

SOUTHEND ESTUARY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1045298

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-03-27

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

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Activities

Objects: 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: Scouting Activities as designated by The Scout association

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE SOUTHEND AND ROCHFORD
- Essex
- Southend-on-sea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£129,616	£135,354	-	-
2024-03-31	£121,831	£107,476	-	-
2023-03-31	£140,330	£118,969	-	-
2022-03-31	£92,185	£101,990	-	-
2021-03-31	£48,403	£49,973	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sonja Mackenzie	Chair	2024-09-01
DAVID JOHN KEELER		2012-03-19
Jack Day		2023-09-01
Keiran Eastell		2025-09-17
Lloyd Croucher Mr		2024-10-01
Lorraine Walter		2023-09-01
Lynn Morris		2025-09-17
MARK CHAPMAN		
Paul Stibbards		2025-09-17

Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

SOUTHEND ESTUARY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Registered Charity No 1045298

Annual General Meeting

8pm, 17 September 2025

District Headquarters, Eastern Avenue, Southend SS2 4BU

Presidents

Bernard Clark
Brian Dawnbarn

Trustee Board

Chair	Sonja Mackenzie	Appointed	Until Sept 2026
Treasurer	David Keeler	Appointed	Until Sept 2026
District Lead Volunteer	Andrew Lewin	Ex Officio	
District Youth Lead	Lloyd Croucher	Ex Officio	
Trustee	Lorraine Walter	Appointed	Until Sept 2025
Trustee	Mark Chapman	Appointed	Until Sept 2025
Trustee	Jack Day	Appointed	Until Sept 2025
Trustee	Vicky Scammell	Appointed	Stepped down Aug 2025

Bankers

National Westminster Bank

Independent Examiner

Ian P Chapman



Southend Estuary Scout District



Report from the District Trustee Board

Southend Estuary District covers the geographical area east of Southend, covering Southend, Prittlewell, Southchurch, Thorpe Bay, Shoebury, Barling and Wakering.

Scouting in Southend Estuary Scout District is open to all young people between the ages of 4 and 25 no matter what background, ethnic origin, nationality, race, gender, marital or sexual tatus, mental or physical ability, political or religious belief.

In 2025 the District comprised of:

- 13 Scout Groups with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for young people aged 6 - 13 years and one group offering Squirrels for 4 – 6 years.
- 3 Explorer Scout Units for 14 - 18 years
- A Network Unit for 18 - 25 years

The 2025 Census showed the total number of youth members was 678 supported by c.200 Adult volunteers delivering quality Scouting based programmes and in support roles.

The overall membership was up 2% from 2024 to 2025 which is a great reflection of the dedication of the volunteers in the leadership teams.

Southend Estuary Census of Membership

Membership by year

	2023	2024	2025
Squirrels		10	9
Beavers	180	170	165
Cubs	208	218	219
Scouts	189	187	211
Explorers	54	69	58
Network	11	10	16
Total Youth Members	642	664	678
Adult Members	166	196	200
Total	808	860	878

Structure, Governance and Management

Southend Estuary District Scout Council is the electoral body which supports and encourages the development of Scouting in the District and operates in accordance with a written Constitution (POR 5c.2). It is the body to which the District Trustee Board is accountable. Details of the District Trustees are shown on page 1.



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Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General meeting either by election or by nomination and may also be co-opted by the District Trustee Board during the year. From April 2024, changes were made as to 1) how Trustees are appointed, 2) term limits for Trustees, 3) who can be a Trustee and 4) how many Trustees there are, with these changes taking effect from the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities and through specific online mandatory training.

During the year, the Trustee Board met 4 times and regularly communicated as a team to keep abreast of actions and requests.

The principal sources of the Scout Council's income are membership subscriptions, fees paid by members for activities, income from the District Charity Shop together with grants and donations from public bodies and individuals.

A Trustee Board Sub-Committee was developed with the purpose of overseeing the management of the District Charity Shop. This group closely monitored the income and expenditure of the shop to assess its viability. Despite the best efforts of shop volunteer team, it was deemed no longer viable so in June 2025 the decision was made to close the shop due to rising costs and a lack of volunteers. The trustee board would like to thank all the many volunteers who have given their time to help in the shop over the years.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and overseeing our Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trustees are responsible for making sure our financial statements give a true and fair view of the status of the charity. They also monitor incoming resources and the application of the District's resources for the year. Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether they've followed applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.



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- Prepare the financial statements on the 'going concern' basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They must also help our Trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Annual Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Objectives, Activities and Achievements

Our Mission

Scouts gives young people skills for life. Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Our Values

We act with care, respect, integrity, co-operation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

Our Goal

Scouting has / is undergoing Transformation to align with the needs of volunteers and adopting a team-based approach. We, as a district, are still working on this strategy and this will be a focus for the year ahead.

Our aim is to continue to grow, become more inclusive, to be shaped by young people and to make a bigger impact in our communities.

The District Trustee Board team are empowered to provide governance and resources to support the Groups/District's Adult volunteers and Administrators.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the need in the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate that our aims are for the public benefit. Our assessment is that we have met the public benefit criteria under both the Advancement of Education and the Advancement of Citizenship or Community Development



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- The District Trustee Board intend to focus on Safety and Safeguarding and look to recruit a Health & Safety (H&S) professional to assist in compiling a comprehensive H&S document and providing practical help and guidance to the Groups around the District.
- The Trustees will be undertaking a full review of major risks and ensure systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks. A local Risk Assessment Policy will be established based on the policies and procedures as laid down by the Scout Association and will encourage and support all Groups in so doing.

Achievements and Performance

During the year 2024-2025, the Trustee Board have made progress in implementing various actions.

- Improving Communications
 - the District Website is being resurrected and should be available for user testing by the end of September 2025. We hope that all members of the district will support this resource with news and success stories.
 - Recruitment of a new Communications lead to oversee website and social media administration.
 - Mailing Lists – work is in progress to establish a valid email address for all Adult volunteers to ensure mailings are sent direct to volunteer leaders. Work continues to improve how mailing lists are maintained and kept up to date, to ensure that maximum coverage is maintained.
- Collation and review of risk assessments at District level and to make them available to all adult volunteers via the website

Thank you.

Earlier this year, our current District Lead Volunteer expressed his intention to step down from the role due to work and family commitments. The Trustee Board, on behalf of Southend Estuary Scout Council, would like to thank Andrew Lewin for his leadership and support the last 4 years and wish him well on his next Scouting adventure.

We continue to see a shortage of adult leaders across the District, and it is vital we recruit new volunteers to develop and strengthen certain Groups in need. The Trustees acknowledge the contributions of all our amazing volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to support Scouting opportunities and adventures for young people of various ages.

Well done and thank you all.

Sonja Mackenzie

District Chair



Southend Estuary Scout District



Treasurers Report 2025

The District continues to operate on a sound financial footing.

The Accounts and Independent Examiner's statement for the period 1st April 2024 – 5th April 2025 are *available as a separate attachment*.

The accounts were approved by the Trustee Board on 9 September 2025

District

The District shows a reduction in cash over the prior period of £17k. This is true but includes future period Capitation income and expenses. If the effects of Capitation were to be aligned to the period in question, then the District would have shown an increase in cash over the period of £11k. This would have reflected a £9k donation from Veolia towards the DHQ Refurbishment, £5k repayment of a loan, £2k DHQ Refurbishment costs and £2k other.

Shop

The Shop lost money. Its costs have increased faster than income, which has wiped out any realistic chance of it returning to "profit" despite the hard work of the shop staff.

I would like to thank everybody for all the hard work they have put in to ensure the District remains financially viable.

David Keeler

District Treasurer



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DISTRICT LEAD VOLUNTEER REPORT 2025

Our focus points within the District have been Scout knowledge for Leaders, Recruitment of young people and adults, Permits for Activities, Young Leaders, Network (18 to 25 year olds).

This is my last year as District Lead Volunteer. We are all welcoming Paul Stibbards and Lynn Morris to their joint role as District Leads. I look forward to both leading the District with them both having history within Estuary. Their new plan will see a focus on what the District needs for its next stage.

As I look at the achievements of the last year it is good to see that the District has grown in number of both young people and leaders. The new system where learning is online has been become part of the onboarding process for leaders and renewal of training. Thank you to Jo Bushnell and Richard Phillips who has led the imbedding process for the new system.

I would personally like to thank the Trustees and the teams running activities within the District. Their commitment to the District has made sure that young people can experience activities together as a District.

Thank you Daryll Chase for running indoor activity camp, outdoor activity camp and camping comp in Scouts which has been well attended by the District groups. It's great to see how competitive all the Scouts can be on camp.

The Cub leaders have all come together to run the District events. District Cub camp (with a well-timed grant for Belchamps and the groups attending) means that Cub groups have been able to complete the necessary activities to obtain their Silver badges. Carol's games activity and Kaye's Cubs sports day had huge support and was a great experience. It was great being carried by my games activity team when I was asked to participate at the last moment.

Claire Brown beaver team has done so many things this year. Carol concert, panto, Art Attack, sports night, Boydell farm and District hike.

This year we see the closing of 2nd Prittlewell. Rebecca Routh has kept the Scout group together with her team but with leaders all needing to leave at the same time it was decided by the group to close. They will be missed as they have been a core part of District events.

