



Scouts

Basingstoke East



Annual Report 2023-2024

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Every week in Basingstoke East we give almost a thousand people aged 4-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

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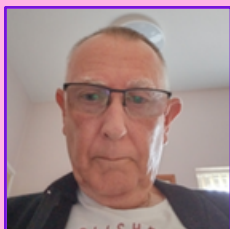
Our Charity

Basingstoke East District Scout Council is a registered charity in England and Wales: 1046979. The Scout District is established under the rules common to all district's ad groups within the Scout Association. The governing documents are those of The Scout Association, which consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the By-Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association. Full details on our trustees and constitution can be found on our website at bescouts.org.uk

District Presidents



Hugh Olivier-Bellasis
District President



Robert Lock
District Vice-President

Our Trustees

The following were trustees during the period of 2023 to 2024



Josh Hensman
District Chair
From August 2023



Helen Jones
District Secretary



Jack Tracy
Lead Volunteer



Paul Hogan-Williams
Lead Volunteer



Carol Mann
District Treasurer



Nathan Robinson
Youth Lead

Other Trustees for this period are:

- Alan Boddy
- Carrie Miller (to Aug 23)
- Colin Casey
- Daria Cooke (to June 24)
- Jack Dilly (to Oct 23)
- Katherine Witts (to Aug 23)
- Rob Walker
- Bee Ahmed
- Chris Circuit
- Colin Karslake (to Sep 23)
- Gill Craft
- John Purdy
- Pete Byrne (to Aug 23)
- Yakeshwaren Sekar

We are pleased to announce our trustee selection for the period of 2024 to 2025, which will be approved at our AGM:

- Helen Jones (Chair)
- Jack Tracy
- Gill Craft
- Toby Howard
- Carol Mann (Treasurer)
- Jamie Andrews
- Emma Digance
- Rob Walker

In addition to the elected trustees for the coming year, Paul Hogan-Williams and Nathan Robinson hold ex-officio positions and will also be part of the District Board of Trustees.



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Our Core Leadership Team



Jack Tracy
Lead Volunteer



Paul Hogan-Williams
Lead Volunteer



Nathan Robinson
Youth Lead



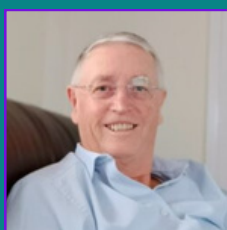
Craig Harris
Programme Lead



Julie Jacobs
Support Lead



Jack Dilly
14-24 Lead



Keith Douglas
Volunteer Development
Lead

Our District Leadership Team

The district leadership team is made up of our District Core Team (DCT) and a wide variety of other roles from across the district who focus on each of their areas plus our Group Scout Leaders who look after each of their groups.



Jan Wright
District Squirrels
Team Leader



Magda Esterhuyse
District Beavers
Team Leader



Pam Byrne
District Cubs
Team Leader



Tim Gibbons
District Scouts
Team Leader



Richard Green
Young Leaders
Lead



Daria Cooke
Network Lead



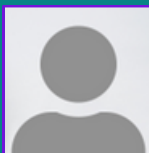
Sam Belcher
Digital
Communications Lead



Georgina Charlton
Growth &
Development Lead



Nick Hicks
Growth &
Development Lead



Brigitte Cleall
Scout Shop
Base 2000 Store Manager

Also included in our DLT is our Group Lead Volunteers from across the District. Dawn Spreadbury, Sarah King, Quintin Alvares, Natalie Elliot, Bee Ahmed, Gill Craft, Jane Fraser, Tim Gibbons, Brigitte Cleall & Colin Karslake.

Our District Teams are supported by their multiple team members made up of District Leaders, Explorer Scout Leader & Coordinators: Keith Bull, Alec Coomber, Vicky Evans, Andy Feast, Fiona Fraser, Jade Gibbons, Amy Goodall, Richard Green, Phil Hawkins, James Langham, James Lutener, Peter Morgan, David Page, Richard Whitechurch & Chris Wood

Membership Figures

Basingstoke East grew to it's largest recorded size in 2023 with our January 2024 census figures showing an 18% increase in young people on the previous year. This is one of the highest growths across Hampshire. We have also seen a 6% growth in adult volunteers within the District.

