



## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

**Greater Manchester North Scout County**

Annual Report and Accounts 2022 -2023

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## County Commissioner Report

Another busy year for Scouting has been achieved across the County. This past year has seen many Districts embracing District events and camps and Scouting returning to activities that hadn't been delivered pre-covid. The enthusiasm amongst our young people and leaders has been felt across the County.

The WSJ Unit leaders were busy supporting our contingent members develop the skills required to sustain them while on the WSJ and while the Jamboree didn't take place in the 2022-23 Financial year, they are to be applauded for the way they embraced the challenges they were confronted with in the later part of their preparation to go and whilst they were there. We were also fortunate that we have adult members who are part of the international and contingent service teams for World Scout Jamboree 2023. As you can imagine they were all kept busy fundraising and all succeeded in fundraising the £4,000 required to attend.

As a County we have grown again, which is a fantastic achievement and whilst we still haven't returned to our pre-pandemic membership numbers for the County we are getting there. This is evident in the number of higher Awards that have been achieved across the County across all our sections.

This year, I have had the pleasure of attending presentations from some of our young adult leaders as they achieved the highest awards in scouting, these being the last few Queen Scout Awards and now King Scout Awards. These awards are higher than the Duke of Edinburgh Awards but the good news is that the requirements for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award feed into the King Scout Award so if you know any Youth members that have the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, please encourage them to go top it up to the Kings Scout Award.

In the past year we have welcomed 2 new District Commissioners to the County. Stacey White to Prestwich Radcliffe and Whitefield and Chris Taylor to Oldham. This has meant we have said thank you to Dave Hamilton who was District Commissioner for Oldham and is now enjoying a well-earned rest while he ponders on what role he would like to do next.

We say thank you to Liz Farr who was acting District Commissioner for Prestwich Radcliffe and Whitefield and has now embraced the challenges of Transformation. We also said goodbye and thank you to Rob Pimblett who was District Commissioner for Bolton South with Farnworth and we are currently recruiting for his role. I am grateful to Kim who has agreed to cover Bolton South with Farnworth until a new District Commissioner is appointed.

I would like to thank Stephen for being my County Chairman. Stephen runs the County Executive smoothly and efficiently and is a good counter balance when we discuss the challenges and quick wins that we have as a trustee board. I am very lucky to have such a supportive County Trustee board composed of Clive treasurer, Pat, Chris, Anne and Keith, Chris T, Eddie and Kim who endeavour to keep us all safe and efficient. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheila who was Secretary for us for all her hard work as she has sadly stepped back to spend more time with family.

And thank you to our County Team, Paddy Chris, Liz, Ann and Pat and our Assistant County Commissioners Chris, Steve and Kathy and my District Commissioners, Alan, Chris, Kim, Lee and Stacey. You all ensure that your Districts are running safely. You have embraced the challenges along with your teams of ensuring that your leaders keep their mandatory training which include safety and safeguarding are up to date, keeping both our young people and leaders safe – and you do this in the “hour a week” we all signed up to give to support our young people in Scouting.

So finally, can I say a big thank you to all of you here tonight, those of you that are busy running meetings, those of you that were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting and every wife/husband/partner/grandparent and youth member that supports you the leader to get meet with our youth members every week regardless of the weather. Without you all, I would not be here tonight to support you in delivering Scouting. Thank you.

Cathy Ward

County Commissioner

## County Chairman's Report

The County Executive members, now known as County Trustees continue to provide essential support to The County, and Commissioner with the transformation project and revised trustee roles high on our priorities list. I really appreciate the contributions from all the trustees and the way in which support has been provided particularly in a year where dispute resolution and safeguarding issues have been very prominent. The counties membership numbers have bounced back and I hope by January 2024 we may be back to near parity with pre-2020 levels.

The Scouting year has featured our County contingent to the World Scouting Jamboree in South Korea, and all the hard work and enthusiasm that went into turning thirty-nine individuals into a single cohesive team prepared for the challenges ahead. Strictly speaking the events in Korea fell into the time covered by next years report, but in hindsight the preparations' stood everyone in good stead for all the challenges that occurred in South Korea. Congratulations to unit leaders Darren, Norma, Amanda and Billy on everything you achieved.

Over the last year I have continued meeting with the District Chairman and we have also run the first pilot of a trustee workshop, supporting Group and District trustee members. We intend continuing this support to help encourage each other running more workshops in your own Districts. The district "Chairs" have notably supported each other in the transformation project at Trustee level and this had been great to see.

The County building has started to come back to life. The bunkrooms have been refurbished, decorated and new bunks added to increase capacity. Andy Edwards and his working teams have put in a lot of effort and it is showing dividends. The building is now fully available for hire, open for anyone to make use of for events, sleepovers and meetings.

