

Denewulf District Scout Council

England & Wales - Charity number 1016374

Details

Other names FAREHAM EAST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-01-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIAL; AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Physical, spiritual & educational development of young people from the ages of six to 25 years, using activities and skills, including camping and sports.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£14,756	£12,230	-	-
2024-12-31	£16,063	£17,427	-	-
2023-12-31	£31,133	£30,113	-	-
2022-12-31	£45,249	£36,055	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,852	£17,835	-	-
2020-12-31	£16,974	£8,158	-	-

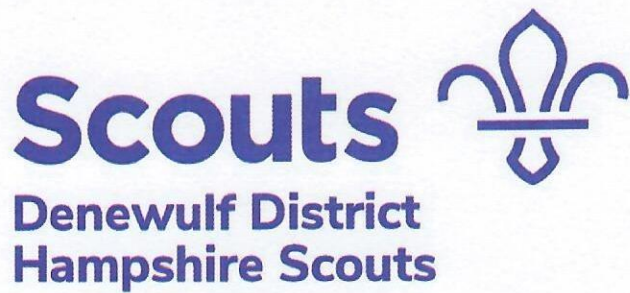
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jason Francis Salter Nash		2025-09-15
Joe Mitchell		2017-11-25
Mark Goddard		2026-05-18
Matthew Iain Gamm		2020-12-15
Michael Anthony McHugh		2026-05-18
Samantha Laura Gavin		2026-05-18
Zara Skipwith		2025-09-15

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

13th May 2024
19.00hrs
The Lodge, Lyons Copse

Denewulf District Scout Council.

Trustee's Annual report for the year ended 31st December 2023

President: Mr Roger Freemantle

Vice Presidents; Mr Ron Stead, Mrs Jill Sutton, Mr Les Sutton

Members of the District Executive Committee (Charity Trustees)

Ex-officio members

Peter Moody	District Chair
Mike McHugh	District Commissioner
Sam Parker	Deputy District Commissioner
Vacant	District Youth Commissioner
Matt Gamm	District Treasurer
Vacant	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Phil Goddard	District Network Scout Commissioner

Nominated members (By DC)

Paul Squire	Scout Active Support Co-Ordinator
Joe Mitchell	Everett's Coppice Warden
Les Farrington	Lyons Copse representative

Elected members.

Carolyn Colwell	3 rd Portchester rep
Adrian Pashley	1 st Bishops Waltham rep

Charity Commission Contact (Registered Charity Number: 1016374)

Mr Matt Gamm
65 Raley Road,
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Principal appointments

For the year ended 31st December 2023

District Commissioner	Mr Mike McHugh
Deputy District Commissioner	Miss Sam Parker

Assistant District Commissioners and District Scout Leaders

District Youth Commissioner	Vacant
ADC Squirrels	Mrs Sian Edney
ADC Beavers	Mr Graham Stanton
ADC Cubs	Mrs Philippa Cass
ADC Scouts	Vacant
DESC	Vacant
DNSC	Mr Phil Goddard
Vikings Activities Team	Mr Sam Taylor
Scouts Active Support Co-Ordinator	Mr Paul Squire
Badge Secretary – Denewulf North	Mrs Mary Freemantle
Badge Secretary – Denewulf South	Mrs Caryl Gregory
Chair AAC (North)	Mr Alan Crabb
Chair AAC (South)	Mr Robert Blatt
Scout Band	Mr Mark Goddard
Adventurous Activities and D of E awards Co-ordinator	Mr Richard Coghlan
Lyon's Copse Representative	Mr Les Farrington
Everett's' Coppice Representative	Mr Joe Mitchell
Local Training Manager	Mrs Sonia Crabb

**DENEWULF DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the District Chair
2. Apologies for absence – District Chair
3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM - District Chair
4. Annual report - District Commissioner
5. Approval of the Annual Report - District Commissioner
6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts - District Treasurer
7. Appointment of the Accounts Scrutineers for the coming year – District Treasurer
8. For Denewulf District Trustee Board to adopt the April 2024 constitution in POR Chapter 5 - District Chair
9. To note the dates of the Charity's financial year - District Chair
10. To agree the number of Members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board - District Chair
11. To agree the quorum for meetings of the District Scout Council - District Chair
12. To agree the quorum for the meetings of the District Trustee Board - District Chair
13. To agree the quorum for the meetings of any sub-committee - District Chair
14. To approve the appointment of the District President and District Vice Presidents - District Chair
15. DC's nomination of District Chair.
16. List of ex-officio members (Trustees) – Chair
 - a) District Chair
 - b) District Commissioner
 - c) District Youth Commissioner
 - d) District Treasurer
 - e) District Explorer Scout Commissioner
 - f) District Scout Network Commissioner
17. Approval of Appointed members (Trustees) – Chair
18. Appointment of Solent Scout Training Centre committee representatives – DC.
19. Appointment of Everett's Coppice committee representative - DC.
20. Awards (Young People and adult volunteers) – DC, Mayors, County Rep.
21. The Mayor of Winchester
22. The Mayor of Fareham
23. Hampshire County Scouting Representative – Mr Robin Peddell
24. Closing remarks.
25. Presentation on 2023 World Jamboree & Project 23 by Young people from 3rd Portchester Scout Group

After the meeting has concluded Refreshments will be served

Annual Report 2023 – Index

1. Denewulf DC Report – Mike McHugh
2. Denewulf Chair's report – Peter Moody
3. Denewulf Treasurer's report (including accounts) – Matt Gamm
4. Squirrels – Sian Edey
5. Beavers – Graham Stanton
6. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers -
7. Network – Phil Goddard
8. Fareham West and Denewulf District Scout Band – Phil and Mark Goddard
9. Fareham West and Denewulf Scout Active Support Unit – Paul Squire
10. Lyons Copse – Alan Crabb
11. Everett's Coppice – Dave Kemp
12. Vikings Activities Team – Sam Taylor
13. Training – Sonia Crabb
14. Denewulf Census figures

1 - District Commissioner - Mike McHugh

We completed the annual census in Jan 2024, which showed our numbers as a district declined slightly by about 5%. We will be working hard to recover and improve our numbers during 2024. We continue to see new Squirrel sections being added in Groups and one group Droxford is on the road to a recovery with some great help from leaders and trustees from groups across the district.

Our 2024 figures show that we currently provide Scouting experiences for 1120 young people, and they are supported by 381 of our hard working adult volunteers. St George's Day, following on from last year's event which was well attended by Groups from across the District, we once again had good weather and attendance from all groups. For 2024 we asked the Beavers to dress up in St George themed costumes.

District Camp, this is a Bi Annual event that is looked forward to by all groups and their young people but unfortunately the planned District Camp for 2024 which was to be held in June had to be cancelled. The cancellation was a direct result of limitations placed on Lyons following negotiation with local neighbours and as the site is ever more popular there is a need to ensure the site has the ability to recover when used for whole / large number site bookings.

During this year all groups will be looking to recruit more volunteers to spread the load and bring in more diverse experience.

2024 will also see changes in our job titles and move to a more teams based leadership model in all areas of Scouting. We will also see the launch of the new membership system already some what late but comes with high expectations.

Training and support for our volunteers has taken centre stage following a tragic incident that highlighted some serious shortcomings in how training is monitored and managed.

Our Deputy DC Sam Parker is a key organiser of our highly respected Vikings Activities Team (VAT), which is managed by Sam Taylor. This team provides a wide range of activities that require permits, to Groups across the District. In addition to working with our District, they are in much demand with Groups and Districts across the South of England.

the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) did not turn out as UK scouting hoped but we have a couple of the young people that attended the event from our district providing an overview at this years AGM.

We continue to provide great experiences for all our young people and it gives me great pleasure to have been invited to all our groups in the last 12 months to present CSA awards to many young people in all sections.

Mike McHugh, DC Denewulf

2 - Peter Moody – Chair, Denewulf Trustee Board

A big thank you to everyone who has welcomed me back into the District after several years away, helping me to settle into the role of District Chair so smoothly.

It has been a very exciting year for Denewulf District, as can be seen from this report, with young people across the District enjoying fun and adventure thanks to the adults who give up so much of their spare time and energy. I have tried to get around as much of the District as possible and thank you for all the welcome and support I have been given during my visits.

Denewulf is a large District, with great things going on, but also with significant challenges as has been noted within reports in this annual review document, and the Trustee Board will be looking at how to overcome these over the coming months.

My sincere thanks for the of the District Trustee Board, who have been so supportive, and in particular to Mike McHugh, to Matt Gamm for the efficient way he keeps the District finance's, and Jim Weeks who came to the rescue when the District Secretary stood down suddenly. I also like to thank Paul Squire and Les Farrington who are standing down from the District Trustee Board after many years' service.

This is a big time for Governance change at all levels across the Scouts, and there is a lot of work to do to ensure continued compliance, and over the next few months the District Trustee Board will be supporting the Groups to ensure they understand and are working to achieve these changes.

