EPSOM AND EWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: The charity is the governing body for Scouting in Epsom and Ewell, Surrey. Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE,EPSOM AND EWELL
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£106,209	£92,965	-	-
2024-03-31	£102,814	£100,781	-	-
2023-03-31	£106,476	£105,579	-	-
2022-03-31	£159,640	£95,745	-	-
2021-03-31	£44,028	£30,996	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Connor		2024-09-26
Clare Louise Peckitt		2020-08-25
David White		2025-09-25
JOYCE NICHOLAS		
Jane Weller		2024-09-26
John Hughes		2018-04-23
Karl James Nicholas Mr		2018-05-01
Neil Andrew Dallen MBE		2024-09-26
Peter Richard Harvey		2020-10-01
Richard Hunt		2016-09-24

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Accounts

Epsom and Ewell Scout District



Annual report and accounts 2024-2025

Epsom and Ewell Scout Council
Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25th September 2025

St Mary's Church, Cuddington, The Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
   a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2024
   b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
   c. Note the District's financial year
   d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
   e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the District Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
   a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts during the past 12 months in Epsom and Ewell
   b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the District Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
   a. Appoint the District Chair
   b. Appoint the District Treasurer
   c. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the District Trustee Board
   d. Re-appoint District Vice Presidents
   e. Appoint the Auditor
   f. Nominate representatives of the District Scout Council to represent the District on the County Scout Council
6. **Words from the County Representative:**
7. **Presentation of Awards**
8. **Closing remarks**

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What a year it has been!

It is a real pleasure to introduce this year's Annual Report and to reflect on another exciting and inspiring year for Scouting in Epsom & Ewell. Our District is made up of twelve thriving groups, each with its own character and strengths, yet all united by the same purpose: to give young people skills for life, a sense of adventure, and a supportive community in which to grow.

Across the District, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers have taken part in a remarkable variety of activities—from traditional camping and pioneering skills, to adventurous expeditions, creative projects, and community service. Week after week, our young people have embraced challenges, pushed boundaries, and discovered what they can achieve when they work together.

Major events such as Scoutabout 2024, the Great River Race, and international trips have provided unforgettable experiences, while many young people have proudly earned top awards, from Chief Scout's Awards to the King's Scout Award, reflecting their perseverance, growth, and confidence.

Success extends far beyond the campfire, the water, or the woods. Our volunteers and supporters—the heartbeat of the District—have worked tirelessly to ensure that every programme runs safely and effectively.

The District Support Team has provided guidance, training, and encouragement to leaders, while the Scout Shop has gone from strength to strength, not only as a hub for uniforms and equipment but as a vital fundraiser that supports Scouting across the District. Their dedication, alongside that of trustees, parents, and adult helpers, has made a real difference for young people and the wider community.

Across our twelve groups, there are countless stories of achievement. Some groups have celebrated growth in numbers, welcoming new members and making Scouting accessible to more families. Others have delivered innovative programmes of outdoor adventure, taking full advantage of our local parks, countryside, and campsites.

Many have achieved outstanding fundraising results, supporting both Scouting initiatives and local charitable causes. Collectively, these successes demonstrate the impact of Scouting, both on young people's lives and within the wider community.

This has also been a year of shared celebration. District events, parades, and St George's Day gatherings have brought groups together, building friendships and strengthening bonds across the District. Whether around campfires, on adventurous hikes, or during competitions, these moments have highlighted the power of Scouting to unite and inspire.

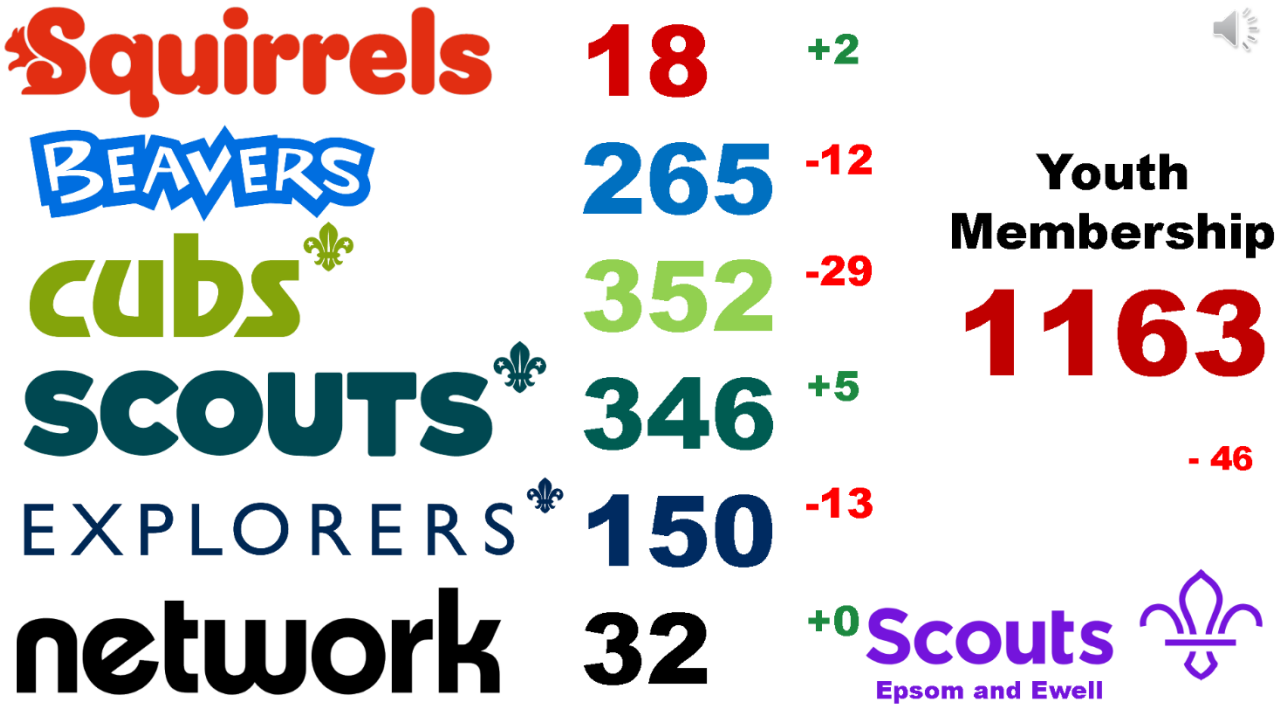
None of these achievements would be possible without the extraordinary commitment of our volunteers, parents, supporters, and partners.

While we have faced challenges—changes in leadership, the introduction of new systems, and difficulties with meeting spaces—the Scouting spirit has shone through, turning obstacles into opportunities.

Looking back, there is much to be proud of. Looking ahead, we are excited by the opportunities to come. With the continued dedication of our leaders, the enthusiasm of our young people, and the support of families and the wider community, Scouting in Epsom & Ewell will continue to thrive, offering adventure, friendship, and inspiration for life.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in our success this year. Together, we are ensuring that Scouting remains a place where young people can find adventure, friendship, and inspiration for life.

Karl Nicholas
District Lead Volunteer



From the Chair of Trustees



Last year the old and familiar District Scout Executive Committee was replaced with a charity Board of Trustees led by the District Chairman and consists of a group of volunteers (max 12) responsible for governance and financial administration of a Scout District.

Its key responsibilities include supporting the District Lead Volunteer (new name for the District Commissioner), ensuring compliance with Scout Association Policies, managing finances and accounts, and providing resources to Scout Groups.

The committee includes ex-officio members like the District Chair and District Lead Volunteer, along with elected, nominated, and co-opted members.

The changed responsibilities requires volunteers with different skills and abilities and I am pleased that David White has agreed to be put forward as volunteer trustees with responsibility for "Boidier Hurst and Group Sites" and Adrian Sancroft has agreed to be put forward as volunteer trustee with "Surveyor" responsibility for buildings, insurance and property.

- Peter Harvey (Treasurer)
- Jane Weller (Admin)
- Richard Hunt (Legal & regulatory)
- Joyce Nicholas (Scout Shop)
- Clare Peckett (Adult Support Team)
- Karl Nicholas (DLV) and Alex Connor (Youth DLV) are both ex-officio members.

Apart from myself as Chair, this leaves two vacancies and over the coming year I am planning to find an assistant treasurer and assistant chair. Meanwhile I have asked John Hughes to continue as trustee.

My sincere thanks go to Elaine Mustow who has served for many years on the District Exec Committee and Robert Baker who was co-opted and responsible for the purchase of the Scout Shop.

This leads me nicely on to the successes of the last year!

We had the opportunity to purchase the freehold of the Scout Shop in Stoneleigh which, after due diligence, we went ahead with and the District are now the proud owners of the freehold currently valued at £130,000. This investment means that the District are £11,000 a year better off, the annual rent paid to the freeholder.

In addition to the Scout Shop purchase, the Shop continues to offer a fantastic service to the Scout District and beyond as well as ploughing a healthy profit back into district.

The District received a Surrey County Council grant for 1st Ruxley Scout HQ. Although we have the funds to complete the project the developer who needs to do their promised work first continues to be a challenge with the their sub-contractors being thrown off site due to lack of progress and poor workmanship. Hopefully, this year will see the Scout HQ operational again.

To end, I would like to thank everyone who helps in so many different ways to ensure the success of Scouting for young people in the District.

Neil Dallen
Chair of Trustees

District Team

District Lead Volunteer	Karl Nicholas
Youth Commissioner	Alex Connor
Deputy DLV (Programme)	John Hughes
Deputy DLV (Support)	Richard Denyer
Deputy DLV (Training)	Lauren Mansell
Deputy Youth Lead	Sam Featherstone
District Beaver Leads	Judith Sitford Martyn Holloway-Neville
District Cub Leads	Elaine Mustow Steph Howard
District International Lead	Caroline Pearce
Support Team Manager	Clare Peckitt
Nights Away Manager	Dave Mustow Jack Lee
Young Leader Leads	Karen Kelly Jack Lee
Shop Manager	Joyce Nicholas
District Administrator	Carol Priddy

Board of Trustees – 2024-25

Chairman	Neil Dallen
Treasurer	Peter Harvey
Secretary	Jane Weller
Trustees	Richard Hunt
	Joyce Nicholas
	Elaine Mustow
	Clare Peckitt
	Karl Nicholas*
	Alex Connor *
	John Hughes

* Ex officio

Presidents

Vice President	Hazel Luxton
Vice President	Geoff Whitehead

District Assets

District Scout Shop:	22 Broadway Stoneleigh KT17 2HU
District Campsite:	Boidier Hurst Box Hill Road Headley
Support Team Store:	Rear of 2nd Cuddington HQ Salisbury Road Worcester Park Surrey KT4 7DD

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

As Scouts, we are guided by these values:
Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.
Cooperation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

THE SCOUT METHOD

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:
Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
Learn by doing.
Share in spiritual reflection.
Take responsibility and make choices.
Undertake new and challenging activities
Make and live by their Promise.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God (to uphold Scout values) and to the King (the country in which I now live), to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is to be trusted.
A Scout is loyal.
A Scout is friendly and considerate.
A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

OUR VISION

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more.

Each week, we give young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future.

We are talking about teamwork, leadership, and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We believe in bringing people together. We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We are part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

We are preparing more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing Leaders delivering an inspiring programme. We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities. We are proud to say we are a values-based movement.

Our Scout values of integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation guide everything we do.

Bankers

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PO Box 1357,
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SW1E 5NA.

National Counties Building Society
Ebbisham House
30 Church Street
Epsom
KT17 4NL.

Managers	17
Support	97
Trustees	67
Programme	199

Adult Membership +59

380

(showing single roles only and excluding OH's)

Scouts
Epsom and Ewell

Beaver Scout Report

Through 2024 and early 2025, we have seen a big change in our District Beaver Team. While Judith Sitford and I have remained in our roles, we said a fond farewell to Michelle Davies as she moved away. We will miss her energy, enthusiasm and bright ideas in the Team.

Colonies and Chief Scout Bronze Awards



We have 14 Colonies across the 12 Groups in Epsom and Ewell, and it is fantastic to see that the numbers of young people we are supporting on a weekly basis only seems to go up each year. I have also been hearing a lot about the number of Chief Scout's Bronze Awards being achieved right across the District. A massive well done to all of these children for their achievement this year.

County Events

Reach for the Stars 2025

Beavers from all across the District joined several hundred others from all over Surrey in February for the annual Reach for the Stars event. Reach for the Stars is a weekend of challenges and activities, all provided virtually, and the young people are encouraged to spend the night 'virtual camping' - be that in a tent in the garden, or building a 'fort' in their house!

District Events

Beaveree - 21 September 2024



This year, 54 participants from 6 Groups came together at Little Acres Campsite in Epsom for a half-day of Wild West-themed activities and fun! Highlights included making dream catchers and (very fashionable) headbands, panning for gold (!) and the (fully risk assessed) tug of war competition! Beaveree takes a year off in 2025 as it's a Bazzaz year.

Emergency Aid Day - 23 November 2024



With slightly lower takeup this year, 40 Beavers took part in a single, morning session at 1st Cuddington's HQ - all with the aim of completing their Emergency Aid Stage 1 badge! The Beavers learnt about ringing the emergency services, applied plasters to (thankfully) drawn on injuries, and put some very tall adults into the recovery position!

We look forward to the next Em Aid day in November.

Lizard Hike - 16 March 2025



Good (if slightly cool) weather allowed the annual Lizard Hike on Headley Heath to go ahead this year. Most Colonies were able to send along some young people, who all enjoyed themselves walking the Lizard Trail (although, as usual, seeing any lizards proved a step too far!)

The Lizard Hike will return (weather permitting) for 2026.

Martyn Holloway-Neville
District Beaver Team



Cubs Scout Report

June 2024 saw packs from the district start to take part in the annual Cub Challenge, unfortunately due to the very wet weather this event had to be stopped due to dangerous under foot conditions and various people not having suitable clothing.

Night Hike



October was the Cubs District night hike, this saw over 120 Cubs walking from various different drop of points back to Boider Hurst Camp site for hot dogs, hot chocolate, soup squash that was catered by the district team this was followed by a camp fire sing song which was ably lead by Richard Ascough the singing could be heard all over the site. My thanks must go to the walk leaders Ian Peckitt, Clare Peckitt, Dave Tilliyer, Nigel Bird, Stuart Willes and Howard Park.

Emergency Aid



November saw 100 cubs attend and achieve their First Aid level 2, great fun was had by all as they learnt how to roll even the tallest of leaders into to recovery position



February 2025 saw the District Quiz take place this was closely contested and was won by 2nd Ewell who went forward to represent Epsom and Ewell at the County Quiz.

Chief Scout Silver Award 2024-2025



There were thirty five Chief Scout Silver awards presented to the cubs this year, a huge well done to them all, it's a great achievement.

I close this report with my heartfelt thanks to all the cub leaders and their teams in the district, for all their hard work in putting on interesting and challenging programmes for their young people.

Here's to next year, watch this space, plans are being put in place. There's a new exciting cooking experience as well as a whole fun day to learn new skills and have fun look out 2026/2027

Elaine Mustow
Cub Section Lead



Epsom and Ewell Support Team

New members are encouraged to join with any support being greatly appreciated, from towing a trailer, marshalling a checkpoint, making tea's, putting up a mess tent or introducing / training in a new activity.

We regularly meet on 2nd Wednesday of every month. Contact Clare if interested in joining:

supportteam@epsomandewellscouts.org

April 2024

The inaugural District Quiz with fish'n'chips was held at 1st Cuddington, hosted by EEST. It was a sell out and enjoyed by all, with some showing their competitive side.



June 2024

SCOUTABOUT - We had a large contingent and managed, with the district's help, to run three activities: Climbing Wall, Runway and Cave Maze. A fun weekend was had by all.

While at Scoutabout:

Colin Thomas was awarded the Bar to the Silver Acorn and David White received the Award of Merit



November 2024

As always, we supported the annual Fireworks at Hook Road.

Our donation for support this year was larger so we were able to invest this in some new equipment, including soft tomahawks and connect 4.

December 2024

The Christmas working party was again at Boidier Hurst. Main tasks were tidying site, including leaf blowing, clearing dead wood and chipping or burning it. Also a lovely lunch prepared by Kimberley.





January 2025

One January morning, 10 of us and 2 dogs met in Kingston and did a circular walk (AKA Hip Flask Ramble) along the River Thames, stopping at Teddington for a welcome coffee then on to Richmond for a pub lunch and back via Richmond Park. Followed by dinner in one of the team's home.



February 2025

Shrove Tuesday evening was spent eating pancakes at a member's home, all bringing our own favourite topping.

Top Golf was visited and enjoyed by all. It was also where we established that more practice was required by all members!

March 2025

Monopoly Run

3 Teams entered the 'Monopoly Run Live'. Fun was had by all, chasing challenges and properties. The 'boys' beat both 'girls' teams by successfully visiting all properties on Monopoly board (with an hour to spare!).

Challenge Hike



The annual challenge hike run by the support team took place in March, with 39 teams competing against each other, starting from 2nd Epsom Scout Hut on Epsom Common. Lots of competitive and happy kids enjoying being outside.

Thanks to all who helped marshalling and shadowing, as it would not be possible without you.













Scouts
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Support Team















Scout Shop

This year has been another successful one for our District Scout Shop, and that success is thanks to the dedication of our wonderful team of volunteers. We now have 13 enthusiastic helpers covering different days and tasks, and we were delighted to welcome two new members to the team this year. Their energy and commitment ensure the shop continues to thrive as an invaluable resource for our Scouting community.

Listening to feedback from parents and leaders, we have adapted our opening hours to better meet everyone's needs. The shop now opens during half term holidays and has introduced Thursday opening, making it even easier for families to get the items they need.

We are proud to keep prices as affordable as possible. By negotiating better deals with our suppliers, we've been able to reduce the cost of key items such as programme badges, scarves, and woggles—helping both families and leaders manage their Scouting budgets more easily.

The shop continues to hold a wide stock of uniform across all sections, alongside badges, books, and camping equipment. Leaders also benefit from discounts on their own purchases. A much-valued badge sewing service is available too, with all proceeds donated directly to the District as a generous gift from our volunteer sewers.

Looking ahead, an important development is the renewal of our shop lease. As the owners have indicated they wish to sell the property, the District is exploring the exciting possibility of purchasing the premises. This would be a long-term asset to the District and provide stability as rent costs are set to rise later this year.

The shop is not only a place to pick up Scouting essentials but also a hub for community spirit. We continue to maintain high standards in cleanliness, stock control, and safety. Our Fire Risk Assessment was recently reviewed by Surrey Fire Service, who praised its quality—a credit to the care taken by the team.

We also remain active members of the Stoneleigh Broadway Traders Association. Unfortunately, the Broadway Christmas Lights event could not take place in 2024 due to station redevelopment works, but we look forward to joining in with the celebrations again in 2025.

We are very grateful to the many individuals who give their time and talents to make the shop what it is. Special thanks go to:

- Peter Harvey – for keeping our finances in order.
- Robert Baker – for his invaluable odd-job support (and for rarely charging us!).
- Pat Askey & Linda Stacey (Kingston) – for their steady work with accounts.
- Sue Beard, Sue Sparrow, Janice Posner & Sarah Edwards (Guiding).
- Carol Priddy, Jean Teasdale, Paul Huitson & Nicola Archer (Epsom).
- Lee Coltham – who joined us as a volunteer and has been a real asset.

Without these volunteers, there would simply be no shop. Their commitment not only supports Scouting locally but also strengthens the wider community. We thank them all sincerely for everything they do.

Joyce Nicholas
Volunteer Shop Manager

Did You Know?

Here are some fun facts about your District Scout Shop this year:

- We sold over 1954 uniform items across all sections and 649 Girlguiding uniforms
- More than 37,963 programme badges found new homes on proud Scout uniforms.
- Families saved hundreds of pounds thanks to our price reductions on essentials.
- Our volunteer sewing team stitched over 700 badges, raising money as a gift to the District.
- Together, our volunteers gave over 5000 of hours of their time to keep the shop running smoothly.

The shop is more than just a place to buy uniforms—it's a hub of Scouting support, teamwork, and community pride.





Boidier Hurst Scout Campsite

We have had another busy year up here at Boidier Hurst, not only have we been keeping the site looking good, we have also been undertaking some other big projects to ensure we keep improving our great campsite up on Box Hill.

Last year we had a record 225+ bookings, over 7,500 camping nights and 3000+ day or evening visits, our best numbers recorded yet, bookings so far this year are running at over 195 and we have a couple more months to go. In addition, everyone seems to be booking early for 2026, with 30 bookings taken already for next year.

The Boidier Hurst Service Crew, to which I am deeply indebted, in 2024, completed more than 3360 hours of work between them, equivalent to a person working continuously for 140 days without a break, that is no mean achievement and I thank them for their dedication. This year they have also been busy with two major projects, to finish off cladding the Manly building, which was completed in August, just in time for contractors to put on a new roof for the building. While this was a major expense for us and we had to close the site for two weeks, while they did the work, the investment in a new roof with extra insulation and guaranteed for 20 years I believe was worth it.

The vision for the infamous, Site 9, moves closer to completion. We have finished levelling the site and have almost finished the edges. We already have seeded grass growing on these profiled edges and hope to fully seed Site 9 in a couple of weeks, with the intent to bring it back in to use mid-2026.

Our steady refurbishment of the toilet block is still ongoing, with some taps, shower units and mirrors, plus other repairs carried out. This will continue over the closed period with targeted refurbishment.

We have also made a significant investment in a new 'Zero Turn Mower' to replace the underslung mower deck on our Kubota tractor, ensuring we can adapt the grass cutting, by site and season, making it easier, neater and quicker to cut our grass.

We are always looking for people to help on the service crew, assist as a keyholder or warden for a weekend, if you can help – please get in contact.
We hope to see you soon, up at your campsite, either for an evening, a day, or a night's camp, where you can have some time to enjoy the site.

Lady Catherine Warberg of Epsom gave 'Boidierhurst' to the Boy Scouts in 1946 and next year, our 80th Anniversary, we will are going to celebrate this fact, certain she would be pleased to see that it is still being used as she intended.

Chris Rose
Chair of Management Committee.



1st Cuddington (Warspite) Sea Scouts

The year from April 2024 to March 2025 has been full of Scouting at every level, from the epic to the individual.

Every week our sections from Squirrels to Explorers have met and their programme has been varied; from tasks that challenge to gains that entertain. Every age group has cooked to some degree and we have varied locations from our HQ to many local areas. There have been fires, sausages, challenges, badges and awards.

On the water, the group was active with Explorers and Scouts meeting every week at our Water Activity Centre from March to September. Above this, we had the major events with 3 sailing weekends in Chichester Harbour, the RNLI 200 celebrations, 5 boats of young people successfully completing the epic 21.6 mile Great River Race rowing event through central London as well as comprehensively winning the National Sea Scout Regatta including all of the age group trophies and coastal powerboating. We have had adult volunteers and Explorers achieve national coaching qualifications in Paddleboards, Kayaks and Powerboating to allow us to deliver fantastic & safe activities.

Camping is always a massive part of 1st Cuddington and this year was no exception. Weekend camps across the sections, a brilliant week long summer camp for the Cubs in sunny Surrey and an epic trip to the Netherlands for our Scouts and Explorers. There were first camps, last camps and fantastic nights away.

A few moments provide a perfect illustration of the range of scale and impacts over the last year.

- In 2024 we celebrated the 200th Birthday of the RNLI. To celebrate, and fundraise, we coordinated other local Sea Scout groups in bringing well over 200 people afloat on a July evening. Joined by our local Teddington RNLI Lifeboat, we filled the Thames outside Hampton Court with boats and smiles. It was a great reflection of how we can bring the community together.
- In March, at our new Cub sleepover, the young people tried lighting a small fire using a spark from a flint and steel. This needs perseverance, concentration and a little luck. To see those who thought they couldn't persist and achieve was a brilliant example of the individual challenges which are the bedrock of Scouting.
- Our Squirrel Scouts take such joy in all activities and seeing them take to the water for the first time illustrates the impact that Scouting can have on building confidence and expanding horizons.
- One of the enduring memories will be watching a Scout Patrol Leader, a veteran of the National Regatta and Great River Race; pass on the skills he has learnt to a Beaver taking their first attempt at rowing a small boat.

None of this would be possible without an amazing and varied team of volunteers - including those over and under 18, those working with young people and those facilitating. My massive thanks to them all for their dedication, their skills and most of all their good humour. This year has seen some changes to our volunteer team that do deserve a moment of reflection.

At the end of the year, Linda stood down from running our Beaver Scouts weekly. Whilst still part of the Warspite team, she has stepped back following 20 years of weekly meetings and handed the reins to Deborah and Orion. Words cannot express our thanks to Linda, but the size of the crowd that showed up for her final muster in charge gave a good impression! Perhaps the best words are those of two of "her" Beavers:

"I am forever grateful that you introduced me to my favourite thing ever, Sea Scouts. Thank you so much for all you have done for the group and for leading such a great Beaver Colony."
"you have made a huge difference to not only my childhood but every child who went through Beavers."

In July, 2024 Rosemarie Brooker passed away. Rosemarie had given over 30 years service as a Beaver Leader, Cub Leader and Trustee. From weekly musters to fire station visits, she provided fantastic experiences for young people. At the end of the year, Rosemarie's husband Len also stepped back from day to day Scouting- which in Len's case has been 30 plus years in charge of our boat fleet. Len's legacy is huge and involves the complete rebuild of a number of our rowing boats. In March 2025 we were able to welcome Len back to the Water Activity Centre to name our "new to us" gig in honour of Rosemarie.

In February 2025, Nigel Mansell, a long time member of the group passed away after an illness. Butty, as he was known to us, was a major part of the Cub Camp kitchen volunteers for many years.

We, and I, are grateful for the extraordinary commitment of our volunteer teams, from our longest serving volunteers to those who have joined over this last year. Together they allow us to support our young people in their development.

Richard Hunt
Group Lead Volunteer

1st Ewell Court (St Clement's) Scout Group

We have had yet another fabulous year of scouting. The whole team has worked very hard to carry on providing traditional scouting skills, with pioneering, navigation and cooking all playing a big part within a varied and interesting program for all the sections.

The badge statistics show how the program has not only had a balance of traditional and modern, but also just how many of our Beavers, Cubs, Scout and Explorers have achieved.

The trustees have also been busy with some brilliant equipment purchases which were funded with some fundraising projects like the annual ECRA quiz and supporting the Roundtable with Carshalton Fireworks. This year we also managed another cooking event with both burgers and hotdogs being provided to a local leader's big birthday bash by our wonderful SASU unit.

Our SASU (Scout Active Support Unit) has continued to grow; they have managed a couple of social gatherings alongside doing some work at HQ. All these young people are at university and manage to fit in helping out our group alongside their studies which I think is amazing given the pressures being at university can bring.

In 2024, all our sections were under canvas again, Beavers and Cubs went up to Boiderhurst, Scouts attended Scoutabout and then visited the New Forest for their summer camp (with activities including Mega Wall, All Aboard, Zip Lining, Gladiator Challenge, Tomahawks to name but a few).







Our Explorer unit spent the year completing the Surrey Silver Woggle at various campsites including Birchmere & White Beeches with each camp having a focus on scouting skills such as backwoods cooking, whilst most of them were also studying for their GCSEs and A Levels. They also competed in the London Monopoly Run (always a firm favourite).

Our young people make us very proud to be leaders and they show on a weekly basis their kindness and thoughtfulness. They are all quick to welcome new members and make sure they feel part of the wider scouting community.

Our group's peer leadership shines when we are at camp with the younger members being looked after and helped by their older peers who have been camping before. The numbers in each section are growing. The achievements of our young people show their zest for scouting and its many facets.

Karen Kelly
Group Lead Volunteer

2nd Cuddington (Rowe) Scout Group

Achieving the Kings Scout Award is truly exceptional and it was a pleasure to see Philippa Carslake receive her very well-earned award this year.

Like every other Scout Group in the country we have been coping with the national changes to how we volunteer, our leadership structures, adult training and perhaps most disastrously, a new digital management system which sadly proved not fit for purpose when it was introduced and which has occupied a disproportionate amount of adult volunteer time.

The important thing – and the real tribute to all Group leader teams, is that the ongoing work to cope with the new system and changes hasn't affected our programmes, activities or achievements and we hope the administrative challenges have gone unnoticed by our young people.

On a far more positive note the Group continues to thrive. Numbers aren't everything, but the fact is that the Group is bigger than ever with a growth in both young people and leader numbers.

Outdoor activities predominate in the programme and overnight activities in the last year were extensive. During the year the Beaver Scouts had termly sleepovers, including camping, each coupled with a day visit to somewhere exciting.







Various Cub Pack ‘overnights’ included an activity weekend at PGL and their major camp in the summer near Westcott on the North Downs.
The Scout Troop included a frost camp, backwoods camp and a May camp as well as their major camp in the summer in Somerset which apart from a host of Scout activities, included time spent on the beach, and of course, attendance at Scoutabout.

The Explorer Unit headed north to Scotland for their major expedition of the year packed with activities which included climbing Ben Nevis, whilst the SASU (now the Active Support Team) grew to over 30 members and has supported all these events.

Throughout the year the weekly sectional meetings have been supplemented by a multitude of other activities, both during the week and at weekends, from Monopoly Runs around London to night hikes. Although we are fortunate in our Scout Headquarters, about a third of the weekly Sectional meetings take place away from the HQ This has enabled us to include climbing, abseiling, caving, archery, axe throwing and shooting in our weekly programmes.









