areas. Following this work some improvements have also been made to the fields, reseeding areas and improving drainage.

When we were able to meet face-to-face again, we ran some refresher training for staff including 1st Response for all of our duty managers and held a staff social to welcome people back to the site, this was greatly received and really enthused the team.

During the down time of 2020 we had some time to apply for funding bids, one of the grants has allowed us to replace the old shooting container and replace this with a bigger unit which will be able to be used for activities including shooting. The new range has lighting, an indoor waiting area and heating which is a great improvement compared to the old one.

In July some of our team decided to do a sponsored walk to help with fundraising, the team took on the incredible challenge of walking from Bispham in Blackpool to Bispham Hall in Wigan. The walk was 40 miles in distance, the team met in Blackpool at 12am and started on their journey which turned out to be the hottest day of the year.

After around 14 hours of walking, the wanderers returned and soon after realised they had raised £5000 in sponsorship which was an incredible achievement. Shortly after announcing the amount the team had raised, we were delighted to be told that the GMW county Exec decided to match the sponsorship which brought the total to an incredible £10,000. We cannot put into words how proud we were of the people involved in the walk, those that sponsored them and the county exec for their kind contribution.

In August 2021 we reopened the site for camping and for indoor accommodation. The first few weeks were quiet but we certainly returned to normality quickly with people camping or staying in the house every week since. We have also entered into an agreement with a Live Action Role Play (LARP) group who are holding an event at Bispham three times a year, these weekends are hard work for the team but commercially are very lucrative and aid in the development of the campsite.

We also managed to run our annual Chariot Race all be it as a day event rather than the usual weekend. Considering the restrictions it was well attended by local groups who were glad to be back at Bispham Hall.

In addition to the LARP weekends we have hosted a number of district camps from around the North West which we love to do; again these weekends are hard work for the team but being able to support hundreds of young people access these events is amazing, seeing them so happy engaging in positive activity is the thing that keeps us all going when we are cleaning toilets and unblocking drains!

As reported previously we are currently going through a legal process to register the land for Bispham Hall Scout Estate which has been quite an onerous task. It is however essential to safeguard the site for the future. The work in this area is complex and is taking a while to complete but we are hopeful this work will be completed by Summer 2022.

We have plans to continue to make improvements to activities, Bispham House and the wider site. Our team are incredibly hard working and are determined to continually improve the site and work proactively to support leaders to deliver Scouting and to keep our young people safe and happy with some adventure thrown in for fun.

As always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing team, without them we could not do what we do and operate for almost 365 days a year. A massive thanks to them and to all of those that have supported us over the last few difficult years.

DUNHAM PARK SCOUT CAMP

David Hughes - Campsite Manager

With 2021-2022 and the lockdown continuing the site needed to review its way of working. The Tuesday Club, our regular maintenance team, became the Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Club as couples and site buddies continued to keep the site in good condition whilst observing COVID restrictions. We were able to complete a number of jobs around the site either with materials we already had, those donated to the site, or at minimal cost.

Our landlords, the National Trust, are a great supporter of the site. The Trust have been reviewing their tree management of the deer park, and this has allowed us to obtain wood and other materials to put to good use around the site, renewing fencing, hedges and pathways.

With no sign of lockdown ending we kept spending to a minimum, but when reopening was in sight we restarted some site services such as refuse collection, rest room services, and the booking system. We also spent funds making the site Covid compliant, splitting the site into two to allow two groups to 'day visit' at the same time, providing hand sanitizer points, and maximizing signage. With hindsight it would have been better to stay closed. Our Treasurer, Andrew McDonnell has been fantastic with the management of the funds during this difficult time, and with obtaining grants. We are very grateful for his attention to detail.

The maintenance team have been amazing as ever and never cease to surprise me when I have a day off from the site. The major expense during closure was the much needed replacement of the central heating boilers in the Harrop Lodge and the Warden accommodation.