243
BEAVERS

↓ 2%

88
Squirrels
NEW

298
cubs

↑ 10%

212
SCOUTS

↑ 5%

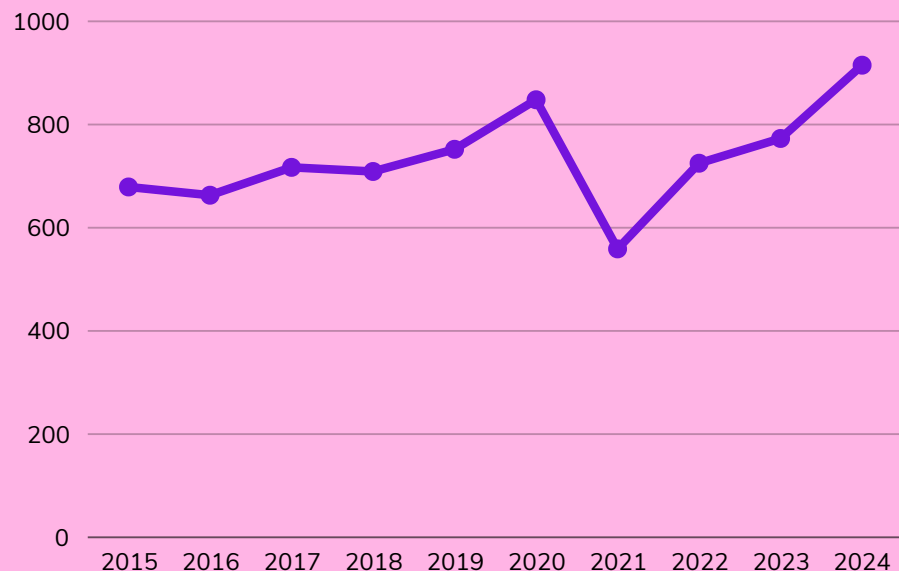
74
EXPLORERS
↑ 45%

242

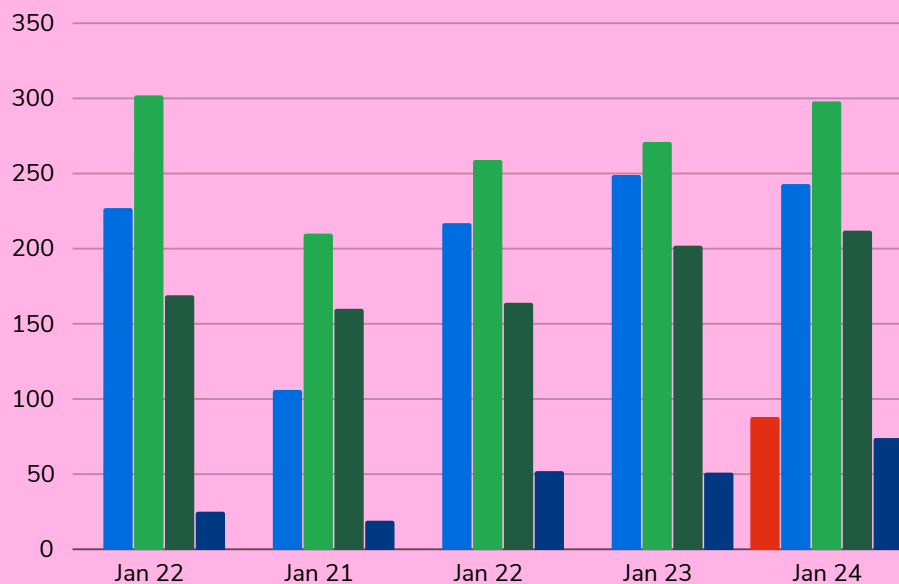
ADULT VOLUNTEERS

↑ 6%

Youth Numbers Trended



Youth Numbers By Section



Trustee Report

Josh Hensman

District Chair



How do you govern a district that is growing so fast?

That's a question that the trustees have been working on this year. The District Team, ably led by Jack and Paul, has been focused on a growth programme that spanned from Squirrels through to Network. This is alongside providing international opportunities, opening a brand-new District Hub, changing the way we provide the badge service, and growing revenue at Basingstoke Scout Shop by 100% year on year.

The trustee board has been working hard to support these opportunities and provide sound advice and strategic direction. Over the year, the board has focused on good governance, including the effective management of risk and safety, and has made great strides in ensuring that the programme the district provides is well-led, safe and enjoyable.

The year has not been without its challenges, with a focus on scouting nationally and local challenges that have impacted some groups' ability to deliver week-on-week. It is as a direct result of the hard work of the leadership team that these challenges have been overcome, and the district has been able to continue moving forward in a tough socio-economic climate.

It is important to recognise Jack and Paul, who go above and beyond in the service of scouting every day. Having created a great leadership team at a district level and group leaders, they have been able to split their time in seemingly impossible ways to keep up with the requirements put upon them (and many that they put upon themselves!). So many things would not have happened this year without them, and for that, we should all be grateful.

Growth has been strong this year, and opportunities have been ever-increasing. Adult volunteers have been recognised in ways that they have not in some time, with the Local Awards Advisory Group really coming into its own. Young people are being represented within the leadership of Basingstoke East and groups within, having a true voice at the table, as they absolutely should.

Through all of this, our finances are good!

The district finds itself in a healthy financial position at the end of the year, recognising the cost of the Essex International Jamboree that was running through the accounts over the course of two years. The board will be working to increase reserves over 2024, focusing on grants and Scout Shop growth to support this aspiration. The board recognises the need for these increased reserves as a result of the continued growth aspirations of the District Leadership Team combined with continued economic uncertainty.



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Lead Volunteer Report

Paul Hogan-Williams & Jack Tracy

District Lead Volunteers



2023 has been another exceptional year for Basingstoke East with the District growing to it's largest ever recorded size. This really is testament to the dedication of our volunteers across the District providing the quality programmes each and every week along with the amazing events that they put on. We could not do this without these volunteers, so we'd like to really say a massive thank you to all of you!

The quality of programme really is reflected with 110 Chief Scout Awards being given in 2023 and we've almost beaten that number already this year with 99 of these top awards up to 14th June.

It's also been great to recognise our Adult volunteers too, back in January of this year we celebrated the dedication of our volunteers and we were so pleased to present over 100 awards as this amazing event.

As we reflect on the great events of last year with so many growing even bigger in 2024 already. BEASTLY 2024 had over 1,000 people attending which is our largest number to date and we've received such wonderful feedback from parents and participants at how much their young people enjoy this day. District camps have also continued to grow, with two Beaver camps taking place this year to accommodate the volume of Beavers wanting to attend, District Cub Camp invited along the Scouts to join them on their weekend at the home of Scouting in Gilwell Park. This year also saw our first District Squirrel event, which our Squirrels having a fun packed day out at Wellington Country Park.

As we look forward to the rest of the year we still have some exciting trips to come with Squirrel Fun Day, Paultons Park for the Beavers plus Chessington for our Cubs & Scouts. We're also really excited to be sending our first District Contingent to Essex International Jamboree this summer.