'Whole Group' activities in the year included our Group St George's Day outing, and in 2024 we returned to Dover Castle. Quite an achievement in moving the whole Group to Dover! Scouts renew their promise on St George's Day and we had special permission to use the Saxon Church before spending the rest of the day exploring the castle. At the other end of the year over 80 members of the Group travelled to Hythe for our visit to Father Christmas on the Santa Special on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway where we had our own private train. Christmas also saw the whole Group at the Wimbledon Theatre for a panto visit. We continue to maintain our strong links with St Mary's in Cuddington and held Parade services and our annual Group Carol Service in the church as well as using it as a venue for a Cub sleepover and Section visits for the Faith badge.

As a DofE Award Centre, Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were achieved during the year and with a new leader qualifying as a DofE Leader/Expedition Supervisor and it was great to have the extra support on both practice and qualifying expeditions.

Our Supporters Team did another great job with the Cuddington Beer Festival which remains our major fund-raising event and together with Summer and Christmas Fairs, generates sufficient funds for us to have avoided any increase in membership fees since 2019. Over 800 attended the Beer Festival which remains a major community and PR event for the Group and importantly is raising funds from outside of Scouting.

I know we are fortunate to have the support of a large and very committed team of leaders, young leaders, Trustees and Supporters and I am so grateful for all that they do – very many thanks!

Martin Gerrard
Group Lead Volunteer







2nd Epsom (Christchurch) Scout Group

It has been a mixed year for 2nd Epsom Scouts. We have had a number of fantastic new adult leaders joining the team bringing with them new skills and perspectives and managed to retain our experienced leaders.

Sadly, in December 2024 we were served with an eviction notice on the 19th December and locks changed on our HQ by Christchurch, our lease holder. This was a hugely difficult time for us working with the uncertainty of regaining access and also for our children and parents, particularly those who had not yet held their Scout Christmas parties. A massive thank you to John Hughes (deputy DC), Karl Nicholas (DC) and our chair Tracy Vlaeminck for their tireless working with the lease holder, solicitors and stakeholders to resolve this issue successfully.

Our leaders and adult volunteers also deserve a special commendation for their efforts to reassure parents and children during this difficult time and put on exciting events to keep the Group going in the absence of a HQ. We were all relieved to get access back to our HQ in February 2025. We have incurred a drop in our membership due to these circumstances but it has been amazing to see the resilience of the 2nd Epsom leadership team and enthusiasm and ideas to grow the group again.

Amie Adkin-Pepper
Group Lead Volunteer

Beavers

This year has been a busy and rewarding one for our Beaver Colony, with plenty of fun, learning, and achievement for all our young members. The Beavers have worked hard across a wide range of badge areas, developing new skills and growing in confidence. Some highlights include:

- Emergency Aid – practising simple first aid skills, from knowing how to call for help to learning what to do if someone is injured.
- Faith – exploring different beliefs and values, sharing stories, and learning about the importance of kindness and respect.
- Outdoor Adventures – enjoying walks, nature activities, and seasonal games that gave Beavers a chance to explore and appreciate the world around them.

Cody Vlaeminck (lead) and Trevor Foale

Cubs

Our Cub Pack has continued to thrive through the year, enjoying a good mix of fun activities and opportunities to learn. We spent some time in the early part of the year training the Cubs in basic Scouting skills such as First Aid, Knots and Fire Lighting in advance of the Annual Cub Challenge event run by our District Team. It was held in June at Boidierhurst, our local camp site, and tested the learning of all the Cubs in Epsom and Ewell. We had a good turnout but unfortunately despite doing really well and having a terrific time, the Cubs came away disappointed as the event was called off at lunchtime due to torrential rain!

In August we went to PACCAR Camp Site (Chalfont Heights), for our annual Summer Camp. Here the Cubs were able to enjoy a local hike, axe throwing, air rifle shooting, laser gun tag, crate stacking and the zip wire. Our last night at camp saw us having a

barbecue and finishing with our now traditional and legendary game of bingo.

We have also had some trips out, including the Remembrance Park at Langley Vale, a 'Wildlife Safari' on Epsom Common, where the Cubs saw lizards, cattle and lots of poo, and an abortive trip to the Fire Station where we had to leave as there was an emergency call out!

We did some activity badge courses late in the year, including fire safety and artist, and had several evenings where we lit fires and cooked marshmallows, which are always popular!

Just before Christmas, we had "Akela's Yuletide Extravaganza" where the Cubs ran stalls and raised money for the Group. It was a terrific evening., with everybody having a great time, and the Cubs managed to raise over £400!!! Despite the difficult circumstances over the winter with our HQ, we engaged with stargazing on Epsom Downs (didn't see any stars, just airliners!), a hike on the Common, and another marshmallow cooking fire.
Once back in the HQ we carried on where we had left off with some great meetings, including rope making by hand, and a Lego challenge night.

My thanks go out to my Leader Team – Raksha (Emma), Baloo (Lawrence), Rikki (John), Jacala (James), Shere Khan (James), and our DofE Helpers Charlotte, Luke and Aliyah, without them all, our Cub Pack would not be the success it has been over the last year,

Akela (Ethel).

Scouts

We have had a great year and it has been great to see the section mature, with our older Scouts now moving on to become the first Explorers since we restarted the 2nd Epsom group in 2020.

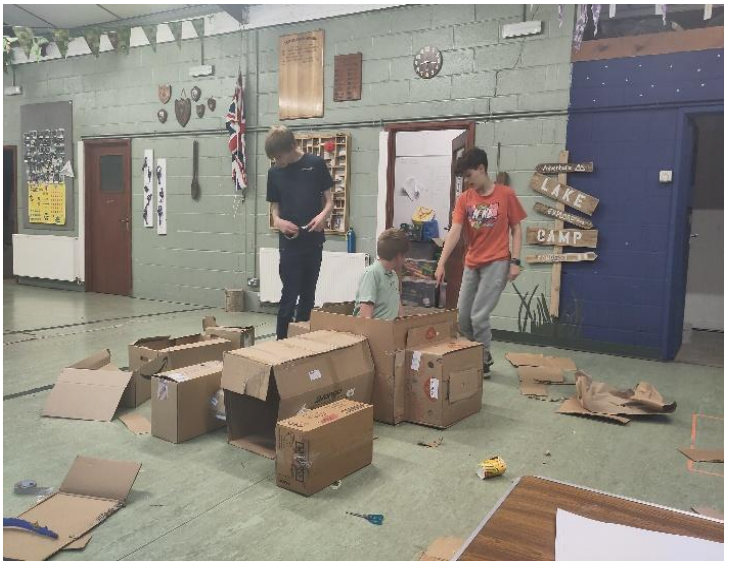
We have enjoyed a varied programme, focusing on teamwork and communication skills, campcraft, and navigation. Summer brought us outdoors with campfires, shelter building, gardening, hiking and kayaking, plus fun evenings like Rocket Night and World Chocolate Day. We held creative themed nights such as making LED cards at Christmas and Spring brought plenty of variety, from spy missions to Ready Steady Cook. The Scouts had an "egg-cellent" night before Easter, where they designed protection, so their eggs survived drop tests from a height. Fortunately, it wasn't too messy!
(Alex) I want to thank the volunteers that make Scouts possible, with special thanks to Angela and John for supporting the Scout leadership team and for their active support this year and are great assets

Explorers

We were very excited to hold our first meeting of the Explorer Scout Unit in November 2024 with some key achievements in the opening 9 months as follows:



Explored a variety of different activities over the year, including basic hydroponics and alka-seltzer rockets whilst learning about space exploration; building new log stores for the Group, now in situ outside HQ. Shelter building, fire lighting and backwoods cooking whilst learning about survival skills, and building a large-scale spaceship around which we based an escape room activity.



We have managed consistent attendance across the period, even despite the HQ challenges at the start of 2025 and this being a new unit and anticipate a number of our scouts moving up later in 2025.



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2nd Ewell Rainsters Scout Group

This is my first report as GLV for the 2nd Ewell and I am very happy to have found a happy home at the 2nd Ewell and Epsom & Ewell District.

The group has a fantastic team of volunteers who are putting on a range of activities for the sections. Here's a resume of what we've been up to over the last 2 months….

Beavers - The Autumn Term had more indoors badgework, focusing on Global Issues and Community Impact, which culminated in the annual Beaver and Cub Carol Service in early December. The Beavers also received a long-awaited visit from the British Transport Police and took part in the Remembrance Day parade. Several Beavers also earned their Emergency Aid Stage 1 badge at the District event in November.

Spring Term 2025 was a set of new beginnings – including a visit from newly-appointed Group Lead Volunteer Andrew, and a visit to the Town Hall (ever more poignant as that may be the last time we are able to run such a visit). The Beavers loved indoor archery at the Hut, and several also took in the District's Lizard Hike activity.

We awarded 343 badges (counting Membership as a single, so over 400 in total if you split those out) during the year, including 9 Beavers who achieved their highest award, the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Congratulations to them! We have an excellent Colony of 24 young people who are having fun and working hard each and every week. Our waiting list continues to expand as well.

Cubs

We had a visit from the British Transport Police to talk about railway safety although the highlight was getting to see their drone and police car!

The District night hike to Boidierhurst was popular and the Cubs had good memories of the hot chocolate and campfire at the end of the hike. 2nd Ewell were well-represented at the Remembrance day parade, looking smart to pay their respects for those who died for our country. The Cubs ended the year with the traditional charity fund-raising carol singing with the Beavers. Sadly, we did not repeat our previous years' success at the District Cubs Quiz and had to relinquish the trophy this year.



The first half of the term focused on cooking skills and the second half was partly about doing your best and thinking of others, and partly about wildlife and the environment. With the help of our new Group Lead Volunteer, Andrew (Baloo), the Cubs did a litter pick evening to help clear up our local area. The Home Help challenge for the Easter holidays was definitely appreciated by parents! With more daylight evenings and good weather, the Cubs were able to practice core Scouting skills such as map reading for incident hikes, campfire cooking, and pioneering. The Cubs who took part in the District Cub challenge had a great time doing all the challenge activities and tried their best in the tug of war competition. The pack have awarded just the one Chief Scout Silver Award bu there will be plenty more to come over the next 12 months!

Scouts

Well another year in the books… This year we have awarded the following number of Badges: 1 Chief's Scout Gold 34 Challenge Badges 108 Activity Badges 59 Staged Activity Badges 27 Joining in Awards We had a record attendance of 18 Scouts for Scoutabout '24, ably assisted by 2 Explorer

young leaders. Activities on offer to the Scouts included Climbing wall, zip line, archery, crafts, dunk tank, sim racing, drone flying and of course the open-air festival.

We finished the term with the now infamous Manhunt wide game which saw the Scouts pitted against a team of Explorers hellbent on "capturing" the Scouts before they made it to an undisclosed location from an undisclosed start point, the only stipulation was that the game was played within the borough of Epsom and Ewell. I am pleased to say the majority of the Scout teams were successful in avoiding capture.

November saw us pay our respects at the Village's Remembrance Parade. We marched from the ATC base to St Marys Church yard. Again the Scouts were excellently turned out and extremely well behaved. After the wreath laying we held our own little Scouts own outside the church afterwards we awarded some Chief Scouts Silver Awards to Scouts that had completed this challenging task in their first term since moving on from Cubs.

November rolled into December and the Scouts were tasked with making Candy cane tree decorations from Red and White Paracord, it was nice to see families sharing pictures of the completed artefacts on our what's app group. In the New Year we held Shrove Tuesday on a Friday and the Scouts cooked pancakes on open fires that they had made. We apologised to their families in advance due to the amount of sugar that the Scouts would consume!

March saw the introduction of the 1st Annual Scout-Master competition based in no way whatsoever on the popular channel 4 show of a similar name. Thomas Cotter was crowned as the inaugural champion and the trophy presentation was incredibly moving.

We also threw ourselves at the mercy of fate and took part in a penny hike, this is as the name suggests a hike with no other goal then to let the flip of coin dictate which direction the Scouts would take when faced with a junction. Heads for Left, tails for Right. One group made it from the hut to the Odeon in Epsom, a different group after several laps of Court Rec made it out to the Wetlands project down by the Hogsmill.

It goes without saying that our Scouts are truly amazing young people. The eagerness that they throw themselves into the task and challenges we set them is truly inspiring. We will be sending three Scouts up to Explorers at the end of Summer term and hopefully gain another 3 Chief Scouts Gold awards to go with the 1 that was awarded at Easter.

Explorers

On behalf of the Explorer leadership team, I'm delighted to share what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding year for the 2nd Ewell Rainsters "Storm" Explorer Unit.

Over the past year, our Explorers have taken part in a wide variety of activities that have challenged their skills, encouraged teamwork, and—most importantly—been a lot of fun.

We've spent time developing bushcraft and survival skills, including fire lighting and backwoods cooking (though I'll admit, there may have been more things burnt than baked!). We tried our hands at shooting and axe throwing and took part once again in the annual Manhunt—despite not securing the win, spirits remained high, and we'll be back next year with renewed determination.

Badgework has been a big focus this year. We've made great progress on our Survival Skills and Emergency Aid badges—although the latter didn't quite make it to the top of everyone's favourites list! We also worked on our ICVs, built paracord poppies for Remembrance Day, and crafted Christmas-themed creations—some of which were impressively ambitious. A Christmas scavenger hunt with a BSL (British Sign Language) twist took us out and about in the community and added a fantastic layer of learning and fun.

We've also explored the skies thanks to Matthew's brilliant Astronomy evening, which was a real highlight—we're all looking forward to doing more in this area. Josh led an engaging session on Air Activities, and our time with Richard from Warspite at Ditton Reach helped many Explorers tick off key elements of the Paddle Sports badge.

Our creativity was put to the test building bridges from lolly sticks and tackling lashings, and a large-scale pioneering project gave us the chance to really think big. We also took time to reflect during Pride Month and wrapped that session up with a lively game of 'Blankety Blank'—costumes and all! The group has taken an active role in planning future activities too. We held a programme ideas evening to gather everyone's suggestions, ensuring the term ahead reflects what the Explorers truly want from their experience.

We also hosted a huge badge presentation night last year, celebrating nearly 80 badges earned across the unit. A special congratulations goes to Matthew, Josh, Ben, and Barney who were each awarded their Platinum Chief Scout Award—a major achievement that they should be very proud of.

Looking ahead, we're excited to get involved with our local food bank, continue our fundraising efforts (including a lovely bake sale), and begin work on our Global Issues, Fundraising, and Community badges. Plus, the summer camp in August is looking to be a very excellent and interesting one this year, hats off to Simon for planning, organising and arranging everything.

Every single Explorer should be proud of what they've achieved over the past year.

From the new GLV

You will have read above, the various activities the sections have been up to. Lots of exciting outings, activities residential experiences and inclusive, challenging and rewarding programmes that have enabled our young people to set and achieve new goals, to participate in activities that challenged them to earn the badges that they had worked so far but to also see them develop as they grow after the sections have given them 'Skills For Life'.

Though this is the current Scout 'tag', it's a very accurate and rewarding statement. It's fantastic to see the young people grow, become empowered, learn new skills, to build on their knowledge and experience and before confident, kind, active and thoughtful members of society and our local community. I am so proud of our young people and all that they achieve. I firmly believe time spent in Scouting as a child will provide you with some many opportunities and experiences as an adult.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the entire leadership team at the 2nd Ewell. The success of this Group is down to them. We all bring something different to the Group and it is their talents that have made this Group what it is - thank you all so much for your support, experience, knowledge, time, encouragement, patience and understanding.

Likewise, the Group would not be where it is without the continuing support from the Group's Trustee Board. Thanks also should go to *their* partners and families for *their* support too.

Andrew Hayward (Baloo)
Group Lead Volunteer

3rd Epsom (St Martin's) Scout Group

The 3rd Epsom Scout Group continues to thrive with a full and varied programme of adventure, learning, and community service across all sections. Our young people have once again demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience, and leadership, supported by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Skills for Life in Action

This year, young people across the Group developed a wide range of valuable life skills. Beavers earned badges in Book Reader, Communicator, Navigator, and Emergency Aid, learned how to light candles safely, memorise key phone numbers, and present their ideas confidently through the You Shape Award.

Cubs expanded their leadership and teamwork skills through Pack Forums and Sixers and Seconders training, while presenting astronomy research in small groups. Scouts gained practical skills in wiring plugs, sewing buttons, emergency aid, and bicycle repair. Explorers led games nights and escape rooms, and managed catering at camp—developing independence and organisation through cooking all their own meals on open fires.

Outdoor Adventure and Camps

The outdoors remained central to the programme. All sections came together for a week-long summer camp at Hope Hill, where Explorers joined but ran their own programme strand and prepared all their meals independently. Activities across the week included hiking, shelter building, fire lighting, wide games, and pioneering challenges.

Scouts attended a Canal Boat Camp, learning to steer narrowboats and operate locks. Cubs completed a train hike from Ashtead to Epsom and took part in a district night hike in Horton Country Park. Beavers explored nature on a map-led walk to Stew Ponds, enjoyed games on Epsom Downs, and tackled a themed trail in Alexandra Park. Explorers also took on orienteering challenges and wide games at Boiderhurst.

Community and Environmental Engagement

Community service and environmental responsibility were a strong focus this year. Cubs and Scouts helped with wetland restoration at Hogsmill and Chambers Mead, planting plug plants to support chalk stream habitats.

Beavers and Cubs joined litter-picking sessions at St Martin's Church, and all sections contributed to working parties at HQ, improving their shared facilities.

The Group had a full presence at the Remembrance Parade at St Martin's Church, where Scouts led readings and flag duties, Cubs displayed handmade Remembrance jars, and Explorers assisted in the service.

Separately, the Explorers also carried out graveyard maintenance at the church, clearing overgrown ivy and weeds from neglected tombstones, a respectful act of community care.

In addition, Explorers supported the Epsom and Ewell Eco Fair, where they ran seed-planting activities for children, helping to promote environmental awareness in the wider community.

Creative Learning and Fun

Cultural and creative experiences ran throughout the year. Beavers explored World Hello Day, Burns Night, Chinese New Year, and made paper helicopters, shortbread, and nature art. Cubs experimented with balloon-powered cars and water filters, visited Epsom Fire Station, and completed their Astronomy badge.

Scouts took on sustainability challenges using recycled materials, pitched ideas in a Dragons' Den format, and cooked international dishes. Explorers ran debate nights, escape rooms, creative cooking evenings, and quizzes, continuing to build confidence and collaboration.

All sections rounded off the year with festive fun, including Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, and offsite adventures like bowling and crazy golf, creating friendships and memories to last a lifetime.







Looking Ahead

We continue to grow and deliver #SkillsForLife, thanks to our passionate team of volunteers. With high participation across all sections, firm plans and a calendar of exciting events and camps ahead, the year to come promises to be just as adventurous and rewarding.

Richard Ascough

Group Lead Volunteer











7th Epsom (Methodist) Scout Group

The year ending April 2025 saw a strong Scouting programme delivered and the Group continues to thrive, albeit without a GLV in place. We would like to thank all the Leaders for their extra efforts in the circumstances. We do however face a cliff edge with an ever-ageing Leader population.

The individual sections have continued their rich offering of activities and badges and the Group remains in good overall health. A full programme of camps, competitions, outings and sleepovers all took place with Spring Bank Camp (Bentley Copse), Scoutabout, Summer Camp (Buddens) and Water Weekend (Thames Young Mariners) all well attended. A few section highlights follow.

The Group's finances remain on a sound basis with enhanced fundraising activities. We ran Community Christmas Post as previously and also a very well supported Quiz evening early in the New Year. Our two minibuses have been used well through the year and in spite of the associated expense provide us with programme opportunities that would otherwise not be possible.

Particular thanks go to the Leaders who organised the Family Fun Day on 28th April last year – over 50 families took part and a good time was had by all despite indifferent weather.









Beavers

This year we have worked on a variety of activity badges, including the camp craft, communicator, creative, international and air activities stage 1. Work on these have also contributed to the beaver challenge badges, My Adventure, My Outdoors, My Teamwork, My Skills and My World. Several beavers have gone the extra mile and have achieved the Chief Scouts Bronze Award before moving up to cubs.

Over the last year we have spent as much time as possible outside. Beavers have put up tents in Rosebery Park, made fires to cook marshmallows at Boiderhurst, tried out pond dipping at the Hogsmill, den building on Headley Heath and learning tracking skills at Horton, made nature pictures in Nonsuch Park, flown kites on Epsom Downs, and hiked around Epsom Common in the twilight.

When the weather and dark have kept us inside, we have worked on our team skills, finding out about scouts and about the world around us. This has included learning about local wildlife as well as different countries and cultures around the world, including food tasting. We have also tried out a range of creative activities from charades to junk modelling.



Cubs

At the end of May we all had a brilliant time being with the rest of the group at Bentley Copse Activity Centre. It was great to see all sections integrating and supporting each other as well as a sense of pride at hearing the Cubs drown out everyone else around the campfire, well that's how we remember it! It was also brilliant to see all the Cubs try something that they had never had the opportunity to try before and conquer some of their fears, whether that was spending their first night away or finding their way through the dark in the caving tunnels. We also bid farewell to Les (Baloo) who retired after a long career of inspiring young people, many of whom are now leaders in the group and beyond.





Part of our action-packed Autumn activities focused on the activities around Remembrance Sunday which included making medals of thanks to hang on the memorial at the Centenary Woods in Langley Vale during our annual hike around the impressive and thought-provoking woodland.

In January we entered a team into the District Quiz for the 2nd year in a row and we were blown away when our team of 4 came away with 1st place and the chance to represent the District for the first time at the Surrey Scout Final where they had a fun day, just missing out on placings.

Over the year we presented 5 Silver Chief Scout awards to our Cubs.

Scouts

In addition to our regular camps of the year, we had the Surrey Scoutabout event held at Ardingly showground in Sussex. The 31 scouts had freedom to go and find their own fun on the huge site, and the leaders and parent helpers saw them occasionally when they needed food and a bed.

In September we lost over half the Scout troop to Explorers and had a large group of cubs joining us, so, there was a massive change in patrols and leaders. Jo Chartres, with several of the other leaders, ran a 24 hour camp at Boiderhurst for all the PLs and APLs. The usual activities were included with a bit of a twist to make them more challenging for these older scouts. The PLs and APLs came back with additional skills for organising themselves and their patrols.

Pitching a tent blind-fold at PL/APL Camp. Friday night climbing and bouldering.

In March we took part in the District Challenge Hike. We had 5 teams taking part with 4 scouts in each, which is the largest group taking part for many years. Several of them were quite young, but we spent a couple of weeks going over navigation skills, and then had a hike on Epsom Common before the event. All teams completed the course and returned safely, and our all-girl team (made up of only 3 girls as one had to drop out because of illness) won the overall event. Well done to Robyn Pratt, Rin Bradley and Eliza Gray.

Explorers

On 21st June we invited the founder of the charity, Under One Sky, to come and talk to us with one of his younger volunteers about how the charity was started and what their work involves. We proudly presented them with a cheque for £806.39 – the amount raised by the Explorers over the year.



Explorer programme planning was the first Autumn term meeting, where the Explorers designed their programme to include evenings of: newspaper fashion show, Dragon's Den, Garage Band (which was so creative), Quiz and Chips night and Gingerbread House making. The leaders sprinkled this in amongst pumpkin carving, London Christmas Lights walk, a first aid night and a firework hike.

Daniel Booker, one of our Explorers was chosen to represent Surrey Scouts in becoming one of the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey's cadets for the year.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Accounts ended 31Mar2025 have been prepared on the same basis as last year, to show the clear separation of the three designated funds. This allows us to appreciate the significant contribution that both the Shop and the Support Team (EDST) have made to the financial health of the overall District.

ACCOUNT 2024-25	District	EEDST	Shop	TOTAL £k
Income	Capitation & Event Income **8.5**	Fireworks &Other Events **6.6**	Shop Sales **90.7**	**105.8**
Expenses	Boiderhurst & District Youth **6.7**	Equipment &Event Costs **8.7**	Shop Purchases & Costs **77.2**	**92.6**
Transfers *To 22Broadway*	**-30.0** **+120**	**-20.0**	**-70.0**	**0.0**
Net Income	**91.8**	**-22.1**	**-56.5**	**13.2**
Prev Bal.	**86.6**	**28.7**	**101.4**	**216.7**
Balance 31-Mar-25	Inc Int'l Fund & 22Broadway **178.4**	Tangible Assets now zero **6.7**	Including shop stock 26.8 **44.9**	**230.0**

Overall, the District has a closing fund value of £230,013 on 31-Mar-2025 which is £13,245 greater than the opening value of £216,769 on 31-Mar-2024. Income from group capitation has allowed us to provide funding to Boidierhurst, provide District Training, and cover other general support costs to the groups. We have also administered a Council grant of £47,722 towards the Ruxley Redevelopment.

Putting £120,000 of our capital into the freehold at 22Broadway provides security for the Shop and means that future "Rent" will be retained within the District rather than given to an external landlord. The Scout Shop has made a very significant contribution generating £13,508 of income to the District. Within the Shop, I thank Joyce and her team for their work to provide this generous income stream for the District.

Thanks also to Clare Peckitt and the Support Team in raising income from events such as the Epsom Fireworks. Costs include both the equipment insurance, as well as the rental for the equipment storage provided by 2nd Cuddington. The Capital invested in the Runway is now fully depreciated from £2300 to zero.

Finally, I would like to thank Kevin Mallett for his generous support as the independent examiner, as well as his wife Jane for her help in handling our VAT returns.

Peter Harvey – District Treasurer.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2025, and which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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(2) of the Charities Act, 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
- comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met, or

(2) which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to, in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statement to be reached.

Dated: 18-Sep-25



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KEVIN A. MALLETT F.C.A
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Epsom & Ewell District Scouts

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 Mar 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2024-25 £	Total Funds 2023-24 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations and legacies	1a	4,524	4,838	10	9,372	7,570
Charitable Activity Income	1b	1,259	1,376	-	2,635	1,227
Grants (Ruxley In/Out)	1c	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		-	-	90,036	90,036	91,083
Investment income		3,074	395	698	4,167	2,934
Total Incoming Resources		**8,857**	**6,609**	**90,744**	**106,209**	**102,814**
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activity Expenses	2a	1,293	2,327	-	3,621	1,096
Youth Programme	2b	5,360	702	3,150	9,212	20,083
Equipment Expenses	2c	-	4,957	-	4,957	3,686
Fundraising Expenses	2d	-	622	74,026	74,648	74,593
AGM, Admin & Bank Charges	2e	407	60	60	527	1,323
Total Resources Used		**7,060**	**8,669**	**77,236**	**92,965**	**100,781**
Net resources before adjustments		1,796	(2,060)	13,508	13,245	2,033
Opening Adjustments	3a	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between Funds	3b	90,000	(20,000)	(70,000)	-	-
Net incoming resources		91,796	(22,060)	(56,492)	13,245	2,033
Balances brought forward		86,675	28,753	101,341	216,769	214,735
Balance carried forward		**178,471**	**6,693**	**44,849**	**230,013**	**216,769**

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	District	EDST	Shop	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
Assets						
Cash in UK Bank Accounts	4a	207,357	6,693	29,029	243,079	198,599
Tangible Assets	4b	-	-	26,819	26,819	32,917
Other Assets & Debtors	4c	5,000	-	733	5,733	5,095
Liabilities						
Creditors due within one year	4d	(33,886)	-	(11,731)	(45,617)	(19,843)
Net Current Assets		**178,471**	**6,693**	**44,849**	**230,013**	**216,769**

Approved and signed by the District Executive Committee, Dated: _____

Neil Dallen - District Chair _____

Karl Nicholas - District Lead Volunteer _____

Notes to the Accounts (1 of 3)

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1a	**Donations and legacies**					
	Capitation from Groups (excl refunds)	62,205	-	-	62,205	58,705
	Capitation paid to County (inc refunds)	(57,681)	-	-	(57,681)	(53,985)
	Service Team Fireworks etc	-	4,838	-	4,838	2,850
	Jamboree from Participants	-	-	-	-	6,090
	Jamboree paid to County	-	-	-	-	(6,090)
	Other donations	-	-	10	10	-
	Total Donation and legacies	**4,524**	**4,838**	**10**	**9,372**	**7,570**
1b	**Charitable Activity Income**					
	Beaver Challenge 35	590	-	-	590	570
	Challenge Hike	-	140	-	140	155
	Night Hike	25	-	-	25	192
	Emergency Aid	554	-	-	554	310
	Quiz Night	-	336	-	336	-
	Scout About	-	900	-	900	-
	Young Leader Camp	90	-	-	90	-
	Total Charitable Activity Income	**1,259**	**1,376**	**-**	**2,635**	**1,227**
1c	**Grants (*)**					
	Council Grant Ruxley Awarded	47,722	-	-	47,722	-
	Released to Ruxley Contractor	(14,490)	-	-	(14,490)	-
	Balance pending Contractor	(33,232)	-	-	(33,232)	-
	(*) As Restricted Fund within District					-
	Total Charitable Activity Income	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
2a	**Charitable Activity Payments**					
	Beaver Challenge 35	81	-	-	81	372
	Beaveree	425	-	-	425	-
	Beer Festival	-	-	-	-	50
	Canoeing	-	-	-	-	42
	Challenge Hike	-	229	-	229	206
	Night Hike	549	-	-	549	170
	Emergency Aid	238	-	-	238	229
	Quiz Night	-	611	-	611	-
	Scout About	-	1,487	-	1,487	-
	Young Leader Camp	-	-	-	-	27
	Total Charitable Activity Payments	**1,293**	**2,327**	**-**	**3,621**	**1,096**

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2b	**Youth Programme Expenditure**					
	Develoment 22 Broadway / Ruxley	-	-	3,150	3,150	14,000
	Boidierhurst Payments	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	District Purchased from Shop	622	-	-	622	304
	Insurance	700	702	-	1,402	2,208
	Training / Young Leader support	1,123	-	-	1,123	507
	Group Support (MPLC,Wreaths)	415	-	-	415	564
	Total Youth Programme Expend.	**5,360**	**702**	**3,150**	**9,212**	**20,083**
2c	**Equipment Expenses**					
	Fixed Assets Net Book Value					
	Opening Book Value @1 Apr	-	2,300	-	2,300	4,600
	Closing Book Value @31 Mar	-	-	-	-	(2,300)
	Fixed Asset Depreciation	-	2,300	-	2,300	2,300
	Equipment Store Hire	-	749	-	749	723
	Costs (Runway & Climbing Gear)	-	1,088	-	1,088	96
	Purchases (Gazebo/AxeThrowing)	-	821	-	821	567
	Total Equipment Expenses	**-**	**4,957**	**-**	**4,957**	**3,686**
2d	**Fundraising Expenses**					
	Cost of Stock Sold					
	Opening Stock @1 Apr	-	-	30,617	30,617	27,339
	Purchased into Stock	-	-	60,766	60,766	65,240
	Closing Stock @31 Mar	-	-	(26,819)	(26,819)	(30,617)
	Total Cost of Stock Sold	-	-	64,564	64,564	61,961
	Running Costs	-	622	9,461	10,084	12,632
	Total Fundraising Expenses	**-**	**622**	**74,026**	**74,648**	**74,593**
2e	**AGM&Trustee**					
	AGM. Admin, Stationery & Printing	347	-	-	347	1,143
	Bank Charges	60	60	60	180	180
	Total AGM & Trustee	**407**	**60**	**60**	**527**	**1,323**
3b	**Transfers between Funds**					
	Transfers for 22Broadway	(30,000)	(20,000)	(70,000)	(120,000)	-
	Into 22Broadway Fund	120,000	-	-	120,000	-
	VAT Paid on Purchases	-	-	(7,145)	(7,145)	(7,829)
	VAT Taken on Sales	-	-	9,265	9,265	9,125
	HMRC Settlements cleared	-	-	(1,816)	(1,816)	(962)
	HMRC Settlement after 31Mar	-	-	(304)	(304)	(334)
	Total Transfers between funds	**90,000**	**(20,000)**	**(70,000)**	**-**	**-**

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Front Cover.
International Camp Fire in Kandersteg, Switzerland.