On a number of occasions we have met with the National Trust, at the site, to discuss a tree plan for 2022/2023. They would like to remove a lot of the willow and cherry trees and replace them with more suitable trees. We ourselves lost a few cherry trees during the high winds in early 2022. We have also come to an agreement with the Trust on the renewal of the site lease for a further 10 years. The Trust have sent us a glowing letter of support for the campsite.

In this the 100th year of a campsite at Dunham Park, I am deeply indebted to the teams who support me at the site, from the management team to volunteer duty wardens, and the maintenance team who take on tasks with gusto, allowing the site to develop year by year, undeterred by a pandemic which affected us all. I look forward to welcoming campers and visitors to the camp site for the foreseeable future.

HOLLINWOOD SCOUT CAMP

Ste Butterworth & Mike Dunn - Campsite Managers

Thank You for taking the time to read our 4th Annual Report.

Hollinwood is starting to feel like a campsite.

- We are seeing regular visitors during the warmer months
- Infrastructure projects have come on leaps and bounds
- Our crew numbers remain steady
- Our fundraising efforts are starting to have some success.

Visitors

The 'camp local' message is beginning to filter through to groups and this has meant that we've seen a marked increase in visitor numbers since the last time we reported. Evening visits during the latter part of 2021 have not yet translated into large weekend camps (as of March 31st 2022) however we remain hopeful that this will come in time.

If you haven't yet visited Hollinwood (what are you waiting for?!) then we'd love to show you round our fantastic site so that you can begin to plan your evening programmes or local camps. Our 'Service Crew' weekends (every last Saturday of the month) have seen some success with groups from Eccles and Irlam getting involved in completing essential maintenance at the site. There is plenty to do and jobs can be tailored to suit groups' needs.

We also ran a successful Open Day for the local community in Boothstown in October 2021. This was to allow local people, who we are asking to support Hollinwood, to actually visit us.

Infrastructure

Perhaps the biggest strides forward since our last report have been the installation of the water and electricity supply. The water supply is important as this means we can offer camping to leaders/groups with Nights Away Permits. Previously, camping was only available for leaders/groups with Greenfield Camping Permits. The electricity supply is installed but is currently awaiting final connection from Electricity North West and this is due in June/July 2022.

Our biggest challenge remains the construction of a toilet/shower block. This is covered in the fundraising section below.

A success of the last year has been the construction of our new Field Kitchen. This simple building is situated next to our largest field and is available for use for outside cooking. There are no services connected to the kitchen so groups do need to bring their own gas cooking facilities but is perfect for simple meals and barbecues.

Crew

Our crew members remain our most important asset at Hollinwood. That said, our numbers – while steady – remain low. This affects how we are able to prioritise the work and more crew members would mean being able to build the campsite faster. During the summer months a lot of time is devoted to maintaining what we have rather than being able to concentrate on new building projects.

Our plan for the coming 12 months is to encourage greater numbers of Explorer Scouts to use Hollinwood and to promote our Service Crew weekends. We hope that this will lead to more young people wanting to join our team.

As ever, we are extremely grateful for everyone's' ongoing commitment.

Fundraising

This remains our biggest challenge and although we have had successes we have also had some setbacks. We have been fortunate that our 'Buy-a-Brick' and 'Hollinwood Heroes' campaigns have been well received.

We have now sold 9 'Bricks' (totalling £9,000) to contribute towards our toilet/shower block. Morsons PLC also donated £5,000 to the project and The Booths Charity have pledged £25,000. Along with other local pledges and some reserves we are slowly creeping towards our £250,000 target. We had hoped that a grant application to the Veolia Trust would mean further monies but this wasn't to be. As it stands, we are approximately £90,000 short of our target but certainly in a better place than 12 months ago.

While more modest in size the big success has been our 'Hollinwood Heroes' Campaign. We have around 12 regular supporters who donate a small amount each month direct to the campsite. This has meant that over the last year we've been able to buy new tyres for our tractor, fenceposts, diesel and padlocks to secure our gates. We would love for you to also become a 'Hollinwood Hero'.

