

Mid-Cheshire District Scout Council

Chairman's Report - June 2021

My pint pot is half empty I am frequently reminded, and so my report was initially going to be all about what hasn't happened and all of the unfortunate consequences of Covid until some more thoughtful people pointed out to me that there has been a lot of very positive things happening over the last year:- How Scouting in the District has continued despite government restrictions and organisational hurdles created by Covid; how so many people have pushed themselves to learn new skills and to work in different and novel ways, how the parents have succeeded in adapting to the new ways and how Scouting has helped the members maintain face to face contact with others when everything else was zoom only.

Despite Covid many of the Groups and Explorer Units in the District have been active. It started with walks and Hikes and other outdoor activities, and as the restrictions have reduced Groups have been back in their Scout Halls, yes socially distanced, but carrying out "normal" scouting activities. Camping is now allowed again with minor restrictions, so we're getting closer to normality. Unfortunately, however, some Groups are still in the position that they can not use their normal premises due to their landlords restrictions. And of course until the next easing we are still limited to meetings of 6 adults as a maximum, hence the virtual AGM again.

There have been no face to face District activities this past year, and no exciting trips abroad all due to Covid, however there are plans for 2022 and beyond already fixed in the calendar – District Gangshow, Cheshire Hike and Chamboree in 2022 and the World Jamboree 2023 so plenty to look forward to.

District Numbers are something to celebrate despite the drop off of some 308 Youth members at this year's census but please remember that we have lost a year's intake for Beavers which is typically in the order of 150. BUT since April there has been a significant number of enquiries to join, including for adults, resulting in some sections within the District having to have a waiting list again! Mentioning adult members – yes we still need more!

As you will all know, Andrew Little has been District Commissioner for the past 12 years and his time as DC is coming to an end. I wish to thank Andrew for all that he has done for the District and wish him all the best with his new role with County. Maybe the biggest things Andrew has achieved is a 50% rise in numbers, ok admittedly this is based on last year's census, and the success that is the District Gangshow. The good news is that Andrew isn't deserting us as he promises to assist in the bedding in of the next District Commissioner and still wishes to be involved with District in some areas – particularly the Gangshow. So thank you to Andrew for his services but it ain't good bye!

Finally, I pointed out in my first paragraph that there has been a great deal achieved this year – that is all down to you the leaders and supporters of the Groups and District, so a BIG WELLDONE AND **THANK YOU** to you all!_

Neil Telfer

Chairman Mid-Cheshire District Scout Council



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Annual Accounts Year Ending
31st March 2021

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District Treasurer

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Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Summary

	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Total Receipts for the Year	31,017.92	64,287.72
<i>less</i>		
Total Payments for the Year	29,978.29	61,391.16
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year	1,039.63	2,896.56
 Funds brought forward	 50,017.89	 41,066.56
Additional sections brought into account: -		
District Explorers	-	289.71
Gang Show	-	3,344.99
Firepower	-	2,420.07
Funds carried forward	51,057.52	50,017.89

Included in the main Mid Cheshire District National Westminster bank account are amounts held on behalf of the following sections: -

World Scout Jamboree fundraising	597.11	556.20
Mountain Activity Support Unit	54.80	54.80
Network	54.30	54.30
	706.21	665.30

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Assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2021

	Current Year £	Previous Year £
<u>Assets</u>		
Investments		
Scout Association Investment Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
Current Assets		
Yorkshire Bank current account	285.72	285.72
National Westminster current account	39,326.24	38,677.40
District Explorers	1,269.42	289.71
Gang Show	2,786.59	3,344.99
Firepower ASU	2,389.55	2,420.07
Cash	-	-
Total Assets	51,057.52	50,017.89
<u>Liabilities</u>	-	-
Net Assets less Liabilities	51,057.52	50,017.89

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Bank account reconciliation as at 31st March 2021

National Westminster Bank account only - Yorkshire current account reconciles

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<u>Receipts</u>		
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Investment income	26.30	33.35
Sectional activities income	979.71	3,872.77
World Scout Jamboree	40.91	1,720.60
District camp	-	16,135.00
Total receipts for the year	31,017.92	64,287.72
<u>Payments</u>		
Subscription payments	29,020.25	37,888.00
Equipment	-	249.12
District Officers	50.00	3.00
Sectional activities expenses	898.84	4,478.98
District events	-	261.45
Membership expenses	9.20	65.10
Conferences and courses	-	801.00
World Scout Jamboree	-	8,750.00
District camp	-	8,894.51
Total payments for the year	29,978.29	61,391.16
Net movement in funds	1,039.63	2,896.56

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Receipts detail for year ended 31st March 2021

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Subscription income		
Previous years	-	400.00
Current year	29,971.00	42,126.00
Investment income		
Scout Association Trust fund	26.30	33.35
Sectional activities income		
Beavers	-	1,302.50
Cubs	-	781.08
Scouts	-	1,609.19
Explorers	979.71	-
Mountain Activity Support Unit	-	180.00
World Scout Jamboree		
Fundraising	40.91	1,720.60
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Secretary	-	3.00
District Commissioner	50.00	-
Sectional activities expenses		
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Cubs	-	652.64
Scouts	-	1,484.08
Explorers	-	222.50
Mountain Activity Support Unit	-	339.16
Firepower	30.52	169.70
Gang Show	558.40	-
Group Motion Picture licences	309.92	300.90
District events		
AGM / Exec. Meetings	-	50.95
Bronze & Silver Awards	-	154.50
Swimming gala	-	56.00
Membership expenses		
Books / factsheets	9.20	-
New group setup	-	65.10
Conferences and courses		
First Response Course	-	801.00
World Scout Jamboree		
Payment to County	-	8,650.00
IST support	-	200.00
Eurojam Donation	-	300.00
District camp	-	8,894.51
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Mid Cheshire District Scout Council

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1000895

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/9/21

Name:

Andrew Hudson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACA (ICAEW)

(if any):

Address:

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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