This year we have closed the Scout Charity Shop. This shop has a long history in the District and it's been an important means of raising funds. It's unfortunate that the Shop costs have increased to mean this is no longer viable. I like to thank Pam and all the Scout Charity Shop staff who have taken on the District uniforms and badges and we will be looking at how this will be done in the future.

In more positive news 10th Southend will be opening a Squirrel Dray with 40 young people already signed up. This adds to the 3rd Shoeburyness Squirrel Dray and means that we are adding more Scouting experiences for Southend.



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Thank you to all Leaders for your efforts this year. Scouting is a major advantage for young people giving them confidence, experience, and skills for their future.

Andrew Lewin

District Lead Volunteer

Southend Estuary



Southend Estuary Scout District



DISTRICT BEAVER LEADER REPORT

The Beaver section have had another good year full of activities.

We enjoyed a carol concert at the salvation army in Southend, All the leaders in their Christmas jumpers and all the Beavers in there lovely Christmas hats.

We had our annual trip to see the panto put on by Southend Drama Society to see their production of Snow White.

Earlier this year we had our annual Art Attack which each group brings 4 Beavers, and they make crafts to add to a base made by everyone in the group. This year's theme was Space and all the groups that attended made such good bases.

In June we had our annual sports night, which is always good fun, we realise that children these days don't know how to leapfrog, that was very funny.

We had a lovely district day out to Boydell's dairy farm, ascending on them with a double decker coach holding 70 people. They did an enjoyable day out for us, feeding baby lambs, holding baby chickens, feeding the cows, goats, lambs, and donkeys. It was a lovely day out.

Last of our district activities was our district hike, this year at Belfair's woods.

Lots of badge work has taken place this year including lots of Chief Scout Bronze awards. Well done everyone.

We have said goodbye to Helen Moore and 5th Southchurch and 2nd Prittlewell Beavers and to Becky and Jo Routh, however I am hoping to keep Becky helping at other groups if she can.

Thank you to all the leaders for all the hard work you put in to planning and running Beavers each week, your all stars.

It has been a hard year, I have had health issues, and all the leaders have rallied around and helped and supported me. Thank you to you all.

Look forward to another year of great district activities.

Claire Brown

District Beaver Leader



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District Explorer Scouts Report 2025

A Year of Adventure, Achievement and Wonderful Memories

2024–25 has been another **amazingly successful, enjoyable, and adventurous year** for Explorer Scouting in Southend Estuary. We've seen **strong numbers across all three units**, with large numbers moving up to Network. All our young people embraced opportunities to learn, lead, and challenge themselves.

Here are some of the highlights from an unforgettable year...

District Activities

Our District programme brought Explorers together for fun, friendship, and new challenges:

- **Ready Steady Cook** – creative and competitive cooking!
- **Island Hopping** – testing balance and bravery in the muddy Barling creeks.
- **Halloween Film Night in the Woods** – spooky fun. Columbus and Nore created own films.
- **Network Firework Display** – legendary - fire, soup, and crackers.
- **Christmas Ice Skating** – a festive favourite
- **Kids Kingdom fundraiser** – great examples of teamwork to raise funds for our much-needed minibus replacement.
- **District Sports and BBQ**
- **Ray Day** was regrettably cancelled again due to bad weather.

A few Explorers are now giving back by helping local Scout Groups – a vital part of the Scouting journey. However, Young Leaders as a section is weak and currently seeking a new YL leader. Nore and Columbus are both struggling with shortage of regular leaders.

Unit Highlights

Nore ESU

- Ran a **climbing night with feeder troops**.
- Enjoyed **sea kayaking, high ropes at Skreens Park**, built a crazy golf course, took part in tennis and paddle racket sport.
- Cooked international dishes, camped, hiked to the Mulberry Harbour, and attended the **Southend Gang Show in a Day (SHINDIGS)**
- Helped tidy District HQ grounds as part of environmental project.
- Two teams successfully completed Silver DofE expeditions on the South Downs, following months of training.
 - 6 Silver DofE Awards earned.
 - 6 Chief Scout Platinum Awards earned.
- Many gained the **Essex Challenge Badge, Chef Badge, and First Aid Badge**
- **Visited St Mary Church** for a fascinating historic talk **and** attended a **HARP Homeless talk**.
- Whilst camping, took part in bushcraft fire-lighting techniques.
- A few joined Clacton Explorers to finish their summer with an **International Jamboree experience** in Kandersteg, Switzerland.



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Columbus ESU

- Focused on **Silver DoE** training, teams practise hikes on North Downs, and successfully completed final assessment on South Downs
- **Scouting Skills** – hammocks, navigation, backpacking, knife maintenance.
- Completed **YouShape Badge**
- Took part in Monopoly - Patriots Edition and came runners up with Nore.
- Attended **Remembrance Sunday**,
- Social highlights included **Christmas Party**, Ice skating and decorating Christmas biscuits.
- Attended **SEMAC**, enjoyed **virtual reality nights with Amazon Explorers**,
- Hosted several climbing nights, some with feeder troops and Westcliff Amazon explorers.
- Even cycled the seafront for **Waddle on Sea Penguin Hunt!**
- Created Halloween film, which was shown in Dove Wood,
- Community Firework clean up with funds going into the Minibus fund.

Patriot ESU

- Attended Essex Jamboree 24, hosted **Swedish Scouts** invited to Sweden 2026
- Participated in **British Pedal Car Championship**, U16 girls team earnt an impressive runner-up.
- Attended **National Monopoly Run in London, Remembrance Service**, Safron warden **Jailbreak** and **Kent International Jamboree 25**
- Other activities included, barn dance, survival weekend, winter camp, group camp, ice skating, cooking competition, camping skills, guest speaker, Eurovision song contest, and world record attempts.
- Awards included **3 Chief Scout Platinum, 4 Silver DofE**, and **3 Jack Petchey Awards**.

SEMAC – A District Explorers and Network

Our legendary **Multi-Activity Camp** at Biblins in the stunning **Wye Valley, Monmouthshire** was an enormous success, with over 50 Explorers and Network members enjoying an action-packed weekend of:

- Kayaking and canoeing the River Wye and rapids.
- Mountain biking – Forest of Dean
- Hiking – Yat Rock, boat ferry, and Forest trails
- Campfires and the Network-led **Fancy Dress and wide games**

Challenges and Opportunities

Our **District Minibus** has been a vital lifeline—transporting Explorers for more than **one million passenger miles**—but it now urgently needs replacing. We have ongoing fundraising and Essex Scouts have kick-started the grant process, but we need everyone's help to make this happen. We were extremely fortunate to boost our minibus replacement funds with a £3,000 donation from Andy Weight – Barratt and David Wilson Homes.



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Celebrating Our Volunteers

John Bearman has given outstanding service to Columbus ESU, Thorpe Bay Beavers, Southchurch special needs group, and the wider District and we are sorry to see him leave us, John will be sadly missed by us all.

Looking Ahead

This year our explorers had opportunities to join an incredible list of activities each encouraged by a team of very dedicated enthusiastic leaders, assistants, and supporters for which we are all extremely appreciative and thankful. With such a great leadership team, I am confident that the rest of 2025 and 2026 will be equally adventurous and bring even more opportunities for our young people.

Mark Chapman

District Explorer 14-18 Lead (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)



SEMAC Wye Valley 2025

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and you consider that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and an audit requirement does not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

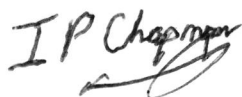
Independent examiner's statement

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

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Signed:



Ian P Chapman

Dated: 5 September 2025

Southend Estuary District Scout Council

District Assets

		As at 31st March 2024	As at 5th April 2025
	<i>Note</i>	Total £	Total £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets			
District Headquarters (as insured)		728,523	764,949
Marine Assets inc trailers (as insured)		12,140	12,140
Minibus (2024 as insured, 2025 NBV)		15,000	1,400
Contents of Buildings (as insured)		73,788	39,924
		<u>829,451</u>	<u>818,413</u>
Curent Assets			
Stock of badges & scarves		1,000	4,533
Cash at bank and in hand			
District Main Account		38,673	21,265
Shop Account		15,012	13,778
Explorers Accounts (x5)		50,741	64,831
Network		1,528	5,341
Loan to Belchamps 17.3.20		5,000	-
Total at bank and cash in hand		<u>110,953</u>	<u>105,215</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>111,953</u>	<u>109,748</u>
Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>941,404</u></u>	<u><u>928,161</u></u>

Other Scout organisations in which the District has a Notional Percentage Ownership

Belchamps Scout Centre

There is an interest in the centre which is jointly owned by Castle Point, Crouch Valley, Southend Estuary and Southend West Scout Districts.

