SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1021253

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-05-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Earleywood Scout Campsite Bagshot Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 9JP
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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: Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

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Geography

- Bracknell Forest
- Windsor And Maidenhead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£75,029	£57,630	-	-
2024-03-31	£56,258	£47,308	-	-
2023-03-31	£42,648	£46,086	-	-
2022-03-31	£67,265	£57,507	-	-
2021-03-31	£50,370	£21,920	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexis Sizeland		2023-07-11
Dorothy Ann Minchin		2024-07-09
Hilary Crofton		2023-07-11
Mr Karan Mehra		2013-08-28
Oliver Fisher		2023-07-11
Steve Prower		2013-09-30

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Accounts

South East Berkshire District Scout Council

District Registration No: 10213

The 45th Annual General Meeting

Earleywood Scout Campsite
Wednesday 24th September 2025

Annual Report of the District Trustee Board including the Annual Statement of Accounts

Scouts

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District Lead Volunteers Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire

In the last year the District Trustee Board has continued to focus on the Goals which we began in 2024

- The Governance of the Groups within the District
    - We reviewed the results of our Group Governance Questionnaire to assess compliance at group level. It gave us an indication of where each group was and we're pleased to say overall the District was in a reasonable place
    - Alex directly supported several of the groups through the transition from Exec to Trustee Board & helped them with their AGM preparations
    - You will have heard/will shortly hear/read Helen's review for the tremendous support she and the Volunteer Development Team have also given to all the groups to help them transition to the new way of Scouting over this year
- Earleywood transition & future plans
    - Some progress has been made for Earleywood (see the separate report) & Berkshire County Scouts have formally agreed to the site being leased directly from Gilwell by SE and S Berkshire. Discussions with The Scout Association legal team regarding changing/extending the lease however were put on hold, due the amount of admin arising from compliance following the Coroner's Report from The Great Orme. The lease discussions will be resumed in 2026.
- Investment Plan
    - The District Trustee Board formally launched a scheme whereby groups could apply for project funding from the District for their own group.
    - In the short term the District Trustee Board also offered each group £250 as a one-off payment, to buy something their group needed. All groups applied and many payments were spent on soft axe throwing kits (thank you Costco!), tents, water heaters and other camping kit...so put to very good use.
    - We also formalised the District's policy for Explorers participating in International Scouting events (10% towards the cost of the trip)
- Supporting Growth
    - In this time frame we opened
        - A second Squirrel Drey & a second Beaver Colony at 1st Sunningdale
        - A second Squirrel Drey at The Parks
        - Squirrels at 1st Warfield
- Re-launch District Programme
    - You have heard/will shortly hear/read Derek's review of the great success this has been.

All in all a very busy year for the Trustee Board on top of all The Scout Association changes.

Yours in Scouting,
Hilary & Alex

DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT

The attached financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 24/09/2025 and shows the financial position of the charity as at 31st March 2025. The main income of the charity is the capitation fees and interest on accumulated funds.

Karan Mehra
District Treasurer

District Executive Committee Trustees 2024/2025

Chairperson Oliver Fisher
~~Secretary~~
Honorary Treasurer Karan MEHRA

Ex Officio District Commissioner Hilary CROFTON
~~DES Commissioner~~

Nominated None

Elected
Alex Sizeland. George Archer
Ann Minchin
Steve Prower
Sam Winterson

Co-opted None

Examiner of Accounts Mark G Sayers

Bankers
a) Nat West Bank Plc
b) Virgin Money

District Registration No. 10213

Charity Registration No. 1021253

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary

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Receipts & Payments Account	2024/2025	2023/2024
Total Receipts for the year	£75,029.96	£56,258.22
Total Expenditure for the year	-£57,630.64	-£47,308.40
Net movement in funds	**£17,399.32**	**£8,949.82**
Cash & Bank brought forward	£131,557.31	£122,607.49
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and other non cash items included above		
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	**£148,956.63**	**£131,557.31**

Summary of Monetary Assets at 31st March 2024

	2024/2025	2023/2024
District Executive Account	£78,661.54	£76,930.11
DASU Account	£6,768.11	£6,775.41
Earleywood	£63,526.98	£47,851.79
	£148,956.63	**£131,557.31**

South East Berkshire Scout Fellowship and Earleywood Campsite, from the Charities Commission viewpoint come under the auspices of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council. However, the assets are not controlled directly by the South East Berkshire District Scout Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A signed copy available
for inspection at the AGM

District Chairman

District Commissioner

Honorary District Treasurer
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS

	2024/2025	2023/2024
District Executive Account		
Nat West current account	£42,130.79	£41,724.05
Virgin Bank	£36,530.75	£35,206.06
	£78,661.54	**£76,930.11**
District Exec. movement in funds	£1,731.43	£2,820.14
Represents		
District Funds	£45,783.98	£43,930.11
Reserved Funds	£30,877.56	£28,000.00
International	£2,000.00	£5,000.00
	£78,661.54	**£76,930.11**
District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)		
Nat West current account	£1,372.91	£1,406.16
Virgin Money	£5,391.65	£5,368.68
Cash in hand	3.55	£0.57
	£6,768.11	**£6,775.41**
DASU movement in funds	-£7.30	£59.46
Earleywood Account		
HSBC current account	£63,516.98	£47,841.79
Stripe Balance		
Cash in hand	£10.00	£10.00
Cheques outstanding		
Cheques not cleared		
	£63,526.98	**£47,851.79**
Earleywood movement in funds	£15,675.19	£6,070.22
Represents		
Transfer from Berkshire County	£6,413.89	£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments		
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure	£49,637.25	£33,253.16
Restricted reserves	£7,475.84	£8,184.74
	£63,526.98	**£47,851.79**
Total Monetary Assets	**£148,956.63**	**£131,557.31**

Consolidated Receipts
For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

RECEIPTS

	2024/2025		2023/2024	
District				
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£1,324.69		£1,079.70	
District Capitation 2025	£4,236.25		£4,462.50	
Donations	£55.00		£42.11	
Sales of Badges	£153.50		£258.50	
District Camp 2024			£476.50	
Alps25 (Net Fund Movement)	£7,655.50			
		£13,424.94		£6,319.31
District ASU				
Subscriptions				
Sale of Badges	£14.00			
Interest	£22.97		£35.96	
Gift Aid				
Ascot Round Table			£400.00	
		£36.97		£435.96
Earleywood				
Site Fees including Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£55,899.48		£41,544.82	
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£5,668.57		£2,941.74	
Grants				
Extraordinary income			£5,016.39	
		£61,568.05		£49,502.95
Total Receipts		**£75,029.96**		**£56,258.22**

Consolidated Expenditure
For the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Expenditure	2024/2025		2023/2024	
District				
AGM 2024 Expenses	£157.39		£143.96	
Contribution to WSJ 2023			£2,680.00	
Scout Group Programme Activities	£4,777.94			
Scout Group Contribution	£3,388.58			
Contribution to Malawi 2024	£3,000.00			
MPLC Licence	£249.60		£231.96	
District Expenses	£120.00	£11,693.51	£443.25	£3,499.17
District ASU				
Unit Expenses	44.27			
Coronation Badges			£26.50	
Fireworks Proceeds to Scout Groups			£300.00	
Donations		£44.27	£50.00	£376.50
Earleywood				
Insurance	£3,551.30		£3,554.02	
Utilities	£7,805.20		£8,239.95	
Maintenance	£24,507.86		£26,717.65	
Cleaning	£5,533.38		£3,667.17	
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£399.78		£519.61	
Miscellaneous Other	£3,386.44		£734.33	
Extra-ordinary expenditure	£708.90	£45,892.86		£43,432.73
Total Expenditure		£57,630.64		£47,308.40

LT700005 – Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees (July 2019)

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of Earleywood Scout Campsite

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended .....31st March 2025.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

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

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

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

Scrutineer's Statement

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

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Name: Robert Ellis ACCA

Address: 12 Atkins Road
WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE
READING RG10 0LJ

Date: 19/5/2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

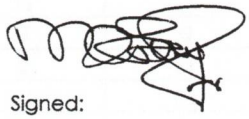
I report in respect of my examination of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Signed:

Name: **Mark Sayers**

Chartered Financial Planner & Independent Financial Advisor,

Date:16th June 2025

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

Chartered Financial Planner & Independent Financial Advisor, FPFS, ACIB, CFP Chartered MCSI.

(FCA Registration No MGS00032).

Address: 6 Bedfordshire Down, Warfeld, Bracknell, Berkshire RG42 3UA.

Top Awards

Chief Scout Awards	Quantity	% eligible
Acorn	36	73%
Bronze	45	38%
Silver	35	49%
Gold	11	27%
Platinum	9	19%
Diamond	1	2%
Explorer Belt	0	0%
Young Leader Belt	1	3%
Kings Scout Award	0	0%
Scouts of the World Award	0	0%
DofE Bronze	6	13%
DofE Silver	3	6%
DofE Gold	0	0%

Membership Numbers and Growth

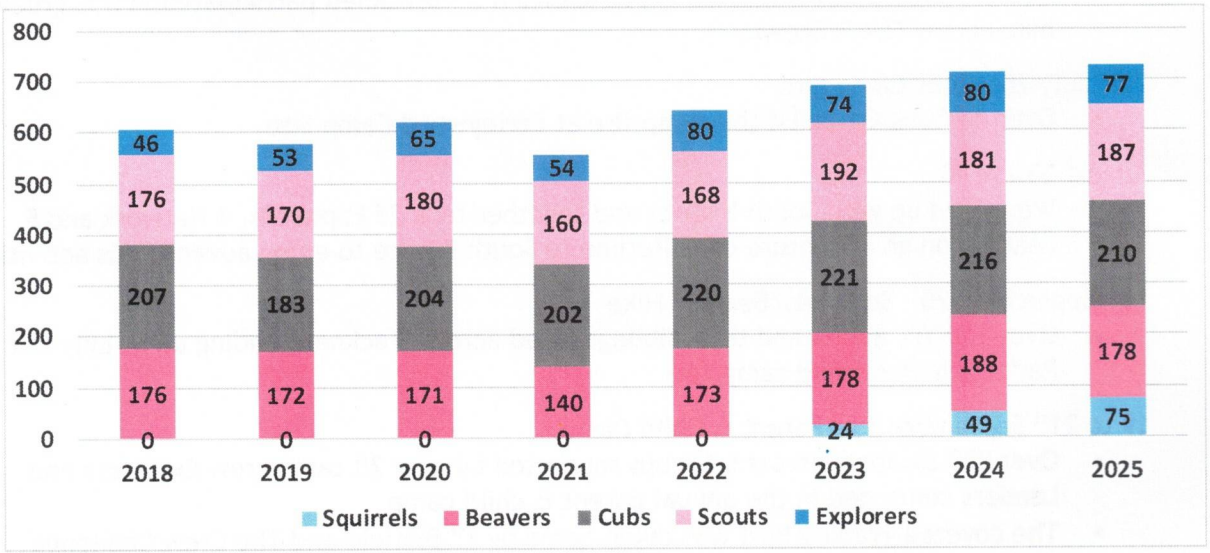
Membership 2025

Membership 2025	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Total Members
1st Ascot (All Saints)	0	8	20	15	8	51
1st Binfield	12	35	52	46	17	162
1st South Ascot	11	21	23	25	8	88
1st Sunningdale	19	40	28	31	11	129
1st Warfield	10	14	20	0	0	44
The Parks	23	19	15	15	0	72
2nd Bracknell	0	26	31	20	12	89
4th Bracknell	0	12	6	25	13	56
6th Bracknell	0	3	15	10	8	36
Total Youth	**75**	**178**	**210**	**187**	**77**	**727**

Growth 2024 to 2025 (Census)

- Overall (4-18) + 2%
- Squirrels + 53%!
- Beavers - 5%
- Cubs - 3%
- Scouts + 3%
- Explorers - 4%
- Adults + 6%

Growth from 2018 to 2025



Programme Team

The Programme and 14-24 Teams deliver jointly events across the District

14-24 Activity

Regular weekly evening meetings are up and running for all Network members taking place Tuesday nights at 4th Bracknell.
Looking to get recruitment materials done in the Autumn term.

Events

9th October 24 - Army Leadership Day

- 7 Explorers from 3 Groups attended this free event run by the Army to earn their Leadership Activity badge

25 to 27th October 24 - Gilwell Scarefest Camp

- 11 Explorers across 3 Groups attended this fun packed scary weekend

14th November 24 - Cubs Bowling Event

- 124 Cubs took over 18 bowling lanes at Hollywood Bowl Bracknell
- 1st Binfield took home both team and individual trophies

22nd November 24 - Scouts Silent Disco

- 50 Scouts strutted their stuff, busted moves, played games and sang out loud at their neon silent disco

8th February 25 - Beaver Challenge & Sleepover

- 9 teams of 4 Beavers from 6 Groups completed 12 bases to test their team skills physically, mentally and laterally.
- Congratulations to 1st Warfield who have taken home the shield!
- 18 Beavers slept over and enjoyed an evening eating tea, watching a movie, played games and up early next day for breakfast and home

29th March 25 - Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs County Wild Adventure Days

- Over 100 Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs and 40 adults attended the County event

5th April 25 - Scouts/Explorers Three Towers Hike

- Scouts from 4th Bracknell and Explorers from 2nd Bracknell participated in this gruelling hike across The Ridgeway

22nd July 25 - Cubs Camp Fire

- Over 40 Cubs attended the camp fire at Earleywood Camp Site

August 25 - ALPS

- We joined up with South District and together took 25 Explorers, 1 Network and 5 Leaders on an adventure of a lifetime to South France to enjoy adventurous activities.

13th September 25 - Squirrels/Beavers Hike

- Over 100 YP, adults and their siblings hiked across Bracknell, ending up at Lilly Hill Park for a picnic and camp fire

19 to 21st September 25 - Parent & Child Camp

- Over 220 campers across 6 Groups supported by over 20 camp crew Explorers and Leaders competed in the annual parent & child camp
- The coveted Trading Post was taken home by 1st Binfield and The Crew Challenge retained by 1st South Ascot

Notifications

Busy year across the District, as we got out and about quite a lot:

- 399 - Activity Notification (AN), meetings held outside the usual meeting place i.e. Scout Hut, Community Hall, etc
- 38 - Nights Away Notification (NAN) - camping, sleepovers in tents or in buildings

Permits

Leaders have expressed an interested to obtain permits and pleased to see new or renewals issued for:

- 14 - Nights Away
- 2 - Air Rifle
- 4 - Archery
- 2 - Climbing
- 1 - Crate stacking

Still plenty of Leaders interested and looking to get them onto courses

District Activity Support Sub-Team

Prior to the autumn of 2024 the Support Sub-team was known as the District Active Support Unit (DASU). Following changes at a National level we became an Activity Support Sub-team under the umbrella of the District Support Team.

The DASU held its own funds and reported annually to the District Executive now known as the Trustee Board.