By the time we reach this year's Annual general meeting we may know who is to take over Cathy's role as County Commissioner. It's been an interesting, challenging, even exciting five years working with and supporting Cathy as she led the County. I've learnt a lot, thank you for all the fun, friendship and challenge. We will miss you as County Commissioner.

Stephen Allan

Chairman County Trustees

## Adult Training

First, a huge “thank you” goes to the team of Local Training Managers, Advisors and Trainers that ensure we have skilled and validated adults working and developing young people for a better future in their lives. We have run 187 sessions of training and development this year and the feedback from those attending has been very positive with most stating that it has been worthwhile and feel better prepared for their local Scouting.

We have completed a manager’s course to support new Group and District Leaders with superb development projects as a result. Essentially this course is developing Management and Leadership skills to support effective running of a Scout Group. We have started a series of District Trustee Workshops that support the Group and District Trustee Boards and supporting the new National Transformation development of Scouting. First Aid training continues to be popular and equipping Leaders with the Skills and Knowledge to manage a first aid incident and response. This two-part course has changed significantly over the past 12 months and will soon become mandatory for adults in a leadership role. We have completed two mental health awareness courses in supporting leaders working with young people and adults and is more needed today than ever before.

In the new Transformation programme, the Wood Badge becomes an option for adults to be “better skilled “with Leadership and management and will still be available. This year a complete modular programme has been run in Districts and at County HQ with over 60 people gaining the ultimate Adult Training Award. The County Permit Scheme which allows adults to gain skills to then take young people Canoeing, Camping, Rock climbing and other activities like Archery has been very popular with most courses run at capacity. The new Transformation programme will mean more learning at local and community level with face-to-face learning at County level for practical and specialist courses to ensure communication, a mixing of ideas and better programmes for young people.

Pat Farr

County Training Manager Trustee

## Transformation

What a busy year! The Transformation is well and truly underway now with the early adopter counties moving across to the new ways of working next month.

We started the year holding briefings in Districts and also various District and Group meetings together with training courses and also with the County team. The changes have been explained in a monthly County newsletter which I hope has been helpful for you and finally the Transformation team of Mel, Margaret, Rick, Darren, Stephen and Helen have been working within their own Districts and now particularly with Groups to explain and guide you through the changes. Let them know if you need help.

It's a massive project, not due to end until 2025, with changes to our recruitment, induction and welcome processes; the switch from training to learning, changes to our structures and titles and exciting new digital tools to support all the change. If you would like any of us to give any briefings anywhere in the County, please let me know. I'm also at County headquarters on the 3rd Monday in the month for a chat or explanation of anything that is confusing you.

The following should either be in place now or you should be positively working towards them being in place urgently.

- Cleansing Compass data in preparation for the new membership system in February.
- Discussing, making a commitment to & using the new statement of Our Volunteering Culture.
- Using the new team structures in Groups, Districts and County.
- Change Group, District executives to Trustee Boards.
- Increasing the usage of the new Digital Skills Tool.

Finally, I'd like to thank Mel, Margaret, Rick, Darren, Stephen & Helen and also Derek & Charlie, our Digital Champions and to Tim who is supporting the Digital change. I couldn't do this role without them all and I'm very grateful for their help and support.

Liz Farr

County Transformation Lead

## Pennine District

Isn't it nice not to be interrupted by lockdowns, major illnesses and worse. Yes, I think the Covid crisis is over and scouting in Pennine district is doing very well because of it. All our groups are growing and I am seeing increasing youth numbers in all sections. The other groups are having a similar experience. Of course, leaders are always in short supply. But, with the help of the new Scout volunteer campaign, I am very hopeful that we can redress this situation.

In the last 12 months, we have started and grown 2 new Squirrels sections and they are doing well. So, congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> Heywood and the 7thA Spotland groups. Others may well follow and I look forward to more successes. In June 2022, the 5<sup>th</sup> Pennine group restarted and has gone from strength to strength. They have recently opened a scout section and all sections are now full. You can't ask for much more than that. All the above (and more) shows there is a real demand for scouting in the district and we are all doing very well to accommodate this. On to other news.

And the big news at the moment is the World Scout Jamboree. Greater Manchester North County are able to send up to 36 young people and 4 leaders to South Korea and I am very proud to say that 15 of those young people and 3 of the leaders are from Pennine. What a fantastic effort. It has been a lot of hard work and effort from all those concerned (and their friends and family) to raise the necessary funds, but they have all done it and we look forward to hearing about all their efforts after they get back at the end of August.

We have had some very successful district events. Beavers and Cubs have been out and about and Scouts have a long list planned for this year and next. Explorers are doing well and I am delighted to see joint efforts between Explorer Units – indicating that we are working well as unified Pennine Explorers. Network Scouts are beginning to come together under the stewardship of Jon Gillibrand and I look forward to a successful restart here soon. You can read more about all of this from the other reports in this booklet.