Peter Moody, District Chair

3 - Treasurer's Report – Matt Gamm – District Treasurer

Denewulf Accounts 2023

The Accounts show a healthy end of year Balance sheet of £42327.66. Income for the year was £31133.18. Outgoings were £30113.21.

There was an excess of £1019.97 for 2023. We had budgeted for an overspend, but we received more than expected from the closure of Fareham Scout Shop (£4519.60).

Our main income is from membership fees which were £5521.70.

How we spent our money can be put into three categories:

Firstly, Supporting Groups:

- Paying their OSM – Online Scout Manager
- Supported free use of Everetts Coppice – alongside Fareham West jointly paying maintenance & improvement work.
- Supported free use of Vikings Activity team – training, equipment, and expenses.
- Grants for new sections
- Selected badges and buckles

Secondly supporting individuals

- Grants for attending activities such as Jamboree and P23 and Agoonoree

Lastly, other costs of running the district.

- Web site; training; storage; admin costs

District Camp and District Section activities are planned to be self-funding.

For 2024 we have budgeted for a £1552.00 overspend so that we can keep supporting local Scouting to the same level as previous years, including not increasing the District membership fee.

Matt Gamm, District Treasurer

Denewulf District Scout Council

**Accounts for year ending
31st December 2023**

Income & Expenditure Account

Balance Sheet

Treasurer's notes

Denewulf District Scout Council

Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st December 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Membership Fees	2						
Receipts from Groups		63,553.70	53,707.20				
Less fees paid to Scout County/HQ		(58,032.00)	(50,116.00)				
Net Membership fees retained		5,521.70	3,591.20				
Admin & Sundry				Admin & Sundry			
Merger of Districts		0.00	1,034.16	Merger of Districts		0.00	949.46
General admin		0.00	0.00	General admin		4,799.97	4,852.14
Total Admin & Sundry		0.00	1,034.16	Total Admin & Sundry		4,799.97	5,801.60
Total Equipment & Renewals		0.00	0.00	Total Equipment & Renewals		0.00	0.00
Total Training		0.00	0.00	Total Training		20.00	372.50
Total Fareham Scout Band		6,000.00	0.00	Total Fareham Scout Band		6,000.00	0.00
Badge Sales	10			Badge Costs	10		
Badges North sales		3,582.39	4,376.98	Badges North cost of sales		2,839.48	4,566.13
Badge South sales		1009.2	370.19	Badges South cost of sales		2,379.52	2,920.95
Total Badge sales		4,591.59	4,747.17	Total Badge costs		5,219.00	7,487.08
Total Receipts for Vikings Unit		1,842.00	1,525.00	Total Payments for Vikings Unit		1,703.20	2,629.14
Receipts from Sections				Payments for Sections			
Squirrels		0.00	0.00	Squirrels		0.00	478.00
Beavers		1,338.00	0.00	Beavers		1,284.10	58.65
Cubs		3,779.00	0.00	Cubs		2,595.59	820.13
Scouts		0.00	30.00	Scouts		0.00	0.00
Meon Valley Explorer Unit		2,594.29	3,440.84	Meon Valley Explorer Unit		3,232.53	3,381.60
Network		52.00	518.22	Network		514.04	338.85
Leaders weekend Activity		395.00	25.00	Leaders weekend Activity		233.53	0.00
Total Receipts for Sections		8,158.29	4,014.06	Total Payments for Sections		7,859.79	5,077.23
Shared with Fareham West				Shared with Fareham West			
Active Support Unit	3	0.00	0.00	Active Support Unit	3	294.69	60.37
Everett's Coppice	4	500.00	500.00	Everett's Coppice	4	1,259.56	937.10
Scout Shop	5	4,519.60	0.00	Scout Shop	5	0.00	150.00
Total Receipts from shared Units		5,019.60	500.00	Total Payments from shared Units		1,554.25	1,147.47
Total District camp			11,815.00	Total District camp		1,357.00	11,994.23
Donation Fund Receipts				Donation Fund Payments			
Alec Bowmaker Activity Fund		0.00	0.00	Alec Bowmaker Activity Fund		1,600.00	1,546.00
Total Donation Receipts		0.00	0.00	Total Donation Payments		1,600.00	1,546.00
Sundry Funds Ex Meon District	14			Sundry Funds Ex Meon District			
Badge Secretary North			2,475.17				
Badge Secretary North			297.54				
Meon Valley Explorers			4,044.14				
Meon Valley District Acc.			11,206.01				
Total Sundry Funds		0.00	18,022.86	Total Sundry Fund		0.00	0.00
Total Income		£31,133.18	£45,249.45	Total Expenditure		£30,113.21	£36,055.25
2023 Excess of Income over Expenditure		£1,019.97					

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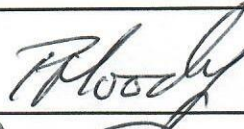
Balance sheet as at 31st December 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31.12.22</u>	<u>Movement</u> <u>in year</u> <u>(+/-)</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31.12.23</u>
Assets	13	£	£	£
Bank Accounts	9			
District current bank account		32,007.81	701.30	32,709.11
Network bank account		2,125.99	(462.04)	1,663.95
Badge Secretary North bank Account		261.01	250.44	511.45
Meon Valley Explorers Bank Account		4,103.38	(638.24)	3,465.14
Badge Stock	10			
Badge stock held by Badge Secretary South		488.95	674.04	1,162.99
Badge stock held by Badge Secretary North		2,322.55	492.47	2,815.02
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>41,309.69</u>	<u>1,017.97</u>	<u>42,327.66</u>
Represented by Funds Held:				
<u>Designated Funds</u>	11			
Everetts Coppice		101.44	(259.56)	(158.12)
Scout Network		2,125.99	(462.04)	1,663.95
Meon Valley Explorers		4,103.38	(638.24)	3,465.14
Active Support		306.92	(294.69)	12.23
Alec Bowmaker Activity		3,200.16	(1,600.00)	1,600.16
<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>		<u>9,837.89</u>	<u>(3,254.53)</u>	<u>6,583.36</u>
<u>Total Unrestricted (General) funds</u>	12	<u>31,471.80</u>	<u>4,272.50</u>	<u>35,744.30</u>
<u>Total of Funds Held</u>		<u>41,309.69</u>	<u>1,017.97</u>	<u>42,327.66</u>

Accounts approved by the Trustees at the Executive Committee meeting on 15th April 2024

Peter Moody, District Chair

(Signed)



Matt Gamm, District Treasurer

(Signed)



Denewulf District Scout Council: notes to Accounts 31st December 2023

1 Merger of Meon Valley and Fareham East Scout Districts

Meon Valley Scout District was merged into Fareham East Scout District as of the 1st February 2022. The District was then re-named Denewulf Scout District.

2 Membership Fees

Fees are collected for the District, and on behalf of the County, and HQ.

The Membership Fees collected for County and HQ do not form part of these accounts but are shown for information.

3 Active Support Unit

Active Support is part of both East and West Fareham and is now financially run within Denewulf.

4 Everetts Copse

Everetts Copse is a Scout camp site with no running water or electricity.

It is equally owned by Denewulf and Fareham West Districts, but financially administered by Denewulf.

5 Fareham Scout shop

The Scout Shop, that was jointly owned by Fareham West and Denewulf Districts, was permanently closed on the 31st December 2022. After a final audit, monies held were split between the two districts, half were paid to Denewulf in 2023.

6 Fareham District Scout Band

The band is independently run for both Denewulf & Fareham West Districts and they have their own audited finances. A £6000.00 grant for new Band storage was received and transferred to the Band Account.

7 Loans

A loan of £5000.00 was made to 1st Fareham but it was returned in full before the first due payment date.

9 District Bank Accounts

There are 4 bank accounts: 1. Main District, 2. Network, 3. Meon Valley Explorers, 4. Badge Secretary North

10 Badges

There are two badges secretaries. Denewulf North hold their own bank account, Denewulf South are managed within the main District bank Account. Their income and expenditure figures include sales and stock movement.

11 Designated Funds

Designated Funds are those funds that are either donated to the District for use for specific expenditure, or are allocated for a specific reason.

12 General Funds

These funds are used for all expenditure other than those covered by designated funds.

The Scout District aims to maintain the General Funds at a minimum level sufficient to meet any unanticipated expenditures, or cover any short term shortfall in income. This was set at £24,150.00 for 2023.

13 Fixed assets

Fixed assets were fully depreciated in 2021. Items purchased from 2022, including items transferred from Meon Valley, are written down on purchase.

14 Sundry Funds

These amounts were held by Meon Valley District. They were transferred to Denewulf as of the merger on 31st Jan 2022



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Denewulf District Scout Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)** 1016374

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn 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: D Kemp

Date: 22-01-24

Name: David Kemp

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address: 122 Wych Lane

Gosport Hampshire

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4 - Squirrels report – Sian Edey – ADC Squirrels

What a great year it has been for Denewulf District Squirrels!

Last year we had four Dreys in the District; this year we have six active Dreys who are having a fabulous, fun experience. It was great to hear a leader from one of our new dreys expressing their joy of being involved with Squirrels, something she said she did not expect. And I quite agree! I walk away from my meetings weekly revitalised by the enthusiasm of the Squirrels and their excitement about adventures yet to come.