The DASU held funds with NatWest Bank and Virgin Money. Funds held with NatWest have been transferred to SE Berks District and the funds held with Virgin Money are in the process of being transferred to the District. Awaiting confirmation that this has been done. The Funds previously held by the DASU will be held as a restricted fund within the District.

Over the last twelve months or so the Sub-team have only supported the District at two events - the 2024 Parent and Child Camp and more recently the Squirrel / Beaver Hike.

Members of the sub team continue to meet but only in an informal mode and during the day.

In recent months several members have decided to become retired members and consequentially have restricted access to some activities and young people.

However the DASU and prior to that the District Scout Fellowship have been pleased to support the District in a wide variety of ways over many, many years and have had enjoyable time in doing so.

Anthony (Tony) Fulford - Activity Support Sub-team Leader

Earleywood

This year (to the end of March 2025) has been fantastic for bookings at Earleywood (up 10% on the prior year), with the site being enjoyed by more Scout & other groups than ever. They all love the woodland feel and the opportunity to develop outdoors skills with the YP.

Changes at Earleywood in the last 12 months

- Improved Communications with Customers:
    - At the beginning of the year we decided to pay Zoe Arden to manage the bookings and this has helped enormously with all aspects of the customer communication.
    - Zoe has overseen an extensive review of the Earleywood website, updating our Ts & Cs and adding many more photos with clear descriptions of the facilities. The website is now hosted through Pete Jeffries and the County team and looks much more professional.
    - Zoe has re-vamped the Earleywood information booklet, the information in OSM and introduced "self-hosting" guides.
    - Zoe is also proactively sending out the feedback form to all customers who book overnight and this is providing a valuable source of information from our customers perspective.
    - Zoe has undertaken an extensive review of the Earleywood prices, comparing our charges with similar sites and simplifying the structure, making it easier to understand (and book!)
- Consolidation of Administration/Paperwork:
    - With the creation of the SE Berkshire District Teams account, Earleywood is now a sub team within it and all the associated filing, minutes, certificates etc have been moved from Dropbox & Google dox to this one repository, so it is all in one place.
- Focus on Activities and Instructors
    - Zoe has introduced WhatsApp groups for instructors by permit activity, which has made finding instructors for bookings much easier.
    - With Zoe's help we have introduced a reward programme for instructors, so for every 5 hours volunteering a permit activity for another group, they receive a free 1-hour session for their own group.
    - Zoe has also investigated running Archery permit and Rifle Shooting permit training sessions at Earleywood, to create a greater pool of instructors to call upon.

We have BIG plans for Earleywood and we've only just begun!!! We look forward to updating you with our progress at the next AGM!
Hilary, Phill & the whole Earleywood Team

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Accounts

Top Awards

Chief Scout Awards	Quantity	% eligible
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Young Leader Belt	1	7%
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Scouts of the World Award	0	0%
DofE Bronze	9	18%
DofE Silver	3	6%
DofE Gold	0	0%

Membership Numbers and Growth

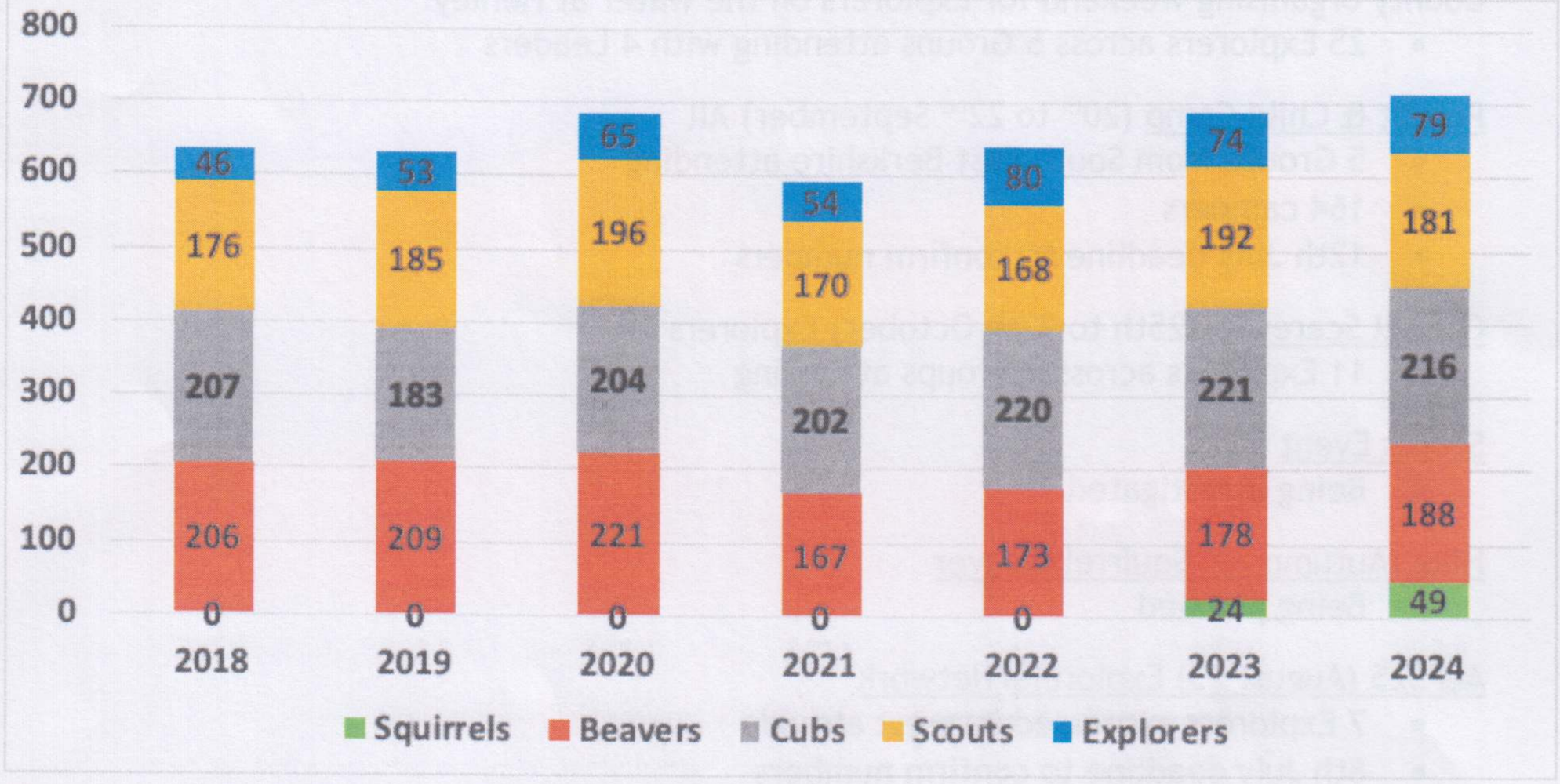
Membership 2024

Membership 2024	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Total Members
1st Ascot		20	22	19	11	72
1st Binfield	16	32	47	49	16	160
1st South Ascot	7	23	23	22	14	89
1st Sunningdale	14	22	30	19	12	97
1st Warfield		20	20			40
The Parks	12	17	13	15		57
2nd Bracknell		30	38	19	14	101
4th Bracknell		12	12	27	12	63
6th Bracknell		12	11	11	1	35
Total Youth	**49**	**188**	**216**	**181**	**80**	**714**

Growth 2022 to 2024 (Census)

- Overall (4-18) + 4%
- Squirrels + 104%!
- Beavers + 6%
- Cubs - 2%
- Scouts - 6%
- Explorers + 8%
- Adults + 8.6%

Growth from 2018 to 2024



Programme Team

This year has seen the programme team go from strength to strength including the long-awaited and successful return of District led events. During the year the team have delivered the following activities for the District:

Events

Leaders Only Camp (11th to 12th May 2024)

- Leaders from South and South East Berkshire Districts attended a free event at Earleywood to participate in adventurous activities and camp.
- Expression of interest discussed with numerous leaders to obtain their permits and support Programme Team events later this year.

District Camp (24th to 26th May 2024)

- 5/9 Groups attended across the District
- 284 – camping
- 46 – day visit
- 330 on camp Saturday
- Self-funded

A full weekend where everyone participated and supported running the activities, seamlessly.
Feedback meeting:

- All very positive and constructive, areas identified for improvement
- Good news you all want another one in 2027 and want to go to Gilwell Park

Gilwell Fun day (9th June) Squirrels/Beavers & Cubs

- 5/9 Groups attending
- 286 attended
- 5 coaches paid for by District

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Explorer Young Leaders, parents and Scout Leaders enjoyed activities where they climbed, rode, made, jumped, bounced, shot, ran, slid, balanced, created, ate and finally fell asleep on the way home in the coach.

Paddle Sports (6th to 8th September) Explorers
County organising weekend for Explorers on the water at Henley.

- 25 Explorers across 5 Groups attending with 4 Leaders

Parent & Child Camp (20th to 22nd September) All

- 5 Groups from South East Berkshire attending
- 164 campers
- 12th July deadline to confirm numbers

Gilwell Scarefest (25th to 27th October) Explorers

- 11 Explorers across 3 Groups attending

Scouts Event

- Being investigated

Hike (Autumn 24) Squirrel/Beaver

- Being planned

ALPS25 (August 25) Explorers/Network

- 7 Explorers expressed interest already
- 8th July deadline to confirm numbers

Permits

Leaders have expressed an interested to obtain 33 permits:
Nights Away

- Indoor x 2
- Campsite x 4

Activities

- Air Rifle x 3
- Archery x 1
- Climbing x 4
- Hill Walking x 8
- Narrow Boat x 3
- Off- Road Cycling x 6
- Water x 2

Volunteer Development Team

The Volunteer Development Team has been in existence for a little over a year. During the year we have made great progress in reducing non-compliance of mandatory training and navigating new volunteers through their getting started training. The team is still growing in both knowledge and number and we will have many challenges over the coming months with the introduction of the new training system and volunteer record database.

- Welcome conversations, the replacement for the Appointments Advisory Committee, are now fully in place. A training module is available in order to gain accreditation to be a welcome volunteer, and many Group Lead Volunteers have now completed it. There are also a few independent volunteers in the team, but we are always on the lookout for more to join us. Please get in touch if this is of interest.

Emphasis is now on ensuring new leaders attend a welcome conversation within the first few weeks of joining a group. A positive experience at the outset of their journey will stand them in good stead throughout their time, however long, within Scouting.

- Learning

  Getting started training and mandatory renewals have been the focus points over the past year. Compliance has improved immensely and the number of adults with expired mandatory training is now almost non-existent.

  We have welcomed six new Training Advisers / Learning Assessors to the team. Along with the current Training Advisers, they are working with groups to make training a positive experience for our volunteers. Each group has been allocated one or two advisers, so volunteers know who to approach to discuss their training needs.

  The focus over the next year will be to ensure we have no one within the District with expired mandatory or first response training, and that all new volunteers complete their initial Getting Started / Growing the Roots training within the set timeframes.

  The new Growing the Roots training will be computer based, and the revamped ongoing mandatory training will remain computer based. Validation for these modules will be automatic, giving the Learning Assessors time to concentrate on what matters, understand the training needs of our volunteers and aid them in formulating a training plan that is meaningful to their role.

- Recognition

  A designated team of experienced volunteers are on hand to ensure we are appropriately recognising our volunteers with the relevant awards.

Helen Robinson
Volunteer Development Team Lead

District Active Support Unit

Once again this last year has been a rather quiet one for the DASU. Apart for when The Scout Association held a webinar on the same night as one of our planned meetings we continued to hold our meetings every two months. With our reduced membership there has not been a great number at these meetings and we are currently reviewing the format for our meetings.

Members assisted at the District AGM and enjoyed helping, in September, at the Parent and Child camp at Earleywood.
There was no Gang Show in February 2024 so we did not have the opportunity in supporting them.

Bob Chandler (one of our members) continued to host at Earleytwood.

It was with great sadness the ASU along with many current and former members of the District attended the funeral, of one of our long serving and well respected members - Betty Scurry. Certainly the end of an era.

In March a couple of our members attended the funeral of Vera Hathaway (a former Leader at 1st South Ascot Scout Group) in Bournemouth. Following her funeral her ashes were interred

in the churchyard of All Souls church in South Ascot and this service was attended by ASU members and representatives of 1st South Ascot Scout Group.

The DASU look forward to being able help the District as and when they can but age is creeping up on many of our members!!

Tony Fulford
Manager / Lead Volunteer South East Berks District Scout Active Support Unit

Earleywood

- Our fabulous 9 acre woodland site, continues to deliver for young people through adventures and exciting memories. Most of our Management Board's efforts are spent focused on the short term requirements to keep the site safe, clean and useable. We still recognise the need for some longer term focus about how the site can further develop.
- Ahead of the peak summer season, we took the decision to invest in the key roads around the site to make access better. We have invested some funds to improve drainage and the surface of the car park area.
- The team have rehoused the wood pile and given it some much needed TLC, so it is much more accessible for all visitors.
- During the year we have invested in improved lighting around the site.
- Not content with just bringing great Wi-Fi to one corner of the site we have now extended it to most of the buildings and activity areas.
- Our much loved parachute has been reinstated for the summer season and makes a great base for groups and activities.
- Great to see County using the site for climbing activities and installing a County Container behind our existing container for some of their own summer equipment.
- This year we introduced new fire cradles to protect the land asking visitors to have fires just off the ground. There are several benefits to this and all the feedback we have heard has been very complimentary of this new system.
- Everyone involved in the site has new ID cards and lanyards
- In May we held a successful District Open day for local leaders to come and rediscover Earleywood and to enjoy all the activities we offer on site. We plan to run this around the same time again next year.
- We continue to offer a wide variety of activities which are much loved by our visitors, these include Crate Stacking, Climbing, Traversing, Outdoor Archery, Indoor Archery, Rifle Shooting, Mini Golf, High Ropes, Hammocks, Pioneering, Orienteering and Campfires. We are also looking at introducing Throwing Angel (Tomahawk) axe throwing next year.
- Like all Scouting groups this year has also meant some increased focus on our own Health & Safety policies and procedures. Much of these tireless efforts happen behind the scenes but ensure the site is open, safe and insured for all visitors.
- Our bookings continue to be predominantly Scouting groups, with some Duke of Edinburgh and Guide bookings. This has been supplemented by private bookings from local church groups, schools, Round Table and a local Forest School.
- The site has also benefit from a number of corporate volunteering days including over 100 volunteers from Salesforce, who leave their technology day jobs for litter collecting, cleaning out ditches, painting, planting or pruning.
- Financially the site remains stable and continues to retain at least one years costs in the bank. Our annual running costs have increased substantially with the figure currently sitting at £21,000 which includes electricity, water, insurance.
- We are as always incredibly dependent and grateful to our great Hosts and Instructors who interact with our visitors giving them each a great and memorable experience at

Earleywood. Andy Woodward continues to be a star in coordinating all hosting duties. We are always in need for additional hosts who might be able to open up or lock up after a group have visited.