We had a very successful unified St Georges Day event recently. We had representation from all three townships and I am confident that this is the way forward for such events. It is just more proof that Pennine, as a district is working well together. We have had many awards during the past 12 months and I was proud to be able to present some of them at the recent St Georges Day event.

Some scouts and leaders were invited down to London for the Kings Coronation. They all said it was hard work but that they enjoyed it immensely.

Here, you can see Sasha standing in for the Queen 😊

Of course, none of this would be possible without our great leaders. From the occasional helpers up to section leaders, GROUP SCOUT LEADERS and beyond; I see happy smiling faces and it is obvious that everyone involved enjoys being there and sees Scouting as something essential to our future. So, a very big **THANK YOU** from me to all of you. Without you all, we would not have Scouting in Pennine. I'll close the report here and stop rambling on. I wish you all Happy Scouting for the future.



Alan Sharkey

Pennine District Commissioner.

## Oldham Borough District

My report from Oldham for the first 5 months in DC post, First and foremost a special thank you to Dave Hamilton for his tenure as DC for Oldham. It's been a hectic first few months in Post which has been both challenging and rewarding. I would also like to pass on a special thanks to our Oldham representatives at the World Scout Jamboree Amanda Whitehead, Eve, Bethany, Oliver, James, Harvey, Harrison, Autumn and George also the support groups Kathy, Kate Temple Heald and Jack Ratcliffe. Many challenges faced but a great experience for all, we will look forward to their numerous stories to be shared with all the groups as we move forward.



Next, I wanted to get out and meet as many groups as possible, currently I have visited approximately half. I will get out to the rest of the groups & Sections through September and October. On each visit there was a great warm welcome to Sue Allan (District Chair) and I. Not only have we been able to visit the groups and sections on a normal night, but we have also been invited to some special award ceremonies from Moorside, St Aidens, Tarqwa and the Thinkers Forum and thanks again for these invites as these are really special moments in Scouting for all concerned.



Some of my Initial observations from these visits are that the Young People all seem to enjoy their Scouting Experience, from a volunteer perspective this is slightly different, this is mainly down to the numbers. We face a great challenge in recruitment, training and retention of volunteers. On this note there will be some help coming our way, as County along with help from Oldham Borough have managed to secure a funding bid to secure a 1/3 share of 2 full time growth officers. If your group need help in this please contact me or anyone on the district team for your recommendations.

Programmes wise I believe we could do more. Early observation is that there is a low number of top awards being given and not too many activity badges on sleeves, this indicates that we may be struggling to fit this in on a group Evening, this may be down to planning or difficulties in understanding delivery. To help address this I will be challenging our District Borough team to come up with some badge days specifically targeting

programme, some Information Technology Support in terms of Internet access to the groups and free access to tools like Online Scout manager (OSM) and the new Scout compass database replacement, which I am being told will contain a programme module. With the correct level of training on how to use these tools.

Section wise we are not in a good place, too many groups contain only one or 2 sections, we only have one group with all sections covered. On a sad note, we have had to close two groups in the last 6 months with others under threat. please contact our team as soon as possible if you feel your group is under threat. On top of this we have a consistently high number of Volunteers who have their DBS, Safety, safeguarding, first aid and General Data protection training not up to date. This stops our team moving forward as we must chase these up, this stops us concentrating on improvements to the borough, since I started, I have informed over 130 of our volunteers they are behind on one of the above. This is over 60% of all our leaders. If the Group Scout Leaders's are struggling with this task, please could you contact me on an individual basis as soon as possible. Issues to do with training please speak to Andy Edwards email [eddiescoutuk@gmail.com](mailto:eddiescoutuk@gmail.com)

The trustee board has been busy working through your feedback on potential spend, grouping the same comments and then looking a prioritising them for budgeting through 2023 onwards. This will be shared with you all on what this will be. We have also identified the old 3<sup>rd</sup> Royton St Annes as a temporary HQ for Oldham Borough. We will be helping to renovate this structure as we move forward to help facilitate, District, Trustee, programme and transformation sessions. Oldham Explorers will also be using St Annes for their group meetings, plus we will be storing camping stock acquired for use across the district.

The former Executive has been replaced with a new Trustee Board for the borough. Following this we will be creating a new programme team, District Team and training Team a lot of which will be under the banner of the transformation project led by Stephen Exton and myself any questions on Transformation should be directed to Transformation Lead [tfl@oldham.gmnscoouts.org.uk](mailto:tfl@oldham.gmnscoouts.org.uk)

### **What can we expect from the next phases in the Scouting transformation In Oldham:**

- A warmer Welcome for every one of our new Volunteers.
  - Welcome meetings.
  - Digital progress tracking.
- Simplifying Roles and Structure
  - Your roles will be given new titles for e.g. My job title will go from District Commissioner to Lead Volunteer for Oldham Borough.
- More engaging Learning
  - New digital tools
  - Reduction in admin
  - Core Learning: Mandatory and optional content
- Digital Champions to support the above.
- Timeline For 2023
  - District team including Group Scout Leader's to Clean up the Compass database.
  - Each Group and District to develop a change Plan this will be led by Stephen Exton (Team lead for Transformation.)
  - Change Team Roles.
  - Begin Welcome Conversations.
  - Trustee Boards in Place.
- Timeline for 2024
  - Go Live with new system.