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

As Scouts, we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.
- Cooperation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

THE SCOUT METHOD

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities; and
- Make and live by their Promise.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God (to uphold Scout values) and to the King (the country in which I now live), to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

THE SCOUT LAW

1 - A Scout is to be trusted.
2 - A Scout is loyal.
3 - A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4 - A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5 - A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6 - A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7 - A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

OUR VISION

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we give young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future.

We are talking about teamwork, leadership, and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We believe in bringing people together.

We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We are part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures. We are preparing more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing Leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities. We are proud to say we are a values-based movement. Our Scout values of integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation guide everything we do.



Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND CONTACTS

District Commissioner	**Karl Nicholas***	Chairman	**Sarah Oliphant**
Youth Commissioner	**Sam Hodgson***	Secretary	**Howard Park/Jane Weller from 31/1/24**
Youth Commissioner	**Orion Slater***	Treasurer	**Peter Harvey**
Deputy District Commissioner	**John Hughes***	Executive Member	**Nigel Bird**
Deputy District Commissioner (General)	**Richard Denyer**	Executive Member	**Geoff Collins**
Deputy District Commissioner (Training)	**Sandra Gosden**	Executive Member	**Richard Hunt**
ADC Beaver Scouts	**Judith Sitford**	Executive Member	**Stewart Ballantine Died 9/11/23**
ADC Cub Scouts	**Elaine Mustow***	Executive Member	**Bob Frisby**
ADC Scouts	**Vacant**	Executive Members include those marked * in the previous column	
ADC (International)	**Caroline Pearce**		
ADC (General)	**Alan Mobbs**		
Appointments	**Pat Broom***		
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	**Vacant**		
Support Team Manager	**Clare Peckitt***	Nights Away Manager	**Dave Mustow**
Shop Manager	**Joyce Nicholas***	Vice President	**Hazel Luxton**
District Administrator	**Carol Priddy**	Vice President	**Geoff Whitehead**
District Shop	The Scout Shop, 22 Broadway, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HU.		
District Campsite	Boidier Hurst, Box Hill Road, Headley.		
Bankers			
CAF Bank Limited	25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ.		
National Westminster Bank PLC	Victoria Branch, PO Box 1357, 169 Victoria Street, SW1E 5NA.		
National Counties Building Society	Ebbisham House, 30 Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4NL.		

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT



The last twelve months has been another fantastic year for Scouting in Epsom and Ewell. With 1,212 youth members and 395 adults we are as strong as ever. County have now given each District a 'growth' target and this year we met this with an increase of 64 young people (+5.6%) and 23 adults (6.2%). This is an excellent 5.7% increase in total.

In our January census we returned a total of 1,212 young people – the highest figure that Epsom and Ewell has shown since current available records started in 2001, which is phenomenal.

This year we have another two new Sections open – Scouts at 2nd Epsom (after over fifteen years of being dormant) and a new Explorer Scout Unit at 2nd Stoneleigh, which is at the home of the former Dell Joint Unit. We only have one more Section to open to complete the full set of twelve Groups, each with a Colony, Pack, Troop and Unit (and I know we will have achieved this by next year's report!).





Squirrel Scouts are still only active at 1st Cuddington, but they are thriving and proving an excellent provision and this year they celebrated their "1st birth-drey".

With new many new building developments being planned across the District we will be looking at how we can increase our Groups in these areas to ensure all those who want to join are able.

From a Trustee's perspective we have some significant ongoing challenges that are taking considerable time away from our young people for several key adults.

1st Ruxley

The 1st Ruxley Scout Headquarters has, for some time, needed investment. In 2019, we entered discussions with a developer who is leading the project at the adjoining site. To secure their development, they approached the Group to purchase a piece of land for additional parking. This secured eighty-six thousand pounds for the Group. Following lengthy discussions, this led to the proposal to fit a new roof (and remove the asbestos one), install new flooring, windows and to build a new extension to act a storage facility for the Group's equipment. In addition, the Group have funded new doors to enable the entrance to be moved from the busy Kingston Road to Tealing Drive. This work was due to start in July 2023 and, as a result, the leadership team and parents stripped the building in preparation. Unfortunately, due to some significant issues with the roof purlins, additional funding was required, and a significant delay occurred. To secure the project, the District Trustees initially agreed to fund a four-thousand-pound grant and then a further ten thousand pounds was given to the Group. Whilst this may seem a significant amount from District funds, it was felt that this was key to secure provision in one of our few areas of deprivation within the borough and we have, uniquely, continued with our significant financial support subsequently.

2nd Epsom.

The lease at 2nd Epsom has been an ongoing issue since 2018 when, prior to reopening the Group, we contacted the PCC at Christchurch to begin the lease process. The PCC delayed discussions until November 2019 and this has been ongoing since. Unfortunately, the PCC allowed our lease to lapse in December 2020 and, as a result, the newly refurbished Scout building became the property of the church. Despite significant work from John Hughes and our solicitor we seem to be unable to agree the lease.

1st West Ewell.

With significant waiting lists we are now looking at the possibility of re-securing the lease for the former 1st West Ewell Headquarters site and hopefully reopening this in the future.

All these situations have taken a lot of time for many of us, but I would like to especially thank Dave Mustow and David White for their work with 1st Ruxley development, John Hughes who is leading on the lease at 2nd Epsom and Neil Dallen looking into 1st West Ewell. By doing this, it has allowed the leadership teams at both 1st Ruxley and 2nd Epsom to focus on providing activities for the young people and I am very grateful for their hard work with these projects.

We have twelve excellent Groups across the District, and you will be please to read that each of the Group Scout Leaders have highlighted their Group's achievements later in this annual report. Through these you will be able to read the great news that each Group has to share and gain a greater insight into them.

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council



We are so very fortunate to have a great team working behind the scenes in the District from our Trustee Board, Support Team and Scout Shop Team. The Trustees provide strategic leadership and during this year have worked hard to ensure we are meeting the requirements of the Charity Commission. During the year, Howard Park has relinquished his role as District Secretary, and I thank him for his commitment and excellent administrative skills and for keeping me in line for many years! We are fortunate that Jane Weller has agreed to take on this role and began this in January 2024.



The Support Team continue to support activities across the District as well as provide Leaders with opportunities to enjoy some themselves. On top of the annual Challenge Hike, they have organised kayak sessions, rambles and hikes, archery, bowling and curry evenings to enjoy. This year we also have our first Annual Leaders' Quiz Night planned to really build our Scouting community.



The Scout Shop continue to provide such an amazing service to all parents, young people and Leaders across the District and further afield; as well as raising significant funds to keep our subscriptions as low as possible. Through this, we were able to reduce the District levy in 2020 by 25% from £5.25 to £4.00 and this has remained the same to date. This levy also includes our District payment to Boidier Hurst campsite that we share with Leatherhead District.

Boidier Hurst has once again had an excellent year and ongoing development of the site. New benches on the sites, cladding the Manly Building, fencing, painting,

refurbishment and more. The site is well used by the District but there are plenty more opportunities available.

My sincere thanks to Clare, Joyce and Chris for their leadership of the Support Team, Shop and Boidier Hurst respectively and of course, to their excellent teams.

Epsom and Ewell is firmly on the map but finally, my sincere and personal gratitude to every adult who plays any part in Scouting in Epsom and Ewell as, without you, we would not be as successful as we are. Whether you hold a role that requires a weekly commitment or one that is a bit more 'behind the scenes' I thank you on behalf of all the young people of the borough. The Adult Awards section (page 58) truly highlights what amazing and dedicated Leaders we have!

I am looking forward to the challenges that this coming year will bring and to the further opportunities we will have to offer fantastic Scouting throughout the borough.

See you all soon.

Karl Nicholas
District Commissioner





Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

I am pleased to report that the District has once again been successful in attracting an excellent group of new volunteers to swell the ranks of the leadership teams in several Groups.

The Appointment Advisory Committee (AAC) have met on ten occasions in the reporting year and have welcomed twenty-five new adult volunteers to Scouting in Epsom and Ewell. Colonies, Packs, Troops and Explorer Units in nine Groups have all benefited from these new additions.

The majority have attended the meeting with clear evidence that they were aware of their roles, responsibilities and training obligations indicative of the support and guidance from their GSL and leadership teams. Without exception they were all passionate about getting involved and doing their bit to contribute to the development of the young people in their Sections.

In February, the District received an update about the Transformation programme from Dr Kielstra, the Deputy County Commissioner (Transformation). We were informed that although these changes had been two years in the formulating, so far much of the implementation was reliant on the new Scout Association digital platform. This unfortunately was not ready to be rolled out and there was no definitive target date.

With regards to our future, we were told that the AAC is to be discontinued. Around fifteen percent of the adult current roles in Scouting will be removed and this will include the AAC chair and panel members. It is to be replaced by a friendly conversation with the GSL and a 'trained' Leader from the same section but outside of the new volunteer's Group. This conversation will include outlining the role description for the new volunteer.

Training Advisors are also to be discontinued as, when the new system goes live and training is on line, the Leaders' records will be automatically updated so there will be no requirement to download a PDF certificate to send to a validator for updating of the records.

Regarding the timescale for the phasing out of AAC panels, this will be delayed awaiting the additional training for the Section Leaders conducting the conversations that will become available with the new digital platform. It was hoped that it would be soon.

The new process would be managed by GSLs and, for Groups without a GSL, the DC could devolve this to be delivered elsewhere.

Going forward, Early Adopter Districts and Counties would be commencing the new process from 1 June 2024 with full transfer to the Welcome Conversation by 1 September.

Epsom and Ewell are not in this group, and we will be continuing with the AAC in its current format for the present time. This will be subject to review later in the year.

My thanks as always to the other AAC panel members for their contributions to the meetings over the last year and our AAC administrator, Robert Pallant, for his hard work in marshalling the panel members and liaising with the new volunteers for their appointments.

Pat Broom
Chair of the Appointments Advisory Committee.



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BOIDIER HURST SCOUT CAMPSITE

It has been a busy year for us up at your ten-acre campsite on Boxhill. We have not only been working hard maintaining the grounds and buildings to keep them looking good, but we have also been trying to improve them to make your stay more enjoyable.

In 2023, we had 207 bookings for the campsite this year so far, we have hit 170, or more than 6,700 camping nights, and it's only July. Unfortunately, the weather has not been at its best yet, but I am expecting to get more bookings as we head towards the school holidays and hopefully better weather.



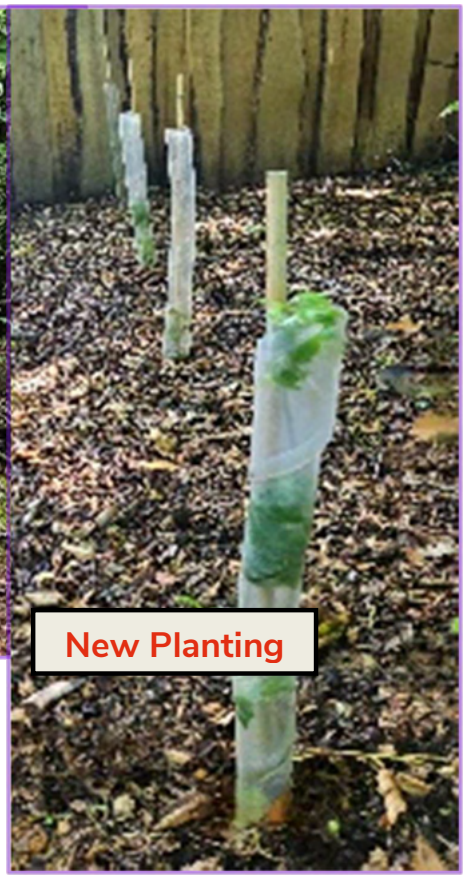
Earlier this year we had to say goodbye to one of our most loyal and dependable workers. Yes, Albert, our Massey Ferguson 1030 tractor, built in 1987, and bought by the site in May 2006, finally became 37 years old and unfortunately unserviceable due to a lack of spare parts. It was goodbye to Albert and a welcome to Edward (from your history books you will know Edward is the son of Prince Albert), an Avant 745 compact loader, giving us a lot more flexibility and usage of its many attachments.



We have been continuing our woodland management by carrying out routine coppicing on the site and tidying works in the camping areas. If you have been wondering what those little wooden structures are around the stumps, they are to protect the new growth from the deer that regularly visit the site for a tasty nibble of the new tree shoots. We have also taken part in Surrey County Council's plant a tree' campaign, where, following a successful bid, we were given 210 new trees to plant on the site supporting their plan to plant 1.2 million new trees by 2030, one for every resident in Surrey

Our refurbishment works on the toilet block are still underway as part of a longer-term plan. However, the weather has thwarted us finishing the painting and external cladding of the Manly building.


Deer Protection


New Planting

The campsite works through the good will of the service crew and our volunteer wardens. If you can spare a few hours to attend a service crew day, you will be more than welcome (tea and biscuits provided) or, if could you help us by undertaking just one weekend warden duty, it is not onerous and Boidier Hurst is a lovely place to spend a weekend in our purpose-built wardens' building.

We look forward to seeing you soon, either for an evening, a day, a night's camp, as the warden or as part of the service crew.

Chris Rose
Chair of Boidier Hurst Campsite Management Committee.
chairman@boidierhurst.org.uk


Levelling Out

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING REPORT



Members of the District have enjoyed international adventures this year. Several of our Troops spent their summer camp in Switzerland for "KIX 23" (Kandersteg International Expedition). Run brilliantly by our County team, it is a 10-day trip that is full of activities and open to all Scouts. Maya from 8th/14th Epsom explains "*Everyone was buzzing as we waved our parents off and the thirteen coachloads of Surrey Scouts finally drove away from Cobham Services. We knew that it would be an extremely long journey to Kandersteg International Scout Centre (around 19 hours), but we could not wait until we reached the breathtaking views and snow–capped mountains of Switzerland. The exciting week that followed was full of activities and fun – hiking through the picturesque Kandersteg valley to the crystal-clear Lake Blausee and taking on the challenging high ropes course through the tree tops in Interlaken. I think that my overall favourite activity was rafting down the Aare river. We had a great time racing our boats and pushing each other into the cool water as we floated past the stunning alpine scenery. On behalf of all the Scouts, thank you Leaders for making KIX 2023 such an unforgettable experience!*"







After two years of preparation, we also had a small number of Scouts from the District attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) in Korea. WSJs only occur every four years and they are an opportunity for a huge number of Scouts from across the world to meet, learn about each other and have lots of fun. The Scouts spent five days in Seoul seeing royal palaces (some while wearing traditional dress), temples and tea ceremonies, and hopping on and off the metro trains like locals while they learnt about Korean culture. Scouts were then taken to the site of the Jamboree itself, but a combination of extreme heat and weather warnings resulted in early evacuation of the site. They were returned to Seoul; not quite as expected but, nevertheless, it was an adventure that they were excited to talk about at the County AGM last year.

Caroline Pearce
ADC(International)



Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

BEAVER SCOUT REPORT



The District Beaver Team remains as last year, Michelle Davies and Martyn Holloway-Neville as District Beaver Leaders have once again supported me and the District Team with ideas and on-hand assistance at our events this year.

Chief Scout Bronze Awards



It is pleasing to see that we are back up to pre-pandemic levels of children achieving the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Across the District, sixty-four Chief Scout's Bronze Awards have been earned. A massive well done to all these children for their achievement.



County Events

Beavers Go Wild - September 2023

8th/14th Epsom took part in Beavers Go Wild in September 2023. This one-night camping experience is a lovely event for the Beaver Scouts - although I am not sure exactly how much sleep happens! They took part in lots of different activities that were on offer and made friends with other Beaver Scouts from across the county. The day's activities were finished off with a campfire and bedtime story.



Reach for the Stars 2024

Many Beaver Scouts from across the District took the opportunity to join in with the online event back in February, Reach for the Stars, by completing the challenges and activities that were set during the day, including a night spent somewhere other than their own bed. They joined seven hundred Beaver Scouts from Surrey online over the weekend.

District Events

Beaveree - September 2023



Beaver Scouts - sorry, I should say *Pirates*, from across the District came for a day of excitement at our annual Beaveree at Little Acres in September. Lots of fun and games were to be had and the smores were very popular! The Beaver Scouts explored the site and carried out a range of games and activities all with a pirate theme - and the sun shone!

The Emergency Aid Day

We ran this event as we did last year with two sessions for the Stage 1 Emergency Aid badge back in November. This popular and important event saw 58 Beaver Scouts from Epsom and Ewell earning their badge and learning valuable life-saving skills.





Lizard Hike

We were so grateful to the weather this year that we were able to hold this event! 79 children plus their Leaders and some parental support walked the Lizard Trail on Headley Heath. We managed to avoid the cows and enjoyed a snack and drink half way.

Judith Sitford
ADC (Beaver Scouts)

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

CUB SCOUT REPORT





June 2023 saw the whole District joining the rest of Surrey County at SCRAM. This was held at the Hook Road Arena in Epsom where the Cub Scouts were joined by the Brownies from across Surrey. There were numerous and varied activities for everyone to try as well as experiencing new foods and crafts. This will be the last time the event will be held there as we have outgrown the venue, so the hunt is on to find an alternative location within the County for 2026.





October saw the Cub Scouts' District Night Hike where over one hundred and twenty Cub Scouts walked from various drop off points back to Boidier Hurst Campsite for hot dogs, hot chocolate, soup and squash all of which the District Team provided. This was followed by a camp-fire singsong, which was ably led by Richard Ascough of 3rd Epsom. The harmonious singing could be heard all over the site.

The District Quiz took place in February 2024. This was closely contested but was won by 2nd Ewell who went on to represent Epsom and Ewell at the County Quiz, where they also won, so huge congratulations go to them.

The annual Cooking competition was cancelled this year, due to lack of Groups entering.

There were forty-three Chief Scout's Silver Awards presented to the Cub Scouts this year. Our congratulations go to each one of the high achieving young people and their guiding and skilful Leaders. It is gratifying that so many can triumph in this way.

My heartfelt thanks to all the Cub Scout Leaders and their teams in the District for all their hard work in putting on interesting and challenging programmes for their young people. Here's to next year. Watch this space as plans are already in place for an entertaining and educational programme.

Elaine Mustow
ADC Cubs Epsom & Ewell



Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

EPSOM AND EWELL DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM



New members are encouraged to join with any support being greatly appreciated, from towing a trailer, marshalling a checkpoint, making teas, putting up a mess tent or introducing/training in a new activity. We regularly meet on the second Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in joining, you can contact Clare at supportteam@epsomandewellscouts.org



In August we enjoyed canoeing at Surrey Scouts' Water Activities Club (SSWAC) paddling down the River Wey and in the autumn we supported Fireworks at Hook Road as usual.







The Christmas working party this time moved to Boidier Hurst. Our main tasks were planting trees, splitting logs and leaf blowing.

On a cloudy January morning, seventeen of us and two dogs met on Epsom Downs for a circular walk (AKA Hip Flask Ramble) via Headley, for a welcome coffee stop, and then Walton on the Hill for a pub lunch. We followed this with a dinner in one of the team's homes.





Shrove Tuesday evening was spent eating pancakes at a member's home, all bringing our

own favourite topping, and, in the spring, we organised the Monopoly Run.

One wet London morning, two teams entered the 'Monopoly Run Live'. Fun was had by all, chasing challenges and properties. The 'boys' beat the 'girls' by successfully visiting all the properties on the Monopoly board, with seconds to spare!



Thirty-six competing teams took part in our annual Challenge Hike that took place in March, from Holmbury St Mary Village Hall. Our thanks go to all those who helped with marshalling and shadowing. A meal was well needed after walking all day long!



Clare Peckitt
EEDST

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

1st CUDDINGTON (WARSPITE)

Scouting has at its heart the importance of safe adventure. Young people challenging themselves and building on those challenges and experiences is central. This year our Group, Warspite, has been all about those challenges and adventure.



Some of it has been close to home. Our youngest section is the Squirrel Scouts, and this has been their first full year. Adventure for four and five-year-olds is important. It comes in stories, in cooking, in going to the park, hiking and litter picking locally.



Perhaps the biggest adventure was seeing our first Squirrel Scouts formally invested and wearing the Warspite Scarf. Of course, as Sea Scouts, it is important that our Squirrels get afloat, and we had both our family open day and a brilliant Squirrel Scouts and Parents' boating trip.

Our Beaver Scouts are brilliant, and their adventures this year have been superb. We have had sleepovers at Boidier Hurst (is there any bigger adventure than your first night away from family?) with campfires and tracking. We had boating on the Thames including rowing boats, sailing boat trips and kayaks. We have had visits out and visitors in. We have learnt new games and mastered old favourites. Stepping stones, ten pin bowling and hikes in the park have meant that Beaver Scouting is most definitely out and about.



Cub Scouts are absolutely centred on adventure. We have had a new Cub Scout sleepover, a massive activity weekend at Walton Firs; fire lighting, boating, games

and much more. Perhaps the biggest adventure is our week-long Cub Scout Summer Camp in the Surrey countryside. With hikes, fires, camping, trips out, swimming, canoeing and kayaking; it really is a week of adventure; but it is fuelled by excellent food (including three roast dinners), supported by a great Leader team and with the support of the local





community. This year we had an epic visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and were accompanied by a serving member of the Royal Navy, who recreated the



picture of his visit to the dockyard as an 8-year-old Warspite Cub Scout! There was a different adventure as the Group took to TikTok to document the week.



For Scouts, our primary adventure will always be on the water and much of these overlap with our Explorer Scout Unit. Both sections have sailed, rowed, kayaked, canoed, paddle boarded, and power boated. They have had gentle relaxed days on the river, and times when they have shown their skill and mettle. They won the National Sea Scout Regatta in July with an amazing result after making it into 13 of the 15 finals and winning eleven trophies. They also were a major part of the 21-mile Great River Race, with all five Warspite youth

boats finishing, and two trophies won. In the autumn, several of our older Explorer Scouts qualified as British Canoeing Paddle sports Instructors - another testament to their skills and determination. This continues a great tradition of the Explorer Scout Unit helping to get other Groups afloat from as near as in our District and as far away as Southampton. The adventure of our joint sailing weekends with Ajax Sea Scouts also continued and had every weather from bright sun to torrential rain.

Of course, it is not just about being afloat. Our Scouts had adventures based at our headquarters as well. They have cooked and created; as well as hiked to the local chip shops to selflessly decide the area's best chips. They have played wide games at Oxshott Woods and been on Summer Camp with climbing, caving, camping, archery and fencing, as well as a few camp fires.



For the Explorer Scouts, many of the adventures are about life skills, be they menu planning a dinner, a teamwork evening with the RNLI or a massive hike in



the New Forest. There has been more Scuba diving and communication skills. Their summer camp included planned adventure with theme parks, climbing, boating to the Isle of Wight and expeditions; as well as unplanned adventure when the tide crept into a tent! But as always, our young people used the challenges to show their skills and attitude.

Our adventures are also international. In April we welcomed our Dutch Sister group, Karel Doorman, for a week in England. Our massive thanks to 2nd Cuddington who also helped host them. In November a team of older Explorer Scouts and Leaders visited

Karel Doorman in their home town of Bergen Op Zoom for a weekend recce before our summer 2024 trip, as well as a great lunch in the town square with our Dutch friends.



There is something special about a 40-year-old group relationship where Scouts can really see that they are part of a larger movement.

Of course, it is not only Leaders who make the adventures happen, and this year has been a massive one for infrastructure. Multiple boats have been refurbished by committed volunteers. A join project with our sister Sea Scout Group, 4th Thames Ditton (Ajax), has led to an expansion and renewal of our lease. This meant that a well-tested team of volunteers swung into action to resurface the car park and create a new compound. As is typical, the team went beyond brief and cleaned the local gutters and drains as part of our community service. At our Cunliffe Road headquarters, our weekly maintenance team has led on a major project to replace our storage and to have a contractor re-ceiling the hall, making it massively quieter compared to the last 60 years.



All these things will provide great opportunities for adventure for our young people.

Our Leaders thrive on adventures - both organising them for others, but also some of their own. This year we saw Leaders volunteering at the London Marathon, a team of veterans rowing

in support of Prostate Cancer UK awareness and fundraising. None of this year could happen without committed and brilliant volunteers who really care about their community; and we are all massively grateful to them for their skills, their humour and hard work.

Every year is an adventure, and this year has been a fantastic opportunity for young people to have those challenges; whether they be making new friends, going away, trying new food or learning new skills. And now, onto our next adventure...

Richard Hunt

Group Scout Leader.



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7th EPSOM (Methodist)

The Group continues to thrive, albeit without a GSL in place. Thanks to all the Leaders for their extra efforts in the circumstances. A full programme of camps, competitions, outings and sleepovers all took place with Spring Bank Holiday Camp, Summer Camp and Water Weekend well attended (Water Weekend was as usual oversubscribed!).





The Group's finances remain on a sound basis with enhanced fundraising activities. We ran the town's Community Christmas Post as previously and a very well supported Quiz Night.

Beaver Scouts

Our three Beaver Scout Colonies work together and follow the same programme with brilliant support from our enthusiastic Young Leaders. In the summer term we made the most of more predictable weather to work on our Camp Craft, Health and Fitness and Explorer Activity badges. This included campfires at Boidier Hurst, exploring the Langley Vale Centenary Wood, pond dipping in the Hogsmill and a session on the climbing wall at the Scout Hall. We took a very excited group of Beaver Scouts to their first camp joining the other sections at our Spring Bank Holiday Camp at Walton Firs.

We managed to fit in an autumn scavenger hunt on Epsom Downs, working on our Cyclist Badges in Rosebery Park, learning about Epsom on a town trail and a night hike to look at the night sky (between clouds). As the nights drew in, we had more inside activities, working on problem solving challenges and completing work on our Space Badge and Creative Badge.

In the spring term our focus was on wildlife and working with local organisations. We had two sessions run by the Wildlife Aid Foundation in Leatherhead, learning about

local wildlife and the work of the Foundation to help animals in trouble, and making bug hotels. We have spent several sessions finding out more about British wildlife and have explored the Millennium Green, learning about the work there to encourage wildlife in Epsom. All these activities contributed towards the My Outdoors and My World Challenge Badges. We also fitted in our annual pancake making, creating wildlife themed gifts for Mother's Day, and completing the Emergency Aid Badge (Stage 1), as well as joining the District Hike on Headley Heath. Thanks to all these activities, a number of our Beaver Scouts have managed to achieve their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, before swimming up to Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouts

Camp skills and pioneering were our first focus as well as the art of lighting fires, backwards cooking and building shelters at Boidier Hurst and Headley.



We all had a brilliant time being with the rest of the group on the camp at Walton Firs Activity Centre.



We had a session run by the Mole Valley Orienteering Club that supported the work the Cub Scouts had been doing around map skills. We once again worked in the community to litter pick around Epsom. This is always a great evening for both the Cub Scouts and the public who get to see our young people making a huge difference.





We had a Water Weekend that all the Cub Scouts and Leaders really enjoyed and helped them gain their Time on Water staged badge.

We put the Cub Scouts through their paces as part of the Athletics and Athletics Plus Badges. Again, they impressed with not only their determination to give every activity their best shot but also for the way they cheered each other on.

We focused on the activities around Remembrance Sunday that included making medals of thanks to hang on the memorial at the Centenary Woods in Langley Vale during our annual hike around the impressive and thought-provoking woodland.