Southend Scout & Guide Gang Show

There is an interest in the show

Southend Estuary District Scout Council
Receipts and Payments Summary
1 April 2024 -5 April 2025

A/C Name	Opening Balance			Income			Expenditure			Closing Balance			Movement
	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total Opening Balance	Restricted	Non Restricted	Intra Group	Restricted	Non Restricted	Intra Group	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total Closing Balance	
Current A/C	-	38,673	38,673	-	46,684	7,737	-	(71,614)	(214)	-	21,265	21,265	(17,407)
Shop A/C	-	15,012	15,012	-	19,081	8	-	(19,330)	(993)	-	13,778	13,778	(1,234)
Net Total	-	53,684	53,684	-	65,765	7,745	-	(90,945)	(1,207)	-	35,043	35,043	(18,641)
Loan to Belchamps	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	(5,000)
Net District		58,684	58,684	-	65,765	7,745	-	(90,945)	(6,207)	-	35,043	35,043	(23,641)
Columbus	-	4,755	4,755	-	225	314	-	(1,687)	(247)	-	3,360	3,360	(1,395)
Nore	-	3,836	3,836	-	3,719	1,000	-	(2,098)	(278)	-	6,179	6,179	2,343
Patriot	-	3,939	3,939	500	11,374	-	(500)	(8,601)	(1,265)	-	5,446	5,446	1,507
Mariners	-	402	402	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	402	402	-
Explorer Units	-	12,932	12,932	500	15,317	1,314	(500)	(12,387)	(1,790)	-	15,387	15,387	2,455
Explorer District	-	37,809	37,809	2,000	23,424	3,143	(45)	(13,963)	(2,923)	1,955	47,489	49,444	11,635
Net Explorer	-	50,741	50,741	2,500	38,742	4,457	(545)	(26,350)	(4,713)	1,955	62,876	64,831	14,090
Network	-	1,528	1,528	-	10,266	143	-	(5,170)	(1,425)	-	5,341	5,341	3,814
Net Southend Estuary District Scout Council	-	110,953	110,953	2,500	114,772	12,344	(545)	(122,465)	(12,344)	1,955	103,260	105,215	(5,737)
Reduction in Valuation of Assets											(7,505)	(7,505)	(7,505)
Total Southend Estuary District Scout Council	-	110,953	110,953	2,500	114,772	12,344	(545)	(122,465)	(12,344)	1,955	95,755	97,710	(13,242)

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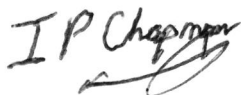
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Curent Assets			
Stock of badges & scarves		1,000	4,533
Cash at bank and in hand			
District Main Account		38,673	21,265
Shop Account		15,012	13,778
Explorers Accounts (x5)		50,741	64,831
Network		1,528	5,341
Loan to Belchamps 17.3.20		5,000	-
Total at bank and cash in hand		<u>110,953</u>	<u>105,215</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>111,953</u>	<u>109,748</u>
Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>941,404</u></u>	<u><u>928,161</u></u>

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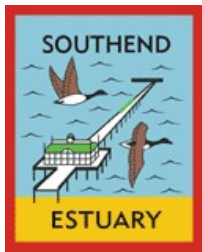
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	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total Opening Balance	Restricted	Non Restricted	Intra Group	Restricted	Non Restricted	Intra Group	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total Closing Balance	
Current A/C	-	38,673	38,673	-	46,684	7,737	-	(71,614)	(214)	-	21,265	21,265	(17,407)
Shop A/C	-	15,012	15,012	-	19,081	8	-	(19,330)	(993)	-	13,778	13,778	(1,234)
Net Total	-	53,684	53,684	-	65,765	7,745	-	(90,945)	(1,207)	-	35,043	35,043	(18,641)
Loan to Belchamps	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	(5,000)
Net District		58,684	58,684	-	65,765	7,745	-	(90,945)	(6,207)	-	35,043	35,043	(23,641)
Columbus	-	4,755	4,755	-	225	314	-	(1,687)	(247)	-	3,360	3,360	(1,395)
Nore	-	3,836	3,836	-	3,719	1,000	-	(2,098)	(278)	-	6,179	6,179	2,343
Patriot	-	3,939	3,939	500	11,374	-	(500)	(8,601)	(1,265)	-	5,446	5,446	1,507
Mariners	-	402	402	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	402	402	-
Explorer Units	-	12,932	12,932	500	15,317	1,314	(500)	(12,387)	(1,790)	-	15,387	15,387	2,455
Explorer District	-	37,809	37,809	2,000	23,424	3,143	(45)	(13,963)	(2,923)	1,955	47,489	49,444	11,635
Net Explorer	-	50,741	50,741	2,500	38,742	4,457	(545)	(26,350)	(4,713)	1,955	62,876	64,831	14,090
Network	-	1,528	1,528	-	10,266	143	-	(5,170)	(1,425)	-	5,341	5,341	3,814
Net Southend Estuary District Scout Council	-	110,953	110,953	2,500	114,772	12,344	(545)	(122,465)	(12,344)	1,955	103,260	105,215	(5,737)
Reduction in Valuation of Assets											(7,505)	(7,505)	(7,505)
Total Southend Estuary District Scout Council	-	110,953	110,953	2,500	114,772	12,344	(545)	(122,465)	(12,344)	1,955	95,755	97,710	(13,242)

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Southend Estuary Scout District



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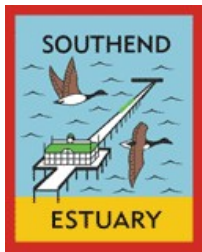
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Secretary
Mary Goff

Treasurer
David Keeler

District Youth Lead
Lloyd Croucher

Trustee Board
Jack Day Charity Trustee
Daryll Chase Charity Trustee
Lorraine Walter Charity Trustee
Mark Chapman Trustee



Southend Estuary Scout District



District Commissioner Report 2024

Our focus points within the District is

1. Scout knowledge for Leaders
2. Recruitment of young people and adults
3. Permits for Activities
4. Young Leaders
5. Network (18 to 25 year olds)

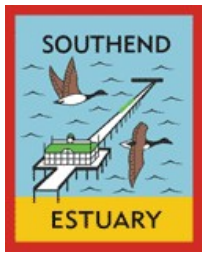
This has been a year of transformation for the district with the introduction of a new events team and now a new Program team. Our groups continue to evolve their leadership and we now have the leadership teams in place to support our programs. This means our recruit focus will move to focus on young people while still keeping on recruiting adults.

We have had some people step back from roles within the District and I would like to call out a few, Eloise Chase our Chair and Daryl Chase a long-standing Trustee who both stepped back to focus on their Waking Scout roles. We all thank them for the service that they have made to the District Trustee Board while recognising that they will not really be stepping back from Scouting.

I'd personally like to thank Mark Chapman for all his efforts to renew and renovate District Headquarters. This included many days hunched over a keyboard typing submissions for grants, working with contractors, Ryan Ward and Loraine Walters to make sure the quotes, the building and the end results all tied together with the requirement of the grants. Mark, Loraine and Ryan have committed hours to making a facility that can be used by the whole District and we can see that through the number of weekends where Beavers and Cubs have booked out the Facility.

This year has seen Scouting transform into teams and taken more of a focus on the Charity requirements that Scouts needs to adhere too and ensuring that safety is part of planning adhering to the Transformation from Scouts. We have created a new District teams such as a Facilities team, a Charity Shop team, and Events Team and a Program Team.

A new focus this year will be on the change from Compass to our new Scout system. This will bring a change in the way training is completed in Scouting which reduces the complexity of the current training. This new change will be led by Richard Philips along with Jo Bushnell. This will require the whole District to be involved in the change.



Southend Estuary Scout District



The area within the District that needs the most focus is the Program that is delivered to young people. This is the primary role of Scouts as an Educational Charity. With this in mind there is need to understand and consider the program being offered by each and every Section. This will be the focus of the District as we evolve into a program lead organisation. This will be a significant change in the interaction that Sections and Groups have with the District.

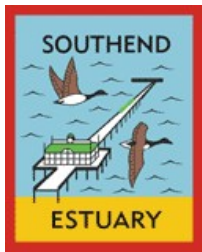
I would also like to thank the Scout Charity Shop staff who have taken on the District uniforms, badges. It is staffed with volunteers who all work to ensure that we have funds for scouting.

Thank you to all Leaders for your efforts this year. Scouting is a major advantage for young people giving them confidence, experience and skills for their future.

Andrew Lewin

District Lead Volunteer

Southend Estuary



Southend Estuary Scout District



Facilities Team - 2024

District HQ Refurbishment Project 2023-2024

The initial goal was to paint the halls and smarten up our HQ buildings, however our aspirations developed which necessitated significant external funding. Our HQ, built 1982, is used by our local community, now refurbished it's proven to attract many more users and be more self-financing.

Mark Chapman provided fundraising expertise in 3 phases:

Phase 1 - Painting hall and all communal areas, replace carpets.

Phase 2 - Widen fire exit and internal doors for disabled access. Install efficient heaters, LED lights, and refurbish 1st floor meeting room.

Phase 3 - Kitchen refit (kitchen was 40 years old)

None of what you see today could have been possible without Ryan Ward and Lorraine Walter who very kindly assisted in, choosing design, sourcing suppliers, assisting with quotes, drawings, providing hall-usage/pricing/future usage, footfall reports, photos of community events and much more. All this helped reduce the vast administrative mountain to secure grant funding.

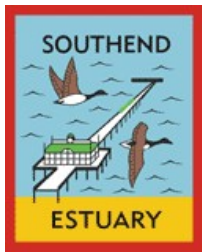


HQ Refurbishment

District Lead Volunteer: Andrew Lewin
Email: andrew.lewin@essexscouts.org.uk

Address: 191 Eastern Ave, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4BU
website: www.southendestuaryscouts.org.uk

Tel: 07830364560
Registered charity No 1045298



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We were extremely grateful to ROSCA funding, who were instrumental in securing larger grants from Essex Scouts and Veolia Environmental Trust. We secured refurbishment grants of almost £30,000 from the following:

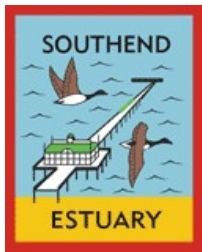
- ROSCA -
- Essex Scouts
- Veolia Environmental Trust

The project required very significant administrative activities to complete competitive tendering and to meet compliance regulations for Veolia's conditional grant, in line with government regulations.