Transformation workshops, district meetings and Scout programme for 2023-24 to be scheduled through September 2023.

Oldham Annual General Meeting was held on 8th June at County Scout headquarters, Middleton

A summary of the meeting

The following members to the District Trustee Board were approved by the District Scout Council

Chair Sue Allan

Secretary David Riley

Treasurer Sharon Bohanna

Elected members A. Edwards, C. Body, K. Wood, L. Thompson, N. Kayley

District Commissioners nomination O. Millar, S. Exton, B. Radcliffe

Ex Officio Members DYC J. Ratcliffe, DESC (vacant), DSNC R. Partington

Adoption of the Constitution of the Scout District as laid out in Rule 5.4 POR was approved.

The Quorum was set at 60%

Andy Edwards was approved as representative to the County Scout council.

R. Hamilton was appointed Auditor

A full copy of the minutes can be obtained from the District Secretary.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **HIGH CROMPTON HOPE WALK 2023**

#### **INFORMATION**

It's a 5-, 10- or 20-mile sponsored walk to raise money for the charity Papyrus

How do we get involved? Teams of between 4 and 6 to complete either the 5- or 10-mile walk.

Who can take part? Anyone, but it is a great event for Cubs, Scouts or Explorer Scouts. Please note for any young people taking part their leaders must take responsibility for them and to ensure that all Scouting rules are adhered to. (Please contact Paddy for advice)

When is it? Saturday 14th October. You will be contacted with your start which is estimated to be between 9 and 11.

Is there a cost? £5 donation per person and for people to raise as much as they can either through sponsorship form or through the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-fitchett4>

Anything else? Yes! Follow share and like our Page on Facebook-search High Crompton Hope Walk 2023.

Want more information. email Paddy on [hopewalk2023@aol.com](mailto:hopewalk2023@aol.com)

#### **AWARDS EVENING**

A chance to enjoy yourselves without the YP!

The Annual Leaders Award Evening this year will be held on 1st December, 7pm for 7.30pm, at The Event Centre, Boundary Park Football Ground. Please access the car park from Broadway. A 3-course dinner will be served followed by the presentation of Awards to Leaders. The dress code is 'smart casual'.

Tickets are £25 each, however, the Trustee Board have decided to subsidise the event, meaning that each ticket will only cost £15 each (Oldham based others £25).

Please contact the District Chair, Sue Allan for tickets. ([sm.allan@sky.com](mailto:sm.allan@sky.com))

#### **FUN DAY @ DOG HILL**

Activity Fun Day for Leaders, members of your group, family and friends.

7th. October. 10am to 4pm. All our brand-new activities will be open for you to try as well as special activities, including a large inflatable obstacle course, bouncy castle, food and drink.

As this event is predicted to be the largest, we have ever organized we would appreciate any help on the day.

Parking is restricted so please park on Buckstones Road.

Contact Jack on [jack.ratcliffe1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jack.ratcliffe1@ntlworld.com) for further details.

### **TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS**

For Scouts and Explorer Scouts

Sunday 22nd October

Contact Barry on [barry.ratcliffe@ntlworld.com](mailto:barry.ratcliffe@ntlworld.com)

Christopher Taylor, "Chris"

Oldham Borough District Commissioner

## Bolton Moorland District

I am pleased to report that this year has been far more settled. Our census return shows a growth of 9% in new members. However, as always, and I'm sure across the country, we continue to need to find new leaders.

We have continued to provide a varied and inspiring program for all our young people across the district. Our Beaver swimming gala was held at the new Horwich leisure centre, Cubs went to visit Jodrell Bank and Scouts held a skills day at Bibby's.

Over the year we have been able to return to international scouting. Ignite and Clitheroe explorers teamed up and went to the Swedish Jamboree; 16th Bolton Scouts went to Croatia; BEEST were visited by a Ugandan Scout leader who had been on placement at the University. 8th Bolton were also given the opportunity to do their summer camp on a canal boat in London.

In May last year I attended the National Basecamp conference in Manchester, where we heard about the upcoming changes and what we now know as Transformation. We are a movement, and so we change and evolve. The new changes to team-based leadership, training and dare I say it changes in role names will hopefully enable us to recruit more leaders to enable to continue to grow as an organisation and provide amazing opportunities for both young people and adults. In June we were invited to the lighting of the Beacon at Bolton Parish Church as part of the celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee.