Thanks to the support of Elaine Mustow, we were able to let the Cub Scouts try out their archery skills. When they were not firing off their arrows, they were taking part on the pack heats of the District Quiz Competition, and we were able to send two teams to represent the Group. Both teams did well.

Our Cub Scouts completed both stage 1 and 2 of the Air Activities Badge, understanding more about the local community in which they lived and about the impact that our everyday lives have on the rest of the planet. We got them cooking, with us able to sample new foods as part of our look at the Lunar New Year, Shrove Tuesday, where a marmite pancake was the surprise of the evening and getting back up to Boidier Hurst for some backwoods cooking.

Over the year we presented six Silver Chief Scout's Awards and four of our Leadership Team hit their five years as volunteers.

Maclean Scouts

We have between 40-45 Scouts in the Troop. The Scout Leader team provides a varied Scouting programme with as many outside activities as possible and they are helped by a rota of parent helpers each week, and on many occasions, we could not run without them.

Spring Camp was a 7th Epsom Group Camp with all four sections. We had a great weekend together with games and a campfire where we all joined together but apart from that our programmes run very separately.

Summer Camp was challenging because we had constant rain for the whole period when we were setting up, and then spent the rest of the week trying to dry things out.



Another bout of constant rain in the middle of the week followed. However, the Scouts showed their true colours and were stoic through all the challenges. We went to the top of the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth

Water Weekend is always a favourite, and a great weekend was had by the Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Cub Scouts. Tony Marshall does an amazing job organising this event, that takes many hours. We also took part in the District Challenge Hike that our two teams enjoyed.

We offer a varied programme on a Friday night - based on a cycle where each Scout who attends regularly (including camps) and undertakes extra tasks at home should be able to complete most of the nine Challenge Badges during their four years with us. My hope is that Scouts are proud of all the badges that they receive, recognising the hard work that has gone into them from the Leaders and themselves.



Epsom Hockey Club hosted an evening for the Scouts

Eagle Explorers

We hiked from Boidier Hurst across to Epsom Downs. Before the hike we stood in a horseshoe and renewed our Scout Vows to our new King in honour of his coronation the next day.



Leader Tom organised an amazing event when we were joined by the Scouts in Alexandra Park for an evening of sports- enjoyed by all. We had a beautiful sunlit evening of kayaking in Godalming with huge thanks to Jill, Alex, Kris and Ben. We also did litter picking from Horton to Christchurch, cycling up to the Downs, backwoods cooking, and sports and a BBQ at Horton.

Summer Camp was an absolute triumph, wholly organised by Leader Dave. It was a two-centre camp starting and ending at Cricket Campsite, Southampton. We travelled on the ferry to the Isle of Wight to spend two nights at Corf Camp. The Explorer Scouts enjoyed journeying around the island on their Freedom bus passes, a sea cruise to the Needles, hiking, paddling and ice creams.

Some of the Explorer Scouts were alert enough to beat the rush and get a coveted place on September's Water Weekend – and the weather was beautiful.

Autumn term's activities included carving pumpkins, a walk up to the Downs to watch the fireworks across London, dry slope donuts, a quiz and chips night and our annual Christmas party night. We chose Under One Sky as our Charity of the Year one evening at the beginning of term and started our fundraising off by having a bake sale at the Remembrance Church Parade and raised over £200 for them.





The New Year saw the Explorers writing a programme of ice skating, mystery cooking, PowerPoint presentation evening and building their own crazy golf course. The 7th Epsom Group also held a very successful Quiz Night with the Explorer Scouts all volunteering for the evening. They also sold a record number of raffle tickets and through this we raised just under £600 for Under One Sky.

Kevin Mead
Group Chairman

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

4th EWELL

As a Group, we have been busy with plenty of activities at our headquarters, in the local parks or on external activities. All sections participated in the Ewell Village Remembrance Parade, a very well attended event. We ended the year with our main fundraising event, our successful annual Christmas Tree sale. It was supported by the members and their families – some of who we have persuaded to help us on a more regular basis. Now something from our Sections

4th Ewell Beaver Scouts have been making friends and developing skills. They took part in a variety of activities including a sleepover at the hall, mapwork in Nonsuch Park and Bike riding. They showcased their interests during a 'hobbies evening', sharing their knowledge about their interests and learning about health.



Our Cub Scouts have had an exciting year. Our evenings at our headquarters have welcomed many visitors from guide dogs, the Food Bank and most recently the emergency response charity - Shelter Box. They have learnt so much about the needs of our community and how they can make a difference, and we cannot forget the circus who came to teach us the skills of the Big Top!



Our travels have taken us to White Spider to hone our climbing skills, hiking and cycling adventures in Horton and Epsom Common. We spent an incredible 'Night at the Museum' at Brooklands in November where it seemed, at times, that we were the only ones in the aircraft hangers.

Our annual pilgrimage to Polyapes Scout Campsite, to stay in the Camping Bus with our Sixers and older Cub Scouts, was an amazing weekend of bushcraft skills, fires and games.



As always, our Young Leaders have played an integral role in running our section with many of them balancing their GCSE examination work with our Tuesday night meetings. We have also welcomed three more Young Leaders to the Pack.

Our Pack has got younger this year with a big influx coming up but all those going up have left us with their Chief Scout Silver Awards!

Our Scouts started the Autumn term with a trip to the Hogsmill River/Chambers Mead wetlands area where the young people learned about river conservation and how we can volunteer to help maintain the health of the river. The theme of social awareness continued with our traditional “Tramp Camp” where the young people used scavenged cardboard boxes and packing tape to build their own shelters, which were then moved outside into the grounds for the Scouts to sleep in. This is always a much-anticipated activity, and the Scouts had fun letting their creative sides run free, but it was accompanied by a conversation about homelessness and how we can help.

Our annual Masterchef competition, where each week a patrol would cook food for two judges to sample and score. This year it was the turn of the Kestrels to lift the trophy.

Moving to the close of the year, the Troop turned their attentions to Remembrance



Sunday where we attended the annual parade through the village and ending with a short but poignant service at St. Mary's church in Ewell. Just prior to this, we spent the evening making Remembrance Day woggles out of paracord which were proudly worn on the day.

In the run-up to Christmas the Scouts enjoyed our biennial



Christmas Camp where the troop was able to celebrate the big day early – complete



with full Christmas Dinner and a visit from the Big Man himself. We rounded off the year with a pre-Christmas trip to Hampton Court Palace for an evening of ice skating.

The theme of the Spring term was very much about putting on our hiking boots and getting some miles in our legs as the Troop took part in the Scouts' Monopoly Run, which 4th Ewell collaborated with 1st Oxshott in entering several teams. For many of the Scouts this was their Expedition and a day navigating around London both sightseeing and

competing in our mini tournament, which was finished off with an overnight stop at our headquarters before a breakfast of birthday cake as we helped one Scout celebrate her special day in style.



A few weeks later the troop entered a team in the District Challenge Hike competition. This turned out to be a very soggy but very enjoyable day for all the young people.



April saw us return to the Hogsmill to look at how the wetlands area had developed and to help with some planting. We also had an evening learning about Australia and creating aboriginal art.

The Explorer Scouts have had a busy year, with a combination of activities, from climbing, visiting the driving range to cooking some interesting delights!

We took time to clean the Group's vehicles to keep them in a good condition – nobody likes a filthy minibus. They took advantage of our archery, shooting and axe throwing thanks to our skills instructors for organising this for us.

We are now planning our trip to the New Forest for Summer Camp which is going to see them horse riding and sailing – some new challenges for our Unit which they are very excited to try.

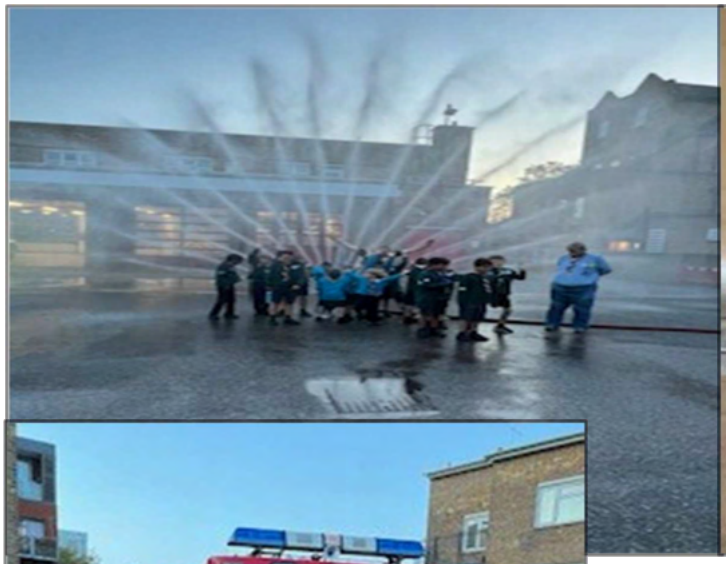
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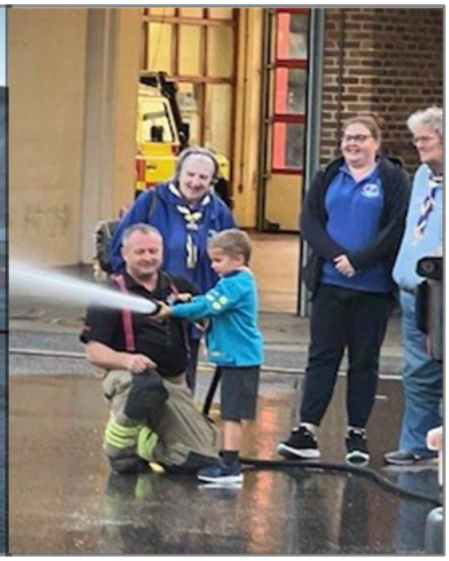
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1st RUXLEY SEA SCOUTS

We are a smaller Group within the District, but we are very active and friendly. We start this report in our own building, but during the year we had to move out of it during its redevelopment. This saw the Leadership Team and some of our parents stripping out the building. As a temporary measure, the Beaver and Cub Scouts moved to 2nd Cuddington's Scout Headquarters for which we are very grateful. The Scouts moved to Ruxley Church, but things have not gone to plan, and we are still out of our hall. Unfortunately, the Group lost youth members from all Sections due to the traveling particularly with the younger ones and with the no games restrictions of the church hall, some of the older ones. Despite this, the Leadership Team continue to run active programmes for all Sections. However, we have added to our leadership team following our AGM. One parent stepped up to join our Beaver Scout Colony, and a second joined our Scout Troop and we welcome them both.

Our Beaver and Cub Scouts had a joint visit to Epsom Fire Station, which was great fun







for all. The Beaver Scouts have achieved many activity badges during the year.

The Cub Scouts camped in Thriftwood Scout Camp Site where they took part in many activities. The most popular one was the kayaking in the yellow pond where the base of the lake is sand. We returned home after the long weekend

with very tired but happy Cub Scouts and with even more tired Leaders glad that they had a good time. The Pack had a lovely visit to police helicopters at Redhill. This was very interesting as when we arrived the helicopter landed from







being out looking for an elderly person. Our local police officer visited the Pack to talk about street safety. The Pack also attended SCRAM, a County event. Every one of us that went had fun, even the Leaders. They have also earned many activity badges.

The Scouts had their camp at Phasels Wood Activity Centre. The high light of this was



a trip to Harry Potter Studios where we invested our Explorer Scouts much to the amusement of the other visitors and staff. The Explorer Scout Unit was restarted alongside of the Troop in April with one member but with two more joining him just before summer camp.

The Group is eternally grateful for all the help is has received during this difficult time particularly for the accommodation and the financial support from District. We look forward to completing our refurbishment and getting back to our own building.

Dave Mustow
Group Scout Leader.

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2nd EPSOM

We are pleased to report another successful year with further increases in our membership and with continued support from our leadership team and District. We brought all our sections together to celebrate St George's Day and Remembrance Sunday and for a Christmas Fair in 2023 organised by our Cub Scout Leaders, which was a fantastic success, and we will be holding again.



Beavers.

Our colony has a consistent team of four Leaders and regular help from parents, with the Beaver Scouts participating in a wide variety of activities including sports, looking after their teeth and planting seeds.

Our programme year had a mixture of life skills, fun, games and community trips and guests. We have taught putting up tents, tying shoe laces and tree identification. One of our main focuses this year has been increased badge work, doing activities during meetings and encouraging them to complete badge requirements at home. This has resulted in more activity badges being awarded as well as us increasing the number of them achieving their Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

We finished the year with a visit to the fire station and a water fight that they thoroughly enjoyed by soaking the Leaders as much as each other.

Cubs.

The last year has seen the 2nd Epsom Cub Scout Pack go from strength to strength. We have managed to consolidate our numbers, with our current membership sitting at around 30 young people, and our weekly meetings attracting attendance levels of ninety percent. Our weekly programme has featured an entertaining mix of fun activities and practical Scouting skills that has resulted in many badges being awarded, including two Chief Scout's Silver Awards.,



We have made rope by hand-twisting sisal strands, which we then used to learn to tie knots. We made a large fire outside and cooked marshmallows and we have often gone out onto Epsom Common, either just walking, or following tracking trails left by one of the Leaders. We played a bingo game, based on the Flags and Saints of the United Kingdom. This was excellent preparation for the slightly more traditional bingo game we played on our last night at Summer Camp that we held at Bentley Copse with the Cub Scouts taking part in climbing, zip-lining, air rifle shooting, pedal go karts, and a session on the assault course. Despite some rain early on in our stay, we finished on a high, with sunshine, a barbecue and fruit pizzas.

Scouts.

In the last year, our Troop, now in its third year, has continued to grow and develop, with the first year's Scouts now approaching Explorer Scout age.

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Scouts have taken part in a varied programme over the last year – from supporting ecology for world bee day, through to outdoor skills such as shelter building and navigator badge work. We made and flew kites, created dragons for Chinese New Year, worked on our DIY badge with upcycling and took part in STEM challenges.

We plan to continue working towards the Master at Arms badge, and, looking forward, we have Scoutabout, with most of our Troop attending – this will be our largest camp to date.



Amie Adkin-Pepper
Acting Group Scout Leader

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

3rd EPSOM

As usual the 3rd Epsom Scout Group have had a very busy year.

The Beaver Scouts have tried to pack as many varied activities into their programme as they can, and they wish they could pack in some more! They had a go at Maypole dancing, learned about St George, had a scooter night, prepared for camp, had a Coronation party, learned how to put up a tent, helped raise awareness for the Foodbank, did a history walk of Epsom, and did some mini-Olympics all in the run up to the summer holidays! The autumn term saw them make water filters, learn about Diwali, learn about endangered animals in our 'zoo', covered road safety, learned about recycling, and they also painted flowers and birds for the Horton Out Of Sight project. After the Christmas break, they covered the Space and Experiment badges and had a visit from a local dentist to talk about teeth.



In the last year the Cub Scouts have undertaken heaps of badge-work and Scouting activities. Besides their May camp with the rest of the Group, the three notable stand out activities are the Foodbank collection at Sainsbury's in June, the ceramic flowers in October and the Remembrance jars in November.

Together with the Beaver Scouts, they managed to collect seven car loads (1.4 tonnes!) of food for the Epsom and Ewell food bank, together with over £800 generously



donated by the public. The children were a credit to the Group, and it was a very successful Saturday.



In October we remembered Epsom's forgotten residents and those buried in Horton cemetery. The Cub Scouts, together with the rest of the Group, painting over 100 ceramic flowers, leaves and birds for a memorial garden at The Horton Arts Centre. Over 9,000 former residents of the Epsom Cluster of mental health hospitals are buried in unmarked graves in Horton Cemetery. The 'Out of Sight, Out of Mind' project has also been collecting their stories from old records.

For Remembrance Sunday the Cub Scouts, together with the other sections, created some lovely jam jars with remembrance symbols such as poppies. These were finished off with electric tea lights and then displayed in the Lady Chapel at St. Martin's Church. They created a very memorable, respectful and thoughtful display, with lots of positive comments from members of the congregation.



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The Scouts highlight of the year must be our Scout trip to Kandersteg International





Camp as part of a trip organised by Surrey Scouts. Thirty-nine Scouts and eight adults enjoyed a great week in Switzerland undertaking low-walks, high walks, rafting, high ropes, tobogganing, a day trip



to the Thermal baths as well as visits to the cities of Interlaken and Bern.

Other activities throughout the year have included building bug and bird boxes, finding out about bee keeping, finding out about the Millennium Wood in Langley Vale and completing a chip shop survey in Epsom. Unfortunately, our fund-raising activity to help at St Mary's Fair in Ewell was cancelled due to storm winds. Instead, we raised money, for our selected charity of the Children's Trust in Tadworth, by running a plate smashing stall at the St. Martin's Church Christmas Fair.

We also undertook activities such as Scouting values, an activity on the concepts of

diversity and affinity bias, cooking, team building, knife safety and first aid. We also had an exceptional attendance at the Remembrance Service at St Martin's Church where we led the readings, the exhortation and carried (as well as lowered) our flags as appropriate.

The 3rd Epsom Ashley Explorer Unit focused on developing life skills of independence and team work, together with fun and more traditional Scouting activities. The Explorer Scouts are expected to plan and run most evenings (in small groups) with support from the leadership team. Over the past year the Unit has enjoyed a wide variety of activities including creating ceramic flowers for the local Out of Sight Charity, blind drop hike, wide games, graveyard clearing at St Martin's Church, Mexican and South Korean themed evenings, night hike, box fort buildings, quizzes, camp fires at Little Acres and Boidier Hurst and making wooden bird feeders.

Besides a long weekend of hill walking in Brecon, the Explorers held their summer camp at Boidier Hurst. They helped to plan the activities and the menu and whilst on camp



undertook all the cooking. The menu included cooking chicken curry in a Dutch oven over an open fire and baking cakes in cardboard ovens also over open fires. Activities included going offsite to Surrey Hills Adventure Company for paddleboarding, hiking over Headley Heath, taskmaster, pioneering challenges and a lot of campfires.

Richard Ascough
Group Scout Leader

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1st EWELL COURT

We have had a fabulous year of Scouting, full of traditional Scouting skills and a varied and interesting programme across all the sections.

The Trustee Board made some brilliant equipment purchases that were funded with fundraising projects such as the annual ECRA quiz and supporting the Round Table with Carshalton Fireworks.



In May 2023 our Explorer Unit and Group supported ECRA, providing refreshments for Picnic in the Park, helping to raise our profile in the local community.

Camping remains a firm favourite across the sections – Explorer Scouts at Kinver campsite in Staffordshire with fabulous hiking trails, learning micro navigation skills and a tree felling masterclass.



Investitures are always adventurous in Explorer Scouts, this time on a kayak and climbing wall. The Troop camp was at Hallowtree near Ipswich, with climbing, archery, go karting and so much more on offer. Cub and Beaver Scouts had a joint camp in Birchmere near Wisley and had fun building dens and singing camp fire songs.

Our young people make us very proud to be Leaders and on a weekly basis they demonstrate their kindness and thoughtfulness. They are all quick to welcome new members and make sure they feel part of the wider Scouting community. Our Group's

peer leadership shines when we are at camp with the younger members being looked after and helped by their older peers who have been camping before.



Our young people have achieved a staggering number of badges, all building their #skillsforlife. The numbers in each section are growing and their achievements show their zest for Scouting and its many facets. Tai Chi, hula hooping, star constellations, healthy eating, local history, making cards for mother's day... something for everyone.

Karen Kelly,
Group Scout Leader

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

3rd STONELEIGH (Methodist)

It has been a good year for 3rd Stoneleigh with high levels of attendance in all sections and an active waiting list of children wanting to join the Group. Our Group delivers a varied programme in all sections, and we have a good level of equipment. However, whilst we have the physical space to take more young people, we have been unable to recruit sufficient adult Leaders to enable us to increase our numbers.



Our Beaver Scout Colony has had a very busy year with the Beaver Scouts enjoying a mix of in-house activities and visits. Craft and learning activities are regularly included in conjunction with fun games, for example, they have recently completed some gardening tasks and a cycling proficiency evening, and the movie night was particularly popular.



Away from our HQ they have visited Pets at Home and really enjoyed meeting the animals there, probably more than the animals did!

The young people were very keen on joining in at Epsom and Ewell's Beaveree.

As in previous years we had a sleepover at our headquarters on the evening prior to our Remembrance Church Parade and the Beaver Scouts were able to join other members of the Group for one night away at our Group/Family Camp.

The Cub Scout section has also followed a varied programme encompassing badge work and Cub Scout skills, cooking, crafting and lots of fun games, many with a learning theme. As there was no District Cooking competition this year, we held our own and

Leaders were impressed how well the food turned out. Much of our learning activities are around core skills such as map reading but we have also tackled Air activities,

Scientist and World Challenge badges. In our craft sessions we have produced take home items at Easter and Christmas and we have theme evenings such as our pirate evening making pirate outfits and cutlasses, nature evening making bird feeders and Chinese New Year making paper dragons and masks.



Outings this year have included Pets at Home (probably the same traumatised animals!), a visit to the fire station, wide games in Oxshott Woods, a night hike in the woods on a dark November evening, mini golf at Horton and a visit to the trampoline park in Sutton.

Of course, the Cub Scouts also participated in the November sleepover under canvas at our Group camp. In addition, for our Cub Scout Summer Camp this year we went to Thriftwood Camp Site in Essex.

Our Scout Troop is very well attended, and I pay tribute here to our Scout Leader Matt Cater who now lives in Oxford but continues to take an active role in the Group.



Again, we follow a varied programme involving a mix of learning and games with an emphasis on self-development. Cooking is always popular and practical skills such as cycle maintenance prior to planning and executing a ride are covered alongside traditional Scouting skills.

At Group camp the Scouts were able to impress their parents with their ability to

construct 'A' frames and set up a ropeway to transport barrels across the 'ravine'. This year the Scouts enjoyed a camp in the Birmingham area and the other permanent fixture in our Troop diary, Christmas Ice Skating, was again a great success.



We are endeavouring to increase the percentage of time the Troop spends away from Headquarters, e.g. at Boidier Hurst or Oxshott Woods subject, as ever, to sufficient Leader availability.

Finally, I thank all the Leaders for their continued commitment and many hours of voluntary service.

Steve Lee
Cub Scout Leader



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2nd CUDDINGTON



In October 1943, during World War II, the first members of the 2nd Cuddington Scout Group met in the stables of the former Blakesley School on the corner of The Avenue and Delta Road in Worcester Park. 2023 saw 2nd Cuddington celebrating its 80th year, with 180 members and with its future secure in its own freehold Headquarters. Eighty years of quite amazing voluntary youth provision offering outstanding Scouting to the young people of Cuddington and which we set out to celebrate accordingly!

Despite all our Sections already running action packed programmes, we managed to squeeze in those extra events to make our 80th Anniversary that little bit special. The special Anniversary badge was worn by every member of the Group. The badge also appeared on a special Group flag which travelled around the world with various Group members and to all our camps and expeditions as well as leading the other Group flags at all our Church Parades during the year.



One of the highlights of the year was the Anniversary family camp which saw some two hundred participants together for an activity packed weekend at Boidier Hurst that included the Group Annual General Meeting which must make it one of the best attended!



Running throughout the year was the production of the 'Cuddington Chronicles', each month an issue covered a decade of the Group's history. The bonus was that circulation of the Chronicles brought us back into touch with many of our former members from 50/60 years ago who contributed their own memories.

Yet another special event was our 'black tie' dinner. The Anniversary dinner dance was held at Glenmore House in Surbiton. An excellent evening which sold out and it was

great to have Brian Woodall, who was a Scout in the Troop sixty years ago, join us for the evening to propose the toast to the Group.

October was the actual month of the Group's registration, and we took the now traditional anniversary photograph of the whole Group.

Our final event to celebrate the anniversary was our traditional annual Carol Service where we once again filled St Marys Church.

All this did not stop the 'ordinary' Scouting - far from it. The first big event in the reporting year was the Group St George's Day outing and in 2023 we returned to Chatham Historic Dockyard who kindly closed HMS Gannet to give us exclusive use for the renewal of promises on the quarterdeck.

Expeditions form a major part of our training programme which progresses from day walks with the Beaver Scouts through to the four-day wild country expeditions for the King's Scout Award in our Scout Active Service Unit (SASU). The reporting year saw hikes in every Section which included those for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Group is a registered centre for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and offer it to all those who are Year 9 or older - with considerable success. Silver and Gold practice expeditions were held in the Surrey Hills and qualifying expeditions later in the year on the Welsh border and Wye Valley.







Like hiking, camping is progressive, starting with sleepovers in the Beaver Scouts through to lightweight and wild camping in the SASU. The year saw tents in action every month. Whilst sleepovers and weekend camps feature throughout the year, the main camps are in the summer. 2023 saw the Cub Scouts with their

summer camp at Braids Wood in Buckinghamshire, the Scout Troop at Charnwood in Leicestershire and the Explorer Scout Unit were on the Isle of Wight. The Beaver Scouts combine each sleepover with a full day out, a typical example in 2023 was when the Colony visited the Amberley Chalk Pits Working Museum.

Three members of the Group, Explorer Scout Isabella Matson and Leaders Jo Blackgrove and Ellie Hodgson, were members of the UK contingent to the 25th World Jamboree in Korea.



The major source of income for the Group remains the Beer Festival, now in its twelfth year. Whilst it involves a year of planning and ten days of hard work for the actual event it has the bonus of being a major community event, and of bringing the whole



Group together. Our links with St Marys Church remain strong and in addition to visits by the Sections as part of the badge scheme, we also held our church parades during the year including Harvest Festival. We were back at St Marys for Remembrance Day when wore our poppies and laid our wreaths on behalf of the Group. We were grateful to the Vicar and Churchwardens for allowing us the use of the church for our Group Carol Service in December and we returned to St Marys for the Mothering Sunday Service in March his year. The parades have also provided the opportunity to present major awards and to give them the prominence they deserve.

The Group has delivered hundreds of hours of programmes this year – over 500 at the Headquarters before you start counting outdoor activities, expeditions and camps, delivered by the five Section Teams, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and the Active Support Unit.

We are so fortunate to have such a fantastic team of Leaders and supporters, every one of which is an unpaid volunteer, who provide the programme, activities, facilities and resources to make 2nd Cuddington the success that it is. They can be as proud of their achievement in 2023 as those first Scouts were when they started the Group in 1943.

Martin Gerrard
Group Scout Leader.

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2nd STONELEIGH



Towards the start of the year, we said a huge ' Thank You' to Viv Frisby who had been our Group Scout Leader for twenty years, but she had decided to step down from the role. Viv's dedication to the Group for over sixty years has been fantastic, keeping us alive in tougher times, and growing numbers in the good times. We are indebted to her for her service over such a long time. We celebrated with a Group wide evening of fun, games and of course cake and some gifts.



2nd Stoneleigh (St. John's) Scout Group continues to go from strength to strength with another year of growth in the number of young people we can provide activities for. Look out for us in our new grey Group branded T shirts. Our Beaver Scout Colony and Cub Scout Pack meet on a Tuesday evening and the Scout Troop and Explorer Unit continue to meet on a Friday evening. All Sections have been busy during the year: we have taken part in several District events and attended both the Remembrance service and a special service at St. John's Church to celebrate St. George's Day, which was co-written by the Group and involved our young people.

During the year our Beaver Scouts attended their annual spring camp at Boidier Hurst taking part in various activities including a hike on Headley Heath and sleeping under canvas. This was an adventure when you are six years old. They had a very busy year with various events including the District pirate themed Beaveree at Little Acres, a takeover of Epsom Odeon to watch Elemental, undertaking the Stage 1 of the Emergency Aid badge, the online Surrey Reach for the Stars weekend with a virtual campfire and sleepover, and the Lizard Hike to finish off the year. They also got two nights away opportunities with a sleepover in the October half term that was combined with a trip to a trampolining/climbing centre and our two-night camp at Boidier Hurst in May where they enjoyed spending time in the outdoors den building, playing wide games, practising making sparks with a flint and steel, and many other exciting adventures. Other activities during the year included junk modelling flying machines related to the Stage 1 Air Activities badge, decorating frog biscuits,



learning about energy and recycling, and sharing our hobbies and collections with the rest of the Colony. We also spent one term saying hello and goodbye at our meetings in a different language each week.

The Cub Scouts numbers have remained steady. We held a three-night camp at Boidier Hurst in May getting back to the wild including fire lighting for backwards cooking, a hike and camp wide game favourite, Capture the Flag. Scram kept them occupied in June and this was followed by kayaking on the River Thames with Warspite. They joined the Beaver Scouts and Scouts for the





cinema takeover in September and District for Stage 2 of the Emergency Aid badge in November. Finishing the year with a two-night trip to PGL at Marchant's Hill for some adventurous activities including a giant swing, climbing and fencing.

The Scout Troop has had an amazing year, with events including kayaking, cinema, a spring sleepover, and JOTI, where they spoke to Scouts around the world, and a PL/APL weekend away. Our older Scouts got themselves to Boidier Hurst and back by train and on foot for their Expedition Challenge. Summer camp was spent at Youlbury in Oxfordshire where they enjoyed a week of adventurous activities on and off the campsite, including aerial trek, pedal go karts, frisbee, golf, pioneering buggies to race, hiking and sailing on Farmoor Reservoir followed by a tremendous fish and chip supper. Our Section Assistant, James, did a great job of entertaining the Troop with a round of singing. Some of our Scouts assisted Surrey Wildlife Trust with a day of conservation at Nower Wood near Leatherhead, clearing invasive woodland species from the base of the native trees. We



finished the year with the District Challenge Hike around Holmbury, and a relaxing, game-filled overnight stay at Boidier Hurst.