Objectives

You may recall that last year we set ourselves some ambitious objectives. However our small crew size and the fact that we needed to build our Field Kitchen has meant that we have had to cut our cloth accordingly. As such we have met only around 50% of our objectives. A short round-up of each is below.

1. Welcome as many young people to site as we possibly can

Under the circumstances we have been open to a number of groups since being able to reopen and we hope to see even more in the 22/23 season. VERDICT – Mostly met.

2. Keep them safe from COVID

Being a large open site the numbers we had were able to freely use the campsite without coming into contact with other groups. VERDICT – Met.

3. Hold service weekends on the last Saturday of the month (May to Sept)

Covid restrictions put a hold on these for the first part of the year. However, we have been able to have a small number of Explorer Units supporting us this year with service days. VERDICT – Mostly met.

4. Double our regular crew numbers to around 20

Increasing our team has been difficult due to restrictions, this will continue into the current year. VERDICT – Not met.

5. Ensure that our field drainage is complete

Costings for this proved to be excessive for this current financial year with quotes coming in at around £20k just for a small part of the site. VERDICT – Not met.

6. Finish creating our camping glades

Work has commenced on some of these but we still need to complete the site clearances, further service crew weekends will be a prime mover for this. VERDICT – Partly met.

7. Purchase a new tractor/mower

Complete! We now have 'Bob', our grass mower. VERDICT – Met.

8. Raise £200,000 for the toilet/shower block

Fundraising has been steady, but we will need further fundraising in the coming year. VERDICT – Not met.

As you can see, Hollinwood Scout Camp is in a much better place than we were just 12 months ago. We would welcome you to come and see the campsite if you haven't yet visited and begin planning how you can use our fantastic space which is right on your doorstep.

If you'd like to take part in Service Crew weekends (the last weekend of the month), support us financially, or with any other support that you can think of, please get in touch. We're especially keen to hear from you if you are interested in becoming a crew member.

Finally, this year saw us say good-bye to two long-standing members of our Executive Team: Sue Leonard and Paul Lowe. Sue and Paul have been connected with Hollinwood and previously Middlewood for as long as most of us can remember. We are very grateful for all the hard work, advice and encouragement that they have given us. There remains a position on our Executive Committee for a member from Lilford District.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

CENSUS 2022.

Census of County Membership in Gt. Manchester West For the year ending 31st January 2022

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrel Scouts	0	0	0	0	0
Beaver Scouts	937	197	1	8	1,143
Cub Scouts	1,157	288	1	9	1,455
Scouts	899	271	2	3	1,175
Explorer Scouts (including Young Leaders)	241	123	0	3	367
Network members	55	20	0	1	76
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,289	899	4	24	4,216
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	145	119	1	0	265
Assistant Section Leaders	222	177	3	1	403
Section Assistants	60	61	0	0	121
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	427	357	4	1	789
Young Leaders ⁺	63	50	0	0	113
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	490	407	4	1	902
LINE MANAGER ROLES					

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Group Scout Leaders	39	21	0	0	60
District Commissioners	7	0	0	0	7
District ES/SN Commissioners	3	0	0	0	3
County* Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
County* ES/SN Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	50	21	0	0	71
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	35	14	0	0	49
Group Secretary	10	32	0	0	42
Group Treasurer	29	31	0	0	60
Group Executive members	44	46	0	0	90
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	118	123	0	0	241
District Chair	7	0	0	0	7
District Secretary	0	7	0	0	7
District Treasurer	5	2	0	0	7
District Executive members	4	4	0	0	8
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	16	13	0	0	29
County* Chair	0	0	0	0	0
County* Secretary	0	1	0	0	1
County* Treasurer	1	0	0	0	1
County* Executive members	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNTY* GOVERNANCE ROLES	1	1	0	0	2
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	135	137	0	0	272