It was wonderful to see the little red adventurers at St George's Day Parade for the second year, as well as Remembrance Parade in November. This presence in our community has made Squirrels more visible and so there is a greater demand to join our Scouting family in our Early Years section. Squirrels is now proving it's worth at bringing new people into Scouting – not just new young people but new leaders, new supporters behind the scenes and new skills for whole groups, not just for Squirrels.

If your group is Squirrel-less, please come and join in with one of our meetings and see what you're missing!

Yet again, we had more than one Drey at the September County Squirrels Fun Day at Ferny Crofts. I think the Dreys were ready to sign up the next one before they left. Our Assistant County Commissioner for Squirrels, Amanda organised a great day for all. We cannot wait for the next one.

This year it is my intention to organise a District Squirrels Family Fun Picnic with some woodland activities. If you have any wonderful ideas, you would like to sort for District Squirrels please let me know.

We are always keen to give more opportunities to 4 to 6 years joining within other groups in the District. Please get in touch if there are any questions you would like answered to make this happen in your groups.

Sian- ADC Squirrels

5 - Beavers report – Graham Stanton – ADC Beavers

A lot more has happened since our amalgamation of the two districts, of which I am sure you are all aware. For me it has been a time when I have tried to put myself around Denewulf district as much as possible, unfortunately not as much as I had hoped. Having said that I have organised visits, a Fun Day and a Christingle last year.

The Leaders Meeting every 4 or 5 weeks also keeps me in touch with most of the groups. Organising The Saint Georges Day Parade this year will be another opportunity to make myself Known to the district, especially when I shout..." BY THE CENTRE, QUICK MARCH"! Obviously the District Camp would have been a great opportunity to get around and see the groups, unfortunately it was not to be. We at 15th Fareham are organising our own group camp, and I would encourage that around the groups.

All the Beaver groups in the district are very well attended, whether that's due to the formation of the Squirrels, remains to be seen.

Graham Stanton (Indi) ADC Beavers.

6 – Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers Report

Unfortunately, we have not received any formal reports from these sections, but they all continue to provide fun and adventure for the young people of the Denewulf District

7 – District Scout Network – Phil Goddard

In the past year the band has finished the renovation work on its storage unit at 1st Catisfield and spent the summer clearing the area around the unit in hope that we could use it. We spent a number of weeks building a water feature but due to a change in the way retail outlets provide gas bottles, we've had to put the project on hold until we find a solution. The network unit has, despite a number of our members being at university, continued to meet on a weekly basis. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank 2nd Fareham scout group for accommodating us on a weekly basis. We've had a go at a number of activities including golf, yoga, meditation, board games, cooking, pub quizzes and a number of hikes. The unit has also been away on a couple of camps one in the New Forest and the other at Droxford. We are constantly looking for new members and are willing to try any new ideas or interests that you might have. Why not come along, meet us and share your ideas.

Phil Goddard District Scout Network Commissioner

8 - Fareham West and Denewulf District Scout Band – Phil Goddard - Bandmaster

This year the band has been lucky enough to have had some personal workshops with the Bugle Major from the band of HM Royal Marines. These have been well received by the members and we are looking forward to more workshops in the coming months. During the workshops it was identified that the band's bugles, which were purchased in the 1970s, are in need of replacing at a cost of £12,000. So far, with the help of a band parent, the band has managed to raise £2,500 and we are in desperate need of additional funds to meet this goal. By buying new bugles it should help the members learn the instrument easier and quicker. The band has also been fundraising towards a new storage facility. With the help of the same parent, the band has been lucky enough to raise nearly £15,000 and a site at 10th Fareham Scout HQ has been cleared. We are now identifying the best solution within our budget to meet the bands requirements. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Carol Dawson for all the hard work, effort and dedication she has put into the fundraising, you are true star! Without your help and support none of these projects would have been possible. This year the band has continued to see its membership grow, but we are expecting a number of the older members to leave us as they head off onto new adventures at university. The band will be holding a number of workshops and group visits in hope of attracting new members. If you would like to arrange a workshop, these are primarily aimed at cubs and scouts, please email info@farehamscoutband.org.uk In the last year the band has attended six parades and held a few workshops. We also sounded the Last Post and Reveille at the Remembrance Day parade for the Royal British Legion at Netley, Southampton. To help relax after all the hard work, we had a trip to the cinema and went kayaking/paddle boarding. A big thanks go to the leaders at 1st Park Gate who organised this event for us. Unfortunately, the number of parades the band has been invited to, since the pandemic, has dropped and we are now looking for new events and exciting opportunities for the band to attend. If you are aware of an event that the band could attend, please contact info@farehamscoutband.org.uk.

Phil Goddard Bandmaster

9 - Denewulf and Fareham West Active Support – Paul Squire - Co-ordinator

During 2023 the Active Support programme of very interesting presentations and socials flowed well. A few people either provided a presentation themselves or helped me get a speaker. Since 2022, the mix of daytime and evening meetings every other month became established in peoples' calendars. Additionally, several members undertook a number of ad-hoc tasks, totalling many hours of volunteer support to Groups and the Districts.

With the historic funds becoming depleted at the end of 2023, and Transformation on the horizon, there are not enough members willing to cover a monthly subscription to make the unit self-funding. In my view, the ASU is now in a state of managed decline.

We had a few people who became Retired members. This is a new(ish) role, and there are currently 6 Retired members within Denewulf and Fareham West Districts. I expect more to follow; for whilst it does not count towards time served, there are no training requirements. Additionally, as a Retired member, you can undertake more than I initially thought; for you can still pop along to AS meetings, District and Group AGMs, presentations, parades and AS socials. I think a longer-term challenge could well be how the Districts communicate with these members.

Due to the spectre of Transformation, members are starting to depart; either to join other AS units, become Retired members, leaving Scouting entirely, or become attached to a Group. I think there will be a short period of time whereby Groups and Districts can still call upon "helpers" for ad-hoc tasks; but this will gradually disappear. For me, it means going off to support a Group as Chair.

As the co-ordinator, I have learnt much about the ASU individuals, and for how long many members have been supporting Scouting. For many, it has been decades of volunteering; along with a whole host of different roles. Even now, there are a few individuals who are still very active, doing what they can to support Scouting locally.

Given the forthcoming Scouting Transformation, the number of attendees dwindling, and with no funds left in the pot, I have decided to retire as co-ordinator this year, with the social in March being my last "meeting".

I would like to thank those who have helped me during my tenure; and additionally wish everyone good health and a long life.

Paul Squire, Co-ordinator
Active Support Unit
Denewulf & Fareham West Districts

10 - Lyons Copse – Alan Crabb - Voluntary Site Manager

This has been a full on year for the site with the return following the lockdowns. The site has seen a real surge in bookings especially all site district camps, so as agreed there is now a change to whole site bookings, the main part being owner Districts only. A big part of this is ensuring our impact on the locals is kept to a minimum, i.e. – traffic flow. We have also agreed to ease numbers on the site to help the volunteers cope with keeping the site running. This will limit normal weekends to a max of 300, giving more room to groups. Our wildlife this season has also been magical with Kingfishers, Deer, Badgers and foxes plus squirrels and countless birds. As a Brownie group found out Fox Cubs love Spag Bog!

Site Overall:

Camping numbers are steady, but we have been hit with weather issues in the early part of 2024. This has seen a delay in full camping returning. However, groups have been quick to rebook if they had to cancel their camp. Our plans are still to aim to keep the camping numbers under control, with keeping to one group per field. This will allow for toilet allocation to each group and also young people and leaders to get back to the camping experience without competing with another group.

What has taken off big time is evening bookings with groups using the site to get out into the fresh air.

The tower, rafting, Barn etc has never been used so much. Again, we are having to restrict numbers to 2 groups per night. We are also asking for host groups to let themselves into the site,

otherwise the local volunteers are turning out every night. We also now have in place, flood lighting for the Tower.

There has been a big surge in the use of the Cave bus for evening events.

Safety:

All building checks, Pat testing, fire alarms and gas appliances safety audited with no major issues.

We have had a survey on the Lodge carried out with no concrete issues identified.

Our full site electrical safety check has also now been completed, with upgrade work on the main buildings completed. We still have a few minor issues to resolve but not affecting the site safety.

No Major accidents reported in 2023 -24 that needed site issues to be actioned.

Our Defib is now in place and registered.

Buildings:

Toilets. We are back to general toilet use and this has eased the work for the cleaning team. We have fitted all the toilets with stock cupboards so groups can keep them clean and refill items as needed. Groups camping are allocated toilets to keep clean over the weekend etc.

The Lodge: The Lodge now has new sliding front doors, a far better option than the old folding ones.

Pine Cabin: The cabin has started its refit to the toilets to increase the options as to who can use what toilet etc.

General items:

We now have a new road entrance and a 2 way traffic flow around the site. This should help with busy weekends etc. Our plan is to now look at the car parking.

