

STOCKPORT DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1035266

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-03-18

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Scout Association 'Policy organisation and rule'

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£247,672	£149,573	-	-
2023-12-31	£321,801	£228,010	-	-
2022-12-31	£203,416	£193,397	-	-
2021-12-31	£92,815	£97,617	-	-
2020-12-31	£104,710	£89,844	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTOPHER GOUGH		2024-06-10
Dave Peter Brooke		2019-09-18
Gareth Nicolas Williams		2024-06-18
Hannah Jones		2026-02-10
JOHN ERIC SMITH		2020-06-01
Karl Jones		2026-04-14
Linda Mary Elizabeth Weekes-Holt		2020-10-28
Phillip Adam Sumner		2020-10-28
Suzanne Marie Barnes		2024-06-18
Tracy Jane Ryan		2024-06-18

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Stockport District Scout Council

2024 Annual Report

**LEAD VOLUNTEERS
REPORT**



Review of Operations

Stockport District is the largest district in Greater Manchester East. Our Charitable Purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. We achieve this through a combination of adventures and fun activities both indoors and out, learning by doing and reflection. All of which is underpinned by our scouting values of Integrity, Care, Cooperation, Belief and Respect.

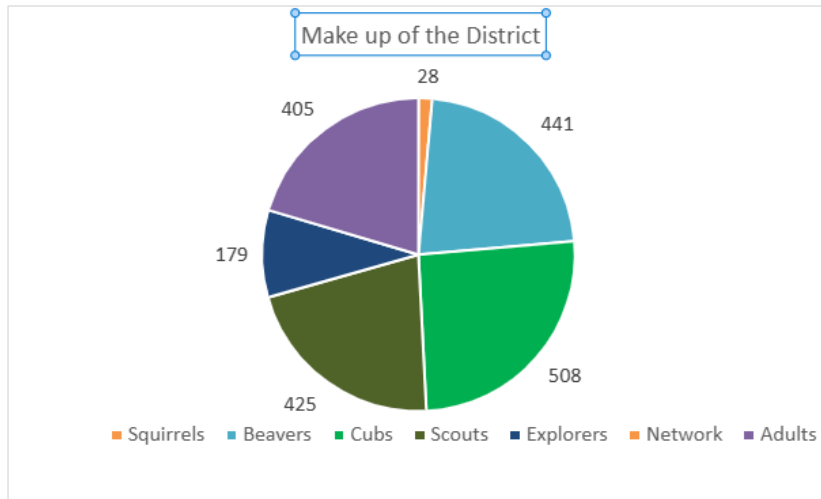


During 2024 Gareth Williams was formally appointed to the Lead Volunteer position of the District and along side a Core Team of Andy Arnold (Deputy) Helen Berry (Volunteer Development Lead) and Dave Brooke (Program Lead) the significant challenge of preparing for a new Volunteer Experience and membership system, to be rolled out by HQ later in the year, against the back drop of the inquest into the sad death of an Explorer Scout from the District some years early could take place.

It is fair to say that 2024 was a year of significant challenge and change in the ways in which Groups and Units across the district would operate especially given the scrutiny under which we were placed. It is true to say that the systems for nights away and activities away from the hut that we had already implemented in the previous years came into their own and helped us to continue to operate during this time. I would like to thank all of our members who provided additional information, reviewed their risk assessments and took the opportunity to review their practices during this time, showing our commitment to keeping Scouts safe.

Stockport is a District that is Growing!

Stockport District, over the course of 2024, has continued to grow, and at a faster rate than the previous year. Overall there was a 2.6% increase in membership, whereas the previous year only increased by 0.3%. One of the stated was that we needed to increase adult membership, which pleasingly saw a 5.7% growth.



Section	Numbers	% change on previous year
Squirrels	28	-24.3
Beavers	441	2.8
Cubs	508	2.6
Scouts	425	1.4
Explorers	179	11.9
Network		
Total YP	1581	1.9
Adults	405	5.7
Total	1986	2.6

Some points to note:

Squirrel numbers changed by only 9 but as there are only 2 units the percentage change appears alarming. This change can be accounted for by those members moving up and new members not yet starting, our waiting lists for squirrels are still healthy. I anticipate that we will have at least 2 new units to report on next year.

Network Membership is only reporting members with no other role. At the time of the census all of our Network members had additional team member roles.

Scouts and Explorers have seen membership grow to the same levels that they were at prior to the outbreak of Covid.

Historically, Explorer membership usually dips the year following a Jamboree, but here we have seen significant growth reversing this trend.

Stockport is a District that is Active

For the first time, in a number of years, the District embarked on an international adventure during 2024 with 2 coach loads of Cubs and Scouts heading to Disneyland Paris for a weekend of Adventure. Disney is billed as the Happiest Place on Earth and the Cubs and Scouts who attended did indeed have a great time.

Closer to home our Section teams provided a menu of Residential, Activities and Experiences to supplement the great programs put in place by the groups. Dave Brooke (Program Lead) would like to thank the team for their efforts and the many successful activities they ran some of which are highlighted below:

Camps/Residentials:

Beavers District Olympics Camp

Cubs Adventure Camp

Scouts David Slater Trophy

Scouts District Camp

Scouts Deep Heat

Activity Days

Beavers You Shape award

Beavers Crocky Trail

Cubs Clip and Climb

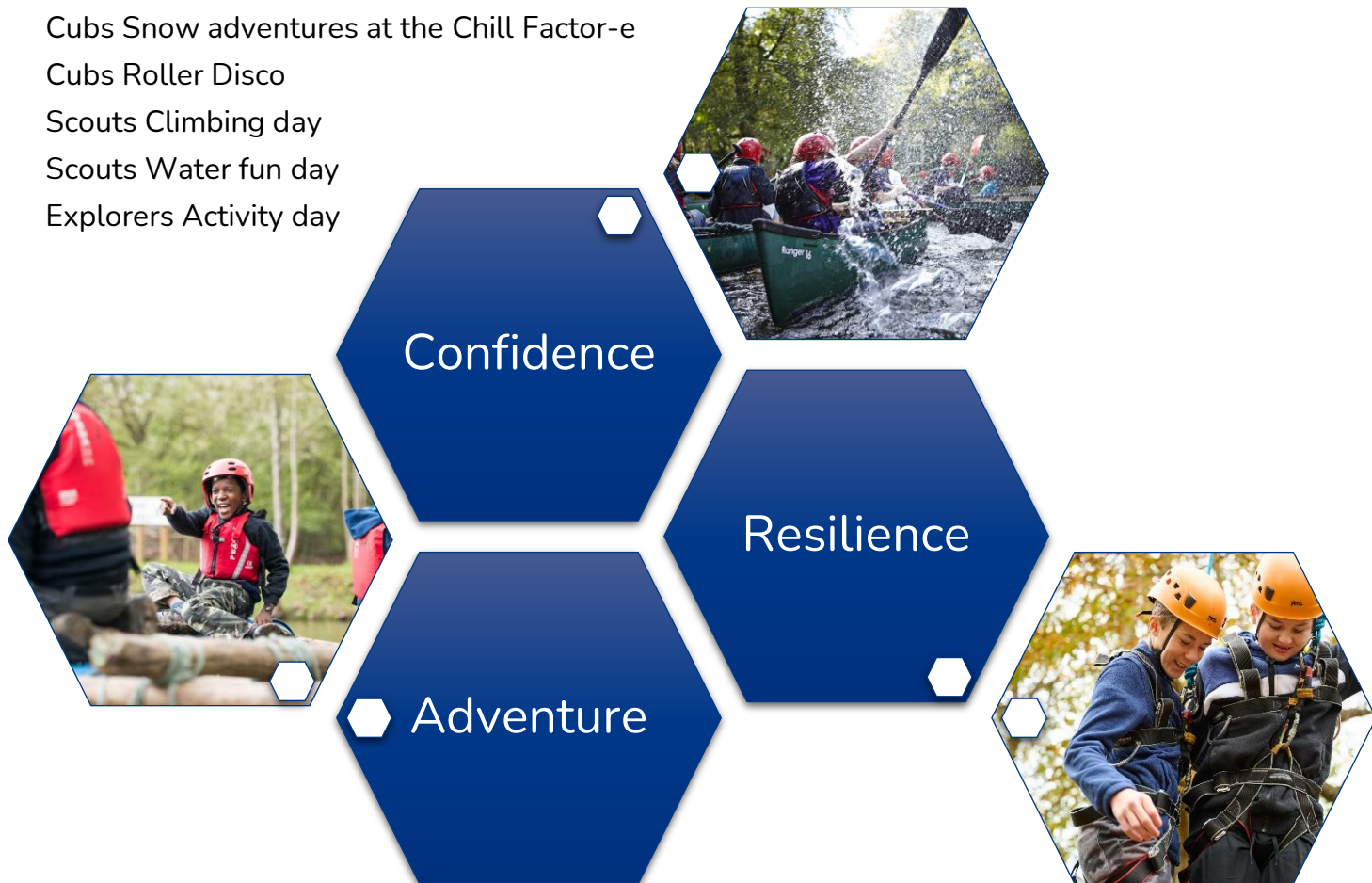
Cubs Snow adventures at the Chill Factor-e

Cubs Roller Disco

Scouts Climbing day

Scouts Water fun day

Explorers Activity day



Stockport Recognises the Service of its volunteers.