Having taken almost 2 years, we have finished the works. The District Trustees and District, as a whole, really appreciate all those who volunteered their services including Nore explorers, network, scouters, parents, family and friends.

Thank you

Mark Chapman HQ-Refurbishment fundraising and finance Lead.



Southend Estuary Scout District



District Beavers Program Report - 2024

We have had a great year with lots of District Activities.

We started last summer with a district trip to Hopefields in Brentwood, it was a lovely day out with lots of colonies attending and everyone had a great time.

We started the autumn term with lots of colonies holding sleepovers and lots of badge work.

In December we had our annual carol concert, this was at the Salvation Army in Clarence Street, we had some lovely Christmas hats all made by the beavers and lots of lovely Christmas jumpers from the leaders. Always a lovely evening with the story of Christmas as well as lots of hymns.

The district did a trip to the panto, we go and see an amateur dramatic group each year. This year it was Jack and the Beanstalk and the Beavers all enjoyed them selves.

Lots of groups attended the Gang Show in February and all reported how much they enjoyed it. After Christmas we continued our beaver traditions with Art Attack, this is a craft event and was won this year by 4th Thorpe Bay, well done.

We had lots of colonies attend the ROP camp and everyone had fun, would like more time for activities next year and to have planned it's a knockout teams in advance of the camp. In June we had our District sports night and was enjoyed by all that attended. We also had our District hike which we hiked from Shoebury east beach to Uncle toms cabin where we then built sandcastles.

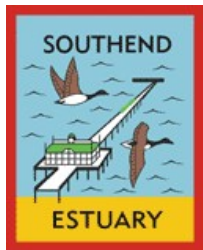
We had a small workshop in the summer with only a few leaders but was a good chance to help the new leaders and give them lots of ideas.

Lots of Chief Scout Bronze Awards this year, well done to them all.

Thank you to all of the leaders for all your hard work running the colonies and all the activities you help with and badge work you have undertaken, your all amazing.

Claire Brown

Program Lead (Beavers)



Southend Estuary Scout District



Southend Estuary Explorer Scout Report – 2024

2023-24 was another amazingly successful, enjoyable, adventurous year for our explorers with strong & strengthening numbers across all 3 units. Here are a few highlights...

Activities across the units:

All units had good attendance at; District Ready Steady Cook, District Island Hopping (trying to avoid sloppy mud), Columbus Halloween film night-in-the-woods, District Ice skating to celebrate Christmas. Many joined a magnificent Network mega-firework display and Kids Kingdom(minibus fundraiser) with local scouts. All units improved their links with scout troops but there is still more to do. The section delivered Young Leader training and First Aid training day for leaders and explorers, some YL's are supporting groups.

Units, either individually or combined, enjoyed golf driving range, crazy golf, fire cooking, cooking competitions, sleeping in hammocks, stargazing and navigation, biking, learned camping skills and various hikes. All units enjoyed unit winter camps.

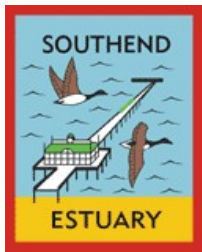
Nore ESU completed a scuba diving course, many experienced sea canoeing, learned Tennis, RacketBall, Crazy Golf, and visited St.Marys Church. Nore organised Beach nights, Mulberry Hike, Skreens Park High Ropes, Chinese and Japanese cooking, built crazy golf course and over 10 participated in Southend Gangshow. Some helped HQ refurbishment project and participated in HQ environmental project and weeds removal. Many from Nore also thoroughly enjoyed the international jamboree camping experience.

Nore awarded 8 Bronze DofE and Chief Scout Platinum awards. Over several months, two enthusiastic teams completed their DoE training, participated in several hikes, navigation exercises, hiked North Downs Way and then successfully finished their Silver DoE expedition on the South Downs. A great achievement. Many were awarded Essex Challenge badge.

Columbus ESU focused on scouting skills (knife maintenance, sleeping in hammocks, maps & compasses and good backpack techniques). Many completed You Shape badge, attending Remembrance Sunday service and Firework clean-up. Columbus enjoyed disability awareness nights bike maintenance, food bank talk, climbing and a debate night. Columbus hosted a Christmas party, enjoyed attending SEMAC camp, bowling at KingPins, and Geocaching in Southchurch.

Patriot ESU participated in Round-3 24hour British Pedal Car Championship they completed over 300 miles and won two 2nd places. Patriots U16 girl team were overall runners up British pedal car championship, their first national trophy and earnt a place on the podium – an amazing achievement. Patriots supported local foodbank, created new open fires area at the school for school and scouts to use. They attended National Monopoly run in London, plus organised a local event - a very enjoyable event attend by Nore, Columbus and scout troops

Patriots attended Southend Halloween parade and local Remembrance service. Other events included mental health talk, guest speaker, building a cardboard canoe, football competition and axe throwing. Two received their Chief Scout Platinum and Bronze DofE awards. Four were awarded the Jack Petchey Award. Patriots finished the year, attending Essex Jamboree, hosting 30 Swedish scouts which made it a truly memorable experience.



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SEMAC Multi-Activity Camp is one of the year's highlights camping on Dorset's beautiful Jurassic Coast. SEMAC was well attended by over 50 explorers and network, where everyone completed an action-packed long weekend paddleboarding, mountain biking, climbing/abseiling, archery, camping, & biking, all rounded off with a fancy dress Rave-in-a-Barn night and several campfires. Network visited Brownsea Island to invest many new members.



SEMAC Dorset 2024

Our Minibus has served us extremely well, (transporting us more than one million passenger miles!), now a replacement is more urgently needed. We continue to fundraise but much more fundraising and grants success is required. Essex Scouts have already kick-started the grant funding.

We all celebrated with John Bearman who rightfully received his **Medal of Merit** award for absolutely outstanding service to Columbus, Thorpe Bay beavers, special needs group and our district over too many years to mention. Congratulations John.

This year our explorers had opportunities to join an incredible list of activities each encouraged by a team of very dedicated enthusiastic leaders, assistants, and supporters for which we are all extremely appreciative and thankful. With such a great leadership team, I am confident that the rest of 2024 and 2025 will be equally adventurous.

Mark Chapman
District Explorer Lead (District Explorer Scout Commissioner)

Southend Estuary District Scout Council

Charity Registration 1045298

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and you consider that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and an audit requirement does not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Signed:



Ian P Chapman

Dated: 28 June 2024

Southend Estuary District Scout Council

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Current Assets			
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Cash at bank and in hand			
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Total at bank and cash in hand		<u>95,070</u>	<u>109,425</u>
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Current Liabilities		-	-
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Mariners	-	402	402	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	402	402	-
Mercator	-	1,401	1,401	-	-	-	-	-	(1,401)	-	-	-	(1,401)
Explorer Units	-	10,381	10,381	-	12,371	4,510	-	(11,045)	(3,285)	-	12,932	12,932	2,551
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Unrealised Gain (Balance Sheet)											37,689	37,689	37,689
Total Southend Estuary District Scout Council	-	95,070	95,070	19,035	89,787	15,567	(19,035)	(75,432)	(15,567)	-	147,114	147,114	52,044

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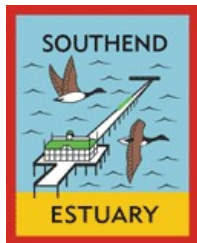
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Mercator	-	1,401	1,401	-	-	-	-	-	(1,401)	-	-	-	(1,401)
Explorer Units	-	10,381	10,381	-	12,371	4,510	-	(11,045)	(3,285)	-	12,932	12,932	2,551
Explorer District	-	35,626	35,626	-	26,344	2,625	-	(17,062)	(9,724)	-	37,809	37,809	2,183
Net Explorer	-	46,007	46,007	-	38,715	7,135	-	(28,107)	(13,009)	-	50,741	50,741	4,734
Net Southend Estuary District Scout Council	-	95,070	95,070	19,035	89,787	15,567	(19,035)	(75,432)	(15,567)	-	109,425	109,425	14,355
Unrealised Gain (Balance Sheet)											37,689	37,689	37,689
Total Southend Estuary District Scout Council	-	95,070	95,070	19,035	89,787	15,567	(19,035)	(75,432)	(15,567)	-	147,114	147,114	52,044

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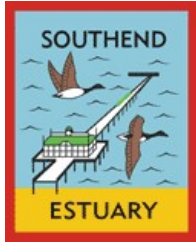
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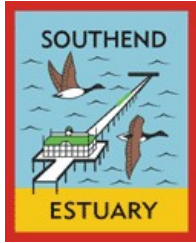
Our focus points within the District remain

1. Training and Scout knowledge for Leaders
2. Recruitment for young people and adults
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5. Network (18 to 25 year olds)

This has been a year of growth for the district with the opening of new sections including the Districts first Squirrel Dray at 3rd Shoeburyness. We still need to ensure that some of our groups have new leaders however we are making strong moves to recruit both young people and adults. That this is not uniform across groups is known and we will need to look at how we can have some leaders move between groups.

We have had some people step back from roles within the District and I would like to call out a few, Sarah Clarke, our long-standing ADC Scouts has retired from that role after many District camps for outdoor and indoor badges, camping competition and others to numerous to detail. Sarah will be sorely missed. The ADC roles will now change going forward and be part of a new Program team.