Our site team have planted 30 new trees on the edge of Lawrence paddock, (a lot bigger ones than those we have done before) Our thanks to Jamie for arranging the donation from Hilliers. Now we are looking to move onto the Ash tree issue once the forestry commission have put in place our felling licence.

Recycling has now stopped on the site due to issues with having to manhandle the waste each week as lots of people have not been following the process (we do still recycle glass).

Looking at our ongoing fuel costs and trying to keep our fees as low as we can we are now making sure we charge groups for the extra power usage i.e.: bouncy castle use etc. This will also include a water charge for swimming pools on site. We will also have to look at an electric car policy on site as groups on site for a week are often charging their cars, something which we have not catered for and have enough fuel supply for?

Moving forward as a site we now need to start looking at the future and trying to get new people on board to start having back up support in place for all the site functions / team.

My thanks again to the site crew who have been working tirelessly week after week to keep the site intact and running despite the weather trying to stop things, well done all.

Alan Crabb

Voluntary Site Manager, Lyons Copse.

11 - Everett's Coppice – Dave Kemp – Everett's Coppice agent

General maintenance e.g., ditch clearing, re-instating fences, cutting up falling trees, repairing bridges, strimming brambles, transplanting plants within the coppice etc. was carried out during the year. All logs and brush from these from fallen trees were moved to existing piles and Log Stores. Wood Chippings have been laid on some of the tracks.

Both Fareham East (now Denewulf) and Fareham West Districts donated £500.00 each for maintenance of the Coppice.

Joe Mitchell as Warden of the Coppice has attended Denewulf and Fareham West Executive Meetings and Group Leader meetings during the year.

Working Parties during 2023 were well supported and our thanks go to all those groups that came along and for their great efforts that they made on the day.

The committee decided to revise Working Parties so that groups could volunteer to do certain jobs as they arise. Four dates for these Working Parties during 2024 have been agreed. The first one on the 24th of February was well attended and a lot of work was achieved. In addition, these working parties allow the potential for group members to earn a Green Tree badge. The Green Tree Badge aims to help children, schools, and families learn more about the amazing world of trees and forestry – the perfect way to understand the wider environment and our connection with it. To collect your Green Tree Badge, you're challenged to go on a fun journey of activities, all described in an Activity Passbook

Since the last Everett's AGM report for 2023, the Coppice has been used 71 times.

Booking of Everett's Coppice is available using OSM. This has been well received by the groups using the coppice. Both the Pedestrian Gate and the Front Gate are now fitted with combination locks using the same combination number for both locks, OSM will provide this combination number to sections 24hrs before the date booked.

Dave Kemp, Everett's Coppice Agent

12 – Vikings Activities Team (VAT) – Sam Taylor – Manager

Last year the team assisted with activities for 48 separate events from Beaver evenings to District camps. The team have sent some more of our members off to get training, two more Crossbow instructors and one more climbing instructor. We have said goodbye to two of our members as they move on to roles which are less physically demanding.

As a team we are always looking for new members, all training can be provided!

Sam Taylor, Manager, The Vikings Activities Team
ADC Activities

13 - Training Report – Sonia Crabb – Local Training Manager

We now have 506 adult roles held by just under 400 volunteers across the District.

This includes 103 people new to their role in 2023-24.

Across the District, 27 people have completed their Wood badge training.

The number of people with outstanding mandatory training (both newcomers and renewals) has been reduced very considerably from almost 15% two years ago to about 1% now. Which when you consider the influx of new adults is a very significant achievement although work remains to be done.

This very considerable work could not have happened without a dedicated team approach with not only the line managers (Group Scout Leaders, Managers and Commissioners) but also a very dedicated team of Training Advisers working together. My thanks to each and every one of them.

Volunteer training will be changing but not for at least a year so there is, of course, more to do and anyone interested in hearing more about the role of Training Adviser, please get in touch.

Sonia Crabb

Local Training Manager

14 - Denewulf Census Figures – January 2024.

1. Squirrel Scout Dreys	– 6
2. Beaver Scout Colonies	– 16
3. Cub Scout Packs	– 15
4. Scout Troops	– 16
5. Explorer Scout Units	– 5
6. Active Support Units	– 3
7. Young Leader Units	– 0
8. Total youth membership	– 1120
9. Total adult membership	– 381

Denewulf District Scout Council

England & Wales - Charity number 1016374

Accounts



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

15th May 2023

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The Lodge, Lyons Copse

Denewulf District Scout Council.

Trustee's Annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022

President: Mr Roger Freemantle

Members of the District Executive Committee (Charity Trustees)

Ex-officio members

Paul Squire	Chair
Mike McHugh	District Commissioner
Sam Parker	Deputy District Commissioner
Zara Seymour	District Youth Commissioner
Linda Wells	District Minutes Secretary
Matt Gamm	District Treasurer
Kate Jones	District Explorer Scout Commissioner
Phil Goddard	District Network Scout Commissioner

Nominated members (By DC)

Paul Squire	Scout Active Support Co-ordinator
Joe Mitchell	Everett's Coppice Warden
Les Farrington	Lyons Copse representative

Elected members

Carolyn Colwell	3 rd Portchester rep
Jon Skinner	1 st Fareham rep
Adrian Pashley	1 st Bishops Waltham rep
Paul Rutter	Scout Shop Manager (Scout shop closed 31 Dec 22)

Co-opted members (not a Trustee)

Sue Bell	Fareham Borough Councillor
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Charity Commission Contact (Registered Charity Number: 1016374)

Mr Matt Gamm
65 Raley Road,
Locks Heath,
Hampshire SO31 6PB

Principal appointments

For the year ended 31st December 2022

District Commissioner	Mr Mike McHugh
Deputy District Commissioner	Miss Sam Parker

Assistant District Commissioners and District Scout Leaders

District Youth Commissioner	Zara Seymour
ADC Beavers	Mr Graham Stanton
ADC Cubs	Mrs Philippa Cass
ADC Scouts	<i>Vacant</i>
DESC	Mrs Kate Jones
DNSC	Mr Phil Goddard
Vikings Activities Team	Mr Sam Taylor
Scouts Active Support Co-Ordinator	Mr Paul Squire
Badge Secretary – Denewulf North	Mrs Mary Freemantle
Badge Secretary – Denewulf South	Mrs Caryl Gregory
Chair AAC (North)	Mr Alan Crabb
Chair AAC (South)	Mr Robert Blatt
Scout Shop Manager	Mr Paul Rutter (Scout shop closed 31 Dec 22)
Scout Band	Mr Mark Goddard
Adventurous Activities and D of E awards Co-ordinator	Mr Richard Coghlan
Lyon's Copse Representative	Mr Les Farrington
Everett's' Coppice Representative	Mr Joe Mitchell
Local Training Manager	Mrs Sonia Crabb

**DENEWULF DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT 2023**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chair – Paul Squire
2. Apologies for absence – Chair
3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM - Chair
4. Annual report - DC
5. Approval of the Annual Report - DC
6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts - Treasurer
7. Appointment of the Accounts Scrutineers for the coming year – Treasurer
8. For Denewulf District Trustee Board to use the Scouts revised Purpose Statement as the focus of its work (April POR, chapter 5.4.4) - Chair
9. For Denewulf District Trustee Board to adopt the April 2023 constitution in PORs Chapter 5.4 - Chair
10. To note the dates of the Charity's financial year - Chair
11. To agree the number of Members that may be elected to the Trustee Board - Chair
12. To agree the quorum for meetings of the District Scout Council - Chair
13. To agree the quorum for the meetings of the District Trustee Board - Chair
14. To agree the quorum for the meetings of any sub-committee - Chair
15. To approve the appointment of the District President - Chair

Top table “step down”.

16. DC's nomination of District Chair.
17. Handover to the Chair.
18. List of ex-officio members (Trustees) – Chair
 - a. Chair
 - b. District Commissioner
 - c. District Youth Commissioner
 - e. District Treasurer
 - g. District Explorer Scout Commissioner
 - h. District Scout Network Commissioner
19. Approval of nominated members (Trustees) – Chair
20. Approval of elected members (Trustees) – Chair
21. Nomination of non-Trustee members – Chair
22. Co-opted members – Chair
23. Appointment of 3 Solent Scout Training Centre committee representatives – DC.
24. Appointment of Everett's Coppice committee representative - DC.
25. Awards (Young People and adult volunteers) – DC, Mayors, County Rep.
26. Mayor of Winchester's response.

27. Mayor of Fareham's response

28. Hampshire County Scouting Representative response.

29. DC's closing remarks.

o/c - Refreshments

Date of next Denewulf District Executive Meeting: 10 Jul 23. 1930 at 10th Fareham HQ.



Denewulf District

Hampshire Scouts

Charity Number 1016374

Minutes of the Denewulf District

Annual General Meeting

23rd May 2022

at The Lodge, Lyons Copse

1. Welcome by the Chair – Paul Squire

Paul welcomed the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Mr Derek Green and Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham, Cllr Michael Ford and Mrs Anne Ford. Also welcomed DCC for Hampshire West, Sarah Anderson, along with all fellow Scouters and friends.