Our Explorer Scout Unit started the year with just two members but grew rapidly in September with six ex-Scouts transferring to us from 9th Cheam. Since then, the Unit has grown to ten. The Unit also navigated the Scouts to the Regiment of Trees and spent the weekend at PGL enjoying their own adventurous activities by day and entertaining the Cub Scouts. Investitures took place on the ice rink at Hampton Court Palace, and they took themselves to the cinema for a movie night, crazy golf at Horton Park, and on a hike to sample the offerings at our local chip shops. Explorer Scout Dylan went with Surrey Scouts to Belgium for a week over the summer making new friends and memories to last a lifetime.



During the year our Beaver Scout Section gained 225 badges including three Chief Scout's Bronze Awards. Our Cub Scout Section gained 470 badges including three Chief Scout's Silver Awards and our Scout Section gained 230 badges including two Chief Scout's Gold Awards. The Explorer Scout Unit earned 28 badges. Overall, we provided 280 Nights Away for our young people over 15 different nights and across all sections within the Group.

I would like to thank our leadership team, Board of Trustees, supportive parents and our amazing young people for their continuing involvement in Scouting at 2nd Stoneleigh.

Steph Howard
Group Scout Leader

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8th/14th EPSOM (St Barnabas and St Joseph's)

AIR SCOUT GROUP



8th/14th have had a stellar year, and our Group continued to provide a huge variety of camps and activities – it is always so lovely to recap on all the adventures had throughout the year.

Some highlights have included helping to make bird feeders, Great Help Out on the Coronation weekend, trips to fire stations, temples, holding a Christmas fair to raise money for the Epsom Food Bank, Spring Camp, activity days, Remembrance Day, day and night hikes, attending SCRAM, a Spring camp, representing Scouting at Trooping of the Colour, the Lord Mayor's Show, bowling, trips to Kandersteg (KIX23) and Jersey and flying.



Our Group is very proud to have finally managed to get the Scouts and Explorer Scouts flying once again. As an RAF Recognised Air Scout Troop, it has always been our aim to get our Scouts in the air again after such as long period. We are very fortunate to have a Pilot within our Group, who, alongside Paul Dawson and members of our Board of Trustees, have managed to get past all the red tape through changes to Scouting rules and procedures to finally make this happen again.

The aircraft are four seaters which can take three scouts and the pilot for a 20-minute flight up and around the local area over Epsom Downs and Box Hill. If lucky, the Scout in the front gets the chance to fly the aircraft. An all-round great experience and it is hoped we will be able to get more scouts up in 2024.

We had three members of our Group attend the Jamboree in South Korea and we have all enjoyed their stories through the build-up and regaling adventures after they returned. We also had one Explorer Scout attend the Expedition to Belgium that sounded a superb trip.

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There were many Chief Scout's Awards presented this year throughout different sections, but the biggest award presented went to Howard, our Assistant Group Scout Leader who many know has several roles in our Group, at District level and at County level. He has been an integral part of our Group for so long and it was a huge privilege to see him be presented with the Silver Wolf. We thank him and his wife Theresa for all their support over so many years.



Finally, Bob Clarke our Akela has helped with Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts at 8th/14th for over 50 years but sadly he has finally stepped down. Bob has been an integral part of 8th/14th Group, and we all hold him in the highest regard. His experience will be greatly missed, and we thank him for all he has done and contributed to our Group.

We have a very strong Group with good numbers and great programmes led by an experience leadership team. However, we like many other Groups, need more leadership help especially in Scouts and Explorer Scout Sections and will continue to try to get more support as the year progresses.

We look forward to what this year entails...



Luke Jennings
Group Scout Leader



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AWARDS

THE SILVER WOLF



Howard Park	County/District/8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts
Linday Stacey	District Scout Shop
Nigel Bird	District

THE BAR TO THE SILVER ACORN



Colin Thomas	District/Boidier Hurst Camp Site

THE SILVER ACORN



John Hughes	District

THE BAR TO THE AWARD FOR MERIT



Dave Mustow	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts/District
Ethel Merry	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)
Frank Webber	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Stephen Lee	3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)

AWARD FOR MERIT



Derek Randall	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Guy Simpson	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Hazel Draper	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Janet Roberts	District
Jennifer Arthur	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts
Kevin Woodnut	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts
Paul Dawson	8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts
Paul Huitson	2nd Stoneleigh/3rd Epsom/District Scout Shop
Peter Sitford	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Sandra Toohey	2nd Stoneleigh (St. John's)

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE

Amie Adkin	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)
Callum Mitchell	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Clare Diplacito	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Deborah Slater	1st Cuddington (Warspite)

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION FOR GOOD SERVICE (Cont.)

Jay Haughton	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)
Karen Kelly	1st Ewell Court (St. Clement's)
Lauren Mansell	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Louise Prime	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Matt Pettipher-Young	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Paul Draper	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Paul Nowak	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Peter Danks	District Support Team
Pippa Del Nevo	8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts
Stuart Duffell	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Tammy Gould	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Thomas Randall	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Tracey De Whaley	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

40 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Sandra Gosden	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

30 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Frank Webber	1st Cuddington (Warspite)

30 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Tracy Vlaeminck	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)

25 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Roy Turner	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

20 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Maureen Turner	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Richard Hunt	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Viki Brooks	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)

15 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Alan Pearson	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
David Roberts	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

10 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

David Louch	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Deborah Slater	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Fiona Bravery	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Guy Simpson	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Julie Roberts	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Karen Kelly	1st Ewell Court (St. Clement's)
Lucie Dallen	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Matt Pettipher-Young	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Natalie Cook	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Paul Nowak	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Phili Coley	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Simon Harvey	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Steph Howard	2nd Stoneleigh (St. John's)/ District

5 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Daniel Webber	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Darren Neve	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Jane Barden	7th Epsom (Methodist)
John Moffatt	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Jon Harrison	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Jon Tasch	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Kelly Lambert	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Leigh Hogarty	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Lillian Carter	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Patrick Bravery	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Paul Dewis	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Paul Graham	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Phil Kirk	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Richard Bell	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Rob Worthington	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Samantha Henry	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Sarah Delahunty	2nd Stoneleigh (St. John's)
Steve Saville	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Suzie Pearson	1st Cuddington (Warspite)

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WOOD BADGE TRAINING AWARDS

Eileen Perren	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Matthew Preston	1st Ewell Court (St. Clement's)
Paul Carpenter	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Tomas Morgan	7th Epsom (Methodist)



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CENSUS - January 2024	Male	Female	SI	PNTS	Total
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP					
Squirrels	9	6	0	0	15
Beavers	202	75	0	0	277
Cubs	294	84	1	2	381
Scouts	260	80	0	1	341
Explorers (including Young Leaders)	93	71	2	0	166
Ventures	0	0	0	0	0
Network members	17	15	0	0	32
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	**875**	**331**	**3**	**3**	**1,212**
PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES					
Section Leaders	24	22	0	0	46
Assistant Section Leaders	55	32	0	0	87
Section Assistants	33	27	0	0	60
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	**112**	**81**	**0**	**0**	**193**
Young Leaders+	35	22	0	0	57
TOTAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY ROLES	**147**	**103**	**0**	**0**	**250**
LINE MANAGER ROLES					
Group Scout Leaders	6	3	0	0	9
District Commissioners	1	0	0	0	1
District ES/SN Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LINE MANAGER ROLES	**7**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**10**
GOVERNANCE ROLES					
Group Chair	10	1	0	0	11
Group Secretary	3	7	0	0	10
Group Treasurer	10	2	0	0	12
Group Trustee Board members	12	10	0	0	22
TOTAL GROUP GOVERNANCE ROLES	**35**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**55**
District Chair	0	1	0	0	1
District Secretary	0	0	0	0	0
District Treasurer	1	0	0	0	1
District Trustee Board members	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE ROLES	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**4**
TOTAL GOVERNANCE ROLES	**38**	**21**	**0**	**0**	**59**
SUPPORT ROLES					
Deputy Group Scout Leaders	1	3	0	0	4
Group Administrators/Supporters	1	3	0	0	4
Group Skills Instructors	15	7	0	0	22
Other Group Adults	11	8	0	0	19
TOTAL GROUP SUPPORT ROLES	**28**	**21**	**0**	**0**	**49**
Deputy District Commissioners	2	0	0	0	2
District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy District Youth Commissioners	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant District Commissioners	1	2	0	0	3
District Leaders	0	1	0	0	1
District Administrators/Supporters	3	5	0	0	8
District Skills Instructors	0	0	0	0	0
Other District Support roles	7	5	0	0	12
TOTAL DISTRICT SUPPORT ROLES	**13**	**13**	**0**	**0**	**26**

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Active Support	36	22	0	0	58
TOTAL SUPPORT ROLES	**77**	**56**	**0**	**0**	**133**
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	**875**	**331**	**3**	**3**	**1,212**
TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP	**234**	**161**	**0**	**0**	**395**
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	**1,109**	**492**	**3**	**3**	**1,607**

For the year ending January 2024

YOUTH	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network
Epsom and Ewell - Scout Network	0	0	0	0	0	32
Epsom and Ewell Adult Support provision	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boidier Hurst Service Crew	0	0	0	0	0	0
Epsom and Ewell Explorer Scout provision	0	0	0	0	166	0
1st Cuddington (Warspite)	15	26	43	55	0	0
2nd Cuddington (Rowe)	0	23	38	39	0	0
2nd Epsom (Christ Church)	0	20	28	17	0	0
3rd Epsom (St Martins)	0	24	31	41	0	0
7th Epsom (Methodist)	0	59	72	47	0	0
8th/14th Epsom (St Barnabas & St. Joseph's)	0	17	30	25	0	0
2nd Ewell (Rainsters)	0	24	28	15	0	0
4th Ewell (Nonsuch)	0	27	27	32	0	0
1st Ewell Court (St Clements)	0	18	19	15	0	0
1st Ruxley	0	7	10	5	0	0
2nd Stoneleigh (St John's)	0	18	35	32	0	0
3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)	0	14	20	18	0	0
	15	**277**	**381**	**341**	**166**	**32**

ADULTS	A/Support	Leadership	Managers	Support	Governance
Epsom and Ewell	0	0	1	26	4
Epsom and Ewell - Scout Network	0	0	0	0	0
Epsom and Ewell Adult Support provision	17	0	0	0	0
Boidier Hurst Service Crew	1	0	0	0	0
Epsom and Ewell Explorer Scout provision	0	27	0	0	0
1st Cuddington (Warspite)	7	30	1	13	6
2nd Cuddington (Rowe)	31	26	1	2	10
2nd Epsom (Christ Church)	0	9	1	2	5
3rd Epsom (St Martins)	2	19	1	2	4
7th Epsom (Methodist)	0	20	0	4	4
8th/14th Epsom (St Barnabas & St. Joseph's)	0	10	1	1	5
2nd Ewell (Rainsters)	0	8	0	0	2
4th Ewell (Nonsuch)	0	11	1	17	5
1st Ewell Court (St Clements)	0	8	1	7	6
1st Ruxley	0	7	1	0	3
2nd Stoneleigh (St John's)	0	9	1	1	3
3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)	0	9	0	0	2
	58	**193**	**10**	**75**	**5**

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council [hereinafter described as "the charity"]

Charity No. 1031708

Scout Association Reg. No. 15408

Bankers: CAF Bank

Charity Contact: Jane Weller, 22 Lakeside, Ewell Court Avenue, KT19 0ED

JaneScout@uwclub.net telephone 0792 9299571

Trustees:

Ex-officio Trustees

Karl Nicholas (District Commissioner)

Sam Hodgson (District Youth Commissioner)

Orion Slater (District Youth Commissioner)

John Hughes (Deputy District Commissioner)

Sarah Oliphant (District Chair)

Jane Weller from 31 January 2024/Howard Park (District Secretary)

Peter Harvey (District Treasurer)

Trustees nominated by the members of the Charity at the Annual General Meeting

Bob Frisby

Stewart Ballentine

Nigel Bird

Liz Slade

Geoff Collins

Richard Hunt

Trustees co-opted by the ex – officio nominated and elected Trustees.

Joyce Nicholas (Badge Secretary and Scout Shop Manager)

Pat Broom (Chairman, Appointments Advisory Committee)

Clare Peckitt (Manager of the Support Team)

Elaine Mustow (Assistant District Commissioner) Cub Scouts

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document:

- The Charity's governing documents are those of the Scout Association.
- They consist of a Royal Charter that in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and to The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Constitution and Governance:

- The Charity is a Trust established under the rules of the Scout Association that are common to all Scouts and is an educational charity.
- The Trustees of the Charity, as listed on the previous page, are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
- The charity is managed by the District Board of Trustees, the members of which are the Trustees of the Charity, supported by the District Team, the Scout Active Support Unit (known in the District as the Support Team), the District Appointments Advisory Committee and the District Scout Shop Team. The trustees are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration with the Charity Commission, the keeping of proper financial records and the submission of returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
- The District Board of Trustees that meets on a quarterly basis, exists to support the Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and District Scout Network in Epsom and Ewell District and is responsible for:
    1. The maintenance of District property.
    2. The raising of funds and the administration of District finance.
    3. The insurance of persons, property and equipment.
    4. District public occasions.
    5. Assisting in the recruitment and training of Group and Section Leaders and other adult support.
    6. Appointing any sub-committees that may be required.
    7. Appointing District administrators and advisers as may be required other than those who are nominated or elected.

RISK AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Charity has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable cover against material mismanagement or loss; these include requiring two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- The objectives of the Charity are to work as a unit of the Scout Association.
- The aim of the Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.
- Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover the immediate running costs of the Charity, and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Charity follows the principle that no one should be excluded from Scouting because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions or their contribution to the cost of events.
- Two key principles that demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than those as a beneficiary.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has continued to witness a high standard of Scouting throughout the Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units within the District. The Support Team and District Scout Shop Team continue to provide all Groups and Units with excellent support as and when required.

The District Commissioner's Report, as presented at the Annual General Meeting held in 2024, covers the broad spread of training, opportunities and experiences offered to all Sections, appropriate to the age group.
The following were specifically acknowledged:

- The number of day trips, camps and expeditions undertaken.
- The number of competitions held.
- The continued commitment to supporting and fundraising for many worthy local, national, and international causes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A receipts and payments account for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 and a balance sheet at that date follow this report.
- The Charity's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short and represents between six- and twelve-months normal expenditure plus a contingency for unexpected liabilities.
- The Charity has only limited income and expenditure and consequently does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Trustees have therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. Funds are held in cash or on deposit with CAF Bank plus other High Street Banks or the Scout Association.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Sarah Oliphant, District Chair Jane Weller, District Secretary



Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Accounts ended 31 March 2024 have been prepared on the same basis as last year, to show the clear separation of the three designated funds. This allows us to appreciate the significant contribution that both the Shop and the Support Team (EEDST) have made to the financial health of the overall District.

ACCOUNT 2023-24	District	EEDST	Shop	TOTAL £k
Income	Capitation and Event Income 7.3	Fireworks & Other Events 3.4	Shop Sales 92.1	102.8
Expenses	Boidier Hurst & District Youth 20.9	Equipment and Event Costs 4.8	Shop Purchases and Costs 75.1	100.8
Transfers	+14.0		-14.0	
Net Income	0.4	-1.4	3.0	2.0
Prev Balance	86.2	30.1	98.4	214.7
Balance 31/03/2023	Including Int'l Fund 86.6	Including tangible assets 28.7	Including shop stock 101.4	216.7

Overall, the District has a closing fund value of £216,769 on 31 March 2024, which is £2,034 greater than the opening value of £214,735 on 31 March 2023. Income from Group capitation has allowed us to provide funding to Boidier Hurst, provide District Training, and cover other general support costs to the Groups. This includes £14,000 investment in the 1st Ruxley re-development.

The Scout Shop has made a very significant contribution generating £16,971 of income to the District. This has allowed the Shop to transfer £14,000 into the District general fund. Within the Shop, I thank Joyce and her team for their work to provide this generous income stream for the District.

Our thanks also go to Clare Peckitt and the Support Team for raising income from events such as the Epsom Fireworks.

Costs include both the equipment insurance, as well as the rental for the equipment storage provided by 2nd Cuddington. The capital invested in the aerial runway is shown depreciated from £4,600 to £2,300.

Finally, I would like to thank Kevin Mallett for his generous support as the independent examiner, as well as his wife Jane for her help in handling our VAT returns.

Peter Harvey
District Treasurer.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 70 to 73.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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(2) of the Charities Act, 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- To follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
- comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met, or

(2) which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to, in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statement to be reached.

Dated 25 August 2024



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KEVIN A. MALLETT F.C.A
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EEDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2023-24 £	Total Funds 2022-23 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	1a	4,720	2,850	-	7,570	9,554
Charitable Activity Income	1b	1,072	155	-	1,227	3,486
Grants		-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		-	-	91,083	91,083	92,762
Investment Income		1,543	416	975	2,934	674
Total Income Resources		**7,335**	**3,421**	**92,058**	**102,814**	**106,475**
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activity Expenses	2a	798	298	-	1,096	5,884
Youth Programme	2b	18,928	1,155	-	20,083	11,910
Equipment Expenses	2c	-	3,328	358	3,686	6,843
Fundraising Expenses	2d	-	-	74,593	74,593	80,136
AGM, Trustee and Admin	2e	1,125	60	138	1,323	806
Total Resources Used		**20,851**	**4,841**	**75,088**	**100,781**	**105,579**
Net Resources before other Adjustments		(13,517)	(1,419)	16,969	2,033	896
Opening Adjustments	3a	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between Funds	3b	14,000	-	(14,000)	-	-
Net Income Resources		483	(1,419)	2,969	2,033	896
Balance Brought Forward		86,191	30,172	98,372	214,735	213,839
Balance Carried Forward		**86,675**	**28,753**	**101,341**	**216,769**	**214,735**

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	District £	EEDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23
Assets						
Cash in UK Bank Accounts	4a	91,959	26,404	80,236	198,599	192,010
Tangible Assets	4b	-	2,300	30,617	32,917	31,939
Other Assets and Debtors	4c	4,741	49	305	5,095	521
Liabilities						
Creditors due within 1 year	4d	(10,025)	-	(9,817)	(19,843)	(9,734)
Net Current Assets		**86,675**	**28,753**	**101,341**	**216,769**	**214,735**

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the District Executive Committee on 10 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Sarah Oliphant – District Chair

Karl Nicholas – District Commissioner

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Notes to the Accounts (1 of 3)

Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EEDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2023-24 £	Total Funds 2022-23 £
1a Donations and legacies					
Capitation from Groups (excl. refunds)	58,705	-	-	58,705	54,196
Capitation paid to County (inc. refunds)	(53,985)	-	-	(53,985)	(49,608)
Support Team Fireworks etc.	-	2,850	-	2,850	4,899
Legacy Richard Shortman	-	-	-	-	-
Jamboree from participants	6,090	-	-	6,090	14,580
Jamboree paid to County	(6,090)	-	-	(6,090)	(14,580)
Other donations	-	-	-	-	67
Total Donation and legacies	**4,720**	**2,850**	**-**	**7,570**	**9,554**
1b Charitable Activity Income					
Beaver Challenge 35	570	-	-	570	1,223
Challenge Hike	-	155	-	155	180
Night Hike	192	-	-	192	392
Emergency Aid	310	-	-	310	363
Scoutabout	-	-	-	-	181
Swimming Gala	-	-	-	-	1,148
TOTAL	**1,072**	**155**	**-**	**1,227**	**3,486**
2a Charitable Activity Payments					
Beer Festival	-	50	-	50	-
Beaver Challenge 35	372		-	372	2,730
Bentley	-	-	-	-	73
Canoeing	-	42	-	42	-
Challenge Hike	-	206	-	206	284
Night Hike	170	-	-	170	309
Emergency Aid	229	-	-	229	10
Scoutabout		-	-	-	1,703
Swimming Gala	27	-	-	27	775
TOTAL	**798**	**298**	**-**	**1,096**	**5,884**
2b Youth Programme Expenditure					
Boidier Hurst Payments	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,000
Insurance	1,156	1,052	-	2,208	2,007
Adult Training (First Response)	-	-	-	-	1,986
Young Leader support and Training	507	-	-	507	432
Group Support (MPLC, Wreaths)	461	103	-	564	1,300
District Purchased from Shop	304	-	-	304	1,636
District Development (1st Ruxley)	14,000	-	-	14,000	750
International Grants	-	-	-	-	1,800
Total Youth Programme Expenditure	**18,928**	**1,155**	**-**	**20,083**	**11,910**

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Notes to the Accounts (2 of 3)

Note		Unrestricted Funds General District £	Unrestricted Funds Designated EEDST £	Unrestricted Funds Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2023-24 £	Total Funds 2022-23
2c	**Equipment Expenses**					
	Fixed Assets Net Book Value					
	Opening Book Value at 1 April	-	4,600	-	4,600	6,900
	Equipment Purchase (Runway)	-	-	-	-	-
	Closing Book Value at 31 March	-	(2,300)	-	(2,300)	(4,600)
	Fixed Asset Depreciation	-	2,300	-	2,300	2,300
	Equipment Store Hire	-	723	-	723	1,213
	Bouldering Wall	-	96	-	96	-
	Shop Computer	-	-	358	358	-
	Other Equipment (Distro Board)	-	209	-	209	3,329
	Total Equipment Expenses	**-**	**3,328**	**358**	**3,686**	**6,843**
2d	**Fundraising Expenses**					
	Cost of Stock Sold					
	Opening Stock @ 1 April	-	-	27,339	27,339	23,149
	Purchase into Stock	-	-	65,240	65,240	74,226
	Closing Stock @ 31 March	-	-	(30,617)	(30,617)	(27,339)
	Total cost of Stock Sold	-	-	61,961	61,961	70,036
	Shop Costs (Rent, Utilities, Till)	-	-	12,632	12,632	10,100
	Total Fundraising Expenses	**-**	**-**	**74,593**	**74,593**	**80,136**
2e	**AGM and Trustee**					
	AGM. Admin, Stationery & Printing	1,065	-	78	1,143	590
	Bank Charges	60	60	60	180	216
	Total AGM and Trustee	**1,125**	**60**	**138**	**1,323**	**806**
3a	**Opening Adjustments**					
	Capitation for 2019/20	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Opening Adjustment	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
3b	**Transfers between Funds**					
	Transfer between Funds	14,000	-	(14,000)	-	-
	VAT Paid on Purchases	-	-	(7,829)	(7,829)	(9,133)
	VAT Taken on Sales	-	-	9,125	9,125	9,518
	HMRC Settlements cleared	-	-	(962)	(962)	152
	HMRC Settlement after 31 March	-	-	(334)	(334)	(537)
	International Fund (R Shortman)	-	-	-	-	(1,000)
	General Fund (ex R Shortman)	-	-	-	-	1,000
	Total Transfers between funds	**14,000**	**-**	**(14,000)**	**-**	**-**

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Notes to the Accounts (3 of 3)

Note		District £	EEDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-24 £	31-Mar-23 £
4a	**Cash in UK Bank Accounts**					
	EEDST CAF Main	-	3,482	-	3,482	2,012
	EEDST CAF Gold	-	10,519	-	10,519	11,281
	EEDST Scottish Widows	-	12,403	-	12,403	12,258
	Shop Petty Cash	-	-	83	83	72
	Shop CAF Main	-	-	26,618	26,618	62,447
	Shop CAF Gold	-	-	53,535	53,535	2,618
	Shop Natwest	-	-	-	-	10,839
	District CAF Gold	11,617	-	-	11,617	1,575
	District Build Society	55,510	-	-	55,510	54,069
	District CAF Main	24,833	-	-	24,833	34,838
	Net Current Assets	**91,959**	**26,404**	**80,236**	**198,599**	**192,010**
4b	**Tangible Assets (Equipment and Stock)**					
	Shop Stock (Current Assets)	-	-	30,617	30,617	27,339
	Scouting Equipment	-	2,300	-	2,300	4,600
	Shop Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Tangible Assets	**-**	**2,300**	**30,617**	**32,917**	**31,939**
4c	**Other monetary assets (Inc. Tax Claim and Debtors)**					
	Debtors (Received after 31 Mar)					
	Uncleared District <> Shop	4,000	-	25	4,025	250
	Uncleared County Receipt	741	-	-	741	-
	S. Widows Accrued Interest	-	49	-	49	21
	Debtors of Shop (Badge A/C)	-	-	280	280	251
	Total Other Assets and Debtors	**4,741**	**49**	**305**	**5,095**	**521**
4d	**Liabilities (Creditors)**					
	Lodgments paid after 31 March					
	Uncleared Shop <> District	(25)	-	(4,000)	(4,025)	-
	Uncleared VAT (HMRC))	-	-	(334)	(334)	(537)
	Uncleared to 1st Ruxley	(10,000)	-	-	(10,000)	(4,290)
	Creditors of Shop (Badge A/C)	-	-	(5,483)	(5,483)	(4,907)
	Total Liabilities and Creditors	**(10,025)**	**-**	**(9,817)**	**(19,843)**	**(9,734)**
FUND BALANCES						
	General	52,675	-	-	52,675	52,191
	International (R Shortman)	34,000	-	-	34,000	34,000
	Support Team	-	28,753	-	28,753	30,172
	Shop	-	-	101,341	101,341	98,372
Total Fund balances		**86,675**	**28,753**	**101,341**	**216,769**	**214,735**

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

THE DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

Our District Scout Shop at 22 The Broadway, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HU supplies uniform, and Scouting and Guiding accessories for young people throughout Epsom and Ewell and neighbouring Districts. In addition, the Shop also stocks an extensive range of camping equipment, badges, books, craft materials, trophies, and gifts. The Shop can supply or order all the items available at Scout Store, with a significant share of the profit being reinvested back into local Scout Groups and the District.

The Shop is open at the following times: Monday 2-5 pm; Wednesday 2-7 pm and Saturday 9.30-12 noon.

A team of volunteers led by Joyce Nicholas runs the Shop. You can contact Joyce and the team by calling 020 8001 6856. You can also place orders directly by emailing epsomandewellscoutshop@aol.com.



Our District Scout Shop in Stoneleigh Broadway

EPSOM AND EWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

As Scouts, we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.
- Cooperation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

THE SCOUT METHOD

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities; and
- Make and live by their Promise.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God (to uphold Scout values) and to the Queen (the country in which I now live), to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

THE SCOUT LAW

1 - A Scout is to be trusted.
2 - A Scout is loyal.
3 - A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4 - A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5 - A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6 - A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7 - A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

OUR VISION

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we give young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future.

We are talking about teamwork, leadership, and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We believe in bringing people together.

We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We are part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures. We are preparing more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing Leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities. We are proud to say we are a values-based movement. Our Scout values of integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation guide everything we do.

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND CONTACTS

District Commissioner	**Karl Nicholas***	Chairman	**Sarah Oliphant**
Youth Commissioner	**Sam Hodgson***	Secretary	**Howard Park**
Youth Commissioner	**Orion Slater***	Treasurer	**Peter Harvey**
Deputy District Commissioner	**John Hughes***	Executive Member	**Nigel Bird**
Deputy District Commissioner (General)	**Richard Denyer**	Executive Member	**Geoff Collins**
Deputy District Commissioner (Training)	**Sandra Gosden**	Executive Member	**Richard Hunt**
ADC Beaver Scouts	**Judith Sitford**	Executive Member	**Stewart Ballantine**
ADC Cub Scouts	**Elaine Mustow***	Executive Member	**Bob Frisby**
ADC Scouts	**Vacant**	Executive Members include those marked * in the previous column	
ADC (International)	**Caroline Pearce**		
ADC (General)	**Alan Mobbs**		
Appointments	**Pat Broom***		
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	**Vacant**		
Support Team Manager	**Clare Peckitt***	Nights Away Manager	**Dave Mustow**
Shop Manager	**Joyce Nicholas***	Vice President	**Hazel Luxton**
District Administrator	**Carol Priddy**	Vice President	**Geoff Whitehead**
District Shop	The Scout Shop, 22 Broadway, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HU.		
District Campsite	Boidier Hurst, Box Hill Road, Headley.		
Bankers			
CAF Bank Limited	25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ.		
National Westminster Bank PLC	Victoria Branch, PO Box 1357, 169 Victoria Street, SW1E 5NA.		
National Counties Building Society	Ebbisham House, 30 Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4NL.		

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

It does not seem long ago that I was writing the previous annual report and so much has happened in that time. It feels that we have returned to 'normal' with so very many activities taking place across Epsom and Ewell, being delivered by amazing adults and all uninterrupted for the first time in a couple of years.

In my previous report I highlighted an 11% increase of membership across the District and was proud to report that we had opened new sections. This year our increase was less but is still positive with a 4% increase. In our January census we returned a total of 1,147 young people – the highest figure that Epsom and Ewell has seen for over fifteen years! This year we have seen three new Sections opening with at least two more on the horizon. We are proud to have opened our first Squirrels' Dray and our congratulations to the leadership team at 1st Cuddington for leading the way. I am hoping that other Groups will follow suit (and remember the concerns that were shared about Beaver Scouting when that was first suggested).

With many new building developments being planned across the District we will be looking at how we can increase our Groups in these areas to ensure all those who want to join the wonderful Scouting movement are able to do so.

Scouting has gone from strength to strength across all our Groups and the quality of programmes are second to none. Our adult volunteers have provided activities with flair, creativity and a mountain of imagination ensuring that Sections across all Groups have the best experience possible.

We are determined that magnificent activities should be at the centre of what we do and as a result we were lucky to have a visit from Joe Rogerson (CC) and Julia Kielstra (DCC) to deliver the Scout County programme roadshow to over sixty adults. This posed so many challenging questions about where our focus should be and the importance of the Group structures in which we work to make the programme progressive, and Scout driven.