Within groups there has been a number of changes with Pete Brady stepped down as GSL for 1st Shoeburyness but left Russell Evans with a group with a strong Leadership team. Adrian Latham has stepped back from his joint GSL and Scout leader role which considering the years he has done is understandable. Syd Halfacre has left Great Wakering, replaced by Ryan Ward who has years of experience within Scouting (and a helpful Sue Smith to help him). Richard Phillips has stepped into a smaller role however is still with 10th Southend. Richard was replaced as GSL by the ever-enthusiastic Jes Phillips. 3rd Shoeburyness is a group that Emma Hulme has re-vitalised with strong numbers for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Victoria Scammell has joined as GSL for 3rd Southchurch. I would like to thank all of the leaders, including the GSL's, ADC's and other roles for their dedication to young people and to ensure safe scouting.



Southend Estuary Scout District



This year will see Scouting restructure into teams. This focuses the governance body, currently the District Executive, onto how the governance of the District as a Charity is address. This will mean the removal of the need to manage property, District activities, administration and focus more on the financial standing of the District as a charity. The roles that the Executive did have will now move to the District teams which is made up of the GSL's, Network and Explorer team leaders among others.

We have created a new District teams such as the Facilities team, the Charity Shop team, the Program Team. These will ensure that the District can focus on these and you can see the results from the Facilities team currently lead by Mark Chapman who has ensure that we have grants to upgrade out DHQ.

This year we will also be investing in Permit holders training, Archery equipment and Axe throwing so we can better use DHQ rather than groups in the District needing to only do activities on camp. In addition we are working with Garons on opening up a lake (class C waterway) for use of Canoe's and Kayaks. This will make sure we can delivery adventurous activities close by and without relying on tides.

I would also like to thank the Scout Charity Shop staff who have taken on the District uniforms, badges and soon the communication hub for the District. It is staffed with volunteers who all work to ensure that we have funds for scouting. Recently we have suffered from Covid and other problems within the Shop but this does allow us to have a visible presence in Southend.

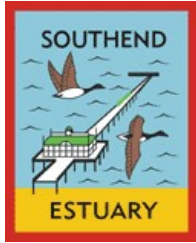
Thank you for all your efforts this year delivering Scouting though the District and Groups.

I look forward to next year and what we can achieve.

Andrew Lewin

District Commissioner

Southend Estuary



Southend Estuary Scout District



Facilities Team - 2023

Early this year the committee agreed to paint the halls and smartening up our HQ buildings, our aspirations developed which would require external funding. Our HQ, built 1982, should be self-financing (even better to be revenue generating), used more by our local community, be more environmentally friendly, all of which this would make the refurbishment project more attractive to potential grant providers (especially those more focused on helping the “wider community”)

I proposed 3 phases in line with potential funding streams:

Phase 1 - Painting Hall and all communal areas, replace carpets.

Phase 2 - Widen fire exit and internal doors for disabled access. Install efficient heaters, LED lights, and refurbish 1st floor meeting room.

Phase 3 - Kitchen refit (current kitchen is 40 years old)

Ryan Ward and Lorraine Walter very kindly assisted in defining refurbishment scope, choosing design, sourcing suppliers, assisting with quotes, drawings, providing hall-usage/pricing/future usage, footfall reports, photo's of community events and much much more. All this helped reduce the vast administrative mountain to secure grant funding. I'm now pleased to report we have secured the final funding to finish all planned works and fit a new kitchen.

The success was to re-position what we need with what Veolia trust will only fund – to secure Veolia trust grant we are required to contribute 10% ourselves (as a Contributing Third Party)

To date we are extremely grateful to have secured refurbishment grants from:

- ROSCA - £2,800 for disability access
- Essex scouts - £7000 + £3000
- Veolia Environmental Trust - conditional grant of £18,070

Total funding is £30,870 (less £1807 towards Veolia's Contributing Third Party)

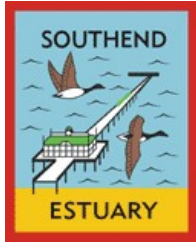
The project funding task is far from complete, there remains significant administrative activities to complete competitive tendering and to meet compliance regulations for Veolia's Conditional grant.

We still have a long way to go and we all appreciate those who helped with painting the hall, replacing lights etc, however this still leaves the biggest task of managing each project with hopefully many willing volunteers!

Regards

Mark Chapman

HQ-Refurbishment fundraising and finance lead.



Southend Estuary Scout District



District Beavers Report - 2023

The past year has been spent trying to get back to normal following Covid. All groups were back meeting face to face and district activities all resumed and a chance to start planning and arranging activities and events as a district.

We started our activities with a County funday, this was held at Skreens park, the County ran a Beavers in Tents weekend, we along with quite a few other districts just joined them for the funday, taking part in lots of activities.

We had our annual Art Attack in October with an under the sea theme, this was well attended and our District Commissioner Andrew came along and picked the winner which was 3rd Thorpe Bay, they did a great scene using items that can be found in the sea that should be recycled.



Carol concert was in December at St Lukes, a lovely big church with plenty of room, just parking was an issue as would you now if the school also had an event on so we could not use the school parking.

Sports night was held in June and was a great event as always, followed closely by our District hike which this year was done at Belfairs woods.

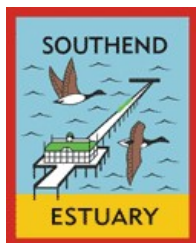
Coming up we have a District Day out at Hopefields Animal Sanctuary as well as planning the winter events.

This year we have presented lots of Chief Scout Bronze Awards and I want to thank all the leaders for all the hard work they have given over the past year.

Claire Brown

Assistant District Commissioner Beavers

Southend Estuary



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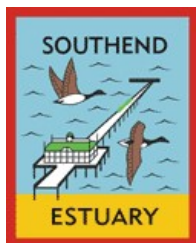


Southend Estuary Explorer Scout Report – 2023

2022-23 was another amazingly successful, enjoyable, adventurous, and international year with strengthening healthy numbers across all 4 of our units, however more recently Mariners numbers are wavering again. Here are a few highlights...

The year started with a truly adventurous Summer Venture SV22 at the Gower, South Wales, attended by 34 keen explorers and leaders, who totally immersed themselves into a week of amazing activities. These included refreshing 6am sunrise swims, climbing, coasteering (some jumped from heights of greater than 10m into the sea), paddleboarding, kayaking, coastal hiking, building fun water rockets all interspersed with daily volleyball challenges. District Summer Venture - A few photos of what the young people achieved – coasteering, climbing, hiking, paddleboarding





Southend Estuary Scout District



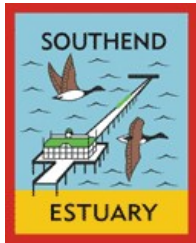
Activities across the units:

All units had strong attendance at; District Ready Steady Cook, District Island Hopping (trying to avoid sloppy mud), joined a magnificent Network firework display, Columbus Halloween-in-the- woods night and District Ice skating to celebrate Christmas.

All units improved their links with scout troops but there is still more to do, some YL's are supporting other groups. The section delivered Young Leader training and first aid training day. Units, either individually or combined, enjoyed golf driving range, crazy golf, fire cooking, sleeping in hammocks, sailing, kayaking, paddleboarding, hikes, stargazing and navigation, biking, and scavenger hunts. Twenty Nore explorers completed scuba diving course (majority progressed to complete the 'Deep Dive'), participated in several land yachting sessions, powerboating skills training, sailing, and waterfront canoeing trip under the pier. Columbus learned survival skills & water filters making, Wakering sea wall bike ride, Mega Twister, run climbing nights at SYC (many sessions with feeder troops), progressed with Raquet Sport badge, You Shape Badges and more. Patriots attended National Monopoly run in London, Saffron Warden 24 hour Jailbreak, and ran 5-A-Side Football competition (won by Columbus). Some units enjoyed trips to the UK's first Electric Car Charging Station. Patriot provided opportunity for Bronze qualifying DofE hike and a few Nore completed their Silver DoE award this year.

District Ray Day – Nore/Columbus/Mariners enjoyed watersports day sailing, powerboating, water skiing, canoeing/Kayaking in beautiful sunning conditions, joined by Upminster scouts. Of particular achievement, Patriots participated in two 24 hour British Pedal Car Championship collecting awards for U16 and U14 team, plus visited Ringwood (British Grand-prix) Blackbushe which brought more success and improved overall ratings in the championship and a formal invite to the French racing calendar next year.

SEMAC Multi- Activity Camp - One of the year's camping highlights at Biblins, nested in Wye Valley, was well attended by explorers and network (for the first time this year). Everyone completed an action-packed long weekend canoeing the wye valley with its challenging rapids, went deep wet caving in the Welsh mountains, mountain biking, climbing/abseiling, hiking, all rounded off with evening fancy dress games and campfires.



Southend Estuary Scout District



2023 - no less than three International Jamborees!

- 7 members from Nore and Patriot attended 25th International World Jamborees in South Korea and all have great memories to share that will last a lifetime. Alice shared, "best bit, I absolutely loved the closing ceremony because it was a kpop concert and we could see everyone from the jamboree once again"
- 5 more explorers plus Columbus leader Harrison joined North America Jamboree, Ethan shared "My favourite part of the jamboree was the amazing 5 day camp-canoe trek on rivers, lakes and wilderness, the next best was the trips in Canada to Niagara falls and to the Canadian wonderland theme park"
- Yet more explorers also joined International Jersey Jamboree, led by our very own Emma and John Bearman.