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	4	4	0	0	8
Group Administrators/Supporters	0	6	0	0	6
Group Skills Instructors	7	4	0	0	11
Other Group Adults	28	10	0	0	38
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	39	24	0	0	63
Deputy District Commissioners	4	1	0	0	5
District Youth Commissioners	0	2	0	0	2
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	7	9	0	0	16
District Leaders	1	1	0	0	2
District Administrators/Supporters	8	8	0	0	16
District Skills Instructors	1	2	0	0	3
Other District Support roles	6	2	0	0	8
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	27	25	0	0	52
Deputy County* Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
County* Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy County* Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant County* Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
County* Leaders	0	0	0	0	0
County* Administrators/Supporters	1	2	0	0	3
County* Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other County* Support roles	4	4	0	0	8
TOTAL COUNTY* SUPPORT ROLES	9	6	0	0	15

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Active Support	70	52	0	0	122
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	145	107	0	0	252

TOTALS

TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	3,289	899	4	24	4,216
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	757	622	4	1	1,384

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	4,046	1,521	8	25	5,600
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Total Membership due to pay the Headquarters Membership Subscription
i.e. Total of Youth Membership excluding Scout Network

4,140

UNITS

Squirrel Scout Dreys	1
Beaver Scout Colonies	82
Cub Scout Packs	89
Scout Troops	73
Explorer Scout Units (Including YL Units)	37
Local Scout Networks	8
Active Support Units	25
Young Leader Units	6
Groups	83
Districts	8

* Also includes roles in Regions/Countries; + YL totals are not included in the overall totals as Young Leaders are already included in Explorer Scout totals.



GREATER MANCHESTER WEST COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

**Report & Accounts for the year ended
31 March 2022**

PRESIDENT Sir Warren Smith KCVO, KStJ, JP Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

VICE PRESIDENTS Mr Geoffrey Sides
Mrs Vera Crossley
Colonel Sir John Timmins, KCVO, OBE, KStJ, TD, DL, DSc, LLD

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* Mr Andrew Farrell County Commissioner
County Chair (Vacant)
Mrs Jean Archer County Secretary
Mr Roger Kettle County Treasurer
Mr Lewis Foster County Youth Commissioner (to 29.9.21)

Elected To be advised - Salford Metro
Mr Clive Winby - Trafford Metro (South) (from 29.9.21)
Mr Solomon Cuthbertson - Trafford Metro (North) (from 29.9.21)
Mr Lewis Foster - Wigan Metro (from 29.9.21)

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Mr David Copeland

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MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

A separate report, detailing major Scouting activities and achievements this year, is associated.

Hollinwood Scout Camp is continuing to improve its facilities regularly, with its own fundraising and donations. The funds GMW received on the closure of Middlewood Scout Camp have now been transferred to Hollinwood, less expenses incurred, which GMW paid on their behalf while Hollinwood accounts were set up.

The County has continued to support groups, within GMW with the OSM (Online Scout Manager) programme. The purchase has been reduced to 50% for groups with GMW contributing the other 50%. *GMW must pay the full amount and retrieve the balance from the Group.*

The International Fund is kept in a separate CAF bank account which is used to receive individual payments for international expeditions and to make payments related to those expeditions. This fund is shown as restricted as GMW is only an acting agent for this account. Most of the balance in this International Account is currently payments paid towards the cost of the 2023 Jamboree in South Korea.

I have now moved the recording of the accounts from a spreadsheet to a programme called Club Treasurer. This gives us more flexibility for inputting information and creating reports for the County Team by event. Chris Varley, our independent examiner, has produced the Year End Accounts using the data directly from this programme.

General comment

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to hold funds against specific purposes only. General funds shown on the closing balance are, therefore, all allocated to designated funds, as shown on page 3. Such funds are to enable the administration of the County and management of the campsites to be carried out in accordance with minimum standards and local initiatives, to provide support for adult training & development and the management of Scouting activities, to develop Scouting within the County and to allocate an agreed level of financial grants towards the furtherance of Scouting within the County.

The Trustees' policy on interest received from invested funds is to retain such income to preserve the value of the investments.

The renewal/replacement and acquisition plan for our assets continued, in line with our authorised budget.

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the County is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

The assessed contingency has been revised to £17,375 in conjunction with our budget setting procedures.