This is the first AGM for Denewulf District, following the merger of Fareham East and Meon Valley Districts. Being a new District means there will be new District awards as well as old. A start was made at the recent St George's Day Parade in Fareham and some other awards have been presented at Scout HQs.

As we come out of Coronavirus constraints, we can hold face-to-face meetings, large camps, plan foreign travel to South Korea for the World Scout Jamboree 2023 {23 adults and young people from our Districts will be attending}. We have the largest and most adventurous District Camp planned this year. Sam Taylor is Camp Leader and Activities Co-ordinator.

There were 34 attendees

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Roger Freemantle – Denewulf President

Mary Freemantle – Denewulf North Badge Secretary

Andrew Prescott – Chair 1st Catisfield

Angela Knight

Jenny Bunce – GSL 1st Wickham

Cogy Coghlan – DofE

Mike Edey – Sea Scouts Section Leader 2nd Fareham Sea Scouts

Ann Thomas – Beaver Leader 10th Fareham

Nick Woollett – GSL 1st Bishop's Waltham

3. Minutes of Fareham East 2021 AGM and Meon Valley latest AGM

With 2 Districts merging into one, there are 2 sets of minutes. Both sets of minutes were endorsed by their respective Executive Committees.

4. Annual Report

Mike McHugh Denewulf DC presented the Annual Report. No vote required.

Mentioned the success of the new section, Squirrels for 4-6 year olds. Four new Dreys in the District, with new Leaders.

Still an adult volunteer shortage.

Merger of two Districts was a challenge. Competitions were held to decide the name and new badge. The new badge is a combination of Portchester Castle, Cross Keys of Winchester, River Meon and Forest of Bere. The Wulf derived from Jungle Book.

5. Approval of the Annual Report – DC

Approval of the Annual Report was proposed by Les Farrington and seconded by Jon Skinner.

6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts – Treasurer

Matt Gamm, District Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts. No questions were received as at 22nd May. Healthy balance at £28,487. Loss of £13,000 due to the change. Current report shows the figures for 2 Districts.

Groups with their own HQs benefitted from the Government/Council Covid-19 grants.

Those who couldn't benefit can get help from District.

The District would like to thank Matt for all the work combining the 2 Districts.

7. Appointment of the Accounts Scrutineer for the coming year -Treasurer

Dave Kemp has agreed and was appointed as Account Scrutineer for the coming year. It was noted that a thank you gift has been given to Dave.

Paul Squire asked the 'top table' to stand down and asked Mike McHugh to put forward his nomination for District Chair.

8. DC's nomination of District Chair

Mike McHugh asked Paul Squire if he would stand for another year. Paul said he would.

9. Handover to the Chair

10. List of ex-officio members

Paul Squire explained that, due to the recent changes to the Scouting AGM rules, a number of roles had membership of the District Executive Committee due to the role they held.

a) Chair	Paul Squire
b) District Commissioner	Mike McHugh
c) Deputy District Commissioner	Sam Parker
d) District Youth Commissioner	Zara Seymour
e) District Secretary	Linda Wells
f) District Treasurer	Matt Gamm
g) District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Kate Jones
h) District Scout Network Commissioner	Phil Goddard

11. Approval of District Commissioner nominated members

Mike McHugh nominated:

Steve Lee – Scouts Active Support

Joe Mitchell – Everett's Coppice Warden

Les Farrington – Lyons Copse Representative

DC asked for an approver for all 3 nominees. Eric Roxburgh gave approval.

12. Approval of elected members – Chair

Paul Squire put forward:

Beth Holmyard – Group representative from 1st Droxford
Carolyn Colwell – Group representative from 3rd Portchester
Jon Skinner – Group representative from 1st Fareham
Paul Rutter – Scout Shop Manager

Paul asked for a proposer and seconder for all 4 elected members. Peter Leach proposed and Guy Breakwell seconded.

13. Paul Squire explained that a co-opted member was someone who brought specialist Skills or experience to the committee:

Sue Walker - Fareham Borough Councillor, Executive Member for Leisure and Community. Informs us of the progress of new developments.
Tom Hughes – Explorer/Young Leader. A Young Leader Co-ordinator is needed.

14. Appointment of Solent Scout Training Centre Representatives

Mike McHugh named the following as his representatives:

Les Farrington – Lyons Copse representative
Paul Rutter – Scout shop and Parade Marshal until retiring
Sam Parker – Deputy DC

15. Appointment of Everett's Coppice Committee Representative

Mike McHugh named Joe Mitchell – Everett's Coppice Warden as his representative.

16. Young People and Adult Volunteers Awards

Four young people received a commendation for their designs which made up the new Denewulf District Badge:

Poppy Crook – 1st Bishop's Waltham
Oliver Nash – 1st Shedfield
Eleanor Brownlie – 1st Bishop's Waltham
Charlie Stewart – 2nd Fareham

Sarah Anderson – Hampshire County Scouting Representative presented Les Farrington with his 50 years Long Service Award. Sarah thanked Les for his exemplary service.

17. Mayor of Winchester Response

Mayor of Winchester thanked the District Executive Committee for his invitation. He spoke of his time in scouts in the 60s, and his love of camps. He is looking forward to visiting camps in the future.

18. Mayor of Fareham's Response

Mayor of Fareham also thanked the District Executive Committee for their invitations, and added his congratulations to award winners. Also thanked his Mayoress and Hampshire County Representative.

19. Hampshire County Scouting Representative's Response

Sarah Anderson congratulated Denewulf District on their merger and wished the District good luck for the future.

20. Chair's Closing Remarks

Paul thanked everyone for attending and invited them to partake of refreshments after the meeting.

Paul mentioned that Groups with their own headquarters benefitted from Government grants due to Coronavirus. Groups who couldn't benefit can get help from the District.

Paul had Queen's Platinum Jubilee Badges and new District Badges available for distribution.

Date of next District Executive Committee Meeting: 27th June 1930 at 10th Fareham HQ

Meeting Closed at 1950.

Annual Report – Index

1. Denewulf DC Report – Mike McHugh
2. Denewulf Chair's report – Paul Squire
3. Denewulf Treasurer's report (including accounts) – Matt Gamm
4. District Youth Commissioner (DYC) – Zara Seymour
5. Squirrels – Sian Edey
6. Beavers – Graham Stanton
7. Cubs – Phillipa Cass.
8. Scouts – Vacant.
9. Explorers – Vacant.
10. Network – Phil Goddard
11. Fareham West and Denewulf District Scout Band – Phil and Mark Goddard
12. Fareham West and Denewulf Scout Active Support Unit – Paul Squire
13. Lyons Copse – Alan Crabb
14. Scout Shop – Paul Rutter
15. Everett's Coppice – Dave Kemp
16. Vikings Activities Team (VAT) – Sam Taylor
17. Training – Sonia Crabb
18. Denewulf Census figures

1 - District Commissioner - Mike McHugh – District Commissioner

Following the major disruption to all our lives that Covid and its associated lockdowns and social distancing constraints caused, this was our first full year of Scouting. It did however show how Scouting can meet any challenge. It was noticeable that the gap of almost 18 months has left our young people in every section missing key experiences that they would be building on as they move up to the next scouting section.

We completed the annual census in Jan 2023, which showed our numbers continuing to improve as we see more young people coming into Scouting in all Sections. As a District, our figures show that we currently provide Scouting experiences for 1142 young people, and they are supported by 432 of our fantastic adult volunteers.

In 2022 we started with the newest section in Scouting - Squirrels for the age group 4 – 6. Currently we have 4 drays, with 2 more opening in 2023. We will continue to expand this section in 2023/24.

St George's Day, following on from last year's event which was well attended by Groups from across the District, we expect this year's event to exceed 500+ participants.

District Camp, in June 22 saw us holding our biggest ever District Camp. The period included the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, for which our Deputy DC had secured permission to have a fire beacon lit at the same time as many others around the UK. The camp had a range of 40+ activities, including some specifically for our Explorer and Network Units. We saw attendance of 618 young people from 12 Groups plus Explorers and Network, supported by a fantastic group of support staff drawn from our own District and nearby Districts, plus a great team from the university volunteer group.

Our Deputy DC Sam Parker is a key organiser of our highly respected Vikings Activities Team (VAT), which is managed by Sam Taylor. This team provides a wide range of activities that require permits, to Groups across the District. In addition to working with our District, they are in much demand with Groups and Districts across the South of England.

It's with considerable regret that at this year's AGM we will see Paul Squire step down from his role of Chair of the District Executive. Paul has proved to be an excellent Chair, and sought to ensure Executive meetings were moved around the District and included membership from many Groups.

For the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) and Project 23 (P23) this year, we will have 8 young people from across our District attending the WSJ in South Korea, where more than 40,000 Scouts from all over the world will gather for the 25th World Scout Jamboree. A further 9 young people will be participating in P23, visiting Scout campsites in Austria, Czech Republic and Germany, to undertake scouting type activities, meeting Scouts from other countries, sightseeing, adventurous activities and some pure fun activities.

Gone Home – in the last year we have said our final goodbyes to 4 members of our Scouting family. They will all be missed, but remembered for their contribution to Scouting over many decades.