Our Minibus has served us extremely well, (transporting us more than one million passenger miles!), a replacement is needed and a minibus-fund is in progress but much more fundraising and grants success is required. Essex Scouts have already kick-started the grant funding. We all celebrated with Graham Stock and Nick Smith who rightfully received their Merit Service awards for absolutely outstanding service to their units and district over too many years to mention. This year our explorers had opportunities to join an incredible list of activities each encouraged by a team of very dedicated enthusiastic leaders, assistants, and supporters for which we are all extremely appreciative and thankful. With such a great leadership team, I am confident that remaining 2023 and 2024 will be equally adventurous.

Mark Chapman
Southend Estuary Explorer Scout Commissioner

Southend Estuary District Scout Council

District Assets

As at 31st March 2023

	<i>Note</i>	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets				
District Headquarters (as insured)		693,832		693,832
Marine Assets inc trailers (as insured)		14,140		14,140
Minibus (as insured)		15,000		15,000
Contents of Buildings (as insured)		68,791		68,791
		<u>791,762</u>		<u>791,762</u>
Curent Assets				
Stock of badges & scarves		1,000		1,000
Cash at bank and in hand				
District Main Account		31,742		31,742
Shop Account		12,320		12,320
Explorers Accounts (x6)		46,007		46,007
Loan to Belchamps 17.3.20		5,000		5,000
Total at bank and cash in hand		<u>95,070</u>		<u>95,070</u>
Total Current Assets		96,070	-	96,070
Current Liabilities		-		-
Net Assets		<u><u>887,832</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>887,832</u></u>

Other Scout organisations in which the District has a Notional Percentage Ownership

Belchamps Scout Centre

There is an interest in the centre which is jointly owned by Castle Point, Crouch Valley, Southend Estuary and Southend West Scout Districts.

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There is an interest in the show

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Current A/C	-	27,524	27,524		32,900	5,796		(30,284)	(4,193)		31,742	31,742	4,219
Shop A/C	-	11,746	11,746		17,040	-		(14,549)	(1,916)		12,320	12,320	575
Net Total		39,270	39,270		49,940	5,796		(44,833)	(6,109)		44,063	44,063	4,793
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Columbus		3,941	3,941		1,075	-		(1,387)	(207)		3,421	3,421	(520)
Nore		3,965	3,965		2,858	10		(2,865)	(1,356)		2,611	2,611	(1,354)
Patriot		4,743	4,743		14,614	-		(14,593)	(2,219)		2,546	2,546	(2,197)
Mariners		402	402		-	-		-	-		402	402	-
Mercator		1,401	1,401		-	-		-	-		1,401	1,401	-
Explorer Units		14,451	14,451	-	18,547	10	-	(18,845)	(3,782)		10,381	10,381	(4,070)
Explorer District		14,987	14,987		71,844	9,171		(55,291)	(5,086)		35,626	35,626	20,639
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Total Southend Estuary District Scout Council			73,708		140,330	14,977		(118,969)	(14,977)		95,070	95,070	21,361

Southend Estuary District Scout Council

Charity Registration 1045298

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and you consider that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and an audit requirement does not apply.

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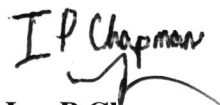
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Dated: 23 August 2023

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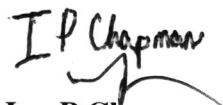
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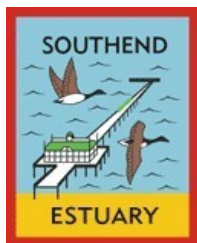
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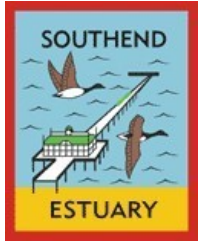
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SOUTHEND ESTUARY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Chairman Vacant to 14.7.2021
Brian Dawbarn Ex Officio w.e.f 14.7.2021

District Commissioner
Brian Dawbarn Ex Officio to 14.7.2021
Gary Brown (Acting) Ex Officio 14.7.2021 to 22.9.2021
Andrew Lewin Ex Officio w.e.f 22.9.2021



Southend Estuary Scout District



Secretary

Laura Somerville Ex Officio to 14.7.2021
Vacant from 14.7.2021

Treasurer

David Keeler Ex Officio

Explorer Commissioner

Mark Chapman Ex Officio

District Youth Commissioner

Amber Sturgeon Ex Officio to 12.2..2022
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Members

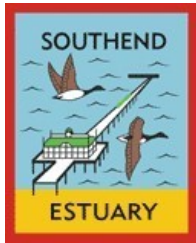
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Tim Wakefield ** Charity Trustee to 14.7.2021
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Malcolm Rose ** Charity Trustee w.e.f. 24.11.21
Lorraine Walter ** Charity Trustee w.e.f. 24.11.21

Please note all Ex-Officio Members are Trustee's

District Commissioner Report

I joined Southend Estuary District in November 2021 just as scouting moved from Zoom calls to face-toface meetings.

My first few Months of starting has been meeting new people and understanding how Estuary works.



Southend Estuary Scout District



One of the first things I did was talk to everyone I could in the District. From those discussions we found 5 priorities:

1. Training and Scout knowledge
2. Recruitment for young people and adults
3. Permits for Activities
4. Young Leaders
5. Network (18 to 25 year olds)

This year's Renewal of Promise will be remembered for the high winds that prevented us from having the blow up activities (Bouncy Castles) that everyone was looking forward too. It was however great to see so many Scouts of all ages enjoying themselves.

The next year my focus will be on shaping the District and Group teams to ensure that young people get a great opportunity through Scouting. This will mean a focus on Activities and expanding sharing Scout knowledge to help everyone with their Scout experience.

Andrew Lewin
District Commissioner
Southend Estuary

District Beavers Report

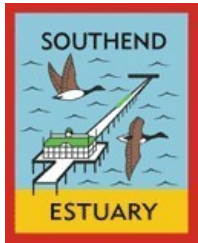
All colonies are now back meeting face to face following the lockdowns for Covid.

In December we held our first district activity with our annual Beaver carol concert, this was well attended and enjoyed by all who came along. It was a strange event with lots of extra precautions in place and due to rows missed between each colony resulted in less space for parents, but we managed to fit everyone in.

In April we attended the Renewal of Promise at Garons, did not go as planned but a massive thank you for all the Beaver leaders for helping provide craft for the youngsters to do.

In July we held our annual sports night, this is always a popular event which





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parents are welcome to stay and watch, we had our usual mix of races, but this year included a warmup with Sara and a tug of war at the end.

Most colonies have taken part in a sleepover, and everyone has been working hard on badges. Coming up we have a county fun day at Skreens park this Saturday and Art Attack and leaders workshop coming up soon.

Thank you to all the leaders for all your hard work.

Claire Brown

Assistant District Commissioner Beavers

Southend Estuary



District Cubs Report

We currently have 11 active cub packs within Southend Estuary.

I took on the role around 8 months ago and I am so happy and grateful for the amount of support I have been shown from the Cub Leaders of the District.

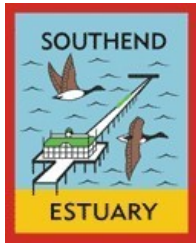
We have managed to run a successful athletics evening in which 125 cubs earned their athletics badge.



I have also had the pleasure of welcoming and investing a new cub leader at 3rd Shoeburyness and have witnessed the group grow from strength to strength with an expanded Leadership team.

Also, authorising 6 silver awards and look forward to being able to authorise many more.

I will be meeting with the cub leaders to get a plan into place in regards to other events



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such as badge weekends, swimming gala's and hopefully many more district events.

I would like on a personal note to say a massive thank you to all the leaders for their initial support and guidance as I learn more about the role.

A special thank you goes out to Lorna, Sue, Lorraine and Amber who have been amazing in helping me settle into the role.

Yours in Scouting,

Mattie Day
Assistant District Commissioner Beavers
Southend Estuary

District Scout Section Report

It was a fantastic feeling to eventually bring Scouting back to normal after a very hard 2 years. District Scouting started with our indoor badge weekend where we offered 7 badge choices and we had a record attendance of 105 Scouts, this was made up from 11 troops. The weekend went very well but was a lot of work and we learnt a lesson to cap the amount of Scouts in the future.

Our second district event was the outdoor badge weekend where again we offered 7 badge choices which were different from the indoor badge weekend. We had 82 Scouts attend from 10 troops. It was nice to have our District Commissioner join us for the weekend to see for himself the fun the Scouts have and the work that the badge leaders put into organising their badges. Our third event was camping competition, this year although it was still a competition it was based

around teaching camping skills as a lot of the Scouts either hadn't camped before or hadn't

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10th Southend Scouts

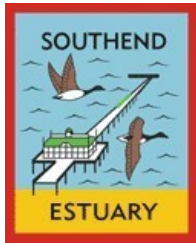
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7th May
10am till 4pm

191 Eastern Ave,
Southend-on-Sea
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10th Southend
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The Scout Association
Charity number: 306101



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camped where they did everything for themselves. Well done to Great Wakering Scout troop for winning the

competition with 386 points, second was 10th Southend with 384 points and third was 5th Southchurch with 383 points. The competition was the closest I have ever seen and the positioning literally came down to the final uniform marking. Well done to 3rd Southchurch on winning the Oasis Masterchef trophy with 150 points, 2nd was 10th Southend with 149 points and 3rd was Great Wakering with 148 points. Thank you to Mark Chapman, Explorers and helpers for hosting the Super

Troop competition, the Scouts really do enjoy taking part and having a relaxing time away from their pitches. Well done to 2nd Prittlewell for winning this. I was so proud at the end of this weekend as for the first time I experienced not one Scout lost a single conduct point, this means all the Scouts were on their best behaviour, no arguments and courteous to all leaders. I hope you are as proud of your Scouts as I was. Unfortunately this camp wasn't as well attended as usual and we only had 40 Scouts attend, but it was still a great weekend and enjoyed by all. I would like to say a special thankyou at this stage to Colin, Sean, Lyndsey and Adrian who as a team brought the rules and marking procedures up to date and ensured the weekend worked well.