Paul Hogan-Williams & Jack Tracy



109

Chief Scout's
Awards Given



18%

Growth in
Youth Members



2,875

Nights Away



85%

Volunteer
Satisfaction



100+

Adult Recognition
Presented



68

Nights Away
Events Run

Youth Report

Nathan Robinson

District Youth Lead



I was previously Deputy Youth Commissioner now I have taken on the role of Youth Commissioner as the next step in my scouting career.

I have recently been working on youth shape badge by talking to the GSLs as well as a few other sections to increase participation and awareness of this badge. With this badge I have been making some resources and badge tips to make it more accessible for leads so they don't have to spend as much time on the planning.

I will be looking at starting youth forums for the young people to share and develop their views on scouting in their groups as well as district events. This is to allow us to see what that young people want to see or if there are areas we can help on. This will also benefit us by adapting the events to make it more appealing for the young people.

We are also looking at getting as many 18-24 years on trustee boards in different groups as possible to share there views and ideas. When we have as many as we can we are looking to set up a discussion event with these people to explain and help understand what they actually will be doing.

I would like to thank everyone that has or have been helping and giving up their time and energy to support our young People



Programme Report

Craig Harris

District Programme Lead



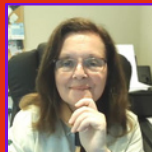
As a District Programme Team, the number and variety of events have continued to develop and we offer all young people the opportunity to take part in exciting and engaging activities. Many of our favourite events have returned such as Chessington and the District Hike, with the addition of new events too such as Wellington Country Park. It's always great to see the uptake these events have, and thanks to all of our adult volunteers for making them happen.

Young people from across the District have also continued to experience nights away events as well as adventurous activities as we develop our provision through new activity permits and new activities.

With Squirrels now an integral part of our Scouting family, we recently held our first District Squirrel event to Wellington Country Park which was loved by our youngest Scouts. A range of events is offered to all age groups and we've seen these provisions grow.

As well as supporting Groups delivering high quality programmes and activities, we're looking forward to another year of exciting activities for all of our young people.





What a difference a year makes! We now have 5 established Dreys in Basingstoke East, with several others coming on stream in the future.

It's been an incredibly steep learning curve, not just for me as ADC but for all the Squirrel Leaders in the District. Confidence has grown and some Dreys already have their first Squirrel camp/sleep-over under their belt and are planning the next one, while others are still working out the logistics of taking a dozen or more under 6's on a night away with the prospect of no sleep.

At the time of writing, I've met with some, but not all of the Squirrel Section Leaders and I'm blown away by the commitment to their young people, and also the relationships they are building with them. Squirrels are being given opportunities to experience activities they would never be allowed to outside of Scouting, we are privileged to be in that position.

Our first District Squirrel Event was organised by Amy Goodall 1st Basingstoke Squirrels, and she arranged for us all to go to Wellington Country Park. For the Squirrel age group, just spending the day away from parents can be a big deal and is an adventure on its own, but there were also train rides, petting zoo, bouncy pillow, lots of different playgrounds, including a dinosaur trail, and a sand pit, which kept them busy all day.

Bramley, my own Drey, used the opportunity to teach them about independence and they carried their own rucksacks, sorted out their own food, put their rubbish in the bins and even put their own shoes and socks on after going on the bouncy pillow. Not only did they display amazing independence, but the pride they showed in doing so was really quite emotional, and taught us that we should never underestimate our Squirrels. They can do more than we think they can, and more importantly they can do more than THEY think they can, we just need to give them the chance to do so.

Our next 'big event' for Squirrels will be BEASTLY, some attended last year, but this year I believe all Dreys are being represented. This is a great chance for Squirrels to not only meet other Squirrels, but to learn where they are in the Scouting community, to rub shoulders with other Sections and see how big their family really is. After BEASTLY we have Ferny Crofts in September, a District Squirrel Event which will further increase the number of activities that will stretch and challenge them.

I take my hat off to all the Section Leaders, Assistants, helpers and everyone who volunteers, and whose commitment goes towards making our established Dreys such a success, and I urge those Groups still on the fence, to reach out to either me or one of the other Dreys, we are here to support you.

If this year is anything to go by, I may well have to ask for more space next year to fit into my report all the things we have done with our Squirrels and all the things we have planned – I certainly hope so.



Beaver Scouts Report

Magda Esterhuyse
District Beaver Team Lead

BEAVERS



2023 was another fun filled year for the beavers in Basingstoke East. The summer term saw several District and County events happening and several beaver colonies took the opportunity to take part. In April we joined the rest of Hampshire county for a great day out at 4 Kingdoms. May saw us attending Beastly with the rest of the district and getting the opportunity to try our hands at several activities we would not usually be able to. In June, the older beavers were able to attend the District Beaver camp at Gordon Brown Centre and July saw some of them going off to District All Sections camp at Paccar. It was the first time I personally took Beavers on a 2-night camp and they were brilliant!

The Autumn term started with the first District Teddy bears' picnic since lockdown at the brilliant venue of the Walled garden near Down Grange sports complex. In October it was time for the ever-popular exodus to Paultons Park with the rest of the County.

February 2024 saw the first of a brand new event called "Beavers around the world", where the beavers had the opportunity to "travel" to 5 different countries and experience a little of that country – some fun facts, and an activity or two. A brilliant replacement for the old New Year's Party and very well supported by most colonies. A fab way to cheer up a dreary winter term!

Apart from the bigger events, beavers are meeting weekly and as colonies work on badges and learning many useful skills for life. Several beavers across the district were able to gain their Chief Scout Bronze awards before moving up to Cubs.