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29 Leaders have completed their Wood Badge Training meaning they have gone beyond the basics and demonstrated their abilities as a leader.

Nationally volunteers tend to spend only 2 to 3 years volunteering with Scouts. It is very pleasing then that during 2024 we could recognise the long service of:

24 Leaders for 5 years

13 Leaders for 10 years

7 Leaders for 15 years

4 Leaders for 20 years

2 Leaders for 25 years

2 Leader for 30 years

2 Leaders for 40 years

1 Leaders for 50 years

1 Leader for 60 years

In addition to the length of service, the District made recommendations of 28 Good Service awards ranging from commendations to Silver Wolfs. All of these awards demonstrate that there is strong and stable leadership across much of the groups in Stockport District. .

August 2025

Dear All

As Chairman I have continued to meet as many of you as I can throughout the year by visiting overnight camps and attending various meetings

A huge thank you to Gareth Williams who has been support for me and the teams.

We always have challenges to overcome in the daily routine of scouting but we all work together as a strong team to overcome any difficulties that may arise.

Numbers are still growing in all the sections which is brilliant and a testament to the fantastic work that is being done by all our volunteers .

St Georges day this year was a successful occasion at St Georg's Church. The parade down the A6 was so good to see and so many of our young people were in attendance and taking part in the activities organised by leaders.

A tremendous amount of work goes into the organising and delivery of all the events and a special thank you goes out from me to all sections and teams for the time given to local scouting and to our young people.

We have undertaken the changes from the National Scout Movement and hopefully this is now becoming embedded in our daily routines of scouting

The unoccupied scout buildings have been put up for sale and this is continuing along with legal services .

Thank you to the members of the Trustee Board for all the hard work they have done this year with so many changes coming in.

Special thanks to Gareth Williams who has guided us with all the changes and given so much of his time and his support to us all.

Linda Weekes-Holt Chair Stockport Scouts.

Stockport & District Scout Council Financial Operating Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024



Stockport

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2023			2024	
New		Opening Balances		New
57,824.59		Co-Op Current Account	149,316.08	
14,092.36		District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	14,224.88	-
35,719.55		CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	37,284.96	
-		Cash	-	
107,636.50			200,825.92	
Income				
79,825.00		Capitation	82,390.00	
3,277.22		Badges	1,288.77	
-		Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	-	
-		First Aid Training	-	
42,580.65		District Activities & Operational Income	6,639.89	
-		Other Income	20.00	
735.67		Loans - Activities & Groups Income	9,434.06	
7,790.00		Beaver Account	6,401.00	
15,484.50		Cub Account	13,175.00	
4,860.50		Scout Account	3,593.70	
15,089.15		Explorer Accounts	31,126.65	
26,467.53		Jamboree/Other Activities	-	
-		St. Georges Day & Remembrance Day	-	
121,131.87		Managed Properties	90,892.70	
1,565.41		Bank Interest	1,910.30	
800.00		Donations - Ephraim Hallam	800.00	
-		Donations & Grants - other	-	
-		Miscellaneous Deposits	-	
1,591.58		District Group Bank Accounts Closed	-	
-		Cash income for Events	-	
-		Fundraising	-	
321,199.08			247,672.07	
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2023

2024

Expenses

72,075.00	Capitation	74,690.00
1,825.31	Badges	1,257.01
-	Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	-
-	First Aid Training	-
41,057.55	District Activities Expenses	6,149.73
6,164.21	Operational Expenses	2,265.30
7,455.18	Beaver Account	6,275.08
14,490.08	Cub Account	12,867.10
4,376.98	Scout Account	1,396.62
13,462.68	Explorer Accounts	33,274.02
39,374.75	Jamboree/Other Activities Account	-
600.90	St. Georges Day & Remembrance Service	338.46
-	Charity Donation	-
9,677.06	Loans - Activities & Groups	-
20.00	Licence	20.00
-	General Expenses	-
15,207.01	Managed Properties	11,039.59
729.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	-
-	Fundraising Expenses	-
-	1,493.95 District Accounts Closed / Removed to Partnerships	-
-	Cash Expenses for Events	-
-	Cash deposited into account	-
226,515.71		149,572.91
228,009.66		149,572.91

200,825.92

District Funds

298,925.08

Closing Balances

149,316.08	Co-Op Current Account	247,667.23
14,224.88	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	12,062.59
37,284.96	CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	39,195.26
200,825.92		298,925.08
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Statement of Assets

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2023

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Cash

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Property Assets

300,000.00
50,000.00
40,000.00
50,000.00

1st Romiley - Heyes Avenue
Rowarth Land
1st Bredbury & Woodley
Adswood Land

300,000.00
-
40,000.00
-

440,000.00

340,000.00

Investment Assets

Non-monetary assets for District Use

This still needs to be completed

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Treasurers report to the members of Stockport District Scout Council

The Financial Operating Report and Statements are attached for the year ending 31st December 2024 and have been independently examined by Paul Masters, ACMA and his report is attached.

We continue to prepare our accounts as in previous years on a Receipts and Payments basis, consolidating the activities carried on in the name of Stockport District Scout Council.

The majority of our Explorer Units have partnered up with their groups and I will hope to ensure the remaining Explorer Unit Accounts are represented in the District Accounts accordingly. Unfortunately, not all Explorer Accounts were made available in time and figures for those units have remained at the last position they were recorded. These omissions are not considered material in the overall context of the position of the District, but as the next financial year will be my last year as treasurer, my aim will be to ensure any loose ends on these accounts will be tidied up.

In cash terms our funds are showing a £98,000 increase from last year, this was due to the District successfully selling two pieces of land.

I aim to continue to improve the procedures implemented from the previous year's accounts and will continue to do so in my last year. I am also hoping to introduce new savings accounts in the coming year and add more Trustees to the bank account to enable more flexibility for authorisation.



Mrs Jayne Talbot-Smith

Hon. Treasurer

Independent auditors report to the members of Stockport District Scout Council

I have audited the financial statements of Stockport District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2024 comprising Financial Operating Report and Statement of Assets. The District Treasurer provided comprehensive documentation and reconciliations for the financial year in question and a professional valuation of the Property Assets was undertaken in September 2023 and is still considered reasonable. In my opinion the financial statements have been diligently prepared and give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation's affairs and its financial position.

It should be noted that, while not material in value terms, as with last year, the Investment Assets section of the Statement of Assets is still to be completed. As I understand it, the treasurer has limited visibility on whether some of the investment assets still exist within the organisation.

The Treasurer has also not been supplied with information relating to some of the Explorer units accounts. Again, while not large values, in order to maintain the required standard of income and expenditure analysis, the importance of ensuring that all members keep detailed records and receipts of all transactions, and ensuring all documents and records are sent to the District Treasurer in time for the Accounts to be prepared should be reiterated. A general inventory of the Investment Assets should be undertaken to create an accurate schedule of those assets that can be identified.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Masters', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Paul Masters

ACMA

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One of the most significant moments in 2023 was of course the world scout Jamboree in South Korea. With Stockport District making up a significant number of the GME contingent a number of our young people and adult volunteers set off to take part in one of the worlds largest events. Unfortunately, this was not to be the usual Jamboree experience, with the hosts failing to provide adequate facilities, for their safety, the UK contingent withdrew from the

site. Despite the challenges that ensued qualities of resilience and determination were certainly fostered through the experience. I have heard from one of our young participants as they described the challenges “it may not have been the jamboree we were expecting but it was our jamboree.” They were not bemoaning of the situation but “showing courage in the face of difficulties” regaling me of the good times they had and the exciting experiences they took part in.

There were challenges for the District at home too. During the transformations to scouting introduced by head quarters we moved from a District Commissioner to a District Lead Volunteer but we suddenly faced having neither as Phil Sumner had to relinquish the role due to being

appointed as County Lead Volunteer. Phil has been with Stockport for 3 years and was appointed to the role early 2020. Within weeks Covid struck and moved to a new way of Scouting. 2023 saw the return in many ways of the old normal and as a District we are grateful to Phil in securing sustained growth and encouraging a return to activities and adventures. Phil encouraged us to try new ways of working and doing things which we took advantage of for the 2023 St Georges Day Event.

There is only St George's day that brings us all together, as a whole District really. In 2023 we decided to be bold and try something new. So, instead of the Parade down the A6 to St George's Church, we opted for a fun day at the Athletics track in Woodbank Park. This was very well supported with approximately 650 people attending, we started with a parade around the track and then onto the promise renewals. These were followed by fun/activity bases supplied by groups. We knew this would not be a replacement for the old original St George's day celebrations, however, you have to be brave and try new ideas.

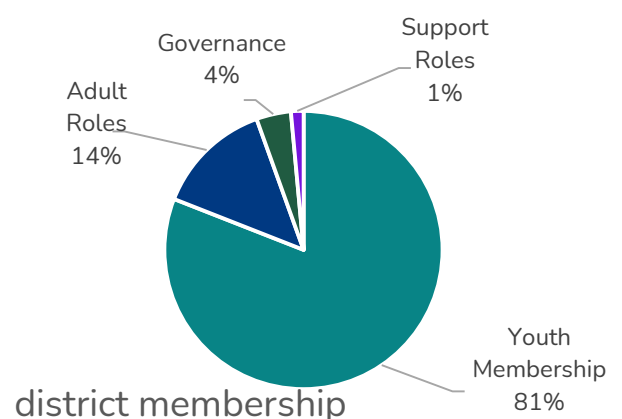


We wish Phil every success with his new role. Gareth Williams (previously ADC scouts) was appointed to the District Lead Volunteer role in an acting capacity and ensured we had continuity in Leadership of the District.