- Sadly Bob Chandler has finally hung up his boots from many years of hosting duties. We are hugely grateful for all Bob has done over the years to host 1,000's of Earleywood visitors when they have arrived and departed. Plus so much work that Bob has done over the years when he would potter on site to just get lots of the small jobs done, whether that was painting benches to restocking toilet rolls. THANKS - we will miss you Bob!
- Likewise Andy Gorham our face of Bookings and customer interactions for so many years has sadly stepped down from this vital role. Andy has supported so many Earleywood enquiries and helped groups arrange a perfect visit to the site. During his tenure he was instrumental in the transition to the OSM booking system and online payments. THANKS for all your hard work and devotion to Earleywood, which has enabled so many groups to use the site. Hilary and Ruth are covering over peak after which time we will be looking for a volunteer to take on this crucial role.
- We are always looking for more people to support and develop the site for the future, so do contact me if you might be interested to spare a few hours every month as we have a number of roles we are looking to fill.
- Lastly a big thanks to the Earleywood Management Board (EMB) who all contribute so much to the site Paul, Steve, Derek, Ben and Josh. Plus Hilary/Alex and Phill our DCs from both South and South East who invest so much of their time and energy in Earleywood.

Sam Winterson
Chairperson
Earleywood Scout Campsite

Long and Good Service Awards

The following awards were issued in 2023-24. Congratulations to all the recipients!

Good Service Awards			
Steve Richards	Award for Merit	District Trustee	
Derek Salter	Award for Merit	Section Leader - Explorer Scouts	2nd Bracknell
Ben Shirvill	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service	District Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	
Zoe Arden	Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service	Assistant Section Leader - Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts

Commissioners Commendations			
Michelle O'Sullivan	Commissioners Commendation	Group Scout Leader	1st Warfield Scout Group
Karen Woolls	Commissioners Commendation	Deputy Group Scout Leader	4th Bracknell Sea Scouts
Liam Fricker	Commissioners Commendation	Section Leader - Cub Scouts	
Ruth Yates	Commissioners Commendation	District Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	
Ben Shirvill	Commissioners Commendation	District Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	
Rob Viola	Commissioners Commendation	Assistant Section Leader - Explorer Scouts	
Katrina Shappard	Commissioners Commendation	Group Administrator	The Parks Scout Group
Spike Maughan	Commissioners Commendation	Section Leader - Beaver Scouts	2nd Bracknell
Michal Szymaniec	Commissioners Commendation	Section Assistant - Scouts	2nd Bracknell
Derek Salter	Commissioners Commendation	Section Leader - Explorer Scouts	2nd Bracknell
Carolyne Brambley	Commissioners Commendation	District Appointments Chair	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Kelly Fricker	Commissioners Commendation	Section Leader - Squirrel & Beaver Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Fiona Jones	Commissioners Commendation	Group Scout Leader	1st South Ascot
Michael Parker	Commissioners Commendation	Group Scout Leader	The Parks Scout Group
Michael Parker	Commissioners Commendation	Group Scout Leader	The Parks Scout Group
Amy Vaughan	Commissioners Commendation	Section Leader - Squirrel Scouts	The Parks Scout Group
Gemma Lacy	Commissioners Commendation	Assistant Section Leader - Beaver / Cub Scouts	The Parks Scout Group
David Sandy	Commissioners Commendation	Section Leader - Cub Scouts / Assistant Section Leader - Scouts	The Parks Scout Group
Wood Badges			
Ann Minchin	Wood Badge	Group Scout Leader	4th Bracknell Sea Scouts
Fiona Jones	Wood Badge	Group Scout Leader	1st South Ascot
Laura Wenham	Wood Badge	Group Scout Leader	1st Ascot (All Saints)
Simon Pearce	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Hilary Crofton	Wood Badge	District Commissioner	
Alex Sizeland	Wood Badge	District Commissioner	
Oliver Fisher	Wood Badge	District Section Leader - Explorer Scouts	
Oliver Fisher	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Jackie Rawes	Wood Badge	District Section Leader - Explorer Scouts	
Milan Fiala	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	1st South Ascot
Carly Anderson	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	1st South Ascot
Claudia Pardoe	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Greg Borthwick	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	1st South Ascot
Ceri Richardson	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Scouts	1st South Ascot
Ceri Richardson	Wood Badge	Deputy Group Scout Leader	1st South Ascot
Pedro Malha	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Beaver Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Crystal Malha	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Beaver Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Balazs Csernus	Wood Badge	Assistant Section Leader - Scouts	1st South Ascot

Long Service			
Gilles Vassor	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	District Section Assistant - Explorer Scouts	
Simon Artal	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Group Treasurer	1st Ascot (All Saints)
Kirsty Sizeland	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Section Assistant - Cub Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Rachel Hinde-Harris	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Beaver Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Ashleigh Fiala	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Beaver Scouts	1st South Ascot
Steven Reid	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Group Executive Committee Member	4th Bracknell Sea Scouts
Ian Johnson	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Group Chair	2nd Bracknell
Andy Howell	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Group Treasurer	The Parks Scout Group
Micky King	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Group Chair	1st Sunningdale
Michelle O'Sullivan	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Group Scout Leader	1st Warfield Scout Group
Matthew Streeter	Chief Scout's 5 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Scouts	1st Sunningdale
Karan Mehra	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	District Treasurer	
Martin Watters	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	Group Administrator	1st Ascot (All Saints)
Andrew Wheeler	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Explorer Scouts	
Steve Dark	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	Group Scout Leader	1st Warfield Scout Group
Natalie Crook	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	2nd Bracknell
Patrick Doherty	Chief Scout's 10 years Service Award	Section Leader - Cub Scouts	2nd Bracknell
Annick Tremblay	Chief Scout's 15 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Explorer Scouts	
Andy Gorham	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	District Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	
Chris Kinch	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	Scout Active Support Member	
Neil Coles	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	Section Leader - Cub Scouts	2nd Bracknell
Steven Green	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	District Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	
Simon Pearce	Chief Scout's 20 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Karen Woolls	Chief Scout's 25 years Service Award	Deputy Group Scout Leader	4th Bracknell Sea Scouts
Christopher Evans	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	Assistant Section Leader - Cub Scouts	4th Bracknell Sea Scouts
Paul Binney	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	Section Assistant - Scouts	1st Binfield Air Scouts
Mark Grubb	Chief Scout's 30 years Service Award	Deputy Group Scout Leader	4th Bracknell Sea Scouts
Sylvia Barrett	Chief Scout's 40 years Service Award	District Scout Active Support Co-ordinator	
Ann Minchin	Chief Scout's 40 years Service Award	Group Scout Leader	4th Bracknell Sea Scouts

South East Berkshire District Scout Council

District Registration No: 10213

The 44th Annual General Meeting

Earleywood Scout Campsite

Tuesday 9th July 2024

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District Lead Volunteers Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire

Reflecting on 2023-24 there is much to celebrate. By almost every measure the South East Berkshire Scout District is doing well, and accelerating into 2024-2025.

During the year the number of young people in the District grew 4% to a total of 714 members. We also added two new Squirrel Dreys in the District, growing squirrel provision 104%, a trend that looks set to continue into next year with 2 additional Dreys already open. Demand for places remains high with almost 400 young people on the waiting list across the District and we recognise that additional capacity is needed - something we are working on with the County team. Another huge positive is that we had almost 9% growth in adult volunteers through the year. We also welcome Michelle O'Sullivan as the new Group Lead Volunteer at 1st Warfield.

Sadly however, during the Autumn Betty Scurry passed away. Having been involved in Scouting for over 70 years, Betty was a very well known and loved member of both 1st Ascot (All Saints) Scout Group and South East Berkshire District - she is a huge loss to the District and to Scouting. We also mourned the loss of Vera Hathaway, a former Leader at 1st South Ascot Scout Group. Our condolences to their families and friends.

During the year Dale Kipp (Chair) and Steve Richards (Trustee) have decided to step down from their positions on the District Trustee Board. Bob Chandler and Andy Gorham have also decided to leave the Earleywood team. The District Team thank them for their contribution to the District and wish them all the best for the future.

Derek Salter is also stepping down from the Trustee Board to focus on leading the District Programme Team who have this year done a great job of rebuilding the programme of activities that the District offers. The full report of their achievements is later in this document. Highlights include our first Squirrel Picnic, Parent/Child camp, an Adult Leader weekend and also (into 24-25) the long-awaited return of District Camp June 2024, attended by over 300 young people. There is also much more in the pipeline to look forward to next year.

International expeditions provide amazing experiences for our young people and this year has been no exception. SE Berks had 5 attendees to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea who all had a different from expected, but great experience! This summer we have another 5 young people joining the County expedition to Malawi, and we have 15+ expressions of interest for the Alps 2025 expedition.

Another highlight of the year is the growth of the Volunteer Development Team, led by Helen Robinson. We have successfully established welcome conversations in the District, with the support of Carolyne Brambley, replacing the previous AAC. Training provision has increased with the addition of 6 new training advisors and our mandatory training requirements across the District are being met. We have also awarded 18 wood badges this year. This team are also leading the effort to ensure we are ready for the transformation coming when the new membership system launches.

Awards are always a highlight and this year we have seen a significant increase in both youth and adult top awards with 216 Chief Scout awards (Bronze/Silver/Gold) and 12 DofE awards issued to our young people, supporting our belief that across the groups in the District we are delivering quality programs for our young people. Adult awards have also accelerated this year, with Tony Fulford leading the awards team, and we have been delighted to award 4 Good Service awards, 18 Commissioner Commendations and 29 long service awards.

Earleywood continues to provide a great experience for both District and other users and the provision of activities there continues to increase. Progress is also being made on renewing the lease which will enable us to generate investment in the site for the future. Our thanks to the EMB and all the Earleywood team.

From a financial perspective the District is in a good position with healthy reserves and along with providing budget for the District Programme and a number of activities, this year we are providing a £500 allowance for each group for the purchase of equipment that will increase their ability to provide quality scouting to their members and others in the district. We are also supporting other projects on a case-by-case basis.

As we move into 2024-25 we have also identified a set of goals that are the focus of the Trustees for the year, as follows. As you will note from the above we are making good progress in achieving many of these and regular progress updates are being provided to the District leadership team.

1. Governance within the District
    a. Overall structure, set up and level of support within each Group
    b. Financial resilience
    c. Charity commission compliance
    d. Risk register, GDPR Policy, safety and safeguarding

2. Earleywood transition & future plans
    a. Ownership: help/support needed to progress lease extension
    b. Creation of a robust roadmap/timetable for development of the site
    c. Fund Raising: widening the support

3. Investment Plan
    a. Communication to Groups and how to apply for project funding
    b. Identification of projects to support
    c. Review

4. Supporting Growth
    a. Maximising current capacity
    b. Adding additional sections to existing Groups
    c. Starting new Groups

5. Re-Launch District Program
    a. District Camp May 2024
    b. Support Programme Team Leader's activity plan

Thank You to all our volunteers and trustees for everything that you do and to the Berkshire County team for their help and guidance.

Finally, we are always looking for more help! If you see something here that interests you, or would just like to find out what it's like to be part of this great team please speak to us!

Yours In Scouting
Hilary Crofton and Alex Sizeland
Joint District Commissioners, SE Berkshire

Annual Statement of Accounts

DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT

The attached financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 25th June 24 and shows the financial position of the charity as at 31st March 2024. The main income of the charity is the capitation fees and interest on accumulated funds.

Karan Mehra
District Treasurer

District Executive Committee Trustees 2023/2024

	Chairperson
	Secretary
	Honorary Treasurer
Ex Officio	District Commissioner
	DES Commissioner
Nominated	
Elected	
Co-opted	

Examiner of Accounts	Mark G Sayers
Bankers	a) Nat West Bank Plc b) Virgin Money
District Registration No.	10213
Charity Registration No.	1021253

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary

Receipts & Payments Account Summary

Receipts & Payments Account	2023/2024	2022/2023
Total Receipts for the year	£56,258.22	£64,176.67
Total Expenditure for the year	-£47,308.40	-£49,631.70
Net movement in funds	**£8,949.82**	**£14,544.97**
Cash & Bank brought forward	£122,607.49	£126,045.45
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and other non cash items included above		-£17,982.93
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	**£131,557.31**	**£122,607.49**

Summary of Monetary Assets at 31st March 2024

	2023/2024	2022/2023
District Executive Account	£76,930.11	£74,109.97
DASU Account	£6,775.41	£6,715.95
Earleywood	£47,851.79	£41,781.57
	£131,557.31	**£122,607.49**

South East Berkshire Scout Fellowship and Earleywood Campsite, from the Charities Commission viewpoint come under the auspices of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council. However, the assets are not controlled directly by the South East Berkshire District Scout Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A signed copy available
for inspection at the AGM

District Chairman

District Commissioner

Honorary District Treasurer
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS

	2023/2024	2022/2023
District Executive Account		
Nat West current account	£41,724.05	£39,983.61
Virgin Bank	£35,206.06	£34,126.36
	£76,930.11	**£74,109.97**
District Exec. movement in funds	£2,820.14	£16,477.92
Represents		
District Funds	£43,930.11	£66,671.67
Reserved Funds	£28,000.00	£7,438.30
International	£5,000.00	£0.00
	£76,930.11	**£74,109.97**
District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)		
Nat West current account	£1,406.16	£1,382.66
Virgin Money	£5,368.68	£5,332.72
Cash in hand	£0.57	£0.57
	£6,775.41	**£6,715.95**
DASU movement in funds		£59.23
Earleywood Account		
HSBC current account	£47,841.79	£41,771.57
Stripe Balance		
Cash in hand	£10.00	£10.00
Cheques outstanding		
Cheques not cleared		
	£47,851.79	**£41,781.57**
Earleywood movement in funds	£6,070.22	£10,227.37
Represents		
Transfer from Berkshire County	£6,413.89	£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments		
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure	£33,253.16	£32,199.33
Restricted reserves	£8,184.74	£3,168.35
	£47,851.79	**£41,781.57**
Total Monetary Assets	**£131,557.31**	**£122,607.49**

Consolidated Receipts
For the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

RECEIPTS

	2023/2024		2022/2023	
District				
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£1,079.70		£20,698.24	
District Capitation 2024	£4,462.50			
Donations	£42.11			
Scouts Shop Closing Sale	£258.50		£300.66	
District Camp 2024	£476.50			
Alps22 (Net Fund Movement)			-£3,080.00	
		£6,319.31		£17,918.90
Scout Shop				
Sales			£7,192.64	
Bank Interest		£0.00	£54.18	£7,246.82
District ASU				
Subscriptions				
Scout Shop Dividend			£73.28	
Interest	£35.96		£17.78	
Gift Aid				
Ascot Round Table	£400.00		£300.00	
		£435.96		£391.06
Earleywood				
Site Fees including Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£41,544.82		£32,424.90	
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£2,941.74		£4,644.99	
Grants			£750.00	
Extraordinary income	£5,016.39		£800.00	
		£49,502.95		£38,619.89
Total Receipts		**£56,258.22**		**£64,176.67**

Consolidated Expenditure

For the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Expenditure	2023/2024		2022/2023	
District				
Secretarial & Administration			£316.20	
AGM	£143.96		£333.37	
Contribution to Alps22 (Net)			£4,426.68	
Contribution to WSJ 2023	£2,680.00			
MPLC Licence	£231.96		£211.44	
Insurance (Inc shop rebate)			£56.52	
District Expenses	£443.25	£3,499.17	£644.45	£5,988.66
Scout Shop				
Stock Purchases			£2,059.72	
Insurance			£160.64	
Dividend			£12,250.00	
Shop Expenses & Credit Card Charges			£448.33	
HQ Costs				
Electricity		£0.00		£14,918.69
District ASU				
BBQ Earleywood			£81.83	
Coronation Badges	£26.50			
Fireworks Proceeds to Scout Groups	£300.00			
Donations	£50.00	£376.50	£250.00	£331.83
Earleywood				
Insurance	£3,554.02		£3,480.32	
Utilities	£8,239.95		£5,342.90	
Maintenance	£26,717.65		£15,029.55	
Cleaning	£3,667.17		£2,385.39	
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£519.61		£2,154.36	
Miscellaneous Other	£734.33			
Depreciation				
Extra-ordinary expenditure		£43,432.73		£28,392.52
Total Expenditure		£47,308.40		£49,631.70

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Earleywood Scout Campsite Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended .....31st March 2024.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

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

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

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

Scrutineer's Statement

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

R Ellis.