In January a small number from the district formed part of the welcome party for the new King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their visit to Bolton to celebrate 150 years of the Town Hall. We joined up with representatives from Bolton South with Farnworth and PRAWs. Thank you to all the leaders who were able to nominate young people at 3 days' notice so that we were able to provide a group of young people that genuinely represented Bolton Moorland.

In May some of our younger leaders went as part of the Scout contingent supporting the Coronation of King Charles III. We are also delighted that Ryan Bibby is the first recipient in the district of the Kings Scout Award. We continue to provide financial support to those that need it, and are happy to have contributed to the fundraising efforts of those attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. We had 8 young people who went to South Korea as part of the country contingent, Bees with Seoul, and 3 adults there as part of the International Support Team (IST)

The coming year, which at the time of the Annual General Meeting we are part into, sees our first District Camp, a joint Explorer Belt to Sweden with Bolton South with Farnworth and we are looking forward to the opening of our first Squirrel Drey with plans for more to follow.

Kim Carmyllie

Bolton Moorland Lead Volunteer

## Bury and Ramsbottom District

Looking back at the last few months, I have been to a number of groups who have shown me the great enthusiasm in scouting which is amazing to see. Going to a couple of Annual General meetings where they describe what they have done over the year it's nice to see the difference in the groups and how we all look at the programs differently.

I have been grateful to go round different groups to give out several adult awards and gives me the opportunity to thank volunteers.

When going to one group, one of the scouts showed me how to change a plug, how to read a map and struggle to start a fire with a flint and steel. I enjoy listening to the scouts and find out what they enjoy and learn.

Thank you for everyone's help over census time. Going through each groups census is a quick turn around and making sure everyone's details are correct can be stressful, but we got it all processed in time to get it sent out.

Well done to all the groups at the Pike view Hike. Getting 5 places in the top ten and the first three places in scouts. This is a phenomenal position, and thanks to the leaders who helped train them to get there.

Going into the coming months, I would like to review every group's occasional helper to make sure everyone is valid and go through whether we need to review how we do this. I am spending a lot of time sorting out whether people should be suspending over overdue training and overdue DBS' checks.

Lee Ribchester

Bury and Ramsbottom District

## Awards

### Good Service Awards received from Aug 2022 – April 2023

The award process is working well now in the simplified online format. However, for any award to be considered, **every** volunteer must be up to date with their mandatory training units and the training required for their specific role(s). This includes all leaders and administrative volunteers. If anyone has a completed PLP please make sure that this has been converted into a Wood badge, where required.

Listed below are the details of those Good Service awards received since August 2022

Name	Award	District
Derek Redfern	Silver Wolf	Pennine
Margaret Duckworth	Silver Wolf	Bury & Ramsbottom
Keith Duckworth	Bar to Silver Acorn	Bury & Ramsbottom
Keith Lofthouse	Bar to Silver Acorn	Bury & Ramsbottom
Mike Phillips	Bar to Silver Acorn	Pennine
Richard Baron	Bar to Silver Acorn	Pennine
Liz Farr	Bar to Silver Acorn	Greater Manchester North County
Patt Farr	Bar to Silver Acorn	Greater Manchester North County
Avril Redfern (RIP)	Silver Acorn	Pennine
Jack Priestley	Silver Acorn	Pennine
Hilary Marston	Silver Acorn	Bolton South with Farnworth
Yvonne Wolstencroft	Silver Acorn	Preswich Radcliffe & Whitefield
Bill Fern	Silver Acorn	Pennine
Emma Scantlebury	Meritorious Conduct Award	Calderdale & Pennine
Lucy Scantlebury	Meritorious Conduct Award	Pennine
Stephen Gehlhaar	Meritorious Conduct Award	Bury & Ramsbottom

In addition to these we have had **76** other awards across the County

**47 Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service**

**19 Awards for Merit & 10 Bar to Award for Merit**

I'm sure there are many more worthy people out there. If you know anyone who has completed a minimum of 5 years' service and holds a Wood badge for their role, or anyone who has held an administrative post for 5 or more years, with appropriate training, then they are eligible for consideration for an award. If you know of someone or would like further information, then please contact me.

During the coming months, the Compass database is due to be migrated to a new system. It is essential that everyone's records reflect their service and training before the new system is operative. Please pass this message out to all our volunteers.

Anne Williams

County Awards Recipient



## Unit 52 – 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree

Well, what an amazing 2 years it has been! From us 4 leaders being selected in October 2021 to arriving back in Manchester after 3 weeks in Korea in August 2023, every unit member has had a once in a lifetime opportunity, which was unforgettable and life changing.