Stockport is a District that is Growing!

Stockport District, over the course of 2023, has sustained the growth it achieved during the previous year and achieved an overall increase in members over a three year period.

Squirrels: Showed a significant increase from 8 to 37 members.



Beavers: Experienced a slight decrease from 455 to 429 members over the three years.

Cubs: Also saw a decrease from 507 to 495 members.

Scouts: Increased from 387 to 419 members, showing good levels of growth.

Explorers: Remained relatively stable with a slight decrease from 121 to 160 members.

Network: Had a notable increase from 1 to 12 members.

Total YP (Young People): Remained stable with a slight increase from 1478 to 1552 members.

Adults: Slightly decreased from 389 to 384 members.

TOTAL: Overall, the total membership increased from 1867 to 1936 members.

Overall, Stockport's membership aligns with the positive national trend, emphasizing the importance of volunteers in inspiring and supporting young people.

The following data shows growth over a 3 year period across the District. This data has been drawn from the annual census.

Year	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Network	Total YP	Adults	TOTAL
Year end2021	8	455	507	387	121	1	1478	389	1867
Year end2022	36	444	511	398	161	1	1551	380	1931
Year end2023	37	429	495	419	160	12	1552	384	1936

The challenge for the coming year is to increase the number of Adult volunteers in order to support increased growth for young people sections. Retaining and providing direction for our Network Members and aim to increase the squirrels provision across Stockport.

Stockport is a District that is Active

As scouts we love adventure and a healthy district provides plenty of opportunities for nights away and day events. During 2023, the groups in Stockport held 147 nights away opportunities. On average this is almost 3 groups camping every weekend during the year with the young people of Stockport District Spending a combined total of 4689 nights at residential experiences and our volunteers also spending combined nights away in order to facilitate it. Whilst nights away provide opportunities for longer adventures, we are also great at providing smaller adventures too with 1494 participants (on average 28 people per week) taking part in mini adventures away from the sections usual meeting place – and that is just the ones that district needs to be notified about, climbing, water activities and bike rides to name a few! These adventures provide not only challenge and fun but also skills for life which is at the heart of our charitable purpose. .

Supplementing the groups programs, our district team also provide a range of activities for groups to take advantage of. Dave Brooke (Program Lead) would like to thank the team for their efforts and the many successful activities they ran:



Beavers:

Eureka – February 2023

112 Beavers took part in a day trip to The Children’s Museum in Halifax learning all about Science & Technology.

District Camp – July 2023

A Fairytales themed camp up at Linnet Clough with 77 Beavers...with the Beaver district team dressed up as Peter Pan!

Pantomime – December 2023

2023 was accidentally Peter Pan themed! 76 Beavers joined us at Stockport Plaza for this spectacular festive performance.

Cubs:

Clip n Climb - March 2023

Cubs reached new heights at the Clip n Climb event in March 2023. We had 118 cubs take part in a unique climbing experience where they simply clip themselves in and climb to the top!

Flamingo Land - May 2023

54 Cubs joined us for a day out to Flamingo Land and all thoroughly enjoyed their times on the rides and attractions. Thankfully the weather was on our side which made the day even better!

The Woodbank Cup! - July 2023

A new event hosted by the Cub District Team, which we hope will become an annual tradition. Tim put this one together and it was a huge success! 47 Cubs took part and explored Woodbank park to find all the locations on the map. 6th Stockport took the trophy and came in first place! – The hot dogs at the end went down well too!

Adventure Camp – October 2023

A new location this year for Adventure Camp – this time we went to Barnswood Scout Camp, which turned out to be a fantastic campsite and perfect for this event. A few hiccups with delivery of some of the activities to the site, but the team pulled together and delivered a fantastic event. The Central catering was a challenge (due to the volume of people) but the caterers never failed to deliver and made sure everyone had plenty to eat! 191 Cubs took part (273 people in total!)

Scouts:

January – Climbing Day

An ever popular event with around 90 young people taking over Awesome Walls Stockport

March – Patrol Leader Training Weekend

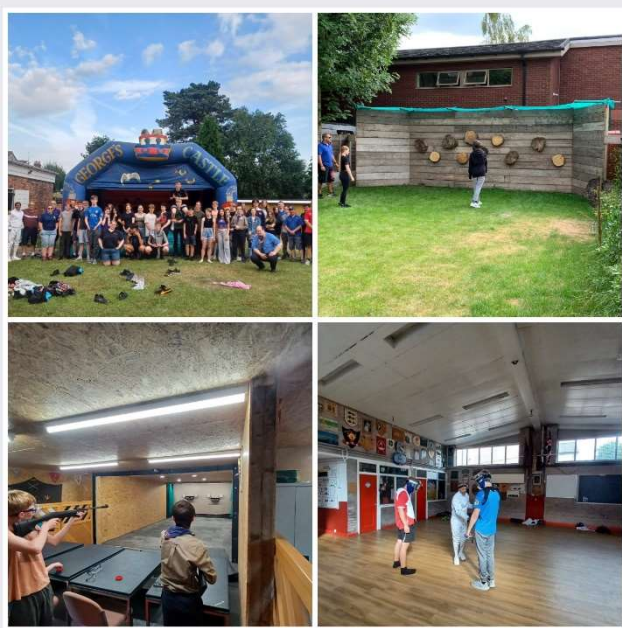
It has been some time since we have delivered leadership skills to our young people as a residential experience

May – David Slatter Camping Competition

This annual event saw 6 patrols compete to be named the best. More than a competition though the event, which see the young people plan and deliver a camp without Leaders involved encompasses what scouting is about – building on our values to foster independence in our young people.

June – District Camp

The weekend began with torrential rain and ended with ice creams in the sunshine. The theme was “I’m a Scout get me IN here” and saw a mixture of adventure and scouting



skills.

July – Water funday

Approximately 90 young people took over Debdale water sports centre. If you can paddle it they had a go on it, Kayaks, Canoes Stand Up Paddleboards were all out on the water.

October – Deep Heat

Another competition, this time based around navigation and another weekend that involved lots of rain. We said we had challenges but that we build resilience and determination and skills for life!

Explorers

June - activity day

Held at 1st Davenport Mile End, around 40 explorers enjoyed a number of activities, including, fencing, axe throwing, rifle shooting and bouncy castle to name a few.

September - Gorge Walk

Around 20 explorers went on a Gorge Walk taking advantage of our proximity to the Peak District.

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In addition to the length of service, the District made recommendations of 10 Good Service awards ranging from commendations to Silver Acorns. All of these awards demonstrate that there is strong and stable leadership across much of the groups in Stockport District. We do have a challenge for the coming year to ensure that all Groups have Lead Volunteers in place as during 2023 there were 18 groups with vacant or acting Group Leads.

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2022		2023	
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23,263.30	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	14,092.36	-
35,374.40	CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	35,719.55	
-	Cash	-	
97,617.10		107,636.50	
	Income		
66,510.00	Capitation	79,825.00	
9,808.85	Badges	3,277.22	
80.00	Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	-	
-	First Aid Training	-	
19,542.00	District Activities & Operational Income	42,580.65	
735.00	Other Income	-	
1,320.20	Loans - Activities & Groups Income	735.67	
924.00	Beaver Account	7,790.00	
17,588.04	Cub Account	15,484.50	
1,125.90	Scout Account	4,860.50	
12,465.98	Explorer Accounts	15,689.15	
54,196.28	Jamboree/Other Activities	26,467.53	
405.34	St. Georges Day & Remembrance Day	-	
5,220.00	Managed Properties	121,131.87	
345.65	Bank Interest	1,567.15	
800.00	Donations - Ephraim Hallam	800.00	
15.22	Donations & Grants - other	-	
-	Donations in memory of Jack Wallworth	-	
-	Miscellaneous Deposits	-	
11,793.77	District Group Bank Accounts Closed	1,591.58	
540.00	Cash Income for Events	-	
-	Fundraising	-	
203,416.23		321,800.82	
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2022

2023

Expenses

62,076.00		Capitation	72,075.00
8,537.96		Badges	1,825.31
-		Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	-
-		First Aid Training	-
18,142.93		District Activities Expenses	41,057.55
4,215.37		Operational Expenses	6,164.21
856.54		Beaver Account	7,455.18
16,625.70		Cub Account	14,490.08
714.87		Scout Account	4,376.98
11,703.25		Explorer Accounts	13,462.68
48,305.25		Jamboree/Other Activities Account	39,374.75
405.00		St. Georges Day & Remembrance Service	600.90
-		Charity Donation	-
1,662.22		Loans - Activities & Groups	9,677.06
20.00		Licence	20.00
-		General Expenses	-
9,557.57		Managed Properties	15,207.01
100.00		Miscellaneous Expenses	729.00
-		Fundraising Expenses	-
-		David Slater Memorial Fund	-
-		Bill Shaw Fund	-
-	9,934.17	District Accounts Closed / Removed to Partnerships	1,493.95
538.96		Cash Expenses for Events	-
1.04		Cash deposited into account	-
183,462.66			226,515.71
	193,396.83		228,009.66

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District Funds

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Closing Balances

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Co-Op Current Account

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CCLA Charities Deposit Fund

Cash

149,316.08

14,826.62

37,284.96

-

201,427.66

Property Assets

1st Romiley - Heyes Avenue

Rowarth Land

1st Bredbury & Woodley

Adswood Land

300,000.00

50,000.00

40,000.00

50,000.00

440,000.00

Investment Assets

Non-monetary assets for District Use

This still needs to be completed

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District Treasurers Report.