All of this is thanks to the amazing beaver leaders all through the district, without whose hard work every week and over the weekend events none of this would be possible.



Cub Scouts Report

Pam Byrne

District Cub Team Lead

cubs



As always it has been a busy year with so many opportunities offered to Cubs across the District to take part in many different activities and events organized by groups and the District alike.

Camping is always popular and while the Winter months may have kept the tents in garages, there were many sleepovers held giving Cubs the chance to still gain Nights Away experience while earning badges that are difficult to gain during a regular meeting. Collaboration between groups also gives Cubs to meet new people and make new friends.

Following on from the District Cub camp last year was closely followed by the all Section Camp which was very successful.

There was also what is fast becoming the annual day out the Chessington World of Adventures, this event is fast becoming a firm favourite with the Cubs, from those enjoying the more gentle rides to our thrill seekers.

The District Hike has also just taken place, the Cubs were amazing completing the 8km route, taking them through the muddiest of countryside and for some getting caught out in the hail, yet they kept going and did brilliantly at the challenger bases.

None of this would be possible without the passion and dedication of the volunteers who give up their time. A massive thank you is due to every single one of you, from me to you for everything that you do to give the young people of Basingstoke opportunities to have so much fun.





Scouts Report

Tim Gibbons

District Scout Team Lead

SCOUTS



Scouts from across the District have had another fun year of events ranging from summer camps to hikes and more.

The District Hike sees Scouts from across our Groups test their navigational skills, some with much more success than others. Small groups of Scouts were given a route to follow with activities to complete during the course. The Scouts who took part all seemed to enjoy the day, despite some groups taking over 6 hours to complete the route.

Scouts have supported Julian House for the second year in their Basingstoke Big Sleepout event where over 30 of our young people slept rough for a night to raise awareness for homelessness. The Scouts raised over £2,500 for this worthwhile cause.

A number of events are planned for this year including an Expedition Challenge weekend, a week-long Summer Camp and also a PL/APL training weekend to help our young people develop their peer leadership skills. Scouts will also be challenged with a survival camp weekend to test their skills.







BEAST Report

Craig Harris
Programme Lead



BEAST is our District's Active Support Unit which aims to provide adventurous activities to young people by bringing specialist equipment and skilled leaders to make these activities available. We're able to offer rifle shooting, tomahawk throwing, archery and more within our own District and further afield.

The number of trained leaders, and the range of activities that we can offer has grown and we've been able to offer these activities to support our Group's programmes. The team have visited weekly meetings and camps to deliver these adventurous activities to our young people.

Following the addition of Squirrels last year to our District, we've invested further in activities such as soft archery which have proved popular with Squirrel and Beaver sections as they prepare our youngest members for the adventures to come.

BEASTLY now returned for its third year on Saturday 18th May 2024 with 750 young people joining us for the day. The event, supported by the BEAST team, will see our young people enjoy a large range of activities from climbing to rifle shooting and from inflatables to drumming workshops. The growth of this event has been incredible and it really does offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Help us grow BEAST

We are actively looking for a Team Leader for BEAST. Our BEAST team provides the adventurous activities such as Archery, Rifle Shooting, Tomahawk Throwing and much more but we need someone to help lead and grow this unit even more.

Interested? Get in touch with craig.harris@bescouts.org.uk to find out more

14-24 Team Report

Jack Dilly

14-24 Team Lead



As a new team and role that I have entered within the last year, I am excited to be able to give better focus and attention to the areas within the team, including Network, Young Leaders and Explorers. Across all areas we have been working on improving and developing the provision we already provide, including starting to plan local training and support for young leaders, plans to start a new explorer unit to meet demand and an improved network program to keep new leaders engaged in local scouting and helping at other groups in multiple ways!

Alongside this our current explorer group has continued to deliver their program with various event opportunities for the young people.

Overall, this team has only been created in the last year and has a huge scope of potential to explore new opportunities and ways of working to make scouts better for everyone.





Explorer Scouts Report

Jack Dilly

14-24 Team Lead



Throughout the last year Yeti ESU have attended a variety of events such as Scouts Speak Up, Ferny Fest, CHAOS Camp and BEASTLY 2023 to name a few! All of these were greatly enjoyed by the explorers and some of which were new events which we hope to see again over the following years.

Yeti ESU on their weekly sessions have had a variety of new and old ideas and delivered a variety of evenings. Recently they have done work towards their community impact badge by planning ways they could have an impact on their community and followed this up with a litter pick and a session by Basingstoke food bank.

Yeti ESU has grown as a unit, and this is a great sign of success however we now see the need to open a new unit to accommodate more explorers. The new unit has undergone a substantial amount of planning, and we hope for it to be opened soon. With this we are starting to look at recruiting new leaders and hope that this will enable better provision of further opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's award and open the scope for larger district explorer events.



Network Report

Daria Cooke

Network Team Lead



Since Basingstoke Network was reignited in the end of 2022, the group has had a steady growth in numbers and held several successful events in 2023 including: Bowling, Game nights, a camp at Pinset and the very first Network Christmas Meal!

Event planning for 2024 is well under way and I'm really excited for this first quatere of the year. We've gone into the year with 23 members.

Collaborations with BcOT are underway, we are in the process of arranging days to speak with their students as well as a stand at the college. This has opened the door for many opportunities to work together, and created conversations regarding future events and talks with the students. We are also in the process of creating a social media page to enhance internal outreach.

Some of our members went to the Isle of Revolution Festival and had a wonderful time. Looking forward we're planning to arrange similar events and continue delivering the great program we've developed over the last few months.