As you may have seen in the news, our time in Korea was not at all what we expected it to be, but it certainly was an adventure!

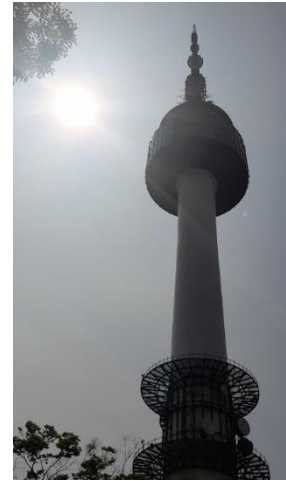
The 18 months leading up to the Jamboree was filled with 6 training camps including a weeklong camp at Red Rose 2022 and a weekend in Paris, socials such as water activity days, hikes and movie night sleepovers, £160,000 worth of fundraising and of course for the leaders, lots of planning meetings! The regular meet ups and team building exercises we had really paid off when we arrived in Korea.

On Thursday 27th July, our coach departed County HQ at 5am.



It was a long journey to Korea, via Munich, and we arrived in Seoul at 9am the next day, local time. We travelled across Seoul to Gangnam, via train and subway, where we were staying in a Novotel. Our first real experience of the heat was when we came out of the metro station and it was accompanied by the view of a huge hill up to our hotel! The walk was hard work with all our luggage, under the 1pm sun, however the young people overcame our first challenge with no problems. The rest of the day was spent, refreshing ourselves, having a bit of down time and then meeting up with our patrols and going out in search of food.

Our first day out was an early start for a 7am breakfast and then the Hop on, Hop off bus. This gave us a great idea of just how big the city of Seoul is and some of its major tourist attractions. We met scouts from many nationalities whilst we were in Seoul.



On our second day we visited the Namsam Tower. We caught a cable car which dropped us off at the base of the tower, and then a lift to the top – the view was incredible. The rest of our time in Seoul was mainly spent exploring Seoul in patrols. This included visiting The Gyeongbokgung Palace, where we saw the changing of the guard, The Jongmyo Shrine, traditional Hanok villages and a lovely outdoor pool on the side of the Hahn River.

We each tried a different restaurant each evening. Here is the Korean BBQ, Street Food and soup.



We arrived at the Jamboree site a day late after being delayed by the UK Management team being rightly concerned that the site wasn't ready to expand its capacity by another 4000 young people. We thought Seoul was hot, and SaeManGeum was even hotter! When we arrived at our pitch, we got stuck into setting tents up and getting tea made so we could get to the opening ceremony on time. There was a long queue to get into the opening ceremony, but Unit 52 livened it up with songs, chants, and Mexican waves! Once we got in, there was a parade of flags from every country represented at the Jamboree, then speeches from the camp chief and Bear Grylls. This was followed by a concert. The young people threw themselves straight into the swapping culture at the Jamboree site, they were returning to site with uniform shirts, bags, hats, Necker's and lots and lots of badges from countries all over the world.

We were very proud of our camp gate! It was decorated with the Necker of each group, unit and district represented in Unit 52. Can you spot your groups Necker?



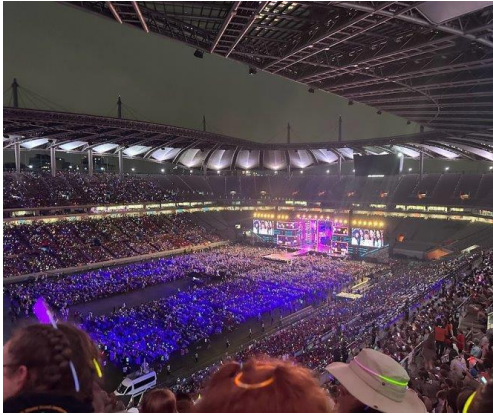
Our stay at the Jamboree site was of course cut short. On Friday 4th August we received the news that the UK Contingent was withdrawing from the Jamboree and returning to Seoul. The UK Contingent had made this decision due to the fact they were concerned for the safety of the young people and adults. The toilets were unsanitary, waste was not being collected, the food deliveries were not meeting people's dietary requirements, it was incredibly hot on site and there was not enough shade to keep people safe, the medical facilities were becoming full, and the site was not coping.

A lot of the unit were upset and disappointed at this news, however the consensus very quickly was that it was the right decision. We didn't think that things would get any better, but they had a huge potential to get much worse. Thankfully, none of our unit had needed to make use of the (significantly deficient) medical facilities. Unit 52 were certainly one of the better off units, in some parts of the site it was chaos. The next morning, we were on a coach back to Seoul. The UK Contingent Management Team along with the travel agents did a fantastic job of arranging hotels and coaches for all the UKC overnight.