The Financial Operating Report and Statement of Assets are attached for year the year ending 31st December 2023 and have been independently examined by Paul Masters, ACMA and his report is attached.

We continue to prepare our accounts as in previous years on a Receipts and Payments basis, consolidating the activities carried out in the name of Stockport District Scout Council.

The majority of our Explorer Units have partnered up with their groups and I will hope to ensure the remaining Explorer Unit Accounts are represented in the District Accounts accordingly. Unfortunately, not all Explorer Accounts were made available in time and those figures have remained at the last position they were recorded. These omissions are not considered material in the overall context of the position of the District.

In cash terms our funds are showing a £121,100 increase from last year, but this is due to the Sale of Mellor Lodge back in December 2023.

Having received a Surveyor's Report for all the properties the District has acquired over the last couple of years from the closure of various Groups, where their values are on the Statement of Assets.

I aim continue to improve the procedures implemented from the previous year's accounts and will continue to do so on a year-on-year basis.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J.E. Talbot-Smith". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Mrs Jayne Talbot-Smith

Independent Auditors Report.

I have audited the financial statements of Stockport District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2023 comprising Financial Operating Report and Statement of Assets. The District Treasurer provided comprehensive documentation and reconciliations for the financial year in question and a professional valuation of the Property Assets was undertaken in September 2023. In my opinion the financial statements have been diligently prepared and give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation's affairs and its financial position.

It should be noted that, while not material in value terms, the Investment Assets section of the Statement of Assets is still to be completed. As I understand it, the treasurer has limited visibility on whether some of the investment assets still exist within the organisation.

In order to maintain the standard of this year's analysis of income and expenditure, the importance of ensuring that all members keep detailed records and receipts of all transactions, and ensuring all documents and records are sent to the District Treasurer in time for the Accounts to be prepared should be reiterated. A general inventory of the Investment Assets should be undertaken to create an accurate schedule of those assets that can be identified.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Masters', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Masters
ACMA

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Registered Charity Number	:	1035266
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District Website	:	www.stockportscouts.org.uk

District Commissioners Report.

2022, the year we were all fully back to normal again! Seems strange that we are still talking about covid and the recovery we have and still are making.

We can safely say Stockport Scouts came back with a bang! We had a growth of around 25% of young people which was great to see! We continued to see recruitment of adults however we did have a slight drop on census, this is something that's top of our priority to work on.

We saw 24 young people and 12 adults start the journey to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea, seeing some great fundraising ideas and great bonds being made. As a district we were able to support all of them by making a small payment to help them along on the journey.

We held our first all-district camp at Linnet Clough celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. An amazing turn out of around 500 youth members and adults on top of that. We were lucky to have the weather on our side! A great weekend with some fantastic feedback from all.

The District Trustee board have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure we are staying legally complainant and the work going on with the sale of all outstanding buildings. Not an easy task.

We saw the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth, our patron of Scouts for so long. We held our own moments of remembrance between the district and our groups and made the new promise 'To the King'

I would like to thank everyone involved in making 2022 a success. Thank you to everyone for the hard work and commitment you show to all our young people.

Phil Sumner
District Commissioner

District Chairmans Report.

Dear All

As Chairman I am continuing to meet as many of you as I can throughout the year and Gareth and I plan to meet up with District Chairs to discuss moving forward.

A huge thank you to Gareth for taking on the role of District Lead Volunteer and I am sure he will receive full support from our teams.

We are now over most of the issues that Covid brought upon us and we have now moved forward and undertaken lots of successful events face to face.

We still have challenges to overcome in the daily routine of scouting but I am sure all the teams will do all they can to overcome any issues they may face.

Numbers are growing in all the sections which is really good news and we hope this continues.

The Squirrels are now settled in and making brilliant progress.

St Georges day this year took on a different format which was enjoyed by everyone with lots of activities scattered around the stadium.

A tremendous amount of work goes into the organising and delivery of all the events and a special thank you goes out from me to all sections and teams for the time given to local scouting and to our young people.

We are undertaking the changes from the National Scout Movement at present and hopefully all changes will be in place in the near future.

The unoccupied scout buildings are now being put up for sale and this is continuing along with legal services.

Finally a massive thanks to all who helped here in the UK and in Korea at the Jamboree to ensure our young people were kept safe.

Also the excellent communication that led to our young people not only being safe but able to enjoy the experience despite the issues thrust upon them.

Thank you to the members of the Trustee Board for all the hard work they have done this year with so many changes coming in.

A final thank you to Phil Sumner who has moved to County Lead Volunteer for the support he has given me since I joined as Chair of Stockport Scouts.

Here's to success in your new role.

Linda Weekes-Holt Chair Stockport Scouts.

District Treasurers Report.

The Financial Operating Report and Statements are attached for year the year ending 31st December 2022 and have been independently examined by Paul Masters, ACMA and his report is attached.

We continue to prepare our accounts as in previous years on a Receipts and Payments basis, consolidating the activities carried out in the name of Stockport District Scout Council.

The majority of our Explorer Units have partnered up with their groups and I will hope to ensure the remaining Explorer Unit Accounts are represented in the District Accounts accordingly. Unfortunately, not all Explorer Accounts were made available in time and figures have remained at the last position they were recorded. These omissions are not considered material in the overall context of the position of the District.

In cash terms our funds are showing a £10,000 increase from last year, but this is due to the fundraising that has been achieved by our young people going to the World Scout Jamboree 2023.

As a Trustee Board we made the decision to help out all volunteers and participants going to the World Scout Jamboree 2023 and a donation was made to their journey.

I aim continue to improve the procedures implemented from the previous year's accounts and will continue to do so on a year-on-year basis.



Mrs Jayne Talbot-Smith

Independent Auditors Report.

I have audited the accounts of Stockport District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2022. The District Treasurer provided comprehensive documentation and reconciliations for the financial year in question and in my opinion the accounts have been diligently prepared and give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation's affairs and its financial position.

In order to maintain the standard of this year's analysis of income and expenditure, the importance of ensuring that all members keep detailed records and receipts of all transactions, and ensuring all documents and records are sent to the District Treasurer in time for the Accounts to be prepared should be reiterated.



Paul Masters
ACMA

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2021		2022	
New	Opening Balances	New	
1.56	RBS Current Account	-	
36,027.31	RBS Special Interest Bearing Deposit Account	-	
35,370.19	CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	35,374.40	
-	Co-Op Current Account	38,979.40	
22,869.08	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	23,263.30	-
-	Cash	-	
94,268.14		97,617.10	
Income			
51,240.00	Capitation	66,510.00	
6,881.20	Badges	9,808.85	
-	Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	80.00	
-	First Aid Training	-	
-	District Activities & Operational Income	19,542.00	
12,180.00	Other Income	735.00	
1,165.00	Loans - Activities & Groups Income	1,320.20	
1,095.50	Beaver Account	924.00	
7,619.38	Cub Account	17,588.04	
137.50	Scout Account	1,125.90	
6,852.30	Explorer Accounts	12,465.98	
-	Jamboree/Other Activities	54,196.28	
-	St. Georges Day & Remembrance Day	405.34	
289.55	Closed Groups District are Managing	5,220.00	
9.66	Bank Interest	345.65	
800.00	Donations - Ephraim Hallam	800.00	
4,445.00	Donations & Grants - other	15.22	
-	Donations in memory of Jack Wallworth	-	
100.36	Miscellaneous Deposits	-	
-	District Group Bank Accounts Closed	11,793.77	
-	Cash income for Events	540.00	
-	Fundraising	-	
92,815.45		203,416.23	
92,815.45		203,416.23	

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2021

2022

Expenses

48,800.00	Capitation	62,076.00
5,713.06	Badges	8,537.96
15.00	Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	-
-	First Aid Training	-
-	District Activities Expenses	18,142.93
1,247.55	Operational Expenses	4,215.37
829.50	Beaver Account	856.54
7,446.86	Cub Account	16,625.70
-	Scout Account	714.87
6,471.18	Explorer Accounts	11,703.25
-	Jamboree/Other Activities Account	48,305.25
21.98	St. Georges Day & Remembrance Service	405.00
-	Charity Donation	-
5,000.00	Loans - Activities & Groups	1,662.22
20.00	Licence	20.00
-	General Expenses	-
-	Professional Fees	-
1,721.36	Closed Groups District are Managing	9,557.57
12,180.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00
-	Fundraising Expenses	-
-	David Slater Memorial Fund	-
-	Bill Shaw Fund	-
-	District Accounts Closed / Removed to Partnerships	9,934.17
-	Cash Expenses for Events	538.96
-	Cash deposited into account	1.04
89,466.49		183,462.66
89,466.49		193,396.83

97,617.10

District Funds

107,636.50

Closing Balances

38,979.40	Co-Op Current Account	57,824.59
23,263.30	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	14,092.36
35,374.40	CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	35,719.55
97,617.10		107,636.50
97,617.10		107,636.50

Trustees Declarations.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Linda Weekes-Holt .



Linda Weekes-Holt
District Chair

Phil Sumner
District Commissioner

Date: 26/09/2023

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District Commissioners Report.