Name: ROBERT ELLIS ACCA

Address: 12 ADKINS ROAD

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE

RG10 0LJ

Date: 12/5/2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South East Berkshire District for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the South East Berkshire District 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 South East Berkshire District accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the South East Berkshire District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Signed:

Name: **Mark Sayers**
Chartered Financial Planner & Certified Financial Planner
FCA Reg No MGS00032.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
Chartered Financial Planner FPFS, & Chartered MCSI Chartered Wealth Manager CFP™ Chartered MCSI, and ACIB,

Address: 6 Bedfordshire Down, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 3UA.

Date: 10th June 2024

SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1021253

Accounts

South East Berkshire District Scout Council

District Registration No: 10213

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The 43rd Annual General Meeting

Earleywood Scout Campsite
Tuesday 11th July 2023

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District Commissioners Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire

2022-2023 has been a year of transition for Scouting in South East Berkshire, on many fronts.

During the year Steve Richards decided to step down as District Commissioner after an 8-year tenure which, along with many highlights, included the difficult task of navigating the District through the Covid-19 pandemic. It is testament to him that it has taken two people to succeed him! The District would like to thank Steve for his service and his enormous contribution to Scouting during his tenure.

We began the year with both District and our 9 Groups continuing to restart activities that paused during the Covid-19 pandemic and are pleased to note that some degree of normality has returned to Scouting in the District.

With a welcome return to unrestricted camping during this year we participated in 42 Nights Away events, with young people totalling 1764 nights away! This was evenly spread across the sections with an average of 3 nights away per member. In addition, groups took part in 196 activities away from their usual meeting places; many of which were at Earleywood Scout Campsite which continues to be a big asset to the South and South East Districts.

International activities also resumed this year, with 15 Young people and 6 adults from SE Berks taking part in the very successful County ALPS22 event, and 5 young people taking part in World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in Summer 2023. We have a significant attendance expected for Project Africa in 2024 and WINGS is now confirmed for 2026.

Demand for Scouting in the District remains very high and this year we have increased our membership over the year by 7.5% to 689 members, which is a new record, with increases in the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections. We also opened our first two Squirrel Dreys, providing Scouting for 4 to 6 year olds, at The Parks and 1st South Ascot this year. There are over 400 young people on waiting lists and we are formulating plans to provide additional capacity as we move into 2023-24.

Sadly however, after 35 years, the District Scout Shop closed this year. The District would like to thank Margaret Kemp, Allan Coles and the team for their service to the District in this, and their many other roles over the years. The funds held by the shop have been passed to the District and will be used to further develop Scouting for all members of the District.

After the appointment of Hilary Crofton and Alex Sizeland as joint DCs it was decided that, with the support of the County Commissioner, the District would immediately begin the transition to the new volunteer-focused Scouting structure that will roll-out nationally from November 2023. Moving from a section-based to a team structure has encouraged new people to join the District team and we would like to thank and welcome them.

As we move into 2023-24 and beyond the District team are building our plans for how we best support the groups and build a plan of activities accordingly. This will begin with the first Squirrel picnic in July 2023 and Parent Child Camp in September. More to follow!

Thank You to all our volunteers and trustees for everything that you do and to the Berkshire County team for their help and guidance.

Yours In Scouting
Hilary Crofton and Alex Sizeland
Joint District Commissioners, SE Berkshire

DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT

This has been a very busy year financially with the financial management of the Alps22 Jamboree and the forthcoming Worlds Scouts Jamboree in Korea. The District Scouts Shop closed at the end of September 2022, part of the surplus funds were distributed to the Scouts Group as a thankyou for all their support. The remaining funds are in the process of being consolidated into the District. The District has also decided to forego the capitation from the annual subscription for 2023.

Karan Mehra
District Treasurer

District Executive Committee Trustees 2022/2023

Chairperson
Secretary
Honorary Treasurer

Ex Officio — **District Commissioner**
DES Commissioner

Nominated

Elected

Co-opted

Examiner of Accounts — **Mark G Sayers**

Bankers

a) **Nat West Bank Plc**
b) **Virgin Money**

District Registration No. — 10213

Charity Registration No. — 1021253

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2023

Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary

Receipts & Payments Account Summary

Receipts & Payments Account	2022/2023	2021/2022
Total Receipts for the year	£42,648.54	£67,538.68
Total Expenditure for the year	-£46,086.50	-£59,787.44
Net movement in funds	-£3,437.96	£7,751.24
Cash & Bank brought forward	£126,045.45	£119,169.46
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and other non cash items included above	-£0.00	-£875.25
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	£122,607.49	£126,045.45

Summary of Monetary Assets at 31st March 2023

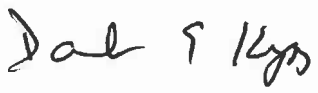
	2022/2023	2021/2022
District Executive Account	£51,579.36	£57,632.05
Scout Shop Account	£22,530.61	£30,202.48
DASU Account	£6,715.95	£6,656.72
Earleywood	£41,781.57	£31,554.20
	£122,607.49	£126,045.45

South East Berkshire Scout Fellowship and Earleywood Campsite, from the Charities Commission viewpoint come under the auspices of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council. However, the assets are not controlled directly by the South East Berkshire District Scout Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A signed copy available
for inspection at the AGM

District Chairman



District Commissioner



Honorary District Treasurer
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS

	2022/2023	2021/2022
District Executive Account		
Nat West current account (Exc Scouts Shop)	£38,115.93	£44,203.93
Virgin Bank	£13,463.43	£13,428.12
	£51,579.36	£57,632.05
District Exec. movement in funds	-£6,052.69	£11,236.10
Represents		
District Funds	£45,329.74	£46,555.75
Restricted Funds	£4,938.30	£8,883.50
International	£1,311.32	£2,192.80
	£51,579.36	£57,632.05
Scout Shop Account		
Nat West current account	£1,867.68	£9,550.30
Virgin Bank	£20,662.93	£20,608.75
Cash in hand		£43.43
	£22,530.61	£30,202.48
Scout Shop movement in funds	-£7,671.87	£1,422.86
District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)		
Nat West current account	£1,382.66	£1,341.21
Virgin Money	£5,332.72	£5,314.94
Cash in hand	£0.57	£0.57
	£6,715.95	£6,656.72
DASU movement in funds	£59.23	£78.76
Earleywood Account		
HSBC current account	£41,771.57	£31,492.22
Stripe Balance		
Cash in hand	£10.00	£10.00
Cheques outstanding		£51.98
Cheques not cleared		
	£41,781.57	£31,554.20
Earleywood movement in funds	£10,227.37	-£5,861.73
Represents		
Transfer from Berkshire County	£6,413.89	£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments		
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure	£32,199.33	£22,771.96
Restricted reserves	£3,168.35	£2,368.35
	£41,781.57	£31,554.20
Total Monetary Assets	£122,607.49	£126,045.45

Consolidated Receipts
For the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

RECEIPTS

	2022/2023		2021/2022	
District				
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£35.31		£17.80	
International Funds			£95.00	
Grants			£9,332.19	
Scouts Shop Closing Sale	£300.66			
WSJ 2023 (Net Fund Movement)	-£865.20		£1,045.20	
Alps22 (Net Fund Movement)	-£3,080.00	-£3,609.23	£3,080.00	£13,570.19
Scout Shop				
Sales	£7,192.64		£13,883.59	
Bank Interest	£54.18	£7,246.82	£27.32	£13,910.91
District ASU				
Subscriptions				
Scout Shop Dividend	£73.28			
Interest	£17.78		£22.19	
Gift Aid			£31.57	
Ascot Round Table	£300.00		£300.00	
Annual subscription rebate		£391.06		£353.76
Earleywood				
Site Fees including Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£32,424.90		£31,256.15	
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£4,644.99		£2,839.96	
Grants	£750.00		£5,334.00	
Extraordinary income	£800.00	£38,619.89	£273.71	£39,703.82
Total Receipts		£42,648.54		£67,538.68

Consolidated Expenditure

For the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Expenditure	2022/2023		2021/2022	
District				
Secretarial & Administration	£316.20		£190.52	
AGM	£333.37			
Subscriptions			£308.30	
Contribution to Alps22 (Net)	£881.48			
MPLC Licence	£211.44			
Insurance (inc shop rebate)	£56.52		£95.27	
District Expenses	£644.45	£2,443.46		£594.09
Scout Section				
Wings 2020 Refund			£1,740.00	£1,740.00
Scout Shop				
Stock Purchases	£2,059.72		£11,978.01	
Insurance	£160.64		£431.00	
Dividend	£12,250.00			
Shop Expenses & Credit Card Charges	£448.33		£79.04	
HQ Costs				
Electricity		£14,918.69		£12,488.05
District ASU				
BBQ Earleywood	£81.83			
Donations	£250.00	£331.83	£275.00	£275.00
Earleywood				
Insurance	£3,480.32		£2,785.11	
Utilities	£5,342.90		£5,254.70	
Maintenance	£15,029.55		£27,244.43	
Cleaning	£2,385.39		£2,377.26	
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£2,154.36		£4,073.49	
Miscellaneous Other			£299.55	
Depreciation			£375.00	
Extra-ordinary expenditure		£28,392.52	2280.76	£44,690.30
Total Expenditure		£46,086.50		£59,787.44

Scrutineers Report: Earleywood Scout Campsite Accounts

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Earleywood Scout Campsite Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended .....31st March 2023.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

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

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

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

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: ROBERT ELLIS ACCA

Address: 12 AKINS ROAD

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE

READING

20 MAY 2023

Independent Examiners Report: South East Berkshire District Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South East Berkshire District for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the South East Berkshire District 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 South East Berkshire District accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the South East Berkshire District as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Signed:

Name: **Mark Sayers**
Chartered & Certified Financial Planner
FCA Reg No MGS00032.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
Chartered Financial Planner FPFS, & Chartered MCSI Chartered Wealth Manager CFP™ Chartered MCSI, and ACIB,

Address: 6 Bedfordshire Down, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 3UA.

Date: 3rd June 2023

SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1021253

Accounts

South East Berkshire District Scout Council

District Registration No: 10213

The 42nd

Annual General Meeting

Braybrooke Community Hall

Monday 11th July 2022

Scouts

South East Berkshire District Scout Council

42nd Annual General Meeting

Monday 11th July 2022 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the 41st AGM held on 13th July 2021
4. The District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in the South East Berkshire District
5. The District Treasurer's overview of the Accounts for the financial year 2021/22
6. To approve the Annual Report and the Statement of the Accounts of the Trustees
7. To approve the District Commissioner's Nomination of the District Chair
8. Election of the District Secretary
9. Election of the District Treasurer
10. Election of members to the District Executive Committee
11. To note the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee
12. To note intended co-options to the District Executive Committee
13. Confirmation of South East Berkshire District Scout Council's nominations as members of Berkshire County Scout Council
14. To appoint the Independent Examiner
15. Appointment of District Vice President(s)
16. Close of Meeting

3. Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting

held via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 8.00pm

1. **Welcome:**

Steve Richards (District Commissioner) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending via Zoom. There is every hope that the next AGM in 2022 will be in person. Present: Tony Fulford (District Vice President, DASU Manager), Petra Hardie (District Secretary), Fiona Jones (GSL 1st South Ascot), Margaret Kemp (District Executive & Scout Shop Manager), Karan Mehra (District Treasurer), Derek Salter (ADC Support, AGSL 2nd Bracknell, Earleywood Management Board & District Vice President), Sam Winterson (District Executive & Earleywood Management Board), Steve Ricketts (District Executive), Jeff Wood (DASU), Steve Prower (GSL 2nd Bracknell & District Vice President).

2. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from the following people: Nigel Bevan (County Commissioner), Sally Bangs (AGSL & BSL 2nd Bracknell), Peter Christmas (ESL 1st Binfield & DoE Adviser), Grant Wyatt (Group Treasurer, 1st Sunningdale), Cathryn Joiner (DASU), Sharon Withy (DASU), John Burns (DASU), Shirley Burns (DASU), Irene Gallacher (Gang Show & DASU), Ann Nesfield (Secretary 1st Binfield), Ann Minchin (GSL 4th Bracknell), Hilary Crofton (GSL 1st Sunningdale), Judy Herridge (DASU), Graeme Thompson (DC, South Berks), Alex Sizeland (GSL 1st Binfield).

3. **To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th September 2020**

The Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting with just one change. Tony Fulford's title is District Vice President as well as DASU Manager. With this amendment they were proposed by Jeff Wood and seconded by Tony Fulford. All attendees accepted the Minutes as a fair and accurate record via a show of hands.

4. **To receive the District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire District**

A copy of the District Commissioner's Review and all section reports are in the Annual Report. The impact of Covid was the main theme with the loss of some adults noted although this was not excessive and balanced by some new recruits within the District.

5. **The District Treasurer's overview of the accounts for the financial year and to Approve the Annual Report and statement of accounts of the Trustees**

A copy of the accounts for the financial year were circulated prior to the meeting to the Executive Committee. There were no questions. Karan noted that it had been a quiet year with some expenditure on fixed costs. District did not charge capitation this year and it had been agreed to ringfence £10,000 for the new Scout Shop refurbishment. The DC thanked Karan for his report.