I would like to thank all the leaders and young leaders for their help with these three events, without you it wouldn't be possible and the Scouts would miss out, it is lovely seeing the Scouts all mixing with Scouts from other troops.

Census figures looked good for the Scout section this year. Dates for next year, Indoor badge is still in discussion Outdoor Badge is at Thriftwood May 12 th to 14 th Camping Competition is at Belchamps 16 th to 18 th June I have been notified that a lot of groups have been camping this year, I know we held a summercamp and it was so nice to be back.

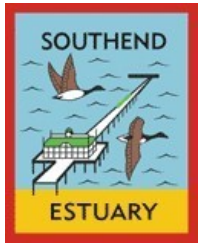
I would like to thank all the Scout leaders, assistant leaders and young leaders for the amazing job you all do, it certainly makes my job easier.

Please remember if you need any help I am only a phone call or email away.

Sarah Clarke

Assistant District Commissioner Scouts

Southend Estuary



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AGM Explorer Report - 2021/22 - Sept 2022

Southend Estuary Explorer Scout Report

2021-22 was another amazingly successful, enjoyable, and adventurous year with strengthening numbers. When covid restrictions permitted, all units regrouped with strong attendance at Ice skating and a magnificent firework display to celebrate the reopening of Network. Mariners also restarted in summer 2021 with an enthusiastic bunch of 9 young people who continue to grow from strength to strength. All units improved their links with scout troops but there is still more to do.

Units, either individually or combined, enjoyed crazy golf, Halloween film in the woods, fire cooking, sleeping in hammocks, sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, land yachting, hikes, stargazing and navigation, biking, scavenger hunts, scuba diving and a canoeing trip on River Chelmer. Nore, Columbus and Patriot successfully provided opportunities for many explorers to complete their bronze or silver DoE award hike on South Downs. Several have completed their Silvers DoE's this year. Nore, with Columbus, experienced sailing two Oyster 49 Offshore sailing yachts on the river Orwell, everyone enjoyed helming and working the sails. Sailing was mixed with hilariously entertaining singing 'on the crest of a wave' which concluded with high velocity water cannon flight. Columbus progressed with Chef and Air Activities Badges.

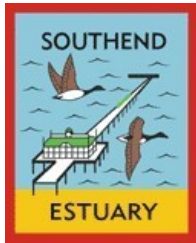
Patriots, successfully completed the national London Monopoly run and joined the British Pedal Car Championship Round and plan to attend the Jailbreak event.

The Young Leader Unit delivered Module A and a successful training day. We ran a First Aid course and are planning another training day and first aid later in the year.

All units camped more than once, some with their feeders, and all units participated in a summer trip. Columbus represented the district at Essex Explorers 20th birthday camp winning the most topical Sedan Chair with their recycling theme wheelie bin, full of recycled objects, carried by dustmen in well-dressed Hi-Vis Jackets.



One of the year's camping highlights was SEMAC in the Peak District staying at Gradback bunkhouse for an action packed long weekend of caving, gorge walking, climbing, hiking, and evening campfires. The district's grand Summer Venture SV22 at the Gower, South Wales was attended by 34 keen explorers and leaders, who totally immersed themselves into a week of amazing activities. These included refreshing 6am sunrise swims, climbing,



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coasteering (some jumped from heights of greater than 10m into the sea), paddleboarding, kayaking, coastal hiking around Worms Head, building water rockets all interspersed with daily volleyball challenges. Patriots ran their summer trip along with 5000 fellow scouts at the Kent International Jamboree camp – under the theme celebrating Our Celestial World! An enjoyable and memorable time was enjoyed by all.

Lloyd and Ethan were chosen to join the International Finland Jamboree, their highlights included

“Explorer rave, bonding with other scouts in Estonia and the interesting Soviet tour to

experience what life was like behind the iron curtain. Our trip to Tivoli Gardens Theme Park was thrilling and exciting” said Lloyd

Network reopened with several explorers joining to continue their scouting. The Southend Gang Show was well supported with cast members from several units. Nore’s Oliver and Sammie were selected to perform in the Best of Gang Show performance at The London Apollo, celebrating 90 years of UK Gang Shows. A truly magnificent achievement.

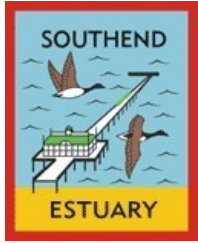
Our Minibus has served us well, (more than one million passenger miles) but will need replacing so we have commenced a replacement fund.

Next year, several members from Nore and Patriot will be attending International World Jamborees in Korea and North America. Emma and John will be part of the leadership team attending the Jersey International Jamboree.

This year explorers had opportunities to join an incredible list of activities each encouraged by a team of very dedicated leaders, assistants, and supporters for which we are all extremely appreciative and thankful. With such a great leadership team, I am confident that 2022/3 will be equally adventurous.

Mark Chapman
District Explorer Scout Commissioner





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District Assets

Year ended 31st March 2022

Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	
		£	£
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Tangible Assets			
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18,793			
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5,000			
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58,310			
Current Assets			
	Stock of badges & scarves	1,000	
1,000			
	Cash at bank and in hand		
	District Main Account	27,453	
27,453			
	Shop Account	11,746	
11,746			
	Explorers Accounts	29,438	
29,438			
	Loan to Belchamps 17.3.20	5,000	
5,000			
	Total at bank and cash in hand	73,637	
73,637			
Total current Assets		74,637	
0	74,637	Current liabilities	
Net Assets		735,477	
0	735,477		

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and you consider that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and an audit requirement does not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:


Ian P Chapman

Dated: 28 June 2022

SOUTHEND ESTUARY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1045298

Accounts

SOUTHEND ESTUARY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020-1

District Commissioner's report

This year has been the most difficult year in my time as District Commissioner with face to face scouting only allowed for less than four months of the year and no actual camps or large District events permitted.

Early in the year quite a number of Groups and Units held on-line meetings for their members and Amber Sturgeon, our DYC aided by Tim Wakefield and Kieran Skeggs organized District on-line sessions for members of those Groups, whose leaders were unable to organize such meetings. They also made the arrangements for a virtual Renewal of Promise which was well supported by many young people making their promises on-line. District members took part in two virtual camps.

The resumption of face to face scouting outdoors came in May with significant restrictions on numbers. Quick out of the blocks were three Explorer Units, Columbus, Patriot and Nore as well as 2nd and 4th Thorpe Bay Scout troops getting risk assessments approved and successfully delivering a number of activities. More Groups followed gaining approval to run meetings outdoors and in some cases indoors later in the year. Some groups were unable to reopen at this stage as leaders were not comfortable to resume face to face scouting or were key workers,

More recently our young people have had the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of activities, details of some of which are set out in the section reports that follow. Also despite the difficulties we have experienced quite a number of young people gained the Chief Scouts Award for their section.

The District Charity Shop in Shoeburyness is again running profitably and now selling uniforms, and again it continues to provide valuable financial support to scouting in the District. My thanks go to our team of volunteers. However, please do not take the shop for granted. It needs items to sell and also some support in keeping the shop open particularly in the summer holidays.

The situation regarding training has improved during the past year but the determination of Scout HQ to ensure leader training is up to date will continue. I know it is an onerous task in addition to all the hard work you put into organizing meetings and camps etc. but it is vital to keep one's training up to date.

My thanks go to Valerie Holman for her work in providing training to the District; to Sheila Fenner for administering the appointments system, to Tim Wakefield for distributing information as it was received from Gilwell, to Duncan Horner, Mark Chapman, Sarah Clarke, Lorna Skippon and Sue Smith as District Cub leaders, Claire Brown who have worked tirelessly to support their sections; also to Amber Sturgeon our District Youth Commissioner for her excellent contribution to the District, to the officers and members of the Executive for their support to scouting in the District.

Today is my last day in post as District Commissioner and as you know no successor has been found to take over from me despite three search attempts. Gary Brown, Deputy County

Commissioner, will take on the role and I wish him well but this will only be for a period of six months after which the District will either be merged with a nearby District or split between local Districts. This is particularly sad when it is considered that the merger between the old Districts of Southend and Maplin was accomplished smoothly twenty years ago without acrimony as is quite often the case with such mergers. It has been a really happy District and I sincerely hope that a way might be found to avoid such an occurrence.