It's that time of year again that we look back on the past 12 months to celebrate and reflect on what we have achieved in Stockport District. The first "normal" year post the covid pandemic.

We saw our groups getting back to normality, being able to meet without the need for social distancing and mask wearing was slowly becoming a thing of the past. However what stood out was the enthusiasm of all leaders to get back to business as usual. It's been a refreshing change to see groups camping, hiking and providing the young people the skills for life they have missed out on in 2020.

The last census count showed a growth of 19.2% on 2020. A huge achievement for all sections. Whilst we are not back to the numbers we were pre covid, I am confident that numbers will continue to rise as we grow the district in line with the current five year plan to grow.

2021 we welcomed our very first Squirrels' Drey at 4th Stockport and 1st Offerton, It was my pleasure to be able to invest our new additions and great to see the work the leaders are doing to support the early years project and start them all-important skills for life.

As soon as we could get back planning for events face to face. The Assistant District Commissioners for the sections and their teams jumped into action! From Beaver badge days, to Cub District Camp to Scout Hike's and the return of the David Slater competition. It has been great to see the District take part in these events.

2023 see's the 25th World Scout Jamboree take place in Korea. We opened the applications for our Adults and Young people to attend. Stockport has really stood out with the numbers that we have going. 24 of our amazing young people were selected after the selection camp at Linnet Clough in November. Along with 5 leaders from Stockport who are part of the Unit Leadership Team's for Unit 50/51. We also have a number of leaders who have been selected for the Contingent Management and Support, as well as the International Service Team. A massive BRAVO to you all.

2021 hasn't come without its challenges. The District Executive Committee have been working hard behind the scenes dealing with the unoccupied buildings that we have. We are now working with a firm of solicitors to help us with the sale of these assets. The income from these sales will help us develop the District by being able to provide leaders with tools they need to make their roles easier. I am hoping by my next AGM report we will have a full update on the outstanding buildings.

I am so thankful for all the Leader/ support teams that we have in the District, without you all we could not deliver the high level of Local Scouting that we do.

To you all. Thank you.

Phil

District Chairmans Report.

Hi Everyone,

As Chairman I have tried to meet as many of you as I could this year after Covid and will continue to visit sections throughout the coming year.

This is the first year after Covid when we can look back on all the brilliant events that have taken place.

The Groups all have got back to being able to meet face to face although the Zoom events proved very successful at the time and lots of you really stood up to the challenges that this pandemic delivered but I think we were all “Zoomed Out” by the end!

We still have Covid around and we should still take reasonable care to keep safe when we are on activities and events.

It is great now though to see all the activities and events getting back to normal and continuing the delivery and teaching of skills to our young people.

I attended the first “squirrels” event and it was amazing to see young children socialising, playing games and enjoying their toast for breakfast and I really look forward to this section increasing in the coming year.

Numbers are growing in all sections and we hope this continues .

It was great also to be part of the St. Georges Day Parade and as Chairman was so proud of everyone on the day. It was brilliant to see the long line of Scouts down the A6 with people cheering and clapping as we all passed by.

A tremendous amount of work goes into all the events and a special thank you from me goes out to all the sections and teams for the time given to local scouting and to our young people .

We have lots of challenges going forward all the changes by the National Scout movement and locally some legal challenges with unoccupied buildings which need to be sorted.

Hopefully this time next year we will have a result with the buildings.

Thank you everyone for your energy your contributions no matter how big or small it all goes to a successful outcome for our Stockport Scouts.

Best wishes to you all.

Linda

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2020		2021
New	Opening Balances	New
1.33	RBS Current Account	1.56
24,707.11	RBS Special Interest Bearing Deposit Account	36,027.31
35,277.45	CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	35,370.19
-	Co-Op Current Account	-
19,416.14	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	22,869.08
-	Cash	-
79,402.03		94,268.14
	Income	
70,578.10	Capitation	51,240.00
4,939.61	Badges	6,881.20
-	Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	-
-	First Aid Training	-
-	Other Activities & Operational Income	-
-	Other Income	12,180.00
-	Loans - Activities & Groups Income	1,165.00
1,404.00	Beaver Account	1,095.50
204.01	Cub Account	7,619.38
261.00	Scout Account	137.50
12,374.29	Explorer Accounts	6,852.30
-	Ski/Jamboree/Other Activities	-
-	St. Georges Day	-
-	1st Romiley Income	289.55
120.06	Bank Interest	9.66
800.00	Donations - Ephraim Hallam	800.00
10,000.00	Donations & Grants - other	4,445.00
-	Donations in memory of Jack Wallworth	-
4,029.24	Miscellaneous Deposits	100.36
-	Fundraising	-
104,710.31		92,815.45
104,710.31		92,815.45

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2020

2021

Expenses

65,649.00	Capitation	48,800.00
4,418.88	Badges	5,713.06
100.00	Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	15.00
46.00	First Aid Training	-
1,165.35	Other Activities Expenses	-
684.38	Operational Expenses	1,247.55
1,303.75	Beaver Account	829.50
50.00	Cub Account	7,446.86
109.50	Scout Account	-
8,812.97	Explorer Accounts	6,471.18
-	Ski/Jamboree/Other Activities Account	-
-	St. Georges Day & Remembrance Service	21.98
-	Charity Donation	-
-	Loans - Activities & Groups	5,000.00
20.00	Licence	20.00
-	General Expenses	-
-	Professional Fees	-
1,510.03	Mellor Lodge Expenses	1,295.56
-	1st Romiley Expenses	425.80
5,974.34	Miscellaneous Expenses	12,180.00
-	Fundraising Expenses	-
-	David Slater Memorial Fund	-
-	Bill Shaw Fund	-
89,844.20		89,466.49
89,844.20		89,466.49

94,268.14

District Funds

97,617.10

Closing Balances

1.56	RBS Current Account	-
36,027.31	RBS Special Interest Bearing Deposit Account	-
-	Co-Op Current Account	38,979.40
22,869.08	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	23,263.30
35,370.19	CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	35,374.40
-	Cash	-
94,268.14		97,617.10
94,268.14		97,617.10

District Treasurers Report.

Having completed my fourth full year as 21st Stockport Scout Group, I am glad to see that more scouting for our young people is now occurring since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Although as an Executive we made the decision to transfer the bank account to another Bank to enable a dual signature online banking facility, we have yet to achieve this as the banks we are interested in moving to keep closing the option to open a new bank account with them. Once this occurs it will enable the group to pay our suppliers more easily and securely.

I continue to improve the procedures implemented from the previous year's accounts and will continue to do so on a year-on-year basis.

Even though there is still uncertainty as we move out of Covid-19, I am hoping the group will continue to thrive.



Mrs Jayne Talbot-Smith

Independent Auditors Report.

I have audited the accounts of Stockport District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2021. The District Treasurer provided comprehensive documentation and reconciliations for the financial year in question and in my opinion the accounts have been diligently prepared and give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation's affairs and its financial position.

The following points were noted:

A reasonable assumption has been made on the bank balance for Reddish Explorers which closed some time ago as no documentation has been passed to the District Treasurer.

Income and Expenditure details and therefore updated bank balances for the year for a number of Explorer units have not been included due to incomplete information being submitted to the District Treasurer.

In order to maintain the standard of prior year's analysis of income and expenditure, the importance of ensuring that all members keep detailed records and receipts of all transactions, and ensuring all documents and records are sent to the District Treasurer in time for the Accounts to be prepared should be reiterated.



Paul Masters
ACMA

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About This Report

This booklet is the Stockport District Scouts Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts for the period 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020.

For more information about our charity please feel free to contact us using the charity information below.

Charity Information

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Registered Charity Number	1035266
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Contact Name	Phillip Sumner
Contact Address	1 New Hall Avenue Heald Green Cheadle SK8 3LQ
Website	www.stockportscouts.org.uk

Structure, Governance & Management

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

The District is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The District is managed by the District Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the District which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the District

Commissioner, District Youth Commissioner and the District Explorer Scout Commissioner leaders as well as elected members (if opted to take on the responsibility). The Executive committee meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete Module 1, GDPR, Safety, Safeguarding and Trustee Induction training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. They also complete a DBS check.

This District Executive Committee exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

Protecting and maintaining property and equipment owned/used by the District; managing District finances; providing insurance for people, property and equipment; providing resources for Scouting to operate; managing and implementing the local safety policy; opening/closing Groups, Explorer Units, Scout Networks and active support units, and supervising administration of groups.

Our Objectives

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

Scouts 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.

Co-operation - we make a positive difference with friends.

Our Trustees

Ex-Officio

Linda Weekes-Holt

District Chair (Apr 2020)

Phillip Sumner

District Commissioner (Feb 2020)

Edward Spreckley

District Youth Commissioner (May 2020)

Judith Roberts

District Secretary

Jayne Talbot-Smith

District Treasurer

Daniel Nickerson

District Explorer Scout Commissioner (June 2020)

Elected

Brendan Hegarty

Assistant Section Leader

Charles Hamilton

Vice President

Craig Jones

Borough Commissioner (Feb 2020, previously acting DC)

Dave Brooke

Deputy District Commissioner

Helen Berry

Local Training Manager

Keith Ryan

Scout Leader

Matt Tudge

Assistant District Commissioner (Comms)

Paul Barnes

Deputy District Commissioner

Tracy Ryan

Appointments Secretary

Nominated

John Smith

Group Scout Leader

Our Independent Advisors

Paul Masters ACMA

Stockport District Scouts Auditor

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From The Executive Committee



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I see the AGM as a celebration of the achievements within the District in the last year. I look back at 2020 and firstly think, did 2020 really happen? How did we get through it?