6. **To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman**

Dale Kipp, a member of the District Executive has agreed to stand as Chair and was nominated by the DC.

7. Election of District Secretary

Petra Hardie agreed to stand again as District Secretary, there have been no other nominations. Steve Ricketts nominated, and Jeff Wood seconded, all were unanimously in favour. The DC thanked Petra for her efforts.

8. Election of District Treasurer

Karan Mehra has been proposed by Margaret Kemp and seconded by Jeff Wood. There have been no other nominations. The Chairman asked for approval from the floor, and this was agreed by a unanimous show of hands. The DC thanked Karan for all of his hard work over the past year.

9. To elect persons to the District Executive Committee

The following people were formally proposed and seconded by the due date:

i. Margaret Kemp
ii. Steve Prower
iii. Alex Richards
iv. Derek Salter
v. Sam Winterson
vi. Steve Ricketts

Steve Ricketts brings a wealth of experience with him to the Committee. They were proposed by Fiona Jones and seconded by Jeff Wood. All were approved by a show of hands to serve on the District Executive Committee.

10. To note the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee

The District Commissioner has no nominations.

11. To note intended co-options to the District Executive Committee

The District Executive Committee will at their next meeting, or at any future meeting, co-opt members onto the Executive. Currently there are none.

12. Confirmation of South East Berkshire District's nominations to Berkshire County Scout Council

The following nominations have been received to act as representatives on Berkshire County Scout Council: Carolyne Brambley as adult representative, and Simon Quantrell as youth representative. Both were proposed by Derek Salter and seconded Margaret Kemp and were approved by a show of hands.

13. To appoint an Independent Examiner

The Chairman thanked Mark Sayers who had examined the Accounts again this year. Mark has been nominated again, by Karan Mehra, and seconded by Margaret Kemp. This was unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

14. Presentations

Presentations from all of the Groups are included in the Annual Report.
There have been a significant number of long & good service awards, some presented in person, others virtually. Peter Christmas has been awarded the Bar to the Award of Merit.

15. The County Commissioner

Unfortunately, the County Commissioner was unable to attend at the last minute but sent his apologies and passed on his thanks to all for their incredible effort to keep Scouting going in the South East Berkshire District.

16. Closing remarks

Fiona Jones thanked the District Commissioner for all of his hard work and support over the previous 12 months in difficult circumstances and noted that it had been invaluable.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

4. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE

Although the situation has improved considerably in the two years since I said, 'To say that it has been an interesting year is probably an understatement!', the spectre of Covid-19 is still having an impact although, thankfully, we are getting back to something like the life we knew before it struck. Scouting in the District has continued, although with modified programmes to take account of the various restrictions we have been under over the past year.

The annual Scout census took place at the end of January with the number of young people going down from 593 in 2021 to 524 this year, a decrease of 13%. On a positive note, however, the number of adults in the District increased by 19% to 197, which is good news, as recruiting adult volunteers is never an easy task. I'm sure that now we are basically back to normal our young people numbers will increase.

As you will probably be aware, Peter Scurry sadly passed away last October. He was the first District Commissioner for South East Berkshire when the original District was split into South Berkshire and South East Berkshire in 1980. Peter was the South East Berkshire District Commissioner for just over 12 years and was a great stalwart for Scouting in general and the District in particular; he is greatly missed.

ALPS22, a county wide event, will be taking place this August, and we have 15 Explorers and six adults attending from SE Berks. Sadly, the World Scout Moot that should have taken place in Ireland this year was cancelled. We do however have five participants going to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next year; it will be a great experience for them all. There is still no news on when the next WINGS might take place.

This is my last review as District Commissioner, having been in role for just over eight years. It has been an interesting experience (especially the past two years!), but I feel the time has come for me to step aside. I'd like to thank everyone for the support you have given me over my time as DC, it has been much appreciated.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Richards
District Commissioner

5. THE DISTRICT TREASURERS OVERVIEW OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/ 22

DISTRICT TREASURERS REPORT

There has not been much activity over the last year due to the Covid restrictions. The increase in the District's funds is the grants received from the Council. The District has also decided to forgo the capitation from the annual subscription for 2022.

A significant event to report since the production of the Annual Report is the decision to close the Scout shop. This is because the leasing arrangements offered by the Council are not commercially viable. The stock is currently being sold off with a final closure planned for 20th July 2022.

Karan Mehra
District Treasurer

District Executive Committee Trustees 2021/22

Chair	Dale Kipp
Deputy Chair	Steve Ricketts
Secretary	Petra Hardie
Treasurer	Karan Mehra
Ex Officio	
District Commissioner	Steve Richards
District Scout Network Commissioner	*vacant*
District Explorer Scout Leader	*vacant*
District Youth Commissioner	*vacant*
Elected	1. Margaret Kemp 2. Steve Prower 3. Alex Richards 4. Derek Salter 5. Sam Winterson
Nominated	None

Examiner of Accounts Mark Sayers

Bankers
(a) Nat West Bank plc
(b) Virgin Money
(c) HSBC plc
(d) CAF Bank

District Registration No. 10213

Charity Registration No. 1021253

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary

Receipts & Payments Account Summary

Receipts & Payments Account	2021/2022	2020/2021
Total Receipts for the year	£67,264.97	£50,370.79
Total Expenditure for the year	-£57,506.68	-£21,920.47
Net movement in funds	£9,758.29	£28,450.32
Cash & Bank brought forward	£119,169.46	£91,577.09
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and non cash items included above	-£2,882.30	-£857.95
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	**£126,045.45**	**£119,169.46**

Summary of Monetary Assets at 31st March 2022

	2021/2022	2020/2021
District Executive Account	£57,632.05	£46,395.95
Scout Shop Account	£30,202.48	£28,779.62
DASU Account	£6,656.72	£6,577.96
Earleywood	£31,554.20	£37,415.93
	£126,045.45	**£119,169.46**

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

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District Chairman

District Commissioner

Honorary District Treasurer
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022				
Statement of Assets and Liabilities				
MONETARY ASSETS				
		2021/2022		**2020/2021**
District Executive Account				
Nat West current account		£44,203.93		£32,985.63
Virgin Bank		£13,428.12		£13,410.32
		£57,632.05		**£46,395.95**
District Exec. movement in funds		£11,236.10		£22,046.08
Represents				
District Funds		£46,555.75		£27,939.85
Restricted Funds		£8,883.50		£16,358.30
International		£2,192.80		£2,097.80
		£57,632.05		**£46,395.95**
Scout Shop Account				
Nat West current account		£9,550.30		£8,154.76
Virgin Bank		£20,608.75		£20,557.52
Cash in hand		£43.43		£67.34
		£30,202.48		**£28,779.62**
Scout Shop movement in funds		£1,422.86		-£2,224.78
District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)				
Nat West current account		£1,341.21		£1,284.64
Virgin Money		£5,314.94		£5,292.75
Cash in hand		£0.57		£0.57
		£6,656.72		**£6,577.96**
DASU movement in funds		£78.76		-£59.93
Earleywood Account				
HSBC current account		£31,492.22		£39,437.55
Stripe Balance				£493.22
Cash in hand		£10.00		£10.00
Cheques outstanding		£51.98		
Cheques not cleared				-£2,524.84
		£31,554.20		**£37,415.93**
Earleywood movement in funds		-£5,861.73		£7,831.00
Represents				
Transfer from Berkshire County		£6,413.89		£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments				£1,250.25
Net Fixed Assets Adjustment				-£375.00
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure		£22,771.96		£25,751.39
Restricted reserves		£2,368.35		£4,375.40
		£31,554.20		**£37,415.93**
Total Monetary Assets		**£126,045.45**		**£119,169.46**

Consolidated Receipts		
For the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022		
RECEIPTS		
	2021/2022	
Membership Subscriptions		
District		
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£17.80	
International Funds	£95.00	
Grants	£9,332.19	
Donations		
WSJ 2023	£1,045.20	
Alps22	£3,080.00	
Wings 2020 Refund		£13,570.19
Scout Shop		
Sales	£13,883.59	
Bank Interest	£27.32	£13,910.91
District ASU		
Subscriptions		
Scout Shop Dividend		
Interest	£22.19	
Donation (inc Gift Aid)		
Downshire Golf Club		
Gift Aid	£31.57	
Ascot Round Table	£300.00	
Annual subscription rebate		£353.76
Earleywood		
Site Fees including Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£31,256.15	
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£2,839.96	
Grants	£5,334.00	
Extraordinary income		£39,430.11
Total Receipts		**£67,264.97**

Consolidated Expenditure		
For the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022		
Expenditure	**2021/2022**	
District		
Secretarial & Administration	£190.52	
AGM		
Subscriptions	£308.30	
Insurance (Inc shop rebate)	£95.27	
District Expenses		£594.09
Beaver Scout Section		
Badges & Medals		
Newton Coaches - Beavers Challenge		
Gilwell Funday		
Cub Scout Section		
WSJ 2019 Surplus		
Wings 2020 Surplis		
Cub Fun day		
Scout Section		
Wings 2020 Refund	£1,740.00	
Eurojam		
Earleywood Camping Day		
Badges & Certificates		
WSJ 2019 Surplus		£1,740.00
Scout Shop		
Stock Purchases	£11,978.01	
Insurance	£431.00	
Dividend		
Shop Expenses & Credit Card Charges	£79.04	
HQ Costs		
Electricity		£12,488.05
District ASU		
Meeting Expenses		
Devonshire Golf Club - Meals		
Scarves, Flags & Badges		
Cub Cake		
Donations	£275.00	£275.00
Earleywood		
Insurance	£2,785.11	
Utilities	£5,254.70	
Maintenance	£27,244.43	
Cleaning	£2,377.26	
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£4,073.49	
Miscellaneous Other	£299.55	
Depreciation	£375.00	
Extra-ordinary expenditure		£42,409.54
Total Expenditure		£57,506.68

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and 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.



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Chartered & Certified Financial Planner

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Date: 4th July 2022.

Membership 2022	Total Members	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Adults	Active Support
1st Ascot	61	12	16	15	18	
1st Binfield	103	20	29	31	23	
2nd Bracknell	125	30	42	14	36	3
4th Bracknell	68	14	16	18	20	
6th Bracknell	36	7	10	4	15	
1st South Ascot	65	13	20	12	20	
1st Sunningdale	82	19	21	23	19	
1st Warfield	39	8	15	6	10	
The Parks	41	12	15	2	12	
District Scouts Network	21					
Explorers	80					
District ASUs	21					
Officers	0					
Commissioners	1					
District Leaders	2					
Administrators	0					
Total 2022	**745**	**135**	**184**	**125**	**173**	**3**
2021	**778**	**167**	**202**	**170**	**144**	**1**

7. Approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair

Dale Kipp

8. Election of the District Secretary

Petra Hardie

9. Election of the District Treasurer

Karan Mehra

10. Election of members to the District Executive Committee

Steve Prower
Alex Richards
Derek Salter
Sam Winterson
Steve Ricketts

11. TO NOTE THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS NOMINCATIONS TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTUVE COMMITTEE

None

12. TO NOTE INTENDED CO-OPTIONS TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

13. CONFIRMATION OF SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL'S NOMINATIONS AS MEMBERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY SCOUT COUNCIL

Carolyne Brambley
Craig Barter

14. TO APPOINT THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mark Sayers

15. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT VICE PRESDENT(S)

16. Comments by County Commissioner or their representative

BEAVER SCOUT SECTION REVIEW 2021/2022

It has been great getting back to 'normal' scouting this year, although the impact of Covid has been felt by the Beaver Colonies with reduced numbers of both adults and young people.

The Beavers have been busy this year, completing 62 external activities including cycling, Ice Skating, Farm Visits and Bowling. 12 camp/sleepovers were held this year with 202 nights away being awarded.

A total of 42 Chief Scout Bronze Awards were awarded during the year. Well done to the Beavers who achieved this.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Leaders and adults who have supported us over the last year.

Oliver Fisher
Assistant District Commissioner – Beaver Scouts

CUB SCOUT SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Cub numbers held up quite well between the censuses in January 2021 and January 2022, with the total number of Cubs in the District only decreasing by a total of 18. As would be expected, there were differences around the District, with two Packs increasing in size and four Packs only decreasing by one or two Cubs. Cub Leaders have been putting on varied activities and endeavouring to deliver an interesting programme to keep their Packs motivated and keen to continue with Scouting activities. Many packs have been taking advantage of having Earleywood close by, and making the most of climbing, crate stacking, fire lighting and cooking.

Steve Richards
District Commissioner

SCOUT SECTION REVIEW 2021/22

The after-effects of Covid-19 have definitely had an effect on Scout numbers since January 2021; at the time of the Annual Census in January 2022, the number of Scouts in the District had decreased from 170 to 125. Although quite a large decrease, not all Troops were impacted, with one Troop increasing in numbers, one staying the same and two Troops only decreasing by a couple of Scouts. Some of the decrease was also due to Scouts having moved to Explorers, but Cubs not yet being of Scout age. We are hopeful that our numbers will increase as the year progresses.

Last year, most Troops from the District should have been attending WINGS, postponed from 2020. Sadly, along with various other events, WINGS was cancelled completely. A new date has not yet been set, but it is unlikely to be before 2024. I know that one Group are attending the Kent International Jamboree (KIJ) this year, they will no doubt have a great time.

It has also been nice to see a steady number for activity/ nights away permits coming through. This is a good sign that leaders are filling them in and that Scout groups are on the way to resuming activity and camping as before the pandemic.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Leaders and adults who have supported our Scout Troops over the last year, especially over such a difficult time, let's hope that moving forward our Scout Troops are able to get back to a completely normal routine.

Alex Richards
Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

EXPLORER SCOUT REVIEW 2021/22

There are now seven Groups in South East Berkshire that have an active Explorer Unit attached to them; 1st Ascot (All Saints), 1st Binfield, 1st Sunningdale, 2nd Bracknell, 4th Bracknell, 6th Bracknell and 1st South Ascot. In normal circumstances, they would all hold weekly meetings during term-time; however, this has obviously been somewhat restricted over the past year. Thankfully, things are now looking up, and I am sure all our Explorers are looking forward to getting back to regular meetings. The good news is that the number of Explorers in SE Berks has increased significantly over the past year, with a total of 54 being recorded on the 2021 census, which was up to 80 on this year's census.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, WINGS ended up being cancelled completely; currently, there is no news as to when the next WINGS might take place. However, County have organised Alps22 this summer, and 15 Explorers from SE Berks (representing five different Units), accompanied by three Leaders are taking part, it will be a wonderful experience for them. Next year's World Scout Jamboree is taking place in South Korea, and five Explorers from the District have been selected to take part, congratulations to them all. Again, it will be a great experience, and I know that they have been hard at work fund-raising.

I'd like to thank all the District Explorer Leaders, and other adults, for all you have been doing for the Explorers in SE Berkshire, and we look forward to lots of activities and camps in the future.