2 – Executive Committee – Paul Squire - Chair

Looking back at 2022, the merger of Fareham East with Meon Valley was a big event to start off the year; with a lot of the background work being completed during Autumn 2021. Denewulf came into being, and the first thing I noticed was how big an area was covered by the ex-Meon Valley District! A small number of practises remain the same within each District, and where they do, they are allowed for; but in general terms, a lot has been integrated. Where it is easier to maintain a separation, then we are using the terms “Denewulf North” and “Denewulf South”.

My next challenge was to plan a few Denewulf meetings, but with a larger District, and more people seeming to be going away on holidays post the Pandemic; or having a commitment on a set night each week, it has proved nigh on impossible to get everyone to attend every meeting. This currently shows no sign of reducing in 2023.

With the addition of Squirrel Drays, and more people returning to Scouting, our numbers of Young People and adult volunteers continues to increase. So did the number of adults falling behind on completing their training in a timely manner. A huge effort was made in 2022 to get everyone to complete their personal training; and in many respects we are just about there; but it is a continuing task. A big thank you to the Training Managers, GSLs and Training Advisors.

As I come to the end of my 5-year term as Chair, there has been a lot of change, and a few surprises. At the start of my time, no-one expected a Pandemic; or a District merger, or Squirrel Drays; the death of our Queen, or the “new” term of “Zoom meetings”. My predecessor said that he managed to keep within the “2 hours a week” volunteering effort; but in general, I think mine, during the latter half, has been a lot more like 2 hours a day.

That said, I still rely heavily on having, and needing, a “Team” to support me; and I am very pleased to have them around! Thank you to Mike McHugh, Linda Wells and Matt Gamm; and all the other members of my District Executive Committee; and those who provide reports for the meetings.

Volunteering is a personal commitment to help others; but it still needs to fit in with your family, work and other friends. I am aware that Denewulf District has many volunteers, who give what time they can to supporting Scouting; and I give them my heartfelt thanks for all that they undertake, and achieve, with the Young People.

Denewulf has settled down after the merger, and has become a pro-active and flourishing District. I wonder what the next 5 years will bring?

3 - Treasurer's Report – Matt Gamm – District Treasurer

The Accounts show an end of year Balance sheet of £41,309.69. This includes monies in four bank accounts and two sets of badge stocks. It is £9,194.20 up on the 2021 figure of £32,115.49.

Income for the year was £45,249.45. Outgoings were £36,055.25. The difference is £9,194.20 as per the balance sheet.

Of this income, £18,022.86 was from Meon Valley District when we merged. If we take this figure from the £9,194.20, we see the actual expenditure of the year which is -£8828.66.

Our income is mainly from subscriptions plus any excess made on activities. This year Hampshire County gave us a grant that covered merger costs.

How we spent our money can be put into three categories, with examples of money spent in 2022:

Supporting Groups:

- Paying OSM
- Supplying two national badges
- Supported free use of Everett's Coppice
- Supported free use of Vikings Activity team
- Grants for new sections
- Selected badges and buckles

Supporting individuals

- Grants for activities, such as WSJ23 and project 23.

Cost of running district

- New Web site; training; administration costs

Activities such as District Camp and District Section activities are planned to be self-funding. In 2022, Cubs and Beavers activities were funded out of general funds.

For 2023 we have budgeted for a £5,000 overspend, so that we can keep supporting local Scouting to the same level as previous years.

Denewulf District Scout Council

Accounts for year ending
31st December 2022

Income & Expenditure Account

Statement of Assets and funds held

1 **Denewulf District Scout Council**

Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st December 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
<u>Subscriptions</u>							
Subscription receipts from Groups		53,707.20	28,299.75				
Less subscriptions paid to Scout County/HQ	2	(50,116.00)	(26,846.25)				
Net Subscriptions retained		3,591.20	1,453.50				
<u>Admin & Sundry</u>							
Merger of Districts		1,034.16	0.00	Merger of Districts		949.46	0.00
General admin				General admin		4,852.14	2,033.89
Total Admin & Sundry		1,034.16	0.00	Total Admin & Sundry		5,801.60	2,033.89
<u>Equipment & Renewals</u>							
		0.00	0.00	Equipment & Renewals		0.00	573.77
<u>Training</u>							
		0.00	0.00	Training		372.50	810.78
<u>First Response</u>							
		0.00	0.00	First Response		0.00	0.00
<u>Badge Sales</u>							
Badge Sales, North (from 1st Feb)	10	4,376.98	0.00	Badge costs			
Badge sales, South Secretary	10	370.19	843.79	Badges - cost of sales - North (from 1st Feb)	10	4,566.13	0.00
Disposal of Scout Shop Badge stock		0.00	450.00	Badges - cost of sales - South	10	2,920.95	465.21
Badge sales		4,747.17	1,293.79	Disposal of Scout Shop Badge stock		0.00	1,810.88
				Badge costs		7,487.08	2,276.09
<u>Receipts for Activities (Vikings)</u>							
		1,525.00	899.00	Payments for Activities (Vikings)		2,629.14	340.10
<u>Receipts from Sections</u>							
Squirrels		0.00	0.00	Payments for Sections			
Beavers		0.00	0.00	Squirrels		478.00	200.00
Cubs		0.00	0.00	Beavers		58.65	60.00
Scouts		30.00	0.00	Cubs		820.13	429.32
Explorers		0.00	200.00	Scouts		0.00	15.95
Meon Valley Explorer Unit (from 1st Feb)		3,440.84	0.00	Explorers		0.00	400.00
Network		518.22	560.79	Meon Valley Explorer Unit (from 1st Feb)		3,381.60	0.00
Leaders weekend (Jan 2023)		25.00	0.00	Network		338.85	95.00
Total Receipts for Sections		4,014.06	760.79	Leaders weekend (Jan 2023)		0.00	0.00
				Total Payments for Sections		5,077.23	1,200.27
<u>Joint responsibility with Fareham West</u>							
Active Support Unit	3	0.00	0.00	Joint responsibility with Fareham West			
Everett's Coppice	4	500.00	350.00	Active Support Unit	3	60.37	0.00
Scout Shop	5	0.00	0.00	Everett's Coppice	4	937.10	810.52
Total Receipts from Joint responsibility		500.00	350.00	Scout Shop	5	150.00	0.00
				Total Payments from Joint responsibilities		1,147.47	810.52
<u>District camp</u>							
		11,815.00	94.70	District camp		11,994.23	569.64
<u>D of E</u>							
		0.00	0.00	D of E		0.00	0.00
<u>Donation Fund Receipts</u>							
Alec Bowmaker Activity Fund		0.00	0.00	Donation Fund Payments			
Total Donation Receipts		0.00	0.00	Alec Bowmaker Activity Fund		1,546.00	0.00
				Total Donation Payments		1,546.00	0.00
<u>Sundry Funds Introduced</u>							
Badge Secretary North, stock held 1st Feb	14	2,475.17	0.00	Decreases in Sundry Fund balances			
Badge Secretary North, Bank Acc 1st Feb	14	297.54	0.00	Scout Band Fund cleared from accounts	6	0.00	7,674.30
Meon Valley Explorers Bank Acc 1st Feb	14	4,044.14	0.00				
Transfer from Meon Valley District	14	11,206.01	0.00	Total Sundry Fund Adjustments		0.00	7,674.30
Sundry Funds Introduced		18,022.86	0.00				
<u>Depreciation Charges</u>							
				Projector & Equipment	12	0.00	420.57
				PA System	12	0.00	103.92
				Climbing Equipment	12	0.00	892.44
				First Response Equipment	12	0.00	128.79
				Depreciation Charges		0.00	1,545.72
<u>Total Income</u>							
		£45,249.45	£4,851.78	Total Expenditure		£36,055.25	£17,835.08
<u>2022: Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>							
		£9,194.20					
<u>2021: Excess of Expenditure over income</u>							
		-£12,983.30					

Denewulf District Scout Council



Balance sheet as at 31st December 2022

	Note	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31.12.21</u>	Movement in year (+/-)	<u>Balance at</u> <u>31.12.22</u>
		£	£	£
Assets / Bank Accounts				
<u>Fixed Assets</u>				
	13			
Projector & Equipment		0.00	0.00	0.00
PA System		0.00	0.00	0.00
Climbing Equipment		0.00	0.00	0.00
First Response Equipment		0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Fixed Assets Total</u>		0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Current Assets</u>				
District current bank account	9	28,487.57	3,520.24	32,007.81
Beaver Scouts bank account	8	578.82	(578.82)	0.00
Network bank account	9	1,946.62	179.37	2,125.99
Badge Secretary North bank Account	9	0.00	261.01	261.01
Meon Valley Explorers Bank Account	9	0.00	4,103.38	4,103.38
Petty cash held by Badge Secretary		65.27	(65.27)	0.00
Badge stock held by Badge Secretary South	10	662.21	(173.26)	488.95
Badge stock held by Badge Secretary North	10	0.00	2,322.55	2,322.55
Outstanding loan amounts from Groups	9	375.00	(375.00)	0.00
<u>Current Assets Total</u>		32,115.49	9,194.20	41,309.69
<u>Total Assets</u>		32,115.49	9,194.20	41,309.69
Represented by Funds Held:				
<u>Designated Funds</u>				
	11			
Everetts Coppice		38.54	62.90	101.44
Beaver Scouts		578.83	(578.83)	0.00
Scout Network		1,946.62	179.37	2,125.99
Meon Valley Explorers		0.00	4,103.38	4,103.38
Explorers		595.35	(595.35)	0.00
DofE		724.24	(724.24)	0.00
Active Support		306.92	0.00	306.92
Alec Bowmaker Activity		4,746.16	(1,546.00)	3,200.16
<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>		8,936.66	901.23	9,837.89
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				
General funds	12	23,178.83	8,292.97	31,471.80
<u>Total Unrestricted funds</u>		23,178.83	8,292.97	31,471.80
<u>Total of Funds Held</u>		32,115.49	9,194.20	41,309.69