The first closure of face-to-face Scouting ever, facing the worst pandemic the world has seen in modern times, but as Scouters everyone rose to the challenge to keep our young members engaged.

2020 brought the challenges of getting ready to start a new kind of Scouting, when we were told we could return face-to-face there was a number of restrictions and processes that had to be followed. This included in depth COVID-19 risk assessments, deep cleaning of meeting places and a reduction of numbers per meeting, as well as having to work with the traffic light readiness levels which kept on changing week by week. My thanks go out to everyone who was involved in the COVID-19 risk assessment process both at Group and District level.

Unfortunately the District has taken a hit in numbers due to COVID-19. The last census showed we were down 24.6% from the previous year. However this could have been much worse. We forecast originally to be around 35-40% down. The biggest hit we saw was with the Beaver and Explorer Sections, this was due to groups being unable to start new beavers off waiting lists and move Scouts up into the District Explorer Units, I am confident we will see a rise in membership come the 2022 census.

As a District Team we had to make some hard decisions regarding some of our groups and buildings within the District. 1st Bredbury and Woodley's building was found to be in a dangerous un-usable state following the collapse of the floor. Unfortunately this would have been too expensive

to be repaired and with low numbers of young people and leaders within the group, we made the difficult decision to close 1st Bredbury and Woodley and merge them with 2nd Romiley. This has given 2nd Romiley the chance to grow with all three sections as they previously did not have a Beaver Colony. The building at 1st Bredbury and Woodley will now be sold.

1st Romiley was the next group we unfortunately needed to make difficult decisions about. We were informed of the poor state of the building and lack of numbers wanting to return face-to-face. The building currently is too unsafe to be used. The district executive are now working to put plans in place ready to build a Stockport District HQ where 1st Romiley is. We can then look at re-opening the group. More information will be provided in 2022!

As we now move forward to getting back to Scouting with no restrictions, it's great to see everyone back enjoying what they do! I would like to thank everyone in the District for the work they put in throughout 2020. It was one of the hardest years we have all ever faced in personal lives, professional and Scouting. My special thanks go out to all the key workers, NHS and emergency service staff who have not only faced hard times at work but have continued to provide support to Scouting.

Thank you to all the leaders, helpers, parents and young members, Scouting in Stockport would not be where it is today if it wasn't for all of you.

Take Care,

Phil Sumner
District Commissioner

Vice President

We were so fortunate at the start of the year to have Phil take on the role as District Commissioner and Linda replace me as District Chair. I know it has been a strange time to take on these roles but without them we would have been a bit like a rudderless ship.

I cannot imagine what we would have done without the internet, I must say a lot of the magic was way beyond my ancient brain! Congratulations to all those leaders who have kept in touch with their young people. How these contacts are paying off now we are starting to return to a more normal existence.

Most of us will have known the loss of someone in the past 12 months. I knew three of the leaders who are no longer with us:

Bernard Elsdon whose fame with the Davenport Cubeano (if that's how you spelt it) still lives on. He was a brilliant Cub leader and to watch him in action even with young people he had never met before was fascinating.

I had a great chat with Jean Browning only days before she died. The hospital gave her a fortnight only some 18 months earlier but Jean took no notice and carried on as normal. I guess being DC was the only job in Goyt District that she had not taken on. I had known Bernard and Jean for well over 50 years so I will miss them.

The third leader, who was a near neighbour, was Roddie Morrison the GSL of 1st Romiley Scout Group. Roddie and family were all set up to go and live in Cornwall when he was recalled to hospital earlier this year.

At least using Zoom St George's Day and Remembrance Sunday carried on, as did various meetings and Appointments, but we miss that great feeling of

belonging when 900 or so of us gather in St George's church. Still, to see youngsters back at Linnet Clough the other Saturday along with our new President was much like old times.

Congratulations to all our leaders and the District Team, we have done so much better than many parts of the country.

Charles Hamilton
Vice President

Our Sections

Well as we entered 2020 who would have thought what lay ahead, the world was turned upside down with the murmurings of this invisible virus sweeping across the continents.

The year for most of us started quite normal, but how this changed in March.

All the plans made over the previous months for activities and events now had to be re-jigged.

How can you run a camp without meeting in a field?

How do you interact with the young people and run an efficient effective program?

Well, I have to admit I was at a loss but this did not phase you the Leaders, oh no, it was almost like this was part of a pre-determined plan that just went from strength to strength.

Truly amazing.

Beavers

Dave McCormack, Helen Lewthwaite and Amy Arnold started the year with the Bushcraft day event at Linnet, what a terrific event this is, fun and learning all wrapped up into one full day.

What went on afterwards?

Well there we were in lockdown but that didn't stop Dave and his team from coming up with quiz's, competitions, craft days, camps almost an uninterrupted year except we couldn't meet up.

Across the Section there were quite a number of Chief Scout Bronze Awards awarded.

Cubs

Andy Arnold took over as ADC Cubs at the beginning of all the disruptions that hit the country last year.

He took the role on with all the enthusiasm we expected, he has surrounded himself with a strong, knowledgeable supportive team and what else could the result be other than an exciting fully interactive program that the Cub section could join in with.

Andy and his team arranged many online activities throughout the year from Quizzes, camps, the big night in, treasure hunts they even learnt how to "say" their Cub Scout promise in sign language, how impressive?

Unfortunately we do not have the numbers to hand but there were quite a few Chief Scout Silver Awards awarded, this in itself says how good the adapted program has been around the District.

Scouts

The year kicked off with the usual trip to Awesome Walls almost 100 Scouts enjoyed either tackling a new sport or honing their skills on a sport they already participate in, a tiring but enjoyable day for all.

As the pandemic really hit scouting, Gareth Williams agreed to step up from a District Leader in scouts to ADC, what a time to take this on?

Gareth, Paul and the rest of the team looked at the diary for the year and worked out what was doable and what wasn't.

As a team they hosted a District quiz, great fun and something different, next was St Georges day, with the promise renewals, Zoom was rather a new thing to most of us, however it went rather well.

Then the big one, District camp! How, what, when?

Continued on the next page...

Our Sections

All these problems were overcome, even to poor Big G doing expedition cooking in the pouring rain, a wide game was thrown in and a Scouts own just to complete the traditional camp experience.

Although the program had to change and diversify the Gold Awards had to be earned and the challenges needed to remain relevant.

Unfortunately I do not have the exact numbers, however quite a few Chief Scout Gold Awards were completed last year.

I would like to finish off by thanking all the District teams for the ingenuity, effort and dedication they have shown in the last year and into this year where the challenge is still with us.

I am so looking forward to getting out and meeting all the leaders from around this fantastic District.

Keep well, keep safe we're coming out of this stronger.

Dave Brooke
Deputy District Commissioner

Explorer Scouts

2020 was a difficult year for the Explorer Section, having seen a drop in numbers on census due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Explorer Units Borough-wide went online to virtual meetings and activities, one of the most tricky parts was keeping Explorers engaged with this.

Unfortunately due to low numbers we have seen Units close or merge with other Units this year.

Moving forward looking past COVID-19, the main focus for the Explorer Section is to build numbers within the Units that we have. As Explorers is now Borough lead this gives us a great opportunity to branch out and make new connections. Being able to run activities on larger scales, giving the young people the chance to complete the Duke of Edinburgh awards and continuing to work towards the top awards for Explorers.

Young Leaders have been a concern around the Borough also. We have a number of Young Leaders who have not yet gone through the Young Leader training scheme. We have to remember this training is important from a safeguarding and safety aspect, and well as the development for our leaders of the future. Training courses' will resume in 2022, with the support of the Youth Commissioner and team we will provide support for the Young Leaders post course.

Thank you to everyone that supports Explorers for your commitment over the last 18 months.

Daniel Nickerson
Borough Explorer Scout Commissioner

Youth Provision

During 2020 Stockport Districts first ever youth team was formed. The team now consists of a Youth Commissioner, a Deputy Youth Commissioner and three Assistant Youth Commissioners. We are still on the look out for one 18-25 year old to join our team so please get in touch if you fancy a new challenge!

Despite having only just formed, this year the youth team supported many online events held at both District and Group level and as the year went on we have helped our young people return to face-to-face Scouting. It has been amazing to see so many of our young people still achieving their top awards even with a health pandemic going on.

The COVID-19 lockdown gave us time to work on some of our plans for the future. We have collaborated with the UK HQ youth team to help develop the new #YouShape Award launching next month, and put plans in place to give the young people in the District a chance to feedback on their activity programme and the support they receive.

Over the coming year we will be helping the Borough Explorer Scout Commissioner to support our Young Leaders through their training and help them to find new roles in Scouting when they turn 18.

Ed Spreckley
District Youth Commissioner

Out Of H.Q.

Well, what can I say about 2020 that hasn't already been mentioned? The full lock down that affected our local area for 9 months of the year had a significant impact on our ability to run activities away for our Headquarters as well as camps, residential trips etc.

That said, we still managed to undertake 742 nights away on 2020, which came as a really surprise when I started looking at the number of this report. On top of this there was a total number of 1616 people who took part in an activity away from their HQ.

Out of these activities that were notified to District during 2020 only 1 was "Rejected", this was for a hike that went above 500m and the Leaders involved did not have the correct Activity Permit to support that hight.