Young Leaders Report

Richard Green

Young Leaders Team Lead



In the District we now have 41 Young Leaders. We've spent the last year really focusing on data: ensuring all our records are accurate, up-to-date, and that everyone on the system is still active as a Young Leader. With the records updated, we've then shifted to focus on compliance for training, ensuring that all Young Leaders are completely their Module A within 3-months of registering.

At a recent meeting, we're kicking off work with Basingstoke West on running face to face training days for the Young People which will be interesting to see what the uptake is like as how we can evolve and develop this.

Since taking on the Young Leader role last year, I've had the pleasure to award five people with their Young Leader buckle for completing all their training and missions. I'm hoping that with our work to simplify and increase the accessibility of the Young Leader material, we can get more over the line and completed.



network

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Like is
FREEDOM
LIKING
what you
DO IS
HAPPINESS



Support Team Report

Julie Jacobs

Support Lead



New person, New team, New focus. Since joining the East core team in Sept 23, lots of initial conversations and actions have taken place. The Support Team covers:

Communication: with Sam Belcher as my key team member, he has been working on Look East articles and now is forging forward with Facebook, main website & adult website becoming as up to date as possible.

Growth, Development, Inclusion & Diversity: I currently have 2 members within the team. Gerorgina Charlton & Nick Hicks who work on all projects covering different aspects. We have held our 1st Inclusion Open House chat in Feb, where any leader could come along, share their challenges, knowledge & the team could help and support, if needed. Our 2nd Inclusion Open House chat is on the 28th Sept. Nick Hicks is the team member on the ground, if you like. He has been out and about helping those leaders who need help with making slight changes, to section meetings, to best meet the young people needs. You would not believe how many youth enquiries come through each week! We must be doing something right! We all do a great job at managing our waiting to join lists, but I think we can make improvements. Not sure what the answer is yet, but that will be a project the team will be working on, in conjunction with the rest of the District Team. Diversity is also on the radar as we look to see how we can appeal or work alongside other communities.

Kit Out a new project which is currently in the “Getting Ready” stage. We have secured money and are now buying kit, putting processes and people in place to make this happen. Kit Out is a gear sharing scheme, for those inside & outside scouting, who only need kit for 1 or 2 activities i.e hikes or an expedition. You will be able to hire the kit for a minimal charge, making some activities more inclusive, in this time of “the price of living crisis”.

Inclusion came to Beastly. With several young people finding Beastly overwhelming, additional members joined the team to support and create a safe space for those who needed it. Supported by, Relax Kids, HQ & Rotary grant, we were able to provide kit & people power, for this to happen.

Community Engagement: took off with the Poppy display at Tesco, then followed by the St George's day display. We have made useful contacts with community leads, to promote Scouting and start to have conversations about up-and-coming projects. I.e Old Basing Carnival, Popley Community Day. The Big Help Out, we will be working with West to get Scouting's name out there & encouraging others to volunteer. We will be in the town centre on the 8th June showing that it is fun as adult to volunteer with us.

Fundraising: always a tricky thing to explore, knowing when to apply and for what project. From HQ grants to those that are offered by local authorities, there has been time spent preparing paperwork and making contacts to enable our bigger projects to happen.

Just one more thing, **Scout Shop**, physically & online. A multi-functional team across both aspects of Scout shop, now work tirelessly to ensure the needs of everyone associated with the scouting community far & wide.

My thanks go to everyone in my team and all those around who have helped me settle into my role and I look forward to what we can achieve in the next 12 months.



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Young People Awards

The following awards were gained in the period of
1st January 2023 to 14th June 2024:



Chief Scout Acorn Award

Aarav B - 1st Basingstoke
Albert J - 1st Chineham
Arlo H - 1st Basingstoke
Austin S - 1st Basingstoke
Branden M - 6th Basingstoke
Cooper B - 1st Basingstoke
Cosmo S - 1st Basingstoke
Devin P - 1st Basingstoke
Dylan M - 1st Basingstoke

Elliott T - 1st Chineham
Evelynne C - 1st Basingstoke
George D - 6th Basingstoke
George L - 1st Chineham
Halley L - 6th Basingstoke
Harrison M - Bramley
Harry H - 1st Chineham
Jake C - 1st Basingstoke
Jesse C - 1st Basingstoke

Lorenzo S - 6th Basingstoke
Maisie M - 6th Basingstoke
Margot D - 1st Chineham
Nathaniel J - 6th Basingstoke
Noah S - 1st Basingstoke
Oscar W - 1st Basingstoke
Rosie T - Bramley
Samuel H - 1st Basingstoke



Chief Scout Bronze Award

Adam B - 1st Chineham
Adam J - 1st Chineham
Adam W - Air Scouts
Adelaide K - 1st Chineham
Alfie M - 1st Popley
Amy H - 1st Chineham
Archie H - Old Basing
Archie L - 1st Chineham
Arthur D - 1st Basingstoke
Bailey S - 11th Basingstoke
Beatriz S - 6th Basingstoke
Ben E - 1st Popley
Ben W - 1st Chineham
Benjamin B - 1st Popley
Benjamin M - 1st Chineham
Caelan L - Air Scouts
Callum M - 1st Chineham
Caspar R - 1st Basingstoke
Daniel J - 1st Chineham
Danny R - Air Scouts
Dominique C - 1st Chineham
Druv B - 1st Chineham
Dylan L - 6th Basingstoke
Edith G - 1st Chineham
Edward P - 11th Basingstoke
Eleanor F - Old Basing
Eli M - 11th Basingstoke
Elian N - Old Basing
Erin B - 11th Basingstoke
Ethan C - Old Basing