Back in Seoul! The Korean government and local clubs put on events for us to fill up our unexpected additional week in Seoul. We were invited to watch a football match from a local team, we visited the Blue House – the home of the President until last year, we went to watch 'Fly High Taekwon' – A Taekwondo Musical and also had a guided tour of the Korean War Museum. While in Seoul, on many occasions, we had Korean people coming up to us, personally apologising for the Jamboree and often wanting to buy us water, ice cream or gifts. This generosity was heartwarming.

Two days after the withdrawal of the UK Contingent from site, WOSM made the decision to evacuate the whole of the Jamboree (on the 8th August) due to the site being in the path of the impending Typhoon Khunan. Thousands of Scouts from other nations joined us in Seoul. Many were housed in university gyms or halls, depending on what their country could arrange for them. Some were housed several hours away from Seoul but the Korean government booked coaches for us all to attend the closing ceremony at the Olympic stadium in Seoul. The ceremony had a great atmosphere, and it was amazing that we were all able to be brought together once more. The 'baton

for running the next Jamboree was handed over to Poland and after remaking our promise, we listened to an impressive line-up of K-Pop bands.



On our last Sunday, we had a tour to the de-militarised zone between North and South Korea and found out more about how families had been torn apart in 1950 when North Korea invaded and attempted to take over South Korea. We tied purple ribbons on the fence demarking the border in the hope that the country will one day be united.



On the last evening we all congregated in a meeting room in the hotel. It was a nice way to round off the trip. The unit leaders all thanked the young people for making the trip what it was, they had truly been amazing and embraced their time in Korea. We had not had the Jamboree we expected, but Unit 52 still had an amazing 3 weeks together in South Korea. All the young people were then presented with their You Shape Awards. The next day it was time to go home, and our flight left Seoul at around 1pm. At the point where most of us had taken a little nap, the unit members set about collecting signatures and messages on their Bees with Seoul T shirts or uniform shirts. What a nice end to our journey.

We arrived back in Manchester at 10:30pm on Tuesday 15th August and were welcomed by families with banners and balloons. It was heart-warming.



We all had a different Jamboree – but still had a great time, made deep friendships with our Unit 52 peers and new friends at the Jamboree site and in the city. It was certainly an experience that will be talked about for some time. Thank you to everyone who has supported us on our journey: friends, family, scout groups, explorer units, the county and district teams. You have all been amazing.

A special thanks must go to the members of the International Service Team. They arrived at the site around 5 days before we did and never stopped working. They endured worse conditions than us, had jobs which filled their days in locations. over hours walk from where they were camping but despite this, they would always be there to lend a hand – often with a smile on their face too! Thanks for reading, and we wholeheartedly recommend being a Jamboree Leader. What an incredible experience it has been.

Daz, Norma, Amanda, and Billy

Unit 52 Leadership Team



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Jamboree	£136,868.02	£27,193.01	£450.00	£32,310.72	£90,137.09	£41,499.23	
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HQ Building Lettings	£3,740.00	£2,895.00	£2,920.00	£2,866.00	£4,698.62	£4,934.00	£3,689.71
Adult & YL Training	£850.00	£1,011.80	£20.00	£975.00	£600.00	£1,542.00	£782.74
Bank Interest	£501.10	£54.91	£330.06	£346.42			
Grants & Misc Income		£10,972.02	£9,660.21	£10,000.00	£-370.00	£570.00	£3,350.00
Monies in Safe Keeping	£477.56	£12,377.68					
Scout Shop	£12,394.94	£11,276.43	£1,734.07	£8,103.19			
Membership Fee	£29,099.86	£27,630.00	£20,407.50	£44,384.00	£40,125.80	£76,244.00	£25,432.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£190,553.48</b>	<b>£99,131.85</b>	<b>£35,778.84</b>	<b>£109,691.83</b>	<b>£141,884.65</b>	<b>£139,030.13</b>	<b>£61,189.85</b>