The objects of the County are as detailed within the Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The County is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Counties.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis in line with the Scout Association's rules as amended by the Committee of Council in January 2005.

Approved by the trustees on 31-Aug-22 and signed on their behalf by

County Secretary _____ Jean Archer

County Treasurer _____ Roger Kettle

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended

31 March 2022

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	2021 - 22			2020 - 21	
	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Total receipts for the year (see page 4)	105,966	43,061	-	149,026	102,414
Total payments for the year (see page 5)	104,432	17,669	-	122,101	96,188
Net receipts (payments) for the year .	1,534	25,392	-	26,925	6,227
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	173,758	2,814	-	176,572	170,345
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	175,291	28,206	-	203,497	176,572

NOTE

General Funds, shown on the closing balance, are allocated to the following designated funds:-

Name	Purpose	2021 - 22 Total Funds £	2020 - 21 Total Funds £
ADMINISTRATION			
Contingency (& In hand)	Amount to be held against identified and assessed financial risks within the Administration funds (plus amounts C/F in Cty Office (cash), in Network, and International accounts.)	17,375	17,375
Development Grants	Annual budget agreed By Executive to support specific activities/groups/training.	10,000	10,000
Restricted International Fund	To hold and control funds on behalf of participants for specific International events.	28,206	2,814
Hollinwood Reserves:	Trading reserves transferred from Middlewood Camp Site plus an initial capital reserve from General Funds to cover development costs, less capital spend to date	-	27,218
Projects Loan	Available to support any development projects within the County. Disbursed by exception by agreement of County Executive Cimmittee, as required	14,474	14,474
Office & Training	Regular day to day maintenance and development spending	64,491	74,725
		134,546	146,606
CAMP SITES			
Hollinwood Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Hollinwood Camp Site	39,356	12,894
Dunham Trading	Value as shown on the individual trading balance for use to support the operation at Dunham Park Camp Site	29,595	17,072
		68,951	29,966
		203,497	176,572

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 31-Aug-22 and signed on their behalf by the County Secretary and the County Treasurer.

	2021 - 22					2020 - 21	
	General Funds						
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £	Total General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £	TOTAL ALL FUNDS £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS							
Gross Receipts	171,035	-	-	171,035	-	171,035	192,888
Less Paid to H.Q.	135,324	-	-	135,324	-	135,324	144,666
Net Receipts to County	35,711	-	-	35,711	-	35,711	48,222
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED							
Bank interest	21	2	3	26	-	26	82
60 Day account interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21	2	3	26	-	26	82
DONATIONS/GRANTS							
Miscellaneous donations	50	22,745	-	-	-	-	707
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000
Patrons Scheme Development	1,211	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Income	0	35	4,216	-	-	-	266
Other Donations - Hollinwood	13	-	22,508	-	-	-	11,161
	1,273	22,780	26,724	50,777	-	50,777	23,134
ACTIVITIES							
International	-	-	-	-	43,061	43,061	28,379
Other County Events/Activity	3,548	-	-	-	-	-	1,168
Camping/Activity Fees	-	15,011	677	15,688	-	15,688	-
	3,548	15,011	677	19,236	43,061	62,297	29,547
TRAINING COURSE FEES							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUND RAISING							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER INCOME							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUNDRY RECEIPTS							
Providore Sales	-	193	-	193	-	193	98
Misc other receipts	-	-	23	23	-	23	126
	-	193	23	216	-	216	224
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	40,553	37,986	27,427	105,966	43,061	149,026	101,209