Steve Richards
District Commissioner

SCOUT NETWORK REVIEW 2021/22

As I've reported in the past, Network is a difficult Section to work with compared to other Sections. Many members of the Unit are away most of the year at university or college which means numbers and interest in taking part in activities is low. However, although Network are less active than other Sections, being a Network member does at least keep people in touch with Scouting, they are away from the area, and they will hopefully return to a more active Scouting role at some point in the future

Steve Richards
District Commissioner

APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW 2021/22

The biggest change this year is that the Appointments Advisory Committee panel meetings have moved to Zoom instead of face to face.

The panel members and Leader's feedback is very positive as everyone asked after their meeting have said the format is far more efficient and less daunting than having to find a location and sit outside nervously waiting to be called in.

Since January 2022 we have held eight online panel meetings and managed to see four Leaders each time within a two-hour session; this is definitely the way forward and I cannot see the panel meetings being face to face again.

The panel members have changed over the past year with some having stepped down, however we have successfully recruited another panel member and now with our five active panel members manage to co-ordinate the panel meetings between us.

We are always looking for more panel members, so feel free to contact me to discuss this opportunity.

My thanks go out to my fellow panel members Alex, Karan, Gerald and Shelagh for successfully running the online meetings and keeping to the tight timetable.

Derek Salter
Appointments Advisory Committee – Panel member

DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT REVIEW 2021/22

When Judy started her review of 2021, she began with "There is nothing to report"!! I now find myself is a similar predicament. This last year as an ASU we have not been able to help at any District events or activities because once again there have not been any. All our usual activities both Scouting and non-Scouting did not take place with the exception of the Ascot Fireworks and at this we did assist.
However, ASU members continued to help with the Scout Shop, albeit under very different circumstances, and also at Earleywood. The work that these members have done has been greatly appreciated both in SE Berks and S Berks Districts.

We have been able to hold our regular meetings either by Zoom or face-to-face though attendance has been on the low side at times.

During the year Judy said she wished to stand down as our Administrator Coordinator after many years in the role. I have been very grateful to Judy for all the reliable support and friendship she has given me over these years and for which I thank her very much.
With Judy standing down this then left me with the problem of finding a replacement. Fortunately, all was not lost – Irene Gallacher came to the rescue and took on this role and I am very grateful to her for doing so.

Unfortunately, the year has not been without its sadness. In October a very good friend of our ASU and the District – Peter Scurry – died. With many of the Covid restrictions being removed several of our ASU and other Scouting friends were able to attend his funeral.

Looking forward we have one date in our diaries – the Parent and Child Camp at Earleywood in September and hopefully we will be able to add other events in the not-too-distant future.

Tony Fulford
Manager South East Berks Active Support Unit

Scout Shop - Annual Report 2021/22

Sales have been very good this year nearly £1400.00 considering Alan and I have been running from our homes on a collection only basis. I won't deny it has been very difficult having to invoice every customer.

Unfortunately, a decision has been made to close the Scout shop, and we will cease trading at the end of the summer term.
I would like to thank everyone that has supported the shop during my time as manager, nearly 35 years Alan has been badge secretary for 15 years and Alison has over 10 years' service. Jason has helped when he could since he was a venture scout.

During that time, we have supported the groups in both South and South East Berks Districts paying out a dividend every year and giving parents discount on uniform. Also helping Explorers earn their Duke of Edinburgh award by volunteering at the shop.

Margaret Kemp
Scout Shop Manager

GANG SHOW REVIEW 2021/22

Permission was applied to hold a 50th Anniversary Gang Show in February 2023.
South Executive Committee gave temporary permission until the Gang Show Management Committee could report on project costs and uptake of Cast and Volunteer numbers.

Auditions for 10 July 2022 will take place and Rehearsals for September 2022 have been circulated to all local Districts.

The Producer and Production Team have put in place a show schedule for the 50th Anniversary Show.

We would like to see a good response to the auditions, and we hope to have a favourable decision after the next South Executive Committee Meeting.

Irene Gallacher
Chairperson S.E. Berks Gang Show

EARLEYWOOD REVIEW 2021/22

- Sadly, like many other wooded areas we had significant damage from the storms!! Over 15 trees came down, which has been quite costly to the site to manage and remove. This was on top of a number of trees that had already been approved for removal by Windsor & Maidenhead Council's tree team due to their condition. As part of our plan to maintain the site we also planted over 100 trees that were gifted to Earleywood by the Woodland Trust. These have been planted at strategic points around the site as well as a new major tree line along the front perimeter.
- We are delighted that our site has a great new High Ropes course which we purchased from the Wings team. We have cleared an unused area of the site and removed the weeds. We are aiming to have permit holders trained this month and the facility up and running in July.

- We've had a number of successful Working Party groups; from normal volunteers, Explorers (inc Alps), Duke of Edinburgh and Corporate groups. This work is so important to keep the campsite in good condition.
- Our beloved Flumper the Dumper has been sold on as this vintage truck was not suitable for the site. Instead, we have replaced her with a more suitable smaller vehicle.
- Another recent purchase was a Parachute which has been put up to provide an additional area and shelter which looks fab!
- We have invested in a Climbing Beam which will enable new activities for disabled users as well as bringing Crate Stacking within the climbing area.
- One thing we heard from visitors was a desire to enable leaders to charge their mobile phones overnight. So, we have created a charging station available to leaders.
- Another new activity launched this year is soft archery. This is a great way of introducing young people to archery.
- Over the Spring we have made a significant investment in our outside toilets to make them better for users and easier to clean.
- Financially the site is stable in the short term and can cover our annual running costs of £17,500 a year. We have also been able to invest in many great new features and improvements. But we still struggle with the long-term improvements that the site needs as both buildings really need replacing and our current income does not allow any reserves to be dedicated to such a big need. This will have to be set up as a separate project with significant fundraising requirements.
- Lastly, I want to thank the amazing team of volunteers who make Earleywood the success that it is. They are the real unsung heroes of the site who give up so much of their time to ensure our young people have so much fun! This includes our team of Hosts, Climbing Instructors, Rifle Shooting Instructors, Archery Instructors and my peers on our Management Board.
- This year our long-standing Activities Director Andy Pevy has stepped down from his role on our Board. I'd like to thank Andy for all that he has done over the years to ensure the success of Earleywood. He passes the baton on to Ben Shrivill, who is already embracing this new role.
- I'd also like to thank Hilary Crofton for supporting us in the critical role of managing our bookings. At a time when we needed help, she has continued to not only support us, but also looked into improving some of our processes.
- Our site is only as good as the volunteers who run it and support us. We have a number of open roles: Marketing, Fundraising, Hosting, Bookings Coordination, Activities. So, if you or anyone you know can help us with just a few hours a month, then please do contact me.

Sam Winterson
Chair, Earleywood Management Board/Manager, Earleywood ASU

LONG AND GOOD SERVICE AWARDS 2021/2022 (appointments as of date of award)

5 Years

Tracy Boyd	Group Treasurer	6th Bracknell
David Brittain	Group Executive	1st Sunningdale
Penny Fox	LTM	South East Berks
John Freeme	ABSL	1st Ascot
Chris Gunton	Group Chair	6th Bracknell
Tony Jenkyn	SL	1st Warfield
Damon McCarthy	Group Executive	1st Binfield
Euan Murray	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Alex Poole	Group Executive	1st Ascot
Alan Prior	ACSL	2nd Bracknell
Jackie Rawes	CSL	1st Binfield
Irene Stow	Group Treasurer	1st Warfield

10 Years

Chris Adkins	AGSL	1st South Ascot
Nigel Carter	Group Secretary	6th Bracknell
Dennis Clay	ASL	1st Sunningdale
Jon Dye	SL	2nd Bracknell
Jenny Kemp	ASL	1st Ascot
Christian Leigh	ESL	1st Sunningdale
Mike Maughan	Skills Instructor	South East Berks
Bev O'Connell	Group Treasurer	4th Bracknell
Daniel Parker	AESL	4th Bracknell
Mary Shields	Nights Away Adviser	South East Berks

15 Years

Gavin Cox	AGSL	1st Ascot
Duncan Hullis	Group Chair	1st Binfield
Steve Richards	DC	South East Berks
Derek Salter	AGSL	2nd Bracknell
Matt Wallace	Group Treasurer	1st Binfield
Ian Wooster	Group Executive	2nd Bracknell

20 Years

Jason Dale	ACSL	1st Warfield

25 Years

30 Years

Peter Christmas	DSL	1st Binfield

50 Years

John Burns	DASU	South East Berks

Commissioners Commendation

Charlie Brewer	OH	1st Sunningdale
Nicole Brown-Calvet	Scout	2nd Bracknell
Allan Coles	Badge Secretary	South East Berks
John Connelly	A friend & supporter of	1st Sunningdale
Joel Gabb	Scout	2nd Bracknell
Lucas Gibbs	Scout	1st South Ascot

Maisy Gibbs	Explorer Scout	1st South Ascot
Ralph Gibbs	Scout	1st South Ascot
Lauren Harage	Explorer Scout	1st South Ascot
Toby Jones	Cub Scout	1st South Ascot
William Jones	Scout	1st South Ascot
Margaret Kemp	Scout Shop Manager	South East Berks
Matt Newall	Group Secretary	1st Sunningdale
Anna Silveira	Group Administrator	The Parks
Linda Wood	OH	1st Sunningdale

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Chris Adkins	BSL	1st South Ascot
Tracy Boyd	Group treasurer	6th Bracknell
Patrick Doherty	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Liam Fricker	CSL	1st Binfield
Nick Garrick	BSL/Administrator	2nd Bracknell/SE Berks
Chris Gunton	Group Chair	6th Bracknell
Petra Hardie	District Secretary	South East Berks
Andrew Moss	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Euan Murray	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Alan Prior	ACSL	2nd Bracknell
Jackie Rawes	CSL	1st Binfield
Paul Richardson	Group Supporter	2nd Bracknell
Sarah Targett	ACSL	1st Sunningdale
Grant Wyatt	Group Treasurer	1st Sunningdale

Award for Merit

David Ferrington	SL	2nd Bracknell
Sandy Keen	ASL	4th Bracknell
Karen Woolls	ACSL	4th Bracknell

Bar to the Award for Merit

Peter Christmas	DSL	1st Binfield

WOOD BADGES AWARDED 2021/2022

Carly Anderson	ABSL	1st South Ascot
Sally Bangs	AGSL	2nd Bracknell
Iain Bell	ABSL	1st South Ascot
Greg Borthwick	ASL	1st South Ascot
James Brown	ABSL	1st South Ascot
Thierry Catheya	ASL	1st South Ascot
Hilary Crofton	GSL	1st Sunningdale
Patrick Doherty	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Alastair Doodson	CSL	1st South Ascot
David Fennell	ABSL	1st Binfield
Kelly Fricker	ABSL	1st Binfield
Liam Fricker	CSL	1st Binfield
Nick Garrick	BSL	2nd Bracknell
Nicky Jones	ACSL	1st South Ascot
Christian Leigh	ESL	1st Sunningdale
Andrew Moss	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Euan Murray	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Elaine Newall	ABSL	1st Sunningdale
Alan Prior	ACSL	2nd Bracknell

Jackie Rawes	CSL	1st Binfield
Jenny Smyth	ACSL	1st South Ascot
Derek Salter	AGSL/ADC Support	2nd Bracknell/South East Berks
Alex Sizeland	GSL	1st Binfield
Jenny Smyth	ACSL	1st South Ascot

Many congratulations to all those named above

We in South East Berkshire are very grateful to all those who have given their time and effort to contribute to the Aims of the Scout Association.

SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1021253

Accounts

South East Berkshire
District Scout Council

District Registration No: 10213

The 41st

Annual General Meeting

Zoom Meeting:

Registration Link:

https://zoom.us/j/4315898450

Meeting ID 431 589 8450, password BP98451234

Tuesday 13th July 2021

Scouts

South East Berkshire District Scout Council

41st Annual General Meeting

To be held via Zoom - Meeting ID 431 589 8450, password BP98451234

https://zoom.us/j/4315898450

Tuesday 13th July 2021 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the 40th AGM held on 24th September 2020
4. The District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire District
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Executive Committee including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. To approve the District Commissioner's Nomination of the District Chair
7. Election of the District Secretary
8. Election of the District Treasurer
9. Elect or reselect persons to the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee
10. Election of members to the District Executive Committee
11. To approve the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee
12. Elections of Group Scouters to represent the District on Berkshire County Scout Council
13. To appoint the Independent Examiner
14. Presentations
15. Comments by County Commissioner or their representative
16. Close of Meeting

3. Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting

held via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Thursday 24th September 2020 at 8.00pm

1. Welcome: Steve Richards (District Commissioner) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending via Zoom, a first for a SE Berks AGM. Present: Nigel Bevan (County Commissioner), Sally Bangs (AGSL & BSL 2nd Bracknell), Peter Christmas (ESL 1st Binfield & DoE Adviser), Oliver Fisher (ADC Beavers & BSL 1st Binfield), Tony Fulford (DASU Manager & District Vice-President), Petra Hardie (District Secretary), Fiona Jones (GSL 1st South Ascot), Michael King (Chair 1st Sunningdale), Dale Kipp (District Executive), Margaret Kemp (District Executive & Scout Shop Manager), Karan Mehra (District Treasurer), Bob Meldrum (ACC Activities), Andrew Moss (CSL 2nd Bracknell), Michael Parker (GSL The Parks), Alex Richards (ADC Scouts & ASL 2nd Bracknell), Derek Salter (ADC Support, AGSL 2nd Bracknell & District Vice-President), Betty Scurry (District Scouter – Cubs & District Vice-President), Peter Scurry (DASU Member & District Vice-President), Katrina Shepherd (District Beaver Leader), Alex Sizeland (GSL 1st Binfield), Sam Winterson (District Executive & Earlywood Management Board), Grant Wyatt (Group Treasurer 1st Sunningdale).

2. Apologies: Apologies were received from the following people: Gerald Hill (DASU Member & District Vice President), Jane Hills (DASU Member), Cathryn Joiner (DASU), Steve Prower (GSL 2nd Bracknell & District Vice President), James Wood (GSL 1st Sunningdale).

3. To approve the Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held on 11th June 2019
The Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and elicited no comments. They were proposed by Tony Fulford and seconded by Sally Bangs. All attendees accepted the Minutes as a fair and accurate record via a show of hands.

4. To receive the District Commissioner's Review of Scouting in South East Berkshire District
A copy of the District Commissioner's Review and all section reports are in the Annual Report. All Sections are progressing well with the Risk Assessments required prior to a full return to Scouting. The District is fortunate in being able to draw on experience within to support Groups in getting the Risk Assessments signed off.

5. The District Treasurer's overview of the accounts for the financial year
A copy of the accounts for the financial year were circulated prior to the meeting to the Executive Committee. There were no questions. Karan noted that the aim of the District is to support as many Groups as possible with their activities but that is proving difficult in the current environment. The DC thanked Karan for his report.