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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
<b>Operational Scouting</b>	<b>£129,590.20</b>	<b>£22,566.97</b>	<b>£1,222.86</b>	<b>£41,819.89</b>	<b>£84,540.29</b>	<b>£50,623.03</b>	<b>£26,005.40</b>
Beaver Section	£2,522.00	£1,275.00			£1,074.00		£15,536.75
Cub Section				£8,032.04		£4,068.89	£7,444.15
Scout Section			£194.86	£412.83	£40.00	£79.55	£40.00
Explorer Section	£3,769.55	£2,162.08			£745.00		£1,100.00
Network Section			£100.00		£30.10		£400.00
DofE			£730.00		£1,733.57	£794.50	£729.50
World Scout Jamboree	£123,298.65	£19,129.89	£10.00	£33,374.52	£78,775.88	£45,426.09	£0.00
Badges			£188.00		£800.00	£254.00	£755.00
Activities					£1,342.14		
<b>Administrative &amp; Support</b>	<b>£63,897.23</b>	<b>£52,334.92</b>	<b>£40,136.62</b>	<b>£79,155.81</b>	<b>£49,897.83</b>	<b>£61,047.69</b>	<b>£33,790.69</b>
AGM and Conference Costs	£50.00	£242.88		£972.20	£961.27	£2,864.10	£1,502.82
HQ Building Insurance	£2,797.92	£2,584.95	£3,150.18	£3,211.33	£5,379.68	£4,944.68	£4,260.85
HQ Building Running Costs	£11,443.69	£9,573.76	£15,146.66	£16,074.65	£10,977.67	£22,722.78	£16,768.66
HQ Building Development	£3,850.00	£10,630.00	£6,307.88	£38,986.80	£2,403.97	£13,234.11	£2,012.63
IT and Office Costs	£781.10	£1,096.91	£446.16	£348.85	£1,408.42	£2,854.88	£5,080.41
Adult Training	£5,434.83	£7,474.75	£134.86	£2,527.72	£10,469.43	£3,764.44	£2,718.72
Adult Awards	£103.65	£117.34	£121.25	£306.30	£58.50		£101.50
Honorarium / Trustees Expenses	£30.00						£0.00
Bank Charges / Scrutineers Fee	£184.11	£178.13	£144.00	£149.37	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
Monies Returned	£15,172.14				£500.00	£737.00	£1,095.00
Online Scout Manager (OSM)	£11,223.00	£10,642.50	£12,577.50	£9,868.50	£9,675.00	£9,675.00	£0.00
Scout Shop	£12,826.89	£9,793.70	£2,108.13	£6,710.09	£7,813.89		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£193,487.43</b>	<b>£74,901.89</b>	<b>£41,359.48</b>	<b>£120,975.20</b>	<b>£134,438.12</b>	<b>£111,670.62</b>	<b>£59,795.99</b>

Clive R Fenn  
23rd July 2023

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Reserves at year end	CAF Accounts			NatWest		Scout Investment	Cash Account	Scout Shop Stock	Totals
	Main	Scout Shop	Gold	Reserve Account	Current Account				
30/04/2023	£4,028.76	£2,201.74	£18,221.64	£3,263.19	£36,476.82	£43,202.81	£350.22	£8,975.73	£116,719.91
30/04/2022	£1,973.38	£2,282.84	£62,870.80	£3,246.58	£27,092.45	£43,081.73	£65.44	£8,348.62	£148,961.54
30/04/2021	£780.63	£788.57	£49,860.27	£3,246.04	£18,566.80	£43,037.89	£103.76	£7,371.27	£123,754.73
30/04/2020	£1,516.26	£1,293.73	£53,823.95	£3,425.21	£18,116.80	£42,744.48	£169.05	£8,245.89	£129,335.87
30/04/2019	-	-	-	£33,191.67	£60,365.94	£42,475.65	-£3.17	£4,589.25	£140,619.24
30/04/2018	-	-	-	£33,140.69	£56,378.04	£42,265.15	-	-	£131,784.78
31/03/2017	-	-	-	£33,136.80	£144,623.40	£42,046.40	-	-	£219,806.10
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
								Balancing	
								Estimated	

Totals less Stock
£107,744.68
£140,612.92
£116,383.46
£121,089.48
£136,029.99

County Treasurer

Clive R Fenn

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23rd July 2023

Scrutineer

Robert A McIntyre PFA

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Reconciliation 2022/2023

Balance brought Forward	£148,961.54
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Balance	£146,027.59
Accruals	£29,486.50
Assets to take Forward	£116,719.91
Surplus/Deficit on all activity	-£2,755.13
Surplus/Deficit on normal activity	-£4,424.38

Reserved Funds

Jamboree

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Income	£136,868.02
Expenditure	£123,298.65
Balance	£43,110.72
Safe-keeping	
Balance brought Forward	£12,377.68
Net Income	£477.56
Monies Returned	£12,377.68
Balance	£477.56

Total Reserved Funds £43,588.28

# England & Wales

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Manchester North County Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** for the year ended 30th April 2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **Greater Manchester North County Scout Council** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name:

ROBERT MCINTYRE

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 10 MAYFIELD AVE FARNWORTH BL4 9WY

Date:

24/8/23

# Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Greater Manchester North County Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the County for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the County's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the County's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages ...1..... to ...2.....

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: ROBERT MCINTYRE  
Address: 10 MAYFIELD AVE  
FARNWORTH  
BOLTON  
BL4 9NY  
Date: 29/5/23

# GREATER MANCHESTER NORTH COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

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Clive R Fenn  
23rd July 2023

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								Balancing Estimated

County Treasurer

Scrutineer

Reconciliation 2022/2023

Reserves

*Clive R Fenn*

*Robert A McIntyre PFA (retired)*

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23rd July 2023

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