Felix W - 1st Chineham
Finn C - 1st Popley
Frank T - Bramley
Freddie C - Old Basing
Freddie C - Old Basing
Freddie G - 1st Chineham
Freddy F - 1st Basingstoke
Gabriel N - 11th Basingstoke
Harry S - 11th Basingstoke
Harvey-Jai H - 1st Basingstoke
Hector D - 1st Chineham
Huw-Gerald M - 6th Basingstoke
Imogen B - 6th Basingstoke
Isabella W - 1st Basingstoke
Isla S - Air Scouts
Jamie G - 1st Popley
Jaxon C - Bramley
Jessica K - 1st Chineham
Jessica K - 1st Chineham
Jessie B - 1st Chineham
Joe W - Old Basing
Judy H - Old Basing
Julia S - 11th Basingstoke
Kian T - 6th Basingstoke
Leighton M - 1st Chineham
Lily A - 1st Basingstoke
Louis M - 1st Chineham
Martha E - 1st Popley
Massimo D - 1st Chineham
Matthew B - 1st Chineham

Matthew S - 6th Basingstoke
Molly H - 6th Basingstoke
Nahla B - 1st Chineham
Nicolas D - Old Basing
Noah D - 1st Chineham
Oliver S - 1st Chineham
Ollie P - Old Basing
Oscar H - Bramley
Owen D - Bramley
Owen H - 1st Chineham
Owen W - Bramley
Phoebe S - 1st Popley
Pippa H - 1st Chineham
Ranadiran V - 11th Basingstoke
Rishwanth S - 11th Basingstoke
Rithul S - 11th Basingstoke
Rose A - Bramley
Samuel A - 6th Basingstoke
Sienna M - 1st Chineham
Tarunya Y - 11th Basingstoke
Theo S - 6th Basingstoke
Theodora K - 11th Basingstoke
Thomas G - 11th Basingstoke
Thomas S - 11th Basingstoke
Thomas T - 1st Chineham
Tom R - 1st Chineham
Vivaan B - 1st Chineham
William A - 1st Basingstoke
Zachary A - 1st Chineham
Zachary J - 6th Basingstoke



Chief Scout Silver Award

Abney S - 11th Basingstoke
Aidan L - Old Basing
AJ W - 1st Chineham
Alex F - Old Basing
Alex M - Old Basing
Alexander A - 1st Chineham
Anthony P - 1st Chineham
Billy M - Old Basing
Brandon C - 11th Basingstoke
Dominique C - 1st Chineham
Eleanor E - 1st Popley
Elizabeth S - 6th Basingstoke
Ella M - Old Basing
Emma S - 11th Basingstoke
Ethan D - 1st Chineham
Ethan H - Old Basing
Finley S - 1st Chineham
George V - 1st Basingstoke
Gia D - Air Scouts
Hannah F - Old Basing
Hayden R - 11th Basingstoke
Henry J - 11th Basingstoke
Hugo A - 11th Basingstoke

Isaac H - Old Basing
Jake E - 6th Basingstoke
James C - Old Basing
James C - Old Basing
James D - Bramley
James M - Bramley
Jasmine H - Old Basing
Jonah K - 11th Basingstoke
Khushi V - Old Basing
Lakshmi V - 6th Basingstoke
Lenny D - Old Basing
Leon H - Old Basing
Lily M - 1st Chineham
Logan S - 1st Basingstoke
Louis A - Old Basing
Lucas S - 1st Basingstoke
Luke G - 1st Basingstoke
Marcella M - Old Basing
Marie L - Air Scouts
Matilda S - Old Basing
Matteo D - 1st Chineham
Matthew F - 1st Chineham
Matthew S - 1st Chineham

Max E - 1st Chineham
Max H - Old Basing
Morgan H - 1st Chineham
Nathan T - Old Basing
Oliver B - 1st Basingstoke
Oliver D - 1st Chineham
Oliver P - 1st Basingstoke
Otis G - 11th Basingstoke
Panayiotis K - 11th Basingstoke
Poppy R - 1st Chineham
Poppy R - 1st Chineham
Robert C - 1st Chineham
Robert C - 1st Chineham
Ruben N - 11th Basingstoke
Sebastian B - Bramley
Seth V - Old Basing
Sid J - Bramley
Spencer A - Old Basing
Tommy S - Air Scouts
Tommy W - Old Basing
Victoria S - 6th Basingstoke
William N - Bramley



Chief Scout Gold Award

Amilie F - 11th Basingstoke
Charlie C - 1st Chineham
Charlie H - Old Basing
Danyal D - 6th Basingstoke
George M - 8th Basingstoke
Ieuan H - 11th Basingstoke

Jemima L - 1st Chineham
Jeremiah H - 6th Basingstoke
Jessica C - Old Basing
Jessica D - 8th Basingstoke
Layla G - 1st Chineham
Leo K - 6th Basingstoke

Louis S - 11th Basingstoke
Nathan A Z - 6th Basingstoke
Sam M - Old Basing
Samuel W - 8th Basingstoke
Tallulah H - Yeti ESU
William L - 11th Basingstoke



Chief Scout Platinum Award

Madison G - Yeti ESU
Eleanor J - Yeti ESU

Thomas S - Yeti ESU
Alexander M - Young Leaders

Tallulah H - Yeti ESU



Chief Scout Diamond Award

Alexander M - Young Leaders

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Basingstoke East District Scout Council is also known as Basingstoke East Scouts