We have seen some personnel changes to the District Leadership Team this year. David Shickle has stepped down from the role of Group Scout Leader (GSL) at 7th

Epsom after seven years and I thank him for his time there. They are now being looked after by their Chairman, Kevin Mead. At 2nd Epsom, our relaunching GSL, Vic Young has also handed over the reins. Without Vic, our newest Group would not have been possible. We are very fortunate that Amie Adkin-Pepper has transferred from her role of Deputy Group Scout Leader to taking on the Acting GSL role and under her leadership the Group is continuing to thrive.

After twenty fantastic years of service to 2nd Stoneleigh, Viv Frisby has also decided to take a step back from her role as Group Scout Leader (GSL). Viv was our second longest serving GSL in Epsom and Ewell and took over after a difficult few years at the Group and has been at the forefront of steering and stabilising the Group. Through Viv's leadership she has supported the growth of new sections and expanding the leader and support teams. All of this is alongside her role as a trustee and her weekly commitment in the District Scout Shop, a role she has carried out for nearly forty years! Viv has made it clear that she wants to continue within 2nd Stoneleigh and has kindly agreed to take on the role of Deputy Group Scout Leader, which is excellent news. We have also been fortunate to appoint Steph Howard as the new GSL. She will be an asset to the Group, and I am sure we will see it go from strength to strength in the coming year.

Another one of our excellent resources is our wonderful campsite Boidier Hurst. Colin Thomas has been the chairman of the management committee for twenty-three years and last year indicated that 2022 would be his final year as Chairman as he was moving to Cornwall. Under Colin's leadership the site has seen many changes and improvements and is now one of the best Scout campsites in the country. Colin has been pivotal in the development of the site and ensuring that it is always there to meet the needs of the changing requirements of Scouting, D of E and other youth groups. To fill such big shoes and find a replacement for someone like Colin was always going to be tricky but we are incredibly fortunate to welcome Chris Rose who has taken on the role, and we wish him every success and he, of course, has our full support.

Terrific activities and opportunities, working alongside our programme means high membership, subsequently shiny new uniforms, and plenty of badges. All of these are supported by our excellent team at the Scout Shop. (See the back page for details.) The service that they provide to parents, leaders and ultimately the young people is second to none and is appreciated by all of us in Epsom and Ewell as well as further afield through both Scouting and Guiding.

Epsom and Ewell is firmly on the map but finally, my sincere and personal gratitude to every adult who plays any part in Scouting in Epsom and Ewell as, without them, we would not be as successful as we are. Whether you hold a role that requires a weekly commitment or one that is a bit more 'behind the scenes', I thank you on behalf of all the young people of the borough. The adult awards section (at the rear of this report just before the accounts) truly highlights what amazing and dedicated leaders we have!

I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that this coming year will bring and us walking this path together as the great team we are known to be!

See you all soon.

Karl Nicholas
District Commissioner

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

I am pleased to report that we have met on eight occasions since the last AGM and have welcomed twenty-four new adult volunteers to swell the ranks of the District leadership team.

We have met with adults with a wide range of life skills, vocational experience with young people and some with scouting backgrounds all taking on new leadership roles. Across the sections these have included six helping run Beaver Scout Colonies, eight with Cub Scout Packs, eight with Scout Troops, one Explorer Scout Unit leader and our first ever Squirrels Co-ordinator.

Without exception they came to the meetings with a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities, excellent knowledge of policies and procedures and most impressively abundant enthusiasm for the new roles they were undertaking. This is clearly evidence of the support and guidance they had been provided with by their Group Scout Leaders, training advisors and the other leaders in their respective sections.

As many of you will be aware there is a large-scale Transformation programme underway within Scouting. One of the areas directly affected is the current appointments process and this is proposed to be redesigned into a "welcome conversation". The following is a brief outline of the new process taken from the Transformation section on the Scout website.
"*The new process will involve two existing volunteers meeting with the new volunteer. One will be working directly with the new volunteer such as member of the Group leadership team and the other will be from outside the volunteering opportunity e.g., someone from a Support Team or Section in a different group. The chat will normally happen in the usual meeting place of the new volunteer or by video call when suitable. This may involve watching the new volunteer having a go at their role. It should be informal, feel supportive and put the new volunteer at ease.*"

There are several reasons cited for creating a warmer welcome including attracting new volunteers and keeping the ones we have but also because volunteers have provided feedback that they find the current welcome process off-putting.

The Scout Association have produced a Roadmap for Change for the Transformation of our Volunteer Experience. The Welcome Conversation changes I believe are scheduled for early 2024 although how this will be implemented in our District is, yet to be determined.

I am grateful to all the panel members who have participated in meetings over the last year for their contributions and support. Additionally, the committee could not function without the excellent marshalling of panel members and scheduling of meetings with new volunteers by our most efficient administrator, Robert Pallant. Thank you all.

Pat Broom
Chair of the Appointments Advisory Committee

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BOIDIER HURST SCOUT CAMPSITE

Boidier Hurst has seen some changes over the last year. Colin Thomas the longstanding Campsite Chairman, has retired and has moved down to deepest Devon where he is enjoying a well-earned rest. He has been replaced by Chris Rose, who had been on the Service Crew for over four years, having then retired from Highways England as the Dartford Crossing Operations Manager.

In the last year, we have seen a dramatic increase in use of the site, not only from our own groups, but also from Scout Groups outside our District, who want the type of camping our site offers. It has also become popular during the week with Duke of Edinburgh Scheme participants, being a lovely place to camp on the top of Box Hill during the expedition phase of their award. There have been over two hundred bookings this year already with some making it a Group camp and booking the whole site for two hundred and fifty people over the weekend, or just twenty doing some backwoods cooking on open fires for an evening. Already, we have bookings for 2024, so next year it seems that it is going to be as busy.

Having resolved our previous major electricity supply problems, the crew were happy to move on to one of our bigger projects, the replacement of the open, wind swept, Manly building porch, enclosing it, insulating it, and cladding it with wood harvested and milled from our own grounds. Other than a few minor tweaks, that has been completed, but due to the fact the building is virtually in use every week, those final finishing touches will have to wait until the closed season.

As well as major projects we are working hard to maintain the site and make sure we keep it up to a usable standard. Grass cutting takes five of us half a day to complete every two weeks, but regular mowing has given us other benefits, as well as some lovely camping sites our blue bell display this year was spectacular. A tidying up around our gate has made it easier for our visitors to find us.

Finally, in my first year as Chairman, a big thank you to all the committee members, wardens, keyholders and the service crew for all the work they put in to running the site and especially for answering all those questions I had about ‘how it all works’.

It is your Campsite, please book and come up to enjoy some time on our ten-acre plot on the top of Box Hill, either for an evening, a night, or a weekend. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Chris Rose
Chair of Boidier Hurst Campsite Management Committee.
chairman@boidierhurst.org.uk

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INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING REPORT

It has been great year with members of the District preparing for the WSJ and a county trip to Belgium.

In summer 2023 United Kingdom Scouts will attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ). This event will take place in South Korea and is sure to be full of adventure. A World Scout Jamboree is a large camp run by the host country's Scout Association, with the aim of fostering international friendship, peace, and learning.

As a District we are sending six young people to the WSJ. Months of training and lots of fundraising are both important parts of preparing the Scouts to go on such a big trip. The Scouts also design and receive kit as part of their adventure.

'I was nervous and curious at the same time a year ago, but since learning more and having more time with my unit I feel confident in going and can't wait.' - Ali Dawson Surrey Saja - Unit 72.

'*I think the best parts of the kit are the parts we have all worked on together. There are some artistic people in our unit and their work being illustrated on our own kit has been amazing to see.*' - Sean Munro - Surrey Stags – Unit 71.

Twelve Scouts from the District have been preparing for a seven-day Surrey Scouts expedition to Belgium for 14 – 18-year-olds, this summer. The focus is on experiencing the local environment and culture of one our closest European neighbours. They will be staying at De Kluis Scout campsite in Belgium, which is situated on Wallonia and Flanders border. Flanders (Vlaanderen in Dutch) is the Dutch-speaking, northern part of Belgium between the North Sea and the Netherlands in the north and Wallonia and France in the south. This region has an immense historical and cultural wealth made visible through its buildings, works of art and historical sites.

Over the past months these scouts from across the county have been meeting and training for their trip. The expedition is shaped by its attendees, so they have been able to help determine the programme and activities.

Some of the Groups in the District also had other trips with an international flavour including,

- 1st Cuddington (Warspite) Sea Scouts who were visited at the end of April 2023 by 74 Dutch Sea Scouts and leaders for their 12th visit. The roots of the relationship go back over 35 years to the 2nd World War. Over the course of the week there was joint boating at the Water Activity Centre on the Thames; a hike down (and up) Box Hill with Scouts and Explorer Scouts, wide games, a joint disco and much more. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfJObt7GRV0

- 8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts also had a fun trip to Jersey in the summer of 2022. There was lots of water sports, hiking and of course trips to the beach.

Caroline Pearce

ADC(International)

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BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

The District Beaver Scout Team remains as last year - Michelle Davies and Martyn Holloway-Neville as District Beaver Scout Leaders have once again supported me and the District Team with ideas and on-hand support at our events.

Chief Scout's Bronze Awards

Across the District, sixty-seven Chief Scout's Bronze Awards have been earned! A massive well done to all these Beaver Scouts for their achievement. It is pleasing to see that we are back up to pre-pandemic levels of young people achieving the Award.

County Events

Bazzaz! - May 2022

What a wonderful day! The weather was excellent, the activities were fantastic and so much fun was had. Epsom and Ewell District took along 200 Beaver Scouts to this event and returned with very tired children. There were lots of inflatables to jump on, circus skills to try and various Scouting skill activities to have a go at. A big thank you to the District for helping subsidise the six coaches that took us there.

Beavers Go Wild - September 2022

3rd Epsom took part in Beavers Go Wild in September 2022. This one-night camping experience is a lovely event for the Beaver Scouts - although I am not sure exactly how much sleep happens! The Beaver Scouts who took part enjoyed making friends with other Beavers Scouts in Surrey. Lots of varied activities were on offer for them, and it was lovely finishing the day off with a campfire and bedtime story.

Reach for the Stars 2023

Many Beaver Scouts took the opportunity to join in with the online event back in February, Reach for the Stars, by completing the challenges and activities that were set during the day - including a night spent somewhere other than their own bed.

District Events

The Emergency Aid Day

We had two sessions for the Stage 1 Emergency Aid badge back in November. One Group attended the morning, and four Groups attended the afternoon session. This means that there is plenty of space for other Groups in the District to attend this event.

Overall, 66 Beaver Scouts from Epsom and Ewell were awarded their badge.

Swimming Gala

This was the second time that the Beaver Scouts were able to take part in the swimming gala. A total of 91 Beaver Scouts signed up to swim, across 19 different teams from almost every Colony in the District. It was noted that some Groups were down a lot of children on the day, so some children got a few extra races in to make up numbers.

The format was changed ever so slightly from last year to become more of a team event. This worked very well and really encouraged wonderful teamwork among the young people. The joint winning teams were 1st Ewell Court and 2nd Ewell, the scratch team came third and 2nd Epsom came fourth.

I send a big thank you to Michelle and Martyn who ended up having to run the event without me.

Lizard Hike

This was all set to go on 26 March, but heavy rain overnight caused havoc and flooding on the carpark and part of the route so much that I felt it necessary to cancel the event. It was such a shame as we were expecting 83 Beaver Scouts to attend which would have been our biggest turnout yet.

Beaveree

It was a unanimous decision across the District Leaders not to have a Beaveree event this year. Although this was a decision no one really wanted to make, there was no spare weekend to have it with everyone properly starting up their activities since the pandemic. However, we do have a Beaveree booked for September 2023 at Little Acres.

Judith Sitford
ADC (Beaver Scouts)

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

The first Cub Scout event to take place was Cub Scout Challenge held at Boidier Hurst Camp Site. As this Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee we decided to root the event around her. We saw all the Cub Scout Packs run bases themed on the jubilee. We had the Queen's Quidditch by 3rd Stoneleigh, the Queen's Gun Carriage Race by 3rd Epsom, Light the Royal Beacons by 2nd Epsom, Escape the Royal Dungeons by 1st Ruxley, Blindfold the Corgis by 4th Ewell, Find the Royal Castles by 2nd Cuddington, Find the Crown Jewels by 1st Ewell Court, Land the Royal Jet by 8th/14th Epsom, the Royal Chariot Race by 2nd Ewell, and Do you Know your Royalty and Royal Archeries by 7th Epsom, This was a very close run competition. with 1st Ruxley just pipping 2nd Cuddington to the Trophy by a fraction of a point. The day was rounded off with the grand tug-of-war, which was a fiercely fought competition with most rounds going to three pulls. The result was 1st Ruxley completing a double for the afternoon again with 2nd Cuddington coming in as runners up.

All Cub Scouts and Cub Scout Leaders attending this event were presented with a Commemorative Badge that was allowed to be worn on our uniforms for six months, this was a great fun day for all.

The District Cub Scout Night Hike was also held at Boidier Hurst with almost two hundred young people and adults walking to the venue from several different compass points. We served hot dogs, hot chocolate, and soup before the traditional camp fire lead by 3rd Epsom's Richard Ascough. Thank you to Richard for running this again. (Same time next year please.) My thanks go to the walk leaders, Ian Peckitt, Clare Peckitt, Nigel Bird, Howard Park, and Guy Simpson.

The top award in the Cub Scout Section is the Chief Scout's Silver Award. Throughout the District there have been forty-five of these top awards attained. I have had the great privilege of presenting many of these myself. It has been a pleasure to see the young people gain this award and hear their stories of the best of their achievements while in the Cub Scouts.

January 202 3 saw the District Quiz take place. This was closely contested and was won by 2nd Ewell who went forward to represent Epsom and Ewell at the County Quiz. February saw the District cooking competition taking place and again this was a closely run contest being won eventually by 3rd Epsom who went on to represent us at County. I must say their dessert was delicious. All the sixes worked very well together.

I close this report with my heartfelt thanks to all the Cub Scout Leaders and their teams in the District. Here's to next year, watch this space, plans are afoot.

Elaine Mustow
ADC Cub Scouts

EPSOM AND EWELL DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM

The reporting year was another great opportunity for the Support Team to provide equipment and to help the District. The following are the highlights of our year of work.

November 2022

Following our usual supporting of Fireworks at Hook Road Arena we had our own Bonfire at Boidier Hurst with smores and a rousing sing song.

December 2022

The traditional Christmas working party at Bentley Copse continued but just as a day rather than a weekend. The main task was rebuilding the tyre wall border to the go kart track.

Hip Flask Ramble

On a lovely January morning, twelve of us and three dogs met at Gomshall Railway Station and undertook a circular walk via Shere for a public house lunch. All easy going after the first big hill!

Challenge Hike

The annual challenge hike was run by the Support Team took place in March, with thirty-six teams competing against each other over Headley Heath.

SCRAM

The newly acquired bouldering wall was adjusted to improve its fit and given a coat of varnish prior to being used at SCRAM.

New members are encouraged to join with any support being greatly appreciated, from towing a trailer, marshalling a checkpoint, making teas, putting up a mess tent or introducing/training in a new activity.

Clare Peckitt
EEDST

AWARDS

SILVER ACORN

Karl Nicholas	District

AWARD FOR MERIT

Ian Smalley	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Jack Lee	3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS:

60 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

Geoffrey Collins	District

40 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

Linda Stacey	District Scout Shop
John Featherstone	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Rod Clarke	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Sabina Gerrard	District

30 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

Andrew Fuller	District Support Team
Dan Cook	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Peter Hughes	District Support Team
Simon Williams	7th Epsom (Methodist)

25 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

Danny Burchett	District Support Team
Elizabeth Hughes	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts
Karl Nicholas	District/2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

20 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

David Shickle	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Ian Smalley	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Jo Blackgrove	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Martin Adams	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)

15 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

Barrie Mustow	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts
Jack Lee	3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)
Jane Carter	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Jane Weller	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Kevin Woodnutt	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts
Lesley Bird	District Support Team
Lynette Drakes	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts
Tammy Gould	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Thomas Randall	1st Cuddington (Warspite)

10 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

Cat McInnes	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Eileen Perren	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Graham Bailey	8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts
Jay Haughton	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)
Kevin Betts	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Lauren Mansell	1st Cuddington (Warspite)/District/County
Mary Holloway-Neville	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Steve Harrison	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)

5 YEAR'S SERVICE AWARD

Alexander Abbott	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)
Ashleigh Gosnell	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Claire Poyntz	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Derek Dunford	3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)
Elise Nash	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Erica Wilgoss	1st Ewell Court (St. Clement's)
Gemma Gosden	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
George Carter	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Jackie Hilton	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)/1st Ewell Court
Jaqueline Durbridge	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Joseph Cook	1st Ewell Court (St. Clement's)
Luke Jennings	8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts
Matthew Preston	1st Ewell Court (St. Clement's)

Orion Slater	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Rachell Mansell	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Richard Callaghan	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Ruth Louch	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Sally Cameron	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Sam Hodgson	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Tim Rogers	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Tracey Sloane	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

WOOD BADGE TRAINING AWARDS

Adam Hansen	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Callum Mitchell	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Caroline Pearce	District & County
Chris Bishop	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Deborah Slater	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Diana Baker	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Frances Cummins	2nd Cuddigton (Rowe)
Gillian Mead	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Guy Simpson	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's)
Jo Chartres	7th Epsom (Methodist)
John Hughes	District
Lauren Mansell	1st Cuddington (Warspite) / District
Leigh Hogarty	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Luke Jennings	8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts
Orion Slater	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Paul Graham	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Peter Wood	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Phili Coley	7th Epsom (Eagle)/District
Pippa Del Nevo	8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts
Richard Bell	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Sandra Gosden	District
Steph Howard	District and 2nd Stoneleigh (St. John's)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council [hereinafter described as "the charity"]

Charity No. 1031708

Scout Association Reg. No. 15408

Bankers: CAF Bank

Charity Contact: Howard Park (District Secretary), 37 Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BD, telephone 01372 722352

Trustees:

Ex-officio Trustees

Karl Nicholas (District Commissioner)

Sam Hodgson (District Youth Commissioner)

Orion Slater (District Youth Commissioner)

John Hughes (Deputy District Commissioner)

Sarah Oliphant (District Chair)

Howard Park (District Secretary)

Peter Harvey (District Treasurer)

Trustees nominated by the members of the Charity at the Annual General Meeting

James Turner

Bob Frisby

Stewart Ballentine

Nigel Bird

Liz Slade

Geoff Collins

Richard Hunt

Trustees co-opted by the ex – officio nominated and elected Trustees.

Joyce Nicholas (Badge Secretary and Scout Shop Manager)

Pat Broom (Chairman, Appointments Advisory Committee)

Clare Peckitt (Manager of the Support Team)

Elaine Mustow (Assistant District Commissioner) Cub Scouts

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document:

- The Charity's governing documents are those of the Scout Association.
- They consist of a Royal Charter that in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and to The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association. It adopts the constitution defined in section 5.4 of the Scout Association POR.

Constitution and Governance:

- The Charity is a Trust established under the rules of the Scout Association that are common to all Scouts and is an educational charity.
- The Trustees of the Charity, as listed on the previous page, are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
- The charity is managed by the District Board of Trustees, the members of which are the Trustees of the Charity, supported by the District Team, the Scout Active Support Unit (known in the District as the Support Team), the District Appointments Advisory Committee and the District Scout Shop Team. The trustees are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration with the Charity Commission, the keeping of proper financial records and the submission of returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
- The District Board of Trustees that meets on a quarterly basis, exists to support the Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and District Scout Network in Epsom and Ewell District and is responsible for:
    1. The maintenance of District property.
    2. The raising of funds and the administration of District finance.
    3. The insurance of persons, property, and equipment.
    4. District public occasions.
    5. Assisting in the recruitment and training of Group and Section Leaders and other adult support.
    6. Appointing any sub-committees that may be required.
    7. Appointing District administrators and advisers as may be required other than those who are nominated or elected.

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RISK AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Charity has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable cover against material mismanagement or loss; these include requiring two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- The objectives of the Charity are to work as a unit of the Scout Association.
- The aim of the Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.
- Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover the immediate running costs of the Charity, and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Charity follows the principle that no one should be excluded from Scouting because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions or their contribution to the cost of events.
- Two key principles that demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than those as a beneficiary.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has continued to witness a high standard of Scouting throughout the Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units within the District. The Support Team and District Scout Shop Team continue to provide all Groups and Units with excellent support as and when required.

The District Commissioner's Report, as presented at the Annual General Meeting held in 2023, covers the broad spread of training, opportunities and experiences offered to all Sections, appropriate to the age group.
The following were specifically acknowledged:

- The number of day trips, camps and expeditions undertaken.
- The number of competitions held.
- The continued commitment to supporting and fundraising for many worthy local, national, and international causes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A receipts and payments account for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 and a balance sheet at that date follow this report.
- The Charity's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short and represents between six- and twelve-months normal expenditure plus a contingency for unexpected liabilities.
- The Charity has only limited income and expenditure and consequently does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Trustees have therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. Funds are held in cash or on deposit with CAF Bank plus other High Street Banks or the Scout Association.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Sarah Oliphant, District Chair

Howard Park, District Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Accounts that ended on 31 March 2023 have been prepared on the same basis as last year, to show the clear separation of the three designated funds. This allows us to appreciate the significant contribution that both the Shop and the Support Team (EEDST) have made to the financial health of the overall District.

ACCOUNT 2022-23	District	EEDST	Shop	TOTAL £k
Income	Capitation and Event Income **8.2**	Fireworks & Other Events **6.6**	Shop Sales **91.6**	**106.5**
Expenses	Boidier Hurst & District Youth **14.5**	Equipment and Event Costs **10.8**	Shop Purchases and Costs **80.3**	**105.6**
Transfers	**+4.0**		**-4.0**	
Net Income	**-2.3**	**-4.2**	**7.4**	**0.9**
Prev Balance	**88.5**	**34.3**	**91.0**	**213.8**
Balance 31/03/2023	Including Int'l Fund **86.2**	Including tangible assets **30.1**	Including shop stock **98.4**	**214.7**

Overall, the District has a closing fund value of £214,735 on 31 March 2023 which is £896 greater than the opening value of £213,839 on 31 March 2022. Income from Group capitation has allowed us to provide funding to Boidier Hurst, provide District Training, and cover other general support costs to the Groups. The legacy from Richard Shortman has allowed us to provide grants to Jamboree and Kandesteg participants.

The Scout Shop has made a very significant contribution generating £11,393 of income to the District. This has allowed the Shop to transfer £4,000 into the District general fund. Within the Shop, I thank Joyce and her team for their work to provide this generous income stream for the District.

Thanks also go to Clare Peckitt and the Support Team in raising income from events such as the Epsom Fireworks, and the sale of a trailer. Costs include both the equipment insurance, as well as the rental for the equipment storage provided by 2nd Cuddington. The Capital invested in the Runway is shown depreciated from £6,900 to £4,600.

Finally, I would like to thank Kevin Mallett for his generous support as the independent examiner, as well as his wife Jane for her help in handling our VAT returns.

Peter Harvey – District Treasurer.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 28 to 31.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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(2) of the Charities Act, 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- To follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
- comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met, or

(2) which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to, in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statement to be reached.

Dated 24 August 2023

18 THE BROADWAY,
STONELEIGH,
EPSOM,
KT17 2HU.

KEVIN A. MALLETT F.C.A
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EEDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2022-23 £	Total Funds 2021-22 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	1a	4,588	4,899	67	9,554	42,970
Charitable Activity Income	1b	3,125	361	-	3,486	1,287
Grants		-	-	-	-	8,000
Fundraising (gross)		-	1,200	91,562	92,762	107,325
Investment Income		485	128	60	674	58
Total Income Resources		**8,199**	**6,588**	**91,689**	**106,475**	**159,640**
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activity Expenses	2a	3,824	2,059	-	5,884	1,289
Youth Programme	2b	10,089	1,821	-	11,910	4,926
Equipment Expenses	2c	-	6,798	45	6,843	2,370
Fundraising Expenses	2d	-	-	80,136	80,136	85,871
AGM, Trustee and Admin	2e	620	72	115	806	1,290
Total Resources Used		**14,533**	**10,750**	**80,296**	**105,579**	**95,745**
Net Resources before other Adjustments		(6,334)	(4,162)	11,393	896	63,894
Opening Adjustments	3a	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between Funds	3b	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
Net Income Resources		(2,334)	(4,162)	7,393	896	63,894
Balance Brought Forward		88,526	34,335	90,978	213,839	149,945
Balance Carried Forward		**86,191**	**30,172**	**98,372**	**214,735**	**213,839**

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	District £	EEDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-23 £	31-Mar-22 £
Assets						
Cash in UK Bank Accounts	4a	90,481	25,552	75,977	192,010	182,141
Tangible Assets	4b	-	4,600	27,339	31,939	30,049
Other Assets and Debtors	4c	-	21	501	521	7,088
Liabilities						
Creditors due within 1 year	4d	(4,290)	-	(5,444)	(9,734)	(5,438)
Net Current Assets		**86,191**	**30,172**	**98,372**	**214,735**	**213,839**

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the District Executive Committee on 19 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Sarah Oliphant – District Chair

Karl Nicholas – District Commissioner

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts (1 of 3)

Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Unrestricted Funds Designated EEDST £	Unrestricted Funds Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2022-23 £	Total Funds 2021-22 £
1a Donations and legacies					
Capitation from Groups (excl. refunds)	54,196	-	-	54,196	52,211
Capitation paid to County (inc. refunds)	(49,608)	-	-	(49,608)	(47,791)
Support Team Fireworks etc.	-	4,899	-	4,899	3,500
Legacy Richard Shortman	-	-	-	-	35,000
Jamboree from participants	14,580	-	-	14,580	1,500
Jamboree paid to County	(14,580)	-	-	(14,580)	(1,500)
Other donations	-	-	67	67	50
Total Donation and legacies	**4,588**	**4,899**	**67**	**9,554**	**42,970**
1b Charitable Activity Income					
Beaver Challenge 35	1,223	-	-	1,223	1,020
Challenge Hike	-	180	-	180	95
Night Hike	392	-	-	392	172
Emergency Aid	363	-	-	363	-
Scoutabout	-	181	-	181	-
Swimming Gala	1,148	-	-	1,148	-
TOTAL	**3,125**	**361**	**-**	**3,486**	**1,287**
2a Charitable Activity Payments					
Beaver Challenge 35	2,730	-	-	2,730	1,013
Bentley	-	73	-	73	50
Challenge Hike	-	284	-	284	66
Night Hike	309	-	-	309	160
Emergency Aid	10	-	-	10	-
Scoutabout	-	1,703	-	1,703	-
Swimming Gala	775	-	-	775	-
TOTAL	**3,824**	**2,059**	**-**	**5,884**	**1,289**
2b Youth Programme Expenditure					
Boidier Hurst Payments	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Insurance	1,005	1,002	-	2,007	1,792
Adult Training (First Response)	1,986	-	-	1,986	150
Young Leader support and Training	432	-	-	432	89
Group Support (MPLC, Wreaths)	481	819	-	1,300	396
District Purchased from Shop	1,636	-	-	1,636	259
District Development (Defibrillator)	750	-	-	750	-
International launch (Jamboree)	750	-	-	750	240
International launch (Kandersteg)	1,050	-	-	1,050	-
Total Youth Programme Expenditure	**10,089**	**1,821**	**-**	**11,910**	**4,926**

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Notes to the Accounts (2 of 3)

Note		Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EEDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2022-23 £	Total Funds 2021-22
2c	**Equipment Expenses**					
	Fixed Assets Net Book Value					
	Opening Book Value at 1 April	-	6,900	-	6,900	1,777
	Equipment Purchase (Runway)	-	-	-	-	6,902
	Closing Book Value at 31 March	-	(4,600)	-	(4,600)	(6,900)
	Fixed Asset Depreciation	-	2,300		2,300	1,779
	Equipment Store Hire	-	1,168	45	1,213	591
	Equipment Store (Prior Adjustment)	-	-	-	-	-
	Shop Laptop, Refurbishment	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Equipment Costs	-	3,329	-	3,329	-
	Total Equipment Expenses	**-**	**6,798**	**45**	**6,843**	**2,370**
2d	**Fundraising Expenses**					
	Cost of Stock Sold					
	Opening Stock @ 1 April	-	-	23,149	23,149	23,538
	Purchase into Stock	-	-	74,226	74,226	75,855
	Closing Stock @ 31 March	-	-	(27,339)	(27,339)	(23,149)
	Total cost of Stock Sold	-	-	70,036	70,036	76,244
	Shop Costs (Rent, Utilities, Till)	-	-	10,100	10,100	9,627
	Total Fundraising Expenses	**-**	**-**	**80,136**	**80,136**	**85,871**
2e	**AGM and Trustee**					
	AGM. Admin, Stationery & Printing	548	-	43	590	1,002
	Bank Charges	72	72	72	216	288
	Total AGM and Trustee	**620**	**72**	**115**	**806**	**1,290**
3a	**Opening Adjustments**					
	Capitation for 2019/20	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Opening Adjustment	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
3b	**Transfers between Funds**					
	Transfer between Funds	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
	VAT Paid on Purchases	-	-	(9,133)	(9,133)	(7,565)
	VAT Taken on Sales	-	-	9518	9518	9,336
	HMRC Settlements cleared	-	-	152	152	(935)
	HMRC Settlement after 31 March	-	-	(537)	(537)	(836)
	International Fund (R Shortman)	(1,000)	-	-	(1,000)	-
	General Fund (ex R Shortman)	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	Total Transfers between funds	**4,000**	**-**	**(4,000)**	**-**	**-**

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Notes to the Accounts (3 of 3)

Note		District £	EEDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-23 £	31-Mar-22 £
4a	**Cash in UK Bank Accounts**					
	EEDST CAF Main	-	2,012	-	2,012	7,358
	EEDST CAF Gold	-	11,281	-	11,281	9,347
	EEDST Scottish Widows	-	12,258	-	12,258	12,228
	Shop Petty Cash	-	-	72	72	71
	Shop CAF Main	-	-	62,447	62,447	22,735
	Shop CAF Gold	-	-	2,618	2,618	2,601
	Shop Natwest	-	-	10,839	10,839	41,684
	District CAF Gold	1,575	-	-	1,575	1,564
	District Build Society	54,069	-	-	54,069	53,631
	District CAF Main	34,838	-	-	34,838	30,921
	Net Current Assets	**90,481**	**25,552**	**75,977**	**192,010**	**182,141**
4b	**Tangible Assets (Equipment and Stock)**					
	Shop Stock (Current Assets)	-	-	27,339	27,339	23,149
	Scouting Equipment	-	4,600	-	4,600	6,900
	Shop Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Tangible Assets	-	**4,600**	**27,339**	**31,939**	**30,049**
4c	**Other monetary assets (Inc. Tax Claim and Debtors)**					
	Debtors (Received after 31 Mar)					
	Till Cash/Cards banked 1 April	-	-	250	250	1,490
	Uncleared EEDST to District	-	-	-	-	1,500
	Uncleared Jamboree Receipts	-	-	-	-	1,500
	S Widows Accrued Interest	-	21	-	21	2
	Debtors of Shop (non-District A/C)	-	-	251	251	2,596
	Debtors of Shop (District A/C)	-	-	-	-	-
	Total other assets and Debtors	**-**	**21**	**501**	**521**	**7,088**
4d	**Liabilities (Creditors)**					
	Lodgments paid after 31 March					
	Uncleared VAT (HMRC)	-	-	(537)	(537)	(836)
	Uncleared Payment (Jamboree)	(4,290)	-		(4,290)	(2,091)
	Creditors of Shop (non-District A/C)	-	-	(4,907)	(4,907)	(2,511)
	Creditors of District (Shop A/C)	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Liabilities and Creditors	**(4,290)**	**-**	**(5,444)**	**(9,734)**	**(5,438)**
	FUND BALANCES					
	General	52,191	-	-	52,191	53,526
	International (R Shortman)	34,000	-	-	34,000	35,000
	Support Team	-	30,172	-	30,172	34,335
	Shop	-	-	98,372	98,372	90,978
	Total Fund balances	**86,191**	**30,172**	**98,372**	**214,735**	**213,839**

THE DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

Our District Scout Shop at 22 The Broadway, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HU supplies uniform, and Scouting and Guiding accessories for young people throughout Epsom and Ewell and neighbouring Districts. In addition, the Shop also stocks an extensive range of camping equipment, badges, books, craft materials, trophies, and gifts. The Shop can supply or order all the items available at Scout Store, with a significant share of the profit being reinvested back into local Scout Groups and the District.