Accounts approved by the Trustees at the Executive Committee meeting on 27th April 2023

Paul Squire, District Chair

Matt Gamm, District Treasurer

Denewulf District Scout Council, notes to Accounts 31st December 2022

1 Merger of Meon Valley and Fareham East Scout Districts

Meon Valley Scout District was merged into Fareham East Scout District as of the 1st February 2022. The District was then re-named Denewulf Scout District. Funds from Meon Valley were then transferred into Denewulf:

The Meon Valley District bank Account was closed and the monies transferred to the main Denewulf bank account; The Badge Secretary (north), and the Meon Valley Explorers bank accounts have been kept open;

All three, along with badge Secretary (north) badge stock, is shown as income under Sundry Funds Introduced.

Meon Valley District final accounts were included in the general report at the Denewulf 2022 AGM for information.

2 Subscriptions (Capitation)

Subscriptions are collected for the District, and on behalf of the County, and HQ.

The subscription for the County and HQ do not form part of these accounts but are shown for information.

3 Active Support Unit

Active Support historically is part of both East and West Fareham and is now financially run within Denewulf.

4 Everetts Copse

Everetts Copse is a Scout camp site with no running water or electricity.

It is jointly owned by Denewulf and Fareham West Districts, but financially administered by Denewulf.

An agreed amount is paid by both Districts each year to fund maintenance. In 2022 it was £500.00 each.

There has been a valuation of the land which is under discussion with Fareham West, as half this value may be included in future accounts.

5 Fareham Scout shop

The Scout Shop is jointly owned by Fareham West and Denewulf Districts. Their Accounts are audited separately, and so do not form part of these Accounts. The Scout shop closed on the retirement of its manager, Paul Rutter.

The shop closed permanently on the 31st December 2022. All remaining assets will be split equally between both districts after their annual accounts are finalised and audited.

6 Fareham District Scout Band

The band is independently run for both Denewulf & Fareham West Districts. They have their own audited finances, and so as of 1st Jan 2021 they were removed from these Accounts. Their yearly report is included at our AGM.

7 Loans

The District had outstanding loaned monies from one of its Scout Groups that were paid off during 2022.

8 Beaver Bank Account

The Beaver bank Account was closed during 2022 and the monies were transferred to the main District bank Account

9 District Bank Accounts

There are 4 bank accounts: 1. Main District, 2. Network, 3. Meon Valley Explorers, 4. Badge Secretary North

10 Badges

We have retained Meon Valley Badges separately. They are referred to as Badges North, and Fareham East as Badges South. The figures are purchases and differences in badge stocks totalled together.

Badges North had £529.89 outstanding invoices that were paid in January 2023 and so will be included in the 2023 accounts.

11 Designated Funds

Designated Funds are those funds that are either donated to the District for use for specific expenditure, or are allocated for a specific reason.

12 General Funds

These funds are used for all expenditure other than that covered by the other specific funds.

The Scout District aims to maintain the General Funds at a minimum level likely to be sufficient to meet any reasonable unanticipated expenditures, or cover any short term shortfall in income, and is reviewed annually. The minimum level for 2021 was set at £18,500, a level following the merger was not set.

13 Fixed assets

Fixed assets were fully depreciated in 2021. Items purchased in 2022 including items transferred from Meon Valley are written down on purchase.

14 Sundry Funds Introduced

These amounts were held by Meon Valley District on the 31st Jan 2022. They were transferred to Denewulf as of the 1st Feb 2022.

The Explorer Account is currently managed by the District Treasurer, but as per the Network Accounts, the Badge Secretary North Account is run separately, but forms part of these Accounts.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Denewulf District Scout Council

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1016374

Set out on pages

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

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- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

Signed:

D Kemp

Date:

20th February 2023

Name:

D Kemp

Relevant professional
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4 - District Youth Commissioner (DYC) report – Zara Seymour – District Youth Commissioner

No report received.

5 - Squirrels report – Sian Edey – ADC Squirrels

Squirrels has celebrated its first birthday nationally, and within our District. And what a year it has been! We attended our first District Camp, spending a fun day visiting our Groups and meeting each other and our County Commissioner, Amanda, for the first time. This was a chance for our newest scouting members to find out that are now a part of our local, national and worldwide family and to experience the adventure that we all share together. It all started at flag break, which was the privilege of one of the District Squirrels on this Fun Day (and he is still talking about it!) and ended with excited, happy and utterly worn-out young people and hilarious photos of them asleep in the car by the time they reached the end of Sandy Lane. A huge thank you to the District Camp Team for their thought, care and enthusiasm in affording our Squirrels this exciting opportunity to experience a taster for their future in Scouting.

Since then, we have also had the opportunity of joining our Squirrel family county-wide at Ferny Croft for a Squirrels County Fun Day, and joined in with Remembrance Parade. Some Squirrels were able to join in with the worldwide Jamboree on the Internet too.

Our four Dreys have all been given a rich and varied plan, and have seen their Squirrels achieve their Chief Scouts Acorn Awards as a result of the leaders' dedication to a quality and youth shaped programme and young people's enthusiasm. From visits to local farms, and to local landmarks like the Spinnaker tower, helping our community and tapping into new experiences, such as finding out about new sports with tennis taster sessions, our Squirrels are a wonderful addition to our District and to our community.

Squirrels have now been given the go ahead to experience nights away and we look forward to hearing about their adventures in the coming year.

We are also look forward to giving more opportunities to 4 to 6 years joining within other Groups in the District. Please get in touch if there are any questions you would like answered to make this happen in your Groups.

6 - Beavers report – Graham Stanton – (Indi) ADC Beavers

Another year in Beavers has brought us the reality of the merger with Meon Valley. These things take time and a lot of work between the different Groups. But I do feel we are moving forward, and progressing. Still, a lot more visiting around the Denewulf District is required on my part, and that is one of my goals for the coming year.

We had a fantastic Christmas meal again at Fareham college this year. Many thanks to Caryl Gregory and her organisation skills. Everyone had a lovely time, and long may it continue. At our regular Leaders meetings we are presently organising a trip to The Wild Life Park in May, and A Fun Day at Lyons Copse in September.

Add to this St Georges Day Parade, The Remembrance Service, and everything else happening in individual groups, It's going to be a busy year!

7 - Cubs Report – Philippa Cass – ADC Cubs

Dare I say things are finally starting to feel like they were back to pre-Covid times, with all our previous District Cub events being booked back in.

Last year as Cubs in our District, we managed to run Chess and Draughts in February and our Camping competition in September. Both events were well attended, and all Cubs involved said how they thoroughly enjoyed joining with others once again.

We have a District Cubs WhatsApp Group setup now which is for any Cub related adult leader or helper to have access to. This gets used regularly for posting information about upcoming events, and if anyone has any questions, they can call on the minds of all the leader/helpers in the District. This is to help bring the Group Cub packs together, and support leaders, both new and experienced within Denewulf.

Some adult leaders and helpers have also managed to meet up a few times for event planning meetings, to swap ideas and getting to know each other again; with new leaders turning up each time, which is promising.

For 2023 so far, we have had our annual Chess and Draughts competition with a good turnout of Cubs from 8 different packs.

Results were.

Draughts - Winner 10th Fareham, with Runner up from Bishops Waltham.

Chess - Winner 1st Fareham, with Runner up from 2nd Portchester.

Dexter the winner of chess from 1st Fareham then went on to represent Denewulf at county level and came 3rd! So massive congratulations to him.

For the rest of this year, we have planned six a side Football in June, District Cub camp in July and our Camping Competition in September.

Finally, to all those involved with Cubs in our District, thank you and keep up the good work, we couldn't do this without you.

8 - Scouts – No report received.

9 - Explorers – No report received.

10 - Lions Scout Network – Phil Goddard

Network has continued to hold weekly meetings at various HQs around the District, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those Groups that have continued to support Network. This year we have seen a number of members turn 25, and so leave, and others go off to university. This has a major impact on our weekly meetings, reducing the number of active members. If you're involved with Explorers I urge you to contact us and see what we do, you may even enjoy it.