Registered Address	The Clock Tower Chineham Centre Basingstoke RG24 8BQ
Registered Charity Number	1046979
Trustees (ex-officio)	
District Commissioner	Mr Paul Hogan-Williams
District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Vacant
District Scout Network Commissioner	Miss Daria Cooke (to 16 June 2024)
District Youth Commissioner	Mr Jack Dilly (to 9 Oct 2023)
	Mr Nathan Robinson (from 10 Oct 2023)
District Chair	Mr Peter Byrne (to 01 Aug 2023)
	Mr Joshua Hensman (from 16 Aug 2023)
District Secretary	Mrs Helen Jones (from 01 Aug 23)
District Treasurer	Mrs Carol Mann
Trustees (Elected)	
District Commissioner	Mr Jack Tracy
Other Trustees	Mr John Purdy
	Mr Alan Boddy
	Mr Chris Circuit
	Mr Rob Walker
	Mr Yakeshwaran Sekar
	Mr Colin Casey
Trustees (Nominated)	
	Mrs Gillian Craft
	Mrs Bee Ahmed
	Mrs Carrie Miller (to 01 Aug 23)
	Mr Colin Karslake (to 21 Sep 23)
Examiner	
	Mr I R M Scott
	5 Magnus Drive
	Basingstoke
	RG22 4TX
Principal Bankers	
	Barclays Bank PLC
	8 Market Place
	Basingstoke
	RG21 7QA

The Charity Trustees of Basingstoke East District Scout Council are the ex-officio, nominated, elected and co-opted members (all voting) of the District Board of Trustees. The County Chair and County Commissioner retain the right of attendance. The District Commissioner and District Chair are also ex-officio members of each sub-committee.

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The trustees present their report and the examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The District's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The District is a trust established under rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

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

The Board, which meets quarterly, consists of 7 ex-officio trustees, up to 6 elected trustees, and 5 trustees nominated by the District Commissioner.

Trustees are provided training in Safety, Safeguarding and Charity Law, to support the appropriate governance of the District.

This Board exists to support the District Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their role and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of District property
- The raising of funds and the administration of District finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- The safety of all volunteers and young persons
- Risk management and mitigation
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required
- Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The District has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

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

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts, we are guided by these values:

Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

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The Scout Method

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

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

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable objectives of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to one year's annual membership subscription.

The District held reserves of approximately £50,000 against this at year end as undesignated funds. This is above the level required for operating expenses however this can be explained by ongoing activities being self-funded as we continue to support Groups as necessary.

Investment Policy

The District does not hold sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The District has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of our funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies. Our aim is to get the best possible interest rates with low risk.



Joshua Hensman
Trustee



Paul Hogan-Williams
District Lead Volunteer / Trustee

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	2023 £	2022 £
Total receipts for the year (page A2)	139,582	100,471
Total payments for the year (page A3 and A4)	<u>(140,942)</u>	<u>(52,857)</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	<u>(1,359)</u>	<u>47,614</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	33,091	78,722
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	34,081	33,091

A difference of £2,349 was noted between the Monetary Assets at the start of the year and the end of the year. Agreed no further action as the difference has been in our favour. We believe that this has been rolling forward for several years.

Basingstoke Scout Shop (Scouting Supplies) was moved under the governance of Basingstoke East District Scouts on the 1st January 2023.

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RECEIPTS	2023 £	2022 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	49,402	40,595
less: Paid to Headquarters, County & Rebates	40,576	32,351
	8,826	8,244
INCOME RECEIVED		
Interest (includes bank, STI & Shares)	347	16
The Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service (Account Closed in Aug 23)	10,000	19
Banco Santander Dividends (Abbey)	-	10
Lloyds Banking Group (HBOS Dividends)	-	4
Badge Sales	4,070	-
District Hub Lettings	295	-
Donations & Grants	4,427	2,202
Share of Scouting Supplies Surplus	-	2,000
Manydown (Adventurous Activities)	-	1,500
Income Received Total	19,139	5,751
SECTION EVENTS		
Squirrels	-	-
Beavers	10,779	6,287
Cubs	6,045	-
Scouts	2,387	193
Explorers	200	-
Young Leader	-	-
Network	171	-
Cross Section Events	16,583	-
Top Awards / DofE	-	-
District Skills Day (now incorporated into Cross Section Events)	-	3,519
Summer Camp (now incorporated into Cross Section Events)	-	15,323
Chessington - Cubs/Scouts (now incorporated into Cross Section Events)	-	5,060
International and Participant Support	-	1,500
BEAST - includes Trg, equipment, running costs & Nights Away Team	950	1,070
	37,115	32,952
EVENTS		
AGM	-	-
Basingstoke Festival of Transport	667	1,295
BEASTLY	9,669	-
Disney Experience	47,810	46,503
District - St Georges Day / Remembrance Day	326	-
Essex International Jamboree 2024	8,817	-
First Aid Courses	-	455
Youth and Adult Awards, and Adult Engagement	200	100
TOTAL EVENTS	67,488	48,353
FUND RAISING (gross)	-	-
OTHER INCOME		
Badge Account (Badge Account closed, awaiting for monies to be transferred to District Funds)	-	-
Comms & PR	60	-
Digital	109	-
District Hub Transactions	1,653	-
Income Tax recovered - Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations	-	-
Misc	5,140	-
Recharge Costs	-	-
Scout Shop - COGS	53	-
Share of Closed Silchester District	-	3,053
Yeti Explorers	-	2,118
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	7,014	5,171
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	139,582	100,471