6. To Approve the Annual Report and statement of accounts of the Trustees
The District Executive Committee, as Trustees, had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. The DC asked for someone to propose that the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts be accepted. It was proposed by Tony Fulford, seconded by Derek Salter and unanimously agreed that they be accepted.

7. To approve the District Commissioner's nomination for District Chairman
The DC had not been able to find anyone to take on this position and so the role of Chairman remains vacant. The Chairman asked all present to consider if they would be willing to step into the role or to advise if they know anyone who would be willing to be considered.

8. Election of District Secretary

Petra Hardie has offered to stand as District Secretary, having recently left the role of Group Secretary for 1st Sunningdale. There have been no other nominations. Steve Richards nominated, and Tony Fulford seconded, all were unanimously in favour.

9. Election of District Treasurer

Karan Mehra has been proposed by Steve Richards and seconded by Margaret Kemp. There have been no other nominations. The Chairman asked for approval from the floor and this was agreed by a unanimous show of hands.

10. To elect persons to the District Executive Committee

In accordance with POR rule 4.25 f ii, the meeting must agree the number of persons who may be elected from the District Scout Council. The District Executive Committee has recommended that this be SIX and this was agreed by a show of hands.

The following people were formally proposed and seconded by the due date:

Margaret Kemp
Dale Kipp
Steve Prower
Alex Richards
Derek Salter
Sam Winterson

These people were approved by a show of hands to serve on the District Executive Committee.

11. To note the District Commissioner's nominations to the District Executive Committee

The District Commissioner has not at this point nominated anyone.

12. To note intended co-options to the District Executive Committee

The District Executive Committee will at their next meeting, or at any future meeting, co-opt members onto the Executive. Currently there are none.

13. Confirmation of South East Berkshire District's nominations to Berkshire County Scout Council

The following nominations have been received to act as representatives on Berkshire County Scout Council: Carolyne Brambley as adult representative, and Simon Quantrell as youth representative. All had been proposed by Tony Fulford and seconded by Alex Sizeland and were approved by a show of hands.

14. To appoint an Independent Examiner

The Chairman thanked Mark Sayers who had examined the Accounts again this year. Mark has kindly agreed to being nominated again, by Karan Mehra, and seconded by Betty Scurry for the ensuing year. This was unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

15. Presentations

There have been no physical presentations recently due to social distancing restrictions, but the Annual Report shows a list of those who have received awards over the past year. The Scout Association have only recently returned to work so are dealing with a backlog of paperwork which is holding up some of the certification. The District Commissioner is planning on visiting Groups and making physical presentations as soon as possible. Congratulations to all of those who have been recognised for their contribution to Scouting.

16. The County Commissioner, Nigel Bevan

Nigel acknowledged the different circumstances for the meting and was pleased to see so many people involved. The Section Reports were encouraging and is pleased to see a return to the usual Scouting activities as soon as possible. Most of this financial year relates to the pre lockdown period so he noted that next years reports are going to be challenging. It is good to see the Risk Assessments being completed allowing Young People to engage in outdoor activities. Nigel advised that the County have refocussed on how best they can support Sections and Groups and have identified six areas:

1. *Adult volunteers – there is likely to be a loss of volunteers due to changes in personal circumstances, so County are looking at how to retain and recruit adult volunteers.*
2. *Young people – changes anticipated again so recruitment is a focus.*
3. *Programme – the County website has ready made programmes that can be used by all Groups.*
4. *Meeting areas/ HQ's – tips and ideas that Groups have found useful and have worked well are on the County website.*
5. *Finance – County are focusing on a Hardship Fund for Groups that are struggling and to widen out access to County funds. Also, 25% of Groups were not registered for Gift Aid, this has now been addressed.*
6. *Mandatory Training – HQ is pushing hard on this following the recent tragedy and its good to see that all Groups are fulfilling this requirement.*

Steve Richards noted that all Groups had applied for the local Grants and £60,000 have been received within the District.

19. Closing remarks

The DC closed the formal part of the evening, thanking everyone for attending and for their support over the past 12 months. We all hope that restrictions will ease, and we can get back to normal. Scouting has survived for 113 years and we will get through this and be able to meet in person again soon.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

4. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE

I started my report last year with 'To say that it has been an interesting year is probably an understatement!' I am sure you will agree that since then things have continued in a similar vein, which makes it all the more commendable that the Leaders in SE Berks have on the whole been able to continue providing Scouting to our young people, whether that be by Zoom, using Facebook and other social media, and face to face when Government regulations allowed. So, a big THANK YOU for all your efforts, let's hope that come September we can get back to something like normal Scouting. I'd also like to thank everyone for submitting the relevant Risk Assessments and Activity Notifications, which help to ensure that we are operating in accordance with Scout Association rules and regulations.

Despite the pandemic, the annual Scout census took place at the end of January and, although our number of young people decreased by 13.5%, this was the second lowest District decrease in Berkshire, and well below the national average of about 24%. As you will see elsewhere in the Annual Report, Beavers decreased the most. Hopefully, when we get back to regular face to face Scouting these numbers will increase. The Scout Association will be conducting a 'light' census this October, so that they can see how numbers are compared with January.

It is pleasing that face to face Scouting is now making a return, and I am sure that we are all looking forward to when the various restrictions that have been in place for so long are lifted.

As you will probably be aware, we lost several long-standing members of the District over the last year: Peter Minchin, John Allen, Julie Woo and Dean Wood. They had all made a tremendous contribution to Scouting over many years and are sadly missed.

Looking forward, County are organising ALPS2, hopefully we will have several attending from our District. Also in 2022, the World Scout Moot will be taking place in Ireland. We have one participant from the District going, I'm sure he will have a great time. We also have two members attending as IST. As you will know, WINGS 2020 was originally postponed until 2021, and then subsequently cancelled completely. There is no news yet on when the next WINGS will take place.

Thank you again for all that you have done in what have been extremely difficult circumstances, I feel sure that out young people have benefited greatly from your efforts.

Yours in Scouting, and stay safe,

Steve Richards
District Commissioner

5. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INCLUDING THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS

There has not been much activity over the last year due to the Covid restrictions. The increase in the District's funds is the grants received from the Council. These grants will hopefully allow to kick start scouting in our district in the coming year. The District also decided to forego the capitation from the annual subscription for 2021.

Karan Mehra
District Treasurer

District Executive Committee Trustees 2020/21

Chair	*vacant*
Secretary	Petra Hardie
Treasurer	Karan Mehra
Ex Officio	
District Commissioner	Steve Richards
District Scout Network Commissioner	*vacant*
District Explorer Scout Leader	*vacant*
District Youth Commissioner	*vacant*
Elected	1. Margaret Kemp 2. Dale Kipp 3. Steve Prower 4. Alex Richards 5. Derek Salter 6. Sam Winterson
Nominated	None
Examiner of Accounts	Mark Sayers
Bankers	(a) Nat West Bank plc (b) Virgin Money (c) HSBC plc (d) CAF Bank

District Registration No. 10213

Charity Registration No. 1021253

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Receipts & Payments Account	2020/2021	2019/2020
Total Receipts for the year	£50,370.79	£57,578.93
Total Expenditure for the year	-21,920.47	-£47,124.99
Net movement in funds	£28,450.32	£10,453.94
Cash & Bank brought forward	£91,577.09	£85,457.72
Movements in Earlywood Deposit and non cash items included above	-£857.95	-£4,334.57
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	**£119,169.46**	**£91,577.09**

Summary of Monetary Assets at 31st March 2021

	2020/2021	2019/2020
District Executive Account	£46,395.95	£24,349.87
Scout Shop Account	£28,779.62	£31,004.40
DASU Account	£6,577.96	£6,637.89
Earleywood	£37,415.93	£29,584.93
	£119,169.46	**£91,577.09**

South East Berkshire Scout Fellowship and Earleywood Campsite, from the Charities Commission viewpoint come under the auspices of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council. However, the assets are not controlled directly by the South East Berkshire District Scout Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

A signed copy is available for inspection

District Chairman

District Commissioner
Steve Richards

Honorary District Treasurer
Karan Mehra

Consolidated Accounts for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS

	2020/2021	2019/2020
District Executive Account		
Nat West current account	£32,985.63	£11,024.69
Virgin Bank	£13,410.32	£13,325.18
	£46,395.95	**£24,349.87**
District Exec. movement in funds	£22,046.08	£3,785.87
Represents		
District Funds	£27,939.85	£17,493.77
Restricted Funds	£16,358.30	£4,758.30
International	£2,097.80	£2,097.80
	£46,395.95	**£24,349.87**
Scout Shop Account		
Nat West current account	£8,154.76	£10,406.34
Virgin Bank	£20,557.52	£20,480.72
Cash in hand	£67.34	£117.34
	£28,779.62	**£31,004.40**
Scout Shop movement in funds	-£2,224.78	-£416.32
District Active Support Unit (formerly District Fellowship)		
Nat West current account	£1,284.64	£3,378.78
Virgin Money	£5,292.75	£3,258.54
Cash in hand	£0.57	£0.57
	£6,577.96	**£6,637.89**
DASU movement in funds	-£59.93	£1,053.70
Earleywood Account		
HSBC current account	£39,437.55	£31,603.11
Stripe Balance	£493.22	
Cash in hand	£10.00	£10.00
Cheques outstanding		
Cheques not cleared	-£2,524.84	-£2,028.18
	£37,415.93	**£29,584.93**
Earleywood movement in funds	£7,831.00	£1,696.12

Represents

Transfer from Berkshire County	£6,413.89	£6,413.89
Deposits & Prepayments	£1,250.25	£2,483.20
Accumulated Operating Income/Expenditure	£25,751.39	£17,062.44
Restricted reserves	£4,375.40	£4,375.40
	£37,790.93	**£30,334.93**
Total Monetary Assets	**£119,169.46**	**£91,577.09**

Consolidated Receipts					
For the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021					
RECEIPTS					
	2020/2021			**2019/2020**	
Membership Subscriptions				£2,915.50	£2,915.50
District					
Bank Interest (Virgin)	£85.14			£80.00	
International Funds				£1,451.43	
Grants	£20,097.42				
Donations	£173.71				
Wings 2020 Refund	£1,600.00	£21,956.27			£1,531.43
Scout Shop					
Sales	£3,515.79			£15,064.20	
Bank Interest	£76.80	£3,592.59		£146.19	£15,210.39
District ASU					
Subscriptions				£170.00	
Scout Shop Dividend	£5.86			£4.64	
Interest	£34.21				
Donation (inc Gift Aid)				£63.96	
Downshire Golf Club					
Brass Band Concert					
Ascot Round Table				£900.00	
Annual subscription rebate		£40.07			£1,138.60
Earleywood					
Site Fees incl Climbing Wall & Camping Fees	£4,612.30			£36,584.01	
Badge Sales / Miscellaneous	£738.56			£199.00	
Grants	£19,431.00				
Extraordinary income		£24,781.86			£36,783.01
Total Receipts		**£50,370.79**			**£57,578.93**

Consolidated Expenditure				
For the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021				
Expenditure	**2020/2021**		**2019/2020**	
District				
Secretarial & Administration	£409.41		£171.95	
AGM			£114.05	
Restricted Funds (WSJ Deposits)				
Insurance (Inc shop rebate)	£100.78		£97.04	
District Expenses		£510.19		£383.04
Beaver Scout Section				
Badges & Medals				
Newton Coaches - Beavers Challenge				
Gilwell Funday			£252.99	£252.99
Cub Scout Section				
WSJ 2019 Surplus				
Wings 2020 Surplis				
Cub Fun day				
Scout Section				
Wings 2020			-£344.09	
Eurojam	-£600.00		£600.00	
Earltwood Camping Day			£325.20	
Badges & Certificates				
WSJ 2019 Surplus		-£600.00	-£556.08	£25.03
Scout Shop				
Stock Purchases	£2,741.13		£13,295.95	
Insurance	£475.54		£445.32	
Dividend	£1,075.49		£856.72	
Shop Expenses & Credit Card Charges	£519.57		£566.44	
HQ Costs	£352.03		£144.00	
Electricity	£653.61	£5,817.37	£348.28	£15,656.71
District ASU				
Meeting Expenses				
Devonshire Golf Club - Meals				
Scarves, Flags & Badges			£54.24	
Cub Cake				
Donations	£100.00	£100.00	£50.00	£104.24
Earleywood				
Insurance	£6,230.70		£6,443.99	
Utilities	£3,004.96		£5,731.41	
Maintenance	£3,839.70		£10,971.06	
Cleaning	£1,350.00		£2,897.72	
Activities, Badges & Misc Equipment	£1,387.10		£3,047.77	
Miscellaneous Other	-£94.55		£1,236.03	
Depreciation	£375.00		£375.00	
Extra-ordinary expenditure		£16,092.91		£30,702.98
Total Expenditure		£21,920.47		£47,124.99

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the SOUTH EAST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the South East Berkshire District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

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

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention.

1) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
    - accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
    - the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:
Name: Mark Sayers
Qualifications:
Chartered Financial Planner &
Chartered MCSI Chartered Wealth Manager
FPFS, ACIB, CFP™ Chartered MCSI
Address: 6 Bedfordshire Down, Warfield
Bracknell, Berkshire RG42 3UA.
Date: 6th June 2021.

Membership 2021	Total Members	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Adults	Active Support
1st Ascot	59	10	18	15	16	
1st Binfield	110	24	33	38	15	
2nd Bracknell	139	43	46	20	30	1
4th Bracknell	56	11	11	23	11	
6th Bracknell	42	13	11	6	12	
1st South Ascot	88	20	28	23	17	
1st Sunningdale	94	24	24	30	16	
1st Warfield	51	13	18	10	10	
The Parks	44	9	13	5	17	
District Scouts Network	20					
Explorers	54					
District ASUs	18					
Officers	0					
Commissioners	1					
District Leaders	2					
Administrators	0					
Total	**778**	**167**	**202**	**170**	**144**	**1**

6. Approve the District Commissioner's nomination of the District Chair

Dale Kipp

7. Election of the District Secretary

Petra Hardie

8. Election of the District Treasurer

Karan Mehra

9. Elect or reselect persons to the District Scout Council on the recommendation of the District Commissioner and the District Executive Committee

None

10. Election of members to the District Executive Committee

Margaret Kemp
Steve Prower
Alex Richards
Steve Ricketts
Derek Salter
Sam Winterson

11. To approve the DC's nominations to the District Executive Committee

None

12. Elections of Group Scouters to represent the District on Berkshire County Scout Council

Carolyne Brambley
Simon Quantrell

13. To appoint an Independent Examiner

Mark Sayers

14. Presentations

15. Comments by County Commissioner or their representative

BEAVER SCOUT SECTION REVIEW 2020/2021

No one would have predicted the impact Covid-19 would have had on Scouting and our Young People. The lockdown meant that face to face activities remained suspended for the majority of the year, the move to remote scouting was a challenge, especially for the Beaver age group.