	2021 - 22				2020 - 21		
	General Funds			Total General Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
	Administration	Dunham Park Camp Site	Hollinwood Camp Site				
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
RUNNING COSTS							
Rent / Rates	3,579	1,170	1,020	5,769	-	5,769	6,102
Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	1,517	-	1,517	-	1,517	776
Other fuel costs	-	1,618	-	1,618	-	1,618	800
Insurances	917	3,098	-	4,015	-	4,015	3,402
Telephone	236	350	-	586	-	586	533
Stamps/Stationery/MinorPurchases	29	-	-	29	-	29	19
Photocopier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I.T. Services	634	524	-	1,158	-	1,158	1,302
Security costs	-	1,053	-	1,053	-	1,053	1,966
Cleaning	-	1,882	1,680	3,562	-	3,562	78
Waste Disposal	-	2,577	-	2,577	-	2,577	666
T.V. Licence	-	172	-	172	-	172	-
Vehicle costs	-	-	855	855	-	855	-
Legal	-	-	406	406	-	406	-
Environmental	-	-	1,084	1,084	-	1,084	-
Other miscellaneous	156	341	149	647	-	647	1,714
	5,552	14,302	5,195	25,049	-	25,049	17,359
STAFF & VOLUNTEER COSTS							
Staff costs	7,827	-	-	7,827	-	7,827	7,677
Expenses	42	-	-	42	-	42	47
Refreshments & Hospitality	-	162	46	208	-	208	43
	7,869	162	46	8,077	-	8,077	7,766
FEES & OTHER REGULAR COSTS							
AGM/Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
ASSET MANAGEMENT							
Renewals, Replacements & Repair	-	3,285	8,741	12,026	-	12,026	2,609
New	186	10,405	14,992	25,582	-	25,582	4,396
	186	13,690	23,732	37,608	-	37,608	7,005
DONATIONS&GRANTS/DEVELOPMENT							
Development initiatives	11,000	-	-	11,000	-	11,000	-
Development	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Hollinwood Development	18,008	-	(18,008)	-	-	-	5,000
	39,008	-	(18,008)	21,000	-	21,000	5,000
STOCK PURCHASES							
Providore	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800
	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800
ACTIVITIES							
International	-	-	-	-	17,669	17,669	40,186
Other Events/Activity	2,473	1,042	-	3,515	-	3,515	1,400
Covid 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,303
	2,473	1,042	-	3,515	17,669	21,184	43,889
TRAINING COSTS							
	3,850	-	-	3,850	-	3,850	393
SUNDRY PAYMENTS							
Misc	1,245	-	-	1,245	-	1,245	724
Branding	99	-	-	99	-	99	452
OSM	3,870	-	-	3,870	-	3,870	11,610
Digital & Website	120	-	-	120	-	120	90
	5,334	-	-	5,334	-	5,334	12,876
FUND RAISING EXPENSES							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	64,271	29,196	10,965	104,432	17,669	122,101	96,188

	2021 - 22			Total Value £	2020 - 21 Total Value £
	Administration £	Dunham Park Camp Site £	Hollinwood Camp Site £		
ASSETS					
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds					
Operating Account(s) (current & instant withdrawal savings a/cs)	1,048	27,834	39,020	67,902	43,586
Bank Premium/Deposit Account(s) (CAF Gold)	105,243	-	-	105,243	129,039
International Account	28,205	-	-	28,205	2,813
Cash in hand	50	1,761	336	2,147	1,134
	134,546	29,595	39,356	203,497	176,572
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Accounts receivable	-	1,302	-	1,302	-
Debts Due to County	-	-	(10,000)	-	10,000
	-	1,302	(10,000)	- 8,698	10,000
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (for own use)					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Computer equipment	107	-	-	107	-
	107	-	-	107	-
TOTAL ASSETS	134,653	30,897	29,356	194,906	186,572
LIABILITIES					
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
Accounts not yet paid	600	537	1,610	2,747	2,179
Deposits received in advance	-	4,533	-	4,533	12,154
	600	5,070	1,610	7,280	14,333
PAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR					
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	600	5,070	1,610	7,280	14,333
<u>BALANCE OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES</u>	<u>134,053</u>	<u>25,827</u>	<u>27,746</u>	<u>187,626</u>	<u>172,239</u>
CONTINGENCIES & FUTURE OBLIGATIONS					
Capital spend committed re Hollinwood	-	-	-	-	-
Admin contingency (assessed annually) & cash in hand	17,375	-	-	17,375	17,375
	17,375	-	-	17,375	17,375

I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The County's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the County 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
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 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

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

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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