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EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
	£	£
PREMISES		
Room Hire/Storage	-	65
Insurance (Equipment & Personal Accident)	544	363
	544	428
Donation/Grants Expenditure	2,282	-
PROGRAMME	355	-
Squirrels	265	-
Beavers	12,405	7,456
Cubs	7,822	494
Scouts	1,811	823
Explorers	-	-
Young Leader	-	163
Network	196	-
Cross Section Events	15,253	-
Top Awards / DofE	215	-
Adult Training & Materials	1,314	-
District Skills Day (Incorporated into Cross Section Events)	-	5,050
Summer Camp (Incorporated into Cross Section Events)	-	15,950
Chessington (Incorporated into Cross Section Events)	-	5,856
2023 Summer Camp (Incorporated into Cross Section Events)	-	720
BAU Costs	1,887	614
BEAST - includes Trg, equipment, running costs & Nights Away Team	-	6,430
Total	41,523	43,556
EVENTS		
AGM	84	482
Basingstoke Festival of Transport	916	1,300
BEASTLY	13,003	-
Disney Experience 2023	50,514	-
District - St Georges Day / Remembrance Day	620	17
Essex International Jamboree 2024	11,666	-
First Aid Course Exps	13	39
Youth and Adult Awards, and Adult Engagement	1,278	1,432
Total	78,094	3,270
DISTRICT EXPENSES		
Card/Payment/Banking Fees	413	-
Communications and Digital Tools	-	2,202
Comms & PR	120	-
Digital Expenditure	1,748	-
District Hub Lettings	42	-
District Hub Transactions	5,017	-
District Youth Team	121	-
Gifts	20	-
Growth & Development	40	-
OSM	17	-
Recharge Costs Transactions	904	-
Recruitment, Advertising & Branded Materials	-	319
Team and Admin Expenses	589	475
Trustee Board	230	-
Volunteering Development	241	-
Write Off	3	-
Young Leader	124	-
TOTAL	9,629	2,996

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	2023 £	2022 £
BADGES		
Badges - COGS	4,776	-
Badges - Expenses	142	-
TOTAL	4,918	-
SCOUT SHOP		
Scout Shop - COGS	366	-
Scout Shop - Digital	60	-
TOTAL	426	-
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	-	-
SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Yeti Explorers	-	2,118
7th Basingstoke (new group)	-	16
Uniform	385	-
Misc payments	3,141	473
TOTAL	3,526	2,607
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	140,942	52,857
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s)	7,480	5,383
Business Premium Account	2,356	12,905
Helen Wilson, International Experience & Adventurous Activities	6,474	6,895
Disney (Renamed International Events)	3,952	43,539
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service (Account Closed in Aug 23)	-	10,000
Basingstoke Scout Shop (Scouting Supplies) - Current Account	825	-
Basingstoke Scout Shop (Scouting Supplies) - Savings	4,678	-
	25,765	78,722
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Badge Account (See Note 1)	4,651	3,493
Yeti Explorer Unit (See Note 2)	8,769	8,081
	13,419	11,574
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
105 Banco Santander Shares (Abbey) (as at 29th December 2023)	345	263
114 Lloyds Banking Group	54	53
	400	316
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
Basingstoke Scout Shop (Scouting Supplies) Stock	17,602	-
District Badge Stock	2,190	-
	19,792	-
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		
Debts due to District (as at 31st December)		
1st Basingstoke (paid into Badges account in error - awaiting closure of account)	1,669	-
6th Basingstoke (due 14th January 2024)	12	-
7th Basingstoke (due 15th January 2024)	31	-
11th Basingstoke (outstanding)	93	-
Basingstoke East Scouts (due 9 January 2024)	26	-
Basingstoke Scout Shop (outstanding)	60	-
Bramley Scout Group (due 8th January 2024)	100	-
Activity Income	-	29
	1,991	29
Known Expenditure (as at 31st December)		
Ace Liftaway Limited (due May 2024)	700	-
Basingstoke East District	60	-
Essex Scouts (ELJ) (due Feb 2024)	4,275	-
Everest Community School (due Feb 2024)	108	-
FDL Supplies (outstanding)	33	-
H3G (Broadband for hub £22 per month)	22	-
MBC Promotions Ltd (outstanding)	85	-
Paul Hogan-Williams (Exps outstanding due to query)	733	-
Scout Shops Ltd (due 17 Jan 2024)	227	-
	6,242	-
Liabilities		
50% share of Basingstoke Scout Shop to Basingstoke West District Scouts	11,553	-

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Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
NOTE 1		
<u>Badge Account (brought into District Accounts in Aug 2023)</u>		
Balance Brought Forward	3,493	3,011
Receipts (obtained from Bank Statements up until 31st Aug 23)	4,400	5,580
Purchases Cheques & Cash (obtained from Bank Statements up until 31st Aug 23)	(2,778)	(4,365)
Unpaid accounts from Groups	-	(734)
Transactions in account between Aug 23 - Dec 23	(464)	
Balance Carried Forward	4,651	3,493.04

Figures for Badge Account worked out from Bank Statements up to 31st August 2023

NOTE 2		
<u>Yeti Explorer Scouts Account</u>	2,023	2022
Balance Brought Forward	8,081	-
Receipts	5,623	9,472
Expenditure	4,935	(1,391)
Balance Carried Forward	8,769	8,081

NOTE 3		
<u>Basingstoke Scout Shop (Scouting Supplies)</u>		
Income	46,522	
Expenditure	(47,457)	
	(936)	
Share of net profit (pre rebate)		1,951.13
Balance Sheet		
Current Account	825	1,835.06
Savings Account	4,678	4,633.97
Monetary Assets	5,503.07	6,469.03
Creditdors		
Gift Cards		-30

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

BASINGSTOKE EAST DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Report on the accounts of the District for the year ending 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages A1 – A5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under section 47(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual item or disclosure in the accounts; and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

No matters have come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - c. to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have now been met, or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the District's constitution have not been met.



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Date: 30th May 2024



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