Online meetings were run by a majority of the colonies throughout the first half of the year, this offered our Young People the ability to carry on with Scouting activities, as well as providing a way for them to engage with their friends they were not able to meet up with. Thank you to all the leaders who ran these sessions.

Many of our colonies did return to face to face Scouting for some of the year, although there was a noticeable reduction in the number of Beavers returning to Scouting. I am hopeful that the numbers start to increase as we return to normality.

Even during this unusual year I am pleased to report that across the District we have still managed to award 40 Beavers with their Chief Scout Bronze Award, this is an amazing achievement.

I would like to thank all the Leaders and our Beavers for their perseverance during this year, I hope that we can get together as a District in the not too distant future.

Oliver Fisher
Assistant District Commissioner – Beaver Scouts

CUB SCOUT SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

In spite of lockdown most Packs have been continuing to function by using Zoom and arranging outdoor activities. Most Cubs are new young ones who have come up from Beavers. Despite the recent poor weather conditions, outdoor activities have been varied and all Leaders should be commended for using their imagination to provide an interesting programme and keeping their Packs motivated and keen to continue with Scouting activities. Many packs have been using Earleywood and making the most of climbing, crate stacking, fire lighting and even cooking.

Betty Scurry
District Cub Leader

SCOUT SECTION REVIEW

At the time of the Annual Census in January, the various Scout Troops around the District were generally in reasonably good shape, despite the number of Scouts in the District decreasing from 196 to 170 over the last year. This was obviously due to the pandemic, and we are hopeful that our numbers will increase as the year progresses and we get back to 'normal' Scouting.

This year, most Troops from the District should have been attending WINGS, postponed form last year. Sadly, along with various other events, WINGS was cancelled completely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a new date has not yet been set, but it is unlikely to be before 2024.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Leaders and adults who have supported our Scout Troops over the last year, especially over such a difficult time.

Alex Richards
Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

EXPLORER SCOUT REVIEW

There are now seven Groups in South East Berkshire have an active Explorer Unit attached to them; 1st Ascot (All Saints), 1st Binfield, 1st Sunningdale, 2nd Bracknell, 4th Bracknell, 6th Bracknell and, since April this year, 1st South Ascot. In normal circumstances, they would all hold weekly meetings during term-time, however this has obviously been somewhat restricted over the past year. Thankfully, thins are now looking up, and I am sure all our Explorers are looking forward to getting back to regular meetings.

Obviously, WINGS did not take place last year, having been postponed until this year. Sadly, that too fell victim to the continuing pandemic.

I'd like to thank all the District Explorer Leaders, and other adults, for all you have been doing for the Explorers in SE Berkshire, and we all look forward to happier times.

Steve Richards
District Commissioner

SCOUT NETWORK REVIEW

As I've said in past reviews, Network is a difficult Section to work with compared to the other Sections, as many of the Unit are away most of the year at university which means numbers and interest for activities are low. While Network are less active than other Sections, being in Network does keep people in touch with Scouting, especially if they are away at university, and they will hopefully return to a more active Scouting role at some point in the future

One positive development at Network level has been at 1st Sunningdale. Several of their Explorers had turned 18, but wanted to continue in Scouting. The solution was for form a Group Network unit, the first in the District. It will be interesting to see how this works out, and maybe something for other Groups to consider.

Steve Richards
District Commissioner

DISTRICT SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT REVIEW

"There's nothing **to** report." That was my first thought when I started to think about what I might say. And there is a certain amount of truth in that statement. We haven't been able to help at any District Scout events as we usually do because there haven't been any. Nor have we been able to assist at WINGS or Gang Show or make what has become a regular annual trip for many of us to hear the National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra. All cancelled. The same fate beheld other non-Scouting events where we had been regular helpers, such as The Moat Gardens at Windsor Castle and Ascot fireworks. Even our much-loved Annual New Year Dinner had to go by the board.

However there were some positives. Our Chairman decided that we must all keep in touch and, like many others, he embarked upon a steep learning curve and set up Zoom meetings. Thus we were all kept up to date with everything that was (or wasn't!) happening in the Scouting world We even had extra meetings to mark Founder's Day on 22nd February and St..George's Day on 23rd April. Also Margaret Kemp managed to continue to run the Scout Shop from her own home with orders being emailed to her and collections happening on her driveway. Others also kept up work at Earleywood. We have even managed to recruit a few more members.

There is I'm afraid some very sad news to report. During the year we were sorry to say a final goodbye to three of our very long-standing and much-loved members, although none to Covid. Like so many others in this horrendous year we were not able to mark their passing in the usual way, but our thoughts and prayers are nonetheless with their families and friends.

We continue to look forward with hope and expectation to the year ahead,

Judy Herridge
DASU Co-ordinator, Administration

Scout Shop - Annual Report 2020/21

The shop has had a challenging year due to several factors the main one being Covid-19 restrictions that have effected everyone. We have been unable to reopen at Cooper's Hill so we have moved all uniform stock to my house and all badge stock to Allan's house.

We have had to clear and sort everything at the Scout Shop and put items into storage as our new building will not be ready for several months. I can at least say it will be at Braybrooke.

Also, John Allen passed away in January. John helped at the shop for several years keeping the grass cut around the building and helping with badges when Allan was on holiday.

Allan and I continue to offer a click and collect service from our houses, and this will remain until we are able to move into our new building.

I would like to thank everyone for continuing to support the shop, and thank you to Allan for living so near to me, which makes it much easier for leaders to collect their orders.

Thank you also to Alison and Jason for helping to clear the old building and sorting out my storage problems.

Margaret
Scout Shop Manager

Gang Show – Annual Report 2020/21

The February 2021 Show did not take place due to Scout HQ and Government guidelines.

Unfortunately, this situation continues until further notice.

Irene Gallacher
South East Berkshire Gang Show Active Support Manager

Earleywood Update 2020/21

It's been another tough year for Earleywood as we miss having the buzz of so many young people exploring our 9 acres of woodland. With the easing of some lockdown restrictions, it's been great to see an increasing number of young people using the site and more activities and camps starting to take place. Financially we have been quite lucky through a tightening of our spending and a number of Covid grants. We have had all of our large bookings cancelled through this year, which we are typically so dependent on for maintaining and developing the site. Our annual costs of £15,000 don't change whether we have visitors or not.

Some highlights from this year include:

- Our biggest spend this year has been on our new Climbing Tower roof, which we are hoping will enable more use of the tower throughout the year.
- We have converted our Hosts room into a lovely new Leaders room, which has two single beds in it. We have created a new smaller secure Site Office.
- So far this year we have held 3 working parties and been grateful to over 60 people who have attended and helped us improve the site.
- Thanks to those who attended our recent Annual Review (4th July) which was held outside in the pouring rain.
- We appointed Derek Salter to the Earleywood Management Board as Health & Safety Director. Reviewing all our existing policies and ensuring that the site is compliant with the various H&S rules.
- When the site has been closed to Scouting groups we have opened up our facilities to non scouting users who have made the most of the bouldering wall, mini golf, orienteering course and campfire circle. This has seen over 500 young people discover the site, many of whom have no connection to Scouting.
- We have partnered with Natural Wonder a new local Forest School that is just setting itself up and was looking for a site that would be available during the school day. An arrangement that is working well for Earleywood.
- We have welcomed 3 new hosts to our Hosting team (Helen, Geoff and Petra), but we do always need more - so do let me know if you can think of anyone who might be able to volunteer the odd hour a week to meet and greet users of our site.
- Speaking of hosts, Bob Chandler has been on a painting frenzy and given our many picnic tables a new lease of life, as well as supporting a group to repaint our chapel area and install a new arch to the chapel.
- During the lockdowns we built a new Bug Hotel over an area of land that was typically damp all year round and prevented campers from using that area. It's great to see that only last week we spotted our first toads and buglife moving in.
- New activities being discussed for the site are a Cave Bus, which we are just preparing a business case for and actively looking for any grants or fundraising opportunities (please let me know if you have any ideas!).
- We also have a drawing designed for a new metal beam to be installed off the climbing tower, to allow for disabled climbing and crate staking. Again, this would need fundraising as the cost is beyond our annual surplus.
- We are also exploring the area behind our car park to see if we could make more use of it for any Scouting activities.
- As mentioned last year wildlife at Earleywood continues to flourish with sightings of frogs, toads, newts, badgers, deer, foxes, owls, woodpeckers, buzzards and even mandarin ducks enjoying the flooded stream becoming a river earlier in the year.
- Another small win for our Finance Director was going digital with our banking, which will allow us to start to move into the 21st Century and actually view payments online. So we now have a new Barclays account.
- I finally succumbed to the hints from our two DCs (South East and South) and was appointed Chairperson earlier this year. So we are actively looking for a new Marketing Director, Fundraising Lead and Minutes Secretary, please contact me if you would like more information or know anyone suitable.

A big thank you to all of the Earleywood Management Board, our Hosts and Instructors who work so tirelessly to keep the site running. It would be remiss of me not to make a special call out to Phill Wood and Ben Shirvill who work extremely hard to make the site as great as it is for young people.

Sam Winterson
Chair, Earleywood Management Board/Manager, Earleywood ASU

LONG AND GOOD SERVICE AWARDS 2020/2021 (correct at time of going to press)

5 Years

Zoe Arden	CSL	1st Warfield
Vanessa Crook	Group Executive	1st Sunningdale
Ian Fabris	SL	The Parks
Oliver Fisher	BSL	1st Binfield
Sarah Franks	ASL	2nd Bracknell
Liam Fricker	CSL	1st Binfield
Petra Hardie	District Secretary	SE Berks
Becky Hayes	ACSL/AESL	6th Bracknell
Tanya Jacobs	CSA	2nd Bracknell
Ben Kelly	ASL	6th Bracknell
Andrew Moss	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Elaine Newall	ABSL	1st Sunningdale
Michael Parker	GSL	The Parks
Kamana Paul	ACSL	The Parks
Christine Richards	GASU	2nd Bracknell
Ben Shirvill	ACSL	1st Warfield
Adam Sinclair	SL	6th Bracknell
Alex Sizeland	GSL	1st Binfield
Michel Szymaniec	BSA	2nd Bracknell
Sarah Targett	ACSL	1st Sunningdale
Matt White	AESL	1st Binfield
Sam Winterson	District Executive	SE Berks
Grant Wyatt	Group Treasurer	1st Sunningdale

10 Years

Matthew Coles	AESL	1st Binfield
Steve Foster	BSA	2nd Bracknell
Ade Hone	ASL	1st Binfield
Fiona Jones	GSL	1st South Ascot
Paul Richardson	Group Supporter	2nd Bracknell
Annick Tremblay	AESL	2nd Bracknell

15 Years

Marian Carter	District Supporter	SE Berks
Neil Coles	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Hilary Crofton	GSL/CSL	1st Sunningdale
David Ferrington	SL	2nd Bracknell
Cathryn Joiner	ASU Member	DASU
Colin Thorne	Group Executive	2nd Bracknell
Anne Wetherall	ACSL/Group Executive	1st Ascot (All Saints)
James Wood	GSL/SL	1st Sunningdale

20 Years

Kris Christmas	CSL	1st Binfield
James Kirkby	SL	1st Ascot
Steve Prower	GSL	2nd Bracknell
Helen Robinson	TA/County Scouter	SE Berks/Royal Berkshire

25 Years

John Allen	ASU Member	DASU
Allan Coles	Badge Secretary	SE Berks
Mark Grubb	SL	4th Bracknell
Judy Herridge	ASU Co-ordinator	DASU
Dale Kipp	Group President/Dist Exec	2nd Bracknell/SE Berks
Peter Minchin	GSL	4th Bracknell
Ken Robinson	ESL	4th Bracknell

30 Years

Bob Chandler	ASU Member	DASU
Ken Robinson	ESL	4th Bracknell

40 Years

Margaret Kemp	Manager	Scout Shop ASU

Commissioners Commendation

Charlie Brewer	ABSL	1st Sunningdale
Hilary Crofton	GSL/CSL	1st Sunningdale
Christian Leigh	ESL	1st Sunningdale
Elaine Newall	ABSL	1st Sunningdale
Isaac Roberts	Beaver Scout	2nd Bracknell
Betty Scurry	District Scouter	Cub Scouts
Ben Shirvill	ACSL	1st Warfield
Geoff Streeter	Occasional Helper	1st Sunningdale
Sarah Targett	ACSL	1st Sunningdale
Clare Warren	Occasional Helper	1st Sunningdale
Andrew Wheeler	AESL	1st Sunningdale
James Wood	GSL	1st Sunningdale
Linda Wood	Occasional Helper	1st Sunningdale

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Nigel Carter	Group Secretary	6th Bracknell
Matt Coles	AESL	1st Binfield
Neil Coles	CSL	2nd Bracknell
Richard Creber	Group Executive	2nd Bracknell
Vanessa Crook	Group Executive	1st Sunningdale
Ian Fabris	SL	The Parks
Oliver Fisher	BSL/ADC (Beavers)	1st Binfield/SE Berks
Tony Flood	Group Executive	1st Sunningdale
Stephen Foster	BSA	2nd Bracknell
Duncan Hullis	Group Chairman	1st Binfield
Sebastian Jans	Group Executive	1st Sunningdale
Fiona Jones	GSL	1st South Ascot
Christian Leigh	ESL	1st Sunningdale
Beverly O'Connell	Group Treasurer	4th Bracknell
Paul Page	ABSL	The Parks
Michael Parker	GSL	The Parks
Katrina Sheppard	District Leader	Beaver Scouts

Mary Shields	Nights Away Adviser	SE Berks
Alex Sizeland	GSL	1st Binfield
Louise Sparshott-Garrick	Group Treasurer	2nd Bracknell
Colin Thorne	Group Executive	2nd Bracknell
Sam Winterson	District Executive	SE Berks
Ian Wooster	Group Executive	2nd Bracknell

Award for Merit

Mark Grubb	SL	4th Bracknell
James Wood	GSL/SL	1st Sunningdale

Bar to the Award for Merit

Peter Christmas	ESL/County DoE Adviser	1st Binfield/Royal Berkshire

WOOD BADGES AWARDED 2020/2021

Chris Adkins	ABSL	1st South Ascot
Ian Fabris	SL	The Parks
David Ferrington	SL	2nd Bracknell
Fiona Jones	BSL	1st South Ascot
Margaret Kemp	Manager	Scout Shop ASU
Chris Kinch	SL	2nd Bracknell
Betty Scurry	District Scouter	Cub Scouts, SE Berks
Sarah Targett	ACSL	1st Sunningdale
Annick Tremblay	AESL	2nd Bracknell
James Wood	ASL	1st Sunningdale

Many congratulations to all those named above

We in South East Berkshire are very grateful to all those who have given their time and effort to contribute to the Aims of the Scout Association.