Finally, on a more positive matter I am pleased to note that since the end of the last lockdown numbers have been growing steadily at quite a number of Groups and Units and more active scouting is now taking place. I can say without reservation I have greatly enjoyed watching young people in the District having a great time learning new skills and having fun. I particularly wish to thank wholeheartedly every leader who has contributed their time and energy to providing such excellent scouting during my time as District Commissioner and long may it continue. I hope to continue to serve the District as Chairman if appointed later in this meeting.

Brian Dawbarn, District Commissioner.

BEAVER SECTION REPORT

The last year has been a strange one. Put into lockdown all the colonies had to find other ways of running. Each colony found their own way of running, some sent badge booklets out for the beavers to work on and e-mail the leaders the results. Some moved to Facebook to run weekly activities. Some moved to zoom to run virtual colony meetings with some groups sending out craft and activity packs for each week's activities. We have had lots of Beavers gaining their Chief Scout Bronze Awards, well done to you all both as leaders and to the beavers for all their hard work.

Lots of Beavers took part in hike badges and nights away doing virtual sleepovers. The year 2021 will hopefully see everyone back face to face and celebrates 35 years of Beaver Scouts. They will be taking on 35 challenges and a badge was designed to be worn on their uniform for 1 year.

Some groups have found it hard during lockdown with issues with leaders, but we are trying to sort that out. Numbers will hopefully rise once we are all back face to face scouting and is the perfect time to look at parents that have been eager to help to maybe becoming occasional helpers or even leaders themselves.

We hope to be able to celebrate our birthday later in the year when restrictions allow us to. Due to COVID we have had no annual district activities such as art attack, carol concert, winter party, district sleepovers, wake up weekend, annual summer day out and sports night but fingers crossed for the coming year we will try and get something planned.

Thank you to all the leaders for your hard work during a very tough year, working from home, keyworkers and home schooling as well as running your weekly Beaver activities. THANK YOU. Thank you to the beavers for attending each week even though you had been home schooled but still attended and joined in your weekly colony activities. Thank you to Brian who steps down as DC, you will be missed.

Claire Brown ADC (Beavers)

CUB SECTION REPORT

During the last year Southend Estuary Cub Packs have been meeting on Zoom, sending out activity packs or using Facebook to communicate with their young people.

County have been very good at sending out different badge activities and this has helped leaders plan their programmes. All the hard work of leaders & cubs has resulted in potentially about 20 Chief Scout Silver Awards that have been awarded or are in the process of being awarded.

Many of us have had visitors on Zoom such as birds of prey, author Conrad Burdekin creating a story for us, illustrator Liz Million helping us draw an amazing creature & even a CSI/Forensic evening which taught us all about fingerprints!

We've also taken part in Hike to the Moon, Situation Screens activity challenges & the District Remembrance display. Some groups were able to meet face to face shortly last year and it's great that we are now able to meet up once again whether that's indoors or outdoors.

I don't know about anyone else but I've definitely missed seeing my cubs & leaders.

Thank you to all cub leaders, assistants, young leaders, cubs & parents for all their hard work over this difficult period.

Lorna Skippon District Cub Scout Leader

SCOUT SECTION REPORT

This year has been very hard for Scouting in general, March saw us locked down, a lot of groups met online and this was great for the Scouts to keep in touch but I know was hard for leaders and numbers were low.

We had a brief spell where we could meet again outside but with strong restrictions this saw a lot of groups meeting where they could as we had to be outside and weather wasn't always in our favour.

We then went into a second lockdown and all face to face meetings had to stop again once more. Thank you to our DYC who did fortnightly zoom meetings for the district and it was great for those whose groups couldn't hold online meetings still had chance to meet with Scouts.

As a District we have been unable to hold any events but we are hoping to run District Indoor Badge Weekend in October, we will have to see what the restrictions are nearer the time but if we are unable to stay then the idea is we will do 2 days and Scouts will need to go home at night.

I do feel it is important to stay safe but also to carry on as best we can. The census figures for the year looked good especially considering the hard time we had all had, it seemed a lot of children didn't want to meet online but when groups went back they flocked in.

I would like to thank all the leaders for their hard work during these difficult times, their perseverance and willingness to adapt has really shone through. I am sure we would all like to thank Brian for all his hard work during his time as District Commissioner he will be greatly missed although rumour has it he won't be far away.

Sarah Clarke ADC (Scouts)

EXPLORER SECTION REPORT

2020-21 was another successful, enjoyable but very challenging year having to deal with Covid, however we still managed with many active explorer events, even if some were remote. Columbus, Nore and Patriot switched to Zoom/Web meetings, which proved to be the 'new norm' - Virtual camps, garden campfires, scavenger hunts, home cooking, lip reading, ballet training, drawing games, fitness workout, were all 'remote'. When restrictions permitted participation significantly increased where units performed Kite flying, crazy golf, Halloween film in the woods, fireworks night, fire cooking, hammocks, sailing, kayaking & paddle boarding, land yachting, training hikes, biking, and a canoeing trip on River Chelmer. In recent months all units managed at least one camp – Nore at Kite Park, Patriot HoBo Thriftwood camp (watching England win European QF).

All units are supporting Young Leaders, even via Zoom calls. Patriot members have volunteered at the Fairhavens Charity shops helped with food collection, helped at Belchamps and chatted to older folk who were self isolating. All units performed beach cleaning, some regular as part of DoE Award services. Nore and Columbus very successfully provided opportunities for 16 explorers to complete their Silver and Bronze DoE awards hikes (due to covid, explorers returned home to sleep), yet still arrived back early to cook early breakfasts and continue their hike! Nore are planning a summer offshore training trip and a traditional activity camp. Links with feeder troops has steadily improved. Mariners was temporarily in hibernation but great to share has restarted again in summer 2021. Mercator continued to be a significant struggle with lack of leadership and thus it was decided to close until new leaders are found. The Young Leader Unit, reinvigorated under new leadership & guidance of Jes Phillips, will restart as soon as Covid restrictions permit.

To close, these are incredibly difficult times operationally, but the leaders (and explorers) have exceeded all expectations and continue to run scouting, even if that means multi-sanitising and keeping distances being the new normal. This is an incredible list of activities and achievements, encouraged by a team of very dedicated versatile leaders, assistants and supporters for which we are all extremely appreciative and thankful. As colder nights return outdoor led activities will create some new challenges, but I am confident that 2022 will be different but it will be equally adventurous. The OUT will be stronger in ScOUTing!

As a section, we share a massive shout out and thank you to our DC Brian Dawbarn for his amazing work for Scouts in this area over so many years and his dedicated support for our section, his leadership will be sadly missed. We hope Brian will find some extra time to play Bowls and spend time with family and in the garden! Thank you.

Mark Chapman District Explorer Scout Commissioner

SYNERGY NETWORK REPORT

There is not much to report this year, contact has been kept through the pandemic via social media.

There have been a few joint Network Zoom meetings where among other themes, cookery and handcraft have been undertaken. We have lost a couple of members who are now working on the other side of London, but will stay in contact and hopefully see them when they come back to visit Southend.

There are a few Explorers who should be moving up soon so hopefully numbers will recover. By the time of the A.G.M. we hope to have restarted face to face meetings, including a joint local Network meet at Ark Lane pioneering.

We would like to say a big thank you to Brian who over the years has been very supportive and helpful during his post as D.C. We wish him every success in his new role.

Duncan Horner District Network Scout Commissioner

DIDTRICT YOUTH COMMISSIONER REPORT

Scouting has thrown many curveballs throughout the pandemic, but through determination, adaptation, and passion, our leaders have given every young person the opportunity to learn #skillsforlife.

As NYC it has been great to see young people from across Southend Estuary completing challenges, taking part in Zoom events, and now being able to attend F2F meetings. It has given me the opportunity to try many new things too; although I'd be quite happy to give up the online university side of things!

What have the DMT, and I, been up to this year?

- We have run over 30 Zoom meetings for all young people across the District, supporting more than 200 individuals. These included: a visit to the Zoo, a District Talent competition, cooking, a visit from birds of prey, and many more.
- We have hosted 8 Youth Forums
- We have hosted a leader's only quiz
- We have created a website full of #scoutingathome ideas
- We have arranged and created a huge remembrance display
- We have arranged and created 2 renewal of promise events
- With the help of our young people, we held a virtual camp
- Francesca and I appeared on a promotional TV interview for ITV Anglia
- We hosted a campfire (in the rain)!
- We hosted a virtual District Christmas Party
- Supported other leaders in the District with Zoom
- Ensured the scout charity shop was covid secure
- We have all achieved our wood beads!

I would like to say a very special thank you to Tim and Kieran, who I would not be without! They bring enthusiasm, new ideas, smiley faces, and most importantly determination, to all the events we put on. I couldn't do it without them!

Amber Sturgeon District Youth Commissioner

Southend Estuary District Scout Council

District Assets

Year ended 31st March 2021

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		660,840		660,840
Curent Assets				
Stock of badges & scarves		1,000		1,000
Cash at bank and in hand				
Scout investment service		19,312		19,312
District Main Account		13,065		13,065
Shop Account		9,533		9,533
HQ Building Account		0		0
District Leaders Account		0		0
Badge Account		0		0
Explorers Accounts (7)		36,532		36,532
Loan to Belchamps 17.3.20		5,000		5,000
Total at bank and cash in hand		83,442		83,442
Total Current Assets		84,442	0	84,442
Current Liabilities		-		-
Net Assets		<u>745,282</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>745,282</u>

Other Scout organisations in which the District has a Notional Percentage Ownership

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Signed:



Ian P Chapman

Dated: 22 January 2022