The members take turns to organise the weekly meeting, thus ensuring everyone one gets to do something they enjoy, whilst helping to expand the experiences and knowledge of the other members. We are also trying to take on a more supportive role within the District, but with reduced numbers this is proving very difficult.

This year Mark Goddard, who has a Queen's Scout Award, will be attending the St George's Day parade at Windsor Castle.

11 - Fareham West and Denewulf District Scout Band – Phil Goddard - Bandmaster

This year the band has continued to bounce back after the Pandemic. After a series of workshops, District camps, and Group visits, the Band managed to attract a number of new members. The Pandemic has continued to cause us issues, with the number of events being severely reduced. The funding model used by the various organisations has also changed, which led to the band not being paid for the major event that we attended last July. Going forward the band will need to secure additional funding, thereby allowing us to continue being accessible to all.

12 - Denewulf and Fareham West Active Support – Paul Squire - Co-ordinator

Having taken over as Co-ordinator in 2021; I needed to get some consistency for meeting dates, and continue to update my distribution list. The distribution list took all of 2022 to update; especially as I had no access to Fareham West Compass data, and as a Co-ordinator, rather than a Manager, my own access to Denewulf Compass data was also limited. With some gratefully appreciated assistance from members, I feel my distribution list is now pretty good!

We have now achieved consistency of meeting dates – every other month, and alternating between daytime and evening. This means people can now plan ahead; although venues are an eclectic mix of places.

During 2022 it became apparent, from a few different sources, that a significant number of adult volunteers within Groups had never heard of Active Support. I am generating some publicity material which will go out to Groups during 2023; so hopefully, we might get a few more new members.

On a sad note, we had a number of members who went Home – Julie Lawley, Peter and Mo Cummings and Jim McGrigor. When talking about support to Scouting; each of those who passed away had supported Scouting for decades, not just a few years.

The person I took over from, Les Farrington (Yeti), was very ill during 2022, and at the end of the year had a blue light trip to the local hospital; and ended up having a pacemaker fitted at short notice. As I write my report, he is a lot better; and seems to be having a second lease of life.

We also had one couple, Paul and Angie Rutter, who retired from Scouting at the end of 2022. Again, it was decades of service between them; and as I subsequently found out, quite a few items to transfer from their house to mine. Whilst Paul has undertaken numerous roles in his time, I would specifically like to thank him for being the Scout Shop manager until its closure at the end of 2022, and Parade Marshall.

Active Support members do exist in small numbers, in areas that you might not expect, such as the Vikings Activity Team, Lyons Copse “crew”, and in the ex-Meon Valley, a few are attached to their local HQs.

The Active Support age profile means that the older members are generally not able to participate in strenuous physical activities; but they do have a wealth of experience, and can mentor and teach Young People and adult volunteers in many Scouting practical skills; provide “tea-and coffee” support, as well as be judges for competitions. If you feel your Group or Section could benefit from a visit, please contact me (paul.squire2@ntlworld.com).

13 - Lyons Copse – Alan Crabb - Voluntary Site Manager

This has been one of the strangest years for the site, with the full-on return following the lockdowns. The site has seen a real surge in bookings especially all site District camps. To that end we are putting in place a new process to manage these large camps. A big part of this is ensuring our impact on the locals is kept to a minimum, i.e – traffic flow. Our Summer period was very hard with one of the team passing away and another getting hurt on site. The support during this period was fantastic and Groups commented on how the site was kept open. Our wild life this season has also been magical with Kingfishers, deer, badgers and foxes plus squirrels and countless birds. As a Brownie group found out Fox Cubs love Spag Bol!

Site Overall:

Camping is heading back to our pre-covid numbers, and as mentioned, we have seen a real increase in whole site bookings. Our plans are still to aim to keep the camping numbers under control, with keeping to one Group per field. This will allow for toilet allocation to each Group and also young people and leaders to get back to the camping experience without competing with another Group. Comments from many leaders have been how hard it has been to get everyone back to camping.

What has taken off big time is evening bookings, with Groups using the site to get out into the fresh air.

The tower, rafting, barn, etc has never been used so much. Again we are having to restrict numbers to 3 Groups per night. We are also asking for host Groups to let themselves into the site, otherwise the local volunteers are turning out every night. We are also now flood lighting the Tower.

Buildings:

Toilets.

We are back to general toilet use, and this has eased the work for the cleaning team. We have fitted all the toilets with stock cupboards so Groups can keep them clean and refill items as needed. Groups camping are allocated toilets to keep clean over the weekend, etc.

The Lodge:

The lodge has suffered from the very dry hot summer and we are now looking to replace the main hall doors. Hopefully this will solve the draft and problem shutting them issues.

Lawrence toilets will be insulated and up graded this year.

Pine Cabin:

The cabin has started its refit of the toilets to increase the options as to who can use what toilet, etc.

General items:

Looking at our ongoing fuel costs and trying to keep our fees as low as we can, we are now exploring the use of green energy options, solar power, etc.

Moving forward as a site, we now need to start looking at the future, and trying to get new people on board to start having back up support in place.

14 - Fareham Scout Shop – Paul Rutter – Scout Shop Manager

2022 saw the final year of the Fareham Scout Shop, which closed for trading on 31st December 2022.

During the year, stock levels were continually managed and reduced, and all stocks of Group scarves sold to respective Groups before closure, in order to keep stock holdings low for closedown.

During the final days of trading in December, closedown sales were advertised and held, in an effort to sell off all redundant stocks being held – and these were relatively successful, producing further profits for the shop, and disposing of out-of-date stock.

Profits for the year were somewhat artificially loaded due to the activities above, but produced takings of close to £10,500, with an excess of Income over Expenditure of around £4500 - a good return, but unfortunately the last one!

Sharing of profits and closedown holdings in the bank, will be disbursed to the two Districts after the books are finally closed and audited (probably April / May).

A final report of closedown will be produced and available for perusal.

In closing, a big thank-you to all of you for supporting your Scout Shop, and in particular, to those who assisted, by acting as shop assistants on Saturday mornings, and having to listen to my rhetoric for the last 11 years!

Your help has been greatly appreciated, and I wish you all the best in your Scouting endeavours for the future.

15 - Everett's Coppice – Dave Kemp – Everett's Coppice agent

General maintenance e.g., ditch clearing, re-instating fences, cutting up falling trees, repairing bridges, strimming brambles, transplanting plants within the coppice etc. was carried out during the year. All logs and brush from these from fallen trees were moved to existing piles and Log Stores. Wood Chippings have been laid on some of the tracks.

Both Fareham East (now Denewulf) and Fareham West Districts donated £500.00 each for maintenance of the Coppice.

Joe Mitchell as Warden of the Coppice has attended Denewulf and Fareham West Executive Meetings and Group Leader meetings during the year.

Working Parties during 2022 were well supported, and our thanks go to all those Groups that came along and their great efforts that they made on the day.

Since the last Everett's AGM report for 2022, the Coppice has been used 64 times.

Booking of Everett's Coppice can now be done using Online Scout Manager (OSM).

Both the Pedestrian Gate and the Front Gate are now fitted with combination locks using the same combination number for both locks. OSM will provide this combination number to Sections 24hrs before the date booked.

16 – Vikings Activities Team (VAT) – Sam Taylor – Manager

2022 Saw the team provide more than 1000 hours of adventurous activities to many different Groups, both in our District and further afield, including 4 District camps!

Our own District camp last year was an astounding success which wouldn't have been possible without the effort of my core team. Plans are afoot for next year already!

The team continues to provide these activities for all kinds of events, large and small, and has become increasingly popular. We have had to turn down bookings for summer term 23 as we don't have the volunteers to do everything we get asked to do.

The Activities team is currently actively recruiting in an effort to be able to take on more bookings in the future, without increasing the burden on the relatively small team of regulars we already have. If you know anyone who would like to come and join us (we don't bite) please send them my way!

17 - Training Report – Sonia Crabb – Local Training Manager

It has been a very busy year for the Training Team, as we have all adjusted both to returning to 'normal' in Scouts, but in the context of a much larger District.

We now have 516 adult roles, held by just under 400 volunteers across the District.

This includes 96 people new to their role in 2022-23.

Across the District, 43 people have completed their Woodbadge training.

The number of people with outstanding mandatory training (both newcomers and renewals) has been reduced, very considerably, from almost 15% to under 2%. When you consider the influx of new adults this is a very significant achievement, although work remains to be done.

This very considerable work could not have happened without a dedicated team approach, with not only the Line Managers (Group Scout Leaders, Managers and Commissioners), but also a very dedicated team of Training Advisers working together. My thanks to each and every one of them.

I could not conclude this report without a specific mention to my fellow Training Manager and Trainer, Jim MacGregor, who made a considerable contribution to this work, but sadly passed away in December 2022. RIP.

18 - Denewulf Census Figures.

1. Squirrel Scout Dreys	– 4
2. Beaver Scout Colonies	– 16
3. Cub Scout Packs	– 17
4. Scout Troops	– 18
5. Explorer Scout Units	– 7
6. Active Support Units	– 3
7. Young Leader Units	– 1
8. Total youth membership	– 1142
9. Total adult membership	– 432