The Shop is open at the following times: Monday 2-5 pm; Wednesday 2-7 pm and Saturday 9.30-12 noon.

A team of volunteers led by Joyce Nicholas runs the Shop. You can contact Joyce and the team by calling 020 8001 6856. You can also place orders directly by emailing epsomandewellscoutshop@aol.com.

EPSOM AND EWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

As Scouts, we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.
- Cooperation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

THE SCOUT METHOD

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities; and
- Make and live by their Promise.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God (to uphold Scout values) and to the Queen (the country in which I now live), to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

THE SCOUT LAW

1 - A Scout is to be trusted.
2 - A Scout is loyal.
3 - A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4 - A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5 - A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6 - A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7 - A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

OUR VISION

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we give young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future.

We are talking about teamwork, leadership, and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We believe in bringing people together.

We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We are part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures. We are preparing more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing Leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities. We are proud to say we are a values-based movement. Our Scout values of integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation guide everything we do.

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND CONTACTS

District Commissioner	**Karl Nicholas***	Chairman	**Sarah Oliphant**
Youth Commissioner	**Sam Hodgson***	Secretary	**Howard Park**
Youth Commissioner	**Orion Slater***	Treasurer	**Peter Harvey**
Deputy District Commissioner	**John Hughes***	Executive Member	**Nigel Bird**
Deputy District Commissioner (General)	**Richard Denyer**	Executive Member	**Geoff Collins**
Deputy District Commissioner (Training)	**Sandra Gosden**	Executive Member	**Richard Hunt**
ADC Beaver Scouts	**Judith Sitford**	Executive Member	**Stewart Ballantine**
ADC Cub Scouts	**Elaine Mustow***	Executive Member	**James Turner**
ADC Scouts	**Vacant**	Executive Member	**Liz Slade**
ADC (International)	**Caroline Pearce**	Executive Member	**Bob Frisby**
ADC (General)	**Alan Mobbs**	Executive Members include those marked * in the previous column	
Appointments	**Pat Broom***		
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	**Vacant**		
Support Team Manager	**Clare Peckitt***	Nights Away Manager	**Dave Mustow**
Shop Manager	**Joyce Nicholas***	Vice President	**Hazel Luxton**
District Administrator	**Carol Priddy**	Vice President	**Geoff Whitehead**
District Shop	The Scout Shop, 22 Broadway, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HU.		
District Campsite	Boidier Hurst, Box Hill Road, Headley.		
Bankers			
CAF Bank Limited	25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ.		
National Westminster Bank PLC	Victoria Branch, PO Box 1357, 169 Victoria Street, SW1E 5NA.		
National Counties Building Society	Ebbisham House, 30 Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4NL.		

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

And so, the effects of COVID have continued; an unprecedented situation that nobody predicted would ever last this long. The main effect of this on Scouting in Epsom and Ewell, was a drop in membership of young people at the peak of the pandemic despite fantastic activities and enthusiasm of our amazing leadership teams.

The drop in membership was only 2.9% (against the national reduction of 24.5%) but as predicted, and expected, we have turned this around and have now increased membership by 11%, which is phenomenal and have even increased the membership numbers from pre-pandemic levels!

Epsom and Ewell have forged ahead, and Scouting has gone from strength to strength across all our Groups and the quality of programming is second to none. Our adult volunteers have provided activities with flair, creativity and a load of imagination ensuring that sections across all Groups have the best experience possible.

One key focus from 'The Scouts' is training and ensuring all our volunteers are well supported and trained. This year we have appointed Lauren Mansell as our excellent District Training Manager. Lauren will be working alongside Sandra Gosden (Deputy District Commissioner (Training)) to support our adults. We have an amazing 100% compliance for all our mandatory training (safeguarding, safety, GDPR and getting started modules) and I really appreciate all the work that has gone into this.

Our Group Scout Leaders have highlighted each of the achievements within their Groups (and Sections) later in this Annual Report and through these you will be able to read the great news that each Group has to share and gain a greater insight into them.

The summer saw major events for our three youngest sections, Bazazz (for Beaver Scouts), Cub Scout Challenge and Scoutabout. Bazazz and Scoutabout are the two major sectional county events and Cub Scout Challenge is organised by our own Cub Scout Team.

It was wonderful to attend all the events and to see the enjoyment being clear on the faces of all those that attended. Bazazz was a first in recent times for Epsom and Ewell in that all twelve of our Groups were present and we had a record number of attendees with five coaches travelling to Merrist Wood for a day of nonstop activities. What could go wrong with more bouncy castles and inflatables than the Beaver Scouts have ever seen.

Cub Scout Challenge was held with a jubilee theme and each Cub Scout Pack ran activities with a royal theme. The event was brilliant, the weather fine and it culminated in the much awaited 'tug of war' competition. The cheering for each of the teams showed such brilliant comradery.

Scoutabout was again an event to remember. I suspect the memories of the young people are of excitement, challenge, and adventure and for the leaders, completing head counts as the Scouts 'drop in', continual washing up and a lack of sleep due to being woken at 4.30 a.m. by a general hum across the site.

Scoutabout also saw the first outing of the new zip-wire and caving system alongside the well-loved climbing wall. A team of thirty members of the District Support Team, ably led by Clare Peckitt, were out in force spending much of the week setting up. I am sure that the new zip-wire was a real hit as it was in constant use throughout the whole weekend and even hosted the odd investiture of new members.

The 'Epsom and Ewell District Support Team' has been restructured and through Clare's leadership has grown to both provide opportunities for its members and offer excellent activities across the District. The team has a new committee leading on the 'management' of the resources and planning, leaving the team to enjoy their monthly meetings with activities this year including kayaking, archery, and caving alongside the usual quarter mastering and setting up for Group, District and County events.

All adult members are members of the Support Team, and everyone is welcome to be involved; in fact, it is positively encouraged to ensure wider support for all our young people.

This year our summer season was back as before and saw the highlight of the usual camps, activities and events going ahead. With over six hundred young people and adults away at summer camps in July and August alone, as well as the other weekend events, this year has seen a record number of 'Nights Away'.

At the centre of all of this, our programme is pivotal, and we will be looking at how best to support the Groups with this in the coming year using some of the excellent resources provided by County.

Great activities and opportunities, working alongside our programme means high membership, subsequently shiny new uniforms, and plenty of badges! All of these are supported by our excellent team at the Scout Shop. The service that they provide to parents, leaders and ultimately the young people is second to none and is appreciated by all of us in Epsom and Ewell as well as further afield through both Scouting and Guiding. The excellent work that they have done was recognised this year with a Lord Lieutenant's Community Award for Services, a wonderful recognition for a fantastic team.

Epsom and Ewell is firmly on the map but finally, my sincere and personal gratitude to every adult who plays any part in Scouting in Epsom and Ewell as, without you, we would not be as successful as we are. Whether you hold a role that requires a weekly commitment or one that is a bit more 'behind the scenes' I thank you on behalf of all the young people of the borough. The adult awards section truly highlights what amazing and dedicated leaders we have!

I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the coming year will bring and to us walking this path together as the great team we are known to be!

See you all soon.

Karl Nicholas
District Commissioner

DISTRICT CHAIR'S REPORT

This is my first report as District Chairman, and it has been an excellent one in so many ways. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Frisby, my predecessor who has provided many years of service to the District and has left me with a sound grounding to build upon.

Reading through this report it is quite awe inspiring to realise the tremendous opportunities, activities, and facilities that we have in Epsom and Ewell, and it demonstrates what can be achieved when a community pulls together.

This report covers a time when COVID was still a major factor in our thinking and provided many difficulties to overcome. I know much work took place to maintain Scouting through this strange time and my admiration goes to Group Scout Leaders, and all section-based adults for their ingenuity to bring Scouting to so many of our members during this period.

There are so many adults working behind the scenes, and I offer you my thanks for all your collaboration with the uniform leadership teams in providing them with much-needed support and encouragement.

It is always a danger to highlight individuals, but thanks are offered to:

- Peter Harvey for all his hard work as our treasurer and for his safe hands managing our finances.
- Howard Park, our secretary, for minuting for our meetings, managing our census and providing this truly excellent annual report.
- To the Shop Team who provide such outstanding service to our leaders, parents, and members as well as a very valuable income to keep our subscriptions down to a minimum.
- The Support Team who helps at many of our Group, District, and County events.
- The Boidier Hurst committee who manage our fantastic campsite.
- The Appointments Advisory Committee who ensures that new leaders are met and supported.

As we move forwards, I wish you every success and please remember we are only a phone call or an email away and we are always willing to provide support. I will finish with the words of Bear Grylls, our Chief Scout, who said, “So much of who we are as an adult is formed when we are kids. What Scouting says to people is: it's okay to go for it in life.”

I look forward to another exciting year ahead in Epsom and Ewell.

Sarah Oliphant
District Chairman

APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

I am pleased to report that in the last twelve months the Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC) has met eight times. We have welcomed twenty-four new applicants from six different Groups in the District.

Once again, the District has been extremely fortunate in attracting new adult volunteers who will be bringing some excellent personal qualities to the leadership teams of our Groups.

Many years ago, the founder of a progressive youth movement chose 'Be Prepared' to be the motto of the young people he hoped to inspire. This simple maxim is applicable in most aspects of life, whether you are baking a cake or planning a space mission and it is as pertinent to Scouting now as it was then. However, in the last year we have had some volunteers attend our meetings who have been less well briefed than those we usually meet. The purpose of the AAC, and how it operates, is clearly defined in the guidelines and, if this is not communicated effectively to the new volunteers who are required to meet with us, instead of an informal welcoming conversation it makes for a difficult encounter for all concerned. The AAC meetings are an integral part of the appointments process, and it is unfair not to make these new additions to our leadership teams fully conversant with the process.

There is currently work in progress to develop an enhanced induction package for all new adult volunteers that will include guidance on the procedure as well as easily accessible links to relevant policies and responsibilities that they should be aware of. Until this is available, Group Scout Leaders (GSLs), and Scouters in Charge, need to ensure they fully brief their new volunteers.

My thanks go to all the panel members for their time and invaluable contributions in our meetings and to our Appointments Panel Administrator, who does sterling work in co-ordinating the meetings with the new volunteers, and the panel members around their other commitments inside and outside of Scouting.

Pat Broom
Chair, Appointments Advisory Committee
Epsom and Ewell Scout District

BOIDIER HURST SCOUT CAMPSITE REPORT

The start of the year saw Covid restrictions lifted enabling camping to re-start after June. Many Groups took advantage of this, and we saw increased levels of use, particularly over the summer school holiday. This brought with it problems, especially as August was wet, resulting in site four having to be taken out of use for the rest of the season as the grass was severely damaged. I am pleased to say with a lot of arduous work from the crew it has recovered and is now back in use.

Camping has become a little more involved as we live with Covid. Well done to all leaders for dealing with this extra work helping to keep others safe at Boidier Hurst. Bookings have returned to normal levels with great demand from both inside Scouting and from schools via the D of E award programme that has been playing catch-up to ensure people do not miss this valuable scheme.

Many improvements have been made around the campsite over the year despite a massive amount of work that was needed on our electric supply. The input by the service crew has been exceptional this year, spending significant number of hours working on site and behind the scenes ordering materials and booking machinery. The first ten days of cable laying in January chalked up over six hundred volunteer hours. The works also generated several further alterations to fencing and resurfacing works that have also been mostly cleared out before the new camping season started. Unfortunately, there were further complications with the electrics that now seem to have been resolved although reporting on this extended work will have to wait to be detailed in next year's return.

At our AGM in October, Averill Laing handed the booking secretary 'batten' to Shone Rose. Averill completed 23 years as part of the committee, expertly managing bookings during that period and the committee thanked her for her service. Shona has very quickly got to grips with the system helped by a carefully phased hand-over with Averill and I am pleased to say all is working efficiently - well done to both of you.

The service crew have constructed four new covered log stores around the campsite. This will provide a source of wood to supplement wood collection with the added benefit of the supply being dry during wet weather. Please bear-in-mind when camping that this is not the only source and campers should experience proper wood collection and not just use the wood from the stores. If it is dry when you camp, leave the supply for wetter weekends and do consider that the dry wood burns very quickly!

Finally, a big thank you to the committee members, our auditor and keyholders and especially to the service crew for many hours of work for the benefit of campsite users.

Colin Thomas

BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

It has been a huge relief to have a proper year of Scouting since all restrictions were lifted from Covid. All our Colonies are back in action with the addition of 2nd Epsom finally off the ground.

The District Beaver Scout Team remains as last year (Michelle Davies and Martyn Holloway-Neville as my District Beaver Scout Leaders), and we have once again supported the District Team with ideas and on-hand support at our events this year.

Chief Scout's Bronze Awards
At least forty-eight Beaver Scouts across the District have achieved the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, which is a huge achievement for all the children who have attained this award particularly as most of their work would have been completed under lockdown.

County Events
Many Beaver Scouts took the opportunity to join in with the online Reach for the Stars event back in February, by completing the challenges and activities that were set during the day - including a night spent somewhere other than their own bed.

District Events - Challenge 35, Lizard Hike, and Remembrance.
Back in September 2021, the Beaver Scouts got together as a District to celebrate thirty-five years of Beaver Scouting. We had an event called 'Challenge 35', held at Little Acres in Horton that gave each Beaver Scout the opportunity to do thirty-five challenges. These were from little challenges such as learning yoga poses to slightly more challenging activities of building towers, and lighting matches in the wind. Just under a hundred Beaver Scouts from seven Colonies turned up for an afternoon of fun and cake. What a way to celebrate being back doing Scouting activities than a birthday party. We also had a Birthday badge designed by Billy from 3rd Epsom.

We were able to hold our Lizard Hike event (the event that, in 2020, had to be cancelled five days before it happened). Ninety-three Beaver Scouts, Young Leaders, Leaders, and parents walked the Lizard Trail on Headley Heath. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a wonderful time, even if the front of the walk went off at a bit of a pace. We promise to go slower next year, and plan in some time for a wide game, too.

Many Colonies attended Remembrance Day events with their Groups. However, for many reasons, our Emergency Aid Day and other District events have not taken place this year, but we hope to have a full calendar of events next year, maybe a pantomime trip, too.

Judith Sitford

CUB SCOUT REPORT

April 2021 saw the Cub Scout Packs starting to meet face to face again under Covid restrictions. However, sadly due to these restrictions the Cub Challenge did not take place. Despite this the Cub Scout Leaders rose to the challenge by either running Zoom meetings or posting out workbooks or packs to keep the momentum of Scouting going. For this I thank each one of them.

The first District event that was able to run was the District Cub Scout Night Hike at Boidier Hurst. This saw over a hundred young people and adults walking into the District Campsite from multiple compass points. In deference to Covid, we served the hot dogs and hot chocolate outside the Manly building to keep the young people separated to observe the Covid protocol. We followed this with a camp fire led by Richard Ascough, with the young people spread wide to observe social distancing.

Even with these restrictions I was immensely proud to have been able to present forty-eight Chief Scout's Silver Awards throughout the District. This was a huge achievement on both the individuals' part as well as for the Leaders concerned.

January 2022 saw the Cub Scout District Quiz take place. This was keenly contested and was won by 2nd Ewell who went forward to represent Epsom and Ewell at the County Quiz.

February saw the Cub Scout District Cooking Competition taking place. Again, this was a close-run competition with 3rd Epsom eventual winning and going on to represent us at County. I must say their dessert was delicious. All sixes that entered worked very well together.
Hopefully, we are now well and truly out of all the restrictions and look forward to a full programme of Scouting in the coming year.

I close this report with my heartfelt thanks to all the Cub Scout Leaders and their teams in the District. Here is to next year, watch this space, plans are afoot.

Elaine Mustow
ADC Cub Scouts

EPSOM AND EWELL DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM

2021 was a quiet year for Epsom and Ewell District Support Team (EEDST), but we still had regular Zoom meetings. In December 2021, however, we held the traditional Christmas working party at Bentley Copse but just as a day rather than a weekend. Many jobs were successfully completed, including revamping the quiet area with David back in his favourite place, playing with big toys!

We decided to relaunch the Support Team in 2022 as the Epsom and Ewell Support Team, with its main responsibility being to support District activities and maintain the District stores. Additionally, we are arranging our own social activities and new members are encouraged to join in with any support being appreciated, from towing a trailer, marshalling a checkpoint, making teas, putting up a mess tent or introducing/training in a new activity.

On a lovely January morning, twenty-three of us met at Denbies Vineyard and completed a circular walk via Polesden Lacey on our Hip-Flask Ramble. There was plenty of chatting en route, then tea, coffee, and cake at the café and even time for a little exploration of Polesden Lacey. Unfortunately, we did not take in a public house this year, but that was more than made up for by the well positioned Surrey Hills brewery at Denbies at the end of our walk.

Various activities have taken place on our monthly meetings, the second Wednesday evening of the month, including: assessing the new caving system and bouldering wall, archery and testing the new tower.

We invested in a new runway as our old one was outdated pre-Covid and the new one had its inaugural outing at this year's Scoutabout where thirty members, old and new, supported the event and had great fun running three activities alongside District Leaders including the caving and the climbing wall.

Clare Peckitt
EEDST

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

AWARDS

Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Brogan Aldred	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Jane Carter	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Thomas Hutton	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Adrian Murphy	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
David Roberts	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Julie Roberts	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

40 Years' Service

Derek Bird	District Support Team
Leonard Brooker	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Fiona Childerstone	District Support Team
David Dennis	2nd Ewell (Rainster's)
Elizabeth Slade	1st Ruxley (Sea Scouts)

30 Years' Service

Peter Danks	3rd Epsom (St. Martin's) & District Support
Paul Nicholas	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Michelle Davies	District

25 Years' Service

Derek Randall	1st Cuddington (Warspite)

20 Years' Service

Tracy Coffaro	3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)
Paul Feakes	2nd Epsom (Christ Church) and District
Markus Needham	1st Ewell Court (St. Clement's)

15 Years' Service

Brogan Aldred	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Clare Knight	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Gareth Weekes	1st Cuddington (Warspite)

10 Years' Service

Susan Beard	District Scout Shop
Matthew Cater	3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)
Anthony Edmonds	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Michael Georgiou	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Veronica Gravatt	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Martyn Holloway-Neville	2nd Ewell (Rainster's) & District.
Janice Posner	District Scout Shop
Corinne Snell	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Peter Townsend	1st Cuddington (Warspite)

5 Years' Service

Stephen Barden	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Louise Bridle	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Philippa Carslake	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Frances Cummins	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)

Amy Gravatt	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Andrew Inglis	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Thomas Mayhew	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Kevin Mead	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Charlie Pilgrim	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
George Ridge	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Richard Semmens	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Lee Tarron	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Cody Vlaeminck	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)

Wood Badge Training Award

Annie Adkin	2nd Epsom (Christ Church)
Chris Bishop	1st Cuddington (Warspite)
Paul Dewis	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Clare Diplacito	7th Epsom (Methodist)
Ellie Hodgson	2nd Cuddington (Rowe)
Barrie Mustow	1st Ruxley Sea Scouts
Alison Poulton	3rd Stoneleigh (Methodist)
Chris Pratt	4th Ewell (Nonsuch)
Judith Sitford	District

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council [hereinafter described as "the charity"]

Charity No. 1031708

Scout Association Reg. No. 15408

Bankers: CAF Bank

Charity Contact: Howard Park (District Secretary), 37 Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BD, telephone 01372 722352

Trustees:

Ex-officio Trustees

Karl Nicholas (District Commissioner)

Sam Hodgson (District Youth Commissioner)

Orion Slater (District Youth Commissioner)

John Hughes (Deputy District Commissioner)

Sarah Oliphant (District Chair)

Howard Park (District Secretary)

Peter Harvey (District Treasurer)

Trustees nominated by the members of the Charity at the Annual General Meeting

James Turner

Bob Frisby

Stewart Ballentine

Nigel Bird

Liz Slade

Geoff Collins

Richard Hunt

Trustees co-opted by the ex – officio nominated and elected Trustees

Joyce Nicholas (Badge Secretary and Scout Shop Manager)

Pat Broom (Chairman, Appointments Advisory Committee)

Clare Peckitt (Manager of the Support Team)

Elaine Mustow (Assistant District Commissioner) Cub Scouts

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document:

- The Charity's governing documents are those of the Scout Association.
- They consist of a Royal Charter that in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and to The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Constitution and Governance:

- The Charity is a Trust established under the rules of the Scout Association that are common to all Scouts and is an educational charity.
- The Trustees of the Charity, as listed on the previous page, are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
- The charity is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the Trustees of the Charity, supported by the District Team, the Scout Active Support Unit (known in the District as the Support Team), the District Appointments Advisory Committee and the District Scout Shop Team. The trustees are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration with the Charity Commission, the keeping of proper financial records and the submission of returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
- The District Executive Committee, which meets on a quarterly basis, exists to support the Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and District Scout Network in Epsom and Ewell District and is responsible for:
    1. The maintenance of District property.
    2. The raising of funds and the administration of District finance.
    3. The insurance of persons, property, and equipment.
    4. District public occasions.
    5. Assisting in the recruitment and training of Group and Section Leaders and other adult support.
    6. Appointing any sub-committees that may be required.
    7. Appointing District administrators and advisers as may be required other than those who are nominated or elected.

RISK AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Charity has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable cover against material mismanagement or loss; these include requiring two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- The objectives of the Charity are to work as a unit of the Scout Association.
- The aim of the Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.
- Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover the immediate running costs of the Charity, and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Charity follows the principle that no one should be excluded from Scouting because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions or their contribution to the cost of events.
- Two key principles that demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than those as a beneficiary.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has continued to witness a high standard of Scouting throughout the Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units within the District. The Service Team and District Scout Shop Team continue to provide all Groups and Units with excellent support as and when required although the Covid pandemic reduced the demands on the Support Team.

The District Commissioner's Report, as presented at the Annual General Meeting held in 2022, covers the broad spread of training, opportunities and experiences offered to all Sections, appropriate to the age group.
The following were specifically acknowledged:

- The number of day trips, virtual camps and expeditions undertaken.
- The number of competitions held.
- The continued commitment to supporting and fundraising for many worthy local, national, and international causes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A receipts and payments account for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 and a balance sheet at that date follow this report.
- The Charity's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short and represents between six and twelve months normal expenditure plus a contingency for unexpected liabilities.
- The Charity has only limited income and expenditure and consequently does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Trustees have therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. Funds are held in cash or on deposit with CAF Bank plus other High Street Banks or the Scout Association.

COVID-19

The worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) caused extensive disruptions to organisations globally with major implications for operations as well as finances. The Trustees acknowledge and recognise, as set out in the Trustees' report, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, during the reporting period, on the operations of the charity, its beneficiaries, partners, stakeholders and on the wider society and have ensured that both resources and processes were in place to mitigate any disruption to the operations. As a result, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic does not warrant any adjustments to these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by: -

Sarah Oliphant, District Chair

Howard Park, District Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts ended 31 March 2022 have been prepared on the same basis as last year to show the clear separation of the three designated funds. This allows us to appreciate the significant contribution that both the Shop and the Epsom and Ewell District Support Team (EEDST) have made to the financial health of the overall District, and for us to more visibly appreciate where our assets currently sit.

Overall, the District has a closing fund value of £213,839, which is £63,894 greater than the opening value of £149,945. Income from Group capitation has allowed us to provide funding to Boidier Hurst, provide District Training, and cover other general support costs to the Groups. In addition, the District was in receipt of a £35,000 legacy from Richard Shortman, designated by the Executive in support of International Travel consistent with his wishes. Grants towards Jamboree participants will be considered against a budgeted drawdown of this fund.

The Scout Shop has made an incredibly significant contribution generating £29,538 of income to the District, including a final grant for Covid-19 of £8,000 from the council. This has allowed the Shop to transfer £10,000 into the District General Fund. Within the Shop, I thank Joyce and her team for their work to provide this generous income stream to the District. The handling of "Sales on Account", continues to remain the most difficult of our reconciliation and debt chasing challenges, and if more of these customers can switch to paying by Card, it will reduce our manhours considerably.

The Epsom and Ewell Support Team has also made a significant contribution, with donations from events such as the Epsom Fireworks, covering their running costs. These costs include both the equipment insurance, as well as the rental for the equipment storage provided by 2nd Cuddington. Capital has been invested in a new Runway, which is shown in the accounts as a tangible asset value £6,900, which will be depreciated over three years.

Special thanks to Clare Peckitt for her handling of the EEDST accounts and helping me understand the huge contribution they make. I look forward to welcoming Clare onto the Finance Sub-Committee.

Looking forward, our new budget framework for 2022/23 allows us to plan carefully how we deploy our District resources in support of youth activities for the future and it's reassuring that we have a strong and collaborative team, ready to meet the challenge.

Finally, I would like to thank Kevin Mallett for his generous support as the independent examiner, as well as his wife Jane for her help in handling our VAT returns.

Peter Harvey
District Treasurer.

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 22 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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(2) of the Charities Act, 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- Follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
- comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met, or

(2) which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to, in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statement to be reached.