I am sure there are still sections within Groups that are not notifying District of activities but please remember that whilst this process may seem bureaucratic, it is there to comply with POR.

The process is to enable the whole District to prove we are complying with the requirements of POR taking into account that The Scout Association are still subject to a Coroners and Health & Safety Executive inquiry following the sad incident with one of our Stockport District Explorers on Great Orme in August of 2018. We as a District are still heavily under that spotlight and the current processes will be updated once the findings and rulings for that inquiry are known and the Scout Association modifies its rules accordingly.

As I write this in June of 2021, areas are now well on their way to be opened up and outdoor activities and camps are starting to be held, I look forward with interest to receiving many more notifications over the coming months.

Paul Barnes
Deputy District Commissioner

Sum Of Youth Members Who Have Taken Part In Out Of Headquarters Activities In 2020

Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Young Leaders	Leaders	Total Number
12 th Stockport	0	0	6	N/A	0	6	12
1 st Bredbury & Woodley	12	1	0	N/A	0	5	18
1 st Cheadle Heath	28	0	0	N/A	0	7	35
1 st Davenport Mile End	0	25	22	N/A	2	10	59
1 st Disley	0	0	59	N/A	0	12	71
1 st Great Moor	0	0	15	N/A	0	4	19
1 st Heaton Moor	34	0	10	N/A	1	12	57
1 st Heaton Norris	14	0	50	N/A	0	17	81
1 st Heaton Vale Sea Scouts	21	0	12	N/A	0	4	37
1 st High Lane	0	0	36	N/A	0	5	41
1 st Marple	77	45	231	22	6	89	470
1 st New Mills	24	0	0	N/A	0	5	29
1 st Offerton	37	18	17	N/A	3	19	94
1 st /4 th Reddish	9	0	13	N/A	0	5	27
21 st Stockport	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
239 th Manchester	0	0	5	N/A	0	3	8
3 rd Offerton	6	0	15	N/A	5	11	37
3 rd Reddish	20	0	0	N/A	0	5	25
4 th Stockport	2	4	10	N/A	0	12	28
6 th Stockport	12	0	51	N/A	0	17	80
Davenport Explorers	N/A	N/A	4	37	N/A	15	56
Marple & Marple Combs Explorers	N/A	N/A	N/A	190	N/A	55	245
Heatons Explorers	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	N/A	10	40
Great Moor Explorers	N/A	N/A	N/A	31	N/A	6	37
Heaton Vale Sea Scouts Explorers	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	N/A	2	10
Grand Total	296	93	556	318	17	336	1616

Sum Of Youth Members Who Have Taken Part In Nights Away Activities In 2020

Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Young Leaders	Leaders	Total Number
12 th Stockport	12	0	12	N/A	0	15	39
1 st Davenport Mile End	0	24	14	2	0	8	48
1 st Disley	22	22	58	N/A	0	19	121
1 st Heaton Moor	0	0	32	2	0	8	42
1 st Heaton Vale Sea Scouts	15	15	7	9	0	12	58
1 st Marple	0	0	49	8	0	15	72
1 st /4 th Reddish	0	0	26	N/A	0	4	30
3 rd Offerton	0	0	15	N/A	5	5	25
3 rd Reddish	0	0	5	N/A	0	3	8
4 th Stockport	34	22	2	N/A	2	22	80
6 th Stockport	0	0	9	N/A	0	4	13
Davenport Explorers	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	N/A	8	24
Marple & Marple Combs Explorers	N/A	N/A	N/A	84	N/A	34	118
Heatons Explorers	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	N/A	4	24
Three Districts Young Leader Unit	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	0	10	40
Grand Total	83	83	229	171	5	171	742

Please note that some Groups and District Sections are missing from these tables as they were unable to complete any activities away from their HQ before face-to-face Scouting was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local Training

The training team (TA's) have again achieved another great year with 12 Wood Beads being awarded in Stockport District well done to everybody.

Congratulation to all the appointed leaders in completing their training and gaining their wood beads.

It has been a harder commitment, for the team this year with Covid-19, with 21 Groups plus 8 Explorer District Units and the District Teams.

We had to change the way we validated training, zooming and telephone calls only, but we still managed to sort out the learners and get them through their training needs, thank you to the TA's.

Mandatory Ongoing Learning what a job with HQ sending out emails, County sending out emails the job was getting more and more demanding, pressure all round to get people up to date. The team rallied round and did a great job.

HQ changed everything in September now 1st Aid, Safety and Safeguarding and would all have to be done every three years, this caused a bit of confusion but we sorted it out with the new Trustee Modules for all Executives members which is now in the Executives training.

Unfortunately MOL is one of the priorities along with Getting Started from HQ and County and is something that will need doing as soon as possible for all members.

Our work is still ongoing in the District, we are getting round the groups, units plus the District teams, but as always with just 14 TA's and three of them also TA for Managers and Supporters we still have some Groups Units and District Teams that that still need

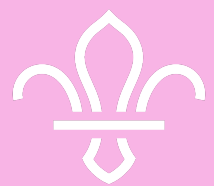
modules validated once learners have completed their required modules for the roles they have taken on.

In the next coming year we will do our best get the District up to date, but if you need anything regarding your training please do not hesitate to contact me.

Helen Berry
Local Training Manager

District Finances

From The District Treasurer



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Consolidated Statement Of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2020

2019			2020	
		Opening Balances	New	
1.66		RBS Current Account	1.33	
35,185.72		RBS Special Interest Bearing Deposit Account	24,707.11	
34,982.34		CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	35,277.45	
18,044.89		NATWEST (Ski, Jamboree & Activities)	-	
15,151.09	12,266.66	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	19,416.14	-
-		Cash	-	
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	155,632.36			79,402.03
Income				
66,630.50		Capitation	70,578.10	
8,808.72		Badges	4,939.61	
-		Website	-	
-		Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	-	
-		First Aid Training	-	
13,544.62		Other Activities & Operational Income	-	
2,751.30		Beaver Account	1,404.00	
15,792.50		Cub Account	204.01	
2,834.80		Scout Account	261.00	
9,328.74		Explorer Accounts	12,374.29	
96,958.89		Ski/Jamboree/Other Activities	-	
403.92		St. Georges Day	-	
-		Stockport Carnival	-	
365.78		Bank Interest	120.06	
800.00		Donations - Ephraim Hallam	800.00	
2,620.84		Donations & Grants - Other	10,000.00	
-		Donations In Memory Of Jack Wallworth	-	
2,807.08		Miscellaneous Deposits	4,029.24	
922.64		Fundraising	-	
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	224,570.33			104,710.31
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Consolidated Statement Of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st December 2020

2019		2020
	Expenses	
67,049.73	Capitation	65,649.00
9,155.01	Badges	4,418.88
-	Adult, Explorer & Young Leader Training	100.00
-	First Aid Training	46.00
-	Other Activity Expenses	1,165.35
3,461.32	Operational Expenses	684.38
2,833.46	Beaver Account	1,303.75
12,930.26	Cub Account	50.00
2,720.10	Scout Account	109.50
9,230.69	Explorer Accounts	8,812.97
120,730.73	Ski/Jamboree/Other Activities Account	-
991.57	St. Georges Day & Remembrance Service	-
371.06	Stockport Council	-
403.92	Charity Donation	-
-	Loans - Activities & Groups	-
264.40	Insurance	-
20.00	License	20.00
3,078.77	General Expenses	-
700.00	Professional Fees	-
1,281.04	Mellor Lodge Expenses	1,510.03
1,876.12	Miscellaneous	5,974.34
-	Fundraising Expenses	-
-	David Slater Memorial Fund	-
-	Bill Shaw Fund	-
23,702.48	Liabilities Repaid To County	-
<u>260,800.66</u>		<u>89,844.20</u>
260,800.66		89,844.20
	District Funds	
<u>79,402.03</u>		<u>94,268.14</u>
	Closing Balances	
1.33	RBS Current Account	1.56
24,707.11	RBS Special Interest Bearing Deposit Account	36,027.31
-	NATWEST (Ski, Jamboree & Activities)	-
19,416.14	District Sectional & Explorer Accounts	22,869.08
35,277.45	CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	35,370.19
-	Cash	-
<u>79,402.03</u>		<u>94,268.14</u>
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District Treasures Report

I continue to improve the procedures I implemented after the previous year's accounts, which the auditor has seen as a good positive for the accounts produced for the 2020. Unfortunately, COVID-19 and new work commitments have affected the production of some Explorer Accounts which will be implemented into the accounts and audited as and when they are produced. There

is still an issue with invoices being raised and being timely paid, which will have to be monitored and necessary action taken if required. Issues with District members being reimbursed in the coming year will be implemented with the introduction of an on-line payments system by a dual authorisation bank account and will achieve quicker payments for our service providers.

Independent Auditors Report

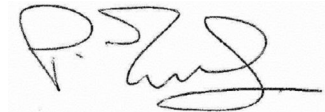
I have audited the accounts of Stockport and District Scout Council for the year ended 31st December 2020. The District Treasurer provided comprehensive documentation and reconciliations for the financial year in question and in my opinion the accounts have been diligently prepared and give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation's affairs and its financial position.

In order to maintain the standard of this year's analysis of income and expenditure, the importance of ensuring that all members keep detailed records and receipts of all transactions should be reiterated.