Dated 16 August 2022

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KEVIN A. MALLETT F.C.A
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EEDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2021-22 £	Total Funds 2020-21 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	1a	39,420	3,550	-	42,970	3,996
Charitable Activity Income	1b	1,192	95	-	1,287	10
Grants		-	-	8,000	8,000	20,241
Fundraising (gross)		-	-	107,325	107,325	19,609
Investment Income		50	8	0	58	172
Total Income Resources		**40,662**	**3,653**	**115,325**	**159,640**	**44,028**
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activity Expenses	2a	1,173	116	-	1,289	66
Youth Programme	2b	3,975	951	-	4,926	6,357
Equipment Expenses	2c	-	2,370	-	2,370	3,584
Fundraising Expenses	2d	-	-	85,871	85,871	20,423
AGM, Trustee and Admin	2e	1,028	165	96	1,290	565
Total Resources Used		**6,176**	**3,602**	**85,967**	**95,745**	**30,996**
Net Resources before other Adjustments		34,485	51	29,358	63,894	13,032
Opening Adjustments	3a	-	-	-	-	2,102
Transfers between Funds	3b	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	0
Net Income Resources		44,485	51	19,358	63,894	15,134
Balance Brought Forward		44,040	34,284	71,620	149,945	134,811
Balance Carried Forward		**88,526**	**34,335**	**90,978**	**213,839**	**149,945**

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	District £	EEDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-22 £	31-Mar-21 £
Assets						
Cash in UK Bank Accounts	4a	86,117	28,933	67,091	182,141	131,121
Tangible Assets	4b	-	6,900	23,149	30,049	25,315
Other Assets and Debtors	4c	3,000	2	4,086	7,088	510
Liabilities						
Creditors due within 1 year	4d	(591)	(1,500)	(3,347)	(5,438)	(7,001)
Net Current Assets		**88,526**	**34,335**	**90,978**	**213,839**	**149,945**

Approved by the District Executive Committee on 9 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Sarah Oliphant – District Chair

Karl Nicholas – District Commissioner

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts (1 of 3)

Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EEDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2021-22 £	Total Funds 2020-21 £
1a Donations and legacies					
Capitation from Groups (excl. refunds)	52,211	-	-	52,211	47,203
Capitation paid to County (inc. refunds)	(47,791)	-	-	(47,791)	(43,207)
Support Team Fireworks etc.	-	3,500	-	3,500	-
Legacy Richard Shortman	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Jamboree from participants	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Jamboree paid to County	(1,500)	-	-	(1,500)	-
Other donations	-	50	-	50	-
Total Donation and legacies	**39,420**	**3,550**	**-**	**42,970**	**3,996**
1b Charitable Activity Income					
Beaver Challenge 35	1,020	-	-	1,020	-
Challenge Hike	-	95	-	95	10
Night Hike	172	-	-	172	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	**1,192**	**95**	**-**	**1,287**	**10**
2a Charitable Activity Payments					
Beaver Challenge 35	1,013	-	-	1,013	-
Bentley	-	50	-	50	-
Challenge Hike	-	66	-	66	66
Night Hike	160	-	-	160	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	**1,173**	**116**	**-**	**1,289**	**66**
2b Youth Programme Expenditure					
Boidier Hurst Payments	2,000	-	-	2,000	4,002
Insurance	841	951	-	1,792	1,940
Adult Training (First Response)	150	-	-	150	-
Young Leader support and Training	89	-	-	89	14
Group Support (MPLC, Wreaths)	396	-	-	396	320
District Purchased from Shop	259	-	-	259	82
International launch (Jamboree)	240	-	-	240	-
Total Youth Programme Expenditure	**3,975**	**951**	**-**	**4,926**	**6,357**

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts (2 of 3)

Note		Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EEDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2021-22 £	Total Funds 2020-21
2c	**Equipment Expenses**					
	Fixed Assets Net Book Value					
	Opening Book Value at 1 April	-	1,777	-	1,777	3,908
	Equipment Purchase (Runway)	-	6,902	-	6,902	-
	Closing Book Value at 31 March	-	(6,900)	-	(6,900)	1,777
	Fixed Asset Depreciation	-	1,779		1,779	2,131
	Equipment Store Hire	-	591	-	591	568
	Equipment Store (Prior Adjustment)	-	-	-	-	560
	Shop Laptop, Refurbishment	-	-	-	-	275
	Other Equipment Costs	-	-	-	-	50
	Total Equipment Expenses	**-**	**2,370**	**-**	**2,370**	**3,584**
2d	**Fundraising Expenses**					
	Cost of Stock Sold					
	Opening Stock @ 31 March	-	-	23,538	23,538	24,262
	Purchase into Stock	-	-	75,855	75,855	13,216
	Closing Stock @ 31 March	-	-	(23,149)	(23,149)	(23,538)
	Total cost of Stock Sold	-	-	76,244	76,244	13,940
	Shop Costs (Rent, Utilities, Till)	-	-	9,627	9,627	6,483
	Total Fundraising Expenses	**-**	**-**	**85,871**	**85,871**	**20,423**
2e	**AGM and Trustee**					
	AGM. Admin, Stationery & Printing	932	69	-	1,002	358
	Bank Charges	96	96	96	288	207
	Total AGM and Trustee	**1,028**	**165**	**96**	**1,290**	**565**
3a	**Opening Adjustments**					
	Capitation for 2019/20	-	-	-	-	2,102
	Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Opening Adjustment	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,102**
3b	**Transfers between Funds**					
	Transfer between Funds	10,000	-	(10,000)	0	-
	VAT Paid on Purchases	-	-	(7,565)	(7,565)	(1,968)
	VAT Taken on Sales	-	-	9,336	9,336	2,326
	HMRC Settlements cleared	-	-	(935)	(935)	(56)
	HMRC Settlement after 31 March	-	-	(836)	(836)	(303)
	HMRC Surcharge	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Transfers between funds	**10,000**	**-**	**(10,000)**	**0**	**0**

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts (3 of 3)

Note		District £	EEDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-22 £	31-Mar-21 £
4a	**Cash in UK Bank Accounts**					
	EEDST CAF Main	-	7,358	-	7,358	10,938
	EEDST CAF Gold	-	9,347	-	9,347	9,346
	EEDST Scottish Widows	-	12,228	-	12,228	12,224
	Shop Petty Cash	-	-	71	71	201
	Shop CAF Main	-	-	22,735	22,735	27,869
	Shop CAF Gold	-	-	2,601	2,601	2,600
	Shop Natwest	-	-	41,684	41,684	22,763
	District CAF Gold	1,564	-	-	1,564	1,564
	District Build Society	53,631	-	-	53,631	18,582
	District CAF Main	30,921	-	-	30,921	25,035
	Net Current Assets	**86,117**	**28,933**	**67,091**	**182,141**	**131,121**
4b	**Tangible Assets (Equipment and Stock)**					
	Shop Stock	-	-	23,149	23,149	23,538
	Scouting Equipment	-	6,900	-	6,900	1,777
	Shop Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Tangible Assets	-	**6,900**	**23,149**	**30,049**	**25,315**
4c	**Other monetary assets (Inc. Tax Claim and Debtors)**					
	Debtors (Received after 31 Mar)					
	Till Cash/Cards banked 1 April	-	-	1,490	1,490	-
	Uncleared EEDST to District	1,500		-	1,500	-
	Uncleared Jamboree Receipts	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
	S Widows Accrued Interest	-	2	-	2	-
	Debtors of Shop (non-District A/C)	-	-	2,596	2,596	497
	Debtors of Shop (District A/C)	-	-	-	-	12
	Total other assets and Debtors	**3,000**	**2**	**4,086**	**7,088**	**510**
4d	**Liabilities (Creditors)**					
	Lodgments paid after 31 March					
	Uncleared VAT (HMRC)	-	-	(836)	(836)	(303)
	Uncleared EEDST to District	-	(1,500)		(1,500)	-
	Uncleared Payment (2nd Cudd)	(591)	-	-	(591)	(1,128)
	Shop Creditors (non-District A/C)	-	-	(2,511)	(2,511)	(5,558)
	Creditors of District (Shop A/C)	-	-	-	-	(12)
	Total Liabilities and Creditors	**(591)**	**(1500)**	**(3,347)**	**(5,438)**	**(7,001)**
	Net Current Assets	**88,526**	**34,335**	**90,978**	**213,839**	**149,945**
	FUND BALANCES					
	General	53,526	-	-	53,526	44,040
	International	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
	Support Team	-	34,335	-	34,335	34,284
	Shop	-	-	90,978	90,978	71,620
	Total Fund balances	**88,526**	**34,335**	**90,978**	**213,839**	**149,945**

EPSOM AND EWELL DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1031708

Accounts

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council's 2021 Annual Report

Scouts

Epsom and Ewell

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

THE PURPOSE OF SCOUTING

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

As Scouts, we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Cooperation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

THE SCOUT METHOD

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun;
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- Learn by doing;
- Share in spiritual reflection;
- Take responsibility and make choices;
- Undertake new and challenging activities; and
- Make and live by their Promise.

THE SCOUT PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God (to uphold Scout values) and to the Queen (the country in which I now live), to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

THE SCOUT LAW

1 - A Scout is to be trusted.
2 - A Scout is loyal.
3 - A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4 - A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5 - A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6 - A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7 - A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

OUR VISION

As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we give young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future.

We are talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We believe in bringing people together.

We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We are part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures. We are preparing more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing Leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities. We are proud to say we are a values-based movement. Our Scout values of integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation guide everything we do.

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND CONTACTS

District Commissioner	**Karl Nicholas***	Chairman	**Bob Frisby**
Youth Commissioner	**Sam Hodgson***	Secretary	**Howard Park**
Youth Commissioner	**Orion Slater***	Treasurer	**Peter Harvey**
Deputy District Commissioner	**John Hughes***	Executive Member	**Nigel Bird**
Deputy District Commissioner (General)	**Richard Denyer**	Executive Member	**Geoff Collins**
Deputy District Commissioner (Training)	**Sandra Gosden**	Executive Member	**Richard Hunt**
ADC Beaver Scouts	**Judith Sitford**	Executive Member	**Stewart Ballantine**
ADC Cub Scouts	**Elaine Mustow***	Executive Member	**James Turner**
ADC Scouts	**Vacant**	Executive Member	**Liz Slade**
ADC (International)	**Caroline Pearce**	Executive Members include those marked * in the previous column	
ADC (General)	**Alan Mobbs**		
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	**Vacant**		
Appointments	**Pat Broom***	Nights Away Manager	**Dave Mustow**
Service Team Manager	**Clare Peckitt***	President	**Chris Alexander**
Shop Manager	**Joyce Nicholas***	Vice President	**Geoff Whitehead**
District Administrator	**Carol Priddy**	Vice President	**Hazel Luxton**

District Shop	The Scout Shop, 22 Broadway, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HU.
District Campsite	Boidier Hurst, Box Hill Road, Headley.
Bankers	
CAF Bank Limited	25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ.
National Westminster Bank PLC	Victoria Branch, PO Box 1357, 169 Victoria Street, SW1E 5NA.
National Counties Building Society	Ebbisham House, 30 Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4NL.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

We never thought in March 2020 that we would still be experiencing such difficult times and this report covers what must have been the most difficult period in Scouting history outside of War Time.

Nonetheless, Epsom and Ewell has forged ahead and Scouting has gone from strength to strength. With Scouting becoming almost unrecognisable, with the majority of section meetings being held virtually, from the moment lockdown began the amazing adults in the District rose to the challenge. With flair and creativity and a lot of imagination and dedication, sections across all groups adapted their meetings to ensure Scouting continued in the best way possible.

The Group Scout Leaders highlight each of the achievements within their groups later in this annual report and through these you will be able to read the great news that each Group has to share and gain a greater insight into our Groups.

During the year, we had a different form of census and one which was to monitor those youth members who were regularly attending through the pandemic and to consider those we would expect to return to 'normal' Scouting. Epsom and Ewell saw a decline of 6% within its youth membership, which was sadly inevitable and reflected national losses.

Amazingly, over this same period our adult membership increased by 9%, which is a fantastic achievement and provided an overall loss of only 2.9%; the lowest in the county and I suspect nationally where there was a loss of 24.5%.

Since the census I can be confident that Epsom and Ewell will bounce back stronger than ever and will flourish in the coming year.

The summer saw the highlight of the usual Scouting calendar notably absent, with summer camps cancelled. I think the reality hit that this was not going away as quickly as we had hoped. But what of the successes? Despite all of the challenges, it has been another excellent year. We have seen the reopening of a new Explorer Scout Unit at 2nd Ewell (Rainsters) and a Scout Troop at 1st Ruxley, which is fantastic in such a difficult time.

In addition, we re-launched 2nd Epsom again, which now boasts a membership of over sixty-five including a strong team of new and experienced leaders. We have been very grateful for a partnership created between the Group and Rev Rosemary Donovan and Jen Sadler from Christ Church, Epsom Common, who have assisted us with the launch including use of the church for the event.

Many groups took the amber status in September to return to face to face Scouting where possible and from amber status being announced to our first activity was less than 12 hours, which I am sure was a record! Leaders were looking for every opportunity to meet and provide socially distanced activities for our members.

District events continued virtually. The Beaver Scouts held an excellent District party with entertainers and activities, the District Appointments Advisory Panel interviewed online and processed an amazing backlog of new adults and the Young Leader scheme transferred to Zoom. The shop has continued to remain open for the majority of the year either through 'click and collect' or fully open and this has been a fantastic resource and I thank the team on behalf of us all.

We joined forces with our friends from Girl Guiding Epsom and the Rotary to launch a new photography competition and a high number of entries received and many winners announced.

We have learned a great deal through this period and will take forward the silver linings from the clouds. It is easy to forget what normal was and returning to the full pace from before has proved challenging to many, but I hope that we will continue to enjoy Scouting and to offer opportunities to the amazing young people that put their faith and trust in us each week. I hope that we can spread a key message that Scouting is fun; and that is why we are all here!

I must highlight the amazing leadership provided by our Group Scout Leaders (GSLs) who had to grapple with the new and rapidly changing COVID Risk Assessments. The dedication shown by the GSLs was second to none and I cannot thank them enough for all that they did to ensure the Groups were able to meet face to face as soon as they could. My sincere thanks to them for all they did.

Finally, my sincere and personal gratitude to every adult who plays any part in Scouting in Epsom and Ewell as, without you, we would not be as successful as we are. Whether you hold a role that requires a weekly commitment or one that is more 'behind the scenes', I thank you on behalf of all the young people of the borough. The adult awards section truly highlights what amazing and dedicated leaders we have!

I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that this coming year will bring and working with you all to make Epsom and Ewell the best it can be!

I hope to see you all soon,

#SkillsForLife

Karl Nicholas
District Commissioner

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is now four years since I was pleased to take over the role as District Chair and in my previous reports I mentioned the clear vision of Surrey Scouts and where they want to take Scouting in the coming years. Their vision is mirrored within our District and it would not do any harm to repeat it here. The vision is very simple and covers three specific areas. These are:-

- To achieve an increasing number of youth members and of skilled and qualified adults.
- For all Scouts benefiting from high quality, well resourced, balanced programmes.
- That Scouting is enjoyed in safe, welcoming, fit-for-purpose places within Groups that have a secure income and sound governance.

Unfortunately, this vision, although still very much our aim, did not anticipate the effects of Covid 19 on us all. The census for the year reveals that youth membership has understandably fallen although our reduction was the lowest in the County and one of the best in the Country. In fact five of our Groups saw their youth membership hold up or increase during this period. This is due in no small part to the very innovative and exciting programmes, mainly on zoom, provided by our excellent leaders. Further details can be found elsewhere within this AGM report.

During the period, many badges and awards have been gained not only by the young people but also by many adults. Also we were only one of two Districts in the County to have achieved a one hundred percent training compliance in the Scout leadership subjects although the executive training was not quite complete. My congratulations go to you all, keep up the excellent work.

As we move hopefully to more settled times, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders and Helpers, Committee Members of Group Executives, the District Executive Committee, our excellent Service and Shop teams and countless others for your continuing involvement in Scouting within Epsom and Ewell and your input into the character building of our young members.

Bob Frisby
District Chairman

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council [hereinafter described as "the charity"]

Charity No. 1031708

Scout Association Reg. No. 15408

Bankers: CAF Bank

Charity Contact: Howard Park (District Secretary), 37 Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BD, telephone 01372 722352

Trustees:

Ex-officio Trustees

Karl Nicholas (District Commissioner)

Sam Hodgson (District Youth Commissioner)

Orion Slater (District Youth Commissioner)

John Hughes (Deputy District Commissioner)

Bob Frisby (District Chairman)

Howard Park (District Secretary)

Peter Harvey (District Treasurer)

Trustees nominated by the members of the Charity at the Annual General Meeting

James Turner

Stewart Ballentine

Nigel Bird

Liz Slade

Geoff Collins

Richard Hunt

Trustees co-opted by the ex – officio nominated and elected Trustees

Joyce Nicholas (Badge Secretary and Scout Shop Manager)

Pat Broom (Chairman, Appointments Advisory Committee)

Clare Peckitt (Manager of the Service Team)

Elaine Mustow (Assistant District Commissioner) Cub Scouts

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document:

- The Charity's governing documents are those of the Scout Association.
- They consist of a Royal Charter that in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and to The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Constitution and Governance:

- The Charity is a Trust established under the rules of the Scout Association that are common to all Scouts and is an educational charity.
- The Trustees of the Charity, as listed on the previous page, are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
- The charity is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the Trustees of the Charity, supported by the District Team, the Scout Active Support Unit (known in the District as the Service Team), the District Appointments Advisory Committee and the District Scout Shop Team. The trustees are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration with the Charity Commission, the keeping of proper financial records and the submission of returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
- The District Executive Committee, which meets on a quarterly basis, exists to support the Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and District Scout Network in Epsom and Ewell District and is responsible for:
    1. The maintenance of District property.
    2. The raising of funds and the administration of District finance.
    3. The insurance of persons, property and equipment.
    4. District public occasions.
    5. Assisting in the recruitment and training of Group and Section Leaders and other adult support.
    6. Appointing any sub-committees that may be required.
    7. Appointing District administrators and advisers as may be required other than those who are nominated or elected.

RISK AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Charity has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable cover against material mismanagement or loss; these include requiring two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- The objectives of the Charity are to work as a unit of the Scout Association.
- The aim of the Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.
- Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover the immediate running costs of the Charity and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Charity follows the principle that no one should be excluded from Scouting because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions or their contribution to the cost of events.
- Two key principles that demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than those as a beneficiary.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has continued to witness a high standard of Scouting throughout the Scout Groups and Explorer Scout Units within the District. The Service Team and District Scout Shop Team continue to provide all Groups and Units with excellent support as and when required although the Covid pandemic has reduced the demands on the Service Team.

The District Commissioner's Report, as presented at the Annual General Meeting held in 2021, covers the broad spread of training, opportunities and experiences offered to all Sections, appropriate to the age group.
The following were specifically acknowledged:

- The number of day trips, virtual camps and expeditions undertaken.
- The number of competitions held.
- The continued commitment to supporting and fundraising for many worthy local, national and international causes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A receipts and payments account for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 and a balance sheet at that date follow this report.
- The Charity's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short and represents between six and twelve months normal expenditure plus a contingency for unexpected liabilities.
- The Charity has only limited income and expenditure and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Trustees have therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. Funds are held in cash or on deposit with CAF Bank plus other High Street Banks or the Scout Association.

COVID-19

Since the year end, the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) has caused extensive disruptions to organisations globally with major implications for operations as well as finances. The trustees acknowledge and recognise, as set out in the trustees' report, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the operations of the charity, its beneficiaries, partners, stakeholders and on the wider society and have ensured that both resources and processes are in place to mitigate any disruption to the operations. As a result, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic does not warrant any adjustments to these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

Bob Frisby, District Chairman Howard Park, District Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts ended 31 March 2021 have been prepared on the same basis as last year to show the clear separation of the three designated funds. This allows us to appreciate the significant contribution that both the Shop and the Service Team have made to the financial health of the overall District and for us to appreciate where our assets sit currently.

Overall, the District has a closing fund value of £149,945 on 31 March 2021 that is £15,134 greater than the opening value of £134,811 on 31 March 2020. Whilst financial activities in both the General District and the Service Team (EDST) have been minimal, the Shop has provided considerable income, supported by a £20,241 council grant during the pandemic. The accounts show that the Shop provided £10,000 to general funds and the EDST also provided a transfer of £5,000.

Within the District funds, I thank Bob Frisby for his help reissuing the missing 2019 cheque for the capitation payment from 2nd Stoneleigh, shown here as an opening adjustment of £2,102. The accounts also include a year-end lodgement to 2nd Cuddington of £1,128 for the hire of the Equipment store in 2019 through 2020, which has since been cleared in August 2021. For Boidier Hurst, we have made a payment for work on their water main, in addition to our normal annual Levy. We have now completed the Mandate transition for the Family Building Society Savings Account, to ensure access to this account.

Within the Shop, I thank Joyce and her team for their work to provide this generous income stream to the District. The financial operations and controls in the Shop continue to improve, with online access now available to all till and card transactions. This allows us to catch anomalies promptly and ensure we are now self-sufficient each quarter to provide our VAT returns to HMRC in a timely and accurate manner. The handling of "Sales on Account" continues to remain the most difficult of our reconciliation and debt chasing challenges and, if more of these customers can switch to paying by card, it will reduce our workload considerably.

Thanks also to Clare Peckitt for her handling of the EDST accounts. As at 31 March 2021, there remains just one final year for equipment depreciation.

Looking forward, and considering our overall financial health, the District fund balance provides a helpful level of reserves to handle the cash flow challenges for recovery from Covid-19. In addition, a rigorous approach to costs, e.g. insurance, is also providing savings. These are all positive factors as we plan an appropriate level of Group Capitation for future years. We will need to budget carefully as we consider a multi-year recovery plan from this pandemic and it is reassuring that we have a strong and collaborative team, ready to meet the challenge.

Finally, I would like to thank Kevin Mallett for his generous support as the independent examiner, as well as his wife Jane for her help in handling our VAT returns.

Peter Harvey
District Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the District for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 43 to 46.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the 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(2) of the Charities Act, 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
- comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met, or
- which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to, in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statement to be reached.

18 THE BROADWAY,
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EPSOM,
KT17 2HU.

KEVIN A. MALLETT F.C.A
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

October 2021

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2020-21 £	Total Funds 2019-20 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	1a	3,996	-	-	3,996	6,947
Charitable Activity Income	1b	-	10	-	10	3,121
Grants		-	-	20,241	20,241	4,478
Fundraising (gross)		-	-	19,609	19,609	68,239
Investment Income		152	19	1	172	302
Total Income Resources		**4,148**	**29**	**39,851**	**44,028**	**83,087**
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activity Expenses	2a	-	66	-	66	3,706
Youth Programme	2b	6,315	42	-	6,357	13,524
Equipment Expenses	2c	1,128	1,827	629	3,584	13,603
Fundraising Expenses	2d	-	-	20,423	20,423	65,790
AGM, Trustee and Admin	2e	327	169	69	565	1,965
Total Resources Used		**7,771**	**2,104**	**21,121**	**30,996**	**98,587**
Net Resources before other Adjustments		(3,623)	(2,075)	18,730	13,032	(15,501)
Opening Adjustments	3a	2,102	-	-	2,102	4,380
Transfers between Funds	3b	14,952	(5,000)	(9,952)	-	-
Net Income Resources		13,431	(7,075)	8,778	15,134	(11,121)
Balance Brought Forward		30,610	41,359	62,842	134,811	145,931
Balance Carried Forward		**44,040**	**34,284**	**71,620**	**149,945**	**134,811**

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021

	Note	District £	EDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-21 £	31-Mar-20 £
Assets						
Cash in UK Bank Accounts	4a	45,181	32,507	53,433	131,121	135,174
Tangible Assets	4b	-	1,777	23,538	25,315	28,170
Other Assets and Debtors	4c	-	-	510	510	17,367
Liabilities						
Creditors due within 1 year	4d	(1,140)	-	(5,860)	(7,001)	(45,899)
Net Current Assets		**44,040**	**34,284**	**71,620**	**149,945**	**134,811**

Approved by the District Executive Committee on 9 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Bob Frisby - Chairman

Karl Nicholas – District Commissioner

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts (1 of 3)

Note	Unrestricted Funds General District £	Designated EDST £	Designated Shop £	Total Funds 2020-21 £	Total Funds 2019-20 £
1a Donations and legacies					
Capitation from Groups (excl refunds)	47,203	-	-	47,203	43,893
Capitation paid to County (inc. refunds)	(43,207)	-	-	(43,207)	(39,602)
Jamboree Income	-	-	-	-	1,755
Service Team Donations	-	-	-	-	800
Donation (£100 Phil Alexander)	-	-	-	-	100
Total Donation and legacies	**3,996**			**3,996**	**6,947**
1b Charitable Activity Income					
Beaveree/Bazzazz	-	-	-	-	511
Challenge Hike	-	10	-	10	140
Cross Country	-	-	-	-	133
Legoland	-	-	-	-	-
Emergency Aid	-	-	-	-	1,372
Football	-	-	-	-	166
Swimming Gala	-	-	-	-	800
Other 2018-19	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	**-**	**10**	**-**	**10**	**3,121**
2a Charitable Activity Payments					
Beaveree/Bazzazz	-	-	-	-	511
Challenge Hike	-	66	-	66	160
Cross Country	-	-	-	-	338
Emergency Aid	-	-	-	-	1,104
Football	-	-	-	-	310
Swimming Gala	-	-	-	-	1,040
Bentley	-	-	-	-	242
TOTAL	**-**	**66**	**-**	**66**	**3,706**
2b Youth Programme Expenditure					
Boidier Hurst Payments	4,002	-	-	4,002	1,870
Jamboree Expenditure	-	-	-	-	5,150
Insurance	1,898	42	-	1,940	4,085
District Purchased from Shop	82	-	-	82	1,194
Adult Training (First Aid, Archery)	-	-	-	-	371
Group Support (MPLC, Wreaths)	320	-	-	320	561
Young Leader support and Training	14	-	-	14	293
Total Youth Programme Expenditure	**6,315**	**42**	**-**	**6,357**	**13,524**

Epsom and Ewell District Scout Council

Notes to the Accounts (2 of 3)

Note		Unrestricted Funds: General District £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated EDST £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated Shop £	Funds 2019-20 £	Total
2c	**Equipment Expenses**					
	Equipment Running Costs	-	50	-	50	857
	Equipment Store Rental 2020/21	568	-	-	568	-
	Equipment Store Rental 2019/20	560	-	-	560	-
	Purchase of Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	96
	Shop Refurbishment	-	-	275	275	9,306
	Forge (Sold in 2018-19)	-	-	-	-	1,390
	EDST Equipment Depreciation	-	1,777	-	1,777	1,777
	Shop Equipment Depreciation	-	-	354	354	177
	Total Equipment Expenses	**1,128**	**1,827**	**629**	**3,584**	**13,603**
2d	**Fundraising Expenses**					
	Cost of Stock Sold	-	-	13,940	13,940	56,768
	Shop Costs (Rent, Utilities, Till)	-	-	6,483	6,483	9,022
	Total Fundraising Expenses	**-**	**-**	**20,423**	**20,423**	**65,790**
2e	**AGM and Trustee**					
	AGM. Admin, Stationery & Printing	258	100	-	358	1,750
	HMRC Surcharge	-	-	-	-	30
	Bank Charges	69	69	69	207	185
	Total AGM and Trustee	**327**	**169**	**69**	**565**	**1,965**
3a	**Opening Adjustments**					
	Capitation for 2019/20	2,102	-	-	2,102	-
	Reverse VAT Accrual b/fwd	-	-	-	-	2,792
	Pre-paid VAT, not Claimed	-	-	-	-	560
	Pre-claimed VAT on purchases	-	-	-	-	(472)
	Revised Un cleared cheques	-	-	-	-	(593)
	Shop Top ups partially Accrued	-	-	-	-	1,550
	Build Soc. Interest 31 Jan 19	-	-	-	-	207
	Shop Till and Petty Cash b/fwd	-	-	-	-	336
	Total Opening Adjustment	**2,102**	**-**	**-**	**2,102**	**4,380**
3b	**Transfers between Funds**					
	Transfer between Funds	15,000	(5,000)	(10,000)	-	-
	Reallocate Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-	-
	VAT Paid on Purchases	(48)	-	(1,920)	(1,968)	(8,526)
	VAT Taken on Sales	-	-	2,326	2,326	6,779
	VAT Reclaimed from HMRC	-	-	(358)	(358)	1,747
	VAT Claim agreed for Settlement	-	-	358	358	(1,717)
	HMRC Settlements cleared	-	-	(56)	(56)	(972)
	HMRC Settlement after 31 Mar 20	-	-	(303)	(303)	2,688
	Total Transfers between funds	**14,952**	**(5,000)**	**(9,952)**	**-**	**-**

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Note		District £	EDST £	Shop £	31-Mar-21 £	31-Mar-20 £
4a	**Cash in UK Bank Accounts**					
	EDST CAF	-	10,938	-	10,938	16,363
	EDST CAF Gold	-	9,346	-	9,346	9,341
	EDST Scottish Widows	-	12,224	-	12,224	12,209
	Shop Petty Cash	-	-	201	201	724
	Shop CAF Shop	-	-	27,869	27,869	4,658
	Shop CAF Gold	-	-	2,600	2,600	2,599
	Shop Natwest	-	-	22,763	22,763	32,384
	District CAF Gold	1,564	-	-	1,564	4,563
	District Build Society	18,582	-	-	18,582	18,431
	District CAF Main	25,035	-	-	25,035	33,900
	Net Current Assets	**45,181**	**32,507**	**53,433**	**131,121**	**135,174**
4b	**Tangible Assets (Equipment and Stock)**					
	Shop Stock	-	-	23,538	23,538	24,262
	Scouting Equipment	-	1,777	-	1,777	3,554
	Shop Equipment	-	-	-	-	354
	Total Tangible Assets	-	**1,777**	**23,538**	**25,315**	**28,170**
4c	**Other monetary assets (Inc. Tax Claim and Debtors)**					
	Debtors (Received after 31 Mar)					
	Capitation from 1st Cuddington	-	-	-	-	5,866
	Capitation from 2nd Cuddington	-	-	-	-	4,729
	Capitation from 1st Ruxley	-	-	-	-	1,726
	Pending VAT Settlement	-	-	-	-	2,688
	Debtors of Shop (non-District A/C)	-	-	497	497	927
	Debtors of Shop (District A/C)	-	-	12	12	1,430
	Total other assets and Debtors	**-**	**-**	**510**	**510**	**17,367**
4d	**Liabilities (Creditors)**					
	Creditors of District (Shop A/C)	(12)	-	-	(12)	(1,430)
	Creditors of Shop(non-District A/C)	-	-	(5,558)	(5,558)	(4,497)
	Lodgments paid after 31 March 20					
	VAT Settlement	-	-	(303)	(303)	-
	Un-cleared Store Hire	(1,128)	-	-	(1,128)	-
	Un-cleared EDST Payment	-	-	-	-	(109)
	Capitation to County (inc refund)	-	-	-	-	(39,864)
	Total Liabilities and Creditors	**(1,140)**	**-**	**(5,860)**	**(7,001)**	**(45,899)**