Mrs Jayne Talbot-Smith
District Treasurer

Date: 23/09/2021



Mr Paul Masters
Independent District Auditor

Date: 23/09/2021

Our Membership

From The Scout Association Census



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Our Membership

We are a large District and we want to be open about our membership and the effect that COVID-19 has had on our membership.

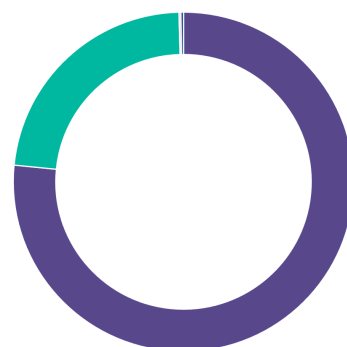
All the data provided on the next two pages is taken from the Scout Association Census in January 2020 and 2021.

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer Not To Say	Total
Youth Membership					
Beaver Scouts	307	56	0	2	365
Cub Scouts	352	59	0	2	413
Scouts	258	65	1	0	324
Explorer Scouts (including YL's)	96	20	2	0	118
Scout Network	16	4	0	0	20
Total Youth Membership	1,029	204	3	4	1,240
Adult Membership					
Programme Delivery Roles	161	121	0	0	282
Line Manager Roles	15	5	0	0	20
Governance Roles	39	34	0	0	73
Support Roles	21	16	0	0	37
Total Adult Membership	236	176	0	0	412
Total Membership					
Total Membership	1,262	380	3	4	1,652

Key Facts

23% of our members are female. This is a figure we are proud to have maintained from before the pandemic when our membership was also 23% female.

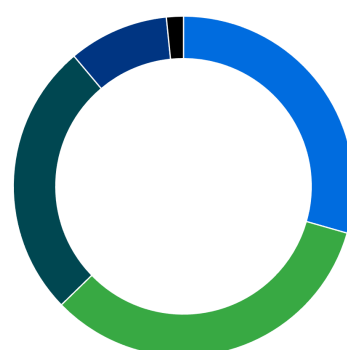
Male (77%)
 Female (23%)
 Self-identify (>1%)
 Prefer not to say (>1%)



Our total membership has dropped by 25% in the last year. This is mainly due to COVID-19.

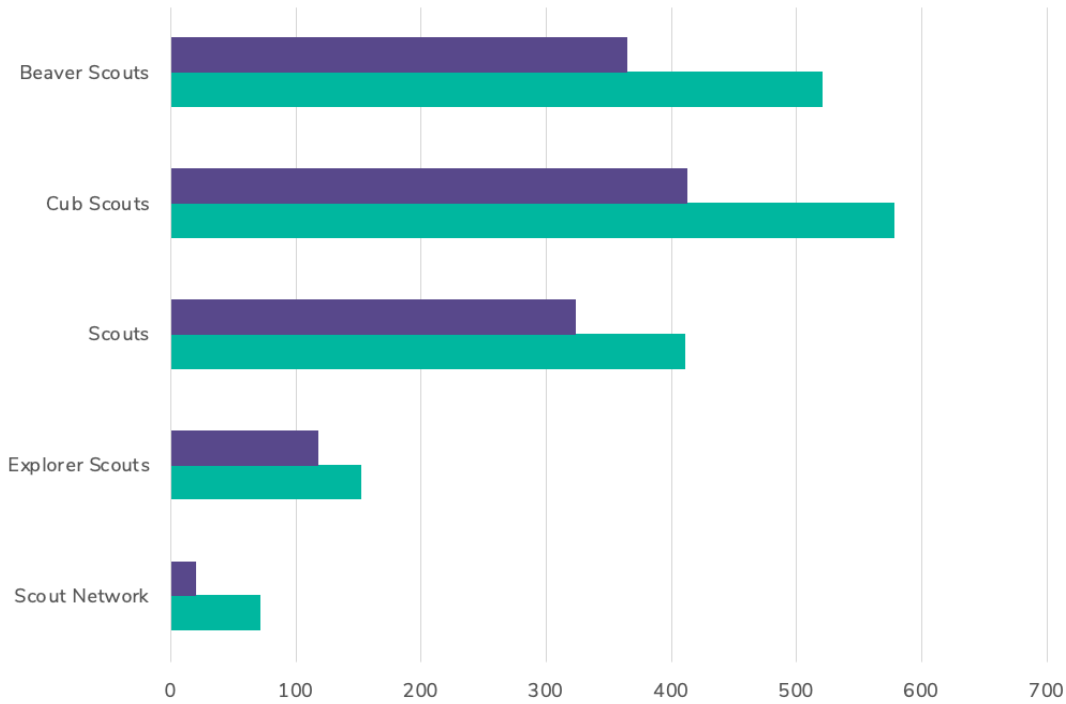
Cubs is currently our largest section with a 33% share of our members. Cubs remains to be our largest section with Explorers as our smallest section for under 18's.

Beavers (29%)
 Cubs (33%)
 Scouts (26%)
 Explorers (10%)
 Network (2%)

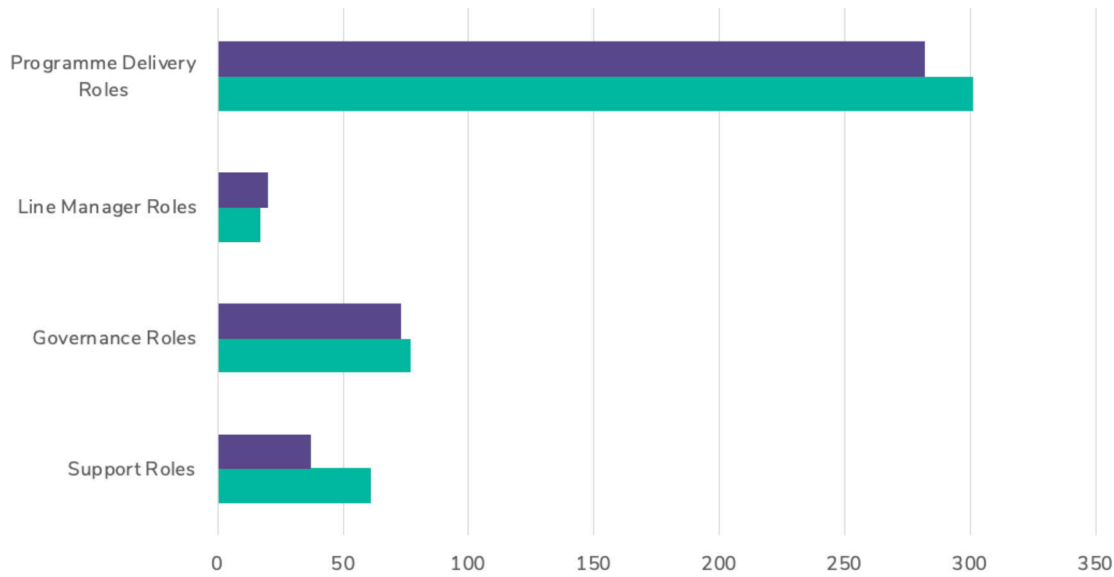


The Effect Of COVID-19 On Our Membership

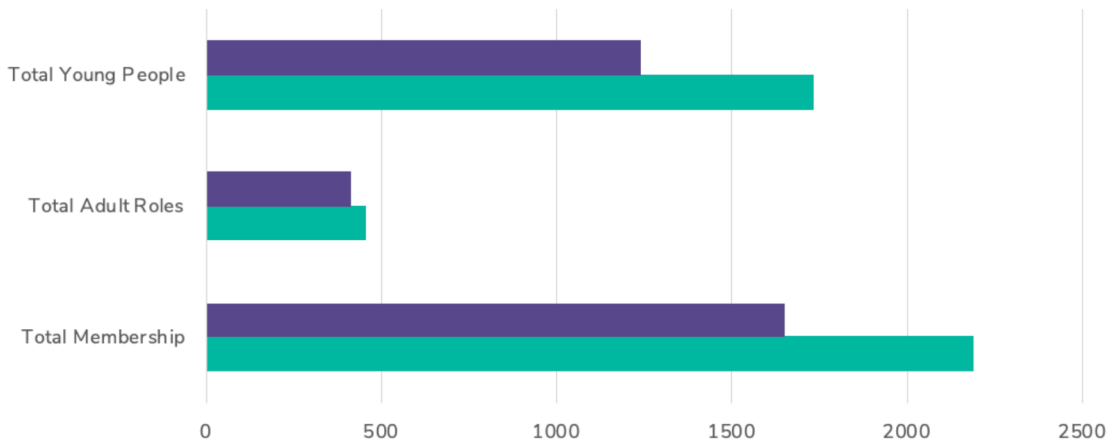
Our Youth Membership



Our Adult Volunteers



Our Membership





We'd Like To Say

Thank You

To every volunteer at, and supporter of,
Stockport District Scout Council for their
commitment and contributions over what has
been a very testing 12 months.

Our Thanks

A special thanks goes to those mentioned here:

Greater Manchester East
County Scout Council

Stockport Metropolitan
Borough Council for their
continued support during the
current health pandemic.

21st Stockport Scout Group for
providing a meeting place for
our annual general meeting.

Trustees Declaration

The Trustees declare that they
have approved the Trustees'
Report above.

Signed on behalf of the
Charity's Trustees:

Linda Weekes-Holt

Linda Weekes-Holt
District Chair

Date: 28/09/2021



Phil Sumner
District Commissioner

Date: 28/09/2021



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